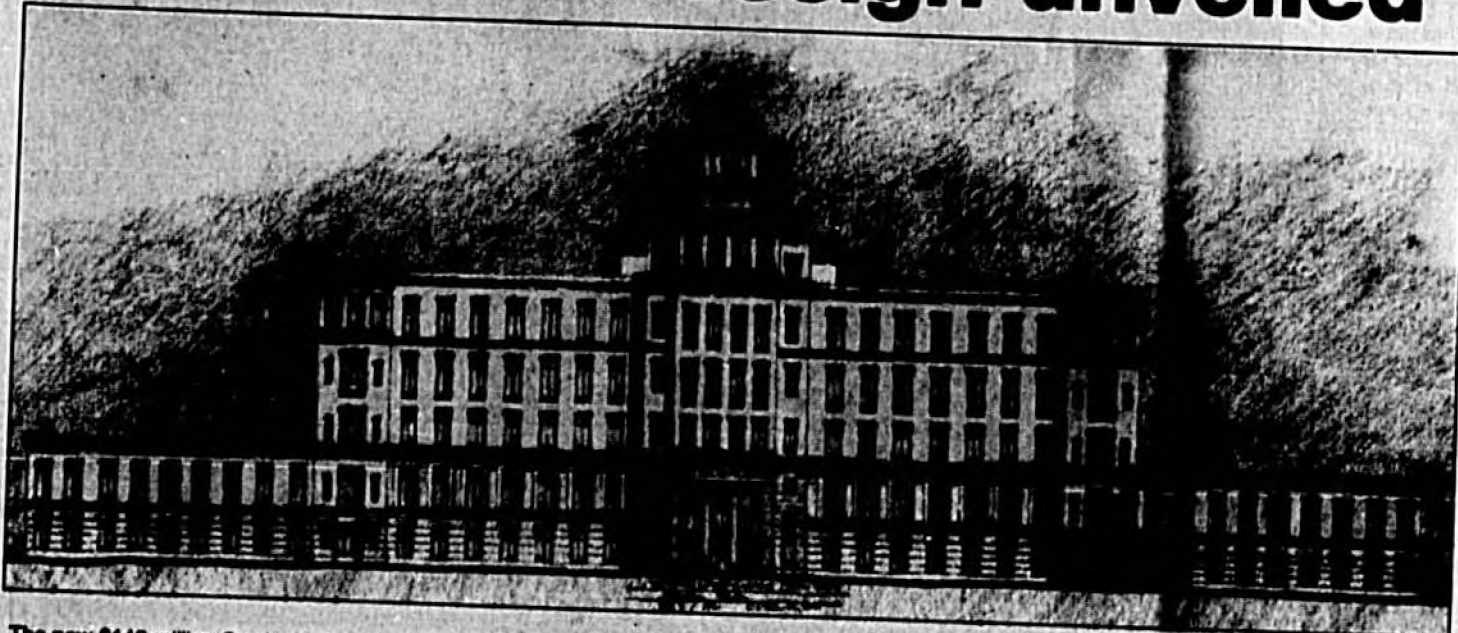


Courthouse design unveiled



The new \$140 million Seminole County Courthouse is proposed to be a five-story building featuring a "federal-style" architectural design.

Commissioners question color, rear aesthetics

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — County Commissioners got a first glimpse of the \$140 million courthouse to be constructed at Five Points on US Highway 17/92 during their morning meeting Tuesday.

The "federal style architecture" will feature ceiling to floor windows, cast pillars, and a cupola marking its highest point. According to John Cunningham, ACI partner in charge of design, the building is a representation of "classic organization" with a defined base, middle and top.

The first floor is similar to traditional federal buildings as seen in Washington D.C., but each subsequent floor has less of those traits, Cunningham said. The upper floors' exteriors could be colored a light yellow or more specifically "buff" to distinguish the county building from other federal buildings.

"What we were trying to do was create a little less formality," Cunningham said.

The subject of color and view from the backside of the building were the hot topics

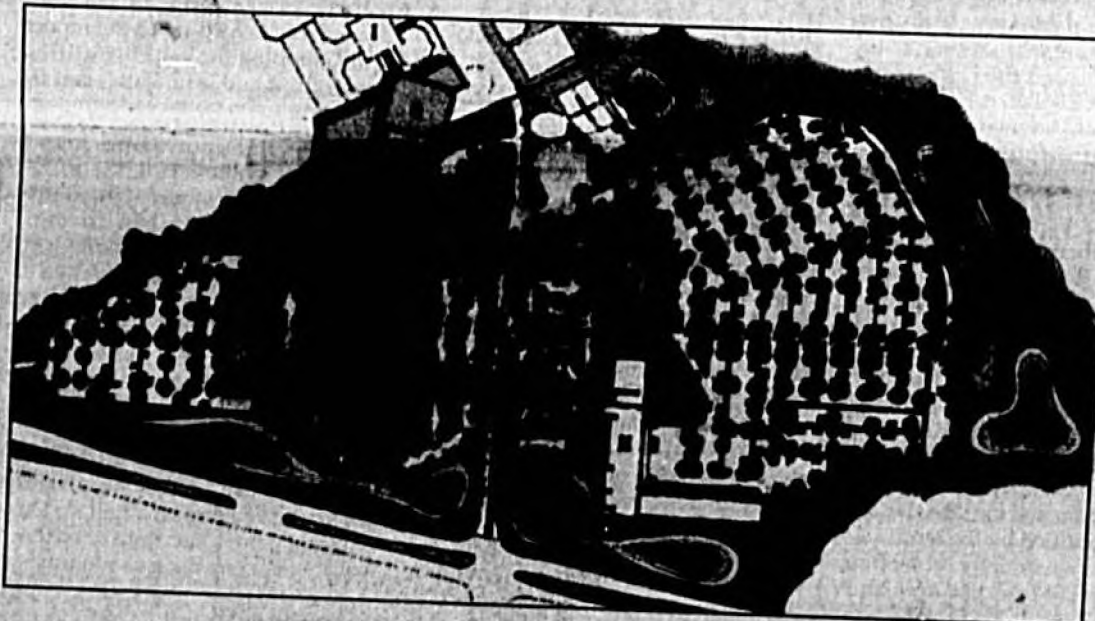


Morris

discussed by commissioners. Commissioner Randy Morris said he was not sold on the yellow color and would prefer the whole building being white. A final decision is expected in the next 30 to 60 days.

Commissioners Dick Van Der Weide and Morris were also concerned of the presentation of the building from the rear as more than half of the building may be seen from the Seminole Community College campus. The nearby county jail

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Architects from The HKS+ACI Team presented a proposed layout of the Seminole County Courthouse campus. Located on U.S. Highway 17/92 across from Five Points, the campus would include the existing public safety building that houses the Seminole County Sheriff's Office (Building H), and the new courthouse (Building A). Designers have left space to construct buildings B, C and E for future office space, though they won't be built as part of the current courthouse project. Building G is part of the Seminole County Jail expansion that will connect the jail with the courthouse. Building D is a future addition for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Airport breaks 1.3 Mil barrier

Despite Sept. 11, passenger travel is up 20 percent compared to 2000

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — Passenger travel reached record highs in 2001 at Orlando Sanford International Airport.

Preliminary figures indicated 1.3 million people traveled through the airport, a 20 percent increase over 2000.

"This is really exciting news, especially when you consider how the airline industry has been impacted since Sept. 11," said Victor White, vice president of OSIA. "We're probably one of the few airports in the nation to say we grew in 2001, and definitely one of the only ones to see a 20 percent increase."

The most significant increase came in domestic flights with 271,392 passengers, a 58 percent increase over last year's 171,765 tally.

International passenger counts totaled 955,446, up from 843,435, a 13 percent increase.

Transit passenger counts were up 7 percent to 82,079 from 76,577.

Airport officials expect the domestic service to continue to grow as Pan Am and Vacation Express add flights. However, December's numbers showed the first sign of a softening British travel market, a major niche for OSIA. Passenger counts for the month were down nearly 13 percent to 52,520 from 60,189 in 2000.

"We sort of predicted that, even before Sept. 11," said Larry Gouldthorpe, president of Orlando Sanford International, which operates the airport.

A costly lesson

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it was over confidence that did in the Seminole Community College men's basketball team Saturday afternoon. Page 1B

Honors for Mother Weaver, Deacon Cherry

Heritage Jubilee 2002 will honor two of Sanford's dedicated leaders.

Mother Blanche B. Weaver and Deacon Herbert Cherry will both be honored 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in the Concert Hall at Seminole Community College.

Guest appearing will include the 80 voices of the Bethune-Cookman Concert Chorus. The public is invited to join the African American Cultural Forum and the Organization of Black Faculty and Staff at SCC. It will be a celebration of black achievement.

Bank robber gets away on a bike

Investigators are looking for the suspect responsible for the Tuesday robbery of the Republic Bank at 1980 Howell Branch Road.

The robbery was reported to the sheriff's office just before 1 p.m. The suspect entered the bank and was wearing a pull-down, camouflaged-type mask. The suspect was armed with a small, brown handgun.

He robbed the bank of an undisclosed amount of cash. Nobody was hurt. He left the scene on a BMX type, or dirt-type, bicycle. He was carrying a gym bag that had the look of leather.

He's described as a white male, in his 20's, almost six feet tall and weighing about 150 pounds.

Anybody with information about a possible suspect is asked to call either Crime Line at 1-800-423-TIPS, or Investigator Bob Jaynes at 407-665-6965.

Seminole Smile



Terri Patterson - Seminole County Historical Society

On hold: County delays decision on FP&L building

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — The old Florida Light & Power building will remain with the county — at least for another 60 days.

Commissioners decided Tuesday to tear down the potentially "dangerous building" and to wait on deals from the city of Sanford and Kevin Spolski.

The county bought the building on Myrtle Avenue in 1994 for \$290,000. In August, commissioners declared the building surplus putting it up for bid. Spolski submitted the only bid of \$69,000 and commissioners decided in December that just wasn't good enough.

With a 99-year lease for a 14-acre parcel at the Orlando Sanford International Airport, Sanford officials hoped to woo

county commissioners into a land swap for the property. According to City Manager Tony VanDerworp, one of the goals of the city's master plan is to attract more residents to the downtown area. The city would use the FP&L land to attract a developer to build a high-rise, multi-family complex.

The widening of Lake Mary Boulevard caused the county to lose an important

public works materials site across from the school board. The airport property would give the county a replacement site.

With the possibility of the building being designated a "dangerous building" by Sanford building inspectors, the county is hoping to avoid some of the land fill costs associated with demolition.

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Sanford native Anita White passes exam for Florida bar

By Marva Hawking Herald Correspondent

Anita Gale White was sworn in as a Florida attorney by Judge Donna McIntosh on Friday, Dec. 28.

White recently received her law degree in May from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. She passed the Florida Bar in August.

White returned to the University of Florida, where she is pursuing a master's degree in exercise and sports science. She should qualify for the degree in December. With a sports management concentration, she has completed courses in sports finance, marketing and ethics.

A very active lady, White is an honor graduate. She is a



Judge Donna McIntosh swears in Anita Gale White as a new member of the Florida Bar Association. White's parents, the Rev. Arthur and Gale Choice, look on.

member of Golden Key National Honor Society and participates in the Gender Awareness Programs Peer Educator (public relations chair and program presenter), Florida Invitational Step Show (publicity chairperson) and the Walt Disney World College Program (merchandise, characters).

As a graduate teacher at the

University of Florida, White will be lecturing and providing active experiences to students taking classes in the College of Health and Human Performance's Sports and Fitness Department.

White is a Sanford native and the daughter of the Rev. and Dr. Arthur and Gale Choice. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ollie Wilson Johnson.

Chop shop bust expands

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — Leads from a chop shop bust in Sanford Nov. 11 could lead City/County Auto Theft Bureau investigators outside of Central Florida and maybe even outside the state, said police.

When an investigator noticed a large trailer behind 1511 Mellenville Avenue it raised sus-

picious, said Anthony Berrios, bureau coordinator. Through observation, probable cause was established and eventually a search warrant was served with police recovering numerous stolen items including five vehicles, one boat and three trailers.

The investigation led to another search warrant being served at the Mellenville home as well as

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Gift store 'graces' downtown

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

SANFORD — There's a little more grace and glory in downtown.

Angella Tindel and Melissa Bryant, sisters and Sanford residents, recently opened Grace and Glory, a Christian gift store, next to the Helen Stairs Theatre on South Magnolia Avenue. The pair spent only a month planning the business, which is a new concept for

Sanford and northern Seminole County.

"The store provides a place for Christians to buy gifts and music locally," Tindel said. "Before the store opened, people had to travel to Altamonte Springs or Orlando to find a Christian gift store."

The sisters started making business plans at the beginning of October. Because their family has been in Sanford

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Grandpa finds little to love in teen-ager's hateful attitude

DEAR ABBY: My wife died two years ago. Since then, I have had health problems that make it difficult to live alone.



Dear Abby

I tried an assisted-living complex, but when I added up the expenses, my son suggested I move in with them. I thought it was a good idea because I would rather give them the money. The problem is my 15-year-old granddaughter, "Vanessa." My son and his wife are intelligent people, and I don't understand how they have raised this selfish, inconsiderate, insolent, demanding brat. Vanessa thinks the world revolves around her. If she doesn't get her way, she yells, screams, and says terrible things to her parents — and they take it! I want to get up and slap her. Even though she is my granddaughter, I find it difficult to like her. Abby, there are no rules, no discipline, no punishment, no guidelines whatsoever in their home. I can't take her behavior any longer. I want to move out at the end of the month. What do you think?

HAD IT IN DENVER

DEAR HAD IT: Please don't blame your granddaughter for this situation. In a household where there are no rules, no discipline, no consequences and no guidelines, her attitude and behavior are logical. (It is possible that a better living arrangement for you might be to share a home or apartment with someone closer to you in age. Your local area agency on aging may be able to steer you in the right direction. However, before you make any hard and fast decisions about changing your address, I urge you to have a frank talk with your son and daughter-in-law about the reasons you're making the move.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for more years than I can remember, and have always wanted to read the very first letter that appeared in your column. Would you print it again?

AIMEE IN MACEDON, N.Y.

DEAR AIMEE: With pleasure! The letter appeared 46 years ago today, on Jan. 9, 1956. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to a paper for advice before, but need help desperately and cannot talk to my family or friends about my problem. I am a private secretary to a well-known executive in the Bay area. I have been employed by him for five years. You may think this sounds cheap, but we are deeply in love. His wife speaks to him only when she wants money and he has no respect or affection for her. He has told me repeatedly that I am the woman he loves, but we can't consider marriage because it would ruin him financially and socially. In addition to an excellent salary, he has given me an automobile, a fur coat, and he pays my rent. When he takes business trips, I always go along. I am not getting any younger, yet I feel one day he will make me his wife. What do you think?

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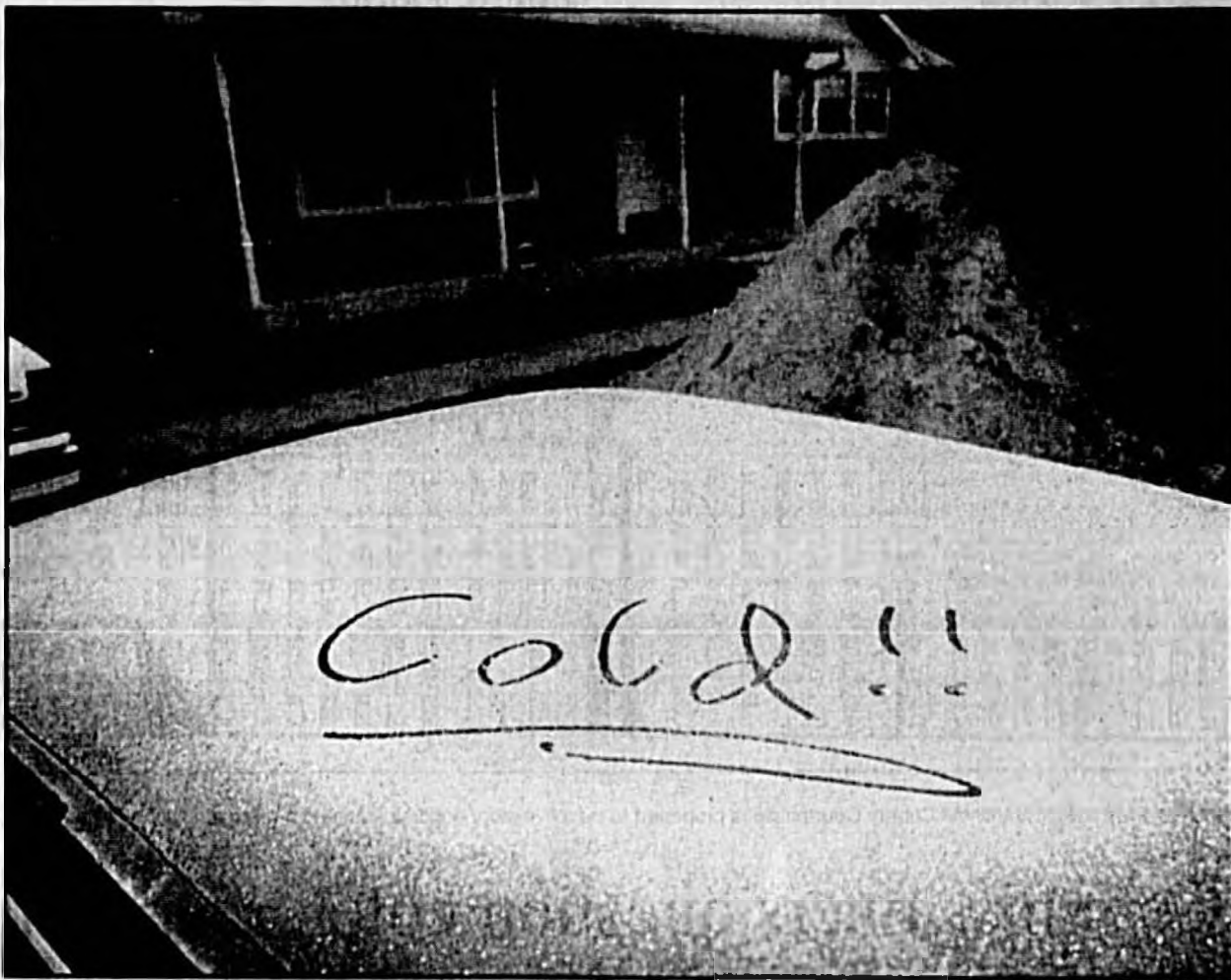
DEAR CONFIDENT: I think your boss is a super salesman! He did a terrific job when he convinced an intelligent girl like you to give up a decent, respectable life of her own to be available when he whistles. Of course he won't marry you. Why should he? He is getting the whole show for the price of the amusement tax.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Weather forecast



A person wrote the word "cold" on the top of a car covered with frost Tuesday morning. Temperatures dropped into the low 30s late Monday night and early Tuesday morning, creating the frosty conditions. Forecasts for Wednesday call for warmer weather, with a high in the low 60s. Temperatures will continue to rise for the remainder of the week.

Shoplifting

• Sanford Officer Erik Zabik arrested Edgar Lemons, 50, and Freddie Davis, 38, both of Sanford Sunday for shoplifting from the Orlando Drive Wal-Mart. Store security witnessed both men entering the store with bags. Each man was given a return sticker for the unknown items in the bags. Each man then met at the electronics department and selected a \$140 DVD player and then attempted to return the DVD players by placing the return stickers on them. Both were charged with shoplifting and Davis was additionally charged with resisting an officer by using a fake driver's license.

• Sanford Officer Gerald Dozier arrested Peggy Mitchell, 43, of Sanford Friday for shoplifting and two counts of resisting an officer. Mitchell reportedly stole one container of headache medicine, cold medicine and four videos from the French Avenue Dollar Store. She left the store and boarded a Lynx public transportation bus. Police stopped the bus and escorted Mitchell back to the store to be identified by the store's manager. Mitchell initially refused to tell police her name or date of birth.

Disorderly Intoxication

Sanford Officer John Difatta arrested Reinaldo Rosario, 29, of Greenville, NC and Peter Williams, 24, of Sanford Sunday for disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer. The two men were reportedly causing a disturbance at the Orlando Drive Billabong's Bar.

Suspended License

• Seminole Deputy Jalam Vann arrested James Matthews, 26, of Sanford Saturday for driving with a suspended license.
• Seminole Deputy William McNett arrested Paul Nichols, 41, of Geneva Friday for driving with a suspended license. The deputy's radar showed that Nichols' vehicle was traveling 75 mph in a 55 mph zone on State Road 46 near Mullet Lake Park.
• Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr. arrested Raydon Byrd, 25, of Sanford Sunday for driving with a suspended license, and resisting an officer.
• Longwood Officer Donald Lajic



arrested Francis Bussey, 35, of Lake Mary Saturday for driving with a suspended license and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police stopped the vehicle for an illegal window tint. Police found a marijuana pipe and cannabis seeds in a "fanny pack" Bussey was wearing.
• Florida Highway Trooper S. Lopez arrested Charles Combs Jr., 52, of Lake Mary Saturday for driving with a suspended license.

Drug Possession

• Sanford Officer Bill Erwin arrested David Sheppard, 50, of Sanford Friday for driving under the influence, possession of marijuana and smuggling contraband into the county jail. According to the police report, Sheppard had stopped his vehicle in the middle of the 3rd Street and Olive Avenue intersection when police responded. Sheppard was also unable to perform field sobriety tests "due to his level of intoxication he could not follow instructions." A bag of marijuana was found in his sock at the jail.

• Seminole Deputy Chris Torina arrested Juan Trevino, 18, of Longwood Saturday for possession of marijuana over 20 grams and driving with a suspended license.

• Lake Mary Officer Anthony Seda arrested Corey Williams, 20, of Winter Springs Friday for possession of marijuana. Williams was clocked by police radar to be traveling approximately 45 mph in a 25 mph zone near the intersection of Palmetto Street and Greenleaf Street.

DUI

• Sanford Officer Bill Erwin arrested Ruth Van Curen, 62, of Sanford Friday for driving under the influence and reckless driving. While conducting traffic control for an earlier crash in the area of 25th Street and State Road 600, Van Curen reportedly ignored traffic cone barriers. Crashing

into them and dragging one cone as she proceeded into the crash area.

• Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Angel Cadiz arrested Demis Scott, 41, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license. The trooper witnessed Scott traveling a yellow Ford Mustang at a high rate of speed on State Road 400 North of Lake Mary Boulevard. According to the report, upon stopping the vehicle the driver stepped out and said "don't call this is in." An open bottle of champagne was located in the vehicle.

• Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr. arrested William Ball, 35, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence and reckless driving. Ball was clocked by the deputy's radar to be traveling 82 mph in a 35 mph zone on Orange Boulevard near State Road 46.

• Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr. arrested Stevie Mango, 30, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence, use of false identification and driving with a suspended license. Mango supplied the deputy with a almost a half dozen different names and date of births before revealing his true identity.

Aggravated Assault

Winter Springs Officers D. Brewer and B. Mayhugh arrested Wendy Curry, 31, of Sanford and Thomas Curry, 39, of Sanford Saturday for an altercation. The fight reportedly ended with Wendy accelerating in a vehicle and intentionally hitting her ex-boyfriend. Wendy was arrested for aggravated battery with a motor vehicle and Thomas was arrested for aggravated assault, battery and burglary.

Burglary

Sanford police arrested Roderick McDougal, 43, of Sanford Sunday for burglary, grand theft of a motor vehicle and battery. McDougal reportedly tried to steal an Elm Avenue resident's vehicle from the driveway. The victim heard his vehicle start up and went outside to investigate. The victim successfully pulled McDougal from the car, but during the struggle, McDougal kicked the victim in the ribs and fled. Police caught up with McDougal at the Florida motel on Oak Avenue.

OUT & ABOUT

THUR 10

The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Professional Women's Network is scheduled for 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in Florida Hospital Altamonte. For information or reservations, call 407-333-4748.

The Chamber's New Member Reception will be 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in Perot Systems Corporation. For information, call the above number.

Carroll B. Butler will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, Jan. 10, meeting of the Seminole County Historical Society.

Butler has written a book called the "Treasures of the Longleaf Pines Naval Stores." He is bringing various pieces of artifacts concerning this business.

Butler was born in 1929. In the 1940s, South Georgia was the setting for the writer's woodsworking experience on his father's farm. He received B.S. and M.S. engineering degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Notre Dame. A retired Aerospace engineer, he has long been interested in the history of the naval stores industry.

Seminole County had about 20 to 30 turpentine stills/ naval stores in this area. It was a big business at one time. Turpentine is gathered from the sap of the pine tree.

The meeting is open to the public and is free. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and is being held at 200 County Home Road at the Cooperative Extension Auditorium. For additional information please contact the Museum of Seminole County History at 407-665-2489.

The monthly meeting of the Seminole County Democratic Executive Committee will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Seminole County Public Library, located at 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry.

The guest speaker will be Bill McBride, democratic candidate for governor.

All present and prospective Seminole County democrats are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bob Poe, chair of the Seminole County DEC at 622-1783, Rosalie Cook, DEC vice chair at 324-2776 or visit the DEC's web site at www.seminoleDemocrats.com

FRI 11

In observance of the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, the African American Cultural Forum and the Organization of Black Faculty and Staff of Seminole Community College will host Heritage Jubilee 2002, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in the SCC at Sanford/Lake Mary Fine Arts Concert Hall (building G).

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Obituaries

LILLIAN ELIZABETH KISSAM

Lillian Elizabeth "Betty" Kissam, 92, of Adams Street, Daytona Beach, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, in Halifax Medical Center.

Born in Brooksville, she moved this area in 1928. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Central Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a member of the Camellia Garden Club, the Daytona Beach Orchid Society and the Palmetto Club. She enjoyed gardening, growing orchids and flowers, crocheting and sewing.

Survivors include four daughters, Betty Jean Hill of Holly Hill, Patricia Waters of Daytona Beach, Lillian Sheffield of Sanford and Judith Hayward of Longwood; eight grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. Alavon Direct Cremation Service of South Daytona is in charge of arrangements.

CORA B. KNIGHT

Cora B. Knight, 97, of Highland Street, Longwood, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, in her

residence.

Born July 31, 1904, in Rock Hill, S.C., she resided in Central Florida for 45 years. She was a homemaker. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Carrie J. Addison of Longwood; one sister, Margaret Wilson of Lancaster, S.C.; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one great great grandchildren.

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

EMMANUEL J. MARINEZ

Emmanuel J. Marinez, 10 days, of Edgemon Avenue, Winter Springs, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in Arnold Palmer Hospital, Orlando.

Born Dec. 26, 2001, in Longwood, he was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his parents, Andres E. and Magaly N. Marinez of Winter Springs; one brother, Andres E. Marinez Jr., of Winter Springs; one sister, Perla J. Marinez of Winter Springs; grandparents Felix and Aqueada Manuel of Winter Springs; grandmother, Carla Marinez of

the Dominican Republic; and one great grandparent, Santa Marinez of the Dominican Republic.

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

ANNIE MAE NETWON

Annie Mae Netwon, 101, of Pecan Avenue, Sanford, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, in Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center of Sanford.

Born Aug. 15, 1900, in Quitman, Ga., she moved to Sanford in 1940. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Full Gospel Church of God in Christ, Sanford.

Survivors include two grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in Full Gospel Church of God in Christ in Sanford, with the Elder Henry Bradley officiating. Visitation will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in the church, located at 1826 Jerry Ave.

Sunrise Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Mae Sneed

Ruth Mae Sneed, 76, of Pine Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, in Health Care and Rehabilitation Center of Sanford.

Born Aug. 30, 1925, in Monticello, she was a pressor for a laundry. She was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include three nieces, Leola McKinnon of Monticello, and Clifford Philpot and Laura Byrson, both of Sanford; and one nephew, Bernice Tucker of Monticello.

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

JEANNETTE WALKER

Jeannette Walker, 87, of Country Walk Circle, Savannah, Ga., died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in her residence.

Born in Huntsville, Ala., she lived in Deltona from 1982 to 1991. She was a retired bookkeeper for the Navy Supply Corps in Athens, Ga., where she worked for 29 years.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Walker of Statesville, N.C., and Donald Walker of Panama City; one daughter, Delores

Stone of Savannah, Ga.; one sister, Ruth Jay of Marietta, Ga.; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Savannah, Ga., P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, Ga., 31416.

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

MARGARET M. YORE-FEENY

Margaret M. Yore-Feeny, 87, of Mayflower Court, Winter Park, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in Mayflower Retirement Center, Winter Park.

Born Jan. 14, 1914, in Ireland, she resided in Central Florida for 17 years. She was a retired nurse. She was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Brian J. Yore of Greenville, S.C.; two stepsons, Gregory M. Feeny of Springfield, Ill., and Thomas K. Feeny of Peoria, Ill.; one daughter, Maureen J. Tieman of Los Angeles, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Sheila F. Vogel of Elgin, Ill., Eileen P. Feeny of Springfield, Ill., and Mary F. Venier of Auburn, Wash.; four sisters, Brigid Gorman of Seattle,

Wash., Molly Engel of Canada, Helen Reich of Mandan, N.D., and Teresa Howden of Canada; and five grandchildren.

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



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Your guide to this winter's coolest hot spots.

Food & Fun

The Buzzard's Roost Events Scheduled

The Buzzard's Roost is located at 2921 S. Orlando Drive, Suite 200 in Sanford Plaza, Sanford. The new owner is Vickie Bebout. She has a wide range of events scheduled for the new year.

The Tuf Luck band is scheduled to appear regularly on Fridays and Saturdays. I could tell this group of artists has spent many hours in practice as it shows in their performance. When I first heard them play, I was amazed at how they click with each other. They play a majority of modern country with a mix of classic country and old time rock and roll while adding a short comedy skit in between songs. The first weekend they performed, the crowd went wild. It was almost as if we were in the middle of a major concert. I predict this band will go far in their career. I am just thankful that we had the opportunity to book them before they get too big to afford here in

Sanford. They are truly awesome. As a special treat to our customers, there will be no cover when the band plays.

Karaoke is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday night with Jason. Tuesday nights will be regular karaoke. Thursday nights will be to karaoke contest with cash and prizes to the winners. We have a blast last Thursday night with Jason. He is witty, has a terrific voice and is a whole lot of fun. We have approximately 4,000 karaoke songs to choose from. I am sure there is something that will appeal to everyone.

We will continue to have the blind draw dart tournament on Tuesdays prior to karaoke. Everyone seems to love darts in this area. In fact, one of my customers gave my husband and I a lesson a few weeks ago. And, we now have the dart fever. It is terrific. Also, I plan to set up regular pool tournaments with the new pool tables and accessories being delivered this week. Pool is a very strategic game to play. It is as enjoyable to watch as it is to participate.

The hours of operation are 12 noon to 2 am. The karaoke and ladies and mens night events will finish early enough to prevent anyone from having too much trouble getting up for work the next day. Also, you can now choose from a wide variety of liquor rather than be limited to beer and wine. There will be creative drink specials daily from the time we are open until the time we close. Every Wednesday will be ladies' night, where the ladies drink free from 9pm to 12 midnight. Every Monday will be men's night, where the men drink free from 9 pm to 11 pm. Also, very Sunday for a \$5.00 cover charge, there will be free pizza and draft from 1 pm to 4 pm. Watch for the lingerie shows and male review coming soon. Those will be announced when we have more information.

I am sure everyone is curious about my husband and I. We have been married for 28 years. We have two adult children, 28 and 24, and one grandchild five year old. We used to live in Sanford and Lake Mary 20 years ago. We left to search for a career and better ourselves in life. Since then I have received my Master of Business Administration Degree with an emphasis in accounting and plant to sit for the CPA exam in May 2002. I have an accounting business that I operate during the day. My husband is a tournament fisherman and may Marketing Director. We loved to go to dinner, dancing, play pool and have a greta time before we were too busy. to do any of those things. So, I decided to buy myself a place were we could enjoy that again, not only with ourselves, but with others as well. It will be a place where you can go out, enjoy yourself and leave the worries at home. We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.



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Store

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since the late 1800s, they wanted a downtown location with enough space for a store and affordable rent.

"Downtown has a lot of meaning for us, so we knew that's where we wanted to be," Tindel said. "It was just a matter of finding the right place."

On Oct. 15, the sisters signed a lease for the South Magnolia Avenue property and immediately began creating a Christian gift store.

"It was always a dream to open a store, especially a gift store," Tindel said. "Since we are Christians, we wanted to sell inspirational gifts."

"It was amazing how everything fell into place," Bryant added. "It was a God thing. He made it possible for us to do it."

Working day and night, and with help from friends, Tindel and Bryant began transforming the building into their new store.

It didn't take long for the sisters to turn the old Florida Power and Light building into the business of their dreams.

The grand-opening celebration was held on Nov. 2. Two months later, the store is slowly becoming a popular site for shoppers looking for religious and secular gift items.

"All kinds of people come to our store," Tindel said. "Christian people and people who just walk by and see something they like in the window."

"Our intention was not to be high religion, and we don't want people to be intimidated to shop in a Christian store," she said. "We want to show people that God's word can be fun and exciting."

Along with Bibles and



Sisters Angella Tindel and Melissa Bryant display some of the items available in their Christian gift store "Grace & Glory." The store is located next to the Helen Stairs Theatre on Magnolia Avenue. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Christian music, the store offers an array of merchandise, including the popular Holy Bears.

Representing almost every occupation, holiday or event, the bears carry an inspirational message on their tags. According to Tindel, Grace and Glory is one of only a few Central Florida stores that stock the stuffed animals.

Another popular item is the Spin Shade, which can be found with or without inspirational verses. According to Bryant, they have already reordered the items on various occasions due to local demand.

People on any budget can find something in the store. Prices range from 10 cents for a Pass-It-Along Card to \$279 for a ceramic baptismal fountain. And, people with children will find the store "kid-friendly," with its small play area of toys and games.

"We have seven children between us," Tindel said. "That's why it is important for us to be children and family oriented."

As to the store's name, the sisters wanted something unique and inspiring for their business.

"If it wasn't for the grace of

God, we would have nothing in life," Tindel said. "And, we wanted to glorify Him."

The name also came from the words of one of their favorite Psalms, 84:11, which is painted on a wall in the store, "The Lord will give grace and glory."

For more information about Grace and Glory, call 407-688-8234. The store is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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Decision

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Spolski's original offer for the land was \$182,000, but he reduced that after he discovered it would cost more than \$110,000 for demolition. He estimated the landfill costs to be close to 40 or 50 percent of the demolition price.

Spolski raised several questions at the meeting about the airport property. According to county staff, about 10 acres of the land is usable, but Spolski disagrees stating only about half the land is free of wetlands.

"You're going to store dirt and pipes next to wetlands — I don't think so," he said. "The bottom line is it's [FP&L building] been off the tax rolls for seven years."

He also questioned if the three-fourths of an acre FP&L property is big enough to build a high-rise condominium. The city would likely combine the property with land it owns adjacent to the property and possibly close Myrtle Avenue to make the plot suitable.

The county is asking Spolski to keep his bid open for the next 60 days, but he said Tuesday he would have "to think about it."

His intentions for the property are to build a "first-class office building" that could be marketed as a new post office.

"You have all these if factors," he said. "I made this offer all the way back in July; now they're going to penalize me another 60 days to see if this is going to work."

According to Grace, by using the county public works department and the possibility of reduced landfill fees, the county could demolish the building for less than the city or Spolski. Asbestos removal from the building will be contracted out, Grace said.

In the meantime, the county will continue to pursue the Sanford deal seeking more details about the 99-year lease, Grace said. Other contingencies involved in the possible land swap is FAA approval for the county's use of the airport property, said Grace. That decision is expected within 30 days.

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Airport

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The primary reason for the slow down, Gouldthorpe said, is economics. The British are still traveling, but a cyclical fluctuation in the exchange rate between the British sterling and the U.S. dollar means Brits are getting less bang for their buck when they travel to the states.

"Last year the rate was 1.68 to the dollar," Gouldthorpe said. "This year it's 1.35, which is a pretty substantial decrease."

Gouldthorpe predicts a 15 to 20 percent decline in British travelers through the peak summer months but sees encouraging

signs for 2003.

"Europeans traditionally purchase their vacations at least a year in advance, and tour operators have already reported improved bookings for next year," Gouldthorpe said.

Britannia Airlines' decision to move service back to Sanford Airport will help offset the decline, Gouldthorpe said. Britannia charters will begin landing in Sanford on Saturday.

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Bust

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additional warrants at a Sanford, Lake Mary and Apopka sites.

The warrants resulted in the recovery of more vehicles, trailers and various items. Some property recovered is from victims in Orange, Seminole, Lake and

Volusia counties. According to Berrios, victims could be even farther away as many vehicles recovered at the sites had vehicle identification numbers that did not match their parts.

Initially, Richard Allen VanAlstyne, 37, of Sanford was

arrested on charges of auto theft, larceny and burglary and William Suwalski, 36, of Deltona was arrested on drug charges. VanAlstyne's wife, Debbie Ann, is also expected to be charged as the couple lived in a stolen trailer at the Mellonville property.

Mark Greskowiak, 43, of 2550 S. Mellonville Ave. was also arrested on auto theft charges after a warrant was served at his home. All three men have since bonded out from the county jail. More arrests are expected in the auto theft ring, Berrios said.

Berrios said by identifying victims that have similar thefts,

investigators will be able to work backward in associating crimes to the ring. He said typically the group targeted covered trailers from six feet to 20 feet and pickup trucks. More areas of hoarded stolen merchandise in Central Florida may still exist, he said.

Anybody with information on the whereabouts of suspected stolen property, victims of the theft ring, or those who may have purchased stolen vehicles or items can contact investigator Scott Slavin at 407-665-6631.

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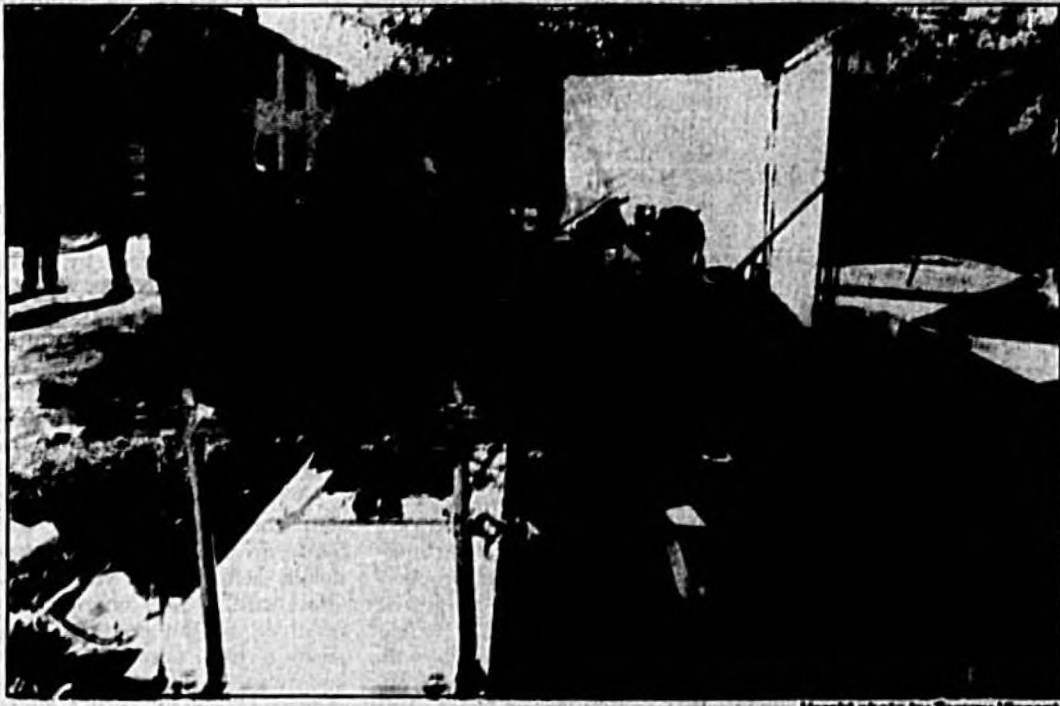
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Filming continues despite death of Wendy's founder



A film crew prepares a car for a scene from an upcoming Wendy's restaurant commercial. The national hamburger chain selected Sanford as the site for a new series of commercials that will air later this year. Sanford landmarks are being filmed as part of a recreation of Dublinville, Ohio, the city where the restaurant was founded. The new commercials will focus on the company's hometown beginnings. In related news, Wendy's founder Dave Thomas died early Tuesday at his home in Ft. Lauderdale from cancer of the liver. He had a carcinoid tumor, which is a slow growing cancer, for more than a decade. He was 69.

Courthouse

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 may obscure as many as three floors of the new courthouse. A line of sight diagram from the courthouse to college campus, as well as a depiction of the back building will be presented to commissioners possibly next meeting.

Along with the design, preliminary floor plans of the courthouse were also released to commissioners Tuesday. The first floor will house the clerk of the courts and the sheriff's office personnel. The second floor will be set aside for the state attorney's office and third floor will shelter the public defender's office. The fourth and fifth floors will be home to four circuit and county courts with the four county courts primarily existing on the fourth floor. An additional circuit and county courtroom will also be on the first floor.

Similar to the top two levels, the second and third floors will also have floor to floor windows in the front. Regarding possible future expansions, the state attorney's and public defender's offices could be moved to another building and the second and

third floors could also be used for additional courtrooms.

Jamie Croteau, county administrative services director, said the courthouse schematic design will also allow space for three more future buildings to house county staff and possibly displaced state attorney's and public defender's offices. After the courthouse is completed in 2004, a county jail expansion is expected to take place, said Croteau. The jail expansion would also

add another amenity to the courthouse — an underground tunnel. According to Cunningham, the tunnel would probably be nothing more than a 12-foot sewer pipe water sealed, but it would provide a private walkway for deputies to transport prisoners to and from the courthouse.

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Goodwill Centennial exhibit arrives in Orlando

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc. is hosting the organization's Centennial Celebration Traveling Exhibit at Orlando City Hall, in the first floor rotunda through January 17.

The exhibit is part of a series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of Goodwill Industries International. In honor of the exhibit's opening, Goodwill President and CEO, Rick Coleman, presented Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood with an oversized check symbolizing more than \$42 million in earnings generated this past year from people placed in community employment while receiving services from Goodwill Industries of Central Florida. These earnings result in a significant contribution to the region's economic base and tax revenues.

Goodwill staff members will be available at the exhibit through Thursday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., to speak with individuals seeking information about the organization's employment training and job placement services. Those visiting the exhibit during these times next week can enter to win a \$100 shopping spree at Goodwill's newest retail store and donation center in Orlando. Scheduled to open later this month, the new store will be located at 380 E. Michigan Street, near the intersection of Michigan Street and Orange Avenue.

Founded in Boston in 1902, Goodwill Industries has evolved into one of the world's largest nonprofit providers of employment, training and career services for people with disabilities and disadvantages such as welfare dependency, homelessness, or lack of education and work experience. Since its inception, the organization has helped more than 5 million people through a broad range of programs and services. Goodwill Industries of Central Florida has been serving Orlando and Central Florida since 1959.

"Work gives us the power to support our families and build strong communities," says Coleman. "Through this exhibit, we want to celebrate the people who have turned on the power of work in Orlando and Central Florida."

The Goodwill Centennial Celebration Traveling Exhibit uses a mix of narrative and stunning visuals to depict Goodwill's rich history and plans for its next century of service. Goodwill Industries of Central Florida is one of 44 Goodwill agencies hosting the exhibit between now and the end of 2002.

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 215 community-based, autonomous member organiza-

tions in the United States, Canada, and 24 other countries. Each organization serves people with disabilities and other needs by providing job training and employment services, as well as job placement opportunities and post-employment support. Through its services, the net-

work helps people overcome barriers to employment and become independent, tax-paying members of their communities. In 2000, Goodwill Industries International served 448,563 individuals and reported \$1.85 billion in revenues.

This past year, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida

placed more than 3,300 people in meaningful, life-sustaining jobs in the community and provided services to another 26,000 people throughout Central Florida. Locally, Goodwill channels approximately 90 percent of its annual earnings into a fully staffed and unique employment and training service.

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Sports

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The show, titled "SCW Evolution," will consist of nine superstar matchups featuring Frankie Capone, Live Wire, Justice, Python, the beautiful ladies of the SCW and much more.

The event is co-sponsored by the DeBary Civic Association.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and can be purchased at the DeBary Furniture Outlet (386-668-9575) and Ray's Appliances in Sanford (407-328-0083).

For more information, check out the SCW website at www.acwmarket.com.

WINTER SPRINGS BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

Winter Springs Little League registration for the Spring 2002 baseball season will be Saturday, January 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trotwood Park.

Children who live within the Winter Springs Little League boundaries are eligible to play baseball.

For more information call 407-263-5829 or Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at 407-327-4761.

WINTER SPRINGS SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

Winter Springs Little League registration for the Spring 2002 softball season will be Saturday, January 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trotwood Park.

Children who live within the Winter Springs Little League boundaries are eligible to play softball.

For more information call 407-263-5829 or Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at 407-327-4761.

ALTAMONTE BABE RUTH BASEBALL

Altamonte Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding final registration for the 2002 season Saturday, January 12th at Eastmonte Park.

Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 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.

REGISTER FOR PONY

Seminole PONY Baseball will be holding registration for the Spring season the next two Saturday's (1/12, and 1/19) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the 5 Points Complex, State Road 419, east off of 17-92 heading toward Oviedo.

Five age groups are offered 5-6 (coach pitch, 50-foot bases), 7-8 (coach and player pitch, 60-foot bases), 9-10 (player pitch, lead offs and stealing, 60-foot bases), 11-12 (player pitch, Major League rules, 70-foot bases) and 13-14 (player pitch, Major League rules, 90-foot bases).

Cost is \$60 for 5-6 year olds and \$75 for 7-and-Up. Discounted rates for siblings.

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Time to line up a good seed

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — With holiday tournaments out of the way and the district tournaments only a month or so away, Seminole Athletic Conference basketball teams have begun to get down to the nitty-gritty, playing district opponents in hopes of getting a good seed for the postseason.

The Seminole High School boys continued their recent outstanding play, picking up a pair of big weekend victories.

Basketball teams looking to amass district victories

Friday night Arrow Force X hit the road for a district and SAC game against Lake Brantley and came away with a hard-earned, 52-46, victory over the Patriots.

The 6-foot-6 senior inside duo of Robby DuPre and Marcus Robinson led

the way, DuPre pouring in 24 points and Robinson dropping in 18 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

On Saturday, Seminole returned to Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium and knocked off an old rival, Mainland, 60-51.

Junior forward Anthony Turner led AFX with 21 points, while DuPre added 15 points and 10 rebounds and Robinson led in assists with three.

Winter Springs also picked up a huge district road victory as Ryan Exter scored 27 points as the Bears edged Titusville, 61-60, on Friday. Hennesey had six rebounds and Chad Fowler seven assists for the winner's.

Oviedo continued to show that it is the power of the county with a 57-42 road victory over Lake Howell on Friday. See Basketball, Page 2B

Learning a lesson

Lethargic SCC men upset by Brevard

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it was overconfidence that did in the Seminole Community College men's basketball Saturday afternoon.

Playing their final game before the start of the Mid-Florida Conference schedule and with an opportunity to get over .500 this late in the season in a number of years, the Raiders (9-10) let a 10-point lead slip away in the second half as Brevard Community College rallied for an 88-80 victory at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

SCC may have mentally lost this game before it ever stepped on the court as the Raiders had already beaten the Titans twice this season, in Cocoa and in the St. Petersburg Tournament. Brevard was also playing with only seven players as eight scholarship players, including DeLand's Leonard Wallery, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, have been declared academically ineligible.

The Raiders were also playing a little shorthanded as 6-foot-8 Christian Adolfsen (broken foot), 6-foot-8 Kitus Witherspoon and 6-foot-10 Che Morgan (flu) did not play in the game.

But with leading scorer Jason Currington and leaper Daniel Jackson in the line-up, SCC still looked like it would have enough to win the game.

Neither team shot very well from the floor in the first half, but the Raiders did just well enough to carry a 29-26 lead into the lockerroom at half-time.

SCC appeared ready to take control of the game in the first couple of minutes of the second half as Currington scored five points to key a 7-0 run as the hosts built a 10-point lead, 36-26, with 18:02 left in the game.

Brevard scored on a layup to

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz



Super freshman Daniel Jackson (No. 21, above) continued his outstanding work on the boards and also improved his offense, scoring 14 points, but the 6-foot-6 forward was pretty much on his own inside as Christian Adolfsen, Che Morgan and Kitus Witherspoon, all over 6-foot-8, missed the game for various reasons and Brevard Community College from Cocoa took advantage to outscore the Raiders 82-51 in the second half and upset the hosts, 88-80. SCC hit 11 three-pointers, four from sophomore Jason Currington (left), who scored a team-high 24 points, but it was not enough as the Raiders saw their record fall to 9-10 on the season. SCC will be at home next Wednesday (Jan. 16) to host Santa Fe Community College from Gainesville in a women/men doubleheader to open the Mid-Florida Conference schedule for both clubs. The women start at 6 p.m. and the men at 8 p.m. Admission to all SCC home games is free.

Patriots boys stay red hot in soccer

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

LONGWOOD — Lake Brantley's boys soccer team showed that their championship in the DeLand Tournament last week was no fluke as the Patriots shut out high-scoring Lyman, 3-0, at the Carlton D. Henley Sports Complex Saturday night.

Alfredo Charry, Ryan Smith and Fernando Patino scored the goals and Patino added an assist to back a 10 save effort by Dana Singer in goal.

In girls' action from Friday night, Lindsay Affolter scored the only goal of the game and Courtney Silvera made five saves in goal to record the shutout as Winter Springs blanked Lyman, 1-0.

The extremely young Lake Mary squad also continued its impressive play, getting past Boca Raton, 4-1.

Freshman Jaelyn Wenaas scored two goals for the Rams, while sophomore Jill Beary and junior Jessica Zabel added assists and sophomore Natalie Haerens recorded the victory in goal.

Oviedo almost pulled off a huge upset as No. 1 state-ranked DeLand (15-1-1) needed a second half goal to edge the Lions, 2-1, at John Courier Field.

Junior Jennah Carter scored a first half goal on an assist from junior Megan Brannon and junior Mary Kay O'Rourke made 15 saves in goal for Oviedo.

In boys wrestling action from the weekend, Lyman walked away with the title at the 17 team Gateway Tournament in Kissimmee.

The Greyhounds accumulated 180 points to top the host Panthers (129) and New Port Richey-Ridgewood (128).

Seminole was also impressive, recording a ninth place finish with 79-1/2 points.

In the Championship Finals Lyman picked up a pair of victories, Chacone defeating Norell from Tallahassee-Godby, 7-2, at 135 pounds and Martinez edging Prue from Gainesville, 11-9 in overtime, at 145 pounds.

The Greyhounds also had a pair of runner-up finishes as Brett Martin from Seminole won the 103-pound class, scoring a 7-3 victory over Lyman's Smith, and Washington from Lake Gibson picking up a major decision over Stone, 9-0.

The Fighting Seminoles also got an individual class victory at 215 pounds as Daley pinned Pine Ridge's Thomas at 4:42.

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ACE gymnasts continue to impress

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

CLEARWATER — Led by All-Around State Champion Destini Jones, the girls' team from ACE Gymnastics in Longwood came home with a Sixth Place finish, out of 29 teams, at the USAG Level 4 State Championships in Clearwater on December 1st and 2nd.

Jones, competing in the 10-11 Age Division, took individual State Championship honors on the Uneven Bars (9.35), Beam (9.50), and Floor Exercise (9.30), and finished third in Vault (9.575), to score an All-Around State Championship total of 37.725 points.

Jones, a homeschooled fifth grader, began gymnastics just 18 months ago and started working out for team competition just seven

months ago. At her very first meet she took second All-Around with a score of 36.825 after finishing first on Floor (9.15), first on Vault (9.40), second on Beam (9.075) and third on Bars (9.20).

During the past competitive team season, Jones earned 21 medals and nine trophies, scoring above 36.200 at each Level 4 meet.

All told, ACE Gymnastics scored 187.775

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I-4 accident injures two

The Altamonte Springs Police Department responded Jan. 9 to Interstate 4 and State Road 436 in reference to a single car accident involving a white van.

The white van was traveling westbound on I-4 in the left thru lane, police said. The van then made a sudden right turn, crossing all lanes of traffic. Once the vehicle left the roadway, it flipped and came to rest against a chain-link fence on its roof.

The driver, Kevin Braddock, 42, of Sanford was transported to Florida Hospital Altamonte with an ankle injury. The passenger, Richard Stephens, 18, of Sanford was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center. As of Friday afternoon, he was still listed as in critical condition. The incident is still under investigation.



Near Perfect Execution

Fans ooh and aah at the dunk, fancy ball-handling move or long three-point shot. Such was the case Wednesday night at Lake Mary High School as Seminole made 29 of 30 shots from the foul line and outbounded the hosts, 38-17, to defeat the Rams, 75-68, in a Seminole Athletic Conference and district boys basketball game.

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Red (but not mad) Hatters

If there seems to be a shortage lately of red hats, there's a good reason. Word is spreading about the recently established Celery City Society Ladies, a group of women who throw caution to the wind by wearing red hats and purple outfits in public.

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Ruth Marchant - Chiropractic Assistant at Lake Mary Chiropractic

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Department consolidation considered

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

Altamonte Springs, county discuss combining fire departments, but not everyone likes the idea

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The county and Altamonte Springs are considering a consolidation of fire departments less than two years after two other Seminole municipalities considered, but ultimately denied, the change.

Sanford and Lake Mary officials both met with members of county government in 2000 to discuss fire department

consolidations. The inquires came about when both cities were contemplating the construction of new fire stations.

A current study will project savings and feasibility of consolidation for Altamonte Springs. It is scheduled to

be considered at the end of February, said County Manager Kevin Grace. If the city and Board of County Commissioners sign off on the union, it could take place as early as Oct. 1.

"Altamonte's interested in it, and it makes sense," Grace said. "It could

save some money in the long run."

Sanford Comes Close

According to former Sanford Mayor Larry Dale, the city could never "get past several hang-ups" in the consolidation negotiations with the county two years ago. Consolidating some of the services was just not financially favorable enough.

A consolidation study produced by See Consolidation, Page 10A

Plans for celebration MLK event under way

By Marva Hawkins Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — The city of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee is making its final plans for the 17th annual observance of one of our nation's greatest civil rights activists.

This year's theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!" The committee is committed to keeping King's dream alive in the community's heart and memory.

Events will begin Friday, Jan. 18, with the Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest for Scholarship and a poster contest. The contests will begin at 7 p.m. in the Sanford/Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, located at the corner of Sanford Avenue and First Street.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, the 17th annual Commemorative Banquet, a presentation of Brotherhood Community Service and Humanitarian Awards, will be held in the Sanford Civic Center. Guest speaker is Dr. James Purdy, a retired attorney who is currently a community ombudsman, motivational speaker, licensed realtor, private investigator and a member of the Seminole Dividends program.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, there will be an inter-faith worship service beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanford Civic Center. Music for the program will be provided by the MLK Jr. Celebration Choir, who will also provide the music for Saturday's banquet.

Speaker for the worship service will be the Rev. Valarie J. Henry, pastor for Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Sanford. Henry is a native of Winter Haven, where she received her early education. She also attended the University of South Florida and has taught early childhood/elementary education in Florida and Texas. She has received numerous

See MLK, Page 9A

Carroll Butler describes a model of what a pine naval stores still and building looked like in the late 1890s.



America's oldest industry

Butler discusses history of the pines naval stores industry

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

The Cooperative Extension Auditorium looked like a scene from the past when Carroll Butler came to town on Thursday.

Butler brought various items to Seminole used in the pines naval stores industry — a trade that has all but disappeared in the United States. He was invited to speak at the monthly Seminole County Historical meeting as a result of his book, "Treasures of the Longleaf Pines Naval Stores."

"It's our country's oldest industry," Butler said. "The industry has been here for almost 400 years. Now there's one plant left, and it's closing this year."

Pine naval stores is the term used to describe the

See Pines, Page 9A



Pictured above, Carroll Butler and his wife, Elizabeth, show Museum of Seminole County History Specialist Karen Jacobs how sap was collected from pine trees. Below, Butler arranges photographs he used during his Thursday presentation on the pines naval stores.



Former officer charged with lewd conduct

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — An Altamonte Springs' former police officer was arrested Tuesday for fondling himself in front of a 14-year-old girl, and more sex charges may be forthcoming.

Michael Douglas Bentley, 28, was hired on Sept. 10 as a community police officer. Less than two months later, Bentley was promoted to a police officer in field training. That all came crashing down when he was suspended on Nov. 16 when the city learned the sheriff's office was investigating him for lewd conduct. He voluntarily resigned shortly afterward, but prior to the warrant being issued for his arrest, said Derek Bector, Altamonte Springs police spokesman.

"Since we made it public, we have had a couple parents come forward that said something similar might of happened to their children," said Steve Olson, Seminole County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

According to the police report filed on Nov. 12, Bentley followed the 14-year-old girl and a friend while driving his white Ford Taurus in the Garden Lakes neighborhood about six weeks before the report date. He reportedly drove past the two twice before stopping a third time for directions.

The girl told police Bentley got out of his car and stood behind her while he asked her to point out directions on a map. She didn't know the address he was looking for, and she became very

See Bentley, Page 9A

Commission delays Code Book decision

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — City commissioners held off approving a new land development code book Tuesday that could effect thousands of properties in designated corridors on US Highway 17/92, Dog Track Road, State Road 434 and County Road 427.

The Longwood Development Code would replace an older version, but add more regulation to land uses, landscape requirements, building setbacks, off-street parking and signage.

Mike Hattaway, a Longwood real estate broker, argued the new design standards for the historic downtown area would devalue his property near the Eckerd's drug store on SR 434. Hattaway's property is zoned commercial, but the new comprehensive plan

would designate his property as part of the new Historic Overlay District.

The new designation would prohibit 20 to 30 different uses for his property, including a drive-in restaurant, shopping center and laundry and dry cleaning establishment, Hattaway said. The change in land uses will equal a loss in thousands of dollars in property value, he said.

"Having been in the real estate business in the city of Longwood for 32 years, I know property values in Longwood. Probably more than anyone in this room," Hattaway said. "Don't

back me into this corner that you're backing me into."

Hattaway also pointed out to commissioners that the proposed building setbacks would deter large chain grocery stores and other desirable businesses from considering to build in the area.

For newly constructed buildings 35 feet high in the downtown district, the proposed Longwood Development Code issues a maximum front setback of 15 feet. For like build-

ings outside the historic district in other designated corridors, the See Code, Page 9A

Ms. Pac-Man Fever



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Seminole Community College President E. Ann McGee plays Ms. Pac-Man during Wednesday's Club Rush 2002, a welcome back event for SCC students.