

Hope in sight for kidnapped missionaries

By Christopher Patton
Staff Writer

Philippine captors have possible links to Osama bin Laden and his

SANFORD — Two Sanford-based missionaries held captive in the Philippines by an Islamic extremist group with possible ties to Osama bin Laden may be released after the new year.

A spokesman with the New Tribes Mission in Sanford said there are indications Martin and Gracia Burnham will be released in the near future. In fact, some had hoped that since Saturday was the last day of Ramadan, the month-long

Islamic holiday, the release would occur during the weekend.

"We were hoping this weekend they were going to be released," said Scott Ross, New Tribes spokesman. "The weekend came and went. There were some clues that the weather hampered some of

the [rescue] activity."

Reports Monday from the kidnapper's leaders indicated a release won't happen until the first of the year, Ross said. New Tribes officials and Martin's parents and sister will fly to Washington D.C. to meet with the State Department Thursday "to

find out exactly what the US are doing in the kidnapping." The trip is one of recent measures taken by the relatives to bring more publicity to the Burnhams' captivity.

The Burnhams were taken hostage in May while celebrating their wedding anniversary at a island resort. The Muslim sect Abu Sayyaf has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings, and information gathered after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks points to a possible con-

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Rebounding Robby

Robby DuPre was not about to have two off games in a row. Seminole High School's 6-foot-6 senior forward had a huge game, especially in the second half, as Arrow Force X (3-3) ran past undersized Winter Springs, 55-31.

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Volusia deputies chase criminals to Sanford zoo

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office pursued three suspects in a truck across the Seminole County line Tuesday at approximately 2:45 p.m., according to police.

The suspects reportedly attempted to steal a four-wheeler from an Orange City business when the owner thwarted the crime by alerting the county sheriff's office. Deputies chased the speeding truck south on U.S. Highway 17-92 through DeBary and eventually into Seminole County, said VCSO spokesman Gary Davidson.

With the help of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and the Sanford Police Department two of the fleeing suspects who abandoned the vehicle were arrested near the Central Florida Zoological Park. The suspect's vehicle was located at approximately 3 p.m. on a dirt road less than a mile east of the zoo. The vehicle was empty and the third suspect was still loose as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The SCSO helicopter and several K-9 units were combing the dense and marshy lands to the east of the zoo where they believe they had the suspect cornered. Additional units guarded the railroad tracks as to make sure the suspect couldn't flee farther south to State Road 46A.

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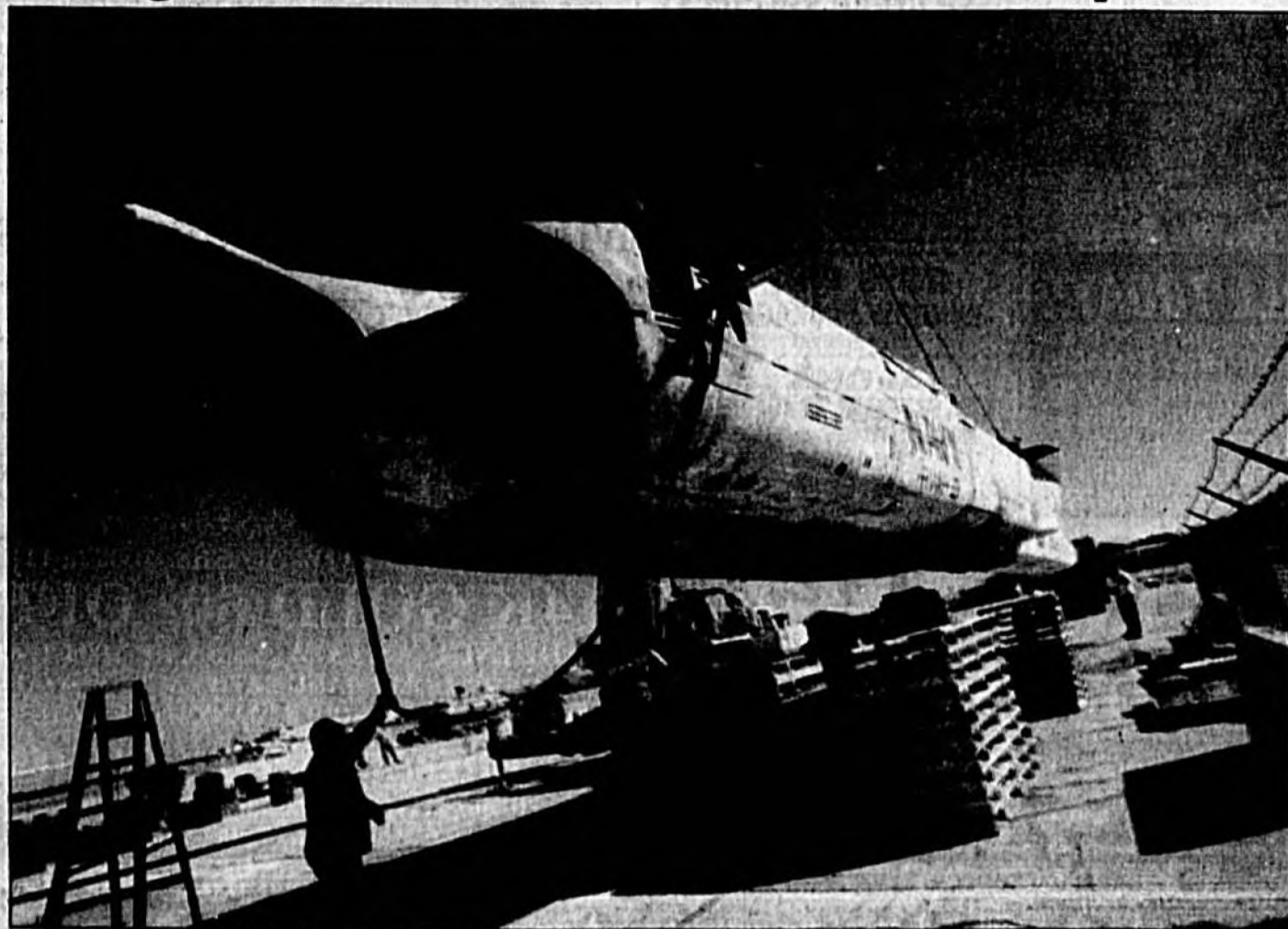


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Vigilante arrives at Sanford airport



Crews prepare to set the fuselage of an RA-C5 Vigilante reconnaissance jet on a stack of pallets shortly after its arrival Tuesday outside Building 125 at the Orlando Sanford International Airport. The Sanford Airport Memorial Committee has worked for two years to secure the jet from the U.S. Navy for a memorial project at the entrance of the airport. Squadrons of Vigilantes, including the jet delivered Tuesday, were stationed in Sanford in the 1960s. Volunteer crews from the Memorial Committee will spend the next 12 months preparing refurbishing and repainting the plane before it is placed on a pedestal at the memorial site in the Spring of 2003. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating money for the project should call Jack Dow at 407-585-4000.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Wendy's to film new campaign in Sanford

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — In the midst of finalizing plans for the city's Riverwalk project and revitalizing 1st Street, city officials are preparing for an unexpected transformation: from Central Florida hot spot to Midwestern hamlet.

Wendy's, the fast-food chain, has selected Sanford as the location to shoot four commercials for its new national advertising campaign that will tout the restaurant's birthplace, Dublin, Ohio.

"We'll have signs up in town that say 'Welcome to Dublin,'" said Linda Kai, a location scout for Wendy's production company. "We'll recreate Dublin in Sanford."

Kai said Sanford was selected after an extensive search in Florida.

"We looked at sites all over Florida, from Ocala to Fort Lauderdale and from the east coast to the west coast," Kai said. "We looked at a lot of towns, DeLand, Mount Dora. Sanford was the right fit."

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A yard sale without the hard sell

By Michelle Jeria
Managing Editor

SANFORD — In the spirit of the season, a local church lived up to the philosophy, "it is better to give than to receive," by sponsoring a yard sale where everything was free.

First Baptist Church of Sanford hosted earlier this month its first free yard give-away. Members of the church donated items for the event and invited members of the community to "shop" without spending money.

"I encouraged the church to consider Corinthians 9:6-15," First Baptist Pastor Rick Blythe said. "We are told to remember that whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

In January, church members plan to initiate a debt-reduction program, which will allow the church to pay back a loan sooner than expected, Blythe said. Thankful for the financial opportunity, church members wanted to give something back to the community.



First Baptist Church of Sanford pastor Rick Blythe promotes the free garage sale his church hosted.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Several members suggested hosting a garage sale and using the proceeds for the debt-reduction program, he said. The final decision was to expand on the original idea and sponsor a yard sale minus the price tags.

"Churches are sometimes seen as always wanting something," Blythe said. "We wanted to show that our church gives back to the community."

"It gave us the opportunity to be the kind of community church we want to be. This was for the city of Sanford."

At Blythe's request, the congregation started collecting hundreds of quality items for the event. When the time for the sale

arrived, the congregation filled the parking lot with furniture, clothing, toys and numerous other items.

"We had so many nice things," Blythe said. "I was really blown away by it all."

Even without a lot of fanfare and publicity, community members flocked to the church's sale. During a four-hour period, people "purchased" items using tickets distributed by church members.

The ticket system allowed people to choose a limited amount of items depending on an article's value. For example,

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Police close gambling house as part of Midway clean-up

By Christopher Patton
Staff Writer

MIDWAY — Sunday afternoon marked the beginning of a long list of changes for the Midway community as the Seminole County Sheriff's Office implemented a program to weed out crime and plant seeds of hope in the community.

More than 20 agents with the City/County Investigative Bureau executed a search warrant Sunday on an illegal gam-

bling hall at the corner of Kings Road and Broadway Street. Approximately 30 people were present at the 2374 Broadway St. garage when agents arrived. Officers made 10 arrests for various criminal activities.

"We're targeting Midway as a major community clean-up starting in January," said Steve Olson, sheriff's office spokesman.

Identification of the illegal operation was uncovered when

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Husband charged with killing wife in domestic dispute

By Christopher Patton
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — For the second time in three months, a woman has been murdered in unincorporated Longwood as an apparent result of domestic disputes.

At approximately 11 a.m. Tuesday, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to 534 Windy Creek Place in the Sabal Creek subdivision off Wekiva Springs Road.

Deputies found Charles Cowart, 51, on the phone and pacing house while his 36-year-old wife Cathy lay dead on the floor, said Steve Olson, sheriff's office spokesman.

"Basically what happened is the husband called his wife's sister saying something to the effect that he has killed his wife," Olson said. "She then called us."

The couple have two young

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Seminole High School Air Force JROTC cadets pose for a photograph recently after visiting patients at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Pictured, from left, are Operations Support Squadron Commander Donnie Brown; Senior Aerospace Science Instructor Col. Charles M. Gibson, Ret. United States Air Force; Public Affairs NCO Melissa Buggs; Cadet Vice Group Commander Adam R. Mundy; Cadet Group Commander Luis Vega; Registered Nurse Antoinette Mascioli; Operations Squadron Commander Andres Rodriguez, who was also Santa; Registered Nurse Jasmin Jenkins; Operations Support Squadron Commander Matthew J. Plich; and Personnel Officer Nicholas Laboeky.

Midway cleanup day set for Jan. 5

The community of Midway is sponsoring a community cleanup day Saturday, Jan. 5. Seminole County government and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office will assist in cleaning up the neighborhood.

There will be heavy equipment on hand for big jobs and numerous dumpsters for trash. There will be free repairs and improvements to homes of the elderly and cleaning in the areas that need it. Vehicle removal and clearing of condemned buildings will be provided free of charge.

Lunch will be provided for everyone who participates and assistance to individuals will also be available.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a meeting at Midway Elementary School.

For more information about the community cleanup day or for other assistance, call Seminole County Deputy County Manager Sally Sherman at 407-665-7224.

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Obituaries

ROBERT CAMPBELL SR.
Robert Campbell Sr., 60, of Scott Avenue, Sanford, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, in Healthcare and Rehabilitation of Sanford.
Born June 7, 1933, in Yatesville, Ga., he moved to Sanford in 1953. He was a farmer and a member of Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Monroe.
Survivors include his wife, Dollie Mae Campbell of Sanford; his mother, Rosa Campbell of Sanford; three sons, Robert, Kenneth and Benjamin S. Campbell, all of Sanford; one daughter, Ozella Campbell of Sanford; one stepson, Anthony J. Boatwright of West Palm Beach; two sisters, Susie A. Campbell and Kattie M. Young, both of Sanford; two brothers, Nathaniel and Adell Campbell, both of Sanford; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Eddie Martin officiating. Visitation will be held 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, in the church. Sunrise Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

DANIEL LEE CHRISTIAN
Daniel Lee Christian, 75, of North West 9th Avenue, Webster, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001.
Born in Montgomery, Ala., he was a farmer. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Mount Olive M.B. Church, Webster.
Survivors include his wife, Ollie D. Christian of Webster; 12 sons, Elvin of South Carolina, Edward of Leesburg, Robert of Daytona, John, Ricky, Steven, Gregory, Anthony and Eugene, all of Webster, Larry of New York, Tony of Bushnell and Maxwell of Wildwood; four daughters, Darnie Sallie of Wildwood, Diane Simmons and Wanda Christian, both of Webster and Cassandra Williams of Bushnell; 26 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.
Golden's Funeral Home Inc., of Winter Park is in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD A. COLEGROVE
Richard A. Colegrove, 75, of Upsala Road, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, in Sanford.
Born in Copenhagen, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida from Millington, Tenn., in 1963. He was a chief aviation fire control technician for the U.S. government. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of American Legion, Moose Lodge, Fleet Reserve Association, Masonic Lodge No. 62, Scottish Rite — 32nd degree Mason — Bahia Shrine, Eastern Star and the Sanford Shrine Club. He was of the Protestant faith.
Survivors include his wife, Lillie "Marty" Colegrove of Sanford; a son, Richard Colegrove Jr., of Geneva; a sister, Muriel Hancock of Carthage, N.Y.; and one granddaughter.
Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

MARTHA MAE HADDERMAN
Martha Mae Hadderman, 82, of Smyrna Drive, DeBary, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, in her residence.
Born in Sodas, N.Y., she moved to DeBary from Port Charlotte in 1979. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Community United Methodist Church, DeBary.
Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Raymond S. Hadderman of DeBary; a son, Thomas S. Hadderman of Newtown, Pa.; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.
Baldaufl Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

RALPH M. LEMOINE
Ralph M. LeMoine, 63, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, in Sanford.
Born Feb. 1938, in Jacksonville, he served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne.
Survivors in his wife, Jean LeMoine; three sons, Madell LeMoine and Jerry and Ervin Mulkey; one daughter, Joy Strout; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Beth Sorrells and Bonnie Jo McDonough; and nieces and nephews.
Graveside services are 2 p.m. Wednesday in Jacksonville Memory Gardens with the Rev. Charles Harper officiating.
Fraser Funeral Home of Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

JANET R. MINER
Janet R. Miner, 75, of Ronda Drive, Deltona, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City.
Born in North Adams, Mass., she moved to Central Florida in 1985. Before her retirement in 1972, she was last employed with General Cable in Pownal, Vt. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, gardening and spending time with her family.
Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Jean Miner; two sons, David H. Miner of Topeka, Kan., and Wayne P. Miner of Deltona; seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.
Baldaufl Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

ANNA K. MORLOCK
Anna K. Morlock, 93, of Magnolia Woods Court, Deltona, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City.
Born in Salina, Kan., she moved to Central Florida in 1998. She was a retired seamstress and enjoyed sewing, gardening and traveling. She was a member of Church of the Cross, Salina, Kan.
Survivors include one son, Robert Morlock of Roseville, Calif.; two daughters, Barbara Baker of Deltona and Mary Margaret Nagyuathy; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.
Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL, 32119.
Baldaufl Family Funeral Home of

Orange City is in charge of arrangements.
ELBERT POLING
Elbert Poling, 91, of Terry Lane, Lake Mary, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, in Sanford.
Born April 27, 1910, in Spencer, Ohio, he moved to Lake Mary in 1989. He owned a dry-cleaning store.
Survivors include two daughters, Janet Harper of Lake Mary and Ruth Lujan of Florence, Ore.; four grandsons; and four great grandchildren.
Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT L. REDDING
Robert L. Redding, 72, of Lincoln Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, in Life Care Center of Altamonte Springs.
Born Feb. 3, 1929, in Sanford, he

was a service attendant at a gas station. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of New Salem Primitive Baptist Church.
Survivors include his wife, Juanita Redding of Sanford; three sons, Cleveland Gipson Jr., of Rochester, N.Y., and Samuel Redding and Robert F. Redding, both of Sanford; three daughters, Patricia Redding and Jacqueline Williams, both of Sanford, and Ludelle Riggins of Rochester, N.Y.; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.
Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary Inc. of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

LUCY REID
Lucy Reid, 79, of Indian Rock Court, Deltona, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City.
Born in Lebanon, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida from Jerico, N.Y., in 1982. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Deltona Hills Country Club. She was of the Baptist faith.
Survivors include three sons, Sean Kelly of California, Timothy Kelly of Oysterbay, N.Y., and Brian Kelly of Old Bridge, N.J.; two sisters, Elizabeth Jackson of Orange Park and Camlyn Clifton of Naples; and seven grandchildren.
Baldaufl Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

TERESA NOELL STRONG
Teresa "Tess" Noell Strong, 43, of Fawn Run Circle, Oviedo, died July 21, 2001.
Born in Pontiac, Mich., she moved to Central Florida in 1974. She was a

homemaker. She was of the Protestant faith.
Survivors include two sons, Joshua and Christopher Joly of Lake Mary; her mother, Linda Mabce of Winter Springs; and a brother, Stephen Fortner of Ionia, Mich.
Banfield Funeral Home of Winter Springs is in charge of services.

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SCC honors Kilger with Distinguished Alumni award

By Christopher Patton
Staff Writer

SANFORD—The graduation ceremony at Seminole Community College was an opportunity for students to learn a few last business tips from one of the school's recent successful alumni.

Kyle Kilger, co-owner of Rainbow Distributors in Sanford, was the proud recipient of SCC's 2001 Distinguished Alumni award during last Wednesday's graduation.

Kyle is a great "hometown hero" story, said Shelley Oulette, SCC spokeswoman.

Kilger and his wife Tami established Rainbow Distributors USA, Inc. in 1995 at their Sanford home. By 2000, they were the proud owners of a multi-million dollar company that utilized 4,500 square feet in the Central Florida Business Incubation Center (a partnership

among SCC, county government, the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida and the Seminole County Port Authority).

The Kilgers also received the National Business Incubation Association's 2000 Incubator Client of the Year award. The booming business of distributing and repackaging telecommunications products for the commercial telecommunications and traffic signal industries "hatched" last year, Kilger said.

Outgrowing the incubation center, the Kilgers moved their company this March to two 20,000 square foot warehouses in downtown Sanford. Rainbow is one of the largest companies in the Southeast for new and used traffic supplies such as cables, lights, poles and boxes, said Kilger. The distributors also have customers as far as Canada and the West Coast.

The company's initial incep-

tion started when he worked for a company with a similar market niche. "They really didn't do things like I thought they should be done," Kilger said about his former employer.

He credits much of his company's success to the incubation center for helping to foster the company through its infancy to like a "teenager on steroids."

"They will help you from A to Z," Kilger said.

According to Oulette, business incubation catalyzes the process of starting and growing companies by providing entrepreneurs with the expertise, networks and tools they need to make their ventures successful. Research shows that 87 percent of companies that graduate from incubation programs are still in business and recently there were more than 800 of these programs in North America — up from 12 in 1980, she said.

Kilger's advice to those



Kilger

seniors aspiring to start their own business?

"Get used to working a 100 hours a week," he said. "It's non-stop, but there's always a positive side."

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she discovered within three weeks that the agency was behind in its bills. She said she anticipated money from membership renewals to pay those bills, but the renewal rate was less than expected.

"We're exactly where we were three months ago," Gordon said.

She attributes part of the renewal drop off to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

"It's very hard for some of them to pay right now," Gordon said.

She also said the Chamber's current billing system makes it difficult to track when renewals are due. Each business has a different renewal date based on when it signed up for membership. Instead of sending a group of bills at one time, the Chamber must mail bills daily, making it difficult to track who has paid and to establish an appropriate budget. Gordon said she plans to change all member renewal dates to Jan. 1.

"If everybody gets a bill at the same time, then in 90 days, we know exactly who has paid and who hasn't," she said.

New members who join during the year will be charged a prorated fee through the end of the year and the renewal date will be Jan. 1.

During a meeting on Friday, Gordon and Volk informed Lessard of the Chamber's financial troubles and asked if the city would give the Chamber \$10,000. Lessard said he was not agreeable to giving the Chamber money, but suggested the two ask the City Commission for a loan to pay its bills and become financially sound.

"I don't want this to be money thrown down the well," Lessard said. "Just paying off the bills is not enough."

approved a \$1 million loan to Orlando-Sanford Airport Authority.

That agreement, which has since been paid off, called for the airport authority to repay the \$1 million plus interest equal to what the city would pay if it borrowed the money from a financial institution.

Commissioner Whitey Eckstein questioned whether the city should loan money to an organization without seeing details about how it intends to become financially solvent. He pointed out the airport is owned by the city and commissioners are provided with regular reports about its activities.

"Having a 10-minute discussion is not the way to do business," Eckstein said. "We know a lot more about the business of the airport than we do with the

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Brady Lessard
Sanford Mayor

Chamber."

Gordon said the Chamber would provide commissioners with a business plan by their next meeting on Jan. 14. However, she said the agency needed the money immediately.

"I have \$382 in the account and payroll is due on Dec. 27," Gordon said.

In addition to the business plan, Lessard said he would demand oversight authority and monthly reports on membership increases and retention.

"If we loan the money to the Chamber, the city gets to assert themselves," Lessard said. "We get to be privy to the books."

Commissioner approved the loan agreement 4-1, with Eckstein casting the dissenting vote.

Eckstein said he understood the importance of a local chamber of commerce, but disagreed with approving a loan without first seeing a plan.

"I think we are setting a bad precedent here," said Eckstein, who quickly added, "I'll help with fund-raising."

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Midway

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 residents complained at monthly meetings designed by various area officials to clean-up the community, said Sally Sherman, deputy county manager. Members of the Reddick Memorial Church across the street from the garage also complained to the sheriff's office that some of the activities were disrupting their services, said Olson.

The alleged ringleader, Lorenzo Johnson, 48, of Sanford, was arrested for possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia and establishing a gambling facility.

According to the police report, playing cards, large amounts of money, scratch sheets with names of football teams and schedules, betting sheets, and televisions were recovered from the garage. Large amounts of snack foods on racks and a various assortment of beer in the refrigerator also implicated Johnson as running a business without any licenses.

The community meetings will continue Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at the

Progress Missionary Baptist Church in Midway as officials help residents identify problems and areas of improvement.

On Jan. 5, the county government and the sheriff's office will also sponsor a Community Clean-up Day. The effort will focus on removing debris and trash, and will target junk vehicles, condemned buildings and code violations. The clean-up effort will additionally provide assistance to senior citizens, some of whom need help with home maintenance and security.

By showing proof of performance, the sheriff's office is hoping it can obtain a federal Weed and Seed Grant designed to help fight crime and promote community renewal, said Olson.

"The ultimate goal is to go and basically develop a system to weed out the bad elements and plant the seed to improve the quality of life," Sherman said.

Others arrested in the gambling hall search include:

James Williams, 29, of Sanford was arrested for possession of marijuana, cocaine, drug paraphernalia and destroying evi-

dence. Joseph Watkins Jr., 20, of Sanford was arrested for possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia and probation violation.

Henry Gibson, 23, of Sanford was arrested for resisting an officer.

Darrell Hopkins, 34, of Sanford was arrested for possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Leroy Cole Jr., 45, of Sanford was arrested for marijuana possession.

Robert Smith Jr., 20, of Sanford was arrested for probation violation.

Thurman Byrd, 34, of Sanford was arrested for marijuana possession.

Fredrick Wilbur, 35, of Sanford was arrested for possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Gerald Moye, 38, of Deltona was arrested for marijuana possession and destroying evidence.

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Waiting for the Boat Parade



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
 Ginny More, left, and Betty Hagan, both of Winter Springs, wait on the seawall for the Sanford Boat Parade to begin. About 30 boats participated in the parade, Sanford's first nautical parade in more than a decade.

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Missionaries

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 nection between the kidnapers and Osama bin Laden surfaced. "The connection we know of is the Sayyaf helped in the 1980s fight shoulder to shoulder with bin Laden against the Russians in Afghanistan," Ross said. Current financial and military connections between bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist faction and the Abu Sayyaf are unclear. However, a list of the world's most wanted terrorist groups, issued by President George W. Bush ranks the Sayyaf as the second-most wanted group behind al-Qaeda. Ross said the Sayyaf rebels

returned home after the Afghan war to start their own revolution. The rebels are battling the Philippine government to create a separate state out of the southern portion of the country. According to Ross, "several different rumors" have recently surfaced about the missionaries release. One of three different scenarios — humanitarian, military action, or a backdoor agreement — is believed to be the ticket to freedom for the Burnhams. The New Tribes Mission has called all along for a humanitarian release, while the Philippine government has sustained they

will end this hostage situation by defeating the Abu Sayyaf. A half dozen years ago, a similar hostage situation occurred and the Philippine government refused to negotiate with the Sayyaf. A third party, Omar Khadaffi of Libya, paid millions of dollars to have the hostages released. Oddly none of the hostages were from his country and it's believed he used the opportunity to funnel money to the Sayyaf in the form of the ransom payments.

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Wendy's

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 Kai said the commercials will focus on the restaurant's hometown origins and feature Sanford's downtown, as well as homes in the historic district. "The homes were definitely a draw," Kai said. She also noted that city officials had been very cooperative to work with. Kai wouldn't reveal which specific sites have been chosen. "When they see all the lights, it will be easy to figure out," she said. "We'll be shooting at a lot of sites in town, and we've put together a neighborhood letter to let people know what is going on."

Twelve large trucks and a team of 60 crew members will roll into town the first week of January, with filming to begin the second week. The production will also use about 45 extras, many of which already have been filled.

"The casting is pretty much complete," said Kai, a free-lance location scout who recently completed work for "America's Most Wanted" in Osceola County. In addition to the national exposure, the city will benefit

economically, though Kai said it's difficult to put an exact dollar amount on the financial boost. "The revenue will be in a lot of unforeseen things," she said. "We'll need props so we might have to buy things from the antique stores or sporting goods stores. Any construction materials we need we'll purchase here. The crew will have to stay in hotels and eat at restaurants for a couple of weeks. Those types of things." The commercials are a shift in marketing for Wendy's, which currently uses the restaurant's founder, Dave Thomas, in most of its advertising. Since marketing campaigns usually have a long shelf life, Sanford may be the site of future Wendy's commercials.

"They very well could come back and film the next round of commercials here," Kai said. "For Wendy's to choose Sanford to showcase its new national campaign is a big honor."

Dan Ping can be reached at dping@seminoleherald.com or 407-322-2811.

Annual holiday lights contest winners announced

There was great competition this year for the holiday lighting contest, with over thirty houses entering the contest, one of our brightest holidays. Thanks to Terry Kovach, the Burdine's Store Manager and Kathy Groo, the Operations Manager at Dillard's both right here at the Seminole Towne Center for their coordination of the judging this year.

- And the winners are:
- Most Unusual Display: Lyndia Meyers at 1118 Laurel Avenue
 - Most Number of Lights Used: Molly Pfueger at 2005 Oak Avenue
 - Best Traditional Display: Kim Witt at 520 Oak Avenue
 - Best Overall Display: Steve & Susan Richards at 2204 Oak Ave
 - Best Block: The lighted houses at 700 Oak
- Winners will be notified by phone and awards dropped off later this week.

Charge

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 children, a six- and eight-year-old, but both were attending school at the time of the incident. According to Olson, the dispute appears to be a culmination of something that was "simmering within the household." Initial investigations point to the cause of death being strangling, but the investigation into

the death will continue with an autopsy from the Volusia County Medical examiner's Office.

Cowart was arrested for murder and the degree of charge will be determined by the state attorney's office after all the information is gathered, Olson said.

On Oct. 16, Amy Lohrman, a 29-year-old Seminole County

probation officer, and her husband John, 35, were found dead in an Alcorn Lane tan duplex. SCSO investigators said John shot Amy several times before taking his own life.

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Sale

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 each person was given one ticket redeemable for one large item. There were exceptions, Blythe said. One man, who recently relocated to Sanford for a job, needed furnishings for his apartment. "When he moved to Sanford, he had his motorcycle, and that was about it," Blythe said. "When he found out everything was free at the sale, he was stunned. He had no furnishings for his apartment, and we were able to help him furnish it."

Church members also helped fellow congregation members. Blythe's mother donated a baby's bed the family no longer needed. It was given to a woman from the church who recently had a baby.

"That was really heart-warming," Blythe said.

When the sale was over, many of the items were gone. According to Blythe, only two small truck-loads remained, which were taken to the Salvation Army.

"The sale was a success," Blythe said. "It was a charity event, and no one made any profit. If we had received one penny, it would have messed up the entire process."

"The idea was to have fun with it, and we did," he said. "People responded so well, this may become an annual event."

Michelle Jeris can be reached at mjeris@seminoleherald.com or 407-323-2811.


Celebrating St. Lucia Day



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
 Jerry Vick, left and Al Strom, both members of the Sons of Norway Lodge participated in the annual St. Lucia Day celebration at the Sanford Museum. The event recognizes the Swedish holiday and Seminole County's Swedish heritage.

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 10:00 am.....Christmas Worship
 Instruments and special music

Christmas Eve Night, December 24th
 7:00 pm.....Candles & Carols Service
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4:30 PM The Christmas Pageant
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7:00 PM The Joy of Christmas
 &
9:00 PM
Two identical services of music featuring the Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet and Organ. There will be a Living Nativity presentation by our youth.
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See the sanctuary filled with candlelight as we hear the Christmas message read by Elaine Jones. There will be music by Chancel Bell Choir, Brass Quartet and Organ in this heartwarming service. At Midnight we give thanks by candlelight for the coming of Christ. (Nursery will be provided at the 4:30 pm service)

Christmas Day Service

10:30-11:15 AM An informal gathering (come as you are) as we celebrate the greatest gift of all - our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Children and adults are invited to bring one of their Christmas gifts to show to everyone. We will gather informally to sing the songs of Christmas and praise GOD for the coming of CHRIST.
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Briefs

FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS

Winning Ways Basketball is hosting an open Pro Try-Out Camp for the CBA Pennsylvania Valleydaws and the European Valleydaws on January 4-5, 2002.

Head coach Darryl Dawkins as well as Winning Ways Basketball Director and Pro Scout Barry Mestel will conduct player evaluations.

The try-out will consist of three sessions, and players must attend all three in order to be considered for the teams.

Deadline to register is December 19th.

For more information or to register, please contact Winning Ways Basketball's Barry Mestel at 407-339-9053 or 1-877-808-HOOP (4667). You can also check the Winning Ways Basketball website for additional information at www.win-waysinc.com.

GATORADE HOLIDAY ROUNDBALL CLASSIC ANNOUNCED

Winning Ways Basketball is once again hosting the Gatorade Holiday Roundball Classic.

The Classic is open to all boys and girls teams ages 14 and under and is designed to allow coaches to gauge their team's strengths and weaknesses for the upcoming season.

The tournament will run from December 28-through-30.

For more information or to register your team, please contact Winning Ways Basketball's Barry Mestel at 407-339-9053 or 1-877-808-HOOP (4667).

You can also check the Winning Ways Basketball website for additional information at www.win-waysinc.com.

TANGERINE BOWL ON THURSDAY

The North Carolina State University Wolfpack and the University of Pittsburgh Panthers will be the opponents when the 38th VISIT FLORIDA Tangerine Bowl kicks-off at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) at the Florida Citrus Bowl.

VISIT FLORIDA Tangerine Bowl tickets can be ordered on line at www.fcspports.com, or through Ticketmaster (407-839-3900 in Orlando).

HITTING/PITCHING BASEBALL CAMP THIS WEEKEND

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

Scouts will be invited. The camp is open to players ages 7-to-17 and all are welcome to enroll and receive evaluations.

The cost is \$50 per day or \$95 for both days.

For more information please call 407-948-7395.

WINTER HOLIDAY BASEBALL CAMP

Ron Golden's Baseball School is hosting a Winter-Holiday Baseball Camp December 27-30 at Eastmonte Park in Altamonte Springs.

The camp will focus on instruction and development and is open to all baseball players in grades 5-12.

For additional information, please contact Ron Golden's Baseball School at 614-236-8141.

Tournament renamed in Akers' honor

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — One of the most prestigious girls soccer tournament's in the country kicks off today with a new title that is sure to bring more attention to the event.

Whether it was known as the Target Classic or the Burger King Classic, for the past 18 years the tournament drew scouts from throughout America.

This year the event has been renamed the Michelle Akers Soccer Classic in honor of the longtime Olympic and international star who calls Oviedo home.

The tournament is a 16-team double

Premier girl's soccer event starts today; Seminole hammers Lyman

elimination event with Lake Mary, Lyman, Lake Brantley and Winter Springs high school's hosting games at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) and Thursday.

The tournament shifts to Lake Mary's Don T. Reynolds Stadium for Friday and Saturday with games starting at 9 a.m. and running through 7 p.m. each day.

Akers will also be hosting a clinic on Saturday at Sylvan Lake Park from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for players of all ability

between the ages of 7 and 17.

The cost is \$35 and each player should bring a ball (with the player's name marked on it), soccer gear, inclement weather gear, and a snack or small lunch. Coaches and parents can attend for free.

Participants are also being asked to bring canned goods for the Second Harvest Food Bank or an unopened toy for the Edgewood Children's Ranch.

Children who bring an item will receive a special gift and all participants

will receive an all-tournament pass for the Classic. Call 1-888-490-4277 for more information.

On Monday, the Seminole High School girls claimed their second victory of the season, scoring five second half goals to whip Lyman, 7-1, at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium.

The Fighting Seminoles led just 2-1 at intermission, but dominated the final half to improve to 2-9.

Kimmie German, Lauren Kovacsik and Jeanette Gurtis scored two goals each, while Kelsey Harness, just called up from the junior varsity, scored the other goal.

Gurtis also chipped in with three

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Rebounding Robby

DuPre leads Seminole to 55-31 romp over Bears

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — Robby DuPre was not about to have two off games in a row.

Seminole High School's 6-foot-6 senior forward had a huge game, especially in the second half, as Arrow Force X (3-3) ran past underdog Winter Springs, 55-31, Friday night at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium.

DuPre, who was held to four points and five rebounds in a loss to Lyman, bounced back to outscore and outrebound the Bears (4-4), by himself.

DuPre scored 35 points, 19 in the second half, and pulled down 22 rebounds, 17 in the final 16 minutes.

The rebound total, which included 14 offensive boards, 12 in the second half, was just three caroms short of the single-game school record of 25 set in 1972 by Clifford Martin.

Seminole jumped out to a 14-6 lead after one quarter and stretched the advantage for 29 13 at halftime.

Marcus Robinson also had a good night for Arrow Force X, scoring 11 points, grabbing nine rebounds and blocking three shots.

Seminole's defense was also outstanding, holding Winter Springs to just 10-for-43 (23.3-percent) from the floor, including a woeful 1-for-19 (0.53-percent) from three-point range.

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Friday night proved to be a big one for two of the top senior boys basketball players in Seminole County. Seminole's Robby DuPre (No. 44, above) scored 35 points, 19 in the second half, making 14-of-28 shots from the floor, 1-of-3 three-point attempts, and 6-of-11 from the free throw line and also hauled down 22 rebounds, 17 in the second half, to lead Arrow Force X to a 55-31 thumping of Winter Springs at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium. Lake Howell's McArthur Walker (No. 23, left) scored 21 points to lead the Silver Hawks to a 50-39 upset of previously undefeated Lyman at home. Both Seminole (3-3) and Lake Howell (5-3) are now headed off to tournaments for the next two weeks. Arrow Force X at Deland this week and Lake Mary next week, and the Silver Hawks headed to Clearwater this week and Bishop Moore next week.



Lions roar back, but Bears get to growl

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

WINTER SPRINGS — Once-beaten Winter Springs appeared headed to an unexpectedly easy victory over fellow once-beaten Oviedo Monday night. But as usual, looks can be deceiving.

After building a 24-point lead, 52-28, after three periods, the Bears looked like certain winners.

But things are never certain when playing a young team, and the Lions caught fire in the fourth period, keyed by back-to-back three-pointers by junior Breanna Banfield, as the visitors came within four points, 56-52, with 1:40 to play.

But experience in tough situations paid off for Winter Springs as senior's Missy Guadagnino and Jen Forst combined to make 8-of-8 free throws in the final 1:14 to give the Bears a 66-58 victory.

The strange thing about the free throw excellence was that to that point, Winter Springs was just 10-for-22 from the charity stripe and had missed six in a row, including the front end of a pair of one-and-ones.

Forst led the Bears with 27 points and 18 rebounds, while Guadagnino scored 14 points, handed out four assists and came up with three steals.

Sally Johnston also had a nice game for the home team with seven points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

For the Lions, sophomore Whitney Tossie had 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Force also had a big game on Friday, scoring 25 points and

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FWC stresses boating safety

Special to the Herald

TALLAHASSEE — The holiday season brings parties and parades, and they don't all take place on land. Here in Florida, we like to celebrate on the water, too. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC), Division of Law Enforcement is urging boaters to be safe this holiday season by following state laws and boating responsibly.

With the increase in social events and parties comes an increase in alcohol consumption and cases of vessel operators boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol. As always, FWC officers will be strictly enforcing Florida's BUI laws, which are among the toughest in the nation.

"We want all Florida residents and visitors to be aware of the consequences of drinking and boating," said Capt. Paul Ouellette, FWC boating law administrator. "Our BUI laws are very similar to driving under the influence (DUI) laws for operating a vehicle on land. In fact, a person's prior driving under the influence charge will count as a previous conviction if that person is found guilty of boating under the influence."

Safety officials also want boaters to understand fully the navigation rules, particularly as they apply to lighting requirements. Boat parades are popular events this time of year, and people need to be aware that lights which can be mistaken for navigation lights cannot be exhibited on a boat.

Decorative holiday lights can be displayed on a vessel only if that vessel is taking part in a sanctioned, permitted marine event. Otherwise, they are not allowed on boats. Extra lighting on a boat can be distracting and hinder an operator's ability to navigate safely.

"Understanding Florida's boating safety laws will help all of us have a happy and safe holiday season on the water," Ouellette said. "Remember the FWC slogan - Stay Afloat * Don't Drink & Boat."

For more information regarding these issues, boater education course availability and frequently asked questions, interested persons can follow this link or call the nearest FWC office.

GIVE A GIFT OF WILDERNESS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

This holiday season is a perfect opportunity to save money, give yourself or friends a great gift of wilderness adventure, and receive a FREE beautiful limited edition print titled "Great Blue Heron" by artist Gregory Biolohini, image size 11" x 15".

All that's necessary is to order a three-year subscription to "Florida Wildlife Magazine", the state's premier conservation publication since 1947. Each issue is packed with useful information, entertaining stories and spectacular photographs all relating to wildlife conservation, fish- See Outdoors, Page 2B

Marshall shines in All-Star Game



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Lake Howell High School star Brandon Marshall (No. 14, above) caught what proved to be the game-winning catch when he hauled in a 30-yard scoring strike from New Smyrna Beach's Chad Schilsky midway through the second quarter to give his squad a 14-0 lead and the East held on for a 14-9 victory over the West in the Central Florida All-Star Game at Showalter Field in Winter Park Friday night.

New flights link Sanford to Atlanta and D.C.

Vacation Express plans to bring 350,000 additional passengers through OSI

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — More than three months after the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks put the major players in the airline industry in an economic tailspin, officials at Orlando-Sanford International Airport continue to

add flight service for Central Florida travelers.

On Friday, city and county dignitaries joined OSI President Larry Dale in welcoming executives and passengers from Vacation Express to Sanford.

"This is a big deal for the airport and for Sanford," Dale said. "Vacation Express is going to bring 350,000 more passengers to this area."

Sanford will serve as Vacation Express's hub and will connect six domestic cities with five Caribbean destinations. Flights will operate Friday, Saturday

and Monday originating in the morning from Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville and Washington, D.C. These flights will arrive in Sanford midmorning to unload and load passengers and allow other passengers to connect. The jets will depart for Aruba; Cancun; Liberia, Costa Rica; Jamaica; and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. After receiving service in their Caribbean destinations, the jets will return to Sanford in the early evening to unload and load pas-

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent. Vacation Express's inaugural Atlanta-to-Sanford flight lands Friday at Orlando-Sanford International.

All State
Coming off a superior season in which Oviedo finished as the state runner-up in Class 6A, the Seminole Athletic Conference last week had eight of its members make the Class 5A and 6A All-State Girls Volleyball Teams as selected by the FSWA (Florida Sports Writers Association). The Lions, who went 28-8 this season, dominated the picks, with four players being named to the top four Class 6A teams. Page 1B



Pursuing the Vigilante
Sanford Naval Air Station was home to a squadron of RA-5C Vigilantes, one of the Navy's most advanced reconnaissance jets. The Vigilantes left when NAS Sanford closed in 1968, but one of the planes assigned to the base has returned home. Page 1C

Veterans continue to serve

Group raises \$14,000 to help families at Christmas

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

CASSELBERRY — Members of a local Veterans organization are doing everything they can to make sure more than 60 Seminole families have a merry Christmas.

The Casselberry Veterans Inc., and Ladies Auxiliary raised more than \$14,000 to buy gifts, clothing and food for 67 local families, said Don Coleman, junior vice president of Casselberry Veterans Inc. During the weeks before Christmas, volunteers spent numerous hours buying and wrapping hundreds of presents for more than 170 children.

"We do this because we want to help our community," Coleman said. "We want every child to have toys and clothes for Christmas."

As the organization's biggest charity event, fund-raising for the annual Needy Family Christmas Basket effort began in January. The main source of revenue for the fund was the club's weekly Wednesday dinner, with raffles and other money-raising events supple-



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent. Members of Casselberry Veterans Inc. and Ladies Auxiliary prepare gift packages for local families. Pictured, from left, are Dick Moriarty, president; Linda Johnson; Don Coleman, second vice president; and Patty Moriarty.

menting the venture.

Casselberry Veterans Inc., which boasts a membership of more than 600 men and women, initiated the Christmas basket project in 1997 by helping about 10 families with their holiday needs. Five years later, the club sextupled the number of people helped by the project and raised more money than

expected.

As a result of this year's successful fund-raising, each family will receive a gift basket with food, clothing, non-perishables and numerous presents for each child, Casselberry Veterans Inc., President Dick Moriarty said. The gifts reflect the child's age and Christmas wish.

"The kids were asked what

their likes and dislikes are, and they pretty much got what they wanted," Moriarty said.

Families are selected to participate in the program through recommendations from local schools, case workers from various social service organizations and Casselberry Veterans Inc., members.

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State lifts West Nile alert in 53 counties

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Florida Department of Health announced Wednesday that it will lift the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis medical alert that covers 53 counties — including Seminole — at the end of the year.

"In general, all the sentinels [chickens] we've been doing have shown a downward trend in mosquito activity," said Dr. Lisa Conti of the state health department.

Although the medical alert will be lifted, state officials are still advising care in rural areas of high mosquito counts. These added precautions are due to the fact that 2001 was the first year for the West Nile Virus in the state, and officials are unsure if the virus will completely subside before next year's mosquito season.

"We're just not sure what to expect of the West Nile Virus," Conti said.

She urges all residents to wear mosquito repellent if they know mosquitoes are still active in their area. A total of 11 West Nile human cases and three Eastern equine cases were

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Longwood debates barring vinyl siding

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Longwood city commissioners Monday night approved one ordinance and sent another one back to the drawing board.

Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance that establishes a city manual of design standards for streets, stormwater systems and subdivisions. The 14-chapter 100-page ordinance will act as a city public works manual to ensure consistency in development of public right-of-ways.

A second ordinance came under scrutiny from several commissioners including Steve Miller. If approved the ordinance would have regulated appearance requirements for single-family residential structures in more than 30 city subdivisions.

The ordinance was drafted

several weeks ago in reference to a manufactured home being built in the Longwood Green neighborhood.

"It looks like a storage shed — you can't miss it," said Commissioner Butch Bundy. "The residents are extremely irate about it."

According to Bundy, the cities of Maitland and Casselberry have similar ordinances restricting subdivisions. "I question the necessity of the whole ordinance," said Mayor Paul Lovstrand.

Bundy assured commissioners that several homeowners associations were "very much in favor" of the ordinance. Subdivisions without an architectural review board were particularly in favor of it, he said.

Miller debated the strict nature of the ordinance that would of disbarred vinyl siding and flat roofs in the established subdivisions.

"It looks like an attempt to disallow mobile homes from someone's subdivision, but it goes way beyond that," Miller said.

"The whole thing is ridiculous in my eyes — subdivisions should have the right to govern themselves."

The agenda item failed with a 3 to 2 vote with Bundy and

Commissioner John Maingot voting in favor of it. However, commissioners agreed to hear the ordinance again after some of the more strict items were removed.

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Bundy

Miami thieves caught after gunpoint robbery

From Staff Reports

Seminole and Orange County deputies captured three suspects Friday morning, who are accused of a late night hold-up at the Publix grocery store at Howell Branch Road and State Road 426 in Seminole County.

The suspects, Macius Webster, 20, Harold Vixamar, 21, and William Jackson, 21, allegedly held up the manager and two employees of the Publix as they were locking up the store for the night. It happened around 11:15 p.m. Thursday. The suspects reside in Miami, but may have been staying in the Pine Hills area.

The victims said that three to four black male subjects, wearing Halloween masks, forced them back into the store at gunpoint. The employees stated

they were forced to give up their wallets while the manager was forced at gunpoint to turn off the store alarm and then go into the cash room.

Once inside, he was then ordered to open the safe and empty the safe's contents into a garbage can. He further stated that he was also forced to turn over his wallet. He was then pistol-whipped by one of the subjects and told not to dial 911. He called 9-1-1 when the suspects left.

A witness, who was working at a pizza parlor nearby, stated that she noticed a suspicious car, with no license tag, stop in front of her business. She later saw the vehicle pull down to the entrance of the Publix. The witness then observed three sub-

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Candlewood Hotel Co. will build facility in Lake Mary

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Visitors to the city may have another choice in the near future when it comes to deciding where to stay for the night.

City Commission unanimously approved Thursday a request by The Generation Companies for the conditional use of property along Greenwood Boulevard to build a 122-suite hotel. If and when it

is constructed, the hotel will be the fifth Candlewood Suites in Florida.

Before approving the ordinance, Commissioner Gary Brender voiced concerns about the hotel's proximity to Interstate 4 and the landscaping along the right-of-way. He said there are some problems with weeds and vegetation in the area adjacent to the road.

"Businesses like the exposure on I-4," said Henry Antes, who attended the meeting on behalf

of The Generation Companies. He added the company would probably plant trees behind the hotel to give guests more privacy and there shouldn't be a problem with the landscaping or distance from I-4.

Candlewood Hotel Co. owns, operates and franchises Candlewood Suites; and operates and franchises Cambridge Suites. Both concepts serve travelers on short- or long-term stays.

Chairman and Chief

Executive Officer Jack DeBoer founded Candlewood Suites in 1995 and is the creator of the extended stay concept. There are currently more than 90 Candlewood Suites throughout the nation, including one location in Altamonte Springs, with more under construction.

Commission also approved on first reading Thursday the rezoning of property at the corner of Lakeview Avenue and 4th Street, from R-1A to C-1. The applicant, Shaw

Construction & Management Services Inc., indicated there are plans to build a dance studio at the site.

Terry Shaw said his company will own the building, but the studio will be operated by Georgio Fagan. The facility will be similar to Georgio's American Dance Centre, located in the Shoppes at Lake Mary.

Also during Thursday's meeting:

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