



## 'Real' Season Begins

With its teams at near full strength and starting to play very good basketball in the past month, Seminole Community College opens Mid-Florida Conference play at home tonight with a lot of confidence.  
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## Bentley faces more charges of lascivious, lewd conduct

A former Altamonte Springs police officer charged with lewd and lascivious conduct was arrested again Sunday for an additional count of the same charge.

The most recent arrest came after a 14-year-old girl saw the recent coverage of Michael Douglas Bentley's initial arrest on Jan. 8. She contacted the sheriff's office, alleging she too was a victim.

In the initial arrest, Bentley, 28, allegedly followed a 14-year-old girl in his personal vehicle. While doing so, he reportedly fondled himself underneath a washcloth. He bonded out of jail late Sunday on the most recent charge.

## Relay for Life kickoff Jan. 23

The kickoff event for this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in Oviedo Marketplace's food court.

The meeting will include information for this year's event, which is the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raising activity. Relay for Life is an 18-hour event held across the country. This year, it will be held on April 5-6.

For more information, call Lucretia Gilbert at 407-823-6609.



Cordell Mitchell, M.D. — Altamonte Springs doctor

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# Chamber unveils financial plan

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — The Sanford Chamber of Commerce provided City Commissioners with a business plan aimed at putting the organization on stable financial footing and repaying a \$25,000 loan from the city.

The plan focuses on increasing revenue through additional fund-raisers and the creation of a premium membership program, which is expected to boost revenue.

"I think the chances are very good that we can turn this thing around," said Angelina Gordon, executive director of the chamber. "It's going to be tough, but we've got a plan."

## Gordan says fund-raisers and other programs needed to boost organization's ailing finances

Gordon and Chamber president Brian Volk asked the city commission in December for financial assistance because the organization had a deficit of \$25,000. Commissioners agreed to loan \$25,000 immediately to pay bills and meet payroll expenses. The city also agreed to consider an additional \$15,000 loan should the Chamber present commissioners with a viable business plan.

Gordon submitted the plan Monday and commissioners will discuss it during their Jan. 28 meeting. The key component to the plan is

increasing revenues

"I can control expenses. That's what I've done for 25 years in my own business," said Gordon, who owned a property management company before becoming chamber director. "The income side is where we need help. If we can make the fund-raisers work, then we'll keep the members because we'll be doing the right things."

Among the new fund-raisers Gordon has

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## Seminole FHP trooper promoted to bureau chief

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

A former Lake Mary police officer and long-time Central Florida highway trooper is set to relocate after receiving a promotion from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Major Rick Gregory, Central Florida commander for FHP, was promoted this week to the rank of bureau chief effective Feb. 1,



Gregory

and will be reassigned to headquarters in Tallahassee. Gregory, 40, joined the FHP in 1984 and was assigned to Seminole County. From 1982 to 1984, he was an officer for the Lake Mary Police Department.

He currently commands the FHP in Orange, Osceola, Lake, Brevard, Seminole and Volusia counties. In his new position, he will oversee FHP operations in South Florida from Vero Beach to Key West, the entire Florida Turnpike and statewide highway homicide and drug interdiction investigations.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," he said. "It's kind of bitter sweet. I'm very excited about the promotion, but on the other hand, I will miss working hard in hand with some of the best in the business."

Gregory said Tuesday that his new position "will have quite a bit more responsibilities in a different level of management." However, he is already looking forward to making his mark in Tallahassee.

"The core mission of the agency is highway safety," he said. "We will accomplish that through visible presence and aggressive patrol."

The new emphasis on public information and safety education will also be a focus, he said. According to Gregory, he credits the slight reduction in highway fatalities from this year to last to the added presence of safety information.

"That's going to be a big part of trying to get back our sense of safety on the road."

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# Fisherman discovers submerged car

Another man finds body next day only yards away from car

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

After searching in the St. Johns River most of Monday, deputies of the Volusia and Seminole county sheriff's offices found Tuesday morning what they believe to be the body of a missing Ormond man.

A fisherman launching his boat Monday morning at the Cameron Wright Park just off State Road 46 near Geneva discovered the missing man's submerged white Oldsmobile Cutlass. The discovery occurred when the boat's prop apparently struck the car. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) was notified and pulled the vehicle out of the water.

A Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) Dive Team searched the nearby waters until 7:30 p.m. in attempts to locate the 90-year-old John W. Hughes of Ormond-by-the-Sea. The recovered vehicle was towed to Volusia County for investigators to examine for any signs of foul play. Gary Davidson, VCSO spokesman, said Tuesday morning that investigators "have nothing at this point that foul play was involved."

Boats from the two sheriff's offices started the search again at about 6 a.m.

Tuesday and at approximately 9:30 a.m. another alert fisherman discovered a float-

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Photos by Tommy Vincent



Seminole County Fire Department Dive Team from Station No. 35, above, search for a vehicle Monday. A fisherman discovered the vehicle and reported it to officials. At left, officials pull the car out of the St. Johns River near Lake Jesup at the boat ramp located at Cameron Wright Park.

## Mental health care facility receives approval from Sanford City Commission

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — City Commission approved a conditional use request allowing a mental health care facility to operate in the former Lakeview Nursing Home but directed staff to collect twice the normal rate of permitting fees for failure to follow zoning procedures.

Seminole Community Mental Health Center Inc. (SCMHC) began operating at the 919 E. 2nd Street facility in early October, despite not having an occupational license or a certified fire inspection. City staff had denied the occupational license because they classified SCMHC's operations as a Community Resource Facility (CRF).

The staff decision was based on SCMHC operating two CRF facilities on Bay Avenue, adjacent to the 2nd Street property.

Though the two Bay Avenue facilities were grandfathered in, city Ordinance 3502 requires new CRFs to be at least 1,500 feet apart.

Jim Berko, director of SCMHC, appealed the staff decision that the agency's new facility qualified as a CRF. City Commissioners rejected that appeal and recommended the SCMHC apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a waiver of the distance requirement.

The waiver was approved and recommended to the City Commission by P&Z with three conditions:

- The facility must meet all building and fire safety code regulations.
- SCMHC must provide 24-hour, on-site security using a minimum of four employees.
- A site plan must be approved before SCMHC can

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## Two-alarm fire destroys building

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

A two-alarm fire early Tuesday morning caused almost \$1 million in damage at a furniture store on U.S. Highway 17/92, just north of Dog Track Road.

Dozens of firefighters from six different fire departments battled the blaze at Webster's Leather Galleries. The fire was reported at 3 a.m.

A battalion chief from the Casselberry Fire Department could see flames as he pulled out from the fire hall a mile away and called for a second alarm, said Paula Ritchey, spokeswoman for the county department of public safety.

The metal structure was still standing but completely gutted after the fire was reported under control by 4:30 a.m. The loss of merchandise and contents of the building is reported at about \$500,000, while the structure loss is valued at close to \$750,000, said Ritchey.

One firefighter was treated and released from the scene for heat exhaustion. As firefighters from



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Seminole County Fire Department and state fire marshals investigators sift through debris after an early morning fire destroyed Webster's Leather Galleries, located on U.S. Highway 17/92. The two-alarm fire shut down the highway for several hours while firefighters battled the blaze.

the county, Altamonte Springs, Winter Springs, Sanford, Longwood and Casselberry worked to control the blaze, police shut down U.S. 17/92 for a short while.

At approximately noon, investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office started pulling away debris with Bobcats searching for the cause of the fire, said Ritchey.

# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

## A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

### Mother-in-law encourages man to move on with life

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Steve," whose wife, "Marie," died five years ago. Marie was one of the most popular and beloved ladies in town. Their child was left without a mother. Steve remarried about two years ago. Marie's mother continued to stay in close contact with Steve and her grandchild. Recently, Steve approached me at a social function. He was beaming. He told me he was buying a new house. He said his former mother-in-law had told him in plain English to put away Marie's pictures and buy his wife a new home. Apparently the mother-in-law is a lot like her daughter — charming, thoughtful and considerate.



Dear Abby

STEVE'S FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Marie's mother is also sensitive and practical. Orchids to her. I usually receive letters from readers complaining about their mothers-in-law. It's refreshing to hear the other side of the story. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, who is now 89, has lived with our family for more than 30 years. Her name is Collette, but everyone calls her Goldie. I don't know when people began calling her that, but I do know she is worth her weight in gold.

Goldie has devoted a large portion of her life to helping my family. We have had to hire a baby sitter only twice for our three children the entire time they were growing up. Goldie cooked the majority of our evening meals. She helped to wash and iron to the point where my wife had to start hiding our clothes to stop her mother from working so hard. She watched our dogs during the day, and they preferred her company over ours.

Whenever my family needed Goldie, she was there. She is very considerate. If she feels we need our privacy, she goes to her living quarters. We often beg her to stay, but she won't change her mind. We learned early on not to impose our wills on Goldie.

I feel sorry for people who don't have a Goldie in their lives. When she is no longer with us, I will forever feel the loss.

TOM, HER SON-IN-LAW

DEAR TOM: What a glowing tribute to a son-in-law to offer. You're a lucky family to have each other. It would be wonderful if more families could enjoy the love and cooperation between generations that yours does. Perhaps the secret lies in mutual respect for each other's boundaries.

DEAR ABBY: Your wisdom is remarkable. You told "Confused in West Sacramento" that "Happiness is where you find it; age is a state of mind."

I married my lovely Blanche on Sept. 15, 1951. We just celebrated our 50th anniversary at Fancy Feet Ballroom in Oregon City. We danced an exhibition ballroom cha-cha and enjoyed dancing with our many friends. Our son's band furnished two terrific hours of music.

Blanche is now 74; I am 96. (I have a daughter one year older than Blanche.) Love, good nutrition, dancing, gardening and mutual intellectual interests keep us active and happy. Our first date was at the Palladium in Hollywood, Calif. We have danced together with joy ever since! — HARRY F. BILLINGS, SALEM, ORE.

DEAR HARRY: Your letter proves that dancing not only lifts the spirits, but also provides healthy cardiovascular exercise that can add quality to a long life. The same can be said of love — which you also have in abundance. May it ever be thus. (I have a hunch your wife loves to dance to "I'm Just Wild About Harry")

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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### Rainy fishing



Lake Monroe die-hard fishermen near the Monroe Harbour Marina brave the elements during Monday's rains. Some fishermen opted for umbrellas while others toughed it out during the rain showers.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

### Larceny

Sanford Officer Kenneth McLacklan arrested Don Tanner, 35, of Sanford Saturday for larceny, assault on an officer and resisting an officer. Tanner allegedly stole \$140 of merchandise from the Orlando Drive Wal-Mart. The officer threatened to use pepper spray before Tanner would comply with the officer's order to be handcuffed. In the squad car, Tanner kicked the passenger rear window and threatened to kill the officer.

Sanford Officer Sherry Webster arrested Matthew Bendricks, 19, and Derek Alford, 20, both of Sanford, Sunday for larceny and possession of liquor under the age of 21. The two reportedly entered the Smoker's Express convenience store on French Avenue and proceeded to leave with two unpaid 12-packs of Michelob beer and three unpaid 6-packs of Heineken beer. The total value of the beer is \$40. A third white male 16-years-old was reportedly driving a getaway truck, which police also stopped. Police found a pipe and bag of marijuana in the truck, and the driver was arrested and transported to the county juvenile center.

Sanford Officer David Morgenstern arrested Ronda Comer, 18, of Sanford Friday for larceny. She reportedly tried to steal several tubes of tooth medicines from the French Avenue Winn Dixie grocery store.

Seminole Deputy Thomas Fuehrer arrested Adrian Alamina, 19, of Winter Springs for property damage and larceny. The deputy caught Alamina stealing road signs near the Aloma Vista Apartments in Oviedo.

Seminole Deputy Willie Williams arrested Cecil Williams, 50, of Sanford Sunday for dealing in stolen property and larceny. According to the report, Williams stole a DVD player and sold the money for cash.

### Attempted Felony Murder

Winter Springs Officer D. Raney arrested Robert Sherman, 23, of Winter Springs Saturday for attempted felony murder, discharging a firearm in public and while under the influence. Sherman reportedly hit his own brother over the head with a golf club. According to the police report, the victim received seven staples in the right side of his scalp at South Seminole Hospital to close the gash caused by the blow. The incident reportedly began when Sherman and a few friends were making loud noise in the living room at about 3 a.m. The victim came out of his bedroom several times to ask the group to be quiet. In the final occurrence, the victim stated to police that he heard two gunshots and went out to the living room to see what



### Police Blotter

had happened. That's when an argument broke out between the brothers.

### Possession of liquor under 21

Seminole deputies arrested Derrick Hulme, 18, of Lake Mary Sunday for possession of liquor under the age of 21. The deputy assisted Winter Springs police in checking out a suspicious vehicle at the Seminole Pony Baseball field near Osprey Trail and State Road 419. Police found Hulme, a 17-year-old white female and another 16-year-old male in the car with a partial 12-pack of Bud Light beer. Officers also reportedly smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

### Suspended License

Winter Springs Officer B. Mayhugh arrested Victor Rios, 29, of Winter Springs Friday for driving with a suspended license.

Sanford Officer Jose Mendez arrested Michael Marion, 45, of Sanford Friday for driving with a suspended license.

Longwood Officer Eric Jones arrested Gerald Degrand, 42, of Longwood Friday resisting an officer and driving with a suspended license.

Sanford Officer Nigel Price arrested Kathy Hawkins, 22, of Sanford Saturday for driving with a suspended license. The officer originally stopped Hawkins' vehicle for an expired vehicle tag.

Seminole Deputy Steven Sosa arrested Eugene Leonard, 34, of Lake Mary Saturday for driving with a suspended license.

Sanford Officer Kenneth McLacklan arrested Joan Robinson, 48, of Sanford Saturday for driving with a suspended license, resisting an officer and fraud by impersonation. She was stopped for a broken taillight and gave the deputy a false name during his investigation.

### DUI

Sanford Officer Bill Crapps arrested Timothy Barkley, 35, of Sanford Friday for driving under the influence, reckless driving and causing property damage. Barkley was involved in a side-swipe type accident in the parking lot of the Seminole Towne Center Apartments. Breathalyzer

tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .150.

Sanford Officer John Foshee arrested John Dimitrio, 36, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence. He refused to submit to a breath test.

Longwood Sgt. Kevin Shea arrested Danny Weber, 55, of Winter Springs Sunday for driving under the influence. Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .213.

Seminole Deputy Don Casamento arrested Kathleen Gaiz, 41, of Sanford Sunday for driving under the influence. Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .154.

Seminole Deputy Dana Triplett arrested Kristopher Jenkins, 25, of Geneva Sunday for driving under the influence and probation violation. Jenkins refused to submit to a breath test.

Altamonte Springs Officer Ryan Bonk arrested David Chaldek, 22, of Longwood Sunday for driving under the influence. Breathalyzer tests revealed a blood alcohol content of .165.

### Marijuana Possession

Sanford Officer Brian Welch arrested Andrew Arnie, 25, of Sanford Saturday for possession of marijuana. The bag of marijuana reportedly fell out of Arnie's waistband as the officer was responding to the West Indies Restaurant of 13th Street in reference to people loitering outside the business.

Casselberry Officer Button arrested Roberto Nieves, 18, of Winter Springs Saturday for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license.

Altamonte Springs police arrested Scott Ledigh, 34, of Lake Mary Sunday for tampering with evidence and possession of marijuana.

### Driving without a license

Seminole Deputy John Hawkins arrested Edgar Martinez, 19, of Sanford Sunday for driving without a driver's license.

### Robbery

Winter Springs Officer J. Rice arrested Cory Bryant, 19, of Winter Springs Sunday for robbery. Bryant reportedly tried to sell someone a Playstation 2 video game system for \$60. However, Bryant allegedly took the money and fled without producing the game system.

### Possession of Crack Cocaine

Seminole Deputy Christopher Fannin arrested Bernard Blackmon, 19, of Sanford Monday for possession of a controlled substance, battery on an officer and resisting an officer.

### OUT & ABOUT

#### WED. 16

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host its annual membership coffee on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the home of Vicky Crozier, 308 Feather Place in Longwood. Reservations are required by 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13. For reservations and further information, please call 407-862-6626, 407-830-4560 or 407-672-2536.

Lyman High School will host a College/Carer Night on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

College representatives from Bethune-Cookman College, Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida College of Natural Health, Florida Hospital College of Health Science, Florida State University, Full Sail, Seminole Community College, University of Central Florida, University of Florida and University of South Florida will be available to discuss admission procedures. Representatives will also discuss the application process for the military academies, enlistment and for students who qualify for Disability Support Services. All Seminole high school students and their parents are invited to attend along with incoming ninth-graders and their parents.

For more information, please call the Lyman Guidance Office at 407-320-2054.

#### FRI 18

Seminole County Sheriff's Office, located at 100 Bush Boulevard, will sponsor a blood drive Friday, Jan. 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Donors will receive free admission and save 50 percent on admission for up to five guests to Kennedy Space Center Visitor's Complex.

A free mini physical will be provided with the donation.

#### MON 21

The Oviedo Citizens In Action Inc., is sponsoring the 2002 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Remembrance and Celebration.

Beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, a parade will be held, starting at Oviedo High School and going toward Round Lake Park. At 11 a.m., Family Fun Day will be held at Riverside Park. The park is located at 1600 W. Lockwood Blvd.

A Commemorative Service will be held at 7 p.m. in Grant AME Church, located at 327 Franklin St.

For more information, call the Memorial Building at 407-977-6079 or Ann Bell at 407-365-3861.

### Correction

The date for the Crooms Academy Homecoming Dance was incorrect in the Sunday, Jan. 13, edition. The dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The Honor Alumni Reception will be held Friday, Jan. 25, beginning at 6 p.m.

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# Obituaries

**DOLLY WILKINS BATES**  
Dolly Wilkins Bates, 88, of Ibis Drive, Orlando, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002.

Born in Jessup, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in 1924. She was a homemaker and a member of Orlando Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Orlando Garden Club.

Survivors include one nephew, Kenneth Wilkins Sr., of New Smyrna Beach; one sister, Evelyn Esterson of Sanford; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Baldwin-Felschild Funeral Homes, Oaklawn Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

**C. DALE BOWMAN**  
C. Dale Bowman, 49, of Laurel Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002.

Born in Senath, Mo., he moved to Central Florida in 1994. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his mother, Dollie Bowman of Senath, Mo.; one brother, Harold W. Bowman of Riverview; and two sisters, Carmen Smith of Troy, Mo., and Joyce Lawson of Baton Rouge, La.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**GREEN BERRY DRAKE**  
Green Berry "G.B." Drake, 85, of Myrtle Avenue, Sanford, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002.

Born in Hendersonville, N.C., he moved to Central Florida in 1953. He was a retired mechanic. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford, where he was a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Drake, and one sister, Nonnie Schultz of Maryland.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**VIVIAN WALKER DURANT**  
Vivian Walker Durant, 72, of Valencia Street, Sanford, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, in her residence.

Born May 12, 1929, in Stratford, Conn., she was a retired visiting nurse. She was a member of New Mount Calvary M.B. Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Durant Jr., of Sanford; three sons, Reginald Walker of Bridgeport, Conn., Robert Walker of San Diego, Calif., and Matthew Durant of Naugatuck, Conn.; two daughters, Deborah Walker of San Diego, Calif., and Sharon Walker of Bridgeport, Conn.; one brother, Lewis Walker of Stratford, Conn.; one sister, Marion Freeman of Bridgeport, Conn.; and 13 grandchildren.

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

**LUCIEN H. ESTES**  
Lucien H. Estes, 85, of DeBary, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002.

Born in Toledo, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in 1973. Before moving to DeBary, she lived on Scott Avenue in Sanford. She was a retired manager of Stokes Fish Market. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sanford and was past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include three sisters, Jewell Williams and Ruby Langston, both of Sanford, and Patsy Sturtevant of Winter Park; one son, Robert Bronson of Sanford; one stepson, Gary Estes of Tallahassee; one brother, Beryl Stokes of Leesburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in Brisson Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Bradshaw officiating. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Children's Home.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**ROBERT E. HIRT SR.**  
Robert E. Hirt Sr., of Beaver Road, Osteen, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002.

Born in Osteen, he was a lifelong resident of Central Florida. He was the owner of Hirt Construction. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Osteen.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Hirt of Osteen; his mother, Miss Hirt of Osteen; one son, Robert E. Hirt of Osteen; three daughters, Rita Drinkwater of Osteen and Renee Bumgardner and Robin Brown of Osteen; two brothers, Wendell Hirt of Sanford and Larry Hirt of Osteen; one sister, Carolyn Pickle of Osteen; and seven grandchildren.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**MARY J. KENNY**  
Mary J. Kenny, 80, of Horizon Street, Deltona, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, in Florida Hospital, DeLand.

Born in New Haven, Conn., she moved to Central Florida from Rio, N.Y., in 1979. She retired after 20 years as an administrative assistant for the EPA in New York. She attended Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

She enjoyed knitting and reading. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, John Kenny; two sons, John A. and James J. Kenny, both of New Hyde Park, Long Island, N.Y.; two daughters, Rosemary Taylor of Bowmanstown, Pa., and Catherine Bruder of New Hyde Park, Long Island, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

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

**BERTHA C. LEDERHAUS**  
Bertha C. "Bert" Lederhaus, 86, of Grand Plaza Drive, Orange City, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in Florida Hospital, Fish Memorial.

Born in New York City, she moved to Central Florida in 1961. She worked as a real estate broker/agent in DeBary for 40 years. She was a member of Community United Methodist Church in DeBary. She was

past president of DeBary Professional Business Women's Association and a member of West Volusia Board of Realtors, DeBary, Sanford Gardens Club and Sanford Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Lederhaus of New Smyrna Beach and Carol Lederhaus Council of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and one grandson.

Memorial donations may be made to Community United Methodist Church, 41 W. Highbanks Road, DeBary, FL, 32713.

Altman-Long Funeral Homes of DeBary is in charge of arrangements.

**LOUIS E. NOEL**  
Louis E. Noel, 85, of Railroad Avenue, Osteen, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, in his residence.

Born in Allenstown, N.H., he moved to Central Florida in 1945. He was the owner of General Country Store in the 1950s and then opened Osteen Corner Store on Highway 415. He retired in 1977, and in 1979, he opened Louies General Store in Osteen. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Bloodworth of Osteen; one sister, Lillie David; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

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

**DOMINICK PETRILLO**  
Dominick Petrillo, 92, of Wax Myrtle Court, Deltona, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City.

Born in New York City, he moved to Central Florida from Margate in 1962. He was a retired teletype technician for Radio Liberty in New York City, where he worked for 20 years. He loved singing.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Rose Petrillo; one son, Edward Petrillo of Deltona; one daughter, Joan Bradshaw of Long Beach, Calif.; two grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Fourtowns Cremation Inc., of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**JOSEPH PLEWA**  
Joseph Plewa, 69, of Roxboro Avenue, Deltona, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in his residence.

Born in Berna Creek, Pa., he moved to Central Florida in 2000. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War. He retired in 1987 after 30 years with Beth Energy, where he was a coal miner. He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Coupon, Pa., Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona; and the VFW, Post No. 4313, in Ashville, Pa.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Rose Plewa; one son, Lee Plewa of Ashville, Pa.; two daughters, Bonnie Kos of Ashville, Pa., and Sheri Traina of Reno, Nev.; two stepdaughters, Sheila Cruz of Deltona and Sherry Lidwell of Ashville, Pa.; and nine grandchildren.

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

**THOMAS R. RESSA**  
Thomas R. Ressa, 91, of Club Court, Lake Mary, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002.

Born in Fort Washington, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1980. He was the former owner of Salerno Taxi and Limo in Roanoke, N.Y. He was a member of Nativity Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E. Ressa of Lake Mary; two sons, Ames T. Ressa of Apopka and John Salerno of Tampa; one sister, Fannie Fattori of New York; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service is being arranged at Nativity Catholic Church in Longwood at a later date.

Brisson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**HOLMES T. SLAYTON**  
Holmes T. Slayton, 86, of Crescent Boulevard, Sanford, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, in Longwood.

Born June 8, 1915, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida from Mountain View, Calif., in 1966. He was a master machinist and belonged to the Machinist Union, along with the Musicians Union. He was also a member of the Bayhearn Racquet Club. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Slayton of Port Orchard, Wash.; one niece, Melissa Fracon of Longwood; one brother, Blair Slayton of Greenville, S.C.; one sister, Nancy Tomblor of Cocoa Beach; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**AVERY SMITH**  
Avery Smith, 85, of Drew Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, in Health Care and Rehabilitation Center of Sanford.

Born Oct. 18, 1916, in Hallboro, N.C., he was an embalmer for a funeral home. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of West Sanford Freewill Holiness Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ida B. Smith of Sanford; two sons, Avery Smith of Orlando and Aloysius

Smith of Lake Mary; one daughter, Pazzaria Smith of Leesburg; one brother, Nathaniel J. Smith of Cuscutta, Ga.; one sister, Mae Tokia Brown of Baltimore, Md.; eight grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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

**SHIRLEY G. TIFFANY**  
Shirley G. Tiffany, 78, of Sheoah Boulevard, Winter Springs, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Central Florida in 1973. She worked as a Guardian Ad Litem for Seminole County.

Survivors include one son, Mark Tiffany of Antioch, Ill.; two daughters, Cindy and Melissa Tiffany, both of Winter Springs; and one grandchild.

Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**ELIZABETH H. TINKLER**  
Elizabeth H. Tinkler, 92, of Egan Trail, Orlando, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in her residence.

Born Aug. 9, 1909, in Tampa, she resided in Central Florida for 65 years. She was a retired school teacher. She was a member of St. Richard's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include one son, Hunter Brower of Orlando; one daughter, Martha Tempest of Orlando; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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

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IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 01-CA-8888-14-L
THE PROVIDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF MARY BROOKS FUTCH AKKA MARY B. FUTCH WILSON AKKA MARY B. WILSON, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF MARY BROOKS FUTCH AKKA MARY B. FUTCH WILSON AKKA MARY B. WILSON, DECEASED; WILLAS JONES, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT (S); JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT; JANE DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THE ESTATE OF MARY BROOKS FUTCH AKKA MARY B. FUTCH WILSON AKKA MARY B. WILSON, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF MARY BROOKS FUTCH AKKA MARY B. FUTCH WILSON AKKA MARY B. WILSON, DECEASED; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT (S) WHOSE RESIDENCE IS: unknown SQUARE HERESY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address appears hereon, within 30 days after the first publication of this Notice of Action; the nature of the proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit: THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOTS 30 AND 31, BLOCK C, SOUTH SANFORD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 94 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 1308 Shepard Street, Sanford, FL 32771

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The City of Sanford is accepting applications for the First Comprehensive Plan Amendment of 2002. The plan amendment will consider amendments to the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The anticipated schedule is as follows:
Application Deadline: March 15, 2002
Public Hearing by Local Planning Agency (Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission): April 23, 2002
First Public Hearing by Sanford City Commission (Transmittal Hearing): May 13, 2002
Second Public Hearing by Sanford City Commission (Adoption Hearing): August 12, 2002
Annexation petitions will also be considered. An application fee is required. Application forms may be downloaded from the publications section of our web site www.ci.sanford.fl.us. Application forms may also be obtained at the City of Sanford Department of Engineering and Planning on the second floor of City Hall or by phoning your request to 407-330-5672, by faxing to 407-330-5679 and by writing to P.O. Box 1788, Sanford, FL 32772-1788.
Sanford has tentatively scheduled the Second Comprehensive Plan Amendment of 2002 as follows:
Application Deadline: June 21, 2002
Public Hearing by Local Planning Agency (Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission): July 23, 2002
First Public Hearing by Sanford City Commission (Transmittal): August 26, 2002
Second Public Hearing by Sanford City Commission (Adoption Hearing): December 9, 2002

# Bush establishes Mentor Month

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

In a celebration of the first official Mentor Month in Florida, Gov. Jeb Bush announced last week a new partner in his Mentoring Initiative — municipalities.

The Municipal Mentoring Initiative is designed to spur cities to allow their employees to serve as mentors. It's a role not unfamiliar to city of Sanford employees who have participated in the county schools mentoring program in the past.

According to Jane Lane, manager of the dividends school volunteer program for Seminole County Schools, there is currently 812 mentors in the county acting as "personal cheerleaders" for local kids. Bush, who also volunteers his time to be a mentor, announced Friday 115,578 of Florida's youth are currently benefiting from mentoring.

"There is so many more kids that could use a mentor," Lane said. "Some mentors do some tutoring, but that's not their main goal, it's just sitting there listening to kids."

The Florida League of Cities has received commitments from more than 30 cities to participate in the Municipal Mentoring Initiative, with a goal of 10 percent or approxi-

mately 40 cities statewide. Although none of Seminole County's seven cities have joined the new initiative Lane speculates Sanford will because of its past experience in the program. Before the launch of the new initiative, Bush previously stated in a press release that his goal for the state is to reach the 200,000 mentor mark.

"I am pleased that the importance of mentoring is being recognized with the first ever Mentor Month in Florida and National Mentoring Month across the nation. Florida has led the way, and the business community has joined us with the commitment of time and money, allowing us to raise awareness of the tremendous need for mentors," said Bush. "With the Municipal Mentoring Initiative we are reaching out to city governments and encouraging them to join their colleagues at the state level in mentoring a child. Today over 300 local organizations across Florida have active mentor programs, but more remains to be done, so I encourage everyone to be a mentor."

In addition to city personnel, Bush encourages all state department employees to become involved in mentoring, Lane said. In Seminole County, about 20 employees from the health department and a portion of the state attorney's staff

volunteer as mentors. Several schools such as Bentley, Goldsboro, Spring Lake and Altamonte elementary schools believe in mentoring so much they have school wide mentoring programs. Many Seminole teachers even volunteer time to mentor children in other schools than they teach in, Lane said.

The Seminole Community Volunteer Program located at the Seminole Community College Sanford/Lake Mary campus helps provide volunteers for nonprofit and community agencies in Seminole including the mentoring program at the schools. According to Pat Shields, executive director, mentors give children "basically just someone to talk to."

"It makes a difference in the life of a child," she said. "Many children are not fortunate enough to have that kind of relationship."

Despite the efforts of local groups and the state, Seminole still has a great demand for mentors. An additional 150 mentors are needed just for Lyman and Winter Springs high schools, Lane said. Traditionally, the local schools' mentor program adds an additional 250 mentors a year, but Lane said she hopes to double that this year.

Also, in recognition of National Mentoring Month and

to increase awareness of the importance of mentoring, the U.S. Postal Service will introduce to customers Jan. 11 a new "Mentor a Child" postage stamp. Designed by Lance Hidy, the stamp features a striking design that conveys the benefits of mentoring. His computer-generated artwork depicts an adult offering guidance to a child. The stamp reads "Mentoring a Child" at the top and "Values - Goals - Skills" at the bottom.

To learn more about Bush's Mentoring Initiative visit [www.flmentoring.org](http://www.flmentoring.org) or to learn more about mentor volunteering in Seminole call the Seminole Community Volunteer Program at 407-323-1440.

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## Military News



Novak

Air Force Airman Steven M. Novak has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

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

Novak is the son of Ralph Novak of Longwood, and Linda Novak of Skokie, Ill. He is a 2001 graduate of Lake Brantley High School,

Air Force Airman Thomas I. Medlin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

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He is the son of Karen Medlin of Sunrise, and nephew of Margaret Brock of Winter Spring.

Medlin is a 2000 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fort Lauderdale.



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## The Buzzard's Roost Events Scheduled

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The Tuf Luck band is scheduled to appear regularly on Fridays and Saturdays. I could tell this group of artists has spent many hours in practice as it shows in their performance. When I first heard them play, I was amazed at how they click with each other. They play a majority of modern country with a mix of classic country and old time rock and roll while adding a short comedy skit in between songs. The first weekend they performed, the crowd went wild. It was almost as if we were in the middle of a major concert. I predict this band will go far in their career. I am just thankful that we had the opportunity to book them before they get too big to afford here in Sanford. They are truly awesome. As a special treat to our customers, there will be no cover when the band plays.

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

to everyone.

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

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

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



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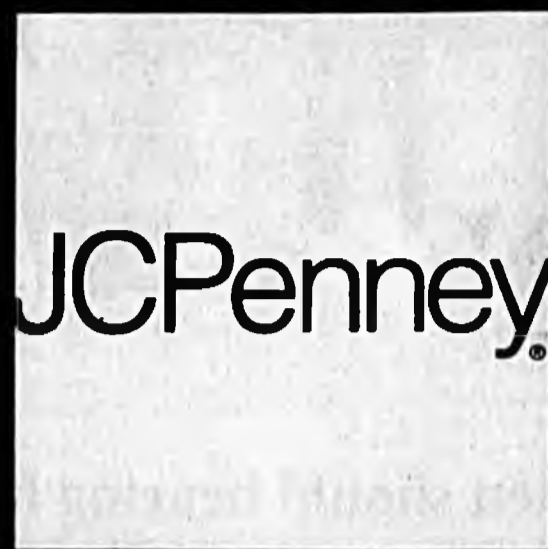
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noise, diseases (like Meniere's disease) or genetic disorders (like otosclerosis), medical conditions (like diabetes), even a build-up of ear wax can mean hearing loss. Here are some warning signs to watch out for:

- Pain or ringing in your ears (tinnitus) after exposure to noise
- Muffled speech sounds or music sounds dull after leaving a noisy area
- Difficulty understanding speech in crowded situations
- Difficulty in pinpointing sounds' locations (loss of stereo hearing)
- Frequently mispronouncing words
- Frequently asking people to repeat themselves

You'll be asked a series of more

involved questions when you get your hearing tested. If you experience any of the above symptoms, you know what to do get your hearing tested. **Who should I talk to?** You need to see an audiologist, a professional who specializes in hearing health care. Audiologists are trained to conduct and interpret hearing tests, fit and dispense hearing aids, provide related counseling, habilitation, rehabilitation and hearing conservation. Your audiologist will help you make an informed decision about your hearing care and provide you with communication strategies to help make listening easier. Typically this type of hearing

evaluation is covered by insurance. Surprisingly, most people who struggle with hearing loss think they're unusual. Hearing loss doesn't have to mean depression, frustration and social anxiety — an audiology rehabilitation program can train you to deal with your new situation, and an audiologist can help you find one. Have your hearing tested as soon as possible, and talk to your audiologist about how often to test your hearing. You'll have a great chance of learning how to

deal with hearing loss before it becomes debilitating. **Where To Start** If you think you have hearing loss, there are great resources to help you. In addition to undergoing an annual hearing test, check out the Audiology Awareness Campaign at [www.audiologyawareness.com](http://www.audiologyawareness.com) or call 1-888-833-EARS for a free 15-page booklet called "Listen Up, America ... We Hear You" and a free set of ear plugs. *Courtesy of ARA Content*

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**Facility**

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operate its residential facility. City Commissioners approved the plan with little discussion by a 3-2 vote, with Mayor Brady Lessard and District 1 Commissioner Art Woodruff dissenting.

SCMHC officials asked that the double rate charged be reduced because of the agency's non-profit status.

"We're non-profit, too," said Whitey Eckstein, District 4 Commissioner. "Our staff had to

jump through a lot of hoops because you guys didn't follow the correct procedures. As far as I'm concerned, you owe us the double fees."

In other business, the commission:

- Directed staff to spend up to \$4,500 to landscape and install irrigation in the rights-of-way in the 1200 block of Park Avenue. Commissioners also authorized City Attorney Bill Colbert to sue to have the pay phones removed from 1201 Park Avenue. Residents

in the area have complained about criminal and drug activity taking place at the location. The Sanford Police Department issued more than 25 noise violations during a "Quick Response Task Force" operation and discovered the pay phones were being used for criminal activity.

- Approved a preliminary subdivision plan for five lots at the corner of U.S. Highway 17/92 and Lake Mary Boulevard. A Mobile gasoline station occupied the site, but has since been torn

down. A developer plans to build a Walgreen's drug store on the site.

- Approved a preliminary subdivision plan for a 126-unit condominium complex at 600 W. Airport boulevard. The developer indicated individual units will be sold, not leased.
- Adopted a resolution certifying that Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County Inc.'s program for construction is consistent with local plans and regulations.
- Approved the sale of alco-

holic beverages for consumption on premises at Wings N Things, 2921 Orlando Drive, Suite 142.

- Approved a second reading to annex 2.15 acres between SR 46 and Smith Canal Road and between Sewell Road and Rinehart Road.
- Approved a second reading to annex .968 acres between Seminole Boulevard extended easterly and Celery Avenue and between Brisson Avenue extended northerly and May River Court.

**Chamber**

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planned are a bowling tournament (projected to bring in \$12,000), a barbecue event (\$6,000), a carnival similar to the one held each fall at the Seminole Towne Center (\$6,000) and a Political Hob-nob (\$5,000).

"We've got other ideas as well," she said. "I'd love to bring an art festival to Sanford. I know Kissimmee does a rhythm and blues festival. I don't know if these are things we can do. The Chamber board has to make the

final decision on the events, but we've got to start the discussion somewhere."

Gordon also plans to create a new premium membership program for large, institutional-type businesses like hospitals, utilities and telecommunications companies. Gordon said Mike Homer, who heads the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce and whose father was a long-time director of the Sanford Chamber in the 1970s and 1980s, provided

details on how a premium memberships work.

"It's similar to what a lot of organizations do with their gold and platinum sponsorships of events," Gordon said. "Basically these members would receive special benefits, luncheons and activities. They'll also serve as an advisory board for the Chamber. They'll be almost like a committee of their own."

Initially, the new membership group is being referred to as the Board of Trustees, though Gordon

said that name may change. In Kissimmee, the cost to be a trustee is the normal membership fee plus \$5,000 for the first year. Renewals cost the regular membership fee plus \$2,500. Gordon said the Sanford program would not be as expensive but did not indicate what the fee would be.

"That's something the board needs to decide," Gordon said. The board must also make a commitment to become more involved in fund-raising, Gordon said, if the Chamber hopes to sur-

vive.

"It's real simple. Our chamber members, particularly our board of directors, have to step up to the plate," Gordon said. "We've got to get more revenue coming in. The toughest committees to serve on are the fund-raising ones, the ones where you have to go out and ask people for money. Our people have to do a better job of that because I can't do it alone. My staff can't do it alone."

"We can turn it around, but it's going to take everyone."

**Gregory**

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ways," he said.

His new position will prevent him from working in the field as much as he did in Central Florida, but he said he will be out there as much as his schedule will allow him. In Central Florida, he commanded Troop D consisting of about 10 troopers, but in overseeing South Florida he will command four more troopers, he said.

"I feel I'm a hands on kind of person so I'm going to miss the day-to-day interactions with the people that make things happen, and that's the troopers on the road," he said.

He also said he will miss the relationships he has fostered with

other law enforcement leaders in the area including those in the Florida Criminal Justice Association and the Volusia Chiefs Association. Although, he said he will take some of the important lessons he learned from the area to South Florida.

"Central Florida is unique in it's really the leader for other areas for joint operations," he said. "I hope to bring some of that no matter where I go. People that work and live here should be proud of the law enforcement agencies and how they work together."

Rick's brother, Ronnie, is currently a sergeant with the Lake Mary Police Department.

**Community Notes**

**The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program** is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children in a court proceeding.

To become a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, you must be 21 years old, possess good judgement, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis. You must present favorable references, consent to have your background checked and complete 24-hours of training.

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center, 190 Bush Blvd., in Sanford, on Feb. 15, 16 and Feb. 22.

If you are interested in attending or for more information, call Myrna at 407-665-5370.

The Christian Sharing Center in Longwood has an urgent need for volunteers to

fill various positions.

Receptionists and interviewers are needed to interview families in crisis situations and to assist them in meeting their needs. Pantry workers are needed to stock shelves and fill grocery orders for client families. Van drivers are needed to pick up food donations.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thrift store volunteers are also needed to sort donations, assist customers, run the cash register and check small appliances and make repairs, as well as truck assistants to help with donation pick ups.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, call Diann at 407-260-9155, ext. 6, Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The Seminole County Department of Public Safety

is scheduling another in its series of Community Emergency Response Team programs. It will begin on Thursday, Jan. 17, and run for seven consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. until approximately 10 p.m.

The training is built around individual and family survival skills, including such topics as life-saving techniques, emergency First Aid procedures, fire fighting and disaster planning.

For more information, call 407-665-5017.

Residents of unincorporated Seminole County can recycle their Christmas trees all Wednesdays in January.

Trees must be placed at the curbside by 6 a.m. and be free of all decorations and tree stands. Trees larger than 8 feet must be cut in half.

For more information, call Solid Waste Customer Service at 407-665-2260.

**Two bodies found in burning car**

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

**HEATHROW** — Police believe two people reported missing from Heathrow were those found dead in a burning car Sunday in west Orange County.

Saturday afternoon, investigators of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office reported Marilienne Marc, 37, and her nephew, Daniel Marc, 26, of Sanford, missing.

Family members said to police they had been missing since 9 a.m. Friday when they reportedly left Heathrow to go to a Longwood car dealership to pick up a new vehicle. Their appointment with the auto dealer wasn't until in the afternoon.

"Obviously, they probably had plans to go somewhere else," said Seminole Lt. Ed Allen.

Behind an abandoned residence and business in a wooded area at 8235 Clarcona-Ocoee Road, just east of Apopka, Vineland Road, Orange, County police and fire units responded at 7 a.m. Sunday to reports of a burning vehicle. Two bodies on the floor of the van were burnt beyond recognition, said police.

Based on information gathered at the scene, such as the vehicle identification number, the burning vehicle was connected to the missing person case in Seminole, said an OCSO spokesman. The charred Toyota minivan was registered to Marilienne. A positive identification of the bodies will be made by the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office.

Although the Orange County Sheriff's Office homicide division is working the case, a Seminole County Sheriff's Office investigator is also assigned to assist them. Investigators are working to retrace the steps of the two victims in hopes of finding more information about other appointments they may have had that day.

**Body**

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ing body about 100 yards away from the car was found.

Volusia deputies had been investigating the man's disappearance since Thursday evening. He was last reported seen leaving a friend's house in Ormond Beach Thursday in his white Oldsmobile.

According to SCSO Lt. Ed Allen, the body was found in the same general area as the recovered vehicle. Investigators and the Volusia Medical Examiner's Office were checking on clues of homicide before the body would be removed, he said. The medical examiner will also assist in a positive identification of the body.

Family members said to VCSO investigators that Hughes becomes forgetful and confused at times. Several months ago, he drove away in his car and was found disoriented some time later in Palatka, Davidson said.

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# Business supports local heroes

By Michelle Jaris  
Managing Editor

**LAKE MARY** — Focusing on its community heroes, one local business turned profits into donations during a November fund-raising event.

Lake Mary Chiropractic Center recently donated more than \$1,000 to the city's fire and police departments in recognition of the men and women who serve the community, said Jennifer Smith, a chiropractic physician at Lake Mary Chiropractic Center. The Center donated part of its November proceeds to the local fund and matched the amount dollar for dollar.

"It was something we wanted to do in light of what happened on Sept. 11," Smith said. "We wanted to focus our efforts on the heroes who are sometimes forgotten — our local fire and police departments. It was to show our appreciation for what they do."

The Center invited people to donate the \$20 cost of an exam, which includ-

ed X-rays and a consultation, to the fund, said Paul M. Toma, a chiropractic physician at Lake Mary Chiropractic Center. The event raised \$540 through patient donations, with another \$540 matched by the Center. The total was split between the two departments.

The Center, in conjunction with Foot Levelers Inc., also participated in an October fund-raiser, which raised more than \$2,000 for the American Red Cross.

"This is what living in a community is all about," said Ruth Marchant, chiropractic assistant at Lake Mary Chiropractic. "We are all in this together."

"There are a lot of takers in the world, but there are also a lot of givers," she said. "Now, we realize how many givers there really are."

The money donated to the Lake Mary Police Department will be used for its DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

"This donation is an example of the outstanding support we receive from

the community," Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Beary said. "It will help a lot, especially since the economy is off. It will go a long way."

According to Beary, many police departments throughout the nation have had to eliminate educational programs due to the decrease in funding and donations. With the community and city's support, however, Lake Mary's DARE program is still going strong after seven years.

"I'm glad to see that the city of Lake Mary is committed to educating our children," he said.

Lake Mary DARE Officer Christopher Taylor said the money donated by Lake Mary Chiropractic Center will be used to purchase T-shirts and other items used in the city's DARE program. The program serves elementary students at Lake Mary Elementary and Lake Mary Preparatory schools.

"The response has been great for our DARE program," Taylor said. "Everybody loves it, and the kids really respond to the program."



Dr. Jennifer Smith and Paul Toma of Lake Mary Chiropractic Center present Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Beary, second from right, and Lake Mary DARE Officer Christopher Taylor with a check for \$540. The Center held a fund-raiser during November, matching dollar for dollar, for the city's police and fire departments. More than \$1,000 was donated to the local heroes.

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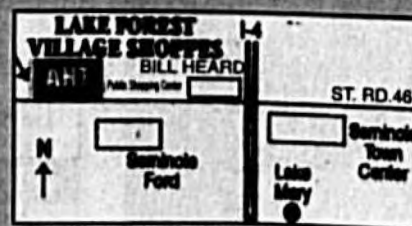
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## Lee County man arrested on 67 counts of felony

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**FT. MYERS** — An 11-month investigation into the illegal taking of alligators has led to the arrest of a Lee County man on 67 felony counts. Jack Ridley Harper, 57, of 222 Harbor Dr., Boca Grande, has been charged with uttering a forged instrument, trafficking in stolen property, identity theft and unlawful harvest of alligators.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the office of Statewide Prosecutor Melanie Ann Hines filed the complaints against Harper in Polk and Lee Counties. Wildlife officials discovered irregularities in records of last years Public Alligator Hunt, triggering the joint investigation by the FWC and Hines' office in Ft. Myers.

Harper is charged with one count of dealing in stolen property (alligator), a first-degree felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. Additional offenses, 45 counts of unlawful harvest of alligators, 17 counts of uttering forged documents and four counts of fraudulent use of personal identity information are all third-degree felonies, each punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

The Florida Administrative Code requires permittees for public alligator hunts to affix a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag to a carcass and complete a report and on each alligator harvested. Permittees are issued tags which can only be used on a specific body of water. Unused tags must be accounted for. Permits are issued for the Public Waters Alligator Harvest through a random computer drawing of applicants.

The state alleges that Harper was engaged in illegally obtaining Public Alligator Harvest Permits in 1999 and 2000, by forging signatures and paying for permits, using the names of others. Also, he is charged with using the illegally obtained permits to harvest about 60 reptiles and selling them to an alligator products dealer. Harper could not account for all the CITES tags issued to him.

Investigators said the charges against Harper, if proven, would amount to depriving other Floridians and visitors an opportunity to be drawn and participate in the limited annual alligator quota hunt.

Sgts. Lenny Barshinger and Mike Frantz were the FWC's lead investigators in the case, with assistance by Lt. Steve Meyers.

"There was some fine police work in this case," Meyers said. "We all worked very hard on it."

Alligators are not an endangered species in Florida. The state alligator population estimate is about 1.5 million adult animals. However alligators are pro-

# Gathering championships

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**LAKE MARY** — The Oviedo High School boys wrestling team is on quite a roll.

With their fuzzy-faced lower weight class wrestlers doing the damage, the Lions rallied past St. Cloud to win the Ron Peters Tournament of Champions at Lake Mary High School Saturday.

The Bulldogs were up by two points entering the finals, but Oviedo's four grapplers split their matches, while the

## Oviedo wrestlers win third tournament at Lake Mary

Bulldogs could only win one of four, giving the Lions their third tournament title this season, 154-152.

Oviedo had also won major tournaments at Land O'Lakes and Lyman.

Freshmen Jason Robbins and Justin Fraga, teammates on the highly-success-

ful JETS summer club team, scored the points that made the difference for the Lions, both winning in double overtime.

Robbins took out Osceola's Javier Maldonado, the defending state champion at 103-pounds, in the 112-pound final, while Fraga bested Winter Springs'

Johnny Walker at 119-pounds.

Trailing the top two in the final standings were University (144 1/2), New Smyrna Beach (138) and Winter Springs (133 1/2).

Individually, Lyman and Winter Springs also had a pair of weight class winners, Renteria at 130-pounds and Chacon at 135-pounds winning for the Greyhounds and McDonnell at 143-pounds and Parent at 189-pounds winning for the Bears.

Brett Martin gave Seminole a champi-

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## 'Real' season begins

### SCC opens conference tonight on home floor

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — With its teams at near full strength and starting to play very good basketball in the past month, Seminole Community College opens Mid-Florida Conference play at home tonight with a lot of confidence.

The Saints from Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville will provide the opposition when the women tip off at 6 p.m. this evening. The men are set to toss it up at 8 p.m. at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

Admission is free of charge.

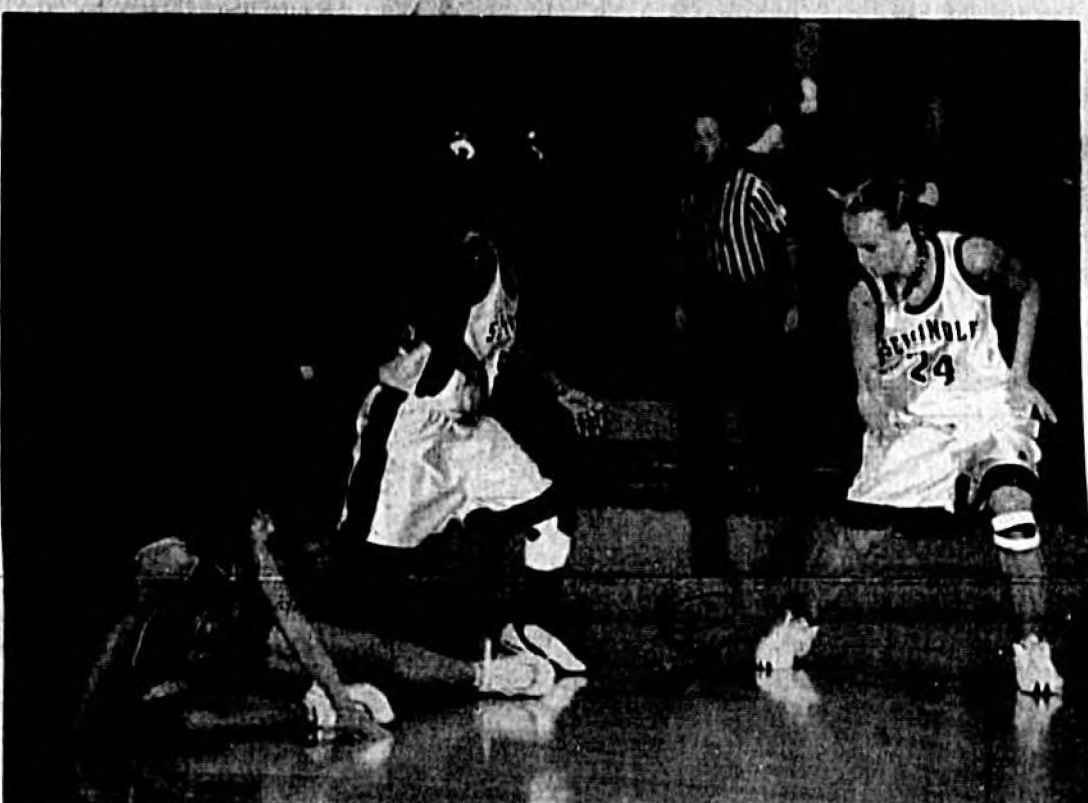
Coach Stan Cormartie's men are 9-10 on the season, but have won three of their last four games.

The Raiders had a golden opportunity to be over .500 heading into conference when they hosted a Brevard team that they had already beaten twice this season, but with 6-foot-8 Kitus Witherspoon and 6-foot-10 Che Morgan both out with the flu, the Titans rallied in the second half to defeat the hosts, 88-80.

Witherspoon, a freshman from Boone High School in Orlando, has combined with freshman sky walker Daniel Jackson (6-foot-6, Lake Wales High School) to give SCC an awesome 1-2 punch inside on both offense and defense, which has taken some of the pressure off leading scorer Jason Currington, a 6-foot-4 sophomore guard/forward from Leesburg.

The other starters have been 6-foot-3 point guard Chris Jackson, a DeLand product who has done an excellent job on both offense and defense

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Herald photos by Tommy Vincent and Jim Wentz

Charesia Bailey (No. 15, top) comes up with a steal caused by teammate Ditte Jakobsen (No. 24), leaving a University of Virginia player on the floor in Seminole Community College's 82-58 victory on Friday. Women's head coach Ken Patrick will be counting heavily on 6-foot-5 freshman phenom Yelena Leuchanka (above), who got her 12th double-double of the year on Friday, while SCC men's coach Stan Cormartie (left) when the Raiders open Mid-Florida Conference play at home tonight against Santa Fe Community College. The women tip off at 6 p.m. with men set to begin at 8 p.m. at the Health Center and admission is free.

## Patriots remain on hot streak

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**DAYTONA BEACH** — The Lake Brantley boys soccer team added another victory to the win column on Saturday, romping past Seabreeze, 5-0.

The Patriots (16-2-4) continued their assault in Volusia County this season, picking up the win over the Sandcrabs (7-9-2) to go along with winning the DeLand Christmas Tournament in smashing fashion in December.

Coach Danny Kirby's team raced to a 3-0 halftime lead and completely dominated this contest, outshooting the hosts, 27-7.

Senior midfielder Ron Fulmore and sophomore midfielder Gordon Stasak scored two goals apiece, with sophomore forward Miguel Santos netting the other score.

Fulmore also had an assist, with freshman forward Graham Zusi, senior midfielder Leandro Rolon and senior midfielder Ryan Smith chipping in with one assist each.

Junior goalkeeper Dana Singer was relatively idle in the net, but still turned away five Seabreeze shots to record the shutout.

In another boys' game from Saturday, Oviedo and Bishop Moore battled to a 0-0 tie.

In girls' action from Saturday: Junior Katie Register scored the game's only goal on an assist from senior Lindsey Davis in the second half as two-time defending state champion Lake Howell (17-4-1) blanked old district rival Spruce Creek, 1-0, in Port Orange.

The statistics were as close as the score as the Silver Hawks, now playing in Class 4A, were actually outshot by the Hawks (8-7-1), 12-11.

Sophomore Carolyn Richard turned away four Spruce Creek shots to get the shutout in goal for Lake Howell.

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## DeLand holds off Seminole

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — For those of us who have been watching basketball in these parts for the past 30 years or so, Friday night brought back a lot of memories at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium.

One of the more storied rivalries in the State of Florida was rekindled as DeLand survived a furious comeback by host Seminole, 55-51, in Class 6A-District 5 contest before a near full house.

Back in the late '60's and through the early '80's there was no bigger rival on Seminole's schedule than DeLand.

Year in and year out, the Fighting Seminoles and Bulldogs were two of the top teams and the games were often filled with fights on the floor and an occasional arrest in the stands. Fans would point to those games months in advance and fans from both schools would make the trip to the other's home court.

That all changed with the addition of Lake Mary, Lake Brantley, Lake Howell and Winter Springs high school's as the Seminole Athletic Conference became the focus of the schedule and new rivalries were built.

But Friday was a throwback as both Seminole and DeLand are back in the same district for the first time in several seasons and both school's have outstanding teams. And the fans must be taking notice, because that was the biggest crowd seen at Bill Fleming for a game involving an out of county school since the days that Vince Carter was playing for Mainland.

The game did not start well for the home forces as the Bulldogs (12-3) held Arrow Force X scoreless for the first 4:40 of the game, during which time they built a 6-0 lead, and pushed the lead out to eight points, 12-4, after the first period.

Seminole (10-7) started to find its rhythm in the second period, but DeLand kept its momentum

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Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Seminole High School senior center Marcus Robinson (No. 42, shown against Lake Mary) scored 20 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and blocked six shots against DeLand Friday night at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium.

SCC

Continued from page 1B for Cromartie, and 6-foot-1 shooter Jon Sterling, a freshman from Satellite Beach.

Sophomore's Morgan, Cedric McHaney, also 6-foot-10, and 6-foot-5 Joe Williams give Cromartie strength off the bench inside, while 6-foot-6 sophomore Antwain Tennell, 6-foot-2 freshman Brandon Fisher and 6-foot Lake Brantley freshman Miguel Malcolm are all good defensive guards with three-point shooting range.

The only missing piece for SCC is 6-foot-8 sophomore Christian Adolffsson, a starter early in the season who is out with a broken foot.

The women of coach Ken Patrick are also back at near full strength and have been even hotter, having won five games in a row and now standing 12-8

on the season. The Raiders got off to a slow start this season, but with three potential starters missing the first two months after surgery and two others playing with severe injuries, not to mention a schedule that would make an NBA team complain, it's amazing that the record is anywhere near this good.

Since the return of sophomores Brandi Davis, Linda Cazeau and Sheri Harrison from the injured list and returning All-State guard Yo Johnson deciding against season-ending ankle surgery, the women have been nothing short of sensational, rolling over their opponents.

The two most recent wins saw SCC crush Indian River Community College, 88-54, in Ft. Pierce and then return home to cruise past a University of Virginia Club Team, 82-58, last

Friday. Freshman phenom Yelena Leuchanka again led the way in both wins with 28 points and 20 rebounds against Indian River and 23 points and 10 rebounds in limited minutes against UVA. The 6-foot-5 center now has 12 double-doubles on the season.

Other leaders against Indian River was Davis with 21 points, five rebounds, four steals, Johnson, 10 points, and Gabby Blankenfeld with nine points, five steals, and five assists.

Against the Cavaliers, the Raiders jumped out to a huge lead at the start of both halves, but Patrick went to his deep bench (14 players) early and often and everyone got a lot of minutes as the visitors were able to get within 20 points on a couple of occasions.

In addition to Leuchanka, Davis also had a big game with

21 points and eight rebounds, while Johnson was also in double figures with 12 points. Blankenfeld, the 2000-2001 Florida Freshman of the Year, chipped in with seven points and four steals and Harrison had three steals and four assists.

It's important that both SCC teams get off to a good start as the Raiders must go on the road Saturday (Jan. 19) to face conference favorite Daytona Beach Community College at Lernerand Center starting at 6 p.m. (women) and 8 p.m. (men).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 RAIDERS vs. HAWKS 90

Seminole Community College (19-0) Raiders 0-2-2-2, Varn 2-4-0-4, Bradshaw 1-2-3-4, Johnson 1-3-1-3, Bailey 0-0-0-0, Harrison 2-5-4-4, Jakobsen 0-0-0-0, Thompson 1-4-2-4, Camero 0-0-0-0, Boyd 0-0-0-0, Blankenfeld 7-11-3-4-17, Davis 4-8-0-8, Richardson 2-4-4-8, Leuchanka 10-15-0-20

Goals: Lake Howell 1 (Register), Assists: Lake Howell 1 (Davis), Shots on goal: Lake Howell 11, Spruce Creek 12, Sevens: Lake Howell (Richard) 4, Spruce Creek 4.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 RAIDERS vs. PIONEERS 94 Seminole Community College (11-0) Raiders 1-2-0-2, Johnson 3-4-4-10, Blankenfeld 3-9-3-9, Leuchanka 5-17-12-15, Thompson 0-3-0-3, Richardson 1-0-0-2, Varn 1-3-2-4, Bradshaw 2-4-2-6, Harrison 1-3-4-7, Boyd 0-0-0-0, Davis 0-11-5-11, Totals: 29-54-32-91 88.

5. Vann 4, Berggren 3, Steale - SCC 5 (Blankenfeld 3, Leuchanka, Vann, Davis each). Blocked shots - SCC 9 (Richardson 6, Leuchanka 3).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 RAIDERS vs. CAVALIERS 98

University of Virginia Club Team Steale 1-1-1, Hamilton 1-0-3, Reynolds 3-8-13, Zacharias 1-3-4-6, Helman 0-0-0-0, Rutherford 0-1-0, Carney 4-3-4-13, Kuhn 0-0-0, Packer 4-3-4-11, Preston 2-3-7, Crispa 1-0-1, Totals: 19-13-22-58. Seminole Community College (13-0) Berggren 1-2-0-2, Vann 0-3-2-2, Bradshaw 2-2-0-4, Johnson 5-8-2-12, Bailey 2-2-0-4, Harrison 1-3-0-2, Jakobsen 0-1-0-0, Thompson 0-0-2-2, Camero 0-2-0-0, Boyd 0-0-1-1, Blankenfeld 1-4-5-7, Davis 7-12-7-10, Richardson 1-3-0-2, Leuchanka 5-9-13-13, Totals: 31-51-33-92.

Goals: Lake Howell 1 (Register), Assists: Lake Howell 1 (Davis), Shots on goal: Lake Howell 11, Spruce Creek 12, Sevens: Lake Howell (Richard) 4, Spruce Creek 4.

Basketball

Continued from page 1B going, even though neither team was shooting very well, and added a point to the lead, carrying a nine-point advantage, 29-20, into the lockerroom at intermission.

The game completely changed around in the third quarter as Arrow Force X's 6-foot-6 senior duo of Robby DuPre and Marcus Robinson took over the game, on both offense and defense, and Seminole finally took its first lead of the night, 37-36, with 1:50 left in the period.

Arrow Force X actually took a five-point lead, 42-37, with seconds left in the quarter, but Bulldogs star E.J. Gordon hit a three-pointer at the horn to cut the lead to two, 42-40.

Seminole was able to hold the lead for the first half of the fourth quarter, but a strange call turned the game back in favor of DeLand.

A blocked shot led to fast break by Gordon, who was able to force the ball into the basket despite an Arrow Force X defender holding him from behind.

The basket was called good, and an intentional foul as also called, giving Gordon two free throws, which he made, and the Bulldogs got the ball back, making the possibility of a six-point or more play.

DeLand only ended up with four points on the series, but it put the visitors back on top to stay, as they were able to answer any Seminole threat.

Gordon finished with 24 points, 10 rebounds and two blocked shots for the Bulldogs. Point guard Da'mon Hinson also had a good night with 11 points, eight assists and five steals, and 6-foot-9 freshman center Keith Brumbaugh made his presence felt at the beginning of both halves, finishing with 10 points, six rebounds and three charges taken.

For Seminole, Robinson was 7-for-11 from the floor and 6-of-7 from the free throw line to finish with 20 points. He also hauled down 10 rebounds and blocked six shots.

DuPre was not far behind, scoring 18 points and pulling down a game-high 12 rebounds to go along with three assists and two blocked shots.

Anthony Turner also had a nice game for AFX with eight points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals.

The junior varsity game was almost a mirror image of the varsity contest as DeLand withstood a strong comeback by Seminole to hand coach Robert Moore's squad its first loss of the season (6-1), 63-60.

In boys' games from Saturday: Ryan Exter poured in 25 points, while Brett

Hodges and Chad Fowler chipped in with five rebounds and nine assists, respectively, as Winter Springs defeated Flagler-Palm Coast, 75-53.

Isaac Codrey had 22 points and eight rebounds and Jared Laskey dished out nine assists, but Lake Howell came out on the short end of the score, 59-50, to Brandon.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The No. 1 Class 6A State-Ranked Lake Mary girls probably got their biggest scare of the season so far as they held off Riverview, 66-64, in the Sarasota Girls Basketball Showcase Saturday night.

Jackie Beik led the Rams with 25 points, while Meghan Chamberlain had 10 rebounds and Bryn Mosler seven assists.

Lake Mary will host Class 5A State-Ranked Winter Springs on Thursday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Pine Ridge (10-4) took a 41-22 lead at halftime and held off Lyman (9-5), 67-63, despite a 41-point effort from the Greyhounds in the second half.

Celeste Hudson led Lyman with 35 points, while Katie Radcliffe was also in double figures with 13 points.

BOYS BULLDOGS vs. ARROW FORCE X 51

DeLand (12-3) Tyler 3-12-1-2, Gordon 8-22-6-24, Andrews 0-1-0-0, Whipple 1-3-0-12, Hinson 4-4-2-11, Schreyer 0-1-0-0, Brumbaugh 5-8-0-10, Totals: 21-53-9-13 55.

Seminole (10-7) Morning 0-0-0-0, Taylor 0-1-0-0, Polk 0-1-0-1, Turner 4-8-0-1, McCray 0-1-0-0, Williams 1-4-0-3, Garcia 0-1-0-0, Fontaine 1-1-0-2, Robinson 7-11-6-7, DuPre 7-13-3-18, Totals: 20-44-9-14 51.

DeLand 12 17 11 15 53 Seminole 4 16 22 9 51

Three-point field goals: DeLand 6-13 (Gordon 2-4, Hinson 1-2, Tyler 1-3); Seminole 2-6 (Williams 1-1, DuPre 1-2, Taylor 0-2, McCray 0-1); Team fouls: DeLand 14; Seminole 13. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none. Rebounds: DeLand 22 (Gordon 10, Brumbaugh 6); Seminole 33 (DuPre 12, Robinson 10, Williams 4, Turner 4, Taylor 3). Assists: DeLand 11 (Hinson 8); Seminole 9 (DuPre 3, Taylor 2). Steals: DeLand 11 (Hinson 5); Seminole 7 (Turner 3, Williams 2). Charges taken: DeLand 3 (Brumbaugh 3); Seminole 1 (Fontaine). Blocked shots: DeLand 4 (Gordon 2); Seminole 8 (Robinson 6, DuPre 2). Turnovers: DeLand 12; Seminole 6. Junior varsity score: DeLand 63, Seminole (6-1) 60.

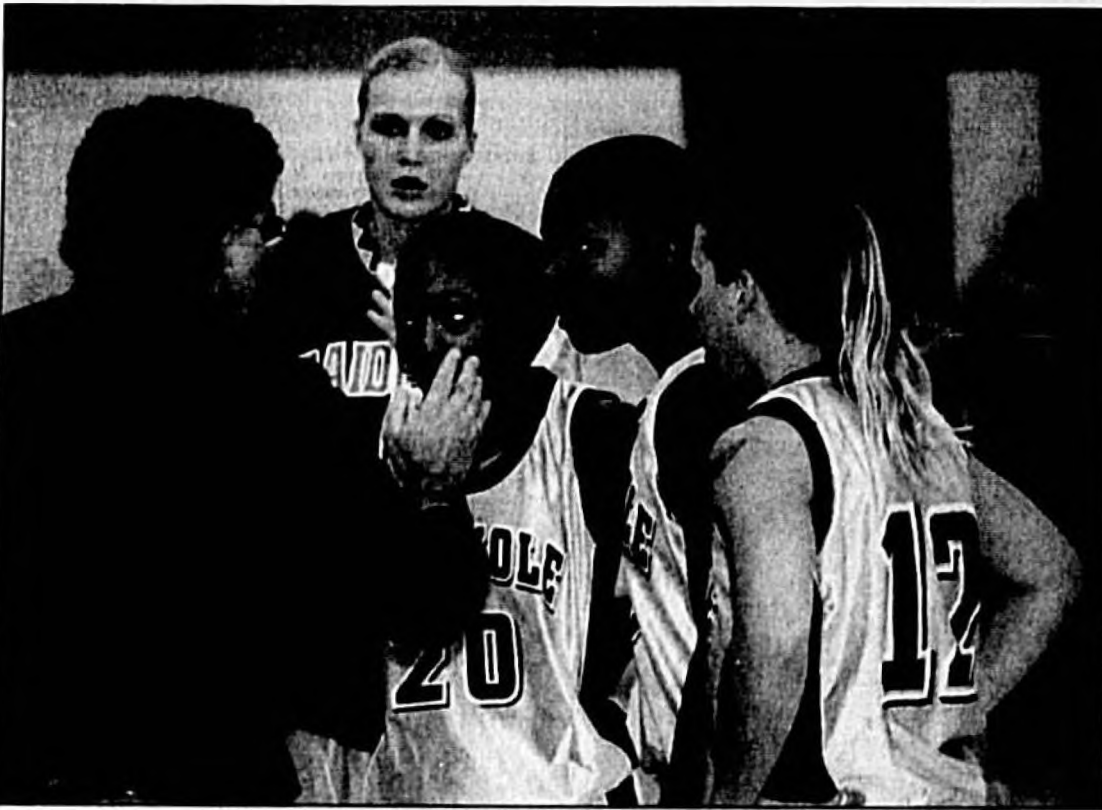
GIRLS PANTHERS vs. GREYHOUNDS 63

Pine Ridge (10-4) Coombe 4, Horn 3, Neal 16, Killingsworth 18, Wood 19, Elbin 7, Totals: 27-11-10-67.

Lyman (9-5) Neal 3, Radcliffe 13, Naze 4, Hudson 35, Lemon 6, Totals: 22-13-27-63.

Pine Ridge 20 21 10 16 67 Lyman 15 7 20 21 63

Three-point field goals: Pine Ridge 2 (Neal, Wood); Lyman 6 (Hudson 5, Radcliffe). Team fouls: Pine Ridge 19; Lyman 16. Fouled out: none.



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Seminole Community College head coach Ken Patrick (above) talks things over with his squad during the Raiders' 82-58 victory over the University of Virginia on Friday. Sophomore point guard Sheri Harrison (No. 20, right) has been impressive on defense since returning from off-season surgery that caused her to miss the first half of the season.



Soccer

Continued from page 1B The final game turned out to be a heart-breaker for Winter Springs as the Bears fell to Seabreeze (15-3), 2-1, despite outplaying the Sandcrabs.

Laurie Williams scored on an assist from Andrea Figliolini in the second half to break a 1-1 tie and give Seabreeze the victory.

Lindsey Affolter scored an unassisted goal for Winter Springs, while Amanda Fraser scored the other Sandcrabs goal on an assist from Lindsay

Brauer. The Bears lost the game despite outshooting Seabreeze, 15-6.

The Sandcrabs also won the junior varsity contest by a 3-0 score.

BOYS

Patriots 5, Sandcrabs 0 Lake Brantley 3 2 - 5 Seabreeze 0 0 - 0 Goals: Lake Brantley 5 (Fulmore 2, Stank 2, Santos). Assists: Lake Brantley 4 (Fulmore, Zusi, Smith, Rokin). Shots on goal: Lake Brantley 27, Seabreeze 7. Sevens: Lake Brantley (Singer) 5, Seabreeze 18.

GIRLS

Silver Hawks 1, Hawks 0 Lake Howell 0 1 - 1 Spruce Creek 0 0 - 0 Goals: Lake Howell 1 (Register). Assists: Lake Howell 1 (Davis). Shots on goal: Lake Howell 11, Spruce Creek 12. Sevens: Lake Howell (Richard) 4, Spruce Creek 4.

SANDCRABS 2, BEARS 1

Winter Springs 1 1 - 1 Seabreeze 1 1 - 1 Goals: Winter Springs 1 (Lindsay Affolter); Seabreeze 2 (Fraser, Williams). Assists: Seabreeze 2 (Brauer, Figliolini). Shots on goal: Winter Springs 15, Seabreeze 6. Sevens: Winter Springs (Silver) 3, Seabreeze (Provenzano) 12. Junior varsity: Seabreeze 3, Winter Springs 0.

Briefs

SANFORD COACHES MEETING

The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department will be holding a Coaches Meeting for anyone interested in heading up a baseball team this spring on Monday (Jan. 22) at 6 p.m. at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium.

The SRD is also registering players for its upcoming Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball seasons.

The fee is \$30 to register. Player Placement and Skills Assessment Day will be Saturday, February 2nd, with Opening Day set for March 2nd.

For more information call 407-330-5697 or visit the Downtown Youth Center in Sanford City Hall.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PONY

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

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

Cost is \$60 for 5-6 year olds and \$75 for 7-and-up. Discounted rates for siblings. Prospective players must present a Birth Certificate at time of registration.

For more information call 407-323-5570 or check the website at www.eteamz.com/seminole pony.

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For more information, E-mail info@coasttocoastathletics.com, call 740-373-4455, or visit the website at www.coasttocoastathletics.com.

Outdoors

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According to Kyle Hill of the FWC's Division of Law

Enforcement, nuisance alligator trappers remove approximately 4,000 alligators, and hunters take another 2,000 in regulated hunts each year.

"While we believe the case against Mr Harper is solid, it should be remembered that criminal charges are allegations,

and a defendant is innocent until proven guilty," said John Duryea, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor in Lee County.

Interested persons can visit the FWC Web site at: www.floridaconservation.org for more information on alligators and alligator hunting in Florida.

Legal notices section containing various court notices, including foreclosure notices, notices of action, and notices of foreclosure sale.







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Officials consider new budget plan

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — After Gov. Jeb Bush released Tuesday his new \$48.7 billion state budget plan, local government and school officials began assessing the potential impacts.

Although they will have to wait for final approval from the legislature in mid-March, the governor's proposal gives them a sneak preview to the possible levels of funding.

"It's a continuation type of budget, we anticipated that it would be," said John Smith, assistant director of legislative affairs for the Florida League of Cities.

The bare bones state budget plan reflects only a 1 percent

Bush's 'bare bones' state financial plan means more cuts for schools

increase over this year's budget. The majority of the new state dollars will only help reestablish the lost funds the state legislature had to cut in December because of slumping tax revenues.

"There's no real surprises so far," Smith said. "We did not expect any new monies or programs because of the economy's shape."

Seminole County Manager Kevin Grace also said there appears to be few surprises. One item he said that sparked his interest was the proposed raise in the \$300 property-tax exemption for disabled veterans. Bush's

proposal would raise the exemption to \$5,000 and push the extra costs off to the cities and counties.

The Seminole County School Board could be the lone county entity severely impacted by the new budget plan. The Board could begin cutting as early as Tuesday's meeting, said John Pavelchak, executive director of finance and budget for the county's schools.

Although Bush proposes to raise education funding by about 3 percent for the additional

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Proposal could mean no large grants for local governments

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — Cities and counties hoping to lure state money for local projects might find better odds buying tickets in Saturday night's \$77 million lottery instead of relying on the state legislature.

With a stagnant economy and the tourism industry still reeling from the Sept. 11 attacks, legislators aren't expected to appropriate large grants for local governments,

like the \$3.5 million grant Sanford received last year for its Riverwalk project. In fact, Gov. Jeb Bush's proposed budget calls for a modest 1 percent increase over last year's budget.

"Slim and none," said Larry Dale, president of Orlando Sanford International Airport, when asked about large budget outlays for local entities. "Anybody out there hoping to get a pot full of money will be

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SCC team are impressive

Seminole Community College opened its Mid-Florida Conference schedule with a sweep of Santa Fe Community College of Gainesville Wednesday night. Page 1B



Feathered Friends

The inlets of Ken and Florida Calhoun's business sounds like a South American rain forest. There is never a minute of silence, and when it's loud — it can be very loud. Page 1C

Cowart receives first-degree murder indictment from grand jury

A Seminole County grand jury indicted Thursday Charles E. Cowart Jr., 52, of Longwood on a charge of premeditated first-degree murder.

Cowart is charged in the Dec. 18 strangulation of his wife, Cathy Ann Cowart, 36. He is being held in the Seminole County Jail, said Assistant State Attorney Jim Carter.

The jury heard from two witnesses: an investigator with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and an associate medical examiner. A first-degree murder conviction could translate into life in prison or a death sentence.

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Judge grants continuation of Florida Power case

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Judge Gene Stephenson granted a continuation of the Longwood v. Florida Power case that was expected to begin Thursday.

The trial is to determine if the city has the right to purchase the Florida Power's distribution system in the city. The judge will also rule if a city ordinance stating that any electrical company using the city right-of-ways must fork over 6 percent of their revenues as franchise fees is legal.

"I think, and I may be in error on this, but all Florida Power is trying to do is stall," said City Commissioner Butch Bundy. "It gives them more time so they can build sympathy or public support."

Longwood commissioners in July agreed to move forward with legal proceedings against Florida Power, after the electricity provider and city couldn't agree on a new franchise contract. Angry city officials said the power company refused to honor a right to buy clause in the old contract or place the clause in a new agreement.

Bundy said although the right to buy clause was important, he had many more concerns with signing a new franchise agreement. The "reliability factor" of

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Pairs of points

International dancers send ballet shoes to students

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

Midway Elementary School fourth- and fifth-grade students in Barbara Riggins' ballet class received some "pointers" Thursday from a group of world-class dancers — 25 to be exact.

Five principal ballerinas from Germany's Hamburg Ballet sent the students point shoes to encourage an international appreciation of their art. Each dancer, including Niurka Moredo, Joelle Boulogne, Silvia Azzoni, Heather Jurgensen and Anna Polikarpova, sent the class five pairs of shoes signed by themselves, along with the message, "Remember to love what you are doing, and give it everything you've got."

"The students were so excited," Riggins said. "They knew they received something from Germany, but I didn't tell them what it was until today."

Thursday's surprise gift is just one way Riggins has directly or indirectly



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent. Chesty Tucker, left, Madelyn Emery, middle, and Kendra Williams hold up the point shoes they received from dancers in Germany's Hamburg Ballet. At top, Joey Jessel shows off the shoes he received from his teacher, Barbara Riggins, standing behind Jessel. The shoes were worn by Riggins' son, Lloyd Riggins, while he was dancing with the Southern Ballet Theatre.

encouraged students to appreciate all aspects of creative movement and ballet. As a co-founder and 23-year

director for the renowned Southern Ballet Theatre, she has always wanted to help See Shoes, Page 6A

Reptile outlet OK'ed in Sanford

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use for a reptile wholesaler that will bring as many as 10,000 reptiles and spiders to downtown Sanford.

Joe Krefetz, owner of JP Pets, applied for the conditional use after code enforcement officers responded in November to complaints about animal feces being washed down the alley.

Krefetz denied the accusation and officers never cited him. City officials determined, however, the business was in violation of zoning regulations. JP Pets raises and stores thousands of reptiles to sell to other dealers. The business is located at 210 and 212 Sanford Avenue and is zoned SC-3 Special Commercial Zoning District, which does not allow wholesale and storage operations.

The city also discovered Krefetz did not have an occupational license for the business. Krefetz claims it was an oversight because he was in the process of moving his business from 2920 S. Orlando Drive to the Sanford Avenue location.

"I did not apply for the license until September, and it had to go

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Seminole deputies searching for suspects in near fatal shooting

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County deputies are seeking suspects involved in a Wednesday night shooting of a store clerk.

At 1920 Southwest Rd., just outside of the Sanford city limits, deputies responded to a robbery at 7:45 p.m., and found Southwest Food Market clerk Kim Di Dong, 24, of Sanford shot in the head. Dong, whose immediate family resides in Korea, was airlifted to the Orlando Regional Medical Center by helicopter, where he is listed in critical condition.

According to Steve Olson, sheriff's office spokesman, investiga-

tors have been unable to interview Dong because of his condition. Police believe there is only one other eyewitness to the near fatal shooting.

According to the police report, the witness told deputies he was in the rear of the store when he heard a male voice state "every one get down." Dropping to the floor, the Sanford man said he caught a glimpse of one of the subject's. The eyewitness stated in the police report the subject had a light colored cloth wrapped around his face, covering from the bridge of his nose down.

The witness also said he heard the racking sound of a shotgun and the blast that happened short-

ly afterward. What the eyewitness said next has police believing there are two or more subjects involved in the crime. The eyewitness told deputies he heard a male voice state "check him, check him," in reference to himself.

"What makes us think there is two because the witness heard one man yell to another," Olson said.

One of the subjects then started to grab the witness's clothing around his neck, but then another subject stated "Let's go here comes county!" Deputies didn't arrive until minutes later, but other concerned customers did approach the store.

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A sign sits out front of 1920 Southwest Road asking people with information concerning Wednesday's near fatal shooting to call the Seminole County Sheriff Office's Crimeline.