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## NEWS DIGEST

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This was the scene along Lake Monroe Saturday.

#### Sailfest resumes today

The weather was fine on Saturday for almost anything but sailing, as the competitors and organizers of the 1991 Florida Citrus Sailfest regatta found out. See story, Page 1B

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#### An emotional day

Rudy Sloan, Sanford, wipes tears away as he remembers Pearl Harbor. See stories, Page 2A

### BRIEFS

#### Terwillegger is Miss St. Lucia

SANFORD — Nancy Terwillegger, daughter of Jim and Linda Terwillegger of Sanford, was named the winner of the Miss St. Lucia contest on Saturday evening.

Terwillegger will represent Sanford and the St. Lucia Festival organization at various functions throughout the year, including the St. Lucia Christmas Parade to be held in Sanford next Saturday.

The runners up in the competition were Melony Schroeder, daughter of William and Linda Schroeder of Oviedo, and JoAnn Rowland, daughter of Tonya and Dave Rowland of Sanford.

#### Holiday festivities this afternoon

SANFORD — The Fine and Performing Arts Department of Seminole Community College takes pleasure in inviting the public to a Holiday Choral Concert in the Fine Arts Concert Hall on the college campus on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Featured will be choral music appropriate to the holiday season including a variety of carols from many nations and cultures.

The S.C.C. Chorallers and Chorale will perform separately, then will be joined by the Community Chorus in a massed choir format for the conclusion of the concert. Robin Lee Parker will accompany at the piano.

There will be no admission charge for this event.

Compiled from staff reports

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#### Warm December day



Partly cloudy with a high near 80. Wind east 5 to 10 mph.

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# Tour homes praised

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Few were walking the sidewalks between the homes on the Sanford Historic Trust's Holiday Tour of Homes on Saturday afternoon, but homeowners reported that the stream of visitors had been steady.

"It started off pretty slowly," said Lisa Nason, who, along with her husband Walt, owns the

house at 823 South Park Ave. which was built in 1894. "But they've been coming steadily."

The Holiday Tour of Homes continues today. Tickets, which are \$10 apiece, may be purchased at the Cultural Arts Building at 5th Street and Oak Avenue in Sanford.

On Saturday, Jan Land of Deltona was admiring the work that had been done on the two-story home. A former Sanford resident, she said she can remember when the house had fallen

on some hard times.

"It's amazing what some planning, a little hard work and some do-it-yourself know-how will do to transform a house," she said.

Kim Myers and her husband Stephen own the 1923 bungalow at 715 Myrtle. She said she loves having admiring people come through their home to look around.

"Oh, it's wonderful," she said. "This is the kind of thing I've always dreamed of." See Homes, Page 9A

# Down but not out

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

GENEVA — Kathleen and Robert Johnson say they have lost literally everything they own. Nevertheless, they are not destitute. They are angry.

When they sold their house in Geneva they agreed to be out the day of the closing.

So they took five days and loaded everything into a 40 foot semi-trailer then went to visit his sister in Bradenton, leaving the trailer behind.

When they called friends a few days later, they were shocked to learn the trailer was gone.

When they returned to Geneva, they received a call from a man with whom Robert, a self-employed tree-setter, had done business. He told them that he would destroy the contents of the trailer if they did not

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Kathleen Johnson and her husband Robert. Herald Photo by Gary F. Vogel

## Kathleen Johnson's own account

A couple of weeks ago I sold my home; I loaded everything I owned in a 40 foot semi-trailer.

This morning I woke up with the realization that everything I owned and had worked for all my life was gone. At 45 years old, "BOY" "What an eerie feeling" It didn't burn up in a fire or wash away in a flood, nor did tornadoes blow it away. Someone stole the trailer most likely for a vendetta — not at me — but I am the one who is hurt, and I am innocent.

I think of all the things that are of no money value that were on that trailer: the American flag off my father's coffin — my father who died in Korea for all of our freedom; the Purple Heart given to my father's family by the president; the very last letter he wrote to us before he died in some dirty foxhole. I think of the handmade quilt that my grandmother's best friend had made for her so many, many years ago — now both have passed away. My children's pictures and all the little things they made for me as they grew up. My grandson's handmade toy box which he asked me to keep for him. My girls' little rocking chairs when they were such little girls and now they are all grown up. My dad's little brown jug that had belonged to his great grandfather. The silver cup and the little silverware set that was my brother's in the

time that he was a baby — now that he's in his thirties.

I see the hurt in my mother's face every time she thinks of the things that have been taken. I think of all the things that I collected all these years and now they are all gone. I think of the very last doll I got for Christmas at 12 years old to put on my bed.

All these things were taken out of my life and without a thought of my life and without a thought of my feelings; they just took it all. This was done without values, heart, caring, or sensitivity.

I've had to work hard all my life for everything I ever have gotten. Of the things they couldn't take away from me — is my respect, love, or the remembrance of these things, or my honor and dignity. They cannot be stolen.

But these people lost their respect, honor, and decency when they did this deed. What a shame and dishonor they've done to themselves and to their families — to become just a thief. What a shame.

Thank God for His mercy and giving me the ability to live with this and go on with my life. He also gives the ability and the mercy to my heart to say, "I FORGIVE YOU...."

# Lake Mary huge sale resumes

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Under the shade of the Lake Mary High School front porch, shoppers escaped the unseasonably warm Saturday morning heat and crossed some names off their Christmas shopping list.

The annual Colossal Garage Sale, to benefit the Lake Mary Marching Rams, the Marionettes and the flag corps, got underway at 8 a.m. and continued until dark. It was scheduled to start again this morning at 8 a.m. and go until all the items are gone or darkness falls again.

About 250 families and business partners got together to pool their resources and provide the items to sell at one of the largest garage sales in the city each year.

"One man's junk is another man's treasure," said Karl Kinders of Lake Mary who was buying an arm-load of paperback books for a

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# PSC officer undercuts utility value

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Although a letter from a Florida Public Service Commission official suggests Sandalco Utilities may not be worth more than \$4 million to a private utility, the leader of a local effort to buy the 10,000 customer company says \$25 million is a fair price.

"Our motivation is not for profit," said Dick Harris, president of Wekiva Utilities Inc. "It is to protect our asset and our rates for years to come. That's our benefit."

Troubled by the pending deal Wekiva Utilities has reached with Sandalco Utilities owners to buy the water and sewage treatment company for \$25 million, Seminole County Commissioner Larry Furlong wrote PSC officials recently. Commissioners delayed their November decision to approve the deal until February to give customers more time to understand

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## Swedes find a 'New Upsala'

Most of you folks who have been exposed to even the least amount of Sanford history are aware that right after General Henry S. Sanford founded the town he sailed to Sweden and, shall we say "recruited" a group of Swedes to migrate to the new world and settle here.

We were always under the impression that the contingent of Swedes that came in April of 1871 numbered about 75. But after seeing a manifest of the list of passengers aboard the SS Scandimavia, a Swedish steamship, we find that the number in the Sanford bound con-

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# Longwood parade draws hundreds

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer



Austin, Nathan Failor and Kaitlin White watch the parade. Herald Photo by Gary F. Vogel

LONGWOOD — Loud strains broke the morning silence in the peaceful community of Longwood Saturday morning to kick off its annual Christmas parade.

Emergency vehicles led the way for local celebrities, including Rebecca Gould, the Woodlands Elementary School third grader who recently won the Epopt Center Name-the-Manatee contest and was given a trip to the attraction for herself and everyone at her school.

There were marching bands and clowns. State representative Art Griddle in a Model T and Mayor Adrienne Perry in a more modern convertible.

And Shriners. Hundreds of Shriners.

On motorcycles. In miniature. In Lizzies. With live camels. On foot.

"I didn't think there were that many Shriners in all of Florida," said Mary Lindell of Altamonte Springs who had come to the parade with her grandson Bryce, 4, also of Altamonte Springs.

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## FLORIDA BRIEFS



### Income tax backed with restrictions

MIAMI — Floridians would go along with a state income tax if it touched only people with salaries above \$50,000 or were reserved for education and health care, a new poll indicated Sunday.

A no-new-taxes philosophy prevails, with only 40 percent of those who responded to an annual Florida International University survey favoring higher taxes over reduced services, compared to a 50-50 split four years ago.

But they also were asked what they would do if taxes had to go up and whether they favored an income tax — currently banned by the Florida Constitution — "if certain things were done to make it more palatable."

In order of preference, respondents endorsed higher business taxes, a tax on services, a higher sales tax and lastly a personal income tax.

### Loss of big corporations hits home

MIAMI — Miami hoped to glide through the recession relatively unscathed, but those hopes slid away with some big-name employers.

Pan Am, with 6,500 employees in the city that was supposed to become its new headquarters, this week joined Eastern Airlines, Southeast Bank and the CentTrust and AmeriFirst savings and loans in the history books.

The Allied-Federated bankruptcy shuttered seven Jordan Marsh department stores in South Florida.

Even profitable companies are adding to the unemployment rolls. Florida Power & Light, the state's largest utility, has cut 1,500 jobs this year.

"When you have these kind of body blows in succession, it's hard to respond," said Jeb Bush, son of President Bush and a former state commerce secretary now with a Miami development company. "The blowup of the Pan Am deal is just a devastating blow."

### First Union led bidding by \$172 million

MIAMI — First Union Corp. was far and away the highest bidder for the failed Southeast Bank, offering \$172 million more than its nearest competitor Barnett Banks Inc., a newspaper reported Saturday.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. accepted First Union's \$51 million bid after the Miami bank was seized Sept. 19 following weeks of unsuccessful attempts to find a buyer without a federal takeover.

Barnett was unwilling to put up any money but would take over if the FDIC paid the Jacksonville bank \$91 million, and Atlanta-based SunBank Inc. wanted \$134 million, according to bid documents obtained Friday by The Miami Herald.

"First Union was interested longer than anyone else and had the best chance to look at Southeast's books," said Ken Thomas, a Miami banking consultant. "I don't think Sun was that serious."

The government's bank insurance agency already had agreed to absorb 85 percent of the losses from Southeast's bad loans for the next five years, leaving the buyer with the remainder.

### Clinton, Harkin lead presidential test

TALLAHASSEE — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin are the projected front-runners for next week's Florida Democratic Party straw ballot, the first barometer of strength among presidential contenders.

Clinton, who has already published by the candidates in other news coverage is gaining momentum and able to get votes," said Merle Black, a political science professor at Emory University in Atlanta.

The Dec. 15 straw ballot of 2,300 delegates to the party's convention in Orlando comes well before the Feb. 10 Iowa caucuses, which have been all but conceded to favorite son Harkin. The next prize is the Feb. 18 primary in New Hampshire where former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas is spending much of his money and energy.

### Seat belts save money as well as lives

TAMPA — People who don't use safety belts pay six times more for medical treatment after a wreck than people who buckle up, according to a study commissioned by a group that promotes use of car restraints.

Evaluation of medical records for 232 people injured in Hillsborough County traffic accidents from May to July show those who didn't wear seat belts paid an average of \$4,370 for treatment. Those who wore them paid an average bill of just \$719, the study says.

"We hope people will see that if they wear safety belts, they're also going to save money," said Kathleen Teague, executive director of Florida Coalition for Auto Safety Now Inc.

Ms. Teague hopes the results can be used to boost support for a bill that proposes strengthening enforcement of the state seat-belt law.

Hillsborough County was chosen for the study because it has state-licensed trauma centers and diverse traffic conditions.

From Associated Press reports

## NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

# Veterans gather to reminisce

By VICKI DeCOSTANZA  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — About 30 World War II veterans, some of whom had been at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked, gathered at the Sanford Bible Church, on Sanford Avenue, in Sanford, at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Fifty years to the day after the attack that brought America into the war, the veterans met to remember the 2,300 men who died that morning.

Singing both patriotic hymns and popular songs of the 1940s, the group laughed and cried their remembrances and cheered the return of patriotism in America.

"Patriotism has been reborn," said City Commissioner A.A. McClanahan, who served as a teenager during the war. "I'm just happy to have lived long enough to see it."

He added that he was glad academic institutions were "coming around" and producing more young people proud of their country.

"Academic institutions," he said, "have always been the breeding ground for negativism and the lack of patriotism."

John Sauls, an elder in the Sanford Bible Church who helped organize the event said he was pleased with the turnout, but said he had hoped there'd be more veterans to tell their story.

"Only about 30 percent of World War II veterans are still alive," he said. "It's no small wonder we don't have more here."

A.A. McClanahan Jr., son of the city commissioner, was the keynote speaker for the afternoon event.

Though not a World War II veteran, McClanahan spoke compassionately about what he had learned from his family's experiences in the war.

"This is a history lesson...a living history lesson," he said.

A graduate of West Point, he said he was at the military academy when the tide had shifted away from patriotism.

His speech brought rousing applause when he said the country should not fall into a

sense of false security with the end of the Cold War.

"We need to maintain a vigilant stance," he said.

Organizers were to have had another get-together at 6 p.m. Saturday at which they planned to videotape the recollections of the veterans who attended.

### Elsewhere in Florida

NEW PORT RICHEY — Pearl Harbor veterans gathered Saturday for "a time of special reverence" to accept congressional medals saluting their participation in the Japanese attack, U.S. Sen. Bob Graham said.

"They were very touched," said the Miami Lakes Democrat, who presented the medals. "Some of the men even were crying at the memories of what they had experienced together 50 years ago."

After a speech by U.S. Rep. Michael Billirakis, R-Palm Harbor, Graham distributed about 25 medals to Pearl Harbor survivors and relatives of the dead.

"There were people there who had all served in the same units and who didn't realize it until they were sitting together for the program," the senator said.

An additional 45 medals were given out at a later ceremony in Tampa.

The bronze commemorative medal was commissioned by Congress in honor of the 50th anniversary of the invasion. More than 18,000 veterans, including 1,600 in Florida, are eligible for the medal.

Graham's office location 1,300 Florida veterans to notify them of the medal.

### Elsewhere in the U.S.

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — President Bush today led the nation in a somber tribute to the U.S. dead of World War II, recalling "the moment when the Pacific Ocean erupted in a storm of fire and blood."

At a daybreak address to about 4,000 Pearl Harbor survivors and their families, the president said, "We won the war and secured the peace because American men and women re-



Herald Photo by Gary F. Vogel

Veterans, from left to right, Gerald Chasmar, Bud Tobin and Dave McFadden, all of Sanford, sing "God Bless America."

sponded bravely and un- selfishly to their nation's call."

Bush, a World War II pilot shot down in the Pacific by Japanese artillery fire, delivered an emotional tribute to those who fought that war.

"Some of my closest buddies never came home," Bush told the gathering of Pearl Harbor survivors at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

"Perhaps because of this experience, I can better understand what you survivors are feeling today."

"For the defenders of Pearl, heroism came as naturally as breath," the president said later at a ceremony at the memorial to the sunken battleship Arizona.

Bush was observing the 50th anniversary of the devastating attack on the U.S. Pacific fleet in three separate speeches.

# Pressure on Smith to give strong testimony

By DAN SEWELL  
Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — His accuser's powerful, heart-tugging testimony has added pressure on William Kennedy Smith to tell jurors a clear, convincing version, which he has never had to do under hostile questioning, say lawyers following the case.

"She was a good witness," said famed defense attorney F. Lee Bailey. "He needs to tell a credible story of consensual sex that is consistent with all the physical evidence."

The 30-year-old woman's nearly 10 hours of testimony, much of it tearful and some of it defiantly insistent, riveted the courtroom and, judging from CNN's ratings, viewers across the nation.

"She clearly gave a shot in the arm to a falling prosecution," said attorney Joseph Minberg. "In terms of style and delivery, she was superb. As far as content, the jury is still out."

"The ballgame isn't over yet," said Bailey. For strategic reasons, his lawyers won't comment on whether, or when, he will take the stand.

Although defense attorneys often decide

He needs to tell a credible story of consensual sex that is consistent with all the physical evidence.

-F. Lee Bailey

against having their clients take the stand, any doubt that Smith would was all but erased by the woman's testimony, other attorneys say.

The 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., has never publicly told his version of the March 30 events at his family's Palm Beach estate.

Douglas Williams, a Miami lawyer, said because credibility is the crucial issue, "it is my assumption that under any circumstances, part of the defense strategy will be, and always has been, that Smith will take the stand."

Williams expects Smith attorney Roy Black to use expert witnesses to help him methodically take apart Smith's accuser's

story and back Smith's testimony. Smith is expected to say the woman consented to sex, then became angry and vengeful when he treated her coolly following sexual intercourse.

Black has listed experts that include: — A forensic pathologist to testify the woman's clothes would have been damaged by a brutal rape.

— Another one to say her injuries would have been worse had she had been tackled while running, as she testified.

— An acoustics expert to say any screams would have been heard by other guests at the estate.

— A gynecology expert to say Smith couldn't have raped her with a partly erect penis, as the woman has testified. Williams, a former prosecutor who has several times represented co-defendants with Black in other trials, predicted Black will repeatedly remind the jury of contradictions between the woman's trial testimony and five sworn statements to police and prosecutors and in three days of pretrial questioning by Smith's attorneys.

## LOTTERY

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Saturday in the Florida Lottery:

Cash 3  
8-6-1  
Play 4  
8-3-1-5  
Fantasy 5  
13-7-9-33-28

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## THE WEATHER

### LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with the high near 80. Wind east 5 to 10 mph.

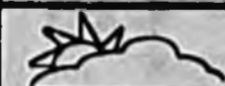
Tonight: Fair with some patchy dense fog. Low near 60. Light wind. Monday: Partly cloudy with the high in the lower 80s.

Extended forecast: Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. A chance of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday. Mostly clear and cooler Wednesday. Lows near 60 except near 50 Wednesday. Highs near 80 except near 70 Wednesday.

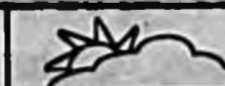
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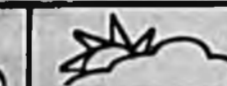
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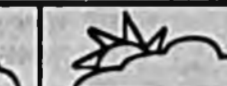
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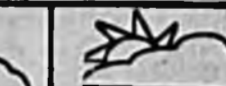
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Pty cldy 70-80



THURSDAY  
Pty cldy 75-85

### MOON PHASES



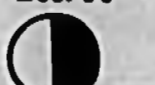
NEW  
Dec. 6



FIRST  
Dec. 14



FULL  
Dec. 21



LAST  
Dec. 28

### BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1-2 feet and semi choppy. Current is to the south with a water temperature of 68 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 feet and choppy. Current is to the north, with a water temperature of 68 degrees.

### TIDES

SUNDAY:  
SOLUNAR TABLE: Min. 6:20 a.m., 6:55 p.m.; Maj. 12:10 a.m., 12:40 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 9:11 a.m., 9:25 p.m.; lows, 2:36 a.m., 3:35 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 9:16 a.m., 9:30 p.m.; lows, 2:41 p.m., 3:40 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 9:31 a.m., 9:45 p.m.; lows, 2:56 a.m., 3:55 p.m.

### BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet  
Today and tonight: Wind east to southeast 5 to 10 knots. Seas 1 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters smooth. Isolated showers.

### NATIONAL TEMPS

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Oth
Anchorage	26	21	35	sn
Atlanta	58	34	cdy	
Atlantic City	50	21	cdy	
Baltimore	50	23	cdy	
Billings	32	35	cdy	
Birmingham	62	47	cdy	
Bismarck	55	24	cdy	
Boise	53	40	20	sn
Boston	38	26	02	cdy
Burlington, Vt.	13	08	05	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	62	33	cdy	
Charleston, W. Va.	51	38	cdy	
Charlotte, N.C.	58	33	cdy	
Cheyenne	58	36	cdy	
Chicago	40	32	cdy	
Cleveland	39	30	cdy	
Columbia, S.C.	62	38	cdy	
Concord, N.H.	27	10	02	cdy
Dallas Ft. Worth	47	38	cdy	
Denver	45	31	cdy	
Des Moines	54	36	cdy	
Detroit	21	27	cdy	
Honolulu	82	73	cdy	
Houston	74	60	cdy	
Indianapolis	46	37	cdy	
Jackson, Miss.	64	38	cdy	
Kansas City	59	50	cdy	
Las Vegas	62	35	cdy	
Little Rock	55	47	cdy	
Los Angeles	66	50	cdy	
Memphis	61	47	cdy	
Millwaukee	41	27	cdy	
Minneapolis	38	28	cdy	
Nashville	58	41	cdy	
New Orleans	64	41	cdy	
New York City	44	32	cdy	
Oklahoma City	45	33	cdy	
Omaha	52	28	cdy	
Philadelphia	45	29	cdy	
Phoenix	51	31	cdy	
Pittsburgh	29	25	cdy	
Portland, Maine	19	05	08	cdy
St. Louis	55	47	cdy	
Salt Lake City	45	31	sn	
Seattle	49	42	17	sn

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Spouse abuse charged

Drion Lavell Waldo, 25, of 1207 Lincoln Ct. in Sanford, was arrested on Thursday.

He was charged with aggravated battery and resisting arrest without violence.

According to the arrest report, Waldo had hit his wife, who is five and a half months pregnant, in the face and head.

He refused to allow the arresting officers to handcuff him and threatened the officer with his fists.

He resisted being placed in the car and eventually had to be placed in leg chains.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held in lieu of \$4,000 bond.

### Warrant arrests

• **Willis Anthony McCloud**, 29, of 3938 Kentucky St. in Sanford was arrested Thursday.

He was charged on a warrant for violating his probation on charges of theft.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held without bond.

• **Regina Bryant Bridges**, 32, 1210 W. 16th St., Sanford, was arrested Wednesday at her home by Seminole County deputies. Bridges was wanted for failing to appear at an August Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services hearing.

• **Philip Zeuli**, 71, 179 E. Crystal Lake Drive, Lake Mary, turned himself in to deputies at the Seminole County jail Wednesday. Zeuli was wanted on charges he violated his probation terms for a dealing in stolen property conviction.

• **Jeffrey Redden**, 25, 2020 Henry Ave., Sanford, was arrested for violating probation terms for sale of counterfeit drugs by Seminole County deputies Wednesday at the county jail.

### Revoked license brings arrest

Lee David Shifflet, 20, of 134 E. Grand Bend Ave. in Lake Mary was arrested Friday.

He was charged with driving with a revoked drivers license. He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held on \$100 bond.

### Old drug charges bring arrest

Ronald Leroy Miller, 32, of 196 Windsor Ct. in Sanford was arrested on Friday.

He was charged with violating his probation in Hillsborough County on drug possession charges.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held on \$1,000 bond.

### Violation of probation alleged

William Franklin Lewis, 37, of 400 Locust Ave., Apt. 90 in Sanford, was arrested on Thursday.

He was charged on warrants for violating his probation on charges of armed burglary of a structure and burglary of a structure.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held without bond.

### License violation charged

Arlington Perry Mills, 19, of 1015 Cypress Ave. in Sanford was arrested on Thursday.

He was charged with failure to appear in court on charges with driving at an unlawful speed with a suspended drivers license.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held on \$1,000 bond.

## Harriett satisfied with Wolfinger's apology

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — State Attorney Norm Wolfinger has sent a written apology to Sanford Police Officer Ramon Figueroa for comments an assistant state attorney made about Figueroa during an October training session for Longwood police.

"This letter is a further response extending our apology if you felt in any way slighted by Ms. Gold's presentation," Wolfinger wrote in a Dec. 3 letter. "I have had discussion with Ms. Gold and she told me that she is in no way prejudiced toward you. If I found a bias by her against you, I would take different action. Certainly, any such bias would be inexcusable."

Figueroa said Friday he had not received Wolfinger's letter and said despite Gold's denials she made racially-oriented comments, he was offended by her statements after view a tape recording of the training session.

Sanford Police Chief Steven Harriett said after reviewing Wolfinger's response, he feels the matter is settled.

"He responded to our request and the matter of the use of tapes is resolved," Harriett said.

"It's a done deal."

Figueroa complained to Harriett Oct. 23 about a drunken driving training session conducted Oct. 22 by Gold. During the session, Gold used video tapes of sobriety tests conducted by local police on people arrested for drunken driving and criticized the performance of the arresting officers.

One such demonstration included a taped test performed by Figueroa. In a Nov. 27 letter to Wolfinger, Figueroa wrote Longwood officers told him Gold told the 25 or so officers "I'm not picking on this officer because he is Hispanic." Figueroa wrote he was told Gold then criticized his accent and stated that she "didn't know how anyone could understand me, especially if the person was indeed drunk."

Figueroa wrote to Wolfinger he decided to write his own letter after Wolfinger had not responded to Harriett's Oct. 30 letter requesting a written apology.

"This incident has caused me mental suffering and anguish as well as embarrassment, yet it seems painfully obvious this lack of decorum and unprofessionalism is acceptable by you, thereby evident in your failure to respond," Figueroa wrote.

## Dealership pledges it will appeal

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The attorney for Baird-Ray Nissan pledged Thursday to appeal a Seminole County Code Enforcement Board unanimous decision to order the Longwood dealership to remove all banners by Jan. 10 or face a \$100 per day fine.

Attorney Mark Lubet said the appeal in Seminole circuit court would be filed in about two weeks. Lubet said he would also seek an injunction to delay the CEB order from taking effect until the case is decided.

Thursday, CEB member Hugh Harling scolded Baird-Ray owners, which include Bill Ray, and other auto dealers for not participating in the county sign code revision process two years ago.

"I don't remember seeing any... one from your industry there," said Harling. "I would encourage you to come in and work with the county on something that could be agreeable to everyone."

Although Lubet argued Thursday the county's sign code has no definition of a banner, CEB members were unconvinced. County code inspector Deborah Leigh read one dictionary definition that described banners as flags or rectangular cloths containing a message. Lubet read another definition that described banners as flags or bold newspaper headlines.

"You don't deny there is a banner?" asked CEB member Victor Eyal.

"Yes I do deny that because I don't know what a banner is," Lubet answered.

Lubet also argued Leigh's Nov. 8 violation statement refers to a sign with the wording "Complete package \$7995." Lubet said that sign had been removed more than a week ago, but Leigh said another banner was in its place Wednesday morning.

Harling labeled Lubet's arguments "semantics" and called for the vote finding Baird-Ray in violation of the sign code and to remove all banners before Jan. 9, 1992 or a \$100 per day fine will automatically be imposed.

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### EDITORIALS

## It's a question of confidence

During the depths of the 1981-82 recession — America's worst economic slump of the postwar era — unemployment reached 10.8 percent, inflation peaked at 10.3 percent and the prime rate soared to 18.9 percent. Yet, never during those days did consumer confidence in the economy plunge to the levels recorded in October.

This seems hard to explain. The jobless rate in November stood at 6.8 percent for the second straight month. Inflation is projected at 4.5 percent for the year, and the prime rate recently was lowered to 7.5 percent. Moreover, the gross national product increased 2.4 percent during the last quarter, signaling the official end of the recession.

Why then are Americans more uneasy about the state of the economy in 1991 than they were during the recession of a decade ago?

Perhaps the single best explanation is that President Bush has not exerted the same forceful leadership on economic policy that he brought to the Persian Gulf War and other foreign problems. It is not too late, however, for Mr. Bush to propose a comprehensive pro-growth agenda, take his case to the American people, and fight for the plan on Capitol Hill.

Such leadership would help ease the understandable concerns of millions of Americans who already have lost employment or fear their jobs are in jeopardy because of the sluggish economy. Instilling confidence in Americans is an essential, if intangible, aspect of presidential leadership.

From all appearances, the president has been content to leave much of his economic decision-making to the more-to-be-passed White House, Chief of Staff John Sununu, Budget Director Richard Darman and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

Yet this is the same trio that persuaded the president to break his campaign pledge of "no new taxes" in exchange for Democratic promises of major reductions in the budget deficit. While Americans now are paying \$30 billion a year in higher taxes due to the budget deal, the deficit actually has increased \$100 billion more than projected.

At the time of the budget agreement, there already were signs that the eight-year economic expansion was starting to slow down. The new taxes, combined with the growing deficit, contributed to killing the expansion and bringing on the current economic morass.

Rather than embrace policies that might quickly renew economic growth, the troika of Sununu, Darman and Brady stubbornly advised the president to sit on the sidelines and let the recession run its course. About the only response the White House had for the recession was to urge the Federal Reserve Board to reduce interest rates.

The Fed now has driven down interest rates to the lowest levels in 20 years. But this has proved an insufficient stimulus for the economy. Millions of Americans remain unemployed, with no job prospects in sight.

### LETTERS

#### I apologize to Dr. Quinn

Upon Dr. Quinn's request I am placing a letter of apology to Dr. Quinn and his father in the Sanford Herald. His request is in reference to a statement made in my Nov. 29 letter to the editor.

Dr. Quinn invited me to his office to review how the drug screening samples are taken for testing. I explained to Dr. Quinn that my letter was based on the Sanford Herald article Nov. 21 that stated in the seventh paragraph, "Howell said we gave a sample of his urine to Dr. James Quinn..."

I had been through a drug screening process for employment and felt that an accurate test had to be under a more controlled environment. Dr. Quinn told me in our conversation that he had disagreed with the way the statement was published. He extended an invitation for me to visit his office to see that samples are given with a witness present and other procedures are strictly adhered to in accordance with drug screening. In addition, his father's business has no influence on his medical practice.

After reading of illegal purchases, improperly destroyed evidence and a "sample being given" there were questions I needed to have answered.

Dr. Quinn, in truly professional style, answered my questions of his involvement of the testing procedure. I have tried to make arrangements to visit Dr. Quinn's office; however, we currently have conflicting schedules.

So, I close this letter by saying to Dr. Quinn, Mr. Quinn, the medical and real estate communities: please accept my apologies for any misunderstandings. I relied on the accuracy and thoroughness of the paper before speaking with you, Dr. Quinn.

Wayne Spencer  
Sanford

## God has 'lost children' here, too

According to American tradition this is the season to be joyous. Thanksgiving is past and feverish activity in preparation for Christmas is the hallmark of each passing day. However, as we reflect upon the problems engulfing planet earth, we wonder why is humankind so destructive?

The Associated Press released information about the death squads that are systematically executing the street children of Brazil. It is estimated that between June 1990 and June 1991 children were slaughtered at the rate of three per day. Approximately 12 million children live on the streets of Brazil, an escalation from 5 million in 1985.

Naturally, the children are homeless because adults, parents and society, have abandoned their responsibilities to them. Instead, they have unleashed a most barbaric method, extinction, for dealing with a social problem. What makes a country practice genocide against its homeless children?

The setting was in the Nova Jerusalem slum in the Baixada Fluminense district north of Rio. It was Nov. 15, 1991 when gunmen shot to death six youngsters between the ages of nine and 17. A seventh would-be victim feigned death and later reported the incident to police.

The death squads of Brazil are reportedly comprised of retired and off-duty police. They are paid from \$40 to \$500 per contract for killing the children. Children participating in drug activities



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account for more money per contract.

Evidently both the families of the homeless children of Brazil and the institutions have failed these children.

In our own land we have homeless children numbering one million. Sister Mary Rose McGready, president of Covenant House, has just written a book entitled, "God's Lost Children." The book was published this year. Sister McGready indicates that the homeless children "who slept on America's streets last year, were scared, cold, hungry, alone and most of all, desperate to find someone who cares."

There is no typical homeless child. They come from all backgrounds, all races and every age group. Many of America's homeless children have been "thrown out of the house by parents or stepparents who don't want them or don't

care about them." Others have run away from home to escape constant physical and/or emotional abuse.

1990 statistics relating to teenagers reveal 55 percent of teenagers living in single-parent households live at the poverty level. The number of teen suicides has doubled since 1970. School dropout rate is as high as 60 percent in urban centers. Annually 10 percent of girls between the ages of 15-19 get pregnant.

Covenant House, Florida is located in Fort Lauderdale. United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp has endorsed Sr. Mary Rose's efforts thusly — "We salute Sister Mary Rose as the General Schwarzkopf of fighting homelessness in America."

May America never abandon her responsibility to her homeless children as Brazil is doing. Let us resolutely face the factors that create family disintegration which is possibly the principle cause of homelessness.

Let us deluge the United Nations with letters of protest about the treatment of Brazil's children. Those of us who have religious affiliations should ascertain what is being done in foreign mission programs to address this horrible situation.

At home, donations to Covenant House, Florida may be mailed to Coral Ridge Station, P.O. Box 36282, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33336-0282.



### TOM TIEDE

## Letter Exchange for pen pals

WASHINGTON — Someone who lived 200 years ago observed that a letter shows the person it is written to, as well as the person it is written by. And this is a signal reason we know so much about persons living 200 years ago. Washington, Jefferson, Adams, etc.; they wrote incessantly to one another, as did most people then, and they bequeathed the correspondence to history.

Alas, times change. Today the great and the ordinary have gotten away from pen and paper. People stay in touch with each other through telephones, fax machines and computers, but less and less through personal notes. The postal service says the old-fashioned letter will account for only 6 percent of all mail this year.

This is for some a deplorable state of affairs. Steve Sikora, for one. He is an incurable romantic who grieves for the loss of the goose quill. In this regard, he wants to turn the tide of time. He edits The Letter Exchange, a magazine designed to coax right-thinking people back to non-electronic communications.

"I have nothing against modern convenience," Sikora says. "And I'm certainly not trying to serve any historical purpose. I just like to write letters, and so do the people who read The Letter Exchange. You can do business with a telephone, but you make friends with letters. I publish for people who want pen pals."

Sikora publishes from his home in Albany, Calif. He says The Letter Exchange is an idea left over from his military service in Vietnam. He says he wrote hundreds of notes during the war, mostly the result of being bored. Eventually, he decided to revive the practice formally. He began printing The Letter Exchange in 1982.

The magazine is published three times annually (subscription: \$18), and Sikora says it works on the understanding of giving and taking. Subscribers are invited to insert anonymous solicitations for letters, under any of 30 categories ranging from art to women's interests. Readers are encouraged to respond to the code numbers in the listings to begin an exchange of mail.

Most of the listings, which cost 50 cents a word, are straightforward; some are cozy or cute. One writer in the current edition says, "I'm seeking recipes on making wine or brandy." Another asks, "Does your pet make you happy?" Scores of inserts seek correspondence about health, humor or hobbies, including a bid to play Scrabble by post.

There are also the poignant ("the only mail I get is marked O.Cupant"); the provocative ("solitary man seeks a sister"); and the bizarre ("forget everything you think you know"). One woman this time writes that she is 55, too tall, and her only love is a dog with terminal

cancer. She wants to be talked out of suicide.

Sikora says 10,000 people have put listings in the exchange to date. He adds that most of them are Americans, and a few have been from Canada. "I think some of them are very lonely," he goes on. But there are others who are just armchair adventurers — they want to expand their interests, and they want to make new contacts.

Sikora admits there is some risk in the contacts. He says misfits have tried to use The Letter Exchange for off-color purposes, and there have been a few other dubious matters. So, he says he tells readers in each issue to be careful, and watch their wallets. Sikora sometimes censors the listings for the sake of the common good.

"We used to get quite a few of the lovelorn looking for companions, and after a while some of the readers began to complain. So I asked the subscribers for comments. I got a hundred or more replies, the majority of which opposed using the listings for that kind of thing, and I decided to discontinue the category."

The publisher says the deletion may have hurt subscription renewals. But it hasn't affected reader response. He says he has forwarded 80,000 letters to those listed in the last decade (the next edition marks the magazine's 10th anniversary), and each of the listings over this period has generated an average of 15 answers.

Some listings beget more responses than others, of course. The previously mentioned insertion mentioning suicide is an example. Sikora says his office received 60 replies to the woman's predicament, he sent them all on to her, and he hopes that she realizes by the concern of the respondents that life is worth living, after all.

Steve Sikora says 2,000 people are presently getting The Letter Exchange. If you are interested, the address is: P.O. Box 6218, Albany, CA 94706. Don't telephone, please, and no facsimile transmissions. Write a letter, put in an envelope, seal it with a stamp, and take your place in history with Tom Jefferson.



The old-fashioned letter will account for only 6 percent of all mail this year.

### JACK ANDERSON

## Things not rosy as Bush thinks

WASHINGTON — The Christmas shopping season is showing early signs of anemia this year. Economists fear this will be the darkest season for retailers in recent years. Blame it on a recession that won't quit and a pending presidential election that has Washington rolling with half-baked notions of how to fix the economy.

Retail sales make up half of all consumer spending, and consumer spending is responsible for two-thirds of America's economic growth. That means it is no small problem when the biggest shopping season of the year threatens to be a bust.

It has not helped the season to have the Bush administration reel into the winter like an absent-minded professor being buffeted by every cross-wind the Democrats blow. President Bush says — without much thought, as it turns out — that lowering credit-card interest rates would be a bang-up idea. Then, when Congress tries to do just that, the stock market takes a dive and Bush recants.

In Pennsylvania, a Democratic Senate candidate wins by using a pitch heavily weighted with talk of health-care reform. Bush says, no problem. He can do health-care reform too if that's what people want. But the effect is to leave Americans wondering what he has been doing between those foreign trips.

In Washington, the White House appears to be in turmoil. Chief of Staff John Sununu, sick of the stories about his crotchety personality, screams at a reporter in the Rose Garden, calling her a liar. Barbara Bush denies stories that she is peeved at the peevish Sununu. But ever since Nancy Reagan was in the White House, the phenomenon of a first lady declaring her undying devotion to a White House staffer is a sure sign that someone is about to be fired.

It all leads a lot of people to think that we're headed for another October Surprise. Only this time it won't be some shadowy scheme where hostages are used as bargaining chips for presidential candidates. Instead, the economy may be what's rescued.

Historically, presidents have been ingenious in finding cosmetics to — at least — give the economy a healthy complexion going into a presidential election. Bush is getting a late start, and he should know better. He learned at the feet of the master.

In 1981, the new Reagan administration made a political/economic decision to induce a recession early to get it over with before the next election. Reagan knew there was no way to correct the economy without first wringing out the inflation, by giving a wink and a nod to the Federal Reserve Board to keep ratcheting up interest rates until the economy came to a dead stop. It worked.

The consequences and costs included the obliteration of the U.S. manufacturing base, record unemployment and soaring national debt. But the Reagan administration decided, although you won't find it in the party platform of 1980, that it was worth a recession to restore low inflation and low interest rates.

Which brings us to 1992 with time a wastin'. According to a Conference Board report issued recently, the index of consumer confidence dropped nine points to 50.6, more than three points below the all-time low reading registered during the 1982 recession. As of right now, Americans consider these times worse than the early Reagan years.

Bush says the best economic policy is no economic policy, but he'll cave in and compromise with Congress and pull the strings he can with the Fed to give the appearance of recovery to stimulate consumer confidence.



Instead, the economy may be what's rescued.

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# DECEMBER 14

## St. Lucia "Queen of Light"

Although the old expression, "Christmas lasts a month in Sweden," must not be taken literally, the festive season does begin on Dec. 13th with St. Lucia and ends on Jan. 13th. Tjugondag Knut, when you have a party to dance the Christmas out of your house and rob the tree of all of its goodies - Julgranaplundring.

Lucia, known as the "Queen of Light," was actually born in Sicily. As a young girl, on the eve of her marriage, she gave away her entire dowry to the poor of her village and publicly admitted that she had become a Christian. Accused of witchcraft, she was martyred on Dec. 13th, A.D. 304, under the edict of Emperor Diocletian. Later, she was canonized and thus received the name by which she is now known, St. Lucia. For her connection with Sweden we must turn to medi-

eval legend folklore. One account has it that Lucia brought food to the hungry people in one of Sweden's provinces during a time of famine. She was dressed in white and a luminous halo in the form of a crown of light encircled her head.

The appearance of the "Queen of Light" at this season, near the time of the winter solstice, seems most appropriate as symbolizing the return of light after the dark days. Actually, the winter solstice occurs on Dec. 22nd rather than Dec. 13th. The difference in dates is explained by the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1753, while the day is still celebrated on Dec. 13th, according to the old Julian calendar. Thus, the belief is surrounded by deeper meaning since the return of light is a symbol of hope and charity to the Swedish people in keeping with the original tradition.

So before dawn on St. Lucia's Day the eldest daughter of the family dresses herself in a white robe, with a green wreath on her head with lighted candles on it. She wakes her parents by singing the familiar Sicilian song "Santa Lucia" and brings coffee, saffron buns, and Christmas cookies to everyone while they are still in bed. The younger boys often wear a conelike hat with a glittering star on top and accompany her on her rounds.

On the evening of Dec. 13th the Stockholm Lucia and attendant parade in the streets in gaily decorated carriages. The parade winds up at Stockholm's famous City Hall where the Nobel Prizes are awarded. Since the Nobel Prize is given on Dec. 10th, usually that winner will make the presentation of the Lucia Ornament to the chosen Stockholm Lucia.

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## Why A St. Lucia?

**SANFORD** - The original settlers in this area of Central Florida came from many nations, bringing their cultures, hopes and dreams to the southern shore of Lake Monroe. Each, in one way or another, added to the eventual development of the City of Sanford and its surrounding communities.

Of special merit, however, were the people who came from Sweden, bringing with them their rich historical heritage.

In the late 1800's, General Henry S. Sanford needed laborers to clear and settle the land he had purchased around Lake Monroe. Through overseas connections, Sanford was able to obtain 150 adults from Sweden, who agreed to work for Sanford for one year, in exchange for his payment of their passage to this new world.

At the end of that year the immigrants were given free land.

The first group arrived in Florida on May 30, 1871 and established their colony of New Upsala in the area surrounding

what is still known as Upsala Road. The colony was the largest of five Swedish settlements in Central Florida.

For the past three years a number of descendants of the original families have gathered to share stories and reminiscences about their homeland and the early days of their ancestors here in Florida. This has now become an official annual event.

But it doesn't stop with just the "gathering." The St. Lucia Festival Committee is continuing its search for Swedish families, and research projects into their history so more names might be added to the roster.

Anyone having information about Swedish families is cordially invited to stop at St. Lucia headquarters, E. First Street or

the Sanford Museum with information.

The St. Lucia Festival has focused attention on the history of Seminole County as a whole but particularly the Swedish immigrants in the Upsala area.

The traditions of Swedes are renewed both by the descendants of those who settled in Upsala and those who have recently come to this country and are living in Central Florida.

On Sunday (Dec. 15), a brief St. Lucia program and a history of New Upsala to be given by Julian Stenstrom, will be held at 5:30 and again at 6:30 in the historic chapel of Upsala Community Presbyterian Church, Hwy 46-A and Upsala Road. Coffee and Swedish cookies will be served.

The little chapel which seats only 50 will be the scene of its 100th anniversary in February and will be celebrated by its members at that time.

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**How It All Began**

St. Lucia Festival came into being through Mayor Bettye Smith's "Future of Sanford Committee," discerning from a challenge to envision what some would like their community to be in 25 years.

Ray Bartholomew wrote of the dream as it unfolded through the years would emphasize the education of youngsters and adults alike on the culture of a European country, rich and colorful in music, dress, food and traditions, and with strong ties to the church and as others do, carries on the traditions of their forefathers in food, family gatherings and friendship. "We still gather Sunday afternoons with family and friends to drink coffee and dip in skopra" in hard sweet milk.

The more modern St. Lucia festivities are observed by the many Swedish now living in Central Florida. The Scandinavian Hagar Viking club will hold its annual St. Lucia celebration on Friday (Dec. 13) at Eastmonte Civic Center in Altamonte Springs. Thus the traditions are passed along to children and new bonding in friendship occurs when the "old" and the new blend cultures in the celebration of Christmas.

For information about the local festivities call St. Lucia Festival headquarters, 323-9178 or about the Viking Club, call 321-6424.

**Christmas in Florida**  
 The visitor sadly shook his head as he looked at the tropical sun. "Call this Christmas?" he said to me. "Well, not where I come from. Christmas needs snow and ice and cold. And the sound of sleigh bells' ring. And as for me I can't be said to weather that feels like spring."

We looked at him and then we smiled. As he scoffed at our awful plight and we felt pity and were not piteous. As Mary murmured His name. For no snow fell on Bethlehem. On the night the star first shone. There was no blizzard or howling gale That swept with a shriek and a moan.

The breeze was soft and, what was more, The night the Christ child came. His music bloomed near the stable door As Mary murmured His name. Bougainvillea of violet hue. Arched in a graceful bower: Poinsettias wet with midnight dew Enhanced that sacred hour.

The heavenly host in the stary sky Proclaimed the birth of a king. And rustling palms echoed the cry As the white earth seemed to sing. So we find here in our sun-drenched land. Untouched by ice and snow, That the spirit of Christmas is at hand And we feel God willed it so.

**Map:** LAKE MONROE, PARADE FINISH, LAKE MONROE, PARADE BOAT OF NEW YEAR'S EVE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SANDFORD AUTO MALL, SANDFORD HISTORIC DOWNTOWN, SANDFORD AIRPORT, SANDFORD MALL, SANDFORD HISTORIC DOWNTOWN, SANDFORD AIRPORT, SANDFORD MALL, SANDFORD HISTORIC DOWNTOWN, SANDFORD AIRPORT, SANDFORD MALL.

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**St. Lucia Schedule Of Events**

**December 11** "Gospelfest" A Gathering of singers, choirs, instrumentals presenting spirituals, gospels, hymns and Christmas music. Free 7 pm, Historic St. James AME Church, 819 Cypress Ave.

**December 14 FESTIVAL**

11 am St. Lucia Annual Christmas Parade Theme: "Christmas around the World," Lake Monroe waterfront

Noon - Festivities: strolling musicians, historic exhibit at First Street Gallery, Etc., Swedish Bake-off contest, ethnic foods including Swedish, artisan demonstrations, crafts, gifts, toys, Christmas decorations, storytelling, puppet show, face painting, Bluegrass and Jazz bands, traditional Christmas music, hay ride.

8 pm Lighted Boat Parade, Lake Monroe

**December 15 5:30 and 6:30 pm** Brief St. Lucia program and history of New Upsala relating to the early Swedish settlers. Historic chapel of Upsala Community Presbyterian Church, Hwy. 46-A at Upsala Road; Coffee and Swedish cookies served

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**Why A St. Lucia?**  
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# County 'down-zoning' process of 18 properties now underway

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Thursday, Seminole County Planning and Zoning Commission members began the process of "down-zoning" 18 properties throughout the county to match them to the county's comprehensive development plan.

The process, which may cost property owners substantial amounts of money in lost development rights or resale value, is required by the state to get zonings and land uses to match the county plan. If the property hasn't been used according to its zoning or land use classification for six months, the county may rezone it unless the owner requests an amendment to the plan.

If there is an existing home or business on the property, county planners recommended lowering the classification enough to allow the use to remain, but to prevent the structure from being used for a more intense purpose.

County commissioners are scheduled to review the P&Z recommendations Jan. 15 and consider final approval May 12.

Locally, the properties include:

● Three acres northwest of Longwood-Lake Mary Road and Acorn Drive where several duplexes and a day care center is located. The county's development plan calls for low-density residential uses in the area, but P&Z members recommended a medium density zoning to allow the duplexes to remain and still meet lower density development goals.

● Two acres west of the State Road 46-County Road 426 Intersection in Geneva. There is a Handy Way convenience store on the property

and owner Miller Enterprises wrote county planners saying their recommendation of a more-restrictive commercial zoning would lower the resale value of the property.

● One acre northeast of the junction of Jungle Road North and Lake Harney Road in Geneva. Owned by a trust, the undeveloped property is zoned for commercial uses although it is almost entirely comprised of unbuildable wetlands, staff reported.

● Three acres east of Sanford Avenue and north of Oak Way south of Sanford. There is a single home on the property, but could be developed into six homes under the current zoning.

● One acre southwest of the Orange Avenue-Wayside Drive intersection west of Sanford. Although vacant, the property is zoned for intensive commercial uses.

● Ten undeveloped acres northeast of the intersection of Gen. J.C. Hutchison Parkway and County Road 427. Currently zoned for commercial and industrial uses, the property is located at the edge of the Spring Hammock preservation area. A portion of the property is owned by the state and the county recommended lowering the zoning to a public lands use.

● 88 undeveloped acres east of County Road 419 in Spring Hammock. Although a portion is under a state purchase contract, other portions are owned privately. The county recommended an agricultural zoning for the private land, but the owners, who include Macasphalt and David M. urged the county to retain the industrial zoning. The county proposed zoning the state land for public uses.



### What a soup-er gift

Mayor Bettye Smith and Brent Adamson presented an equal share of the \$6,355.86 collected so far from the Mayor's Souper Supper to Mother Bell Weaver, director of Rescue Outreach Mission, and Irene Brown, volunteer director of the Sanford Christian

Sharing Center. Also in attendance for the presentation were the Rev. George Spransy Jr. and Bonnie Shumaker, both of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, and Betty Sonnenberg, a Souper Supper volunteer.

Special Photo by Tommy Woodard

# Alaqua developer denied merger

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County Planning and Zoning Commission members this week turned down a request by Alaqua developer Neal Harris to merge a portion of Alaqua into his neighboring Alaqua Lakes development west of Markham Woods Road.

Although the 60-acre Alaqua section is already approved for 45 homes, Harris's proposal would create 49 new homesites in adjacent Alaqua Lakes. The

resulting homesites would be slightly smaller than the one-acre estate lots of nearby Markham Woods Road homes. P&Z members decided the smaller lots would be inconsistent with larger lots in the area.

The P&Z decision Wednesday is a recommendation which will be considered by county commissioners Jan. 14. Their final decision is scheduled for May 12.

In other recommendations, P&Z approved another development juggle, this one in Heathrow.

Arvida Corp., current develop-

ers of the new city west of Interstate 4, wanted to move about 19 acres from their property which has state approval for a development of regional impact into their county-approved planned unit development. Arvida plans to redistribute homesites into the property, lowering the density in that section from three to 1.4 homes per acre.

P&Z members turned down a request by Engineering Management and Design Inc. to build 86 homes west of Heathrow on 21 acres.

# Complaints filed against police promotion

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford Civil Service Board will consider a second complaint of the city's police promotion process to fill two sergeant vacancies.

A grievance filed Nov. 20 by police corporal Aaron Keith was filed with the Civil Service Board Tuesday. No hearing date has been set. One portion of the four-part complaint on file at the county personnel office matches a grievance filed with the board Nov. 25 by corporal Darrell L. Brewer.

Both corporals complained that promotion applications were received by the civil service office nearly two weeks after the deadline to apply.

One of the corporals filing a late application, Agostino Gary Fontana, was promoted to sergeant. City personnel director Tim McCauley said last week he

accepted the applications because he believed they were filed on time, but a police official failed to transmit them to civil service before the deadline. McCauley said he will not accept late applications in the future.

But Keith's grievance also contested the promotion interviews, saying some areas of questioning were irrelevant to scores. Keith also questioned test scores, saying they were invalid, and whether personnel files were reviewed.

City manager Bill Simmons said this morning that the handling of late applications was a matter for the Civil Service Board to review. He said he is still reviewing the other three complaints and declined to comment on their specific issues.

Keith declined to comment this morning, saying department policy prohibits employees from speaking to the media without permission. Chief Steven Har-

riett was unavailable and Capt. Charles Fagan refused to grant permission for Keith to speak to a reporter without Harriett's OK.

A review of tests submitted by the five corporals showed several scores were changed and three tests were not signed by the police officials grading them. None of the changes affected the final ranking of the five applicants. Corporal Darrel Presley, who ranked the highest, and Fontana, who was ranked second highest, were both promoted. Brewer was ranked third, Keith fourth, and Corporal Willie Harden fifth.

Also, personnel files show both Fontana and Brewer had been disciplined several years ago for violations of department policy, whereas none of the other applicants had disciplinary records. Harriett said last week both men had completed their discipline satisfactorily and had become better police officers as a result.



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## Sale

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quarter apiece. "I've been looking for some of these for years." Books, clothes, bed linens, paintings and appliances were among the items stacked on closely placed tables at the school's entrance. "I found all kinds of games for my kids for Christmas," said Lara Lee of Lake Mary. "There

are some good buys here."

Krista Jones of Sanford, who said she spends all day every Saturday and Sunday going to garage sales to find the best bargains said she didn't think the deals were all that good. "I guess tomorrow you'll be able to bargain with them a little better," she said. Volunteer parents and students manning the booths were looking to make money for the

musicians and were willing to dictate on the prices of things and to accept donations.

"We'll take donations," said a sign taped to a brick column. Briha Langdon, 5, of Lake Mary lightly clutched the 25 cents her mother had given her to spend. She planned to spend it, though, she said. "Mom said it was for the band," she said. "I like the band."

## Stenstrom

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lingent was 32. As most of you old timers know, General Sanford offered the Swedes, in return for their passage to America, five acres of land if they would remain for one year and take various jobs in the area.

Let's look at this group of Swedes. We can tell you who they were and for the most part their occupations.

There was 35-year-old Alfred Lofgren who was a botanist. We imagine General Sanford considered himself fortunate to get Lofgren to come to this area since the general was in the process of planting his experimental groves.

Anders Andersson was a 45-year-old farm laborer and Andreas Andersson, also 45, was a mason.

Another farm laborer was Per Nilsson, age 38, along with other farm laborers such as 26-year-old Elias Bengtsson and his wife Christina, 33-year-old Anders Gustaf Andersson, 32-year-old Erik Lagerstrom, 49-year-old Lars Lundquist, 21-year-old Elias Ankarberg and 22-year-old Leander Carlsson.

I.E. Wentstrom Sr. was an experienced gardener. Also on board was I.E. Wentstrom Jr. who was a student of gardening. Twenty-seven-year-old F.A. Anderson, brother of Anders Gustaf Andersson, was a blacksmith. F.A. Anderson's wife, Eva Sofia, was on board.

Other Sanford bound passengers were 35-year-old carpenter Johan Andersson, 28-year-old glazier Johan Phillip Walter, 35-year-old coachman Johan Johansson, and 26-year-old tailor Carl Gustaf Lindh.

Twenty-one-year-old Ludwig Andersson was a shoemaker. 21-year-old E.G. Lyring was a clay chimney maker and

23-year-old Carl Johansson was a potter. This young man was accompanied by his wife, Anna, and apparently his daughter, Christina.

Twenty-two-year-old Erik Janason was a tanner, 20-year-old Anders Peter Janason was a cabinet maker, 21-year-old Peter Andersson was a shoemaker, and 25-year-old Frans Gustaf Lindberg was a baker.

This group sailed from Goleborg, Sweden, and arrived in Sanford in May of 1871.

A second group of Swedes, also numbering 32, sailed for Sanford in October of 1871. Both contingents first landed at New York and sailed on the same vessels to Savannah where they disembarked.

The second group consisted of Anders Janason, Carin Janason, Bror Grondhal, Andreas Pettersson, P.G. Lundblad, Anders W. Andersson, F.O. Engstrom, Anders Andersson, P.G. Johansson Sr., Johan Hoglund, G.F. Bod, and S.M. Andersson.

Also in this group were Carl J. Andersson, Olaf Lundquist, Erik Ericksson, J.A. Lindstrom, C.H. Johansson, A.M. Dahlstrom, August Carlsson, Peter Olafsson, and Andreas Johansson.

Then there was Johan Larsson, Carl F. Engstrom, John E. Malmsten, Isaac Lingberg, F.M. Lundgren, Carl Gustaf Waltin, Johan A. Lundblad, August Johansson, C.A. Andersson, Anna M. Andersson and Carl Severin Andersson.

Sorry we can't provide you with the ages and occupations of the members of the second contingent. We don't have that information. However, it is interesting to note the various occupations of the initial group. We can only assume that the occupations of the second contingent were about the same as the first.

We do have one bit of confusing information. The manifests we have in hand indicates that both groups came to the United States aboard the same vessel — the S.S. Scandinavia. However, we have a copy of a cable that seems to indicate that the second group was aboard the S.S. Columbia.

Nevertheless, the Swedes came. Since most of them came from an area in Sweden known as Upsala they named the colony on the west side of Sanford, "New Upsala."

Within 10 years most of the Swedes adjusted and plied their particular trades here in the new world. Some, however, simply could not adjust to the climate and left the colony.

The colony thrived, however, until the freeze of 1894-95. Temperatures went down to 17 degrees and completely wiped out the crops, particularly citrus. Many families departed the area.

You might be interested to know that before the freeze New Upsala had been "divided" into the "upper" settlement and the "lower" settlement. It had two churches and a school.

One of the churches was Lutheran and the other was the New Upsala Swedish Presbyterian Church which still exists at the northeast corner of Country Club Road (SR 46A) and Upsala Road.

Residents received their mail at the Goldsboro post office. Did you know that Goldsboro once was an incorporated community? We'll tell you more about that later.

In last week's story about the Geneva telephone situation we mentioned that the old Fernald-Laughton Memorial Hospital was located at the corner of Fifth and Myrtle. It should have read Fifth and Oak.

## Utility

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the purchase.

Furlong was concerned that the customers had paid a substantial amount to Sanlando officials in the form of connection fees, land and other assets that would substantially reduce the Sanlando owners' share of the value.

"It's kind of like your grandmother giving you her car and giving you title to it in return for driving her around and then you turn around and sell it back to her," Furlong said.

John Williams, certification chief in the PSC division of water and wastewater, responded to Furlong's letter by stating, based on state rate evaluations, that the total value of Sanlando Utilities assets was \$24.3 million. But customer contributions-in-kind-of-construction (CIAC), amounted to about \$20.3 million, meaning Sanlando officials had recouped or had donated all but about \$4 million of their assets, Williams wrote.

CIAC includes connection fees, donated land for lines and water

and sewer line systems that are built by a developer and given to Sanlando Utilities at no cost, said PSC analyst supervisor Patil Daniel. Williams was unavailable Friday.

Harris said most residents paid connection fees of \$450 or less and much of the CIAC is from donated land and utility lines.

"It would be highly unlikely for any investor-owned utility to pay say \$25 million for Sanlando when its rate base is approximately \$4 million," Williams wrote. "The buyer would only be allowed to earn a profit on \$4 million unless extraordinary circumstances are involved and staff knows of none in this case."

Daniel said the PSC does not regulate purchase prices. She said the PSC regulates rates by looking at the total assets of a utility company, then subtracts depreciation and CIAC in approving rates for regulated companies with margins of profit. In Williams' letter, he wrote Sanlando's rates are low because of the high CIAC to asset ratio.

Furlong said he has drawn no conclusions from the letter other

than the only entity that would pay \$25 million for Sanlando Utilities would be a government. Seminole County, Longwood and Altamonte Springs have all considered purchasing the company at one time.

Harris said it is not fair to compare a for-profit purchase of Sanlando Utilities with the Wekiva Utilities not-for-profit acquisition. Harris said about the current profit margin built into Sanlando Utility rates will pay for about two-thirds of the costs to sell and repay up to \$32 million in bonds for the purchase.

Wekiva Utilities plans to give the entire company to Seminole County when the bonds are repaid.

"The whole point here is that we can acquire Sanlando for about 10 percent less than a judicially-approved method of valuation," Harris said. "Do we sit there and wait for somebody else buys it and raises the rates sky-high then say 'I wish we'd done something about it when we had the chance.'"

## Parade

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People stood two or three deep along the streets on County Road 427 and through neighborhoods to the reviewing stand at Wildmere Avenue.

"Cool," LaTrisha Jones, 8, of Lake Mary who had come to the parade with her aunt, said of the blaring sirens atop one of the vehicles. Her sister Mariena, 2, was not as impressed with the ceaseless noise and clung desperately to her sister's leg and sobbed.

A clown, dressed in a bizarre striped jump suit and floppy red shoes tried to comfort the youngster by introducing her to the rubber chicken he was walking on a leash. It didn't help.

Leslie King of Longwood had walked with her children to the parade from their home a few blocks from County Road 427.

"It's pretty neat to have this kind of huge parade in our city," she said. "This is like the Macy's parade or something."

Others were not as impressed

with the event.

"I've seen better," said Larry Mitchell of Altamonte Springs. Those around him in the crowd expressed their disagreement loudly and he softened a bit. "It's OK as small town parades go, but I was hoping for better."

Marcia Dunn, who had booted Mitchell's assessment summed up the way more people felt at the event.

"Hey, it's a Christmas parade. There's music, there's clowns. There are kids having fun," she said. "It doesn't get any better than this."



Lisa Nason, of 823 Park Ave., one of the homes on the Holiday Tour of Homes, shows Suzanne

Fritz, of Winter Park, what her home looked like before it was remodeled.

Herald Photo by Gary F. Vogel

## Homes

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of home that people see and want to look inside and ask questions. They are all so personable and nice."

The home, like the others on the tour was decorated for Christmas.

"People like to see how we've decorated," Myers said. "That was kind of fun."

Paul and Kimberly Capucille, whose two-story vernacular home at 810 Myrtle Ave. is a

part of the tour said they were excited about the chance to show off their home.

"I think it's wonderful," said Kimberly who stood at the top of the stairs and making Christmas decorations from grapevines and small leaves as she watched people come into her house for the tour.

"I was a little nervous about it this morning," she said. "I wondered if people would look in my closets or under the bed,

But, I really like having them here. It's nice."

James Berman of Sanford said he had an interest in seeing the homes from a historical standpoint.

"This is the history of Sanford being reborn and saved right before our eyes," he said. "That's the excitement of the tour. Normally, you can't just go and knock on doors and say 'Can I see what you're doing to the house?' This is my chance to do that."

## Down

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pay him the \$2,400 they owed him. "It was a lie," Kathleen said. "We didn't owe him anything."

Steve Plotnik of the state attorney's office, who is investigating the case, has advised the Johnsons not to reveal the name of the caller for fear of damaging the case against him.

They say that he is a powerful man, locally and in another state, and that he has a lot of money.

"He didn't need to do this for money," Kathleen said. Kathleen estimated \$60,000 to \$70,000 worth of collectibles were in the trailer.

"Most of it couldn't be replaced at any price," she said. "All of my family's heirlooms were in there."

It's been six weeks since the truck disappeared. The truck itself was returned, empty, to the leasing company a few weeks ago.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's gone," she said. "If we get it back it's a gift."

Kathleen said she and her husband are angry and want justice served.

"A common thief would not have stolen those things," she said. "He shouldn't have done that and he shouldn't get away with it."

## DEATHS

### HELEN H. ANDERSON

Helen H. Anderson, 77, 164 Hacienda Village, Winter Springs, died Thursday at South Seminole Community Hospital, Longwood, Born Oct. 4, 1914, in Crystal River, she moved to Winter Springs from Norfolk, Va., in 1955. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include daughter, Marjorie Simmons, Sanford; brothers, Clyde Hiatt, Crystal River, James Hiatt, Florida; sisters, Hazel Mills, Wildwood, Mabel Fowler, Alabama, Betty Rowland, Fruitland Park; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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

### JOSEPH V. BALAS

Joseph V. Balas, 74, 321 N. Forest Blvd., Lake Mary, died Saturday at his residence. Born Sept. 20, 1917, in Eckley, Pa., he moved to Lake Mary from Somerville, N.J., in 1986. He was a truck driver and a Catholic.

Survivors include daughter,

Diane Karp, Longwood; brother, Bernard Balas, Freeland, Pa.; sister, Viola Ritz, West Hazelton, Pa.; one grandchild.

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

### MARY F. COYLE GUNTHER

Mary F. Coyle Gunther, 90, Arab Street, Deltona, died Friday at Regency Park Nursing Center, DeBary. Born Jan. 13, 1901, in Boston, she moved to Deltona in 1982 from Brookline, Mass. She was a secretary for Division of Employment Security for Massachusetts state and a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona.

Survivors include son, Harry McDonough, Boston; daughters, Margaret Gillis and Patricia Brunner, both of Deltona; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Stephen R. Baldauff Funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

### SYLVIA M. WATERS

Sylvia M. Waters, 79, Deltona Boulevard, Deltona, died

Thursday at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born July 19, 1912, in Bridgeport, Conn., he moved to Deltona in 1975 from North Caldwell, N.J. She was a supervisor for Prudential Insurance Company in Newark for 42 years and a member of Temple Shalom, De-

ltona. She was a member of the Deltona Civic Association.

Survivors include sister, Mildred Kelsey, Orange City; brother, Barnett Shapiro, Delaware.

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## NATIONAL BRIEFS



### Cable channel for preschoolers urged

NEW YORK — The Toddler Network? Not exactly. But a Carnegie Foundation report, noting that all-music and all-news cable networks exist, recommends that a cable network be created to show educational programs made exclusively for preschool children.

The network's suggested name: "Children's Service Channel."

The report calls on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox Broadcasting to air at least one hour of educational programs each week and to forget about ratings because they are "inappropriate for evaluating children's programs."

The recommendations, made public Saturday, came after NBC said it was throwing in the towel on its low-rated Saturday morning children's shows next August and replacing them with a Saturday version of the "Today" show.

The move likely means adieu to NBC's "Chip 'n Pepper's Cartoon Madness," "Yo, Yogi!" "Capt. N. and the New Super Mario World" and "ProStars," although a network spokeswoman said no decision has been made on the fate of those shows.

The Carnegie Foundation recommendations were part of a report on education for preschoolers, titled "Ready to Learn: A Mandate for the Nation."

### Skinner says he won't sugarcoat advice

WASHINGTON — Samuel K. Skinner, the new White House chief of staff, says he's ready to take on "the toughest job in America" and won't hesitate to tell President Bush if he's about to do something dumb.

"I come to hit," says Skinner, using a line of football slang. "The president comes to hit. Neither one of us got on the team to sit on the bench."

A proven troubleshooter who's served the last three years as secretary of transportation, Skinner will move into the White House on Dec. 16 as "a firm right hand," to quote Bush.

His mission: Stop Bush's slide in popularity, find a cure for the economic slump and eliminate the appearance of White House disarray.

"Everybody tells me it is the toughest job in America," Skinner said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They say, 'Are you sure you want to go into the meat grinder?'"

"I think the president's got the toughest job in America, not Sam Skinner. My job is to make his job easier," Skinner said he will not sugarcoat his advice to Bush.

"I'm sure he doesn't ever do anything dumb. But if he were to do something dumb, I think he would expect me to warn him, just as I would expect people working for me to warn me," Skinner said.

Skinner, 53, takes over from John Sununu, who quit under pressure after alienating officials throughout the White House, the administration and Congress.

### Fed cuts key rate, Bush faults Congress

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is cutting an important interest rate in response to a dramatic drop in the number of American jobs, and President Bush is blaming congressional "demagogues" for the faltering economy.

The action came as House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., warned Bush against "half-way measures designed to get him past the next election," and said he would push for middle-class tax slashes financed with tax boosts on the rich.

"We've got to use this package as a way of getting money in the hands of working Americans," Gephardt said at House Ways and Means Committee hearings on the recession.

As that committee listened to ideas from 28 lawmakers on prodding the slumbering economy, Fed officials wrestled with a new report that showed U.S. payrolls plummeted by 241,000 jobs last month, the deepest one-month drop since March.

That figure overshadowed the fact that the unemployment rate held steady last month at 6.8 percent, largely because many Americans gave up looking for jobs and dropped from the government's tally.

Within hours, the Fed reacted. It dropped the federal funds rate, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, a quarter point to 4.5 percent, economists said. The central bank does not routinely announce cuts in the federal funds rate.

The reduction would mark the 14th cut in that rate since the recession began in the summer of 1990.

From Associated Press reports

## Satellite carried into space

By MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — An Atlas rocket thundered into space Saturday with a European communications satellite that will relay television broadcasts of the 1992 Olympics.

It was the first commercial launch for General Dynamics Corp. since April, when one of its boosters careened out of control and had to be destroyed shortly after liftoff.

"I'd be less than honest if I said this wasn't an extremely important launch," said Charlie Lloyd, managing director of General Dynamics' Commercial Launch Services.

Dozens of General Dynamics workers gathered at the space systems division headquarters in San Diego to watch the launch on television.

The 15 1/2-story unmanned rocket blasted off at 5:47 p.m. from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and arced over the Atlantic Ocean. The satellite was to separate from the booster a half-hour later 22,300 miles above Earth.

Liftoff was delayed 11 minutes so an aircraft could clear the security zone.

The \$85 million satellite, owned by the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization, joins six other Eutelsat craft in orbit. The two oldest ones are being phased out.

The newest satellite will undergo a month of testing before becoming fully operational in a stationary orbit over Africa. Six of Eutelsat's 28 member nations have leased the satellite channels for television, telephone and business communications — Spain, Britain, the Netherlands, Finland, Italy and Yugoslavia.

One of the satellite's first tasks will be to assist other Eutelsat craft in transmitting broadcasts of the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France in February.

## Government accused of discriminating

By TRACY FIELDS  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — The Rev. Jesse Jackson and U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel accused the U.S. government Saturday of racial and economic bias in its treatment of Haitian boat people.

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Rangel and Jackson both disapprove of a Bush administration policy that deems most of the Haitians now fleeing their country as economic migrants.

## Atlantis returns to the Cape

By Associated Press

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Space shuttle Atlantis hitched a ride aboard a modified jumbo jet Saturday for a two-day flight back to Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

With Atlantis mounted atop its fuselage, NASA's Boeing 747 shuttle carrier took off from this Air Force base in the Mojave Desert.

The aircraft headed for a refueling stop at Sheppard Air Force Base near Wichita Falls, Texas, and an overnight stay at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. The final leg of the trip to Kennedy Space Center was to be flown Sunday.

Atlantis circled the world 109 times and logged 2.9 million miles during a seven-day mission that ended with a Dec. 1 landing on the dry lakebed at Edwards. The shuttle successfully deployed a \$300 million satellite to provide early warning of enemy missile attacks, space launches and nuclear explosions.

Atlantis' next mission is scheduled in March, when it takes a scientific laboratory into orbit for atmospheric studies. The next shuttle mission is scheduled for late January, when Discovery and seven astronauts will conduct Spacelab experiments.



Herald Photo by Gary F. Vogel

### Local artists open exhibit

The First Street Gallery, etc., in historic downtown Sanford, opened an exhibit in honor of the St. Lucia Festival, entitled "Tandem, Times and Turning," featuring local artists Bettye and Don Reagan. The exhibit includes

historic Central Florida scenes and turned wooden vessels from local woods created by the husband and wife team. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 4.

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The Seminole County Board of county Commissioners is planning to amend its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to add a new project: Midway Potable Water System Rehabilitation. Funds will be obtained by postponing three previously funded Midway activities until further years: 3rd year project (FY88) - Midway Drainage Improvements, Phase 2; 5th year project (FY90) - Midway Drainage Improvements, Phase 4; and 6th year project (FY91) - Midway Sidewalk Improvements.

The added activity is Midway Potable Water System Rehabilitation. It will be added to the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th year programs since the funds (total \$650,000) are coming from the grant years.

The Seminole County Planning Department will submit this amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) after seven (7) days following this notice. Any questions or comments concerning this change should be directed to:

Buddy Balagia, CD Principal Planner  
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# Education

## IN BRIEF

### Martin participates in program

Andrea Martin, granddaughter of Mary Martin of Sanford, was one of 200 Florida students honored recently in Tampa at the Seventh Annual Florida Outstanding Black High School awards program. Martin is a student at Auburndale High School in Auburndale. The program is sponsored by Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A and M University. Martin is the daughter of Morris and Frances Martin of Lake Alfred.

### SHS PTO to meet at Shoney's

SANFORD — The Seminole High School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold their December meeting at Shoney's restaurant in Sanford on Monday, Dec. 9. The meeting is being held off-campus in order to support Shoney's which is currently in the midst of a fundraiser for FACTS. Shoney's will be donating 10 percent of their dinner receipts this week to the FACTS program to help finance educational enhancement programs throughout the county.

### Running at Eastbrook

WINTER PARK — Eight through 12-year-old elementary school students from across the district have been invited to enter a cross country challenge at Eastbrook Elementary, 5525 Tangerine Ave. in Winter Park on Saturday, Dec. 14. The races will be divided in the following manner: Eight-year-olds will race at 9:30 a.m.; the nine-year-olds will start at 9:50 a.m.; the 10-year-olds will begin at 10:10 a.m. and the 11- and 12-year-olds will start their race at 10:30 a.m. The eight-year-olds will run nine-tenths of a mile and the older racers will run a 1.3 mile course. Everyone who completes the course will receive a certificate and the first through 10th place finishers will receive ribbons. More information is available from the physical education coaches at each school.

### Project Grad to organize

SANFORD — Seminole High School's Project Graduation organizing committee will be meeting for the first time on Thursday, Dec. 12. The meeting will take place in the school's media center at 7 p.m. Plans will be initiated for the all-night, substance-free graduation party sponsored annually by the community and the parents on graduation night. The organizers are looking for any volunteers who are willing to help with the party. For more information contact Pat Southward at 333-0121.

### Locals at Boston University

Three local students have enrolled at Boston University this year. Vilma Velez, daughter of Vilma Sosa of Lake Mary and Angel Velez of Miami, is a freshman majoring in elementary education. She is a graduate of Lake Mary High School. Daphne Lincoln, daughter of Edward and Jade Lincoln of Longwood, is a freshman in the college of communication. She is a graduate of Lake Mary High School. David Saur, son of Juan and Sylvia Saur of Longwood, is a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts. He is a graduate of Trinity Preparatory School.

## High school report

### Lake Mary



Allison Slater Senior



## Lake Mary students helping community

LAKE MARY — Students at Lake Mary High School are currently trying to make the weeks before Winter Vacation pass faster by concentrating on holiday charity projects and plans for the new year.

The National Honor Society and Interact Club recently held canned food drives to help feed the less fortunate this holiday season. Interact is also working on projects to raise money for other charitable causes. They are planning to give presents to abused children later this month.

All LMHS clubs and organizations are working together through the Inter-Club Council on a Bowl-a-thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Chorus Department is planning its annual Winter Concert, which will be held in the LMHS Auditorium Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. "Everyone in choir works very hard to prepare for the Winter Concert," says

Chamber Choir member and junior Holly Keris. "A lot of people have been practicing after school for a long time on solos and different song numbers.

Some people think that choir is just a class, but we really put a lot of effort into this concert to show everyone how dedicated we are to this. "The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Meanwhile, the varsity football team ended its season with a win over the Bethlehem Catholic Golden Hawks of Pennsylvania at the Rotary Bowl on Thanksgiving Day. The game was a double victory for LMHS, since senior Allison Slater was crowned the Rotary Bowl Queen at halftime for the game. Now, winter sports teams such as the girls and boys basketball teams, the track teams, the soccer teams and the wrestling team have begun their 1991 seasons and are currently playing in regular season games as well as holiday tournaments.

### Seminole



Dori Sapp Senior



## Noles working hard toward vacation

SANFORD — As the Christmas holiday grows near so does the spirit of the students and faculty at Seminole. Many activities go on throughout the month of December as we get ready for the holiday vacation.

The Fine Arts and Athletic departments have been busy selling Christmas trees.

The trees must be ordered in advance and can be picked up on December 14th. These are quality Christmas trees at a reasonable price. So get in the holiday spirit and at the same time support these enthusiastic kids — buy a tree!

Student Government is very busy during this holiday season by working on many different projects.

They've been working on a float for the annual St. Lucia parade.

This float will represent Seminole High School and portray the theme

"Christmas Around the World."

The Student Government Association has also been raising canned food to give to the needy for Christmas. They're asking anyone for donations as the food would be put to good use.

A blood drive was held last Friday and many students participated in this grateful cause. They will have other blood drives throughout this school year.

Seminole students and faculty came together to give the greatest gift: the gift of life.

Destiny and Pizzazz will be performing many times during this month for the holiday season. Both groups will display their talents as they perform at nursing homes, school functions and other Christmas celebrations.

There are two weeks left until Christmas vacation, and from how busy we've been at Seminole, we all definitely deserve the break.



Members of the Seminole High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America pack some items for Thanksgiving dinner into boxes for the needy.

## FBLA learns about giving

SANFORD — The Future Business Leaders Association at Seminole High School once again this year filled Thanksgiving baskets for needy Sanford families.

"They've been doing this for at least eight years," said Marie Radford, the faculty sponsor of

the group.

Radford said the students look forward to collecting the food and bringing it to the school district offices where it is distributed to the families of needy students. The group filled six baskets with Thanksgiving meals this year.

"This is their favorite commu-

nity service project," Radford said.

Involved in this year's projects were, from left to right in the photo above, Valerie Bengé, Amanda England, David Beatty, Steven Lowery, Wayland Chisolm, Jenny Strickland, Gail Dubose, Shovonye Braxton and Felicia Rouse.

### Board meeting

SANFORD — The Seminole County school board will have their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting is the only one to be held during the month of December.

The school board will not meet again for a regularly scheduled meeting until Tuesday, Jan. 14.



## Know your school

All Soul's Catholic

### Small school offers fine education

SANFORD — Dr. Margaret Curran, principal at All Soul's Catholic School said her school is better able to meet the educational needs of the students because of the individual attention each student receives.

"We are a small community," she said, "That is important to us."

Curran said the school emphasizes three R's in addition to the traditional ones of "Reading, Riting and Rithmetic." In addition, she said, they put importance on Religion, Respect and Responsibility.

"On top of that, we do a fine job in the academic areas as well," she said. The school was founded in 1954 by the Sisters of Charity to fill the educational needs of the Catholic population in Seminole County. Today, about 13 percent of the school's population is not Catholic, though members of All Soul's Catholic Church are

### At a glance



- Margaret Curran**
- Location: 810 S. Oak Ave., Sanford, 32771
- Grades: Pre-K (age 3) through 8
- Principal: Dr. Margaret Curran
- Phone: 322-7090
- Hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Teachers: 11
- Students: 257
- Mascot: Florida Black Bear
- Colors: Grey and Maroon
- School opened: 1954
- Tuition: \$110 per month for Catholics, \$160 per month for non-Catholics

given priority in acceptance to the school.

Curran said there is a waiting list for classes through the fourth grade at this point.

The pre-kindergarten classes, which are designed for youngsters as young as three, are built around a curriculum with a strong emphasis on developmentally appropriate activities.

The first graders learn reading through the Words in Colour system which color codes letters and sounds to help youngsters break through the mysteries of reading.

There is a great deal of emphasis in the school on the concept of hands-on learning and working in small groups.

Curran does not try to isolate her school from the public school system. She works on many issues with the Seminole County school district.

"I serve on many committees with the public schools," she said.



The Home and School Association at All Soul's Catholic School is led by, from left to right in the front row, president Jeanette Check and second vice president Sally Moore, left to right in the middle row, Mary Torbit, treasurer, Tesa

Robinson, secretary, Raina Siddas, third vice president, and in the back row, left to right, Sue Allen, member and Leslie Campagna, first vice president.

## Seminole County School Board

### What's for lunch?

**Monday, Dec. 9, 1991**  
Charbroil burger or cheeseburger  
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**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1991**  
Pork Steak with Gravy  
Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes  
Cinnamon Applesauce  
Soon-to-be-Famous School Roll  
Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1991**  
Chili Mac  
Tasty Baby Carrots  
Seasoned Green Beans  
Homemade Roll  
Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 12, 1991**  
Seminole Meatloaf with Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Turnip Greens or Spinach  
Famous School Roll  
Juice Bar  
Milk

**Friday, Dec. 13, 1991**  
Chef's Surprise

# Health/Fitness

## IN BRIEF

### Manic depressive support group to meet

The Manic Depressive Association of Seminole County meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. on the third floor of the Orlando Public Library. It also meets on the fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Faith Condo's Clubhouse, Maitland Boulevard.

For more information, call Cerri at 645-4375, Bernadette 656-6196 or Rose at 679-3419.

### Auxiliary makes donation to rehab center

Florida Hospital Auxiliary recently donated \$40,000 to the Florida Hospital Rehabilitation Center to purchase a specially-equipped bus designed to transport rehabilitation patients from the hospital to malls, restaurants and swimming pools as part of their reintegration into the community.

The community reintegration program helps individuals who have experienced debilitating injury or disease to reintegrate into the environment outside of the hospital.

The Florida Hospital Auxiliary raises money annually for different hospital departments. This year the group raised funds for the bus through gift shop sales and other in-house sales.

### Plastic surgery seminar offered

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Florida Hospital Community Health Services will offer the following free seminars.

"Plastic Surgery Update and Rhinoplasty" will be offered on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chatlos Conference Center at Florida Hospital Altamonte, 601 E. Altamonte Drive. Plastic Surgeon Frank Stieg, M.D., will be the guest speaker.

For more information or to register, call 897-1929.

### Training courses available

LONGWOOD — The American Red Cross offers training programs in first aid and CPR that will teach participants what to do in an emergency. The courses, conducted by trained instructors, use videos of life like emergencies to demonstrate proper skills followed by guided practice sessions that give hands on experience. Small classes, the lecture, discussion, and practice format will give the confidence to respond during an emergency.

Invest in a training program instead of standing by helplessly. The life that you save is worth the effort! For information on first aid and CPR training call the Seminole Service Center at 705 W. S.R. 434, Longwood, 332-8200.

### Free pre-term labor class offered

SANFORD — HCA Central Florida Regional Hospital, along with Tokos Medical Corporation, is offering a free Pre-term Labor Prevention class. The class is open to the public and will be held monthly in the hospital's classroom from 7 to 8 p.m. The next class will be held Wednesday.

"This class will be of special interest to all pregnant women between 20 and 37 weeks of pregnancy," said Sue Boso, RN, who will present the educational program. "The focus of the class will be recognition of preterm labor symptoms and the importance of early intervention by the patient and physician."

In addition to being a registered nurse, Boso is a Certified Nurse Midwife and Childbirth Educator. She has over 16 years of clinical and teaching experience.

To register for this free class, call 321-4500 ext. 5607.

### Parkinson's Support Group to meet

SANFORD — A Parkinson's Support Group meets twice monthly at HCA Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford. In December, the group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 12 and 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. in a private section of the hospital's cafeteria. The support group is open to Parkinson's patients and their families and will be led by Lois Carrig, M.A., L.M.H.C., a licensed mental health counselor.

The program will include presentations from medical doctors and professionals covering all aspects of the disease for both the patient and family members.

The group will continue to meet the second and last Thursdays each month through April. Call the hospital's Social Services department, 321-4500 ext 5760, for more information.

### Santa Claus is coming to town

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity at the University of Central Florida is operating its 20th annual "Rent-a-Santa" project, with proceeds to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Santa and his elves will be available by appointment for surprise visits to homes, office and parties. Fees start at \$25 for a family visit, or \$50 for an office party. Santa will even make special Christmas Eve visits for \$35.

Last year's program raised over \$1,000 for MDA. Santa's 24-hour answering service is open now through Dec. 24. For information, call 382-1286.

### Do you know who you are?

LONGWOOD — "Knowing Who You Are and Getting What You Want," presented by Florida Psychological Association, Central Chapter and sponsored by HCA West Lake Hospital, 589 W. S.R. 434, will be presented Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the hospital. Guest speaker will be Ann-Marie Bercik, Ph.D.

Space is limited so please call 260-1900 by Dec. 10 to reserve your seat. There is no charge for the seminar.

### Counseling group for depressed women

Clinical research reveals that women who experience chronic gastric symptoms are often depressed. They focus on their physical symptoms and are unaware of being depressed. They experience abdominal pain and are often referred to gastroenterologists, according to Joyce Dangle, M.S., Ed., P.A.

A counseling group for depressed women who experience irritable bowel syndrome meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Deltona Counseling Associates office, 1555 Saxon Blvd., #501, Deltona.

For more information, call 574-5148.

## Depression is a treatable disease

Depression has always been part of the human condition. It is documented in the writings of ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Hebrews. In fact, both King Saul and King David reportedly suffered from this mental disorder.

Today, depression is so pervasive in our society that it affects an estimated 10 to 14 million Americans, costing the U.S. economy more than \$27 billion annually.

The good news about depression, however, is that 80-90 percent of the cases can be treated successfully.

While most people experience periodic feelings of sadness, clinical depression is more severe and lasts longer than these transient episodes.

Patients suffering from depression experience a variety of symptoms. Emotional symptoms include sadness, feeling "blue", anxiety, irritability, and the inability to feel pleasure, while psychological symptoms may include guilt, hopelessness, worthlessness or helplessness. In addition, the patient may experience obsessive or suicidal thoughts, decreased memory, poor concentration, impaired judgment and social withdrawal. Depression can also cause de-



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-Dr. Alan S. Burns

strokes and certain infectious conditions like mononucleosis, hepatitis, influenza and AIDS.

To treat depression, an integrated, multi-modal approach that includes both medical and psychological treatment is usually the most successful. Therapy often consists of counseling and use of antidepressant medications in conjunction with the treatment prescribed by a physician.

An untreated major depression lasts six months on average. About 50 percent of all patients suffering from depression have only one episode and are most vulnerable to relapse during the initial six-month period. Individuals who suffer relapses at that time are at high risk to develop chronic depression.

However, it is important to remember that depression is a treatable disease and people who receive treatment early on in the course of this illness return to normality more quickly than if left untreated.

Dr. Alan S. Burns is a specialist of Florida Psychiatric Association (FPA), a private mental health specialty group with offices in Longwood, Oviedo, Winter Park, Orlando and Lake Mary.

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creased energy, sleep or appetite disturbances, decreased sex drive, constipation or diarrhea.

Often, patients minimize symptoms or blame them on specific events in their lives.

Possible high risk factors for depression include absence of a close relationship; frequency of "loss" events, such as divorce or the death of a loved one; high levels of introversion, neuroticism and dependence. It is important to remember that the

holiday season can cause depression for those people who are alone and also for those who have unrealistic expectations.

Depression can also stem from physical or organic causes, among them a wide variety of drugs (both prescription and illicit), Endocrine or hormonal disorders such as diabetes, hypothyroidism, and lupus may be associated with depression; the disease may also be caused by multiple sclerosis, tumors,

## Lung association offers Better Breathers class

Lung disease, including lung cancer is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. according to the American Lung Association — the Christmas Seal People.

"Many people are not aware of how widespread and potentially life-threatening lung disease is," said Al Bork, executive director.

The American Lung Association of Central Florida, 2737 S. Fern Creek Ave., Orlando, has organized Better Breathers Clubs which are an excellent vehicle to gain education, written literature, as well as communicate with other patients or spouses in a non-medical setting.

In Seminole county, the clubs are:

South Seminole Better Breathers Club, Physicians Plaza Bld., Room 103, Longwood, and Sanford Better Breathers, Medical Plaza Blvd., Suite 209, next

to HCA Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford.

An estimated one in 10 Americans suffers from a chronic lung disease, including asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Even more frightening is the fact that the death rate from lung disease is increasing faster than any of the major diseases except AIDS. Lung cancer is now the number one cancer killer in the U.S. for both men and women.

Asthma affects 11.6 million Americans, including more than four million children. One of the leading serious chronic diseases in children under 18. The number of deaths attributed to asthma increased 26 percent between 1979 and 1988.

"There is hope, however," said Bork. "Most lung diseases can be prevented especially those that are related to smoking, the workplace, and the environment."

## Snow forecast at Florida Hospital

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Florida Hospital Altamonte presents the Fifth Annual Love Light Festival on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

The festivities will feature the lighting of three beautiful, holiday trees, the Disney characters, 25 tons of snow, holiday music, hot apple cider and homemade cookies.

Showing others that you care is the theme for Love Light Festival. Love lights may be purchased for loved ones, friends, clients or employees and Florida Hospital will send an acknowledgment to the recipient indicating the gift. A love light individual gift contribution ranges from \$10 to \$150 and a corporate gift contribution

ranges from \$250 to \$5,000. All lights on the holiday tree commemorate donations made in honor or memory of loved ones, friends, clients or employees.

Love Light proceeds go to the \$25 million dollar cancer campaign launched by Florida Hospital Foundation, to benefit the Walt Disney Cancer Institute.

The institute provides full services in cancer prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation and research. It is the only cancer research facility in Central Florida and enjoys affiliations with Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins University and Loma Linda University.

## Muscle cells may cure some hormone disorders

By PAUL REGER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Genetic engineering may be able to trick muscle cells into secreting hormones to correct such medical disorders as hemophilia and diabetes, researchers say in studies published recently.

In laboratory studies at Stanford University and at the University of Michigan, researchers reported that genetically manipulated muscle cells were able to secrete a growth hormone for up to three months after the cells were injected into mice.

Helen M. Blau, a professor at the Stanford School of Medicine, said that if the technique is shown to work in further testing, genetically manipulated muscle cells could be used to treat a variety of human disorders caused when the body fails to produce important hormones or other proteins.

"This is a novel drug delivery method," said Blau. "The idea is not new. Using muscle cells is new."

In studies published in the journal Science, Blau's Stanford team and a group led by Dr. Jeffrey M. Leiden at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor reported similar success in experiments on laboratory mice.

Both groups genetically

altered cultures of a type of cell called myoblasts. These are immature muscle cells that normally wait quietly in muscle tissue and will turn into mature cells to repair injury.

"From a tiny biopsy — a little snip of muscle that's the size of a pinhead — one can grow up huge numbers of these myoblasts, billions of cells," said Leiden. "One can then put genes into them and reinject them back into the muscle."

In the experiments, the researchers used genetic engineering to insert into the cells a gene that causes the secretion of human growth factor. The cells were then injected into the leg muscles of laboratory mice.

Blau said that two days after the injections, blood drawn from the mice contained human growth factor at a therapeutic concentration.

"You have to have cells cranking it out continuously to produce at that level," she said, because human growth factor survives in the mouse bloodstream for only about four minutes.

A number of illnesses, such as hemophilia and diabetes, are caused by the failure of the body to produce necessary hormones. The idea of inserting genes for these missing hormones into cells has been tried by a number

of researchers, with limited success.

Blau said researchers have used cells from the liver, skin and linings of body cavity in earlier experiments, but hormone secretion was usually very short. Muscle cells were not used until now because it was not thought that the cells would actually secrete hormone.

"In fact, they secrete very well," Blau said.

Both she and Leiden said their next research step will be to use genetically altered myoblasts in lab animals to cure hemophilia. Humans and animals often suffer from this disorder often lack a clotting component called factor eight.

Leiden said his lab plans to insert a gene for factor eight into myoblast cells from dogs suffering from hemophilia. The cells

will then be injected into muscles of the dogs. It's hoped that the engineered cells will produce enough factor eight to cause the blood to clot properly.

"If we can do that in dogs, then it would be a very short step to humans," he said.

Blau said a similar experiment, using mice, is planned in her lab.

Both researchers said they thought eventually the technique could be used for diabetes, a disease in which patients lack proper levels of insulin.

Before that is possible, however, Leiden said some way would have to be found to regulate the levels of insulin secreted by the engineered cells.

Science, which published the two studies, is the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### WELL DOWN

#### Connection wins trophy

PLANTATION — The Seminole Connection, an Under-14 select team representing the Seminole Soccer Club, captured the first-place trophy at the Plantation Thanksgiving Classic soccer tournament.

After tying Boca Raton 0-0 and beating both North Lauderdale and Royal Palm beach by identical 5-0 scores, the Connection trimmed host Plantation 2-1 in the finale.

The victory over Plantation was the Connection's 25th game played during the fall season.

Team members are Margi Burkhardt, Kristi Finley, Lisa Foreman, Brenny Huff, Michelle Knight, Megan Martin, Michelle Meeks, Christie Monica, Carrie Moore, Ashley Nasser, Angie Olson, Michelle Rovito, Kristin Satterthwait, Kristen Smith, Michelle St. Louis, Kelli Strickler and Jennifer Thompson.

The team is coached by Jim Thompson, Roy Satterthwait and Jim Heffington.

### LOCALLY

#### Softball league meeting set

SANFORD — An organizational meeting for the upcoming Sanford Recreation Department's adult softball leagues has been scheduled for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The meeting will be conducted at the recreation department's office on the first floor of City Hall, 300 N. Park Ave.

League play is expected to begin the week of Jan. 6.

For more information, call 330-5697.

#### Youth hoops available at YMCA

LAKE MARY — Registration for youth basketball has begun at the Seminole YMCA, located at 665 Longwood-Lake Mary Road in Lake Mary.

The program is available to both boys and girls. Three divisions are being offered for elementary grade students.

Practices will be conducted at such area schools as Idylwild Elementary, Lake Mary Elementary, Longwood Elementary, Bear Lake Elementary and Winter Springs Elementary. Practices will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays with games played on Saturday mornings. Practices will begin Dec. 12.

Interested parents should call William Caselman, Community Program Director, at 321-9944 for more information.

#### Harris plans speed camp

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Lake Brantley High School track and field coach Charles Harris has scheduled a speed camp for Dec. 16-19 at Lake Brantley.

According to Harris, the camp is for any athlete of any age in any sport who wants to improve his or her foot speed. The camp, which costs \$30, will meet between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Harris at Lake Brantley, 862-1776, ext. 251.

#### Golf cards available for gifts

ORLANDO — The American Cancer Society has a holiday gift idea for your favorite golfer — the 1992 Gold Card.

Providing discounts on over 250 of Florida's courses, the card costs \$25. Or, for an even better deal, buy three cards and get one free. That way, your whole foursome can enjoy the discounts.

All proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and service.

Golf Cards are available from local American Cancer Society offices or can be purchased over the phone by calling either 843-8680 or 1-800-ACS-2345.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Women's Basketball

■ Seminole Community College at Central Florida Community College Invitational, Ocala, 1 p.m.



**BEST BETS ON TV**

### FOOTBALL

■ 4 p.m. — WESH 2, Buffalo Bills at Los Angeles Raiders, (L)  
■ 8 p.m. — ESPN, Minnesota Vikings at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, (L)

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Saturday's calm conditions left Lake Monroe glassy and the over 600 competitors in Florida Citrus Sallfest dead in the water.

# No wind, no sailing

## Sallfest organizers hope to get in several heats today

By TOM LANHAM  
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — What a great day for a picnic.

For that matter, Saturday's bright sun, warm temperatures and light breeze also made it a great day for getting a sun tan, playing touch

football or just about any other outdoor activity.

About the only exception was sailing, which the many competitors and organizers of the 1991 Florida Citrus Sallfest sailing regatta found out. The calm conditions well suited to relaxation and contemplation did little for the sailors.

Traditionally, the event has had one slow day and one windy day. If that pattern repeats itself this weekend, the sailors will still be able to get in three to four heats.

According to regatta executive director John Gardiner, Jr., one full day of racing will make the event a success because, "One race makes a regatta."

In excess of 650 boats comprising 50 classes all languished on the glassy waters of Lake Monroe. Everyone sat, hoping for wind. Some sailors shared picnic lunches,

others basked in the warm sun, but the most and least experienced sailors all looked the same, at least for one day.

The windsurfers never even left the banks of the lake. One of the most colorful and most visible of the sailors scheduled for the event were reduced to being mere spectators. Ever resourceful, the windsurfers eventually organized a game of touch football.

Over on the pond at Fort Mellon Park, there was some heated sailing. **See Regatta, Page 3B**

## Tribe pins Astronaut

From Staff Reports

ROCKLEDGE — For the first time in at least three years, the Seminole High School wrestling team won a dual meet Saturday afternoon, taking down Titusville-Astronaut 63-9.

It was the first meet victory under second-year coach Matt DeVincenzo. Three years ago, Seminole didn't even have enough wrestlers to fill a majority of the weight classes.

"It felt real good," said DeVincenzo, still hoarse from the afternoon's exertion. "Me and the boys are real happy with the win, but we're not satisfied. We're ready to move on, to keep working and win some more matches."

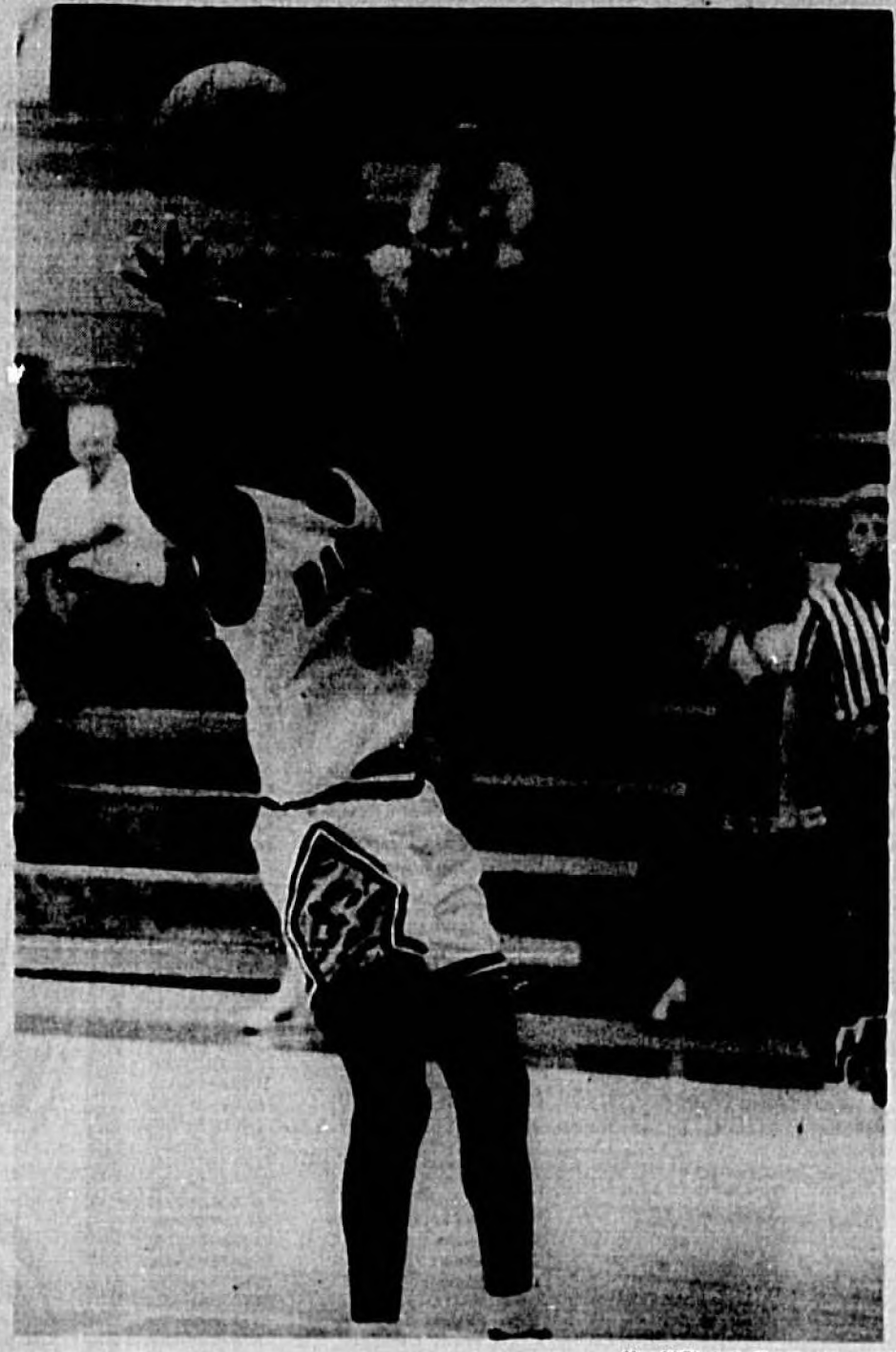
"People are looking at us like, 'This is a real surprise.' A lot of parents went with us to the match and cheered us on. The boys did a super job. I'm real proud of them."

Saturday's match was part of a triangle meet arrangement.

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**SEMINOLE VS. ASTRONAUT**

160 — Neal (S) pinned Adkinson 1:00; 112 — Petherman (S) pinned Jeff 2:20; 119 — Sellers (S) pinned Knight 2:15; 125 — Copburn (S) major dec. Benson 20:12; 130 — Hoebner (S) major dec. Gill 12:3; 135 — Wilson (S) pinned Jackson 1:42; 140 — McMillan (S) major dec. Courson 14:6; 145 — Pendleton (S) pinned Cade 2:12; 152 — Robinson (A) dec. M. Knight 17:11; 160 — Mitchell (S) maj. dec. Dukes 12:5; 171 — J. Knight (S) pinned Risberg 3:35; 189 — Shuh (S) pinned Sherr 1:12; 220 — Butler (S) pinned Canada 1:23; 275 — McDonald (A) pinned King :30



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Even the normally reliable Brian Nason (No. 32) had trouble finding the range for Seminole Community College this weekend. Nason scored 39 points at the Pepsi Florida JUCO Shootout but only made 13 of 33 shots.

## Raiders left out in the cold

By DEAN SMITH  
Herald Sports Writer

TAMPA — Jack Frost is supposed to nip at your nose, not your shooting hand.

The Seminole Community College men's basketball team must have lost its collective shooting touch in the recent Florida cold snap as the Raiders shot less than 40 percent from the field in dropping a pair of games in the Pepsi Florida JUCO Shoot-out at Hillsborough Community College.

SCC led for almost 35 minutes of the game Friday night but the team's cold shooting finally caught up to them as undefeated Miami-Dade Community College, South stopped the Raiders 72-61.

Saturday morning was a little different as SCC fought from 13 points down in the second half to tie the game, only to lose 68-65 to

**See SCC, Page 4B**

**PEPSI FLORIDA JUCO SHOOT-OUT**  
Saturday's Score

**EDISON C.C. vs. SEMINOLE C.C.**

Edison Community College (68)  
Giles 3 10 12 8, German 4 7 13 11, D. Johnson 1 4 0 1 2, Hyatt 3 6 4 10, Pove 3 4 4 10, Felts 1 2 0 0 2, Richardson 6 9 12 13, Morrabi 5 7 10, H. Johnson 0 0 2 2. Totals: 26 53 13 18 68.

Seminole Community College (61)  
Hamelin 0 2 2 2, Ramos 0 1 0 0 0, Hall 0 1 0 0 0, Knight 0 2 3 4, Bruening 4 10 8 15, Gavin 1 2 0 0 2, Nason 5 14 9 18, Gilbert 0 2 0 0 0, Merthie 8 11 5 21, Freeman 2 11 0 4. Totals: 29 59 31 27 65.

Halftime — Seminole 29, Edison 28. Three point field goals — Edison 3 13 (German 2, Giles 1, D. Johnson 0, Hyatt 0); Seminole 4 18 (Nason 2, Bruening 1, Hamelin 0, Ramos 0, Freeman 0). Total fouls — Edison 21; Seminole 16. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — Seminole, Merthie. Rebounds — Edison 32 (Pove 12); Seminole 36 (Bruening 11, Nason 8, Assits — Edison 15 (German, D. Johnson, Hyatt 4); Seminole 10 (Hamelin 3, Knight, Merthie 2). Records — Edison Community College 6; Seminole Community College 6.

# Bobcats' speed proves lethal for Lake Brantley

By ROBERT STOCK  
Herald Correspondent

GAINESVILLE — Speed kills. In Lake Brantley's showdown with Gainesville-Buchholz for the 5A-Section 1 title Friday night, the Patriots could do little as the Bobcats ran through, around and by them enroute to an easy 24-0 victory.

"They (Buchholz) have got great team speed," said Lake Brantley coach Fred Almon. "We were a step slow everywhere."

An enthusiastic crowd of Lake Brantley supporters that packed the visitors' side of Citizens Field didn't get a chance to cheer as the Buchholz's Tyrone Baker rambled 80 yards to score on the game's first play from scrimmage, a blow from which the Patriots never fully

recovered.

Baker, who rushed for a game-high 128 yards on 15 carries, swept right behind his blocking, broke one tackle and sprinted past the Patriot secondary for his 17th touchdown of the season. Baker spent much of his week in bed, battling the flu.

"That killed us," Almon said. "That set the tone. That was the worst nightmare I could have had."

Although Lake Brantley contained Baker and the Bobcat running attack for the rest of the evening, Buchholz used big plays through the air to forge a 21-0 advantage with over eight minutes still to play in the first half.

Sophomore quarterback Travis McGriff beat a cornerback blitz by J.D. Russell and hit Israel Boswell on a 33-yard bomb for the game's second

score with 1:46 left in the first quarter. The play came on a second-and-27 after Buchholz was penalized for clipping.

Patriot linebacker Darryl Bush felt that score was a result of miscommunication.

"It was a bad signal between the coach and I," said Bush. "We were blitzing on the wrong defense."

A little more than five minutes later, McGriff hooked with Jason McGeorge for Buchholz's final touchdown, a 30-yard strike that came on a third-and-eight play with 8:34 left in the second quarter. The Patriots were fooled by a run fake to Baker as McGeorge caught the pass without a defender within 10 yards of him.

Meanwhile, Lake Brantley's offense could get nothing started. The Patriots, who didn't pick up

**See Patriots, Page 3B**







# People

## IN BRIEF

### DISTRICT



Gertrude Johnson and Ken Eimers

### Best of the best

Hillhaven Health Care Center recently presented its 'Best of the Best' award to the employee exhibiting the best attitude and who has given exemplary care to patients.

Chosen for the annual award from Hillhaven was Gertrude Johnson, C.N.A. who will now compete on a regional level.

Johnson was congratulated by Administrator Ken Eimers.



Judith Buckley and Constance Anderson

### Special presentation made

Chapter I/Migrant District Parent Advisory Council met at All Souls School, Sanford recently.

Presentations were made by students at the school under the guidance of Isabelle Hauck. Goldsboro Elementary School pre-kindergarten students participated under the guidance of Elizabeth Graham, Zulma Vales, and Cheryl Knight. Students at Hamilton Elementary were directed by Delores Anderson.

A special award was bestowed on Judith Buckley, counselor at Sanford Middle School, for her outstanding service to the needs of migrant children who need special attention with their studies. Constance Anderson of the Chapter I Basic/Migrant Program presents Anderson with a plaque.



Isabel Wilson and Marty Colegrove

### Star is named

Isabel Wilson was named Star of the Month for December recently by the Woman's Club of Sanford.

President Marty Colegrove presented Wilson with a certificate honoring her for her outstanding club work as well as for her contributions to the community.

# He looks out for aged

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Staff Writer

**MIDWAY** — Local activist Johnell Jackson has been appointed to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee.

"This is a real good thing, helping these elderly people," said Jackson, 43. "This is a real honor."

Jackson was appointed by Seminole County Commissioner Jennifer Kelley, who represents the county on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Area Agency on Aging is a planning council program which serves seniors in Seminole, Orange, Osceola and Brevard Counties.

Jackson lives in Sanford and is a retired postal worker. His resume points out that he has a law enforcement background with an education in criminology and an employment history that includes a sheriff's department in New York and New York state corrections experience.

Jackson currently is president of Midway Community Against Drugs and chairman of Midway Canaan Economic Action Team. He is also a member of the Seminole Chemical Awareness Network. Jackson was born in Sanford and attended Midway Elementary and Crooms High schools.

Financed with more than \$8 million in federal and state grants, the aging agency reviews the needs of central Florida residents over the age of 60 and provides grants to programs to meet those needs. In Seminole County, about \$1.5 million in grants have been awarded this year to local agencies.

AAA offers grants to a variety of programs including those that provide meals to homebound

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Johnell Jackson stands among senior citizens at New Bethel Church in Midway.

# She's seen the 'snake' in paradise

By DEBORAH YINGLING  
Herald Correspondent



Betty Small

Betty Small had a dream. "Everyone needs a dream," she says. She and a group of 100 or so Americans shared a beautiful vision of paradise found. They believed that the materialization of their vision was the tiny Caribbean nation of Belize. They hoped it would be their personal Garden of Eden.

But as Mrs. Small is fond of saying, "Any Garden of Eden is not

without its snakes." Perhaps the biggest snake in this particular garden is the crime rate in Belize. Anyone who builds a home or business there must stay or risk losing everything to thieves.

A church group from Sanford was robbed four times before they decided to come back to the United States. The Howards, a couple from Darrinton, Washington, who had planted an orange grove and built a sprawling house, decided to leave

See Belize, Page 7B



# Some dos and don'ts for when you buy toys

Just because our children have been inundated with half-hour toy commercials posing as cartoon programs for the past 11 months doesn't mean parents have to rush out to buy these overpriced products. I've known many a child who preferred the box the toys came in rather than the toy itself.

There are some guidelines that parents can follow when buying toys for the holidays. The single biggest factor to consider is age. Many toy manufacturers give age recommendations and safety information to ensure the item will be appropriate for the child's skill and abilities. Follow them.

A toy that is safe in the hands of an eight-year-old can be dangerous, even deadly, for a younger child. No matter how precocious your child is, motor skills develop gradually by age and all these factors have been given expert consideration before recommendations are determined by the manufacturers.

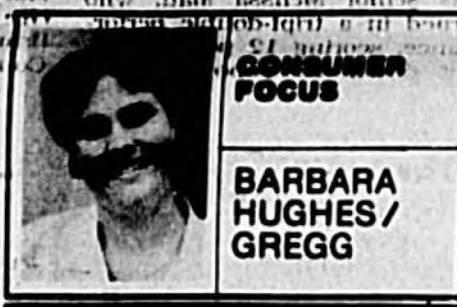
When shopping, look for special warnings on packaging, such as "not recommended for children under three," or "children under 10 with adult supervision only." And try to find items that boast of non-toxic, lead-free, heat-resistant, non-flammable and shatter-proof properties.

About 40 percent of children's products sold in the United States are imported from abroad. Before you buy, make sure these toys comply with American safety standards.

Now for some DON'TS:  
● **DON'T BUY ON IMPULSE** — decide what you want, whom you want it for, and how much you are willing and able to pay. BEFORE you go out shopping. Shop for price as well as quality.

● **DON'T BUY WOODEN TOYS THAT MAY SPLINTER** — check all toys made of wood for the smoothness of the finish and the quality of the wood.

● **DON'T BUY DOLLS WITH**



BARBARA HUGHES/GREGG

**GLUED-ON EYES** — which come off and can be swallowed, with pop-off eyes (the same), or with long, sharp hair pins.

● **DON'T BUY "ACTION" TOYS WITH REMOVABLE WHEELS** — they do not last very long, and the wheels can easily be swallowed by smaller children. For infants and toddlers, avoid toys with strings or cords that may cause strangulation.

● **DON'T BUY TOYS THAT USES HOUSEHOLD CURRENT** — children old enough to use them would do better to be initiated into the supervised and careful use of genuinely adult products.

Remember children are fickle. That expensive toy YOU find fascinating might sit on a shelf collecting dust while your youngster plays joyfully with the carton in which it came.

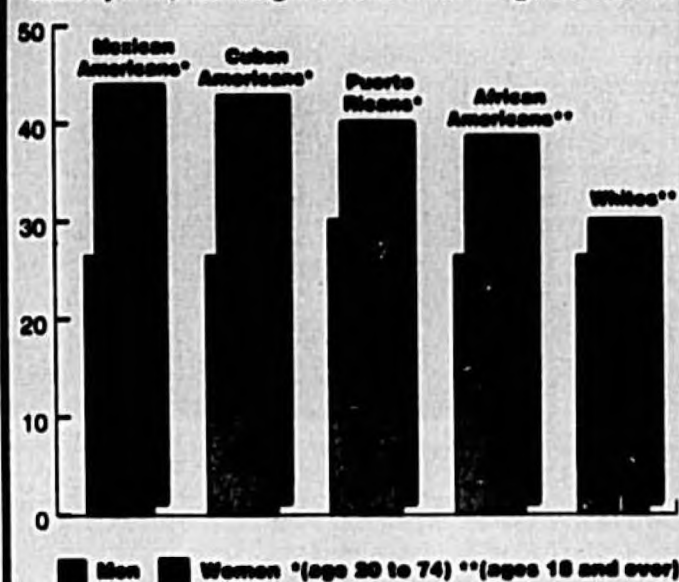
Children have sincere, intense, but often short-lived, interest in any one thing and can easily tire of a fancy, gimmick toy. Keep your purchases in line with your budget. Children do not have a deep concept of cost and can be pleased by simplicity. Try to choose toys which will last and have widespread interest, such as board games, card or magic trick sets and other entertainment or recreational toys.

The Cooperative Extension Service is open to all regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

Barbara Hughes/Gregg is Seminole County Extension Home Economist. Phone 323-2500, ext. 5556.

## Who's Still Smoking

The highest percentages of smokers are still found among minority men, according to the American Lung Association.



For information on quitting smoking, contact your local American Lung Association listed in the white pages of the telephone book.

# Daughter wants to present mom smoke-free Christmas

**DEAR MARY:** I'm a senior at a local high school and will be 18 in February. I've always been a "good kid" but about a year and a half ago some friends and I started playing around with cigarettes when we were together. Last month my mom found out that I smoke and you'd think she had just learned that I was a drug dealer! Anyhow, as a Christmas present to her, I'd like to kick my habit, but now I'm finding it's not that easy. Have you got any suggestions that might help?

### SMOKING SENIOR

**DEAR SENIOR:** I think your idea of presenting your mom with a smoke-free daughter will be one of the finest Christmas gifts you could give her this year, but the real beneficiary in this case will be the giver.

It doesn't matter what method you use to break your nicotine addiction: what is important is the first step that you've already taken — wanting to quit. As you have found, it's a real challenge because nicotine is currently considered to be one of the most addictive drugs, more addictive than heroin.

I'll share some smoking facts with you to help you maintain your determination during this difficult challenge. Smoking is the single largest preventable cause of premature death in the United States.



DRUG COUNSELOR

MARY BALK

In Florida, a completely preventable tobacco-related death occurs every 19 minutes. The number of smoking-related deaths in America every month equals the total number of AIDS patients diagnosed since the disease was identified in America in 1981.

Each day 3,000 teenagers start smoking; of this number, 750 will eventually die from tobacco-related diseases if the addiction continues.

I can't tell you which method of breaking the addiction will be easiest for you, but you've made the important first step. The American Lung Association, Heart Association, or Cancer Society, as well as local hospitals have programs and information to help you. Contact one (or several) of these organizations and get going on your program. It will be the finest gift you've ever given yourself!

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## WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. William Carl Owens

## Van Scoder, Owens announce marriage

SANFORD — April Lynn Van Scoder and William Carl Owens, III are announcing their marriage today. They were married Aug. 10, 1991, 1 p.m., at Sanford First Church of the Nazarene, Sanford. The Rev. John J. Hinton performed the formal ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Bertha Van Scoder of Sanford. The bridegroom is the daughter of Linda Weckle of Monticello, Ind. and William Carl Owens Jr. of Scotia, N.Y.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her vows a formal white gown of charmeuse satin. It featured a Basque bodice accented with Sposabella lace, seed pearls and candlelight sequins. The chapel length train was inset with lace and satin bows. Her organza illusion veil was held in a pearl-covered tiara. She carried a bouquet of white and peach roses accented with pearls and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Roxanne Elaine Hinton. She wore a tea length, mint green charmeuse satin gown with candlelight

Swiss dotted lace. Bridesmaids were Tamara Denise Elfert, Penny Eileen Copple, Katherine Sue Owens. They wore tea length, peach charmeuse satin gowns with candlelight Swiss dotted lace.

The honor attendants all carried wicker baskets with mint green and peach roses accented with baby's breath.

Charles Kenneth Wyant Jr. served as best man.

Ushers were Daryle Ashley Wright, Chadwick Raymond Chafin and Timothy Erkel Thompson.

Flower girl was Kristle Diane Whitman, a niece of the bride. Friend of the bride and ring bearer was Kyle David Banninga.

A reception followed the ceremony at the church. Assistants were Gail Kelly, Kay and Steve Blair, Sharon Banninga, Cristy Cornett and Jennifer Jones.

After a wedding trip to Daytona Beach, the newlyweds are making their home in Nashville, Tenn. They are both students at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville.

## ENGAGEMENT



Samantha Williams and PFC Eric Cleary

## Williams, Cleary plan to wed near Christmas

LAKE MONROE — Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Lee Williams, Lake Monroe announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Ann Williams to PFC Eric Cleary, son of Mrs. Alberta Cleary and the late Mr. John Cleary, New Iberia, La.

Born in Sanford, the bride-elect is the maternal granddaughter of J.C. Scott, Lake Monroe and the late Mrs. Alma Scott. She is the paternal granddaughter of Nathan and Rose Lee Williams of Sanford.

Miss Williams is a 1988 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford where she was active in the Future Business Leaders of America, AAU, Afro America

United, CBE, and Chorus. She is a graduate of Seminole Community College and is presently employed as cashier at Luria's and is an Avon representative.

Her fiancé, born in New Iberia, is the paternal grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary.

Cleary is a 1987 graduate of New Iberia Senior High School where he was active in the band and on the track team. He graduated in 1989 from Superior School with training as an operator of heavy equipment. He is presently a private first class in the U.S. Army, Fort Irwin, Calif.

The wedding will be an event of Dec. 21, 1991, 2 p.m., at Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Monroe.

# Christmas Tea has Peruvian flavor

Maritza Elias will serve as hostess with the mostest when she entertains artists at her Winter Springs home. The occasion will be a Christmas Tea with a Peruvian flavor.

As president of the Sanford-Seminole Art Association, Maritza wanted to do something a little different for the association. Her holiday hostess season began Wednesday when she entertained at an event for University of Central Florida where her husband, Luis, is a physicist and researcher.

Maritza will host several other holiday socials as well as entertain her family from Peru during the season.

She prefers the art association's party during the daytime for several reasons. First of all, she said, all of the meetings are held at night and some members cannot get away at night. During the day, more will attend, she speculated.

Then, Maritza is asking all artists planning to attend the tea to bring a piece of their art for others to enjoy. Her theory is that some members don't compete in shows and it will give their fellow artists the opportunity to observe their works. She would also enjoy having the members socialize and have fun in her home.

A native of Lima, Maritza is proud that she is a naturalized American. For the tea, she plans a slight variation of a tradition of her homeland — "a cake with little ribbons," she said. The cake will be a luscious concoction topped with real whipped cream and fresh strawberries.

She will take a large cake plate to the bakery where the cake is prepared, she said. The idea is to have a ribbon for each guest arranged on the plate under the cake with each guest selecting a ribbon. One ribbon will feature the prize of the day, which, of course, will not be revealed until the party. In Peru, she said, ribbons have gold, silver and platinum mementoes attached.



Maritza, a member of the National Watercolor Society, is a full-time artist who also has an international following. Her watercolors are enhanced with gold leaves, her hallmark.

Members of the SSAA and their guests are invited to call at Maritza's home on Saturday, Dec. 21, between 2 and 4 p.m. "Bring your spouse or friend," Maritza says. There will also be a gift exchange. For those planning to attend, please RSVP by Dec. 16.

### Senkarik loses legs

Jerry Senkarik has been under the weather and hospitalized since Oct. 9, except for one week when he went home between operations.

Jerry's case is far from the norm. What an ordeal! During this nearly two-month period, both of his legs have been amputated — the right, above the knee, and the left, below the knee. He has undergone seven operations during this time. Poor circulation was the culprit.

From his bed at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Jerry seemed very cheerful for a man who has undergone so much. But, then, Jerry has always been cheerful with a very positive attitude.

He is looking forward to going home by this weekend. It's been a long, painful haul. And what does he want when he arrives home?

"If I can persuade my wife to fix some fried chicken," he said. "I want some of Ruth's fried chicken."

For he's a jolly good fellow...

### Say Hi to the Kanes

It's the season for shopping and browsing and meeting and greeting longtime friends. Everywhere, everybody is wishing each other, "Happy Holidays."

This week, Minnie and John Kane were out shopping after a leisurely Sunday lunch. Remember when Minnie and John were so actively involved in volunteer work? They practically lived on the streets doing for others — just because they enjoyed it. For about 10 years, these volunteer icons were ardent supporters and activists of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, among other groups.

But not any more. Since John had heart surgery, he has suffered brain damage which has curtailed activities for both of them.

Those who know the Kanes may want to make a special effort to wish them "Happy holidays." They're a great couple.

### Holiday Open House

The Rev. Tommy Johns, his wife, Linda, and their sons, Andy and Adam, invite friends to Holiday Open House at their home, 1406 S. Elm Ave., Saturday, Dec. 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. Tommy is minister of education at the First Baptist Church.

### Christmas Open House

The Rev. Leo King and his wife, Ruby, are holding Christmas Open House at their home during December. For information and directions, call 323-6641.

### Sold on Sanford

Are you sold on Sanford? Marty Dillon would like to hear from you with your favorable comments for the newsletter published by the Sanford Historic Downtown Waterfront Associ-

ation. Just call Marty at Friendly Travel and let her know why you are sold on Sanford. Or call Kay Bartholomew at First Street Gallery.

### Siler displays works

Veteran artist Faye Siler will have her works on display during December and January at Senkarik's Artists' Corner. Faye, who has lived in Sanford for 31 years, has thrilled animal buffs with her wildlife collection, done in acrylics and watercolors, for years.

Included in the collection will be several large parrot paintings, among her other favorite animals.

Faye has won numerous ribbons through the years in art shows all over Florida and as far away as Tennessee and the Carolinas.

She and her husband, Don, have just completed a tour of area arts and crafts shows for the season before the holidays. Faye is a former receptionist for Chase and Co. and Suniland.

She is wrapped up in her art which is second nature to her. "Painting is my thing. It's therapy. It's relaxing," she said. "It's something I just have to do."

### Holiday Dance

Tomorrow is the deadline for making reservations to attend the Sanford Woman's Club Holiday Dance. The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at the American Legion building on Sanford Avenue. The cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner and dancing to the music of the Bob Glickman Orchestra.

Dress is optional. Admission is \$25 per person.

For information and reservations, call Jean Metts, 323-2993.

(Doris Dietrich, retired Sanford Herald People editor, is a Herald columnist covering the Sanford area. Phone: 322-4525.)

# Men strive to make community better

The Concerned Organized Men in Action (COMA) is a group of competent, aggressive men with leadership ability and concerned with participating in the worthy undertaking for the improvement of the community. COMA is a non-profit organization where men can become members if they are over 18 and are registered voters. It has no state or national affiliation, but invites men who are interested in making their community a better place in which to work and live. The officers for the 1991-92 election year are: president — Bernard Mitchell; vice-president — James Brooks; secretary — Stewart Baker — corresponding secretary — Edward Wilson; chaplain — D.C. McCoy; treasurer — Albert Fryer; reporter — Robert Thomas; parliamentarian — Amelka Geuka. The COMA invite men who wish to better this community to join the fight for a peaceful, organized community. Other men shown in the photograph are the Rev. Nolan Pitts, Willie King, Taylor Roundtree and Robert Epps.



Members of COMA gather to discuss community improvement.

### Reunion planned

The Crooms High School Class of 1961 planning reunion meeting will meet at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Sanford Ave. and 6th St. The reunion will begin Dec. 26. All members of the 1961 class are requested to attend this meeting. If you know of any members of this class, please have them contact: Sandra Mitchell Gaines or Yvonne McClain Grey.

### Congratulations, Eva!

Congratulations to Eva Jackson, a 20-year employer of Stromberg-Carlson Corp. She



was presented a certificate of appreciation for her 20 years of dedicated service as an assembly specialist engineer. She was also awarded a ruby ring.

### Pearl Harbor birthday

Happy Birthday to Mattie Oliva

Waldo who celebrated her 78th birthday Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1913. Waldo was born in Blackville, S.C. Many more happy days for the Waldo family!

### Choir to rehearse

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Choir will rehearse Tuesdays at St. John Baptist Church choir room, Cypress Ave. and 10th St. Mary Whitehurst is Directress.

### Cultural evening planned

The Community Improvement Association and The African American Cultural Forum of

Seminole Community College is presenting "An Evening of Praise: Historical Influences in the Shaping of African American Song and Worship" Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church, 819 Cypress Ave. The Rev. Nolan T. Pitts is pastor.

Featured will be Alberta Jones and daughters: First Shiloh M.B. Choir; The Voices of Pizzazz; Ronald and Ingrid Nathan; The Christian Fellowship Choir of New Mt. Calvary M.B. Church; and members of Tallri Arts.

(Marva Hawkins is a Sanford Herald correspondent covering Sanford news. Phone: 322-5418.)

# Sanford native produces, directs first play

By MARVA HAWKINS  
Herald Columnist

SANFORD — Students from Georgetown University and other residents of Washington D.C. were provided two nights of amusing and thought-provoking entertainment on November 15 and 16 of this year. Sanford's own Kianga K. Ford produced, directed and choreographed a Friday Afternoon Theater presentation of "Shango de Ima," which is a Nigerian folktale written by Pepe Carill.

Kianga K. Ford is the daughter of Brenda S. and William D. Ford. She is the granddaughter of longtime Sanford residents and educators Walter C. and Fanny E. Curry. Ms. Ford is a 1990 graduate of Seminole High School and is currently a sophomore at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. She can be remembered by many for her boundless energy and her on-stage performances and various

social and civic activities.

In Kianga's own words, "I chose 'Shango de Ima' because I loved the imagery, the rhythms and the flow, because I could see ideas that are timeless, classless, and endless."

"Shango de Ima" recounts the adventures and misadventures of its title character in his quest to discover his origins and to establish some form of self identity. It is a tale of gods and men. It is set in a timeless era using the imagery of the West African culture and shows the frailty of the human condition through the interaction of the characters in his search which goes from conception through death.

Through her efforts, Kianga was able to capture the flavor and spirit of the play. Using a minimum number of props and an amateur group of actors, she was able to create in the audience a sense of the flow and



Kianga Ford

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# Luggage left behind is lost for good if I.D. is lacking

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in the Central Baggage Service office for a national airline. I am astonished at the amount of baggage and "lost" articles salvaged every year by the airlines. Every week we receive cameras, eyeglasses, binoculars, expensive pens and pencils, car keys, Bibles, wedding albums, books and every other imaginable article.

It really tears me up to throw away wedding, baby and family reunion pictures after holding them for four weeks - which is our limit. If we can track down the owners, we return whatever they have left behind, but unfortunately, most of the articles have no identification on them.

In addition, we receive hundreds of pieces of "lost" luggage every year. About half of these we cannot return because the airline baggage tag has come off and there is no other way to track down the owner.

If passengers would put several pieces of identification on the bag - as well as on the inside of the bag - we could return it to the owner in a matter of a few hours.

Abby, the airline industry has improved greatly in retrieving lost baggage in the last few years. However, nothing would be lost if all the passengers would label their baggage inside and out - and this includes



**So I'm asking...**

**DEAR ABBY:** Do you ring the doorbells and hand the Christmas cards to the recipients? Or do you leave the cards in their mailboxes? If you use the mailboxes, unless you affix appropriate postage to each card, you are in violation of the law.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have several adopted children. One has many birth defects due to parental drug use. His appearance is startling, but he is the sweetest and most loving of children.

The kindest remarks are always those which praise and encourage. Parents are all too aware of their children's problems. They don't need anyone's pity, and you can be sure they've reviewed every treatment option with their physician.

Offer your congratulations on the birth, or comment positively about the child's lovely eyes or bright smile or even adorable clothes. If there are other children, don't ignore them, or the "disabled" child. And please keep your advice to yourself unless asked, especially if you are not close to the parents.

Thanks, Abby, for doing so much to educate the public on handicaps and on adoption.  
**PSO G. IN MILFORD, N.J.**

# Belize

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Belize after being robbed according to Mrs. Small, all of the Americans who had settled there are now preparing to leave.

Unfortunate Mennonites, who had established a self-reliant community within Belize, found out that robbery was not the only crime being practiced by Belizean thugs. Six members of their group were seized while working in their farm's fields. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of \$3,000. The Mennonite elders refused and the captives lives were threatened. Propitiously, the six hapless Mennonites were released into the jungle unharmed.

Despite all of this, the allure of Belize remains strong for Mrs. Small and others. Mrs. Small plans to return to Belize as a visitor and as a friend. "Belize will call you back," she says just a little wistfully.

Mrs. Small discovered Belize and thought she could retire in utopia. She first travelled to the newly independent country after reading an advertisement for land for sale in the Caribbean.

The country of Belize was known as British Honduras until 1973. It became self-governing in 1964 but was not granted independence until September 21, 1981. Prime Minister Price is the current political leader of Belize. The government is made up of a bicameral legislature with an appointed Senate and an elected House of Representatives.

Since the idea of being able to live in such an unspoiled, natural setting appealed to her, she purchased a 60-acre parcel of land. She now issues a very strong word of warning to anyone who would follow in her footsteps. Mrs. Small advises anyone who would like to buy land or invest in Belize to first check with the government of Belize. She emphatically states that this is very important. She declines to explain further as she is under a gag order.

Instead of establishing a retirement in Belize, the country's needs have given Mrs. Small a humanitarian objective. She collects and sends all sorts of medical supplies and equipment, toys, clothes and even sewing machines to the people of Belize.

Belize has a rapidly expanding population primarily due to a large and steady influx of immigrants. A group of 40,000 "Chinese" families were granted permission to relocate to this small country which is approximately the size of Massachusetts. The government of Belize has also extended an invitation to offer refuge to many displaced Haitians.

Tourists who visit Belize enjoy beautiful beaches and nearly perfect weather. Belize boasts a very large barrier reef, second in size only to Australia's famous reef, which is perfect for snorkeling. Visitors do not usually leave the beaches that flank Belize on the East. Mrs. Small believes that it is a shame because they will never be able to see the mountains found in the West or the rainforests and jungles of the South.

The native Belizeans are very honest people. Mrs. Small believes, "I have never been cheated by a Belizean," she states. The people of Belize are very grateful to Mrs. Small for everything she sends to them no matter how insignificant it might seem. She has received many letters of thanks for her help.

There is a desperate need for plaster gauze for casts, rubber crutch tips, cotton and even used hearing aids and eye-

glasses. These items and others can be donated to the people of Belize by calling Mrs. Small at 407-323-0482. Continental Airlines has been assisting with the transport of the medical supplies to Belize.

Clothes, toys and other items are also very much appreciated and can be sent either through Mrs. Small or sent directly to the Belize Disability Services at 4 Farrel Lane, Belize City, Belize, Central America. Mrs. Eva Pennille is the head of the Belize Disability Services which is concerned with helping all of Belize's needy as well as the disabled. She can be contacted at the above address or by telephone by dialing 011-501-2-77425.

Mrs. Pennille and her father, Raymond Wier, recently visited Central Florida as Mrs. Small's guests. Mr. Wier was here for treatment of glaucoma at the Florida Eye Clinic. "Mr. Wier was very impressed by how clean and well equipped it was."

Mrs. Small. Mr. Wier is a native of Belize and owns and operates the Bliss Hotel there. Mrs. Small's Belizean visitors also remarked about how much Central Florida resembled their own lovely country. The two areas have very similar vegetation and weather.

Mrs. Small feels that everyone should visit Belize at least once in their lives. She said that the experience would be "a real eye opener." It has convinced her that "we (Americans) should stay here at home and take care of what we have."

Mrs. Small and others are doing what they can to help the people of Belize build a brighter future. Belize, which she believed to be the last frontier, is "definitely on the move." Mrs. Small states. She tells of the building of roads and the new construction in her beloved paradise. She is not angry about the 60 acres she owns but cannot use. What upsets her is the sense of loss she feels. "I lost my dream and that hurts."



Bill Small stands before the Xunantunich ruin site in Belize.

# Jackson

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The AAA committee prepares goals and outlines grant programs to meet those goals. The committee reviews each grant request and makes periodic inspection tours of the agencies to make sure the grants are being properly applied and administered.

Kiang's debut as a director has shown her family, mentors and friends they have a native daughter that they can and should be proud of.

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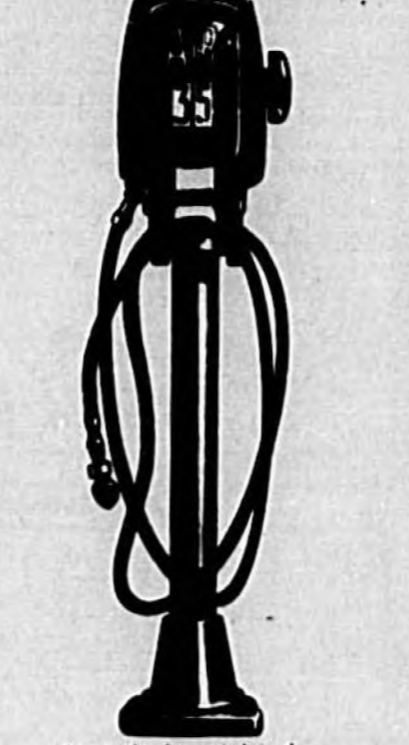
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Ever wonder where you're being charged more per gallon in your dealer's pump? The fact is, America's low cost two million gallons of gas every day is low in pressure. I see you checked your lady? Prescribe Bush thanks you for helping. DO YOUR PART. DRIVE SMART. The United States Department of Energy

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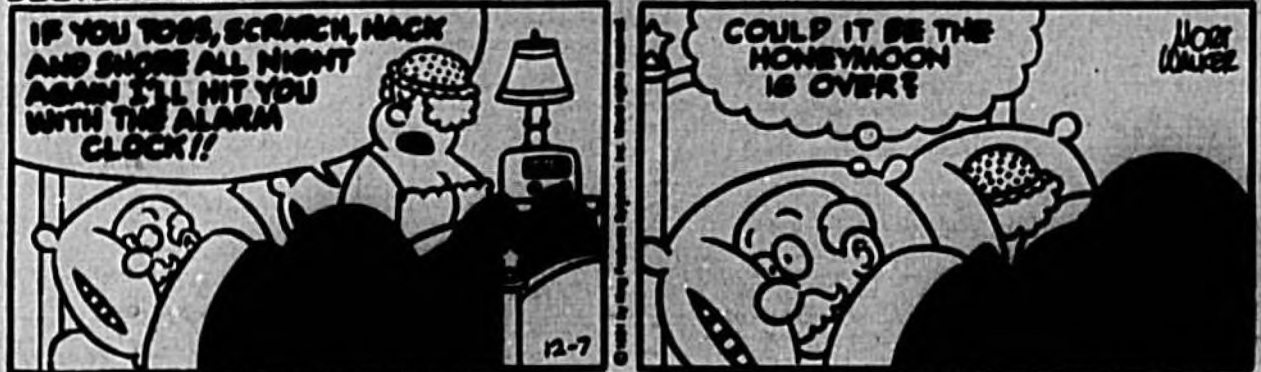
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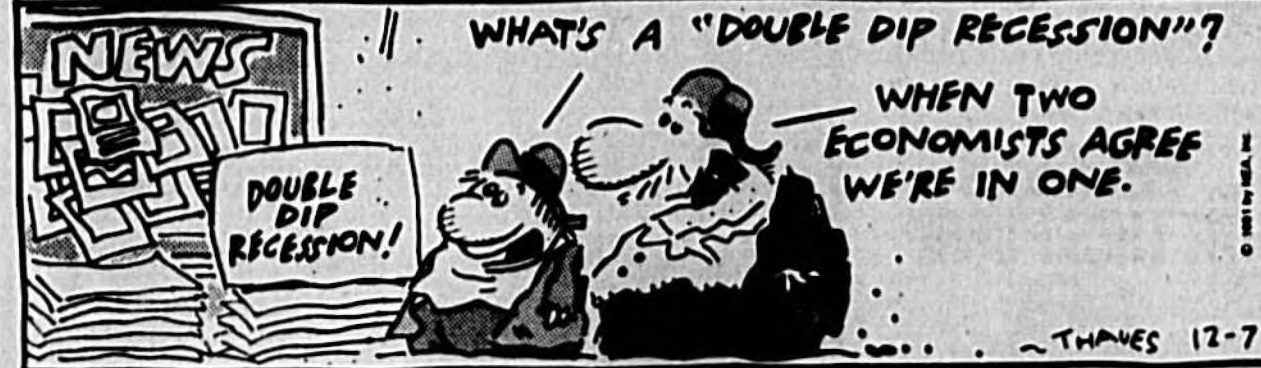
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**By Bernice Bode Oso YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
Dec. 8, 1991

Those lucky breaks you've been hoping for could be coming your way in the year ahead. Don't despair: Lady Luck will start trying to make up for lost time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Many of your contemporaries might treat today as a time for fun and games, but if you are materially motivated, there's a strong possibility you'll make or save the money you desire. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Sagittarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25, plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 81428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a very favorable day for you where you should be able to accomplish your expectations. Friends who'll be looking to you for leadership and guidance won't be disappointed, either.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Give credence to your hunches today because they could prove to be extremely helpful, especially where your material interests are concerned.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Something of significance might develop for you today through the auspices of a close friend. It could sound too good to be true, but with this individual's assistance, it may happen.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Today, tackle your large projects or weighty issues that were a bit too challenging for you earlier in the week. Conditions have shifted, and difficult assignments should be easy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Don't neglect your immediate responsibilities, but, as of today, start planning a bit further into the future. What you conceive now can be manifested sooner than you think.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Some unexpected changes could develop for you today that will be precipitated by influences beyond your control. However, they could be beneficial and profitable.

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Be alert for opportunities in the year ahead that may come from individuals you worked with in the past. Their proposals could be worthwhile, so treat them with respect.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't bank too heavily on luck as the way to achieve your objectives today, especially where your career is concerned. Conditions are a bit rough, and exercising your best efforts might barely get you by.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might not be too good at keeping secrets today, so be careful to whom you open up. If you let something slip out by accident, don't make the mistake of providing any additional information.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you fail to budget your resources properly at this time, you might not have the funds you'll need for something essential a little further down the line.

**Be prudent.**

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) You might talk more about your intentions rather than take positive actions to achieve them today. What you say will make good listening, but it won't produce results.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) It might not be wise to attempt, on your own, tasks where you lack know-how and expertise today. Have someone competent peer over your shoulder.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Negotiations of financial importance should not be conducted with a handshake or a verbal agreement today. For the sake of all concerned, put everything down on paper.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Your analytical abilities will be rather sharp today, yet there is a possibility you might do things against your better judgment that do not serve your best interest.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Focus your mind on your work today, or else you might make

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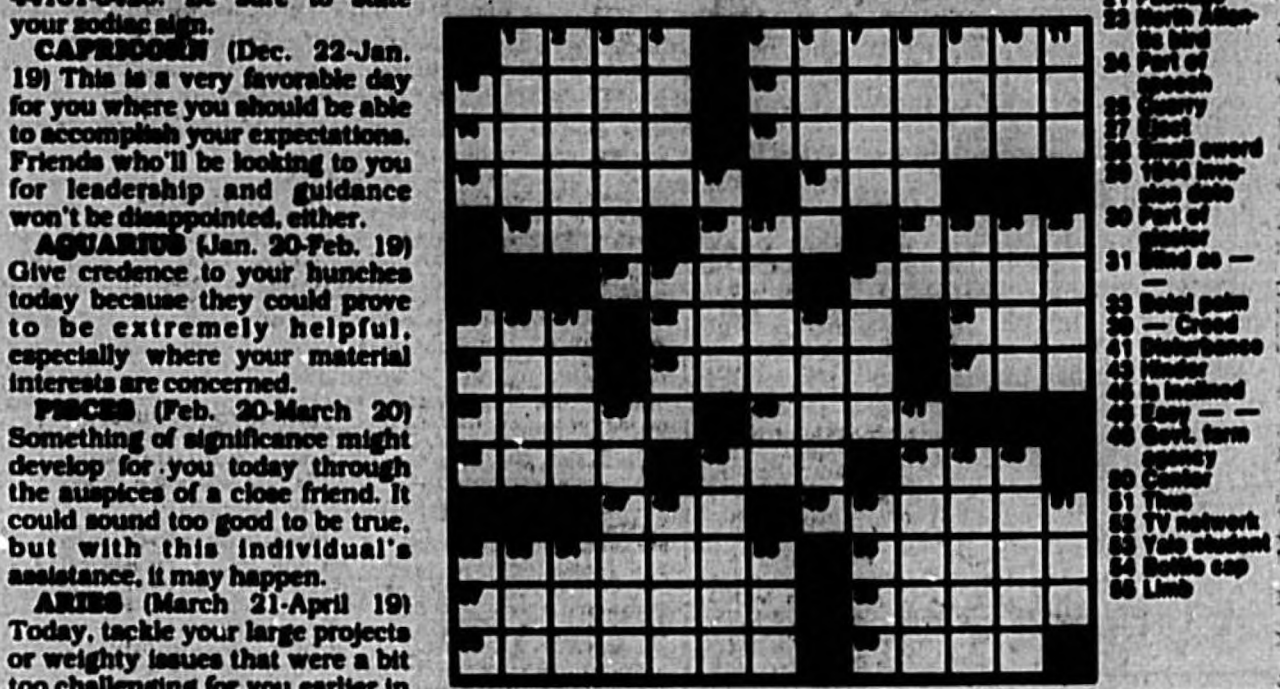
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**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Contracts, either written or verbal, should work out well for everyone involved today. If it looks like you can make a good deal, don't be afraid to commit yourself.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be much luckier today dealing with tangibles than dealing with intangibles. Focus on developments that can add to your material resources.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A contract you may make socially today could prove to be quite fortunate in many ways, even though you might not immediately recognize the worth of this relationship.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If there is an important matter you've been wanting to finalize, this is a good day to do it. You could be quite lucky where end results are concerned.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your imagination is likely to be in high gear today; you won't be spinning your wheels when it comes to ideas. Don't be afraid to share your thoughts with potential supporters.

serious mistakes with regard to something you usually do automatically. Don't take any task for granted.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Your inclinations toward impulse buying could be rather pronounced today and, in order to gratify an urgent whim, you might make a purchase where you won't get value received.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The perspective you'll view domestic developments from could be slightly distorted today. Try to cure problems, not complicate them further.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your generosity might be more in your imagination today. Keep in mind that what is easy to promise may be very difficult to deliver.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A well-intentioned friend might not have the capabilities to do for you today what was intended. It's best not to think of this individual as your ace in the hole.

**By Phillip Alder**

When the defenders have taken all their tricks in the side-suits, it's often an astute strategy to lead the 13th card of a suit.

This isn't a revolutionary idea. It is usually done in the hope of effecting a trump promotion, but there are other possibilities.

South had an awkward rebid over one spade. Three hearts was the logical choice, but, when North passed, South had a few nervous moments while awaiting the appearance of the dummy, wondering if a spade contract would be better.

West led the club six. East capturing dummy's jack with his ace. Now it became a battle to keep the declarer out of the dummy so that he couldn't pick up the trump queen.

East switched to the diamond eight, the high card denying an honor in the suit. Declarer played the king, but West, trusting his partner's card, ducked to stop the diamond jack from becoming a dummy entry.

Declarer continued with the diamond queen, West ducking once more, and another diamond. West won with the ace and then switched to a spade. East won with the king and declarer unblocked his queen. Next came the spade ace.

The defenders had collected their four side-suit tricks. Following the guideline given above, East found the killing lead of the diamond 10. True, East was hoping for a trump promotion, but the lead had another effect. If declarer discarded his spade and ruffed in the dummy, he couldn't capture East's trump queen. He therefore ruffed in hand, but West then discarded his last spade. Now dummy's spade jack was no longer an entry.

**NORTH** 12-31  
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♦ J 7 6  
♣ K J 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ 6 4 3  
♥ 5 4 2  
♦ A 9 2  
♣ Q 10 8 6

**EAST**  
♠ A K 2  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ 10 8 5 4  
♣ A 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9 8  
♥ A K J 10 9 8  
♦ K Q 3  
♣ 4

Valuable: Neither  
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

**ANNIE**

... WHY ISN'T ANNIE WITH YOU, SANDY? ... SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER? ... WHY WOULD SHE BE SO UPSET? ...

**HUCKY! WAKE UP! WE HAVE TO GO LOOK FOR ANNIE! ... HUCKY! DO YOU HEAR ME?**

**WHILE...**

by Leonard Starr









# Business

## IN BRIEF

### Western store contest winners announced

LONGWOOD — ALC Western Wear, 706 N. Hwy. 17-82, Longwood, just celebrated its 10th anniversary with a huge store-wide sale and contest all during the month of November. On Sunday, Dec. 1st, they held a "birthday party" with cake and punch and the awarding of the prizes.

During the 10th anniversary celebration, ALC held a contest with over 300 people participating on a daily basis over the 6-week period, according to a press release. At 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1st, the prizes were awarded as follows:

1. 25" color TV with remote control to Chrissy Peters, Sanford;
2. Sanyo AM/FM stereo with dual cassette and CD player to Lelia Stormont, Sanford;
3. Reatol 4X beaver fur hat to Kendall Keohne, Lake Mary;
4. Sanyo microwave oven to Joan Walkers, Lake Mary;
5. \$75 Gift certificate to Carlo Panto, Altamonte Springs;
6. Gold and silver belt buckle to Cynde Daniel, Winter Springs;
7. Boot travel bag to Eric Kristeff, Longwood; and
8. Silver bolo tie to Fred Taylor, Altamonte Springs.

Marv and Penny Grimm began ALC Western Wear from a single booth at Flea World 10 years ago. They opened a second location at the ill-fated Peddlers Market. When it closed down 3 1/2 years ago, they decided to open their own retail store in Longwood. They still maintain a double booth at Flea World and are planning a new expansion at their store at 706 N. 17-82 in Longwood as of Feb. 1, 1992.

The 10th anniversary sale and contest was ALC's way of thanking their customers for their loyalty and patronage over the years.

### Light Up Heathrow set Tuesday

HEATHROW — The Arvida community of Heathrow will be celebrating the holidays Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. at the Market Square shopping center.

The annual "Light Up Heathrow" event will begin with the lighting of a 12-foot Christmas tree and more than 20,000 twinkling lights outlining the shopping center, according to a press release.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will also feature a visit from Santa Claus, via an authentic fire engine, antique cars filled with giant presents and special holiday treats provided by Market Square's future supermarket, Goodings.

Children will be encouraged to register to win holiday prizes donated by Market Square merchants, with one of Santa's elves announcing the winners.

The Market Square shopping center is located in North Orlando at the I-4 Lake Mary/Heathrow exit. Take Lake Mary Boulevard 1/4 mile west to the Heathrow International Business Center entrance (first entrance) on the right. Market Square is located in the Business Center on the immediate left.

### Phone-book recycling progresses

SANFORD — Last year, over 600 tons of phone books were collected in the tri-county area for recycling. This year's program, which kicked off in October in Orange County and the City of Orlando, and only three weeks ago in Seminole County, has already collected close to 300 tons, half of the total amount that was collected in five months last year.

"We're very pleased with our progress," Kathy Hardman, area directory manager for The Central Florida Phone Book, said in a press release.

"Clearly, the education process was successful last year, so this year people are just assuming they can recycle their directories, and that's exactly what they are doing."

Some of the increased collection can be credited to the new hotel and business program implemented this year. Businesses interested in recycling their directories can call Kathy Hardman with The Central Florida Phone Book for more information. She can be reached at 332-1808.

The directory recycling program will conclude in January in Seminole and Ocala Counties, and in March in Orange County and the City of Orlando.

### ERA's Porterfield earns PRO rating

LONGWOOD — Mark Porterfield, sales associate for ERA Southern Realty Enterprises, Inc. in Longwood has achieved the designation for ERA Professional Realty Organization (PRO), indicating completion of all real estate training programs offered through the Central Florida District of Electronic Realty Associates, Inc. (ERA), the nation's second largest real estate franchise network.

### New Executives Named at CSX

JACKSONVILLE — Alvin R. "Pete" Carpenter has been named president and chief executive officer of CSX Transportation Inc.

Carpenter, 49, has been the company's executive vice president for sales and marketing.

The company also named Jerry R. Davis, 53, to be chief operating officer. Both appointments are effective Jan. 1.



### Beautification rewarded

The City of Sanford's Scenic Improvement Board recently presented their Beautification Award to Green, Dycus and Co. CPAs. On hand for the ceremony were Connie Williams and Eliza Pringle, board members; Lois Dycus co-owner of Green, Dycus; and firm employees Heather DeMartino, secretary; Alley Shoemaker, bookkeeper; Virginia Benfield, secretary; Ginger Shattler, accounting bookkeeper; as well as co-owner Bill Royster, CPA.

Harold Photo by Tommy Vincent

## Calling all cars (and drivers)

### Vehicle phone accidents rise

By A.J. HUSTETLER  
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — It's the stuff of black comedy — the luxury automobile that is retrieved from a ravine. Its unfortunate driver still clutching the car phone to his lifeless mouth.

The tale is told by people — most of them phoneless — who suspect it is unsafe to cruise at high speed with one hand on the wheel and the other on the phone. And many authorities agree.

Car phones are plainly a "strong distraction" that take "the person's mind off the driving task," according to the National Safety Council's director of transportation safety, Dick Tipple.

State police Sgt. Michael Marcantino says troopers see many drivers with car phones involved in accidents on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

But as state police don't track the device as a factor in accidents, officers keep suspicions to themselves. "Many times people said that a deer or dog ran across the road and caused the accident" rather than admit they weren't concentrating on the

road, Marcantino said.

That's the rub. No government or private agencies keep statistics on car phones and accidents, and the evidence is anecdotal.

"We know there are accidents," said Harvey Seymour, a spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute, a trade association based in New York. "With 34 million accidents a year, there have to be."

But insurance companies so far do not consider car phones a risk worth a coverage surcharge, according to Seymour.

A report for the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 72 percent of car phone conversations were for business, but drivers can become careless when using the device to "chit-chat."

Researchers studied the responses of 151 drivers during a 25-minute video that simulated talking on a car phone while driving under different conditions. They found that a simple car phone conversation is no more distracting than talking with a passenger and is less distracting than tuning a radio.

The study also showed drivers' attentiveness dropped 20 percent when merely placing a call.

### Central Florida demand is booming, firms state

By A. J. HUSTETLER  
Associated Press Writer

SANFORD — Area cellular telephone service companies say the demand has remained constant in central Florida and is booming in the south-eastern United States.

"Sales for this year have really been holding their own despite the recession," said Marjorie Patterson, spokeswoman for Cellular One's central Florida office. "As companies are decreasing staff, they find they must be in closer touch with management when they go out of the office. Cellular telephones provide that opportunity."

Cellular One and BellSouth Mobility are the only cellular telephone vendors licensed to operate in central Florida by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC allows only two cellular vendors in each metropolitan area. Neither company would divulge the number of their subscribers in either Seminole County or central Florida.

Steve Berman, general manager of external affairs for BellSouth of Florida, did say their company's business has been rapidly expanding throughout their market area, which includes Florida and six other southeastern states.

Prior to 1990, when the recession took hold, Berman said their subscribers increased in number by 80 to 70 percent per year. But in 1990, their growth dropped only slightly, to about 52 percent. This year, BellSouth's customers will grow by a similar percentage. Next year, a 50 percent subscriber growth rate is expected.

"It's been phenomenal," Berman said. "Most businesses in a recession are struggling to survive. Because a cellular telephone helps a company be more productive with the time and staff they have, we've seen a tremendous growth."

## Pocket phones: the wave of not-too-distant future

WASHINGTON — It's a busy day in Manhattan and hoards of people are storming along the sidewalks not watching where they're going and yelling at something in their hands.

It's the future, not too long from now, and they're talking on the phone.

It may be a blessing and a curse. With the phones of tomorrow, there will be no more excuses such as, "I was at lunch," "I was in Bill's office" or "I was in the bathroom." The phone can go with you — and some boss will probably want to

know why it didn't.

Everyone in the home can have his own pocket phone. If yours is ringing, or beeping, or maybe even softly repeating your name, the call's for you.

The Federal Communications Commission is trying to figure out what to do about this. There will have to be rules written and frequencies assigned on the airwaves.

"By the end of the 1990s, a telephone with its bell ringing insistently for attention will strike us — and especially our children — as a crude

anachronism," Dr. W. Russell Neuman told the Federal Communications Commission on Thursday.

"In retrospect, we will come to see such a telephone call as something akin to an electronic Scud missile, not well-targeted and often unwelcome," said Neuman, who teaches communications policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The phone on the receiving end will be able to identify a caller, then decide whether to sidetrack him to an answering

machine and what recording to play for him, Neuman said.

It could even give some fix on the caller's location.

That, along with privacy considerations, have caused people to worry about the phones of the future.

In addition to the little phones in everyone's pocket, there will still be pagers, mobile satellite services and portable computers that don't have to be plugged into a phone to communicate.

The potential market is big.

## Lend a hand

In poor economy, charity faces tough time

By CHET CURRIER  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Tough economic times may put a strain on the charitable impulses of many Americans in the coming holiday season.

But with some planning and ingenuity, experts on matters of personal finance say, the wish to give need not be thwarted or abandoned.

"It is entirely possible that the recession is putting the bite on both donors and charities at precisely the moment when contributions are needed the most," says Bennett Weiner, director of the philanthropic advisory service at the Council of Better Business Bureaus in Arlington, Va.

"Do not assume that the 'money pinch' means you must cut out charitable giving," Weiner adds.

"If you normally give \$100 to a charity and can only afford \$10 this year, you can be assured that the smaller donation still will be welcome and put to work."

"If you cannot afford to make a cash donation at all, volunteer your time or give household items such as clothing, appliances or toys to a reputable

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-Bennett Weiner

charity in your community.

"Many charities consider such contributions to be just as important as money, and the direct contact involved may make you feel even better than usual about helping to advance the work of a charity."

The CBBB urges taking the time and trouble to determine what special efforts a charity needs most — and to check out its legitimacy and effectiveness.

"Be on your guard for fly-by-night charities and con artists who will seek to cash in on hard times by using emotional appeals that tell you nothing about how your contribution will be used," Weiner says.

"Don't succumb to pressure to

give money on the spot. A reputable charity that needs your money today will welcome it just as much tomorrow."

The nation's tax laws have traditionally encouraged the charitable impulse by making contributions deductible. But financial experts note that the tax break applies only in specific circumstances that may be affected by an individual's or family's economic situation.

For one thing, charitable deductions can be taken only by taxpayers who itemize. Ordinarily, itemizing makes sense only if your overall deductions, including such things as mortgage interest as well as contributions, exceed the standard deduction of \$3,400 for single people or \$5,700 for married couples.

For anyone whose deductions are close to these cutoff points, advisers often suggest bunching contributions for two successive years into a single year to get the maximum tax benefit.

Contributions of intangibles such as your time or expertise — for instance, in volunteer work — aren't deductible in any situation.

Thus, there is no point worrying at all about the timing of such efforts for tax purposes.

### Burger King profits rise

Associated Press

MIAMI — Burger King announced a 16.5 percent increase in its operating profits this year, overcoming the recession, the Gulf War and discounted prices at other fast-food chains.

The profits for 1991 jumped to \$247 million from \$212 million last year. Sales were \$6.2 billion for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, compared to \$6.1 billion last year.

"We had a very good second half of the year," Cori Zywotow, a spokeswoman for the Miami-based fast-food chain, said Thursday. "We saw sales bounce back tremendously."

The Persian Gulf War and sluggish economy led to a slight drop in profits during the first half of the year. But improved sales, and an aggressive effort to make Burger King more efficient, sparked the sharp increase in profits, Zywotow said.

Burger King shut down 150 poor-performing stores during the year, Zywotow said. The company also instituted a quality-control system that grades each Burger King restaurant, putting pressure on all stores to improve results.

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