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Holiday Hoops

Lake Mary High School will be hosting a stellar field at its Annual Holiday Basketball Classic starting next Monday.

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Injured police officer at home resting foot

Longwood motorcycle police officer Trafton Patrick nearly lost his life last week when he was patrolling U.S. Highway 17-92.

The Sanford resident was side swiped by a vehicle making an illegal U-turn when he was in pursuit of a speeder on U.S Highway 17-92 near Dog Track Road.

Travelling at speeds estimated to be about 78 mph, Trafton was riding his Longwood police motorcycle with his emergency lights activated.

According to

According to
Longwood Police Chief
Tommy Jackson, the
vehicle made a U-turn
to the far right-hand
lane and then moved to
the center lane as the
driver realized he had
cut-off another driver.
The sudden move by the The sudden move by the driver gave six-year Longwood police veter-an Patrick little time to

react;
"It's the cost of the business as they sometimes say," Jackson said. "If you're going to catch a speeder, you have to speed to catch him."

He suffered several skin abrasions and

skin abrasions and

severely injured foot.

"As far as the injury,
he was very fortunate,"
Jackson said.

Patrick was released from the hospital last Saturday and is resting at his Sanford home. He is expected to be out for five weeks, and it may be three months until he patrols aboard a motorcycle again.

Seminole Smile



Santa Claus -Will be visiting good little boys and girls all over Seminole County

A Merry U.S.A. **Christmas**

The Forest of Lake Mary decorates Christmas tree in honor of troops

esidents of Lake Mary's The Forest, located off West Lake Mary Boulevard, decorated a 12-foot Christmas tree at the subdivision clubhouse in honor of troops serving abroad. With hundreds of

homemade red, white and blue omaments, residents from the 313home neighborhood trimmed the Christmas tree Nov. 28.

Helping with the decorating process atop the ladder is (right)
Tom Moore. While some residents trimmed the tree, others such as (bottom, right) Pat Duffy attached hooks to the ornaments for hanging on the tree.

As part of the U.S.-inspired Christmas decorating, Residents also collected items to be sent to troops in







Help from state legislator is on the way for adult arcades

By Christopher Patton Managing Editor

SANFORD — Adult arcades have attracted the attention of Tallahassee officials including a state senator who promises to take action during the upcoming legislative session.

Since August, municipalities in Seminole County have fought to keep out the "mini casinos" after several of the establishments popped up in Volusia County.

Volusia County. Senator Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs) vowed Monday at the annual Seminole County Legislative Delegation public meeting to take the problem local governments have been wrestling with to Tallahassee.

"I've been reading about this in newspapers, and I think everyone of us understand the difficulty in this," he said. "I think we need to also think how we can restrict this if this is how they're getting the camel's nose in the tent."

Area municipalities started taking notice of the businesses when Sanford commissioners approved an emergency mora-torium Aug. 29 for all amuse-ment-related businesses to block a proposed arcade at 207 Magnolia Ave., next to the Helen Stairs Theatre in the city's

historic downtown. Seminole County, Longwood, Lake Mary and Casselberry joined Sanford in placing a moratorium on the

Last month, Sanford was the first city to move beyond the temporary ban as city leaders approved an ordinance to regulate adult arcades. Similar to the city's ordinance on adult entertainment establishments, the new law restricts the arcades to certain areas in the arcades to certain areas in the city and the businesses are required to meet rigid standards, such as distance from schools and churches.

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Longwood leader seeks scooter ban

By Christopher Patton Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — They are a popular gift this holiday sea-son, but if one Longwood com-missioner had his wish they would be banned in the city.

would be banned in the city.

The legality of motorized scooters have caused a stir around the state as Rep. Randy Johnson (R-Celebration) supported an amendment last year to lift the need of a driver's license to operate them.

The bill passed, however, it was determined by Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist earlier this year that there was still other state statues that require the need of a driver's license for operating a scooter that were not addressed by the law change. Johnson has made it known that he intends to propose a bill next year that would once and for all allow scooter riders to moped down

would once and for all allow scooter riders to moped down the streets without a driver's license or vehicle registration. "I would like to take a dif-ferent approach in trying to ban them separate from the state statue," Longwood Commissioner Butch Bundy

proposed to his fellow com-missioners at a recent city

meeting.
"You hate to have to get into this but I also don't want our police officers or our EMTs called to a scene where a child has been run over," he added.

Other Longwood commissioners were reluctant to follow Bundy's suggestion.

"There are ways to go about

"There are ways to go about this, but to blanket ban them may not be the way to go about it," said Mayor Dan

about it," said Mayor Dan Anderson.

The Longwood commission voted 4-to-1 in favor of the city attorney to do some research of possibly crafting an ordinance to strengthen state legislation for motorized scooters. The action passed despite reservations from other city leaders, including Commissioner Brian Sackett who voted against the measure.

"I don't think by banning them we're going to accom-plish anything," he said.

Johnson said the city of Longwood has the right to pass an ordinance to ban

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Lyman, Oviedo schools to march at Sugar Bowl

By Sabrina Helse Herald Correspondent

LONGWOOD — Event though Florida college foot-ball teams were knocked out of the running, another lesser known Central Florida team give its all to shine at the matery

70th Annual Nokia Sugar Bowl Football Classic in New Orleans. In January when Oklahoma and LSU

battle it out for the BCS National Championship,
Longwood's
Lyman High School
Band will perform
in front of a sold out

Louisiana Superdome in both a pre-game performance and during its halftime show.

Lyman was selected, along with 20 other high school bands across the nation, to perform at the championship game after an application process that included a taped audio audition and discussions regarding the look and sions regarding the look and style of the band. Lyman has the honor of being only one

of two Florida bands to be chosen this year, the other being the Oviedo High School Band.

Led by band director Bill Muse and band drum major and trumpet player Matt Masten, the approximately 80 member 1 years band will perform a "God Bless

America Fanfare" for the pre-game show and a "Superstition Medley" for its big half-time per-

formance.

When asked about how practices for the show are going. Muse said "We have a lot of good kids who are practicing really hard and are very excited about going."

All of that practicing might not seem so hard in comparison to the other work that band members have been putting in to just get to the

putting in to just get to the game. In order to fund their trip to New Orleans, band See Band, Page 4

commission backs SCC's state funding cry Lake Mary

By Christopher Patton Managing Editor

SANFORD - Like a rock group touring the nation peddling its newest album release, Seminole Community College (SCC) President E. Ann McGee and other college officials have been on the circuit of local governments and overaniza-

governments and organiza-tions the past months.

At stake is much more than a hit single, but the future of the Sanford-based education institution and its 35,000 students. From the

Lake Mary City Commission meeting Dec. 4 to the Seminole County Legislative Delegation Monday, SCC officials are asking for more state funding and, more importantly, equity.

The college has plenty of facts to support its case as it often passes out a 10-question "pop quiz" to the audience as it makes it presentation on its dire fiscal situation. The most glaring two

tion. The most glaring two facts are SCC is the fastestgrowing community college in Florida the past five years, but it ranks last out of 28

community colleges in the state for funding. "It's not a good situation," McGee said. "It's at the criti-

cal point."

By making the rounds to local governments, McGee is local governments, McGee is drumming up support for her cause. Her ultimate goal is to have elected officials and business leaders lead the fight to persuade the state legislature for a bigger piece of the funding pie.

"What we are hoping for, and may I be so bold that we

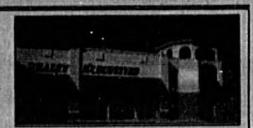
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SCC President E. Ann MoGee (left), Debble Clements of the SCC Foundation and Sid Miller, chairman of chairman of the SCC Board the SCC Board of Trustees prepare before speaking to the Seminole County Legislative Delegation.



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Local Seminole municipalities lobby for state money

By Christopher Patton Managing Editor

SANFORD - More than two dozen cities, elected officials, schools, organizations and groups converged on the county commission chambers Monday to direct their concerns to the Seminole County Legislative Delegation.

The annual public meeting is not only an opportunity for the delegation to hear presenters sound off on legislative affairs, but provides local governments a chance to lobby state leaders to fund hometown projects. Cities and counties have seen few state dollars during two lean budget years, but Tallahassee could be ready to resume funding some local needs. "With \$1 billion in sales

tax revenues that weren't expected, they (state legisla-ture) feel like a number of projects will be doable this year," said Ces Lawton, a lobbyist for Oviedo and possibly

Longwood in the near future.
Which projects will survive the budget axe may be determined by how the county's state representatives, such as David Simmons (R-Longwood) and David Mealor (R-Lake Mary) and state senators, including Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs) and Anna Cowin (R-

Leesburg), perceive the need. County's list is for the state to share the financial burden of Article V, Revision 7. The voter-approved referendum in 1998 turns the county's court systems over to the state, but will cost Seminole about \$1 million annually, said County Commiss-

Implementation of Revision 7 will take effect on July 1,

Similar to the other six cities in the county, the city of Sanford has projects it would like the state to fund. City Manager Al Grieshaber cited four stormwater projects; in the area behind the new Farmers' Market at 13th Street and Elm Avenue, which will allow the city to develop a public safety com-plex; in the area of First Street In the city's downtown; and Fort Mellon Park; and the fourth is near Lake Monroe where the city has a sewer infiltration problem.

"Stormwater — being that Sanford is a low-level lying area — is a major problem and it impacts our develop-ment in the area," Grieshaber

Not all local projects are considered a top priority by the state legislature or the governor's office, and in the past. Sanford has submitted about four items they would like to see state funded. The city is often lucky to have but one project considered.

"I don't think I have to tell you or anyone else here, but when it comes to things people refer to as local projects the governor's office has a different view if whether the state should pay for it or the local government should pay for it," Constantine said as he responded to Sanford's requests. "I don't want to discourage you, but we may have a tough time doing these.

The one opportunity for Sanford, Constantine agreed with Grieshaber, is the State Farmers' Market. As It is a

stale-owned property, the governor's office may find monies to alleviate flooding in the area that connects with the state-designated Front Porch Community Goldsboro.

"The budget was tight last year and this year It is going to be much better. So there should be money available for the State Farmers' Market," said Bobby Brantley, former Florida lieutenant governor and lobbyist for Sanford and Seminole County. "Where there is a will, there is a way,"

For many Seminole County governments, they have found that the way is often best orchestrated by that of a lobbyist. As of Monday afternoon's legislative delegation, the county and every city, except Longwood and Casselberry, have someone in Tallahassee swaying opinion for their cause. But that may soon change.

Longwood city commissioners met Tuesday evening and tentatively agreed to move forward with a contract for Lawton's services. Hired two years ago by Oviedo, Lawton, of Casselberry-based Harbour Communications, is confident he will bring home funding to both cities this year.

The mood right now in Tallahassee is a matching fund type mood," he said. "When you get into local projects the governor's office has trouble. They want them to cross city, county bound-aries, however, when you're matching they feel they're getting the bang for their

Several conditions are



Herald photo by Tommy Vincen

Representatives David Simmons of Longwood (isft) and David Mealor (right) of Lake Mary speak to Seminole County Deputy Manager Saily Sherman and County Manager Kevin Grace before the start of the annual Seminole County Legislative Delegation public meeting.

working in both cities favor to receive state funding this year, he said. Although he has been unable to secure state monies for Oviedo since he has been hired, he feels he has laid the groundwork for the city to snag a \$250,000 weatherization grant in 2004. The item was slashed from last year's budget as were all other member sponsored

projects.

As for Longwood, the city could be looking for partial state funding for its proposed fire station on the east side of town. It is an ideal project because of the terrorist stracks of Sept. 11, 2001, and

the emphasis it left on the country for public safety and homeland security, according

"(Sanford) was going after stormwater, which is not a very sexy thing right now," he said. "But matching funds are the key.

The city of Longwood has never made application under a member project. The case can be made the we are due, and that's my job." A variable that might work

in all the local governments favor during the upcoming legislative session that starts the first week in March is the power of Seminole County's state leaders.

Representatives Mealor and Simmons sit on a horde of committees, including Mealor as chair of Subcommittee on Higher Education and Simmons as chair of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee. State senators representing Seminole County also carry a lot of weight in Tallahassee as Constantine is chair of Education and Covrin is chair of Election and Ethics.

"And let's face it, next year is an election (year), which works in our favor," Lawton

Lake Mary Breakfast C



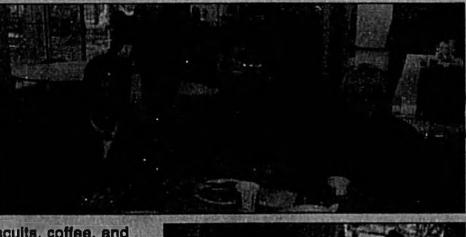
Employees of the city of Lake Mary like firefighter/EMT E.J. LeVin (left) were treated to an appreciation breakfast Tuesday morning at the Lake Mary Community Center. The meal, bacon,

sausage, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, and all the extras, was prepared by the various city department heads such as (bottom, right) Police Chief Richard Beary and Fire Chief Craig Haun.

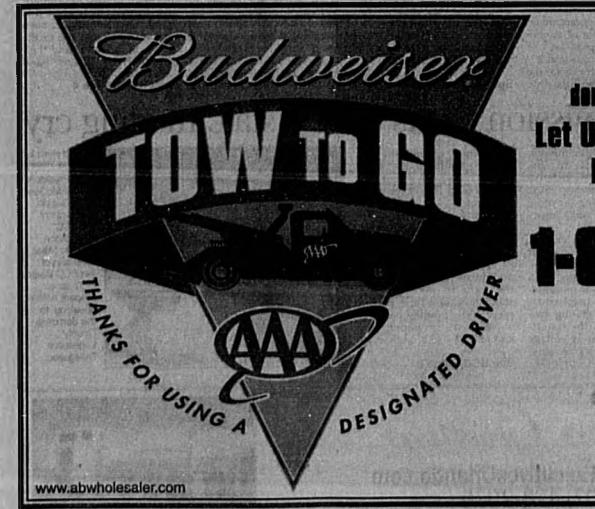
All five members of the City Commission were also on hand, including (above) commissioners Mike McLean, George Duryea and Janet Jernigan with City Manager John Litton.

Litton estimated there were at least 107 people honored at the event.

"It's another way the city shows its employees that they are really the backbone of government," he said.







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Girl Scouts warm up for annual cookie sales

It's Cookie Time again! On Monday, Jan. 5, Girl Scouts all over Lake Mary will begin taking one of cookies. Booth sales will begin Saturday, Feb. 14. There's a new cookie in the lineup this year. It's the Pinatas, Pinatas are iced oatmeal cookies with berry filling covered with a sugar glaze and cinnamon

crumb topping.
Why should you buy Girl
Scout cookies? Well, for one thing, they taste great. The other mason of course, is that the profits go to support Girl Scouting. Troops get part of the profit to support their activities and Council gets part of the profit to support the troops. For instance, Girl Scout camps are the cheapest places for Girl Scouts to camp in the entire state. And that's In large part because of cookie

Why support Girl Scouting?
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. For every 100 girls who join scouting; four will earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, 12 will have their first contact with a place of worthing five will. place of worship, five will earn their religious award, 18 will develop hobbies that wili be used during their adult life, eight will enter a career that they discovered through Girl Scouting, 17 will become Girl Scout volunteers, one will use her Girl Scouting skills to save a life, and one will use her Girl Scouting skills to save her own life.



Rowell

good to remember that local Girl Scouts support their community. In Lake

Mary, Girl Scouts have planted trees at City Hall

Liberty Park. They have brought in toys and food for needy families. Older troops work with younger troops to teach them about camping. music, theater, you name it.

When a Girl Scout asks you to order Girl Scout cnokies, remember what they're for.

AARP celebrates the

AARP celebrates the holidays in style
Every year, the Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP picks somewhere special to hold their annual Christmas party. This year, it was at the

Timucuan Country Club. There was quite a turnout for the festivitie

To make the holiday party more festive, the special guests for the luncheon were "The Escorts Dance Band," a small, but great band that played Big Band Era music throughout lunch. A few of the braver
AARP members got up and
danced to the delightful
sounds. After lunch, the group played Christmas carols for an old fashioned sing-a-long that

made everyone happy,
Another special guest at
this year's celebration was Dave Blackwell. He came over from the Altamonte Springs Chapter to install the new ufficers for 2004.

If you're interested in joining the Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP, their next meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday in January at 1 p.m. at the Lake Mary Community Building, Just walk on in, visitors are welcome.





The annual Christmas party for the Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP was a fun time for all as Marge and Jim Carmona (above) cut a rug to the Big Band sounds and AARP Vice President Mabel May and President Paules Stevens (top) were full of holiday cheer.

Defeating 'The Master' takes some gift wrapping trickery

Ah, Christmas. It brings out the best kind of dysfunc-tion in families.

The year was 1982. My younger brother, Russell, had practiced and perfected the art of unwrapping his gifts, playing with them for quite an extended period of time, and then rewrapping and restocking them back under the tree. His performance on Chalatman morning ance on Christmas morning, I thought, was Oscar caliber. Our mother, however, was

Our mother, however, was not amused.

The following year Mom got a little smarter and she began leaving the nametaga off the packages. She knew this wouldn't stop my brother, but ahe hoped it would slow him down enough to have a least a few surprises

on Christmas morning.
But, clearly, the woman didn't know whom she was dealing with as my brother was The Master. Before the second gift was under the tree, Russell had discovered the trees with the trees of the second side. the teeny-tiny name of the intended under the bow. He shook his head in disap-pointment. "You can do bet-ter than that," I heard him

whisper.

The next year was the year of color-coding. On that Dec. 25, my mother passed out the gifts with what can only be described as a contemptuous sneer aimed in my broth-er's general direction. A look of bewilderment came over my face as I opened my first gift "Oh... my very own jock strap...gee, thanks?" "Stick with the red packages," my brother said, "those are

1985 brought theme packages. If there was a candy cane anywhere on the packVIEW FROM A BROAD



age, it was mine. A Santa Claus, my broth-

snowflake, my sister's. This information was disclosed and guilefuly revealed three days before

Christmas morning in an F.Y.I. memo my brother slipped under my bedroom

I suppose I can under-stand why Russell took to unwrapping his gifts as a child; the anticipation of playing with the newest action figure or reading the latest X-Men comic book in a series proved to be too much for him. What I don't understand is why he continued this behavior as he grew older. It's not as if he ever returned any of the gifts he opened for something better.
I suspect he began to delight
in my mother's developing psychosis. Her nervous twitch, the muttering obscen-lties under her breath; it was

better than any gift she could every buy for him. One early December after-noon, I said to my brother, "Hey, I like that song, is that a new CD?"

"Yeah," he said revealing Metallica's Master of Puppets, "mom got it for me for Christmas."

On Dec, 25, I watched my brother unwrap that same CD with the cello-phane perfectly in place. I think even mom would have to admit that one was

pretty impressive.
The following Christmas, my brother woke my sister and me at 5 a.m. in a panic, "It's Christmas morning and there aren't any gifts under the tree! What's the freakin'

"Well, way to go, genius" I said, "you must have finally pushed her over the edge," But we soon learned that our mother was a resilient woman and though she was weary, she had not been beaten.

After breakfast that morn-ing, our neighbor brought over our mother's secreted gifts. My alster's presents were wrapped in vibrant col-ors with shimmering bows and ribbons and they were

tagged, her name clearly marked on the package.

My gifts were wrapped in a brown, country craft wrapping paper with fabric ribbon and velvet bows and they were tagged with they, too, were tagged with my name clearly marked on the package. My brother's gifts were all unwrapped; naked, on display, and clear-ly used. Attached to my brother's gifts was the following message:
My Dearest Russell,
Thought I'd save you the

Merry Christmas

Love, The Master

Molly Tillyer is a wife and mother of two young boys. She saves hundreds of dollars on her Christmas shopping every season by just reurapping the toys her boys haven't played with all year. Visit her online at www.mollytillyer.com.

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made in the first place, Johnson

said. The law had not kept up with technology so deputies across the state were giving citations to children riding the

scooters to school, he added.
"What I recommend for
those city leaders that feel state

government is thrusting them-selves upon them is to go ahead and take the time to read the words, and they

can see very clearly what we are doing is a very common sense thing," Johnson said. "A kid's toy should not have to have a motor vehicle license to

Johnson said as far as the state mandating scooter use on public roads, the city can do

"If the city wants to create a law that says these types of vehicles can't be driven on the

sidewalk or that can't be driv-en in the streets without a hel-

met, there is nothing in this law that precludes that," he said. "All we are doing is very

clearly stating what ought to be obvious to the most casual

observer, that is these little electric or gas driven, slow-moving vehicles you should not have a driver's license nor

should they be a registered vehicle to operate them."

whatever it wants.

Scooter

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scooters, but it doesn't neces-

sarily make it right.
"There's a little bit of Barney Fife in some folks who want to impact these kids and that's fine," he said. "If the city leadership in Longwood says this is a priority and they want government to regulate motor scooters so be it. If that's important, then they can answer to their electorate with respect to what their priorities are, but a simple phone call would have clarified what he did last year and what will continue to clarify in other places in the law this year is you don't need a driver's license or license plate for a kid's toy."

Bundy, along with Longwood police officials, have argued if the state law is opened to the scooters they can be driven on public streets and sidewalks. Currently, motorized scooters — electrical or gas — are only legal on private

"Going out there and making these things legal - the

way we look at it - kind of puts kids in jeopardy," said Longwood Police Officer Herb Stewartson.

adds that Stewartson Johnson put nothing in the state statute that requires safety regulations for scooter

"Basically you're just putting kids out there on a 30mile-per-hour rocket with cars," he said. "That was one of the major, major concerns." Longwood officers are cur-

rently responding to com-plaints about scooters, and if they see one in operation, they are to stop and inform the rider

'Our officers have their discretion to whether or not they are going to issue a citation," Stewartson said. "They are fully capable to give warnings.

If they see someone that repeatedly violates the statutes, they may in fact issue

To give a ticket to a seven-year-old scooter rider is the reason the law change was

Band

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members became full-fledged entrepreneurs as they washed cars, mowed yards, and even sold Christmas trees in an effort to raise needed cash. The city of Longwood even pitched in \$9,000 to defray the cost of

the trip.
"You name it and we've done it," Muse explained.

The band director helped students raise the money they needed by matching them with residents who came up with tasks for the students to do in exchange for trip money. According to Muse, those tasks included everything from babysitting to pressure washing houses and

weeding yards.

"Most of the students have now raised the money they needed for the trip, but we still have a few that I'm working to help match up with jobs," he said.

With the students working hard both on and off the "playing field" the Lyman High School Band will surely have a cheering section of its own as band members start the New Year off on a high note with their bowl performance.

ABC sports will broadcast



The Lyman High School Band was one of 20 bands from around the country to be selected to perform at the Nokla Sugar Bowl Jan. 4.

the Jan. 4 game at 7 p.m., allowing Seminole County residents the chance to

tune in to cheer for a home team in this year's national championship.

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Arcade -

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Winter Springs could be the next city to pass a similar meas-ure as Sanford. Commissioners directed the city attorney to draft an ordinance that regulates adult arcades for their first

meeting in 2004.

"It's a proactive approach rather than a reactive approach," said Anthony Garganese, Winter Springs city

Despite the controversy the adult arcades have stirred in Seminole County, operators of the casino-like establishments contend their businesses are legal for several reasons. While state law prohibits gambling. Florida statute 849.161 created an exemption for popular child-oriented arcades such as Chuck E. Cheese. The "Chuck E. Cheese" statute allows an amusement center to operate games of skill by means of the insertion of a coin, and it allows

persons playing the game to receive prizes not exceeding a

"No one thought at that the time that the exception would be applied to gambling."
Casselberry Mayor Bruce
Provonost told the Seminole Legislative Delegation. "Our recommendation is make a change to the law for adult cades using this loophole."

The adult arcades use this

exemption to their advantage as their gaming machines, which resemble slot machines, pay off in tickets that can be redeemed for gift cards, coupons and other prizes, and allegedly require skill — not chance — to

"They (arcade owners) claim the fact that a player must push a button, sometimes labeled with the word "skill," to stop the spinning reels or images," Garganese wrote in a letter to

the Winter Springs commission.
"It is claimed if a player plays enough, concentrates enough, and has fast enough reflexes, the player will be able to stop the reels."

Law enforcement agencies in Volusia County raided six adult arcades Nov. 7 and through months of investigations determined the gaming machines were programmed to win and lose a certain number of times; therefore destroying the concept of skill.

City of Longwood leaders recently said they wanted to try to ban adult arcades from the to ban adult arcades from the city altogether rather than regulate them. If they chose to regulate adult arcades and one found its way into the city, Longwood officials argued its police force would then be tied up—similar to those in Volusia—investigating the businesses, which would cost money and

valuable police officer time.

Provonost said approaching the state leaders representing Seminole County was the city of Casselberry's idea of taking a proactive approach to some-thing that "probably could become a real big issue.

"The obvious question is should we regulate something that is not legal," he opined. "By passing a law that is questionably legal are you saying it is

The state legislature does not convene for session until the first week of March so Constantine has simple advice for local governments battling adult arcades: "Put in ordinances that will restrict them and ban them at the least," he

"Hearing this today, it's clear the people of Florida have spo-ken that this clearly is a way to get around the anti-casino law."

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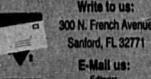
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Making waves: New seafood restaurant opens in Lake Mary

By Michelle Donahue Herald Correspondent

LAKE MARY determined commitment to providing truly fresh, consistent quality in retail seafood is what sets Lighthouse Seafood apart from other local seafood

Started in January 2003, the market offers an array of in season selections for even the most sophisticated seafood lover.

Clams, oysters, several varieties of shrimp, lobster, fresh fish, and crab cakes, as well as other scasonal favorites, are arranged appealingly in classic counter cases.

Lighthouse Seafood fillets everything in house, which accounts for extra freshness of their select cuts. They also offers several homemade items for purchase that are precooked, such as clam chowder, conch stew, and key lime pie.

"We are committed to providing the freshest seafood on the market," said owner Tim O'Leary, "and refuse to stock any Items that are substandard.

O'Leary grew up in Jupiter, Fla., and the ocean has always been a big part of his life. A certified diver and former commercial fisherman, O'Leary knows fish and seafood. He also spent many years dealing with boat sales and repair. before deciding to start all product for those fish Lighthouse Seafood as a that are not available in the

"I couldn't find retail. "In addition to their seafood markets that carpledge to food quality, ried the fresh products that their commitment to clean-



Lighthouse Seafood diviser Tim O'Leary

commitment to stocking fresh, quality seafood is what will set it

spart from other local seafood markets.

Leary explains. Even larger name stores left me frustrated with their low quality. So I detided to spen a seafood market that would fill that vold."

O'Leary says that in most Central Florida Our philosophy is that in most Central Florida order to succeed we will seafood markets, nearly 80 percent of all the product is customers. Selling high imported form other counquality products insures tries. Lighthouse Seafood is exactly the opposite, with the majority of their tiers caught locally. items caught locally.
"We prefer local items

because they are fresher, as well as help the local economy," O'Leary explains.
"When we can't get local, we opt for domestic. And we only go for international al product for those fish

I had grown up with," Uness is also intribulately

evidentation enteting.

The highly haspected for the milness and tem-

perature occuriling to gov-ernment regulations, in addition to our own high standards, O'Leary stated. That's why the smell of fish is just barely detectable when a customer walks in here, as compared to other markets that have an apparentment. that have an overpowering

that have an overpowering (ishy aroma."

O'Leary's hope is to expand his current facility, and to confitme to expand his assortment of seafood specialty items, such as rubs, spices; marinades and imitum utensils.

Lighthous Seafood is located at 101 N. Country Club Road in the Shope of Lake Mary shopping center, directly behind 7-Fleven.

Obituaries

DONALD RENE BEAUCAGE Donald Rene Besucage, 83, Plantation Boulevard, Lake Mary, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. He was born in Louiston, Maine, and moved to Florida from Massachusetts in 1969. He was

a paint atom manager and a

Catholic. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include wife, Iren, Lake Mary; son, Gilbert of Lake Mary; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Pairchild Fureral

Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE E. BILLUPS George E. Billups, 85, of Lake Mary, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Central Florida Regional Hospital. He was born Oct. 3, 1918, in Petersburg, Va. He was co-owner of Mayfatr Country Club. He was a 32 thegree Mason, Scottish Rite of Orlando, Masonic Lodge of Sanford, life member of DAV, and Fleet Reserve. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors Include wife, Peggy, sons, Donald Wayne and Alan Lindsey; four grand-children; two great-grandchildren.

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

JAMES PASCAL BOYLES James Pascal Boyles, 83, Ibis Road, Longwood, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at his residence. He was born in Quitman, Ge. He was an iron welder and a Catholic. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include daughters, Cynthia M. Pratt, Theresa S. Kierstead and Cricket Vazques son, Sunny D. Sasser.

Services were held at the Oakiawn Chapel Dec. 22, Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Heute, Oaklawn Chapel, Senford / Lake Mary, in change

CEDRIC L. CHANDLES Codete L. Chandler, 85, of Winter Springs, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003. He was born April 3, 1918, in Somerville, N He was a retired professor of metallurgy and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Emily; sons, Paul and Gregory;

daughter, Pamela Kirwin; ela-ters, Nancy Buddo and Jane Griesback two grandchildren. A memotial mass was held Dec. 20 at St. Stephen Catholic Church with Father John J. Bluett officialing.

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

HARVEY L. HENRY, SR. Harvity L. Herry, Sr., 75, Casselberry, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, in Longwood. He was born Oct. 13, 1928, in Winsboro, S.C. He was an air conditioning

mechanic with the Orange County School System. Survivors include wife, Barbara O.; son, Harvey L. Jr.; stepsore, Jeff Benner and James Benner, standaughters Terri Spurim and Bobbi Brown; sisters, Elean Zanders and Geraldina Stanley; seven grandchildren; two great-grand-

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 10, at Terri Spuritry's home, 496 Allison

Ave., Longwood. Banilelo Puneral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of

JOHN HILMER MILLS John Hilmer Mills, 62, Middle Sarest, Lake Mary, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, in Altamonte Springs. He was born in Viscoua, Wis. He was retired frain the U.S. Postal Service and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, He belonged to Flort Reserve stanciation in Sanford. Survivors include sons, John R., New Orleans, Jerry W.,

Senfordytwo grandsons.
Gravelide services were held
Dec. 17 at Oaklawn Park

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Cross County Lake Mary, the
Monday, Cr. 15, 2003, at
Orlande Reportal Medical
Center Orlando, He was been
in Chatles of SO-41e was
assistant manager for Hungay Howies Pizza and a Catholic. Survivors include mother, Nancy L. Stevens, Lake Mary; father, Lawrence A. Pratt, Orlando; brother, Justin A. Pratt, Lake Mary

Puneral services were held Dec. 20 at Oaklawn Chapel. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford / Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

REV. DARWIN A. SHEA Rev. Darwin A. Shea, 84, of Longwood, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003. Born in Homell, N.Y., he moved to Florida 51 years ago. He was ordained in 1945 and retired May 1995 as pastor of Upsala Community Presbyterian Church in Sanford after 26 years. He was also pas-tor of Casselberry United Methodist Church from 1953 to 1962. During that time he owned and managed Shea Construction from 1952 until 1977. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, leanne; children, Darlene Knowles, Chester, Va., Valorie Floyd, Lake Mary, Butch, Lake Mary, Dan, Neosho, Mich. and Roger, Silver Creek, Wa.; 19 grandchikiren; 23 great-grandgrandow children.

A memorial service was held Dec. 16 at the Upsala Community Presbyterian
Courth in Senford with Rev. Bryan Wenger presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Shea Chapel Restoration Fund, 101

Upsala Road, Sanford, 32771. Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of afrangements.

ALMA C. SIMOONS Alma C. Simoons, 87, of Longwood, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, in Orlando. She was born in Paramaribo on Oct. 15, 1916.

Survivors include husband, Johan R.A.; son, Wim R.A.; chambter, Mevis C. Vecchio; brothern, Herman H. Hartogh and Arthur Hartogh; sistem, Antoinette de Jong, Johoe Hartogh, Carmen Forsythe; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home,

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are expecting, is some equity and fairness of how SCC is treated in comparison to other community colleges," said Debbie Clements, a member of the SCC Foundation.

"We don't think it is a good thing that we are the 10th largest, the fastest growing in the last five years and yet we are dead last in funding. It is not something that we are terribly proud for a county that supposedly values education in such a

huge way."

The college has offset some of the state financial shortcomings by augmenting its own budget with local dollars. SCC raised \$2.8 million in the local construction industry to build a new construction trade building, \$16 million from federal grants and awards, and the SCC Foundation has collected more than \$6 million in donations.

This year, SCC has secured a \$2.5 million donation from the Central Florida's Auto Dealers Association to construct an auto technology center. In attendance at Seminole Legislative County Delegation were the leaders from the auto dealers association, who hoisted a green sign that read "match our

local funds." "We have every reason to

Mary). "The K-20 system is to promote, recognize and reward excellence. We need to do a better job of reward-

Rewarding SCC with more dollars in 2004 may not be enough for some local governmental leaders who want to see more equitable funding for the college every

year.
"This is a classic case, in my opinion, of being penal-ized for success," said Lake Mary Commissioner Mike McLean. "It's an embarrassment for the folks that are handling the dollars in Tallahassee."

However, state leaders Seminole representing Seminole County are battling several fronts in an effort to funnel more money to SCC. According to McGee, it is the growth in Central Florida that is hurting the community colleges and the University of Central Florida. In Seminole County alone, it is estimated that population by 2020 will increase by more than 40 percent, which could translate into an additional 26,000 students for SCC.

"The reality is the system is growing and the entire system is under funded," McGee said.

Community Valencia College is in a similar financial situation as SCC as it is believe that the match will ranked only one spot ahead be totally funded," said Rep. of SCC in state funding. The David Mealor (R-Lake Orange County-based col-

lege chose not to grow this year because fiscal restraints and turned away about 3,000

students. S C C 's increased this year, but the college couldenroll about 1,000 students. The growth new raising funds from the community, tapping into

reserves and forcing students to underwrite the increase. Florida community colleges are typically funded 75 percent from the state and 25 percent from the state and 25 percent from student fees. At SCC, students shoulder about 34 percent of the school's budget. Another problem is that not all SCC students are con-

tributing. As the designated area vocational technology college, about 33 percent of SCC's students do not pay fees that help fund the seed By law workforce school. By law, workforce programs such as the law enforcement academy, construction trades and adult basic education, are not required to pay student

The college has increased

This is a classic case, in my opinion, of being penalized for success. It's an embarrassment for the folks that are handling the dollars in Tallahassee.

City of Lake Mary

its capacity by building new facilities. Oviedo camthree years ago with a student population of 1,200. This year the campus is serving than 8,000 students. Two more campuses planned Altamonte

Springs and Heathrow and

are projected to be open in

spring of 2006. "We can get the money to build from the state, we can't get the money to operate. That's our problem," McGee

The two future campuses are estimated to cost more than \$35 million and SCC needs about \$10 million more from the state to finish construction, but new build-ings don't help much with-out any new teachers to staff

them, McGee said. The proposed Altamonte Springs campus at Maitland Boulevard and State Road 434 is a seven-story building that would help overcrowding at the current Hunt Club mini-campus and better serve the southwest corner of Seminole County. The Heathrow campus is more of

an economic development campus, which is an important aspect of SCC, Miller

The college is the third largest employer in Seminole County with more than 1,600 workers and a payroll of more than \$31 million. It also purchases about \$15 million annually in goods and services from local businesses, he

"We are a pretty impor-tant business element of Seminole County and the community," Miller said.

The Seminole County Legislative Delegation understands SCC's plight and value to the community, but are faced with an inadequate funding formula for all community colleges. Crafted three years ago, the formula allows under-funded colleges to share new monies put toward community colleges.

The problem is no new funds have been appropriat-ed for community colleges in the last several years, and the legislature hasn't exactly followed the formula, McGee said. Smaller community colleges from "more powerful" areas of the state have had funds shifted their

"One of the things, by def-inition, that has been a concern is that there really has-n't been a coordinated effort and plan from the community colleges to come up with this equitable funding," said

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Sen. Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs). "And we would really like to see that come from that end of it. As you know it has been a number of them fighting among themselves and that has caused us some grave

At the forefront of the funding formula problem, is McGee. As president of Florida Association of Community Colleges, she's in the position to unite community colleges on the funding dilemma. It's a task, however, that is easier said than done.

"I can't get a 36-member legislative delegation to pull money away from Dade County," she said.

Rep. David Simmons (R-Longwood) took exception to SCC's funding cry, saying it was "not fair to this delegation." He said the Seminole County Legislative Delegation did a 'tremen-dous job" for funding community colleges in the state last year - more than that was proposed by the

"I think what community colleges need to do is get their houses in order of how they want their funding for-mula," he said. "I suggest to SCC is that they stand up to community colleges saying this is not fair and we're not going to live by it."

Simmons suggested that he head up redrafting the funding formula if commu-nity colleges can't come together with its own plan. It's a plan that McGee can't necessarily support because of her position on the com-munity colleges association.

"In all fairness, Simmons said last year 'Why don't I just pull out some dollars and give it to you," McGee

It was an offer that was tempting, but not doable with her visible position.

to answer questions like this because she's made an agreement with 27 other community colleges," Miller said. "I don't want her to have

"I need to be a team play-er, but the reality is over the years we have been hurt," McGee said.



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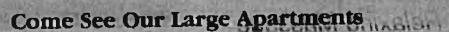
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Senior Angle Pressey (shown scoring against Oviedo last season) has been one of the main reasons Lake Mary is 10-0 and ranked Nd. 2 in the FSWA Class 6A State Poll and will be counted at the seasons. hen the girls co-host the 2003 Holiday Classic next week

By Dean Smith Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — An impressive field of teams has been assembled for next week's Lake Mary High School 2003 Holiday Basketball Classic.

The tournament brings together eight boys learns and four girls teams for the three-day event which has become one of the bigger tournaments after the monster get-togethers in Kissimmee and

Heading the boys' entries will be Seminole (4-2), which already has a tournament championship under its belt after winning the season-opening Lyman Invitational, and Winter Park (7-2), which is coached by former Lake Howell star Josh Kohn and led by sophomore Jeremiah Rivers, the eldest son of former NBA star and Magic coach Doc Rivers.

Both teams are coming off big wins over the weekend, with Arrow Force XII crushing Crooms Academy, 70-22, led by Cy Wynn with 17 points and five assists, Andrew Chapman with 17 points and Robert Preston with eight rebounds, and the Wildcats edging Cypress Creek (4-3), 51-48, with Rivers scoring 15 points and hauling down eight rebounds.

The host Rams (4-4) can never be counted out with junior star Darryl Merthic and his cousin, senior Lyndon Merthie, leading the way.

The team suffered a tough loss on Friday, dropping a 55-54 road decision to Spruce Creek (4-3) in Port Orange.

Darryl Merihie had 18 points and five assists and Lyndon Merthic collected

The final local entry, Lake Brantley, is also having a good season and has had considerable success in this tournament

in the past.

The Patriots battled a very good Lake Howell (6-3) team to the wire on Saturday, falling 64-59 to the Silver Hawks despite 21 points from Marquise

Rounding out the boys' field are four outstanding teams from South Florida in McArthur Aram Hollywood, Hallandale, Miann Springs and Miami-Palametto

Lake Mary's girls are the standout team in the female part of the tourney, carrying a 10-0 record and a No. 2 ranking in last week's FSWA Class 6A State
Poll.

Coach Carl Brown has a veteran squad-led by seniors Meghan Chamberlain, who has signed with University of North Carolina-Greensborn, and Angle Pressey, the daughter of former NBA star and current Magic assistant Paul Pressey who has signed to play volley-ball at Cal-Berkeley, and sophomore Caitlyn Mitryk.
All told, the Rams have 11 players

back from last year's regional runner-up

squad.

Several of Lake Mary's wins have been

of the 'huge' variety.
Chamberlain had 23 points and 17
rebounds as the Rams knocked Osceola, which went to North Carolina and won a prestigious tournament this past weekend, out of the unbeaten ranks, 51-39.

The team then had a big week last week, beating previously undefeated Winter Springs, then gaining vengeance over unbeaten Oviedo, 43-33, with Mitryk scoring 13 points, Pressey 12 points and Chamberlain dropping in 10 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. The Lluns had beaten Lake Mary three times in four meetings last season, including the regional final.

The Rams then capped that week with a 53-44 win over rival Seminole with Kaycee Smith scoring 17 points and

Savitz grabbing 12 rebounds.

The team's 10th win came Saturday via a 49-27 thrashing over a usually very good Buchholz squad in Gainesville. Mitryk led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, while Pressey chipped in with nine.

The biggest competition for the locals figures to come from long-time rival Orange Park, which was 5-0 and getting votes in the poll last week. OP, also known as the Rams, and Lake Mary have met in the regionals in volleyball and basketball several times over the

Rounding out the field will be a couple of 'name' programs in Titusville and Leesburg.

The tournament begins next Monday (Dec. 29th) at 11 a.m. with a boys game between Winter Park and Hallandale, followed by a boys contest between McArthur and Lake Brantley at 12:45

The girls' event will then tip off with Orange Park playing Titusville at 2:30

The boys then return with Miami Springs facing Seminole at 4:15 p.m. The final two games will feature the host team with the Rams girls tackling Leesburg at 6 p.m. and the boys meeting Palametto Senior at 7:45 p.m.

Six more games will be played at the same times on Tuesday (Dec. 30) with the boys' semifinals at 4:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and the Girls' Championship Game

The final four boys' games will be blayed on New Years Eve (Wed., Dec. 31) beginning at 11 a.m. and culminat-ing with the Championship Game at

4:15 p.m.
Below is a complete schedule of games for the tournament.

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Monday, December 29

GAME A _(boys) Winter Park vs. Hallandale, 11 a.m.

GAME B _(boys) Hollywood-McArthur vs. Lake

Brantley, 12:45 p.m.

GAME C _(girls) Orange Park vs. Titusville, 2:30 p.ss.

GAME D _(boys) Manni Springs vs. Seminole, 4:15

GAME I _ (girls) Leesburg vs. Lake Mary, 6 p.m.
GAME F _ (boys) Mismi Palmetto Senior vs. Lake
Mary, 7-45 p.m.

GAME G _ (beyel Loser A vs. Loser B. 11 a.m.
GAME H _ (beyel Loser D vs. Loser F, 1245 p.m.
GAME I _ (girls) THIRD PLACE GAME: Loser C vs.
Loser E, 230 p.m. GAME] _ (boys) SEMIFINAL Winner A vs. Winner

B. 4:15 p.m.

GAME K _ (girle) CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Winner C vs. Winner E, 6 p.m.
GAME L_(boys) SEMIFINAL: Winner D vs. Winner

Wednesday, December 31

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GAME M_ (boys) SEVENTR PLACE GAME: Lowr
G vs. Lowr H, II a.m.
GAME N_ (boys) FIFTH PLACE GAME: Winner G
vs. Winner H, 12-85 p.m.
GAME O_ (boys) THIRD PLACE GAME: Lowr J vs.
Lowr L, 230 p.m.
GAME P_ (boys) CHAMPIONEHIP GAME: Winner
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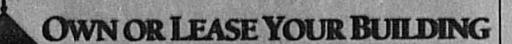
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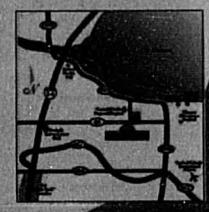
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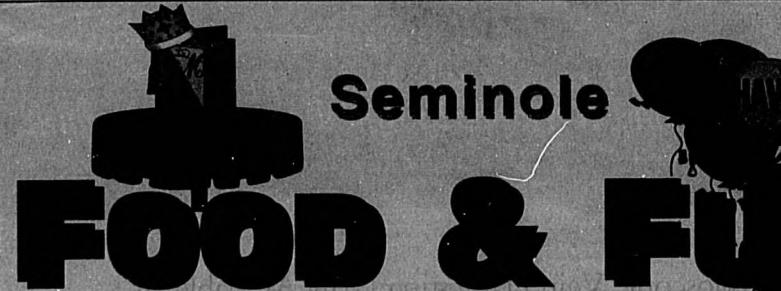


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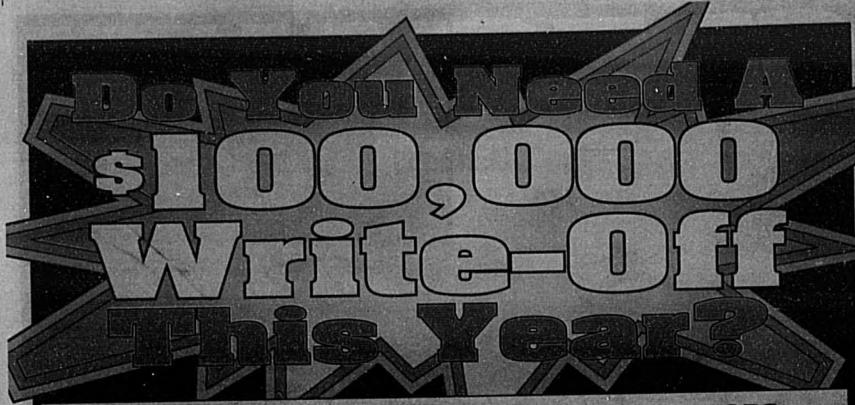
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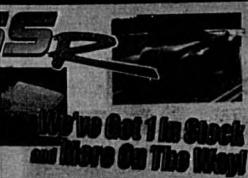
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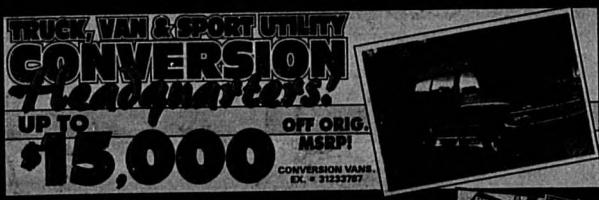


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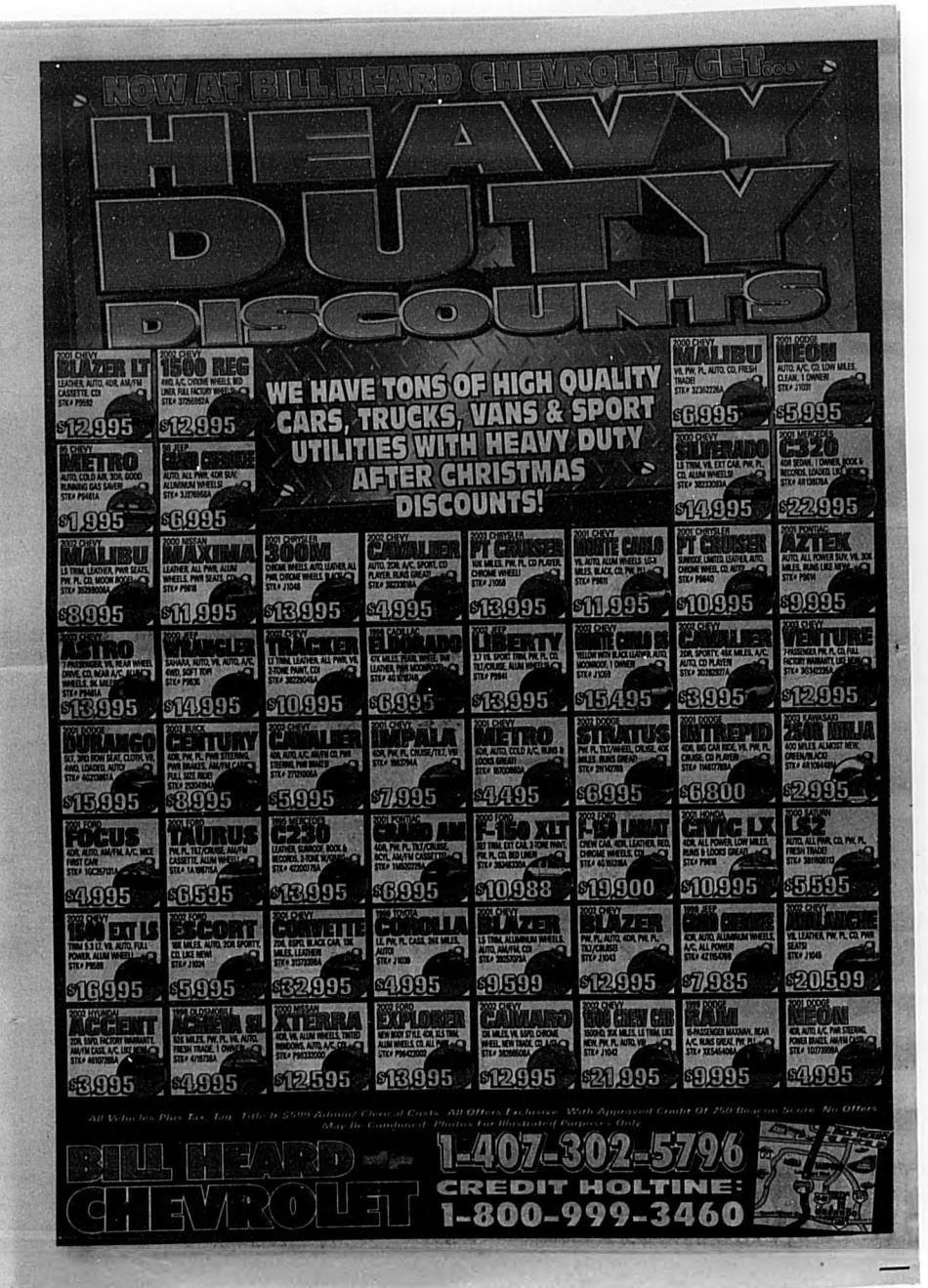


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