



### Sizzling Silver Hawks

A challenger has emerged to threaten the supremacy of the Oviedo boys basketball team in Seminole County. Lake Howell completed an impressive back-to-back home sweep of Seminole and Lake Mary on Monday as Sean Barkman went 7-for-8 from the floor and scored 21 points as the Silver Hawks slammed the Rams, 68-37.

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### Boat Parade, Laser Show are Saturday

The Downtown Business Association will host a boat parade and laser light show Saturday, Dec. 15 beginning at 6 p.m. in Fort Mellon Park.

The boat parade can be seen best from Ft. Mellon Park between San Juan Avenue and the tennis courts. Both 1st Street and Seminole Boulevard will be closed in this area. According to organizer Sara Jacobson, 24 boats have registered for the event, and a continent from the DeLand Boat Parade is expected, as well.

The laser show will immediately follow the boat parade (approximately 7 p.m.), in the same location. The show will be projected on a 5-story, 60-foot-wide screen mounted on the east end of Ft. Mellon Park and will feature Christmas-themed laser animations set to the rhythm of Christmas carols and patriotic music. Participants in the boat parade will be able to hear the music because speakers will be projecting sound toward Lake Monroe.

In addition Santa is expected to make a special appearance. Following the laser show, there will be entertainment in Magnolia Square, including choral music from the Martin Luther King Choir, jazz, bluegrass, gospel and other selections.

For more information about Saturday's events, call Jacobson at 407-323-0197 or 407-314-5745.

### Seminole Smile



Lisa Jones — Sanford Recreation Department and expert pigskin prognosticator

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## County considers future of FP&L site

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — City residents tired of looking at the abandoned Florida Light & Power building at 301 Myrtle Ave. may not have to wait much longer until it is torn down.

County commissioners Tuesday discussed their options in removing the decrepit building and potentially dangerous liability. The county purchased the

### Appraised at \$330,000, 'environmental concerns' push offer down to \$69,000

building and .65-acre lot on Oct. 24, 1994 for \$290,000.

A recent appraisal valued the property at \$330,000, but during a recent public bidding period only one bid was received. Spolski Construction, Inc.

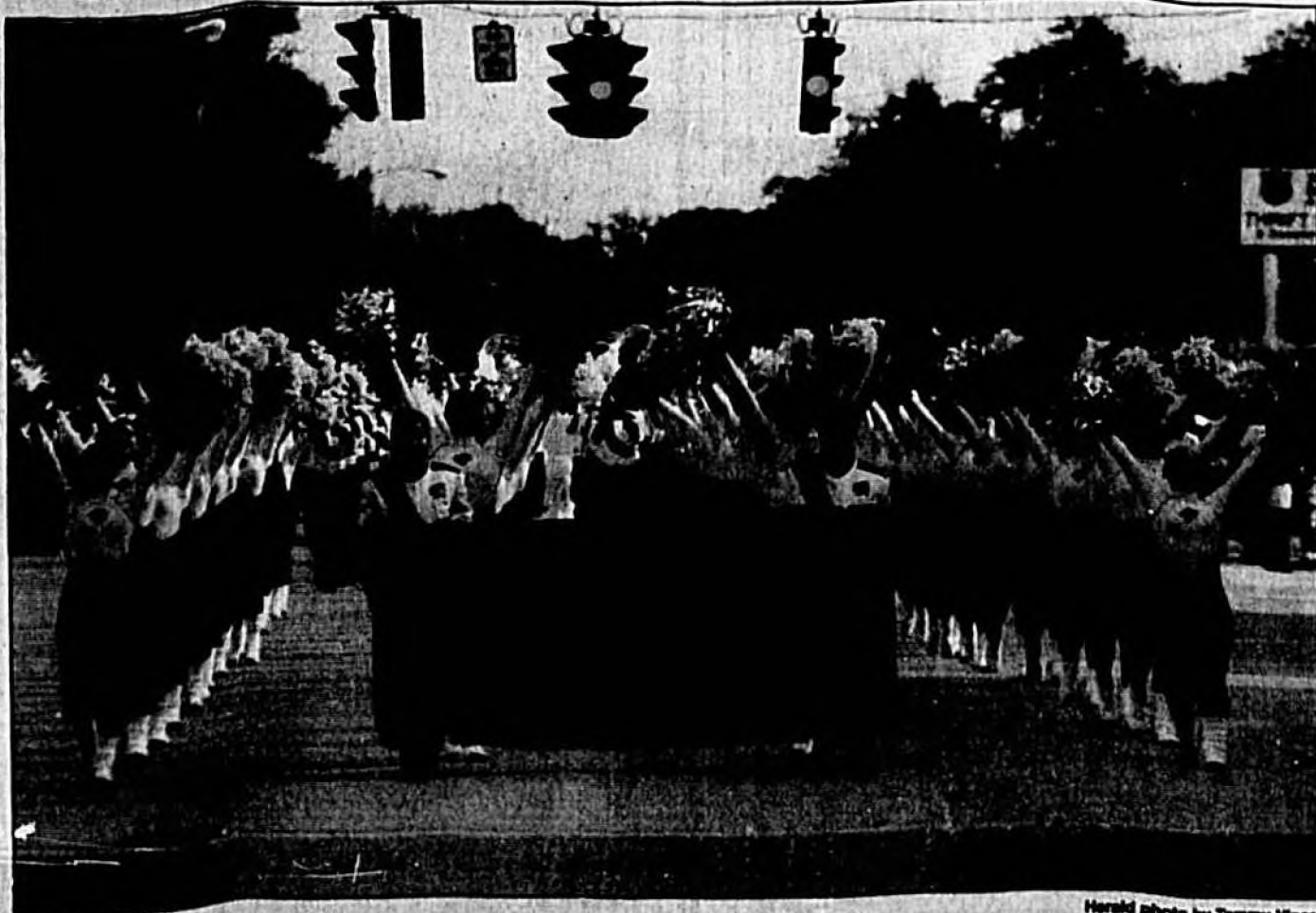
offered \$69,000 for the property. The reason for the low bid is the hefty price tag of demolishing the building that may also have "environmental concerns," said Chairman Daryl McLain.

Commissioner Randy Morris com-

mented that it was "unconscionable" to release the property for such a low price. Commissioner Grant Maloy maintained he would rather see the land be used to help a governmental entity such as the city or school board. The bid period was originally slated to close on Oct. 10, but was extended due to interest by the U.S. Postal Service. That interest is now considered dead.

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## Christmas Extravaganza Parade



Members of the Seminole High School Marching Seminole Band lead the way during Saturday's Christmas Parade in downtown Sanford. A record crowd turned out for the event that featured more than 100 organizations. For more photos from the parade see Page 10A.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

## A night in the life of a cop

*Editor's note: Staff Writer Chris Patton spent Friday evening riding with Sanford Police Officer Bill Crapps, a traffic and DUI specialist for the department. In the coming weeks, Patton will follow other officers in the department — from detectives to bike cops — in an effort to show how officers perform their jobs.*

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**LAKE MONROE** — A young man's run from the law Friday evening left residents of Bookertown disgruntled at the disturbance and Sanford officers pursuing a suspect past the city limits.

The night began like many for Sanford Officer Bill Crapps. In his squad car, he sat at the Army Navy Surplus Store parking lot on the corner of French Avenue and 15th Street running stationary laser.

At exactly 7:44 p.m., a gray Oldsmobile sped past him at the French Avenue 35-mph zone. The laser readout confirmed a speed of 49 mph. Crapps pulled out of the parking lot and caught up with the vehicle near the Sanford Police Department and turned on the emergency lights.

The driver Lucius Williams III, 19, of Lake Monroe appeared to have no intentions of stopping as he continued north on French Avenue until an abrupt left hand turn onto 2nd Street. Crapps speculated the vehicle

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## Customer stops father-son bank robbers

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**LONGWOOD** — A courageous customer and a Seminole County deputy helped foil a father-son bank robbing duo Tuesday.

Tampa Bay area residents Steven Ted Haas, 41, and Jeffrey Allen Haas, 18, were arrested for robbery, grand theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

At approximately 10:30 a.m.,

one of the males entered the Fairwinds Federal Credit Union located at State Road 434 in Longwood. The subject approached a bank teller and presented a "hold-up note."

The note stated that the subject was armed with a gun. The bank teller complied with note and forked over an undetermined amount of cash to the subject. As the subject darted out of the building, the red dye pack exploded near a customer who was waiting in the drive-through

teller lane, said Longwood police Investigator Herb Stewartson.

The customer followed the silver vehicle and relayed its location by cell phone to an emergency-911 operator. Deputy Michelle Ashby happened to be in the area of Highway 17/92 and Button Road when the BOLO (Be on the Look-out) from the Longwood Police Department went out. The customer relayed to the deputy through the 911 operator that the suspects were heading south on Highway 17/92.

Ashby intercepted the suspects and made the traffic stop at the Target Store at 4410 S. Highway 17/92 in Casselberry. Back-up units from Seminole County, Casselberry and Longwood arrived to secure the area.

"It was all pretty mellow when they got pulled over," Stewartson said. "They pretty much gave up."

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### Clayton honored for heroism



Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard congratulates public works employee Greg Clayton after the City Commission honored Clayton for saving the life of a neighbor, Catherine Stokley. On Nov. 15, Clayton was awoken to screams for help when Stokley's home caught on fire. Because the fire blocked Stokley's exit through the home's only door, Clayton broke her bedroom window and pulled her to safety. He then contained the fire with a garden hose until firefighters arrived. Fire Inspector Tim Robles said, "There is no doubt that his quick action saved Catherine Stokley's life."

Herald photo by Dan Ping

## Lake Mary decks the City Hall

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

**LAKE MARY** — City Hall and Central Park were shrouded in an iridescent glow Friday night during the city's official start to the holiday season.

The community got its first glimpse of the almost 1 million multi-colored lights that decorate the trees, pillars, lampposts and almost every other free standing object in front of City Hall during the annual Holiday in the Park festival. The lights will remain on during the



Bill Carrico and Kathy Gehr show off some of the decorations the Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Department put up for the holidays.

evening throughout the holiday season.

"The decorations are incredible," Director of Parks and

Recreation Bill Carrico said. "I don't think any city Lake Mary's

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## Council hosts Front Porch Awareness Day

Free food and entertainment highlight informational meeting

By Merva Hawkins  
Herald Correspondent

**SANFORD** — The Goldsboro Front Porch Council will host a ribbon cutting and Awareness Day on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the organization's office at 1305 West 13th Street near Olive Avenue.

The purpose of the event is to familiarize residents with what Front Porch is and how it can help the Goldsboro Community.

Front Porch is an initiative started by Gov. Jeb Bush to revitalize communities throughout the state of Florida. Goldsboro was selected for the program in May and is one of 12 communities to earn a Front Porch designation.

After being named a Front Porch community, a council of citizen, business and religious leaders

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**All Cycles receives award**



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
The Sanford Scenic Improvement Board recently honored All Cycles motorcycle shop at 200 N. French Ave. with a Beautification Award. On hand for the ceremony were SIB members Cathy Bossert, Mike Loder, Carol Krichhoff, Stephanie Powers, Eliza Pringle, All Cycles owners Pat Hrabosky and Keith Bymes, and SIB member Manny Acevedo. All Cycles services and repairs all makes and models. For information, call 407-321-9233.

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## County

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"We originally purchased the building for public defender Russo," said Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide. "For some reason it's managed to sit there and deteriorate. We are in the situation where this building has deteriorated to nothing. It's absolutely mind boggling to me. This is not being a good steward of the tax payers' money."

According to Van Der Weide, the building was utilized by Florida Power & Light up to the day they left and one of the only problems with it at the time was it had no elevator. After years of sitting vacant — with no routine maintenance — the building is now considered unusable.

Commissioners ultimately agreed to delay a decision until January, in part to wait for further discussions with Sanford to materialize. The county is looking for a land swap with city.

The county desires property — possibly near the airport — for a public works materials site, said County Manager Kevin Grace.

Coupled with city lake front property near city hall, City Manager Tony VanDerworp said city commissioners have recently talked about having a developer construct owner-occupied condominiums. A similar project has also been discussed for the city-owned parking lot on the east side of the Seminole County Courthouse.

"The developer was requesting some money [from the city] to put up a parking deck as part of the project," VanDerworp said. "I'll be working with county administration with potential land swaps. We need more residential units in close proximity of Main Street."

In other business, commissioners unanimously approved the first mosquito control program for unincorporated county residents.

Commissioners chose the lesser of three programs offered by county staff mainly because none of the commissioners supported starting a new tax for the program.

"I can't see us raising taxes especially when the economy is so bad," Maloy said.

The program will cost approximately \$500,000 and will include spraying every two weeks for five months during mosquito season, speciation and trap counts and aerial spraying for the eastern portion of the county three times a year.

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## Obituaries

**ANNE P. FULEA**  
Anne P. Fulea, 84, of Atmore Circle, Deltona, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, in DeBary Manor. Born in Akron, Ohio, she moved to Deltona from Altamonte Springs in 1979. She was a homemaker, and she loved music. She was Jehovah's Witness by faith. Survivors include her husband, George Fulea; a son, Gregg Fulea of Deltona; a daughter, Carol Fulea of Winter Park; two brothers, Pete and John Peru of Sebring; a sister, Helen Chocon of Glendale, Ariz.; and two grandchildren. Fourtowns Cremation Inc., of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**VIRGINIA H. FURMAN**  
Virginia H. Furman, 82, of West Wellington Drive, Deltona, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, in Memorial Hospital, West Volusia. Born Nov. 26, 1919, in Hillburn, N.Y., she moved to Deltona from Tuxedo, N.Y., in 1979. She was a sales clerk for Avon Products, and she enjoyed crafts. Survivors include a stepson, Garry Furman of Sloatsburg, N.Y.; two stepdaughters, Nancy Heath of Vero Beach and Jeanne Jones of Sebastian; a brother, Collins Herbert of Sebring; a nephew, Lawrence Herbert of Deltona; 11 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and many more nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Deltona Alliance Church, 921 Deltona Blvd., Deltona, FL, 32725. Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES E. GILES**  
James E. "Jim" Giles, 77, of Lake Monroe, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, in Sanford. Born in Tellico Plains, Tenn., he moved to Central Florida in 1926. He was a fire fighter engineer for the Orlando Navy Training Center and served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Sanford Moose Lodge. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his companion, Ardith Bievenour of Lake Monroe; a daughter, Sylvia Henderson of Deltona; a sister, Martha Giles of Pensacola; two grandsons; and two great grandsons. Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel of Sanford/Lake Mary is in charge of arrangements.

**AUDREY M. PATTERSON**  
Audrey M. Patterson, 83, of Country Club Road, Sanford, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001. Born in Winter Haven, she was a repair clerk for Southern Bell Telephone for 40 years. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers Association. She was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include a daughter, Rebecca Seymour of Sanford; and two grandsons. National Cremation Society Beacon Chapter of Winter Park is in charge of arrangements.

**GEORGE PERKINS**  
George Perkins, 77, of Dandelion Drive, Deltona, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, in his residence.

Born in Widen, W. Va., he moved to Deltona from Akron, Ohio in 1987. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired business manager who worked for Akron Sandblas-Metalurgy. He was a member of the Mason-Shrine, OES Chapter No. 16 in DeLand, and an honorary member of Kappa Kappa IOTA Fourtowns ABWA, Prime Star ABWA.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews. Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

## Retiring officer



Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard, right, congratulates Corporal D. Michael Analey on his retirement from the Sanford Police Department. City Commission honored Analey during Monday's meeting for his service to the city and retired his service pistol and badge, which Lessard presented to him during the meeting.

## Raffle continues for playhouse

Habitat Children's Playhouse Holiday Raffle kicked off on Dec. 2, when the playhouse went on display in the parking lot of the Altamonte Springs Wal-Mart, located at 200 S. State Road 434. The playhouse will move to the Oviedo Marketplace through Dec. 22.

Home Depot of Lake Mary donated all the materials to build the sturdy 6 foot-by-6 foot playhouse. The brightly painted playhouse is almost every child's backyard dream, complete with a front porch, windows, gingerbread trim and a working front door.

Tickets for the playhouse are \$2 each, three tickets for \$5, or seven tickets for \$10. They can be purchased on site at the playhouse display or by calling the Habitat office at 407-328-9717. Drawing for the playhouse will be on Dec. 22, and the winner will be notified by telephone.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will go toward building houses for needy families in Seminole County. Habitat for Humanity has built 47 such homes throughout the county since its creation in 1991, and its goal is to build eight new homes in 2002.

For more information, call 407-328-9717.

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A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## Gift-giving spirit suffers from debt and disrespect

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are in serious debt — college tuition payments, property tax, car repairs, etc. I would like to tell my husband's grown children and grandchildren we can't afford to give them gifts this year. My husband says we HAVE to buy them gifts. (I am usually stuck doing all the gift shopping alone.)

Throughout the year, I am included in all family gatherings, but when the grandchildren's pictures are sent, the note is addressed only to my husband. I have never received a birthday or Mother's Day card from any of them. I don't think it's because they consider it disloyal to their own mother. She's happily remarried, and we get along great.

Abby, I don't know why I must get "another day older and deeper in debt" for people who would walk right over me if I happened to fall in their path.

Am I being selfish or is there a point where you can "just say no" to Christmas gift giving?  
**DEPRESSED THIS DECEMBER**

**DEAR DEPRESSED:** If your husband insists on going deeper into debt, tell him that this year HE is in charge of gift buying — as well as managing the bills when they arrive in January. You are "Depressed" because you are overwhelmed by your financial situation and feel unappreciated by your husband's children. You and your husband would benefit from some sessions with a marriage counselor. It would give each of you an opportunity in an emotionally supportive setting to express what you expect from each other and what you want for yourselves. Ask your physician for a referral. It will be the best Christmas gift you have given yourselves in years.

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "Clothespin Connie on Long Island," whose husband won't shower before bed. When my sons were old enough to date, I taught them that old men shave and shower in the morning, while young men shave and shower at night. It's based on the old adage, "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar." I still shave and shower at night — and I'm 79 years young.

**CHET IN SAN DIEGO**

**DEAR CHET:** With an emphasis on the "young"! Perhaps that saying should be amended to, "You can catch more HONEYES with honey than you can with vinegar."

**DEAR ABBY:** For the past few years, our elderly neighbor has come over to our house on Christmas morning. We are usually still in our pajamas watching our children opening their gifts.

Abby, I would prefer to enjoy this special morning with my immediate family ONLY. I don't want this neighbor intruding. How can I handle this delicate situation without hurting her feelings?

**FEELING LIKE THE GRINCH**

**DEAR FEELING:** Your family may remind her of her own — or the one she always wanted. However, your lonely neighbor won't stop coming for early morning festivities until you set limits.

A few days before Christmas, invite her to come to your home at a specific time — for example, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, or on Christmas Eve, if that is more convenient.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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## St. Nick visits Lake Mary



Cheyenne, 7, and Riley Hoffman, 2, along with their father, Curtis Hoffman, of Lake Mary visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus during Friday's Holiday in the Park festival held in front of Lake Mary City Hall. The Lake Mary Fire Department provided the North Pole couple with transportation to the festival via one of its fire engines. Following Santa's arrival, the city held its annual tree lighting, and entertainment was provided by Mike Weirzbowski, the Stardust Girl Scouts, Jay Black and Country Joe Rosler.

Herald photo by Michelle Joris

## OUT & ABOUT

### WED 12

A Youth Christmas Party will be held on the first floor of Sanford City Hall beginning 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. The event will include Santa, prizes and food. Admission is a donation of one canned-good item for the underprivileged. For more information call Lisa Jones 407-330-5697.

Seminole Community College will honor graduates during the 39th annual Fall Commencement Ceremony 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Health Center (Building H). For more information, call 407-379-2050.

### THUR 13

The Senior Education Foundation will present "Medicare & HMO Choices," plus how to get "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs," 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Sanford Senior Center. Admission is free. For more information call 407-302-1010.

### FRI 14

Seminole Community College's "Battle of the Brains" will be held 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the college's Oviedo campus.

The event is an annual academic quiz competition between Seminole County's high school students, which serves as the kick-off for the high school brain bowl season. Two teams of five students from each school will compete for "best brain" bragging rights. For more information, call 407-328-2418.

### SAT 15

The Sanford Historical Society is hosting a St. Lucia Open House Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Sanford Museum.

The event is free and will include a holiday smorgasbord of delightful Scandinavian refreshments. For more information, call 407-302-1000.

The fifth annual Dollar Day at the Central Florida Zoo will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

Santa will make an appearance from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for photos. Admission is just \$1, all day. Support local food banks and humane societies by bringing a non-perishable food item. For information call 407-323-4450, ext. 149.

### TUES 18

The AARP Lake Mary Chapter No. 4878 will meet noon Tuesday, Dec. 18, in Timacuan Country Club, Lake Mary.

The program is the holiday luncheon. For more information, call 407-333-0054.

Brisson Funeral Home, located at 905 Laurel Ave. in Sanford, is participating in Central Florida's annual Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Toys for children of any age should be unwrapped and may be dropped off daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Dec. 18. For information, call 407-322-2131.



## Police Blotter

### Attempted Robbery

Sanford police arrested Milton Carswell, 37, of Sanford Saturday for attempted strong-arm robbery. According to the victim's report, Carswell and two other males — one possibly a juvenile — approached him in a 25th Street parking lot. With two suspects hitting the victim's head, the third tried to remove the victim's wallet. Officer John Difatta apprehended Carswell at the 2500 block of Georgia Avenue after his clothing matched the description given by the victim. The victim also positively identified Carswell.

### Aggravated Assault

Sanford police arrested Rodney Albright, 34, of Sanford Sunday for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and resisting an officer. According to the police report, Albright allegedly swung a 12-inch knife at his Garrison Avenue neighbor.

### Property Damage

Seminole Deputy Shannon Miller arrested David Evans, 40, of Winter Springs Saturday criminal mischief of property damage over \$1000.

### Larceny

Sanford Officer Frederick Eldridge arrested Donald Oliver, 25, of Sanford Sunday for burglary of a conveyance and larceny. Oliver allegedly stole a cell phone from an unlocked Chevy van parked at the 25th Street Handy Way convenience store. When the owner called his cell phone, Oliver answered and said he would return the phone for \$100 at the Midway Store on State Road 46. The victim called the police and they met Oliver at the store with the cell phone in hand.

Seminole Deputy Hiram Castro arrested Sharleen Betancourt, 21, of Winter Springs Saturday for larceny. She allegedly stole two 12 packs of beer from a Mobil gas station.

Longwood Officer Clint Gioicili arrested Irene Southard, 38, of Winter Springs Saturday for larceny. She allegedly stole three items valued at \$24.15 from the State Road 600 Albertson's grocery store.

Sanford Officer Erik Zabik arrested Dale Deavitt, 45, of Sanford Friday for battery and larceny. Deavitt allegedly abandoned a cab before pay-

ing the fare. Deavitt allegedly pushed the taxi cab driver as he pursued him on foot.

Longwood Officer Trafton Patrick arrested Tamara Cardinal, 36, of Longwood Sunday for larceny. She allegedly concealed several make-up items and a bottle of pills before checking out at the State Road 600 Albertson's grocery store.

### Retail Theft

Casselberry Officer Kevin Beers arrested Tonia Harris, 32, and Douglas Sutton, 40, both of Sanford Sunday for retail theft. They allegedly stole merchandise from the State Road 436 Dollar General.

### Destroying Evidence

Seminole Deputy Chris Torina arrested Charles Martin, 38, of Deltona Friday for destroying evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia. Martin allegedly tried to smash a crack pipe with his left foot while deputies searched him.

### Simple Battery

Seminole Deputy Gail Ellis arrested Donald Lebeau, 58, of Sanford Friday for simple battery.

### Driver's License Problems

Seminole Sgt. Mark Dibona arrested Michael Jeter, 40, of DeBary Saturday for no valid driver's license, failure to register motor vehicle and attaching tag not assigned.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Derrick Kuiper arrested Henry Buxton, 58, of Lake Mary Saturday after Buxton allegedly backed into a Seminole deputy's squad car. His driver's license was suspended.

Sanford Officer Frederick Eldridge and others arrested Cedric James, 21, of Sanford Saturday for vehicle theft, driving without a driver's license, resisting an officer and marijuana possession.

Deputy Hiram Castro arrested Jeffrey Dalhamer, 33, of Sanford Saturday for driving with a suspended license. According to the police report, there was a total of approximately 14 suspensions on his driver's license.

Longwood Officer Donald Lajic, 37, of Longwood Monday for driving with a suspended license and probation violation.

### DUI

Seminole Deputy Gail Ellis arrested Erik Rhodes, 32, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence.

Seminole Deputy Wendell Bradford arrested Hal Fountain, 46, of Lake Mary Saturday for driving under the influence.

Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr. arrested Barbara Sierra, 42, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence.

Sanford Officer Bill Erwin arrested Donald Hess Jr., 37, of Geneva Sunday for driving under the influence. The officer clocked Hess' vehicle speed at 47 mph in a 35 mph zone on Park Avenue.

Seminole Sgt. Mark Dibona arrested George Sheffield, 38, of Sanford Sunday for driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.

Lake Mary Officer M. Graziano arrested Carolee Butler, 60, of Sanford Friday for driving under the influence.

Seminole Deputy Richard Kolentus arrested John Gregory II, 41, of Longwood Saturday for driving under the influence.

Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr. arrested Gregory Swift, 37, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence and fleeing police.

Sanford Officer Bill Erwin arrested Dale Skeens, 43, of Deltona Saturday for driving under the influence and reckless driving. Skeens allegedly lost control of his motorcycle at 13th Street and Sanford Avenue.

Sanford Officer Bill Crapps arrested Paul Weist, 42, of Longwood Saturday for driving under the influence. He was originally stopped for having his vehicle tag light out.

Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr. arrested Johnny Wright, 31, of Sanford Monday for driving under the influence.

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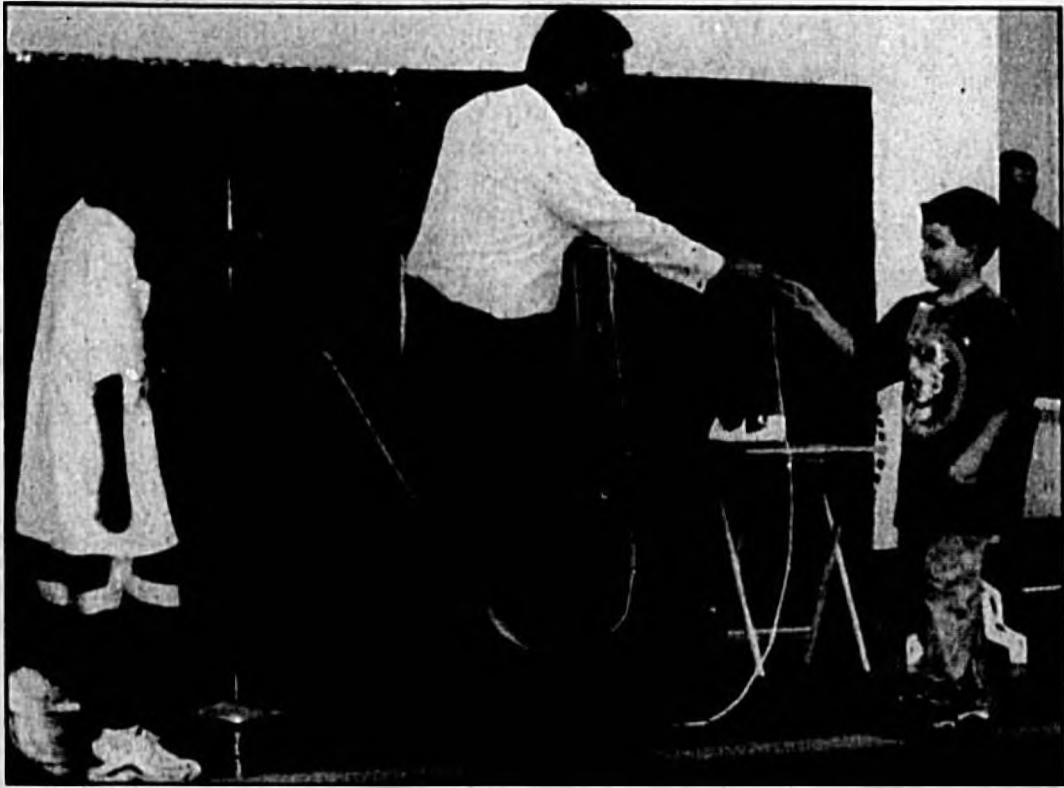
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### Magician performs at Hamilton



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Dennis Phillips, an illusionist with more than 30 years experience on stage and television, recently performed for students at Hamilton Elementary School. Here, students Cornelius, left, and Anthony, right, assist Phillips with a trick. In addition to performing tricks, Phillips showed the students a few tricks to perform for their friends, and he taught them the history of magic.

### Lake Mary

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size has as many lights as we do. I think it is something Lake Mary can and should be proud of."

Carrico gives all the holiday decorating credit to Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Kathy Gehr. For the past seven years, she has organized the lighting of City Hall — at a fraction of the cost many other cities spend for their holiday decorating.

"She does a little more each year," Carrico said. "We joke that five years from now, when we turn the lights on in Lake Mary, there won't be any electricity left for the rest of the city."

Gehr and her crew of about 10 people started preparing for the annual event in October when they began putting the lights up outside City Hall. Three weeks before the festival, the decorating crew began testing the lights two or three nights a week to check for damage control and placement.

"We have to check the lights to make sure everything is OK," Gehr said. "Squirrels play havoc with us since they like to chew on the wires."

A week before Holiday in the Park, a final lighting test is per-

formed. Not only is it done to make sure the lights are in the right place, but to reassure Gehr and other city officials the lights will stay on — outside and inside — City Hall.

"We've been known to take out City Hall's electricity," she said. "We eventually had to ask the city for more power in the park."

The request was granted, and Central Park recently went through an electrical renovation. It was rewired and additional outside electrical outlets were added to supply power to the holiday decorations and for other outdoor events held in the park.

#### Decorating Diva

Gehr became Lake Mary's "decorating diva" after the 1993 holiday season. Before she started working for the city, holiday decorating was contracted out by the city.

"I made the comment that I could do better," she said. "So, I was told to do it."

The following year, Gehr and her crew used about 1,500 lights to decorate the eight lampposts in front of City Hall and the Christmas tree. Each year, more

lights were added; and today, most of the park is encompassed with lights.

"We've really graduated to bigger and better things since I started," Gehr said. "It's very overwhelming. One million is a lot of lights. It's hard to imagine that many lights, let alone putting them up and taking them down."

Although the number of lights has increased dramatically during the past few years, the cost hasn't. Since Gehr recycles, renovates and remodels many of the city's decorations year after year, the Parks and Recreation Department spent about \$2,000 on this season's decorations — which includes all the holiday ornamentation at City Hall, the trailhead, the Community Center and the Frank Evans Museum.

Gehr, who has seven Christmas trees at her own house including a 14-footer in the living room and one for each bathroom, gives a lot of the decorating credit to her crew from the Parks Department. Besides continuing with their daily work, they spend several hours a day making sure the lights and decorations receive Gehr's

stamp of approval.

"They do an awesome job," Gehr said. "They make me look good."

After the holidays, Gehr said it will take about two weeks to take down all of the lights and decorations. It's a time when she is already planning for next year's lighting theme and festival.

However, don't bother asking about her plans. The only people who have access to that information is her crew.

"I never tell anyone my ideas, except for the crew, and they are sworn to secrecy," she said. "I don't want anyone stealing any ideas."

"But, I will say that I will try to make it bigger and better than this year. And, it will be something different. It all depends on my mood."

Michelle Jeria can be reached at mdjeria@seminoleherald.com or 407-322-2811.

### Military Briefs

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John R. Fry, son of Larry A. Fry of Sanford, recently visited Rhodes, Greece during a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the visit, Sailors and Marines from Fry's ship had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Carriers like the USS Enterprise, are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Fry is a 1997 graduate of Oviedo High School of Oviedo, Fla. and joined the Navy September 1998.

Air Force Airman Fabiola Nau has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of train-

ing, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Ronald and Maggie Nau of Altamonte Springs. Nau is a 2000 graduate of Lyman High School.

Air Force Airman Eric A.

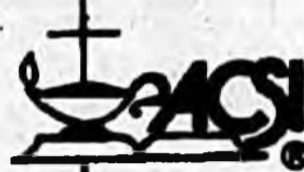
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# Golf etiquette debate turns into fight

From staff reports

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to a series of unrelated — but unusual — incidents last week.

Two local residents apparently wanted to illustrate that golf is a contact sport Dec. 4 when an argument about proper golf etiquette ended in fistcuffs.

Responding to the 10th hole of the Magnolia Plantation Golf Course in Lake Mary, deputies found George Rowe, 53, of Lake Mary and Jeffrey Jenovese, 31, of Heathrow involved in an altercation.

Rowe told police that during an argument over golfer etiquette, Jenovese became "very upset." He then placed Rowe in a head lock and began to punch him in the neck. An apparent head butt also left a laceration over Rowe's left eye.

Jenovese gave a somewhat different scenario. During the argument, Jenovese said Rowe became very upset and grabbed a golf club and swung it at him. Jenovese said he took Rowe to the ground in self defense and the laceration was from Rowe hitting the ground.

"After speaking to all parties involved, Jeffrey and George shook hands, and they apologized to each other," reported Deputy Walter Perez. "This case was cleared by exception due to the fact that George did not wish to

prosecute and all parties involved had conflicting statements."

### Lottery Loser

An elderly woman from the Fern Park area was victimized Dec. 5 by an apparent lottery scheme.

A female subject approached the victim at a bus stop. The victim was asked to provide \$6,000 to help the female suspect claim lottery winnings. Another suspect, an older male, was also apparently in on the scheme too. After the victim withdrew the money from her credit union account, the two suspects left with her money and never returned.

Even though the victim suffered a \$6,000 loss, she refused to file an incident report. Upon hearing this, representatives from the woman's credit union went ahead and filed an incident report so the case could at least be documented.

### Attempted Jail Break

Two Seminole County Jail inmates were found Dec. 7 to be trying to dig a hole through their cell wall.

Cell mates, Roy Jones, 36, of Altamonte Springs and Roger Cassidy, 35, of Sanford, allegedly had been digging mortar from around their cell window in hopes of one day removing the window to escape.

The plot was uncovered during a cell inspection when a deputy discovered paper stuffed into the

hole, said Steve Olson, SCSO spokesman. Another deputy discovered that the light within the cell was loose and inside the light was two pieces of angle iron. The iron appeared to be used recently for digging, stated police in the report.

Both inmates were charged with escape from jail.

### Ultralight Aircraft Incident

Two men were on board an ultralight aircraft when it crashed Dec. 8 near Geneva leaving one man in the hospital with a broken back.

It happened at around 9 a.m. at 680 Old Geneva Road. Property owner Robert Sweat, 55, was reportedly taking lessons to learn how to fly the aircraft. The aircraft owner, and instructor, 39-year old Anthony Berman of Melbourne was also on board. Berman was in the back seat and Sweat was piloting the craft.

Upon takeoff, the wing of the aircraft apparently clipped a tree and the aircraft spun around hitting a fence. Sweat's injuries were extensive enough that he had to be airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center by Air Rescue 3. He was listed at ORMC Tuesday in serious, but stable condition. Berman's injuries were minor and he did not require hospital treatment.

An investigation will be done by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit.

# Historic Society hosts Christmas party



Maxine Marsh, left, serves punch to Mona Walker during the Sanford Historic Society's annual Christmas party at the Sanford Museum. The event was well attended, and Society members, as well as the public, were able to see some of the new publications the organization published during the year.

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**Life**

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was having engine troubles as it sputtered along.

Activating the siren did nothing as Williams continued through a stop sign at 2nd Street and Maple Avenue where the vehicle made a right turn. Again running a stop sign, Williams made a sharp left from Maple Avenue to State Road 46.

Traveling at speeds less than 50 mph, Williams continued his reckless driving as he ran traffic lights at Airport Boulevard and County Road 15. At C.R. 15, Williams made a right turn where several Sanford officers unsuccessfully tried to block in the vehicle.

"He's going to Bookertown, I bet you any money," Crapps said obviously dejected that the box-in procedure didn't work, but still heavily concentrating on the pursuit.

The moderate-speed chase continued with several officers following Crapps and the suspect. Williams increased his speed through the C.R. 15 and Orange Boulevard traffic signal finally making his way to Bookertown's Dunbar Avenue.

Up to this point, the chase was almost always within the speed limit, but as Williams entered his own neighborhood, his speeds reached an excess of 50 mph. Through residents' backyards and open fields, Williams led police on an off-road chase until he ditched the still moving car near the corner of Moton Avenue and Gilbert Street.

Sprinting in front of Crapps' moving vehicle, Williams entered a thicket between some

Gilbert Street homes. Assisting Crapps was Sgt. Randy Smith and K-9 officer Alan McCoy. Seminole County Sheriff's Office Deputy James Ingram Jr., met up with Williams at his living quarters only block away at 4631 McKay St.

A second suspect sat in the car and was detained by police until it was determined she was not a part of the criminal activity. A third back seat suspect was also believed to have jumped from the vehicle as it maneuvered through some open fields.

Concerned residents took to the streets, in some cases questioning police to what had occurred. Others were less kind yelling derogatory phrases at officers such as "next time it's going to be Vietnam in Bookertown mother f\*\*ker." The dangerous job of apprehending a felon quickly became even more dangerous as several dozens angry residents verbally interfered with the investigation.

At Williams' home, Ingram arrested Williams and found two small pouches of marijuana weighing less than 7 grams. Fellow occupants of 4631 McKay St. also started complaining as apparently the door was damaged during the arrest. Williams allegedly slammed the door on the deputy as he saw him approaching the home.

Law enforcement officers continued their investigation at the Citgo gas station at the corner of CR 15 and Orange Boulevard. While paramedics checked out a vomiting Williams, police learned their running felon also had a warrant for arrest out of

Monroe County, New York for criminal possession of stolen property.

The chase took approximately 20 minutes, ending with Williams riding in Crapps' squad car on the way to the county jail. Williams was charged with reckless driving, fleeing police, driving with a suspended license, possession of marijuana and resisting an officer, but as discovered at the jail, New York officials responded to Williams' apprehension by stating they would extradite.

"You're going to New York," Crapps exclaimed to Williams. Unfortunately Williams didn't appear to be as quite as enthusiastic about the news.

Crapps finished his report at the jail just about after 10 p.m. Four hours into the shift and he still had another six hours of work Friday night and Saturday morning.

Nothing compared to the chase to Bookertown, but responding to three different crash scenes through the night proved to be just as dangerous. Slowing down speeding motorists around crash scenes was a difficult and tedious task.

Finally, around 3 a.m., Crapps the DUI arresting specialist encountered his first drunken driver of the shift along French Avenue. His morning wrapped up with about an hour of paper work at the jail.

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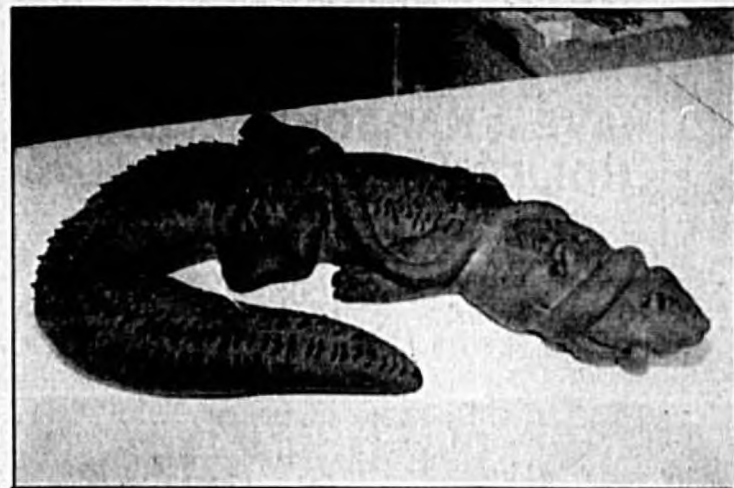
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**Really casual Wednesday**



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Pine Crest Elementary School principal Barry Liebovitz and assistant principal Dianne LeBurto must have overslept Wednesday, Dec. 5, because they both showed up at school in their pajamas. The administrators donned their P.J.'s after challenging the school's students and parents to sign-up 200 members for the PTA. In two months the PTA gained more than 200 members, and the numbers are still growing. The pajama-clad administrators weren't the only reward. Students received milk and cookies as Liebovitz and LeBurto read bedtime stories.

**Front Porch**

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The council is responsible for applying for grants, soliciting partners and revitalizing the one-square-mile area designated as the Goldsboro Front Porch.

The council, as well as its partners at the city of Sanford, are working to stimulate economic development, rehabilitate neglected commercial buildings and better the living conditions for the people who live in the community.

The Goldsboro Front Porch Council invites the entire community to learn more about Front Porch. There will be information on hand, and people available to answer questions about the program, including elected city officials.

The event is sponsored by the Goldsboro Front Porch Council, the city of Sanford and Seminole Hope. There will be free food, entertainment, prizes and good fellowship. For more information, call 407-302-1377.

**Military Briefs**

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Amy B. Reinalda, daughter of Terri L. and Ken R. Reinalda of Sanford, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Reinalda learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Reinalda also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Reinalda's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with her training, Reinalda can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

Reinalda is a 1999 graduate of Seminole High School, and she joined the Navy in May 2000.

Air Force Airman Donovan

C. Bryan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Sharon Bryan of Oviedo. Bryan is a 2000 graduate of Seminole Community College High.

Air Force Airman James D.

Dixon III has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Minnie Allen of Snellville, Ga., and grandson of Elizabeth Youngblood of Sanford. The airman is a 1999 graduate of Shiloh High School, Snellville.

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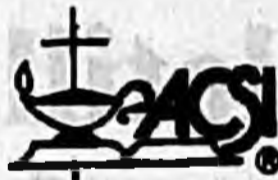
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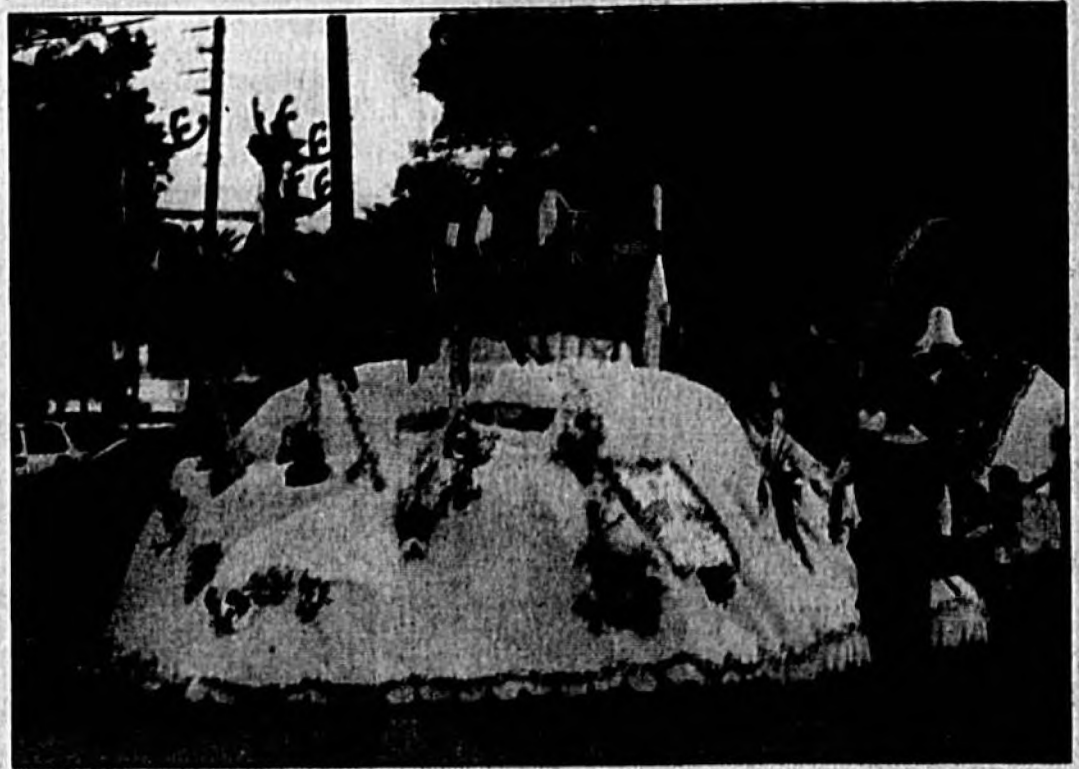


# Parade Pride

Everybody loves a parade, at least that was the impression after thousands turned out for Sanford's annual Christmas parade. From precision motorcycle maneuvers to traditional marching bands, more than 100 organizations participated in the parade down 1st Street.



The Keystone Kops made a suprise appearance at the Sanford parade.



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Airport Lanes employees bowled a strike with their winter wonderland themed float



The Sanford Fire Department had the chance to show off its new ladder truck.



Sanford Church of God's float featured the Statue of Liberty.



The Patriots are coming, the Patriots are coming!



Three-year-old Seth Broccoli of Sanford enjoys the high perch provided by his dad, Dave.



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# Sports

## Briefs

### SANFORD HOLIDAY PARTY TONIGHT

The City of Sanford Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a Holiday Party tonight Wednesday, December 12th for children ages 12-and-under at the Downtown Youth Center.

The party will have refreshments, music and SANTA and run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Downtown Youth Center is located on the first floor of Sanford City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue (corner of Park and Seminole Boulevard on the lakefront).

Call 407-330-5697 for more information.

### ACE GYMNASTICS TO HOST CLINIC AND CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS SATURDAY

ACE Gymnastics in Longwood (805 Waterway Place) will be holding (non-profit) All-Star Cheerleading Tryouts and a Clinic this Saturday (December 15th) from 9 a.m. to noon.

The fee is \$45.

Call 407-831-2582 for more information.

### EARLY REGISTERING FOR ALTAMONTE SPRINGS BABE RUTH

Altamonte Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding early registration for the 2002 season this Saturday, (December 15) at Eastmonte Park.

Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sign-ups will cover all age divisions from T-Ball (5 & 6 year olds) to Seniors (16-18 year olds).

For more information, please call the Altamonte Babe Ruth Baseball League Hotline at 407-263-7910.

### CBA PRO BASKETBALL 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.winwaysinc.com](http://www.winwaysinc.com).

### GATORADE HOLIDAY ROUND BALL 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.winwaysinc.com](http://www.winwaysinc.com).

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## Fabio fabulous for Greyhounds

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

LONGWOOD — Senior forward Fabio Pedraza has been on an amazing scoring binge for Lyman since the boys soccer season began. But his goal-making ability really stood out this past weekend.

Saturday against Spruce Creek, Pedraza scored all of the Greyhounds' goals as they whipped the Hawks, 5-1.

Fabio's brother Dario, a senior midfielder, assisted on one goal and Steve Spangler had five saves to record the victory in goal for Lyman.

## Pedraza scores eight goals as Lyman boys soccer team rolls

On Monday, Fabio Pedraza was 'held' to only three goals, but it was more than enough as the Greyhounds upset Lake Howell, 7-1.

N.J. Pavlovic added two goals and two assists and L. Ferreira chipped in with two assists for the Greyhounds (6-3-2), while Spangler stopped eight shots in

goal to hand the Silver Hawks (6-1-3) their first loss of the season.

In other boys' games from Saturday: Javier Bermudez scored two goals and had an assist and Leenin and Tovar added one goal each as Lake Mary (4-1-2) battled to a 4-4 tie with DeLand (5-2-2).

Eric Gordon and Ryan Pascioni also had assists for the Rams and Rusty Robinett made two saves in goal.

J.P. Read scored both goals and Michael Sasso had six saves in goal as Oviedo tied Lake Howell, 2-2.

In girls' games:

### FRIDAY

Lauren McIntosh and Jessica Zabel scored the goals and Haerens made two saves to get the shutout in goal as Lake Mary blanked Oviedo, 2-0.

Jenny Mulvihill scored two goals and Helenie Gonzalez had two assists to back

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## Sizzling Silver Hawks

### Lake Howell boys handle Seminole, Lake Mary

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

CASSELBERRY — A challenger has emerged to threaten the supremacy of the Oviedo boys basketball team in Seminole County.

Lake Howell completed an impressive back-to-back home sweep of Seminole and Lake Mary on Monday as Sean Barkman went 7-for-8 from the floor and scored 21 points as the Silver Hawks slammed the Rams, 68-37.

It was the second game in a row that Barkman had come up big for the home team, as his layup with three seconds left on Friday had allowed Lake Howell (4-3) to slip past Arrow Force X, 57-56.

Seminole appeared to have secured come-from-behind victory of its own when senior center Marcus Robinson converted a three-point play with 12 seconds remaining to erase a 55-53 deficit and give the visitors a 56-55 lead.

Isaac Codrey led the Silver Hawks with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Barkman added 11 points and point guard Jared Laskey had 10 points and eight assists.

Senior forward Robby DuPre led all scorers with 21 points for Arrow Force X. Robinson was right behind with 17 points and Dan Taylor was also in double figures with 11 points.

Monday night Lake Howell turned the lights out on Lake Mary in a hurry, taking an 18-4 lead after the first period and increasing the advantage to 46-17 late in the third period before the Rams finally found their offense.

Barkman, who scored 10 points in the first half, really stepped up his game in the second half, hitting all four shots he took, plus going 3-for-4 at the free throw line and pulling down four rebounds as he took over the leadership role after Codrey left the game early in the

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Whatever you can do, I can do too. Lake Howell's Isaac Codrey (No. 33, top) goes over Seminole's Robby DuPre for two of his team-high 14 points, but Dupre (bottom) returns the favor, going over Codrey for two of his game-high 21 points. The Silver Hawks scored on a last-second shot to edge Arrow Force X, 67-56.

Herald photos by Jim Wentz

## UCF trio earn All-America honors

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — Monday was quite a day for the University of Central Florida football team as three of its members were named to different All-America teams.

Senior free safety Ricot Joseph was named second team Verizon Academic All-American, becoming the first player from UCF to earn Academic All-America honors at the Division I level.

To be eligible for the team, a player must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 in the classroom and be a starter or key reserve on the field. Joseph was named to the Verizon Academic All-District III team last month, which earned him a spot on the All-America ballot. District III is made up of all Division I-A and I-AA schools in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Also, defensive end Rashad Jeanty and tailback Alex Haynes were named to The Sporting News Freshman All-America Team.

Jeanty, a true freshman, was named third team and Haynes, a redshirt freshman, earned a spot on the fourth team.

Joseph, a physical education major pursuing a minor in criminal justice, has been named to the Dean's list seven times and has never had below a 3.0 in any semester. He is a two-year starter and worked his way into the lineup after coming to school as a walk-on.

He finished second on the team in total tackles with 104 and was named to the 2001 Collegefootballnews.com All-Independent team. Joseph also recorded double-digit tackle totals in seven games this year, including a team-high 18 against Syracuse, and 13 against Arkansas.

Jeanty finished the year with 58 tackles, including eight behind the line of scrimmage, despite missing nearly three full games due to an ankle sprain. He finished third on the team with four sacks and was second in quarterback hurries with 15.

A strong pass rusher, Jeanty was third in the nation in tackles among true freshmen until spraining his left ankle in the first quarter against Utah State. He missed the Akron game and then on the field for only three plays against Arkansas. He recorded double-digit totals in three games this year, including 11 against Syracuse and Virginia Tech.

Haynes is a rare player for UCF, which has a reputation of being a passing team. He led the Golden Knights with 690 yards rushing on 140 carries and had a team-high nine rushing touchdowns, despite missing nearly three games with a hip pointer.

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## All-Star football game Saturday

Special to the Herald

HEATHROW — Central Florida's most outstanding high school football players and cheerleaders have been named to participate in the "3rd Central Florida High School All-Star Game."

The Central Florida High School All-Star Game, sponsored by Cingular Wireless, will showcase 200 top senior football players and cheerleaders from Seminole, Orange, Volusia, Brevard, Sumter, Lake and Flagler counties. The event will take place at 6 p.m. this Saturday (December 15th) at Showalter

Field in Winter Park.

The admission is just \$5 with proceeds going to benefit Special Olympics Florida.

Honorary Chairman and Heathrow resident Lee Corso, ESPN's College Game Day host, and Honorary Coaches Darryl Talley and Thurman Thomas, both retired National Football League stars, will be joined by the prestigious selection panel that includes local prep football sports writers as well as Linda Gooch, Head Cheerleading Coach for the University of Central Florida.

The Central Florida All-Star Football

Game Committee has announced that veteran coaches Gerald Odom from New Smyrna Beach High School and Inman Sherman from South Sumter High School in Bushnell have accepted the honor of heading this year's teams.

Odom will direct the East squad (Volusia, Seminole, Brevard and Flagler counties), while Sherman will be at the helm of the West team (Orange, Osceola, Lake and Sumter counties).

Each year the coaching community is asked to nominate the All-Star coaches on

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### Sanford boosts DUI arrests by 600 percent

Officers Bill Erwin and Bill Crapps man task force to curb drunk driving

**By Christopher Patton**  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — In an amazing turnaround, the Sanford Police Department is cracking down on drunk drivers by arresting six times more this year than last.

With the help of a federal DUI enforcement grant awarded to the city by the state department of transportation, two officers were assigned to full-time DUI duty with two specially equipped squad cars this year.

The "Bills" — Officers Bill Erwin and Bill Crapps — are registering more than 240 drunk driving arrests this year. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which has been tracking 49 DUI arrests in 2000, but with the "Bills" in action this year, the department will eclipse the 300 arrest mark.

Last year, 60,337 DUI arrests were recorded by more than 400 law enforcement agencies in the state, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. If the total arrests for 2000 is similar to 2001, the bills could arrest for about one half of one percent of all DUI arrests made in the state.

"They're really good at it," claims Crapps, a long-time SPD veteran, said his interest in DUI investigations grew for about one half of one percent of all

### Salvation Army marches toward goal

Students learn rules of the road for bikes

**By Michelle Jarrin**  
Managing Editor

ALTAAMONTE SPRINGS — Motorists driving near Lake Orange Elementary School Thursday morning may have noticed a large group of students riding through the neighborhood escorted by police and firefighters.

Students from Lake Orange Elementary School prepare for a bike ride after hearing a three-week training course.

David Glenn, president of the Sanford Rotary Club, and the daughter, Ashley, ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive Campaign. Glenn said donations have been steady and the organization set a goal of \$100,000. Glenn said the goal is to provide food and clothing for the needy in Volusia County. Though concerned about early participation, the Angel program involves a truck, a trailer, and a trailer. The Angel program involves a truck, a trailer, and a trailer. The Angel program involves a truck, a trailer, and a trailer.

### Developer, residents settle rezoning dispute

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — In spite of a long and contentious negotiation, a local developer and a group of residents were able to reach a consensus on a controversial rezoning request before attending a Seminole County Commission public hearing.

Pulte Homes wants to rezone a 79-acre parcel on Kfaufler Road, north of Highway 17, for a 251-home subdivision. More than a dozen different subdivisions border the property.

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### Calling it quits

All good things must come to an end, but this came out of nowhere. The Seminole Athletic Conference football community was shocked on Tuesday as veteran coach Howell High School coach Mike Blazegard decided to step down from the post of 21 years.

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### the Toy Maker

Wooden creations come alive in Jack Roberts' workshop

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### Seminole Smile

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### Tax assessor's donation extends life of computers

By Michelle Jarrin  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — In a time of tight budgets and cutbacks, one government office in Seminole County is making sure tax dollars are being used to their fullest.

Assistant County Tax Assessor H.W. "Bill" Suber and his office recently donated 42 computers and seven printers to the Sanford Police Department. The donation of computers, which are all high-end, more than \$30,000.

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### Bill Heard stuffs Sanford's stocking

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — In the holiday gift-giving mood, Bill Heard Chevrolet continued its unique four-year tradition with the Sanford Police Department by handing over the keys to a brand new 2002 Trailblazer.

The police department's DARE coordinator, Resource Officer Chris Webb, presented the keys to Officer Chris Webb, who said the vehicle, which was created by the DARE program, is a great gift for the police department.

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### Schools cut \$8M to meet shortfalls

Action taken after state trims funding by 2.5 percent

By Michelle Jarrin  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — The Seminole County Public School System is one of the latest victims in Florida's economic crisis. An \$8 million shortfall in the current operating budget, an emotional School Board approved Tuesday for an unexpected loss in the state's education funding.

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