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Fired cop decides to resign

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — The fired Sanford Police Officer who was expected to return to the force after signing a "last chance" agreement, instead submitted his resignation this week.

Kenneth Trezise was terminated by Police Chief Brian Tooley in August for insubordination and improper conduct toward the public.

Trezise's union representative George Hachigian said Friday in a

phone interview that after comments were made, by both Tooley and District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams, implying that Trezise was racist, he could not let Trezise go back to work at the city.

"The city manager [Sherman Yehl] and I both felt, with the inflammatory comments made by the chief and Commissioner Williams, it was in the best interest for us to work out this mutual resignation," Hachigian said Friday.

The mutual resignation agreement

stipulates that Trezise's resignation will take effect on Feb. 1, 2006. Until then he's placed on administrative paid leave.

He will also be reinstated for sick and personal leave time he used when he was originally terminated in August.

Trezise will not, however, be paid for the 30-day suspension he received instead of the termination.

Another aspect of the agreement is that all comments about Trezise must go through the city manager's office,

and not the police department.

"In all respects it's in the best interest of the city," Yehl said of the agreement.

Some members of the black community disagreed with Yehl's earlier decision to offer the "last chance" agreement, but Williams said Friday the end result was a win-win situation for everybody.

"I personally do not feel completely satisfied with the way the process was handled, but I think community is the winner in this decision," she said.



SCC at home

The nationally-ranked Seminole Community College womens basketball team return home for the final time in 2005 Saturday, Dec. 17.

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Man stabs woman after block party

SANFORD — A woman was stabbed last weekend after leaving a block party on 24th Place in Sanford, near Oak Avenue.

Jaime Bond was leaving the party on Dec. 11, around midnight, with sisters Kristie and Kourtney Toole when an unknown white male began following them.

According to the police report, the suspect grabbed Bond's shoulder and stabbed her in the back. Kristie Toole alleged the suspect attempted to stab her also, but instead hit her in the abdomen. They told officers the suspect never said anything and walked away after accosting them.

Wayne Appling, 20, of Begonia Cove in Sanford, was arrested and charged with the crime. Appling was found on 24th Place between Myrtle Avenue and Oak Avenue, with a butterfly knife in his back pocket.

Officers observed a one inch stab wound on the center of Bond's back, and Kristie Toole had a red mark about on her stomach area.

Appling told police he was at the block party with his brother, where he had several alcoholic drinks. He said the last thing he remembered was attempting to take his brother home.

Appling told officers he does not remember anything after that, and has never met Bond or the Toole sisters. He also said he did not remember possessing the butterfly knife.

Appling was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill; and battery causing bodily harm.

SEMINOLE SMILE



Dameon Dixon — Fun World of Flea World employee

Board locked on new Eckerd's tenant

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — After sitting vacant for more than a year, the old Eckerd's drug store building may stay empty longer after the Planning and Zoning Board deadlocked over whether to keep the space retail or change it to medical usage.

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted on two motions, one for approval and one for denial, in which they voted 3 to 3 each time. The building is located on the corner of French Avenue and 1st Street.

The conditional use request Thursday night to redevelop the site into a kidney dialysis center was made by Fresenius Medical Care.

Fresenius Medical Care, an international company that has maintained an office on Commercial Street for the last 25 years, was planning to use a majority of the building for a dialysis center with the remainder space leased for retail, on the request of city staff.

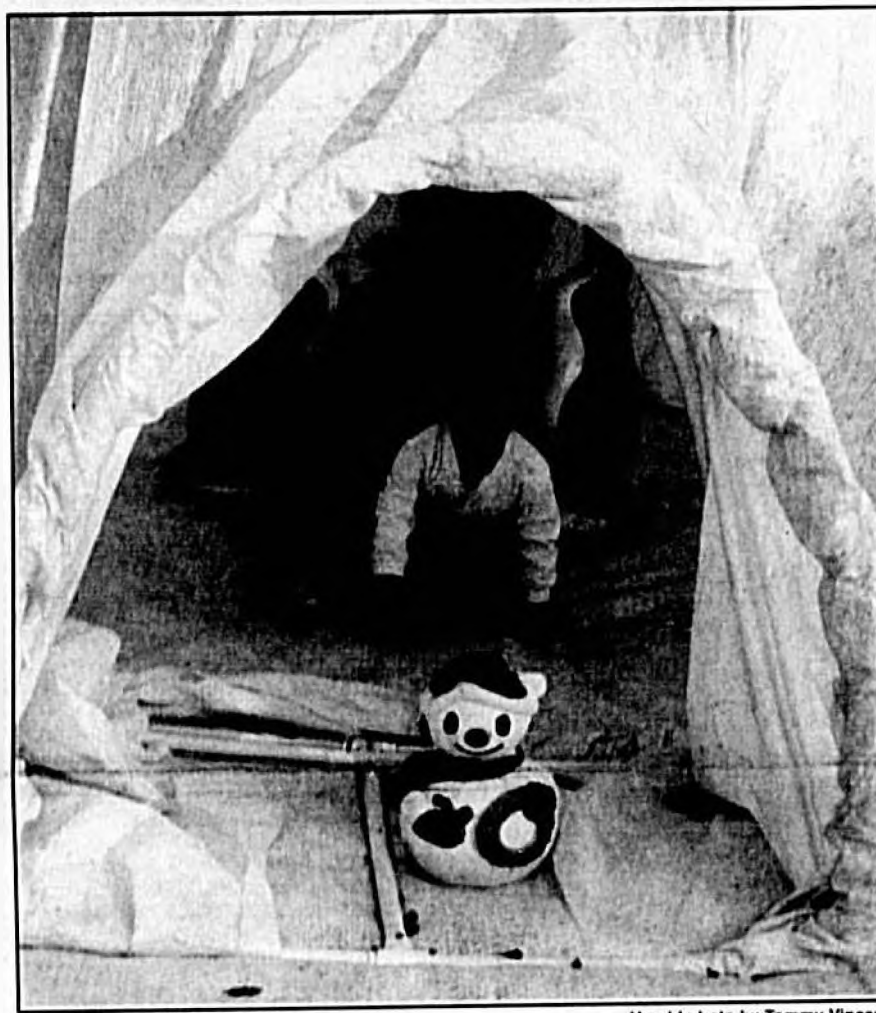
Bob Loeper, regional vice president of Fresenius, said Friday that he's got doctors who wish to move into the Eckerd building.

"We didn't particularly care for that," Loeper said of subleasing retail space as opposed to medical use space.

City staff recommended approval of the business as long as a development plan is submitted, reviewed and approved by staff prior to construction or use

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A Lot Like Christmas



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Travis Lommerse plays in the Winter Wonderland that is the Dutch Mill Nursery.

Nursery lights up the season

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — The Dutch Mill Nursery on Upsala Road is beautiful to look at on a normal day, but the nursery is breathtaking around the holidays.

The family owned wholesale business has been around since 1961 and the family has decorated its nursery and homes, which are situated on the property, since the '60s.

In fact, the display received a trophy from the city of Sanford in 1966. The decorations now include about 130,000 lights, lit snowmen and penguins, and little toy soldiers lined in a row.

Irene Lommerse, the mother of the group, and her husband who passed away nine years ago, started Dutch Mill Nursery, and with the help of their four children the business and the decorations

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Herald photo by Steve Paradis

Officer Josh Faircloth holds marijuana taken as evidence by the Street Crimes Unit.

Proactive unit takes criminals off street

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

SANFORD — A dark conversion van blaring Spanish tunes turns into a Goldsboro alley at West 11th Street and Maple Avenue, an area known for drug activity.

Crack merchants perk up for a possible sale, but the occupants of the van are not buying. The vehicle's driver and passengers study the scene as they approach. They scan the group outside, looking especially at the hands.

Every door of the van opens and the Sanford Police Department Street Crimes Unit rushes out. A suspect drops a couple pieces of crack and runs, but he doesn't get far. Ten minutes into the night's work the officers have their first arrest for drug possession.

The new unit has operated for five months in an effort to meet demands for more proactive policing, said Sgt. Tony Raimondo, the unit's

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Parents worry about busing times

By Joe Hendricks
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — After studying 44 separate middle school rezoning plans, the general consensus among School Board members falls on Plan 37 modified, but some parents still urged members to keep children at schools closest to home.

When the plan is finalized Feb. 21, it will create the initial student body for the Markham Woods Middle School set to open in August 2006. The school will be populated by students currently attending Greenwood Lakes, Millennium and Sanford middle schools.

Ron Pinnell, executive director for Secondary Education, thanked the 65 Core Committee members who



Herald photo by Joe Hendricks

William Willis makes a point about middle school rezoning. helped create the four plans presented at the board meeting Dec. 13.

"We know in this process not everyone is going to be satisfied with the end product in terms of the decision that is made," Pinnell said. "We said from the outset, that we hope when all is said and done that it's not the process that's the complaint, but rather the product — that perhaps someone is not attending a school that they would have preferred to attend."

He said all four schools are very good.

"If you want your son or daughter to get a high quality education, you can get it at any one of the four schools we're talking about," Pinnell told the School Board and public.

The rezoning planning

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Before buying Unicell, Roses seeks incentive

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Roses Southeast Papers is considering purchasing Unicell Paper Mills plant on St. Johns Parkway before the end of the year.

At Monday's City Commission work session, President Tony Boulos asked for the city's commitment to provide economic incentives; ad valorem and personal property tax credits or relief; utilities franchise fees cap; and possible rail access.

"We think this is probably an important decision

the commission will make," City Manager Sherman Yehl said.

Boulos, who is new to the area, has been in the paper business for 25 years.

"It's a very interesting business," Boulos told commissioners.

Boulos and his partner started Roses Southeast Papers in New Mexico, and they specialize in tissue, towels, napkins and toilet paper. They started with 12 employees and now employ more than 250 throughout the United

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Don't faint, dear readers, your trusty Clock Keeper is back at his post. Unforeseen emergencies here at *The Herald* have kept me from my rounds. Thanks for all the calls and e-mails. Let's get to it.

New job. After being pressured to leave his job as the city of Sanford's finance director, Kevin Smith appears to have landed a plum job.

Smith had been with the city for almost 10 years and had received glowing evaluations for his work, including an almost perfect score for his 2004 review. Despite his past performance, Smith and former Interim City Manager Eugene Miller apparently didn't see eye to eye because Smith "resigned" unexpectedly one week before Sherman Yehl began his tenure as the city's full-time city manager.

As part his resignation, Smith received three months severance pay. Add that check to the one he's now receiving from the city of Winter Springs as the de facto assistant city manager and it looks to be a good Christmas in the Smith household this year. Smith is in charge of three city departments in Winter Springs.



by Dan Ping

Still kicking: The First Lady of The Sanford Herald, Doris Dietrich, passed away last week. We received the news Monday that Miss Doris had died. About the same time we had received word that Nellie Coleman had also died. As our staff rushed to put together obits on two of Sanford's finest ladies, they began finding inconsistencies regarding the Coleman obituary.

Turns out Mrs. Coleman has not died, at least not the Nellie Coleman most Sanfordites know as the long-time teacher at Seminole High School. Our Nellie Coleman is still alive and living at the Renaissance Retirement Center on Airport Boulevard.

"She still with us," an official at the center told one of our reporters on Tuesday. "She had breakfast this morning."

To paraphrase Mark Twain, "Rumors of Nellie Coleman's passing have been greatly exaggerated."

Chamber news: The Sanford Chamber of Commerce held its election of new executive board members Friday. Chamber President Angella Gordon wasn't thrilled with the process to say the least.

Gordon has been loopy-goosey when it comes to who serves on the executive boards. There was a time where you could join the chamber and within weeks Gordon would appoint you to the Executive Board. Ask Michael Hartman, who became the chamber's treasurer shortly after joining the chamber. In essence, board members were serving at the pleasure of the president, Gordon, rather than the vice-versa.

Board Chairman David Taylor insisted that the chamber follow its own bylaws on electing executive board members. Gordon fought Taylor on this issue and reportedly searched for loopholes. Taylor prevailed, and for the first time in years, *The Herald* actually received a ballot to vote on new executive board members. Critics of the chamber said the balloting went smooth, although a least one current chamber member reported not receiving a ballot.

The new members of the executive board are: Bart Peterson, Paul Osborne, David Minton, Bill Elliot and Mike Fitzpatrick. Best of luck to the new board. They've got their hands full as they try to straighten out the shambles that is the chamber's finances.

Manure duty: If you thought the fat guy wearing a Santa hat and shoveling manure looked familiar on SGTV's replay of the Sanford Christmas parade, you were right — it was me.

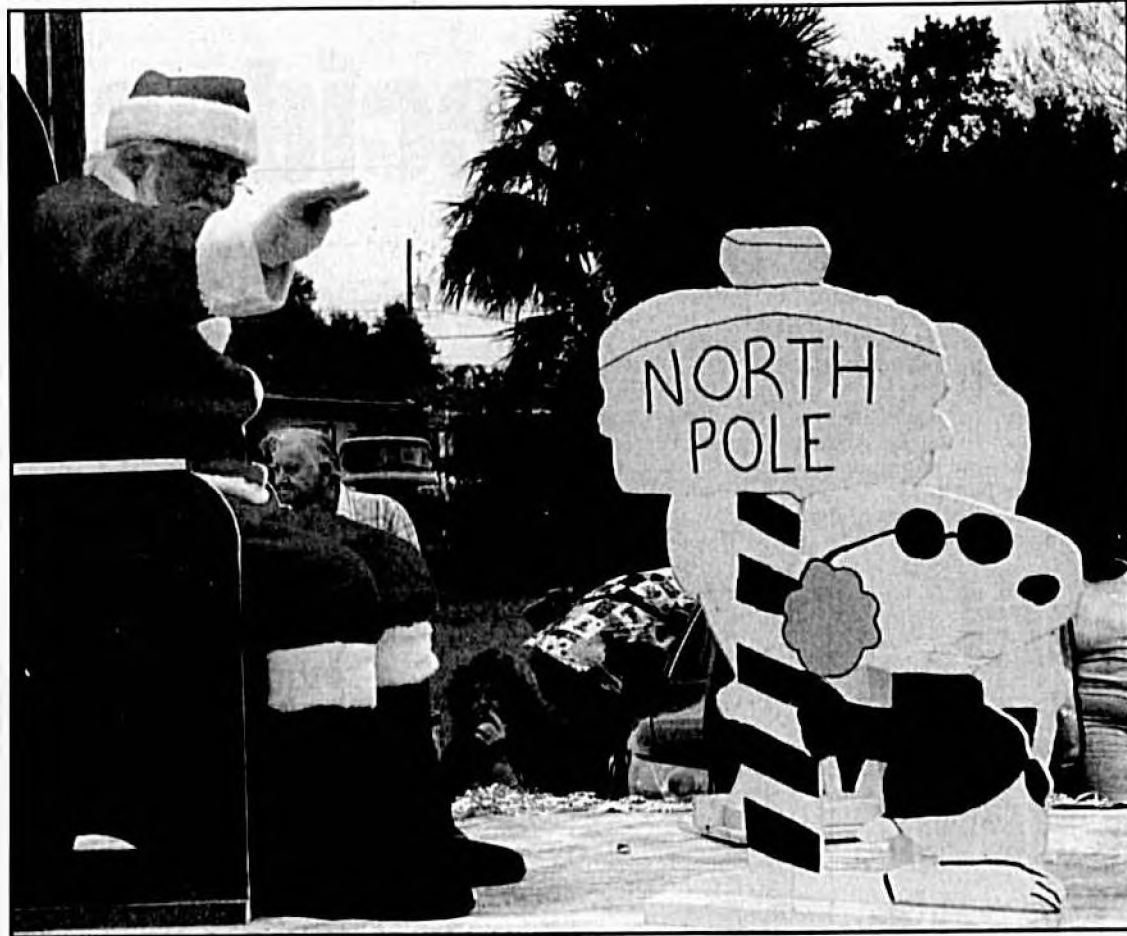
Now plenty of people in town will tell you I shovel manure on a regular basis in this column. Be that as it may, I was called into emergency duty two Saturdays ago when the horse-riding cowboys from the local Shriners group failed to bring their poop-scooper.

As luck would have it, one of the horses let loose right in front of The Clock on Magnolia Square. Most of the middle school kids marching behind the horses saw the land mines in time, but one of the kids in the back wasn't as observant and stepped right in the middle of the mess.

With about a third of the one-hour parade still approaching the "drop zone," Joyce Fitzgerald, who along with her husband Bernale owns Granny's on Magnolia Square, quickly realized the situation had turned to, well, uh, crap. She brought a broom and dustpan from her store and proceeding to clean up the mess. I followed her to the middle of the street and began scooping up as much as the dustpan would hold. Then the dilemma became where to dump a dustpan of manure. The garbage cans downtown have ashtrays on top of them. There was no way to dispose of the doo-doo without smearing it all over the can.

My solution? I'm not at liberty to say, but the folks in the city's parks department might want to sharpen their pruning shears. Some of the bushes in Magnolia Square may experience a growth spurt.

Snoop Santa



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

When it absolutely has to be there on time, Santa Claus sometimes relies on a little help to make his yearly deliveries. This photo shows the original Snoop dog helping Santa during the Midway Elementary School annual holiday parade. Snoopy and friends were riding with Santa on the Seminole County Roads Department Christmas float during the parade.

Burglary

• Robert Lee Anderson, 20, of San Marcos Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. He reportedly attempted to gain entry in a residence on Grove Drive. He was charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling and property damage of under \$200.

Drug Related

• Rickey Floyd, 26, of West 13th Street in Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday night at the corner of South Mangoustine Avenue and West 14th Street. Floyd ran from police who found nine bags of marijuana on the ground where they first saw him. Police also said they found \$742 on Floyd and discovered more cannabis in the yard and in Floyd's car when they opened it to let his pit bull puppy out. Floyd was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a church and resisting an officer without violence.

• Andre D. Cashe, 28, of West 11th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday in an alley at 11th Street and Maple Avenue. He was charged with possession of controlled substances including marijuana and cocaine.

• Mindi Lee Cook-Whitlock, 43, of Santa Barbara Drive, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at Highway 17-92 and 13th Street as the result of a traffic stop. She was charged with possession of narcotics equipment.

• Ernest Duramus Graham, 31, of South Persimmon Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Friday, Dec. 9, in Lake Monroe Terrace. Officers found him in possession of drug related items. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of narcotics equipment.

• Demetrius Deon Wilson, 19, of Avocado Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday in an alley behind the 1600 block of West 13th Street.

He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.



• Corey Freeman, 27, of Hickory Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at Oak Avenue and Park Drive as the result of a traffic stop. He was charged with possession of crack cocaine, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, and resisting an officer without violence.

Assault - Battery

• Brian L. Gaines, 23, of Windridge Circle, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at his residence as the result of an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Sheila Bechard, 32, of Ridgewood Lane, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at her residence following a dispute with a male. She was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Tyler Martin Blair, 28, of Rosecliff Circle, was arrested by Sanford police early Thursday at his residence. He was reportedly involved in an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence). He was also found to be in violation of probation.

• Nelson Perez, 26, of Lakeside Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at his residence where officers said he had attacked a female. He was charged with battery — causing bodily harm (domestic battery), and false imprisonment/depriving his victim the use of a 9-1-1 phone call.

Thefts

• Carrie L. Schoterman, 48, of Summerlin Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. She was accused of taking three checks totaling \$1,914.67 from an ex-employer on Nov. 10. She was interviewed at the Sanford police station on Tuesday and subsequently arrested on charges of altering a bank bill, and larceny

of over \$300.

• Mario Mejia Chavarria, 41, of Ridgewood Lane, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly took \$35.04 in merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with petty larceny.

• Donna Stout Barnes, 46, of Seminole Avenue, Longwood, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a store in Seminole Towne Center. She had reportedly taken items from the store without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Athuma Ehime Ikhine, 51, of Pine Isle Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly took \$6.50 in merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Edwin Colon, 42, listed as homeless, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at a store in the 3700 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly took items from the store without paying. He was charged with petty larceny and resisting an officer without violence.

Other Arrests

• Carlos Garrett, 19, of Winter Springs, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday in the 1300 block of West 25th Street. He was charged with loitering and prowling. He was also found to be in violation of probation.

• David C. Gault, 41, listed as homeless, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a motel in the 2700 block of Orlando Drive, where he had reportedly been in an argument. He was told to leave the property, but returned later. He was charged with trespassing on property.

• Milton Leon Peoples, 43, of Castle Brewer Court, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at Edward Higgins Terrace. He was charged with resisting an officer without violence.

OUT & ABOUT

SAT 17

Helen Stairs Theatre
Repertory Company presents "Grandpa Hangs the Holly" Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Helen Stairs Theatre for Performing Arts, located at 203 S. Magnolia Ave. For more information call the box office at 407-321-8111.

A pre-Christmas Family Fun Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Windwood Park in Altamonte Springs. Local agencies, organizations and churches will be on hand. The event is sponsored by Grove Counseling Center, Inc., the Seminole County Sheriff's Department and Weed & Seed Program. There will be music, face painting, games, food, and much more. For information contact Cynthia Hicks at 407-327-1765, ext. 1900.

SUN 18

"A Christmas to Remember" music and drama event will be presented at Community United Methodist Church, 4921 Highway 17-92 in Casselberry at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission and childcare will be provided.

TUE 20

Today is the last day to donate unwrapped gifts for children of all ages to the Christian Sharing Center of Longwood. The gifts will be distributed to local families. For more information or drop-off hours call 407-331-1080.

SAT 24

Community United Methodist Church, 4921 Highway 17-92 in Casselberry will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services at 3, 5 and 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

JANUARY 2006

SUN 6

Holy Cross Church in Sanford will be holding its annual Epiphany pageant at 10 a.m. "Wee Three Kings" is a retelling of the Christmas story that will showcase the "Sunday" School Children. The public is welcome. For more information contact Amy Auger at 407-322-4611.

WED 18

Reno Byer, comedian and musician, will be featured at the January Golden Years Luncheon at the Community United Methodist Church in Casselberry. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$5.

MARCH 2006

SAT 4

The third annual March for Meals will be held on the RiverWalk in Sanford to raise awareness and funds for Senior Citizens, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K walk/march to begin at 8 a.m. Pick up a sign-up sheet for people who will support you in the march. All monies raised will go to work for senior services in Seminole County. For more information call 407-333-8877.

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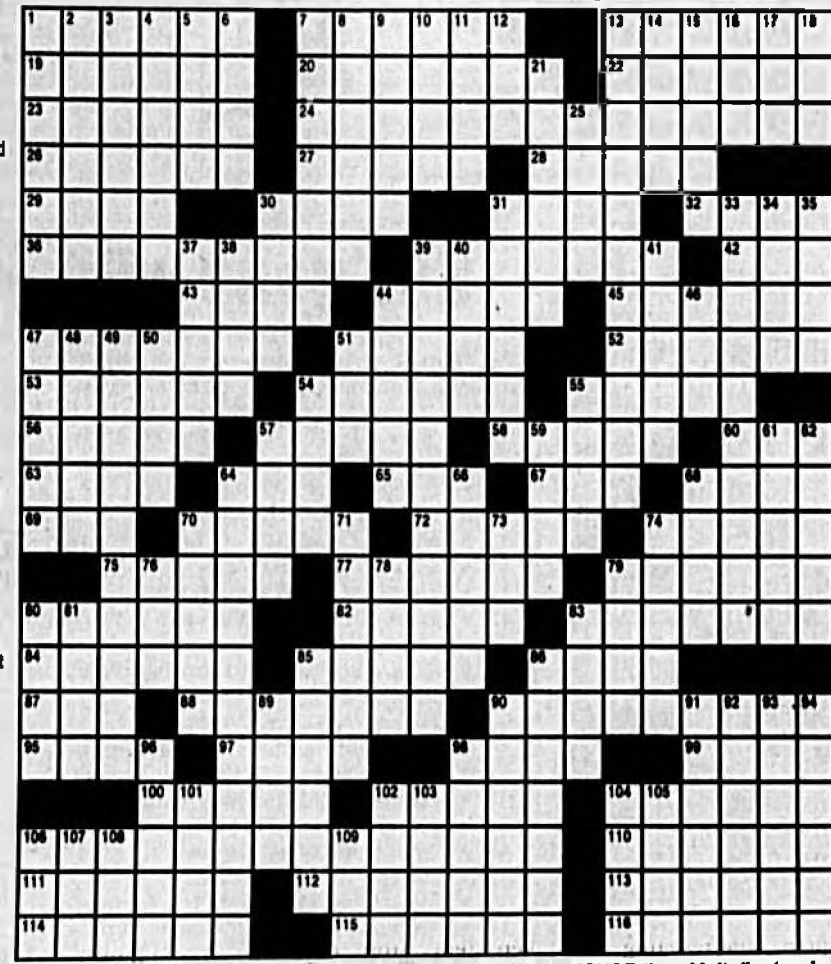
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mortifies
 - 7 Happen to
 - 13 Rubs it in
 - 19 Holy city?
 - 20 Piled randomly
 - 22 She first appeared in a 1940 Eric Knight novel
 - 23 Arrive, as log
 - 24 Cleaning service?
 - 26 Basic seeds
 - 27 Indiana, for one relative
 - 28 Raccoon
 - 29 Emperor advised by Seneca
 - 30 It may be found in a pinch
 - 31 "Las Vegas" actor
 - 32 Indian shrine site
 - 36 Produced footwear from seeds?
 - 39 Moses' title?
 - 42 Sleep stage
 - 43 Orchestra wind
 - 44 Vegas attractions
 - 45 Stick on a stake
 - 47 Smoke: Var.
 - 51 Barrel strip
 - 52 Against
 - 53 Bits name
 - 54 Previous
 - 55 Grown
 - 56 Muslim VIPs
 - 57 Type of acid found in asparagus
 - 58 Less confident
 - 60 Nth: Abbr.
 - 63 Declines
 - 64 Prince in Ezekiel
 - 65 High degree
 - 67 Actor Byrnes
 - 68 "A Day Without Rain" singer
 - 69 Not so tall a tale
 - 70 Insurance legend
 - 72 Warren of "Stripes"
 - 74 Model of perfection
 - 75 Troy story
 - 77 Go all the way around
- DOWN**
- 1 Not feeble
 - 2 Depression president
 - 3 Charm
 - 4 Laid-back
 - 5 Singer Brickell
 - 6 Hairs, often
 - 7 1971 John Wayne film
 - 8 Signs up
 - 9 Dim
 - 10 "Oyl"
 - 11 Sediment
 - 12 Chap
 - 13 Like harvesters?
 - 14 Milk: Prefix
 - 15 Historic Tiber River village
 - 16 ... was saying
 - 17 Julio's uncle
 - 18 D.C. bigwig
 - 21 Pie nuts
 - 25 Pond denizen
 - 30 Nae sayer
 - 31 Supplies food for
 - 33 Transplant surgeon's group?
 - 34 Move, in
 - 35 Part of USA: Abbr.
 - 37 Red spots
 - 38 Mind
 - 39 Gilty soup?
 - 40 Gad about
 - 41 Illicit affair
 - 44 Vegas locale, with "the"
 - 46 Scandalous
 - 47 Boss
 - 48 Feet in a line
 - 49 Seize soup?
 - 50 Gifts for the poor
 - 51 Space heater?
 - 54 Fossil
 - 55 Assists
 - 57 Menu fare
 - 59 Dickens clerk
 - 61 "Hollywood Squares" immortal
 - 62 ... Tota
 - 64 Coming lawsuit?
 - 66 Presumed (to)
 - 68 Pull down
 - 70 Record holder
 - 71 Sultry
 - 73 Bit
 - 74 Hooch source
 - 76 Teammate of Babe
 - 78 Identify
 - 79 Elisabeth of "Moby"
 - 80 Conductor
 - 81 Din
 - 83 Talk up
 - 85 Not here
 - 88 Madison was among them
 - 89 Heigenberger of "CSI"
 - 90 Obsolescent entrepreneur
 - 91 Arco ... Naples landmark
 - 92 Real hunk
 - 93 Morris inserts
 - 94 Vim
 - 96 Git-go
 - 98 Beulah of "A Summer Place"
 - 101 Capital on a fjord
 - 102 Dom Perignon designation
 - 103 Young Clark's love
 - 104 Blend
 - 105 Banned orchard treatment
 - 106 Nixon tapes problem
 - 107 Transfer ...
 - 108 Fed, e.g.
 - 109 Words of surprise



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School returns favor for storm victims

GENEVA — Geneva Elementary School planned to deliver dozens of \$50 gift cards bought with money raised in its Hurricane Relief Effort to Katrina victims in Gautier, Miss., this weekend, according to a school news release.

Diane Thornton, a former Seminole County PTA president and Florida PTA president, represented Geneva Elementary and attended a program Friday morning at Gautier Elementary School (temporarily housed at College Park Elementary).

Thornton planned to present Gautier Elementary School Principal Dorothy Cooley with 70 gift cards purchased by Geneva Elementary School with the \$3,500 raised in its Hurricane Relief Project.

This presentation was expected to take place at a special ceremony with Gautier's students in attendance. Geneva Student Council leaders presented the box of gift cards earlier this week for Thornton to deliver. Students Jillian Rodriguez, Brooklyn Heath, and Katy Ferguson represented Geneva's student body for this presentation. The gift cards will be used to address the needs of Gautier students, their families, and school employees, the release noted.

Employees at Sedgwick CMS Workers' Comp in Orlando collected and donated a large box of school supplies for Gautier's students. Gifts of pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, glue sticks, paper, and school boxes will also be presented at this program.

Last year when Geneva Elementary's students and their families were impacted by three hurricanes, Gilbert Elementary School in Gilbert, S.C., used its school's initials as part of a project to benefit Geneva Elementary School.

The "G.E.S. to G.E.S." project now has a third "G.E.S." (Gautier Elementary School) as a continuation of this "chain of caring", organizers said.

Store

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of the site. City staff also stipulated that the approval include meeting Land Development Regulation requirements for any proposed signage, and leasing space for only retail businesses.

But some members of the Planning and Zoning Board want to keep the old Eckerd site completely retail. Loeper said he doesn't understand what the problem is.

"For some reason they want to keep the building retail," Loeper said.

According to Loeper, Fresenius Medical Care has been trying to relocate and expand their physical plant and are ready to sign a long term lease.

"We're not new to this business," he said. "[We've had] community presence for a long time."

The Eckerd building was bought by competitor CVS, as well as the Eckerd on S.R. 46, near the Seminole Towne Center Mall, last year. CVS shut down the 1st Street pharmacy so it wouldn't compete with their other locations.

Mike DiAngelo, a

spokesman for CVS, said in October 2004 that closing the Eckerd site was a business decision based on the other stores in the vicinity and the performance levels of the Eckerd drug stores.

"We looked at all of the stores since the announcement was made, and unfortunately there were some that didn't meet our business needs," DiAngelo said last year.

Former city manager Al Grieshaber wrote a letter to CVS District Manager Denise Blair last October. *The Herald* reported last year. Grieshaber called the Eckerd store an anchor of the downtown district.

"The city of Sanford stands ready to assist you in any way to showcase the store and make it a premier performer when your store locations are consolidated," Grieshaber wrote. "Please let us know how we can help."

Eckerd opened its doors in 2003 and city officials, at the time, hoped it would cater to new residential projects being constructed in downtown Sanford.

Since the store closed it has stood quiet as community leaders and residents wondered what might go in there.

City Manager Sherman Yehl said Friday that because the board was deadlocked the conditional use request will be heard by the City Commissioners next.

"The feeling is the commission really wants to see that area maintained as retail," Yehl said.

Dialysis is a treatment that separates waste products and excess water artificially from a patient's blood. Patients have chronic kidney disease or end stage renal disease, which causes a person to experience a total or irreversible loss of kidney function.

According to Fresenius Medical Care, in 2004 there were about 330,000 patients in need of dialysis in the United States. Loeper said they currently provide care for about 100 patients in Seminole County.

For more information on Fresenius Medical Care visit their Web site at www.fmcna.com.

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OPINION

Recalling the Wrights

I live somewhat in the flight path of those huge airliners that take off and land from the Orlando-Sanford International Airport. Watching them from time to time, I often pause to wonder, if Orville and Wilbur Wright would see that plane, I bet they would wonder how it stayed in the air. I realize the planes are traveling well over 100 miles per hour, but from the ground they often look like they are barely moving.

Dec. 17 is the anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight in 1903. After three years of work, these bicycle shop operators and inventors took their aircraft to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina for a try-out. First Orville, then Wilbur, took their turns at piloting the craft. Although neither flight lasted more than a minute, it is credited with being the first powered flight of an aircraft. These days, the common comparison is that neither flight flew as far as the wingspan on most of today's airliners.



Nick Pfeifauf

Previously, men had flown in balloons. On June 5, 1783, the Montgolfier brothers flew a hot-air balloon for 10 minutes in France, covering 7,500 feet in distance. History says this was the first time man had flown into the sky in anything.

So the Wright brothers flew a motorized aircraft 102 years ago. Look at the advances we've had since then. On Dec. 23, 1987, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager flew their aircraft, the Voyager, around the world, non-stop, without refueling. It took 216 hours, but was a history making flight.

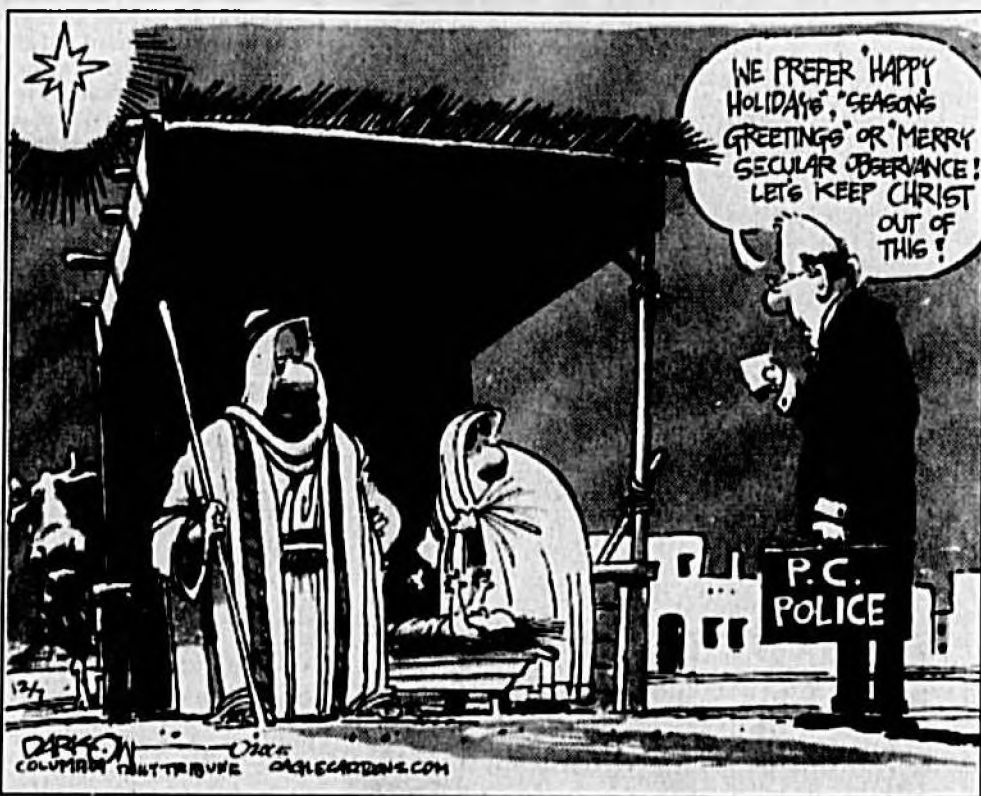
Prior to that, on Dec. 24, 1968, the United States had a manned satellite orbit the moon for the first time. I can imagine the Wright brothers dreaming of the day when people would fly in motor powered aircraft from places around the globe, but I doubt they could imagine a craft with enough power to reach the moon and return.

Now, let's bring this into a local situation. As many of my Navy friends and many long-time Sanford residents will remember - it was a sad day when the government announced the closing of the Sanford Naval Air Station. With much of the city's economy depending on service men, their families and civilian support personnel jobs, there were those who predicted gloom and doom for the city. The Navy left Sanford. I recall the price of housing in Sanford dropped considerably as soon as the announcement was made. Yet, being in the news profession at that time, I recall doing a news story where Southern Bell announced that the number of telephones in the city increased greatly within a few months, and prosperity was able to continue. The naysayers were proven wrong.

Who was to imagine at that time, that the abandoned Sanford Naval Air Station would blossom into what it is today - a major International airport with flights to and from cities across the nation, many foreign countries in still maintaining local flight service. While the SNAS was relatively small in comparison to Naval Air Stations elsewhere in the nation, our present airport is listed as one of the top facilities in the country.

There have been air shows from time to time at the Sanford airport (and elsewhere around Central Florida). I have often wished I could bring Orville and Wilbur back to life for a day, and journey with them to one of these shows. What would they say when the Blue Angels filled the skies with their unbelievable aerobatic maneuvers? Could they believe the size of some of those cargo carriers that are big enough to drive trucks into the cargo hold? But Orville made his final flight into the sky on Jan. 30, 1948, while Wilbur made his final flight on May 30, 1912. Their flights this time were to Heaven.

For people like them who are inventors and creative folks, we hope the Wright brothers have set a good example. Their first manned flight was made only after two attempts in previous weeks. But persevere they did, finally making their successful flights on their third attempt. Hopefully we learned from this - two wrongs don't make a Wright.



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Gas gone wild

As promised, *The Herald* is publishing the gas prices for the North Seminole County area. The following prices were gathered at noon Friday, Dec. 16 for 87 octane gasoline.

- The lowest price is up 3 cents from last week. The difference this week is 14 cents per gallon, compared to 12 cents last week.
- Sammy's, 2425 French Avenue \$2.109
 - BP, 2500 French Avenue \$2.119
 - Sundco, 2623 Orlando Drive \$2.119
 - Smokers Express, South French Avenue \$2.139
 - Citgo, 303 25 th Street \$2.139
 - Valero, 217 South Park Avenue \$2.149
 - Exxon, 101 French Avenue \$2.159
 - Sunoco, 110 French Avenue \$2.159
 - Sam's Wholesale, 1101 Rinehart Road, members \$2.159
 - Racetrac, 4530 State Road 46 \$2.169
 - Racetrac, 3760 U.S. 17-92 \$2.169
 - Mobil, 3795 South Orlando Avenue \$2.179
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Obituaries

FRANK L. ARNOTH
Frank L. Arnoth, 85, of Lake Mary, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005. He was born April 16, 1920 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was an aircraft mechanic.

Survivors include wife, Ethel C. Arnoth of Lake Mary; sons, Frank W. Arnoth of Glen Mills, Penn., and David E. Arnoth of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughter, Louise E. Swanson of Reno, Nev.; brother Richard Arnoth of Long Island, N.Y.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

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

ROBERT GREENE

Robert "Bobby" Greene, 48, of Orlando, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. Born in Lakehurst, N.J., he moved to Central Florida in 1964. He was a handyman and a member of Faith Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include father, George Greene of Aubermdale; brother, Brian Greene of Aubermdale; sisters, Irene Brobst of Ocean City, Md., and Jean Snyder of Lakehurst, N.J.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. at Collison Family Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Walsanen officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Orlando. Viewing will be Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 until 4 p.m. at Collison Family Funeral Home.

Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE T. HARRIS

Home Going Services for Willie T. Harris will be solemnized Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, 3724 E. Main Street in Sanford. Host Church is Mount Moriah House of Prayer, 1101 Locust Avenue, Sanford, Rev. Allen J. Washington, Sr. pastor and officiate.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

GOOLAM J. KHAN

Goolam J. Kahn, 71, of Winter Springs, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005 in Longwood. He was born May 11, 1934 in Guyana, South America. He was a retired hospital technician.

Survivors include son, Ayube Kahn; daughters, Loreta Sreeram, Sandra Kahn

and Joan Frick; brothers Azim Kahn and Osman Kahn; sisters, Farida Ali and Aminah Mohamed; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

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

ROBERT F. MAY

Robert F. May, 86, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005 at his residence. He was born Dec. 15, 1918 in Chicago, Ill. He was a lineman for BellSouth Telephone Company and a Protestant. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Susie of Sanford; daughters, Linda Byrd of Orlando, Nancy Savage of Longwood, Beverly Sharp of Pierson; two grandchildren.

A gathering of friends will be Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 until 3 p.m., followed by funeral services at 3 p.m. at Oaklawn Chapel, with Chaplain Mike Caroline officiating. Interment with military honors will be at Oaklawn Park Cemetery.

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

MAE W. SANDERS

Mae W. Sanders, 72, of Titusville, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005 at her residence. She was born Jan. 15, 1933 in Atlanta, Ga. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Titusville.

Survivors include husband, Charlie K. Sanders, Sr. of Titusville; sons, Charlie K. Sanders, Jr. of Cocoa and Roger Sanders of Fort Lauderdale; sisters, Helen Hudson of Titusville and Mary Wallace of Tampa; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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

JULIA TAYLOR

Julia Taylor, 94, of Longwood, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005. She was born Jan. 8, 1911 in Lake Monroe. She was a retired foreman with A. Duda & Sons.

Survivors include daughters Corine V. Wilson and Ella Louise Wheeler; sister, Catherine White; five grand-

children; seven great-grandchildren; 16 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 22 at Fountainhead Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Victor Blair officiating. Burial was in Oviedo Cemetery.

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

ROBERT LEE WALTON JR.

Robert Lee Walton Jr., 58, of Jerry Avenue, Sanford, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. He was born Dec. 8, 1947 in

Sanford. He was a member of Sanford Church of Christ and a retired engineer with CSX Transportation. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Jacqueline; daughters, Dana Walton of Capitol Heights, Md., and Misty Walton of Marietta Georgia; sister, Tiny Jackson of Sanford; brothers, Malachi Walton of Sanford, Eugene Walton of Longwood; father-in-law Frank Bellamy of Sanford; uncle Edward Blacksheare, Sr. of Sanford; numerous nieces, nephews and caring friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m. at Sanford Church of Christ, 1500 S. Park Avenue in Sanford, Walt Person, minister.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

LUCIOUS WILLIS II

Lucious Willis II, 53, of East 20th Street, Sanford, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005 at Florida Hospital, Orlando. He was born Oct. 27, 1952 in Moultrie, Ga. He was a farm helper and a Baptist.

Survivors include sons, Chadwick M. Rice of Syracuse, N.Y. and Lucious Willis, III, of Sanford; brother Lonzo Willis of Delray Beach; sisters Maggie Willis, Betty Reddick, Sarah Willis and Dianette Willis, all of Sanford, and Mary Ann Willis of Delray Beach.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, with Minister Efreem Williams officiating. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Nursery

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are still growing.

Irene's daughters Jinny, Frances and Annette live in one of three brick homes situated on the front of the property. Irene lives in the middle, and her only son, John, lives with his wife and three boys in the third brick home.

"We're very organized," the family said of the decorations.

They make all the displays themselves, and this year they made igloos for their snowmen and holiday penguins. All of their greenhouses are decorated with icicle lights, and luminary paths run throughout the property.

Years ago people used to stop by to look at the deco-

rated houses and nursery, and the family would hand out candy canes to the children.

They would even dress up as Santa and Mrs. Claus for the occasion.

They said they stopped giving out candy because it would get smashed into the driveway.

"We were wondering why the dog was licking the driveway," Irene said.

Because of all the traffic on Upsala Road now, the family put up fences in front of their property, so most observers just park across the street or drive by slowly.

Frances said that the family has received numerous letters thanking them for their display. One night, she

said, a guy was writing something on a paper grocery bag, and the next day it was hanging on their fence. He told them his wife suffered from depression and he brought her to see the lights.

"He said that's the first time he's seen her smile," Frances recalled.

Each night the lights are on from about 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Purchase

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States. The company supplies 40 percent of McDonald's napkins. Roses also supplies paper products to TGIF, Applebee's, Olive Garden and Burger King.

The company was looking to integrate a paper mill and found the opportunity in Florida. But Boulos said the operation here is not doing well financially, and the current owner said it was because they didn't have support.

Boulos is interested in gaining rail access for the business if he stays permanently at the plant on St. Johns Parkway. Currently, Roses makes paper in big rolls and then transports the paper to Albuquerque, N.M., which costs them \$3 million a year in transportation alone.

"It's a challenge," Boulos said.

The plant in Sanford currently employs 45 people who are all from Sanford. And, they expect to employ another 15 in the next five years.

Boulos said he delayed the closing of the business deal because he is looking at either moving completely, or expanding the current plant, based on the level of support provided by not only the Sanford City Commission, but also the Seminole County Board of Commissioners.

"It makes sense to me to expand here," Boulos said.

On Friday, Dec. 9, Roses submitted a Jobs Growth Incentive application to Seminole County requesting

\$2,000 per job. He said the company spends \$2.5 million on payroll each year, which could filter into the local economy.

Commissioners said they do not have the complete ability to grant rail access to Roses, but if they were to negotiate with neighboring landowners, or acquire more land in the future, they would have the ability to be a part of the process of granting easement.

Commissioners also said they would look into utilities franchise fees cap. Boulos said his company spends \$6 million a year in electricity, natural gas and water services to operate the facility.

The city of Eustis has an ordinance regulating a cap for utilities.

Mayor Linda Kuhn was in favor of crunching numbers on providing incentives to Roses Southeast.

"My preference is that the building remain occupied, viable, and used," Kuhn said. "I feel we need to work with Roses."

District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams voiced her concern on the common stereotype of unpleasant odors coming from paper mills.

"We have not had that problem with [Unicell]," Williams said.

Boulos told Williams that some plants use a de-inking process that causes the smell she was referring to.

He said they don't use that process now, and won't in the future.

Boulos asked in the end if

his request was favorable to the City Commission.

"Yes — We just need to work out the details," Yehl said.

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 Sanford, FL 32771
 407-322-5489
 Rev Dr. Harry D. Rucker, Sr Pastor
 Early Morning Serv., 8:15AM
 Sunday School ... 9:30AM
 Moming Worship... 11AM
 Evening Worship(TBA), 4PM
 Monday Bible Study ... 7:30PM

404-Baptist
 First Baptist Church of Longwood
 881 State Road 434 East
 Longwood, FL 32750-5384
 407-339-3817
 Chris Whaley, Senior Pastor
 Sunday
 • 9:30 am Sunday School
 • 10:50am Worship Service
 • 5:00pm Youth Choir
 • 5:30pm Awana
 • 5:30pm Youth Disciplineship
 • 5:30pm Pastor's Disciplineship Study
 • 5:30pmVocal Ensembles
 Tuesday
 7pm Ladies Bible Study
 Wednesday
 • 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study
 • 6:00pm Pastor's Disciplineship Study
 • 6pm Divorce Care
 • 6pm Children's Graded Choirs
 • 6pm Orchestra Rehearsal
 • 6:30pm Youth Bible Study
 • 7pm Pastor's Bible Study
 • 7pm M.I.C. at Night (Missions Involving Children at Night)
 • 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 • 7pm Youth Activities in Gym

First Baptist Sanford
 819 S. Park Ave, Sanford, FL
 407-322-8041/407-321-9351
 Youth: 407-322-5322
 Rev. Joe Douthett, Interim, Pastor
 Rev. Tom Smith, Pastoral Care
 Rev. R. Wagoner, Music
 Rev Mark Williams, Students
 Adam Willow, Intern-Students
 Sunday School... 9:15AM
 Sunday Worship, 10:30A, 8P
 Wed Activities, all ages, 6:30PM
 Nursery Provided

Grace Baptist Church
 819 Longwood Hills Road
 Longwood, FL 32750
 407-265-3595
 Pastor Dave Thompson
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Moming Worship 10:45am
 Evening Worship 6:00pm

Westview Baptist Church
 4100 H.E. Thomas Jr Pkwy
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 Sunday School 9:35am
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 Saturday Vigil 5PM
 Sunday, 7:30AM, 10:30AM, Noon
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 Sanford, FL 32771
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 Church of God of Prophecy
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 407-322-4015
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 Children Church 11AM
 Message by Pastor... 11AM
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 Moming Worship, 11AM
 Tue. Prayer, Bible Study, 7:30 PM

440-Lutheran
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 760 Bun Drive, Lake Mary, FL
 Paul Hoyer, Pastor
 Jonathan Thomas, Asst. Pastor
 Saturday Evening 5:30PM
 Praise & Worship
 Sunday Moming 8AM
 Traditional Service
 Sunday Moming ... 9:30AM
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 407-314-5051 Youth leader
 ans115@yahoo.com
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 of Lake Mary
 128 West Wilbur Ave
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 407-321-1021
 lakemarypc@aol.com
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 419 Park Ave, Sanford, FL
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 Moming Worship,
 8:30am & 11:00am
 9:45am Contemporary Service
 Coffee Fellowship, 9:30am
 Sunday School, 9:45am
 Youth Fellowship, 4pm
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 Young Adults Sun School 11:15AM
 Sun. Youth, Food, Movie, Fellowship 5PM
 Mon. Choir & Bells Rehearsal 7PM
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 Wed. Bible Study Adults 6PM
 Wed Bible Study Middle School 6PM
 Wed. Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM
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 Moming Worship 10:50am
 Midwk Worship, Wed. 7pm
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 Kids C.O.O.L. Club

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The Way We Were:

Travel back to year 1882

The following is edited from the *Florida Times Union* of Jacksonville, which has been transcribed and placed into several books by the Seminole County Historical Society. The books are on sale at the Museum of Seminole County History.



Grace Marie Stinecipper

February 8, 1882

The first theatrical troupe that ever visited Sanford will arrive there today.

The Orange County Fair begins in Sanford today. Here is the place to see fruit of the very best quality.

The report of the town treasurer of Sanford shows all debts paid and \$256 on hand, ahead of all other Florida towns.

The annual election of officers of the South Florida Railroad Company, held in Sanford, resulted as follows: Directors - J.E. Ingraham, C.C. Haskell, E.R. Trafford, B.R. Swoope, E.H. Rand. The directors then elected James E. Ingraham as president.

February 21, 1882

When a man wants a drink of good water in Sanford, all he has to do is drive down an iron pipe, stick a pump on it, and work the handle and water gushes out as it did when Moses smote the rock in the wilderness. The editors of the journal, in a fit of desperation for water one day last week, had a pipe driven and in less than two hours had all the water they wanted.

March 21, 1882

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church at Sanford netted \$150 at their Japanese Tea Party last Wednesday.

April 22, 1882

General Sanford has growing on his place, camphor and cinnamon trees, bergamot oranges and lemons, India crab grass, Australian olive wood, golden apples and Brazilian palm.

Mr. Thomas Wilson succeeds Mr. F.P. Forster as postmaster of Sanford.

October 21, 1882

Murdered and Beheaded

The news of a very brutal murder which took place about the first of the month near Sanford has just reached us. From what we can learn, a Mr. McMillan, who lives only a few miles from Sanford, failed to return home for several days and fears of his having been murdered were entertained. Another white man by the name of Newton was suspected as being the person who committed the deed.

When Mr. McMillan failed to appear, the citizens decided to drag the nearby lake. After dragging for some time, they succeeded in finding the body at the bottom of the lake. When it was pulled up to the surface, it was found that the head had been severed from the body, having been cut off by a sharp instrument. An iron pot was attached to the body to prevent it from coming to the surface.

As suspicion rested on Newton, the citizens decided to search his property. After some delay, they found a newly dug grave on his land which it is supposed Newton had dug to bury the body in case it came to the surface.

Newton acknowledged that the iron pot belonged to him and said he had dug the hole to catch coons. Newton and his wife were arrested and are in custody. Treats of lynching were numerous, but had not been carried out.

October 24, 1882

Yesterday we saw a gentleman directly from the scene of the McMillan murder and who was on the coroner's jury. He informed us that everything points to Newton's guilt. The day the murder was committed, Newton borrowed a pistol from a neighbor. He had for some time been trying to purchase Mr. McMillan's grove and on the eve of the murder, he and his wife took Mr. McMillan to their home for supper. That was the last ever seen of the unfortunate man.

McMillan's head was found soon after the body was pulled up and it was revealed that he had been shot in the back of the neck. When Newton returned the pistol to its owner a day or two after the murder, it was found that one chamber had been discharged, which Newton said he had shot at an alligator. An examination of the ball extracted from the head revealed that it corresponded exactly with those in the pistol. From the above and a large number of other circumstances, Newton was arrested as the murderer, and his wife as accessory.

Mr. McMillan was a bachelor and always carried a large amount of money on him so it was supposed that he was murdered for his money. The coroner's jury returned with the verdict that it believed McMillan came to his death from a pistol wound at the hands of Newton. Newton is now having a preliminary hearing before Justice Shrine.

Safehouse Donations



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

The Seminole County Medical Society Alliance recently donated \$200 worth of gift cards, above to Safehouse of Seminole. Pictured above are from left, Jeanne Gold, executive director of Safehouse, Karon Gilles, president elect of the Alliance, and Shirley Davis, president. At right with a donation from Alauqua Lake Ladies Association is Diane Stevenson, left, Gold, Liz Vileco, and Linda Scheff.



Herald photo by Hawkins

The Crooms Academy Planning Reunion Committee poses for a photo. For more information about the upcoming reunions, see Marva Hawkins' column to the right.

Stetson's Corner Houses of Heroes

Part 1 of 2:

I was fortunate to spend an hour with five of Geneva's finest, one of three teams of firemen (and women) at Firestation #42, you know the place, by the flashing yellow light on Route 46. Lieutenant Gary Muse answered lots of questions, shared a pot of coffee, and gave me a tour of "their House" - inside and out.

The previous firehouse was located in a metal building near the cell phone tower while the current station was built in February 1990. Soon it will get a new roof as the current one has been leaking since Hurricane Charley last year.

There are six members per shift, working from 8 am to 8 am each day-24 hours on and 48 hours off. Each shift also has a trainee who works with the team after a 6 week training period. Firemen are all paramedic and/or EMT trained.

Midway, Sanford airport, Chuluota, and Oviedo are the other nearby firehouses and all work closely together. They follow the First Response mutual aid agreement that states whoever is closest will respond regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. For example, Lake Harney Woods is actually in Volusia county, but Station #42 is usually closer than the Osteen station. The Geneva station is one of 16 fire stations in Seminole county where Leeanna Raw assumed the position of chief of the county fire department on October 1, 2005.

Equipment is of course critical for the team. They have a water tender vehicle that holds

2500 gallons of water, and can also go off road and handle more rugged terrain. It is patterned after a military vehicle. They also have a Honda ATV, which is really important with all the bike trails in the area. If someone breaks a limb for example, the firemen can drive the woods truck to the scene, towing the trailer loaded with the ATV. As they near the location, they offload the ATV and hook the trailer behind it in case they need to bring someone out on a stretcher. The maneuvering capability of the ATV and woods truck are very important, especially with all the controlled burns and brush fires.

The EMT rescue ambulance vehicle also has limited water capability. It can put out a car fire or keep a fire in check until the large engine arrives. Remote and flooded areas like Mullet Lake Park and even areas of Seminole Woods have needed help with the woods truck and ATV. During my tour I noticed how clean everything was. Lt Muse reminded me that the building has been a designated smoke-free facility, and of course they spend time making sure all the equipment is very clean.

Asked what his team would like to have at the station, Lt. Muse said, "We'd love to have another bay. The weather takes its toll on the equipment." The ATV, woods truck, and trailer all need to sit out in the weather, while the engine, water tender, and ambulance stay in the bay. Maybe next year Santa can find some sort of garage covering for them...

I asked Lt. Muse what residents could do to help out his team.

"One of the biggest things is that people move to Geneva for privacy; but they should still openly display their address. When 911 calls come through we have to be able to find you. Addresses that are not posted

are hard to find, especially at night." Makes sense, right? Is your address clearly posted on a mailbox, gate, or house?

Here's what Gary and his team had to say about holiday safety tips:

Make sure you have working smoke detectors with good batteries; many people check and refresh the batteries when daylight savings time changes in the spring and fall.

Don't leave lights on when you're not home and check your outside and inside holiday lights for frayed wiring.

Be careful with space heaters and keep them away from combustible items and areas. Circuit breakers are supposed to kick in but sometimes they don't.

Don't run your washer and dryer when you're not home - pipes could break.

Candles and scented candle items can be a problem if left unattended, or if you forget about them when you leave the house or go to bed.

This can be a hectic time of year, so try to keep safety in mind to keep problems to a minimum.

The holidays are always about sharing and especially about helping kids and those less fortunate. The fire station is still accepting unwrapped toys and donations for both local kids and children of the Gulf Coast. Share your holiday spirit by dropping something by at Firehouse #42.

Next week, part 2: More about Station #42, including community programs for kids and adults, and the daily life of a fire rescue responder.

We need you to tell us what you know that is good about Geneva! Please share your information, ideas and comments by calling 407-221-7002, via e-mail at karenm-phillips@bellsouth.net, (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-349-2800. Thanks!

It's that time again for reunions

Crooms Academy Class Reunions for 1931-49 and 1961 will begin their reunion celebrations Dec. 26-28.

Monday, Dec. 26, at 5 p.m., the Vesper Service will be held at the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, East 9th Street and Pine Avenue. Guest speaker will be Rev. Anthony Church, a 1954 graduate of Crooms, and graduate of Edwaters College in Jacksonville. Rev. Church further studies in evangelism included completion of Bible One and Two studies at International Seminary in Plymouth, Fla. He has received his Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 2000 and a Masters of Ministry in Christian Counseling in 2003 at International Seminary. Rev. Church is married to Sanford native Willie Mae Miller. They are ardent members of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Daytona Beach.

The Crooms Classes of the '50s will join in the Vesper Worship Service, with the reunion classes of 1931-49 and 1961.

At 7 p.m., the Crooms Academy Classes will observe their re-acquaintance hour together at the Celery City Lodge, 619 Cypress Avenue at East 7th Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m., the Crooms Academy Classes Reunion 1931-49 and 1961 will hold a banquet at the Woman's Club of Sanford, 309 Oak Avenue. Tickets are available for \$25 for the "Crooms In Progress" banquet. Speaker will be the former and current principals, Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley, Dr. Bernadette Hardy-Blake and Dr. Connie Collins. Contact Kathryn Alexander for tickets at 407-323-6366. Wednesday, Dec. 28, the classes will cruise down the St. Johns River aboard the Rivership Romance. Boarding is at 10:30 a.m.

To close out a three-day reunion celebration, Crooms Academy Classes 1931-49 and 1961 will have their closing activities at Celery City Lodge. Officers for the 2005 celebration are: Alder J. Craig, chairperson, Willie King, co-chairperson, Kathryn J. Alexander, financial secretary, Earthelean P. Williams, recording secretary, Earl E. Minott, treasurer, Rebecca T. Henderson, chaplain and Margaret S. Jackson, public relations.

Crooms Academy classes of the '50s, 2005 reunion dates are Dec. 26, 27, and 28. The theme is "The Classical Years of the '50s, Sisters and Brothers, Its Later Than you Think".

Committees are putting the last minute touches on for the reunion.

Classmates, family and friends will arrive in our Sanford hometown for three days filled with activities of praise, fun, fellowship and re-acquaintance, with dear old Crooms 50's students. Monday at 5 p.m. at the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Vesper Service with the 1931-49 classes will worship and give thanks. Rev. Anthony Church, a 1954 graduate of Crooms will deliver the message of the hour.

At 7 p.m. at the Celery City Elks Lodge, 1931-49 and 1961 and classes of the 50's will join together for the re-acquaintance hour of welcome and fun. Tuesday, Dec. 27, a picnic will be held from 12 Noon until 3 p.m. There will be fun, music by classmate DJ Pop Hudson, and much more at Lee P. Moore Park.

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., its boarding time for the Crooms Classes of the 50's, aboard the Rivership Romance. Officers are Richard Evans, chairman, Dorothy Curry, co-chairman, Algerine Miller, secretary, and Victor Dargert, treasurer. Call Richard Evans at 407-323-1803.

St. James AME Church, East Cypress Avenue, will host the Community Christmas celebration, Saturday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.

The St. John Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist Church, and the New Bethel Baptist Church will present an evening of Christmas fellowship with all four churches choirs and male choruses. Come and enjoy this evening of musical joy. A free will offering will be taken.

The NAACP Seminole County Branch held its annual Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec. 10 at the West Sanford Boys & Girls Club. The theme was "Light up a Life - Give". Mrs. Ruby Hendrix, a life member of NAACP presided. She led the audience in a medley of songs, "You Light up my Life" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth". Dr. Velma Williams, vice mayor of Sanford, gave the welcome on behalf of the city.

Attorney Lindsay Oyewale, second vice president of the NAACP branch gave the occasion. Ms. Marian Hillery, president of the NAACP Youth Council graced the audience with a dance as a tribute to our children. Attorney Natabe Jackson, Life Membership chairperson and Youth Council President Marian Hillery gave the call for membership. The membership drive was a success, adding members to the NAACP Branch and Youth Council. Mr. Ernest Brown, Freedom Fund committee member, prayed for peace and continued success. The Dynamic Band featuring LaVance (Don Brown) set the house on fire.

Attending the party was Mrs. Barbara Green, Sanford Housing Authority Board member, and Mr. Angel Tua, Sanford Housing Authority executive director, to announce their partnership with the NAACP Branch to make a child smile this Christmas. NAACP Branch President Turner Clayton and Ms. Cynthia Hillery, Freedom Fund chairman, will present the toys collected from NAACP annual toy drive, during the lighting of SHA Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. at No. 93 Castle Brewer Court. Toys are being accepted until that date.

For pick-up, call the branch office at 407-328-7496.



Marva Hawkins

Rezone

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process began in September and included seven Core Committee meetings and two Community Input sessions.

Like previous rezoning efforts, the middle school rezoning will allow students currently enrolled at one of the three schools being rezoned to remain there.

"I know of no other district that has this provision," Pinnell said of the grandfather clause.

Pinnell was the first of many people at the meeting to thank Lake Mary resident Chad Cole for the online map tool he created.

"You've seen what a great asset that's been to the process in making it very easy to see visually

what a plan might look at and immediately see the impact of changing a cell or geographic region from one area to another," he said. Check out the program at chadwickdesign.com/rezoner.

Some parents let the board know which plans they prefer out of the four remaining.

"Plan 37 is the plan that I agree with," said Craig Ruskin. Plans 37 or 37 modified would allow Ruskin's children to attend Markham Woods Middle School instead of being bused to Sanford Middle School.

"I don't have a problem with Sanford Middle School, I only have a problem with the distance to

Sanford Middle School," he said. Other parents felt the same way.

Dale Meeks, who lives north of State Road 46, told board members that Markham Woods Middle School is 3.8 miles from his house as opposed to 8.1 miles to Sanford Middle School.

"It's one stop light just to get to Markham Woods versus 10-plus depending on the route the bus would take," Meeks said. He had a litany of questions for the board.

"What time would my kids have to get up in order to catch the bus? How long would it take for my kids to get there? What time will they get home when they're finished with the school day and how

much recharge time will they have when they get home late in the day?" Meeks asked.

Board chairwoman Jeanne Morris told Meeks that they would get transportation answers to him.

Another resident who lives north of 46 said he has spoken to parents whose children ride an hour each way to and from school.

"Two hours on a bus every day is a little excessive," said Ethan Farrington.

His elementary school children have about an hour of free time as it is and the middle school bus ride could take even that away.

Linda Piercy, a 10-year resident of the Tall Tree subdivision, said

her daughter attends Sanford Middle School. She illustrated the impact of long bus rides.

"The first few weeks of school the bus was late and this made her incredibly anxious," she recalled. "You know how being late to work can ruin your whole day. The ride home is even worse."

Jessica is released from school at 3:55 p.m. Her bus arrives at her stop at 5:27 p.m.

"That's one hour and 32 minutes of wasted time for her," she told the board.

"I'm asking you to revise current plans to accommodate zone 4 into the new Markham Woods Middle School."

Street

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leader who has been with the Sanford Police Department for more than six years.

Currently, the sergeant and four officers, including two canine officers, comprise the unit. Their numbers so far indicate early success.

In five months, the unit has arrested more than 300 people, Raimondo said, including seven Thursday night. More than 140 felony charges have resulted from their efforts.

The statistic that Raimondo appears most proud of, however, is that the unit has had to forcefully defend itself only twice. Both times tazers were used. He also added that there have been no formal complaints about the unit.

"The unit was initially organized to take care of the Goldsboro area," Raimondo said. After some success, the unit was expanded citywide.

Several patrol officers joined the unit Thursday night. Raimondo said Chief Brian Tooley allows some overtime for the patrol officers to train on street crimes.

"We are proactive officers, highly trained and well versed in case law," Raimondo said in describing the unit.

Before going out Thursday, Raimondo tells the officers what will take place. He calls the type of police work a "different animal." They are not answering calls, but all department policies remain in effect.

"Watch the hands, they'll tell you the whole story," he advises. An undercover unit will work with the street crimes officers for part of the night.

At the first arrest, it is obvious the officers know people on the street.

"Claudia, you need to move on now," one officer tells a woman who is hanging around.

The suspects know the officers as well.

"Why I'm going to jail? What I did Shamar?" a handcuffed Andre Cashe, 28, yells to Officer Deanthony Shamar, who replies, "Possession of cocaine." The officers found the crack that the suspect dropped.

"That's the easiest arrest to make," Shamar said, referring to suspects dropping the drugs as soon as they see police.

Ten minutes later, the van pulls into part of the Sanford Housing Authority. A PT Cruiser approaches from the front, going the wrong way. Officers grab stop sticks and prepare the exit as Raimondo tries to park as close as possible to the car.

The driver of the PT Cruiser slams the vehicle into reverse as soon as he realizes who is in the van. An officer deploys a stop stick hoping to blow out the tire of the car, but misses by a foot. The car gets away, but is later recovered abandoned by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Back in the van, the group wonder aloud how long it will take until dealers start to recognize the van.

The van drives down South Mangoustine Avenue and stops near West 14th Street. Again a Spanish song booms. Raimondo said the music gives them a helpful extra second of cover.

Ricky Floyd's hands catch the officers' eyes this time. He drops what police discover is marijuana on the ground and takes off. Again, he doesn't get far. A canine unit is called in as the arrest is made. Officer Rebecca Wixson and her yellow Labrador Girard walk around the crime scene.

Girard sniffs around an old folded up Winnie-the-Pooh crib leaning against a tree. Wixson finds a bag of marijuana and praises Girard.

Officer Joshua Faircloth shows nine baggies of cannabis he recovered from the ground in front of Floyd, 26, who lives on 13th Street in Sanford. Faircloth also found \$742 on Floyd. In his report, Faircloth notes that the marijuana is too great for personal use and the packaging is consistent with street level sale of narcotics.

Shamar notices that Floyd's vehicle has a pit bull puppy inside. Floyd says to leave the dog alone, but the windows are rolled up. When Faircloth opened the door to retrieve the dog, he smelled marijuana and Girard's keen nose is needed to search the Dodge Intrepid. Under a jacket in the back seat, police find 11 more baggies of pot and another bag under the center console of the car.

Floyd is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, but the charge is made more serious because the crime took place within 1,000 feet of the Holy Trinity Church of Christ, Faircloth reports. The charge carries an automatic \$10,000 bond.

Back in the Housing Authority, on Edward Higgins Terrace, a suspect appears to want to deal what the officer's call a pebble-like item. They suspect crack, but Milton Peoples shoves the substance into his mouth. Peoples did not respond to verbal commands to stop or to spit out what he put in his mouth, which he eventually swallowed.

"I don't have nothing in my mouth," said Peoples, 43, of Castle Brewer Court in Sanford. Officers acknowledge he will probably puke it up soon.

A confidential source informs police that a serious dope dealer is in another part of the Housing Authority. The Street Crimes Unit doesn't find the large amount they expect, but they do

arrest a 36-year-old woman for possession of marijuana.

This is where the cooperation between the Street Crimes Unit and the undercover unit comes into play, Raimondo explains.

The Street Crimes Unit pushes the major dealers indoors, he said. An undercover unit will go to work eventually obtaining search warrants. That moves the group back to the streets. In other words, they can't hide, Raimondo said.

"They are the undercover guys, we are the high visibility guys," he adds.

During a water break, he also explains that this is a very different type of policing than a patrol officer reacting to calls from residents. Crime analysis helps the Street Crimes Unit know where to work.

"It's a different type of policing, it really is," Raimondo suggests. He said they have arrested prostitutes, auto thieves, and many people with active warrants that run the entire spectrum of law enforcement.

Officers have to apply to be in the unit, which is expected to expand to include two more members.

Activity for the unit slows down Thursday night, most likely because their cover in the van has been blown. As the van nears known drug locations, people retreat inside.

The officers switch to patrol cars and look for drug dealers and other criminal driving on the streets in the Georgetown area. Raimondo positions himself ahead of the patrol cars. He has stop sticks ready to deploy.

Units will check cars that have violations, a tag light out or the window tinting too dark. Even if they know the person has dealt in drugs before, they must have probable cause to stop them or search the car.

The object now is to move cars toward Raimondo. When the officers attempt to pull a sus-

pected car over. Drug dealers will run. Others will pull over.

If they run, Raimondo is ready with stop sticks, but each time the driver's pull over before getting to him. Rain begins to fall heavily. Raimondo becomes frustrated when cars pass by with obvious violations, but no officers stopped them.

Eventually, he switches places to see if he can find more cars to stop. He pulls about a half dozen cars over, but let's them all go with a warning. Finally, Shamar says on the radio that he has a likely car that ran a stop sign. Raimondo is ahead of him on Mellenville Avenue and prepares the stop sticks.

Sure enough, when Shamar hits the emergency lights, the silver Saturn takes off. Raimondo shoves the stop sticks into Mellenville, and the driver hits the sticks blowing the front driver's side tire. Somehow he remains in control of the speeding car on the slick roads.

Officers follow and set up a perimeter. The Saturn pulls onto Scott Drive. A passerby in an SUV hails Raimondo and tells him the car went down a cul-de-sac named Terry Lane. Raimondo finds the Saturn at the end of the cul-de-sac. The front tire is flat, but the suspects have left.

A full-service dog unit comes in, but no trail is picked up. Athens Towing loads up the Saturn, registered to an owner in Sarasota, and takes it away.

Raimondo shows disappointment when nothing turns up, but it's never a dull night in Sanford, he said.

The officers are nearly through with their shift after 1 a.m. They talk about meeting at Denny's after work. Raimondo coaches one officer on editing his arrest report. They will be out again.

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Sports

Briefs

BEARS ON THE TUBE
 Former Winter Springs High School football standouts Terrance Moring and Daryl Ely can be seen on ESPN2 at 1 p.m. today (Saturday) as the freshmen have helped Mt. Union go 13-1 this season and will face Wisconsin-Whitewater (14-0) for the NCAA D-III football title.

LAKE HOWELL GETS NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Lake Howell High School has named Matt Kemper as its new football coach, replacing Eddie Norton. Kemper, a 40-year-old Ohio native, comes to the Silver Hawks after three seasons at St. Cloud High School. He was 10-20 at the helm of the Bulldogs, but the team was an impressive 5-5 this season.

MORE ALL-STARS
 Oviedo's Andy Lark and Lyman's David Muniz will be heading to The Villages this week to prepare to play for the North squad in next Friday's (Dec. 23rd) Florida Athletic Coaches Association all-star football game at The Villages.

SEALS FALL IN HUNTSVILLE
 All good things must come to an end and one of those things did Thursday night in Huntsville. The Havoc stopped the Seals seven game win streak with a 3-1 victory.

Huntsville did what the Seals have done for the past three weeks, score early and build a lead. Jason deGuehery scored his second goal of the season to give the Havoc the lead just 5:37 into the game. The Seals had trouble most of the night passing the puck.

Less than two minutes into the second period James Patterson scored his seventh goal of the year to give the Havoc a 2-0 lead. Former Seal Don Patrick would add to the lead near the halfway mark of the middle frame on the power play.

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Basketball teams at top of the polls

By Dean Smith
 Herald Staff

Three Seminole County basketball teams got a nice surprise when the Florida Sports Writers Association (FSWA) released their State Basketball Polls this week.

The Lake Mary girls, who topped the poll for much of last season, finds themselves atop the Class 6A Poll heading into a tough tournament this weekend at Pine Castle Christian that features a powerful line-up, including No. 1 Class 2A State-Ranked The First Academy.

The Lake Howell boys, who have already knocked off three Class 6A ranked teams this season, is atop the Boys' Class 5A standings. The Silver

Lake Mary girls, Lake Howell boys No. 1 in FSWA State Poll

Hawks will probably get an idea of how good they are over the next week as they are only seeded sixth in the City of Palma Classic in Ft. Myers.

The other locally ranked team is the unbeaten Lake Mary Prep boys, who are ranked No. 6 in Class 1A this week.

The Griffins figure to move up in the next poll as they have already won by huge margins twice this week to get to 8-0 on the season.

On Tuesday, LMP pounded Tavares, 94-41, and then Thursday night

whipped Geneva School, 98-39.

Junior Johnny Mullen led the way against Tavares with 15 points, with fellow juniors Bryan Benefiel and Eddie Stafford right behind with 14 points and 13 points, respectively.

On Thursday it was the inside players who did the damage as 6-foot-6 sophomore Shamar Marston led the way with 21 points, while 6-foot junior Billy Fratsch added 11 points and 6-foot-3 senior Bobby Zinsmaster 10 points.

There was one upset in boys' play this

week as Larson had 15 points and eight blocks and Mitch McGrath scored 14 points as Lake Brantley (5-3) edged Oviedo (6-3), which is getting votes this week, 61-60. DeAndre Williams scored a game-high 21 points for the Lions, who are currently playing in another big-time tournament, the Great Florida Shootout, in Kissimmee.

Lyman (5-3) also suffered a tough loss as they let a 16-point lead get away as the Greyhounds lost on the road, 60-58, to unbeaten Pine Ridge (7-0).

It was the second time this season that the Panthers had edged Lyman, beating the Greyhounds, 63-59, in the season opener in Longwood.

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Tough challenges await

SCC to battle national powers

By Dean Smith
 Herald Staff

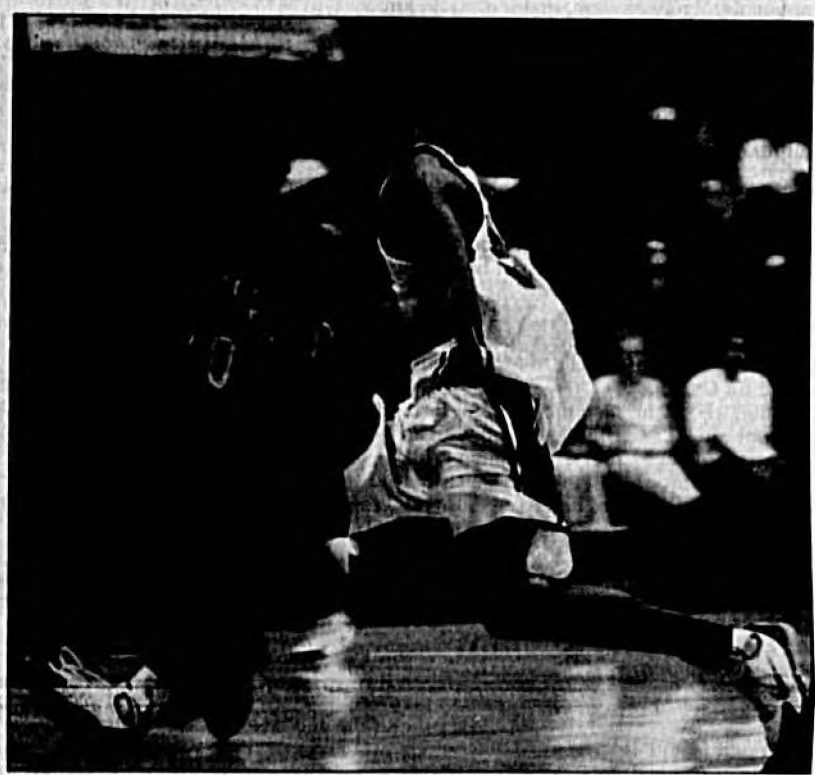
SANFORD — The Seminole Community College basketball program returns this weekend from a long layoff to face some bigtime challengers.

The Raider men of coach Bobby Washington Jr. have been idle for nearly two weeks, having not played since Dec. 3rd, and have a huge weekend before them as they face Panhandle Conference powerhouses Gulf Coast Community College and Chipola Community College in the Florida JUCO Challenge at Daytona Beach Community College.

The men were to have warmed up against always tough Gulf Coast on Friday before squaring off with Chipola today (Saturday) at 2 p.m. The Indians are currently the No. 1 ranked team in the nation.

Coach Tara Gibson's women have not played since Dec. 8th

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Sophomore center and UCF signee Lynette Jackson (left) and freshman guard Haakim Johnson (above) were the two hottest players for Seminole Community College prior to the recent long layoff for the basketball program. Jackson scored 51 points in wins over Brevard, Indian River and Palm Beach as the nationally-ranked women went 4-1 on a recent road trip to get to 11-2 on the season heading into today's (Saturday) 2 p.m. final home game of 2005 against Okaloosa-Walton Community College, the team that handed the Raiders their first loss of the season last month in a tournament in Ocala. Johnson had 36 points and nine rebounds as the men split game with Brevard and Manatee to keep the men's record level at 4-4. The men have their hands full this weekend as they were to have played powerful Gulf Coast on Friday and will challenge the nation's No. 1 ranked squad, Chipola, today (Saturday) at 2 p.m. at Daytona Beach Community College. The men will play their final home game of 2005 on Saturday, Dec. 31st at 2 p.m. against St. Petersburg College. Admission to all home games is free.

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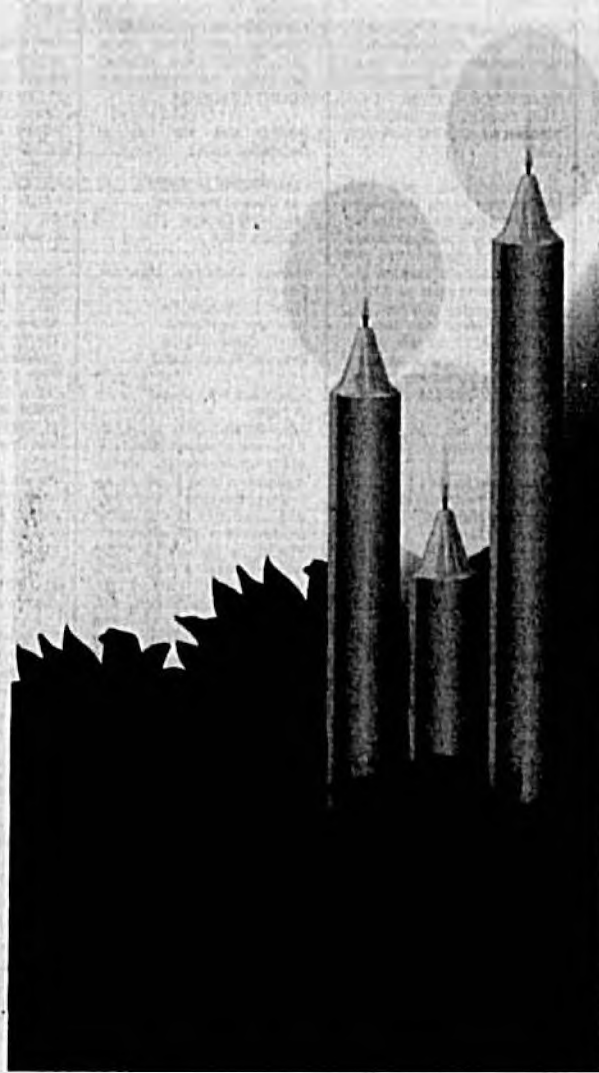



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