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Athletes stay busy

Schools may be out of session for students, but the athletic teams are far from idle.

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Sheriff golf tournament set for January

WINTER SPRINGS — The Seminole County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Fund plans to hold its fourth annual Law Enforcement Memorial Golf Tournament in January, and is looking for teams and sponsors.

The event will take place Monday, Jan. 16 at the Winter Springs Golf Course, located at 900 W. State Road 434.

The money raised will benefit the Memorial Fund for Fallen Law Enforcement Officers.

The tournament is a scramble format, with awards and prizes given at the conclusion. The deadline to register is Jan. 11.

To sign up, help sponsor, or for more information, contact Sandy Cannon at 407-665-6462 or Deputy Todd Moderson at 407-977-4377.

Miss Seminole accepting applications

SANFORD — Organizers of the Miss Seminole County Scholarship Pageant will accept applications until Dec. 31 for the annual event that leads to Miss Florida and Miss America, according to a Dec. 14 news release.

The Helen Stairs Theatre in downtown Sanford will host the pageant Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Women between the ages of 17 and 24 are eligible to enter this preliminary pageant, organizers said. Judging will be based on interview, talent, casual wear/gown and on-stage question competitions.

To submit an application, go to www.MissFlorida.org. For more information, contact bbooths@clrr.com or call 407-321-3576.

SEMINOLE SMILE



Alyssa Loreline — Longwood Elementary School third grader

Man found dead at apartment complex

By Lane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — A man was found dead outside Pineair Apartments in Sanford early Saturday morning.

Robert Kearney, 36, of Santa Barbara Drive in Sanford, was found in the breezeway area of the apartment complex near the Taco Bell on U.S. 17-92 on Florida Street.

At 6:30 a.m. residents called authorities to

notify them there was something or someone in the breezeway.

According to Sanford Police Department spokeswoman Cleo Cohen, the victim was already deceased when the Sanford Fire Department arrived on the scene.

An autopsy was performed Monday morning, but investigators are not releasing the cause

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Kearney

Girls: Man fondled self at health clinic

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Deputies arrested a Sanford man for exposing and fondling himself near two girls while sitting in the waiting area of a medical clinic on State Road 415 Monday evening.

Jorge Pabon, 38, of 501 E. Third St., in Sanford, was arrested about 6:15 p.m. Monday at the Central

Florida Family Health Clinic at 2400 State Road 415.

Witnesses told deputies that Pabon was exposing himself and playing with himself in front of two unrelated girls, ages 8 and 12. According to the arrest report, Pabon sat in a chair about 10 feet from the girls.

He fondled himself, but

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Developer to invest \$40 million at airport

By Lane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — As the new year approaches the Orlando Sanford International Airport is seeing many new additions including the possible finalization of a lease that would include two to three hotels on airport property.

A developer, who has yet to be named, is looking to invest \$40 million to build two to three hotels with a common lounge area and restaurant with meeting rooms.

Diane Crews, vice president of administration for the Sanford Airport Authority, said last week that the lease would require the hotels be at least 3-star rated, such as an Embassy Suites or a Hampton Inn.

"I think it's going to be a really nice amenity to the airport and the community," Crews said.

The proposed hotels would be in a moon shape with a common area for the restaurant and lounge to service all the hotels and clients. The proposed lease will have to be reviewed by the city of Sanford and the Sanford Airport Authority board once it is finalized.

The proposed 40-year lease would possibly start in

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Roses closes Unicell deal

By Lane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Roses Southeast Papers announced Monday that they closed the deal on Unicell Paper located on St. Johns Parkway last Wednesday.

President Tony Boulos met with Sanford City Commissioners last Monday at their work session seeking economic incentives. He is also seeking incentives from Seminole County Commissioners.

City commissioners agreed that they would be willing to provide some economic incentives, and staff is work-

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Shopping for others



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley, center, with Mr. Santa Claus helps Karl Brooks check out some jewelry Saturday for someone on Karl's Christmas list. Youngsters shopped with a cop at Wal-Mart on 17-92.

Home for Holidays



Photos submitted

Kimmmie Lousma, both photos performs with the Radio City Rockettes at the Bob Carr Center in Orlando. Lousma is a Seminole High School graduate happy to be home for the holidays.

Friends and family fill audience when Rockettes and Kimmmie come to town

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Kimberly Lousma performed the final shows of "The Producers" in Tokyo, Japan, when she found out her next production would bring her home to Sanford with the Radio City Rockettes Christmas show.

Lousma graduated from Seminole High School and attended Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts. Her experiences here prepared her to join the world-famous Rockettes right out of high school. After more than two years traveling with "The Producers", Kimmmie, as her friends call her, was ready to return to Central Florida.

"I was in Tokyo when I found out," she said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "I was just so ready to come home, I just started crying. I'm so happy to be here."

Friends and family are happy she's back, and the audiences of the Christmas show demonstrate their support for the Sanford native.

The show is playing through Dec. 31 at the Bob Carr Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando. So many friends and family have attended performances that the company manager suggested changing the name to the "Kimmmie Lousma Show".

Cast and crew have benefited from some

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Rezoning hero

Online tool helps smooth middle school process

By Joe Hendricks
Herald Correspondent

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary resident Chad Cole gave the Seminole County School Board the perfect gift this season — an online mapping tool that proved to be of great assistance during the planning stages of the Phase II middle school rezoning project.

Cole's mapping tool made it possible for school officials, parents and volunteers to produce multi-colored maps as each rezoning plan was created. The mapping tool also enabled users to immediately see the statistical ramifications of shifting a group

of students from one school zone to another.

The Phase II rezoning project was required to populate the Markham Woods Middle School when it opens in Fall 2006. The school's student body will consist partially of students who currently attend Greenwood Lakes Middle School in Lake Mary, Millennium Middle School in Sanford, and Sanford Middle School.

Ron Pinnell, executive director of secondary education, was one of many people who publicly thanked Cole at the Dec. 13 School Board meeting.

"He brought us out of the Stone Age and into technol-

ogy very quickly. When I first saw this I wanted to run and hug him, and I'm not a hugging person," Pinnell said.

School board member Sandra Robinson asked Pinnell if Cole was in attendance Dec. 13. Pinnell scanned the crowded boardroom and pointed toward Cole, who received a round of applause.

"I just needed to physically see the person that could put this together because I think it's absolutely awesome," Robinson said. "I just wish you would have come into our lives a lot sooner."

Cole, a software developer

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Dial 511 to save travel time during holidays

ORLANDO — The Florida Department of Transportation reminds Central Florida drivers to dial the "511" traffic information service to save time as they drive in the state during this busy holiday period.

The free service reports travel times on 15 regional highways, as well as on all interstates in Florida and Florida's Turnpike.

It also connects callers to Orlando International and Orlando Sanford International Airports, LYNX and Port Canaveral.

"By calling the Central Florida 511 system, drivers can avoid potential traffic jams on the way to the mall or the airport by finding out local highway travel times. Or from home, they can log onto www.FL511.com to view roadway cameras or choose an alternate route based on current conditions. Either way, 511 can save people time during the holidays," said FDOT District 5 Secretary George Gilnooley.

According to a recent AAA survey, Orlando is the top travel destination during the upcoming holiday season. Several tips have been developed to allow callers to quickly and more easily navigate the service's phone menus when accessing travel times or other roadway information.

Callers may interrupt the system at any time by simply saying "main menu" or asking for the highway, roadway, city or county by name for which they want travel information (example: "I-4" or "Florida's Turnpike").

To move through the phone menus more quickly, you may say "next," "previous," "stop" or "repeat." If you need further instructions when using the 511 service, simply say "help."

Users are also encouraged to use the feedback feature available on the phone system and Web site. This option provides valuable information to FDOT engineers who develop and manage the system, allowing them to refine and improve the free service.

The expanded Central Florida 511 service has continued to experience increased call volumes, with the regional system receiving 141,000 calls since its launch on Nov. 17.

The new statewide 511 phone system has accumulated more than 55,000 calls during the same period.

Nearly 74 percent of the callers in Central Florida requested travel times on I-4, with 6.8 percent requesting Florida's Turnpike, 4.6 percent seeking I-95 information and 4.2 percent requesting information on State Road 408. Interstate 75 was the most commonly requested highway for the statewide service, accounting for more than 50 percent of total roadway requests, according to a Monday news release.

The new www.FL511.com Web site, which provides much of the same information as the statewide and Central Florida phone systems, was visited by more than 79,037 total users from Nov. 13 to Dec. 15. Each visitor viewed 3.9 pages on average, for a total of 308,115 page views.

The new 511 calling service offers those traveling the state or commuting across several counties the ability to access traffic information for all interstate highways and Florida's Turnpike.

Callers can easily transfer from the statewide system into the Central Florida, Southeast Florida or Tampa Bay 511 systems for more detailed information, the release said.

Briefs

Dancing feet

The Over 50 Club of Sanford presents a Big Band Dance, with a live band, each Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Cost is \$3 and everyone is invited. Refreshments will be available.

Walk-In Clinic

Florida Hospital Centra Care has now opened five walk-in urgent care clinics in various Central Florida counties. In Seminole County, the clinic is now located at Seminole Towne Center Centra Care, open daily from 2 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.centracare.org.

Full Swing



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Woman play a round at Timicuan Golf Course recently. Many tournaments are held throughout the year to raise money for good causes. This tournament at the Timicuan Country Club and Golf Course raised money for breast cancer awareness and research. It was followed by a luncheon and raffle.

Multi-Charges

Marriel Antwon Sessions, 20, of Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday in the 100 block of Scott Drive. According to the arrest report, an officer attempted to stop Sessions' vehicle but he reportedly drove off. When he finally stopped, he is said to have fled, accusing the officer several times during the chase. He was charged with three counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence, two counts of resisting an officer without violence, possession of crack cocaine, driving with a suspended license and hit and run — leaving the scene with property damage. He was also charged with violation of probation.

Drug Related

John Henry Gragg, 23, of El Portal Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in the 2700 block of Orlando Drive. When officers approached him they reported seeing him throw away a pipe normally used in drug activities. He was charged with tampering with physical evidence, possession of narcotics equipment and loitering/prowling.

Carilyn Belinda Holley, 50, of Roosevelt Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday in the 1600 block of West 13th Street where officers reported seeing a possible drug transaction underway. Holley was arrested on charges of possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Edward Lee Bussard, 21 of Mellonville Avenue, Tyler Gregory Drake, 22, Ramona G. Guerrero, 22, of Palmetto Avenue, and Sarah Ashley Vetter, 19, of West 27th Street, were arrested by Sanford police Saturday at 7th Street and Mellonville Avenue. Vetter was stopped by police to check on a driver's license. Each of the four was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

Craig L. Martin, 29, of Castle Brewer Court, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Williams Street and West 13th Street as the result of a traffic stop. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence.

Police Blotter

Rickey Floyd, 26, of West 13th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday, Dec. 15, at Mangouline Avenue and 14th Street near Holy Trinity Church of Christ. He was charged with possession of marijuana within 1000 feet of a place of worship, and resisting an officer without violence.

Jason Alan Beam, 29, of DeBary, was arrested by Sanford police Friday following a traffic stop on Highway 17-92 at Commercial Street. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance including over 20 grams of marijuana.

Thefts

Kema Kahshonti Mullins, 25, of Pinefield Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a store in the 7400 block of Ronald Reagan Boulevard. She reportedly took \$264 in scratch-off lottery tickets from the store without paying. She was charged with retail theft.

Carley Frances Cook, 20, of Port Orange, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in a store in Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly took items from a jewelry store without paying. She was charged with petty larceny.

Assault - Battery

James Thomas Gonzalez Simmons, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at a residence in the 200 block of Belgian Way. He reportedly was involved in a fight with his father-in-law, Luis Geraldo Gonzalez, 39, of that address. Both men were charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Larry J. Smith, 40, of Fairfield Drive, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence as the result of an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery — domestic violence.

Yousri A. Ahmad, 54, of Stonebrook Drive, was arrested by

Sanford police Saturday at his residence where officers said he had been involved in a fight with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence), and resisting an officer with violence.

Timothy Hardy, 19, of Lake Dot Circle, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a nightclub in the 2900 block of Orlando Drive. Officers were called regarding a fight/riot involving possibly 200 to 300 people. Hardy was charged with inciting/encouraging a riot, and disorderly conduct.

Traffic Stops

Histo Demaine Howard, 19, of Castle Brewer Court and Izuel Termaine Jones, 18, of Chester, Va., were stopped by Sanford police Friday in Castle Brewer Court. Howard was charged with driving with a suspended license. Jones was charged with possession of crack cocaine, resisting an officer without violence, and interfering with a law enforcement officer without violence.

Ruben Martinez, 22, of West 25th Street, was stopped by Sanford police Friday at Georgia and Florida Avenues. He was charged with driving without a valid license, and running a stop sign.

Teresa Wylene Roberson, 31, of Casselberry, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday following an accident at Highway 17-92 and Airport Blvd. She was charged with four traffic citations in connection with the crash.

Other Arrests

Thaddeus Jarod James, 19, of Lake Monroe Terrace, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in Seminole Gardens. He was charged with being involved in gambling — games of chance.

Tamara Mesean Boone, 18, of Denise Street, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in the 2900 block of Orlando Drive, where she was reportedly in a physical altercation with another female. She was charged with disorderly conduct.

Matthew Thomas Harris, 30, of West 7th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at his residence. He was wanted for violation of probation.

OUT & ABOUT

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.

You'd better watch out, better not cry, better not shout, Santa Clause is coming to town. Be not afraid if you hear the clattering of tiny hoof prints on your rooftop, and don't build a fire in the fireplace.

JANUARY 2006

SUN 8

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.

MON 9

The John Howland Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants will meet for lunch and a business meeting at the Mayflower Retirement Community Center, 1620 Mayflower Court, Winter Park, at 11:45 a.m. Robert Murray of the Sons of the American Revolution will speak. For reservations or information call Hank at 407-293-4646 or Soni at 407-647-5958.

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. Everyone is invited.

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, Etc. 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.

Briefs

Support offered

Hospice of the Comforter needs volunteers to befriend patients, offer respite to their caregivers, extend bereavement support to patients' families and provide support. Training classes are held monthly for information, call 407-682-0998.

Wheelchairs available

The Three Wishes Inc. program makes available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled, electric power wheelchairs at no cost to the recipients, if they qualify. The wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. No deposit required. Call 1-800-839-5715.

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Arrest

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covered himself up when someone would walk by, witnesses told deputies. One of the girls said Pabon left when her mother returned from the restroom. The mother said she left her daughter and her daughter's friend sitting in the hallway of the clinic while she went to the restroom. Pabon denied doing any-

thing that he was accused of, the arrest report said. He said the girls might have seen something through a hole in his pants, but nothing was intentional.

Deputies said Pabon had a large hole in his jeans near the right front pants pocket and wore boxer shorts underneath. Pabon was charged with one

count of sexual offense against a child — fondling — exhibition by a person 18 or older on a victim less than 16 years old.



Pabon

Paper

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ing up numbers.

Meanwhile, Boulos said although they are counting on city and county officials for support, he "loves Sanford". "We want to stay here," Boulos said. "We love it here — especially in the winter time."

Boulos has been in the paper industry for 27 years, most of which was spent in the paper producing capital, Green Bay, Wis.

Roses Southeast Papers, LLC is a daughter company to Roses Southwest Papers, LLC in Albuquerque, N.M.

Roses Southwest started converting paper into napkins and other end-user products in 1986 and has expanded its business to 250 employees. They supply paper for McDonald's napkins, and other restaurants such as Applebee's Burger and TGIF.

The company decided to look at building their own operation five years ago, so that they could vertically integrate.

They said they spend an average of \$6 million a year in transportation costs, and owning the Sanford plant will eventually relieve that burden.

Currently, Roses Southeast is supplying paper rolls to their Albuquerque operation, which they then convert into paper products such as napkins and toilet paper. But Boulos said a good majority of their product gets shipped back to Florida, so

"We love it here — especially in the winter time."

Tony Boulos, president of Roses Southeast Papers

together and sold to companies like Roses Southeast to recycle into new paper.

"We waste zero fiber," Besaw said.

They also continually recycle the massive amounts of water they use, Boulos said.

Boulos said his company is a community-minded organization, who cares about the employees. When he took over Unicell he kept all of the employees and said they have no intentions of any lay-offs.

"On the contrary, we are looking to expand," Boulos said.

He said his philosophy is to put "heart and soul" into making employees feel better about their jobs.

"When people come to work, I want them to come because they want to, not because they have to," Boulos said.

Boulos said in some of the other cities he's worked, he's always made sure that he and his company were good citizens for the other people by providing more jobs for local community members, paying taxes and participating in community service projects.

"I believe that if you give a little it will come back to you," Boulos said. "I'm really excited about being here."

Roses Southeast Papers, LLC is always looking for dedicated and loyal individuals interested in working for the plant, Boulos said. The plant is located at 3401 St. Johns Parkway.

Rockette

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southern hospitality shown by Lousma's family. Her mother, Becky Smith of Longwood, had the entire company out for a toga party after Sunday's performances. The cast and crew have Mondays off, Lousma explained.

"I have so many memories here," she said. One tradition is a huge Christmas party where the large family invite friends for food and fellowship. This year, members of the cast and crew are invited since they won't be home for the holidays.

"We're just so proud of her for a lot of reasons," Smith said of her daughter. "Kimmie's just such a kind person and I love that about her. People tell me, 'Kimmie can come back, but when she does, she still Kimmie to all of us.'"

Lousma spent four years working with the McGuires at Seminole High School. Maureen with the Dazzlers dance team and Bob who works with Destiny, a singing group at the school.

One thing the Dazzlers are known for are high kicks in their performances. "We competed in all the high kick competitions in Orlando," Lousma said. They were even on ESPN. That other group of precision dancers from Radio City are also quite famous for high kicks, so it was a natural transition, Lousma said.

Just after graduation from SHS, a girlfriend asked if she wanted to go to New York to try the one last audition for the Rockettes.

"They needed three girls," Lousma said. The show need-

ed two women for a show traveling to Mexico for Christmas. "They handed us the contracts right there." It wasn't a difficult decision, she recalled.

Smith said Maureen McGuire recognized Lousma's talent while she was with the Dazzlers. McGuire told Smith that her daughter has what it takes.

Representing the Rockettes and performing with them is something special, Lousma said.

"I love being in this line of girls," she said. "They are an amazing group of girls. I absolutely love working with all of them. Since they're not able to be home for the holidays, we've become like a family. We work hard, and love being on stage together, with the unity and precision, it's incredible. I love performing."

Her large family consisting of the Smiths, the Whighams and the Lousmas among others have all been out to the show to support her. Her brothers have been successful as well in baseball. Chris played in the Florida Marlins farm system before an injury sidelined him and Jason is down in Fort Myers playing for Florida Gulf Coast University on a baseball scholarship.

Lousma said she can throw a baseball with her brothers. They can dance a bit too, she added, although Jason tells her he's a better dancer. He urges his professional dancer sister to watch his moves, but she laughs telling the story.

Lousma has a group of girlfriends who live here and

remain very close.

"We just make sure we keep in touch," she said. "We all did separate things after high school, some went to college, so it's just great to come home and pick up the phone and say, 'Let's see each other.'" The malls are open late, she adds. They have come to see the performances, and will have a gift exchange.

"It's just a group that I cherish," she said. They formed their own sorority after high school, and they make sure to get together at least once a year.

They even have a name ABKU, Greek letters that they use for the group.

Smith said her daughter loves Sanford. Lousma attended Wilson Elementary and Sanford Middle School. She has been dancing since she enrolled with Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts at age 3.

For people to support her daughter, and take time during the busy holiday season, Smith said, is much appreciated.

"It really means a lot to us," she said.

Lousma said she may need some down time after all this.

"Our last show will be on the 31st," she said. "I'll take a little time off to let my body recover. Then I'll return to New York, and I'll be auditioning."

Will she audition for the Rockette's Christmas show again. "Yeah, I sure would love to audition," she said. Many people in Seminole County would love that as well.

Death

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of death at this time. They would say though, that they ruled it a homicide.

"There was obvious trauma to his body," Cohen said Monday. But, the police department is not releasing anymore details yet, she said.

Kearney had an arrest history, according to police

records, which included a felony arrest and a DUI. On May 5 he was arrested by the Sanford Police Department for robbery, car jacking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and aggravated battery.

In 2002 he was arrested for a DUI by the Sanford Police Department, and he

was also arrested in 2005 for possession of a controlled substance and narcotics equipment, by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Cohen said.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to call the Sanford Police Department at 407-323-3030.

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The Value Adjustment Board meets each year to hear petitions and render decisions relating to ad valorem tax assessments, exemptions, tax deferrals and classifications.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SUMMARIZES THIS YEAR'S ACTION BY THE BOARD

Type of Property	Number of Exemption Requests Granted by the Board	Total Number of Exemptions Requests	Number of Assessments Reduced by The Board	Total Number of Requests for Assessment Reductions	Reduction in Taxable Value Due to Board Action	Shift in Tax Dollars
Residential (01)		2	0	21	0	0.00
Commercial (02)			0	179	2,855,411	52,950.84
Industrial and Miscellaneous (03)			0	18	0	0.00
Agricultural or Classified use (04)			0	32	0	0.00
Business, Machinery and Equipment (05)			0	121	0	0.00
Vacant Lots and Acreage (06)		2	2	38	144,440	2,308.82
TOTALS	0	4	0	410	2,899,851	55,317.86

ALL TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BOARD ACTIONS WHICH REDUCE TAXABLE VALUE CAUSE TAX RATES APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPERTY TO BE PROPORTIONALLY HIGHER.

Questions concerning the actions taken by this Board may be addressed to the chairperson or clerk at the following telephone numbers:

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From left, Dr. Hortense Evans, president of Healthy Start Coalition, Minister Kerri Hall, president of the Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of AKA Sorority, Inc. and Gail Paschal-Brown, WESH-TV personality.



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

Baby show educates expectant mothers

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — The biggest baby show for expectant mothers was held Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Sanford Civic Center.

Seminole County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. hosted the great day in partnership with United Healthcare, Workforce Central Florida and Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The gathering of Seminole County's expectant mothers came to celebrate, to receive many new educational pamphlets to educate them about the proper prenatal care, and address prenatal racial disparities of Seminole County.

Dr. Hortense Evans, president of the Coalition called the event to order as a general annual membership meeting and gathering of the board.

Dr. Evans introduced the mistress of ceremonies, Kerry Hall, president of the Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of AKA

Sorority, Inc. of Sanford. Ms. Hall a prospective adoptive mom, was indeed an exciting MC for the afternoon. Hall introduced the speaker, Channel-2 WESH News Anchor Gail Paschal-Brown, a mother of two who gave a wealth of knowledge to the mothers-to-be. She reminded the mothers that parenthood is an everyday learning process. Always talk and teach your kids that they are loved, and they must take care of themselves, arm themselves with good support, don't let negative things stop you, always strive for more in your life. Brown told parents to love themselves before they love their kids and you will then be a good parent.

After a great message, many mothers were winners of the many gifts and prizes given to over 100 mothers in attendance at this biggest baby shower. Education for well-woman care, obesity and the lack of health education are what are affecting the community. These issues

were addressed through the biggest baby show, says Seminole County Healthy Start caseworker Darlene Nelson McKinney. This show focused on parents and prenatal health care. Healthy Start services include care coordination, mental health counseling, parenting, childbirth classes, nutritional counseling, breastfeeding support and an explanation of any individual risk associated with pregnancy.

Community Liaison Amanda Mishler of the Seminole Healthy Start Coalition may be contacted for information at 407-830-7235, ext. 206, or a Healthy Start Program, 407-665-3278. Website is www.seminolehealthystart.org.

Each parent received gift bags. Prizes were donated by Disney, Babies R Us, Seminole SafeKids, Workforce, Central Florida United Healthcare, Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

From left, Oscar Nieves, American Red Cross; a fifth-grader; Robert Klettner, executive director of Habitat for Humanity; a fifth-grader, and Steve Craig of Habitat for Humanity.

Caring for Katrina

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Goldsboro Elementary Magnet School fifth graders, Zacary Lowie and Kyle Hess were concerned for those children who lost so very much during Hurricane Katrina, that these two youngsters of the Safety Patrol encouraged their schoolmates to sell freeze cups and other goodies, considering children love to raise money.

Money raised by the schoolmates was presented to Steve Craig and Robert Klettner of Habitat for Humanity and Oscar Nieves of the American Red Cross. A total of \$1,250 was donated to impact the hurricane relief victims for the Christmas holiday.

Counselor Carrie Frge reminded the kids that it's not in getting but in the giving.

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2008, Crews said.

Airport Authority board member Whitey Eckstein said at the December meeting that the board needed to make sure they protect the proposed 5-acre site and property.

"We need to use forward thinking," he said.

Crews said they would publicly announce more information once the lease is finalized.

"It's a good lease," Airport Authority attorney Ken Wright said at the meeting.

In addition to the possible hotels, the airport also has a \$400,000 matching grant from the FDOT, thanks to U.S. Rep. John Mica and Corrine Brown, for street

lighting, streetscaping, and signs out at the airport.

They also received an FDOT grant for a 10,000 square foot hangar to park airplanes in.

"There's a shortage of those in the country," Crews said.

A current project that airport execs are excited about is the construction of a parking garage, which should be completed by the end of 2006.

Also in 2006, the airport will have two international carriers that have scheduled flights to and from Europe. One will start in January and one will begin flights in March 2006.

"People wanted to fly to

Europe," Crews said. "We just didn't have it."

Now, with so much growth, the airport is continually expanding to meet the needs of their clientele.

Inside the airport, execs are looking at refreshing a pub into a Budweiser Brewhouse.

"It's a popular concept in airports," TBI President Larry Gouldthorpe said. "We're going to pursue that."

The airport is also looking at putting in a \$10 store, where everything from wallets, to belts, to calculators are \$10.

"We're pretty excited about all the improvements being made," Crews said.

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Obituaries

SHARON ELBERY



Elbery

Sharon Elbery, 58, of Academy Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005 at Orlando Regional South Seminole Hospital. She was born Dec. 30, 1946 in Sanford. She was a homemaker and a member of Anointed World Family Worship Center in Apopka. Survivors include mother, Bernice P. Baskerville of Sanford; husband, Charles S. Elbery, Sr. of Sanford; son, Charles Elbery, Jr. of Sanford; daughter, Andrea LaTinga of Apopka; brother James Baskerville, Jr. of Sanford; sisters, Phyllis Williams, Gloria Baskerville, Marthea Baskerville and Vernell McCloud, all of Sanford, and Nina Baskerville of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. at Anointed World Family Worship Center, 305 S. Highland Ave., Apopka, with Rev. Orestes A. Cobb, Sr., pastor. Viewing will be Thursday, Dec. 22, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

JOAN C. FERRETTI-SORRENTINO

Joan C. Ferretti-Sorrentino, 77, of Winter Springs, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005. She was born Aug. 18, 1928 in Queens, N.Y. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, Domenick Sorrentino; daughters, Joan M. Ferretti, Mary T. Ferretti, Theresa M. Ferretti, son, Philip M. Ferretti; brothers, Thomas McVicker and Gerard McVicker; sisters, Kathleen McGuire, Patsy Keliher and Maurven Oakley; six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. at Banfield Funeral Home with pastor Thomas Hensley officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens, Little Falls, N.Y. Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Banfield Funeral Home. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

ALBERT HOWARD RIVERS

Albert Howard Rivers, 69 of Sanford, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 at his residence. He was born in Sanford. He was involved with the Masonic organization for the majority of his life.

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It's been 5 months since I last saw your fragile face. Momma no one could ever take your place and this is supposed to be the happiest time of the year and your favorite... Christmas Day. It's a bitter sweet time for all of us. No decorations, no tree, just the family but no you. Things are slowly getting better and the tears are filling the holes of our hearts. We never thought about living without you and I've found one thing to be true... You really don't know what you would do. We will continue to make you proud and not bring shame to your name. For in God we will continue to trust but it's you who we miss and love the most.

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GRANT, JAMES RUSSELL

Longwood resident James Russell Grant, 90, passed away on December 15, 2005. Mr. Grant was born on February 4, 1915, in Lafayette County, near Mayo, Florida. He was the middle son of James Morgan Grant and Sarah Hunt Grant in a family of two brothers and four sisters. Mr. Grant spent his entire life as a resident of Florida. At eight he started delivering the Florida Times Union newspaper. At age 13, he was employed full time by the Tiger Ridge Logging Co. on Florida's central west coast. In addition to his day job, he worked in the commissary to earn extra money. Later, he was hired by the Wilson Cypress Co. as a shingle splitter. He was continually promoted and became the millwright for the company. During WW II he was employed by the Wainwright Shipyard in Panama City, where he was the superintendent of the steam pipe fitting department. During this period he introduced labor and time saving methods of a steamrolling and installing miles of pipes in Liberty Ships that helped save nearly a day on the ship's construction time. After WW II, he moved to central Florida and was the shop foreman in charge of repairing diesel engines at Gibo's Caterpillar dealership in Maitland. He became a resident of Longwood in later 1945. In 1948 he formed a partnership with Frank Griffin of Lake Mary. Later, he formed Grant's Crawler Parts and Service that focused on the repair of the metal crawler tracks of bulldozers to be repaired in the field. The tractor's crawler tracks could be repaired in only one day without the expense of hauling the tractor to and from a shop. He went through several modifications of the presses needed for the repairs and his equipment and work-flow designs were studied by the manufacturers of his presses and copied by others across the U.S. He maintained his bulldozer repair and parts business until his semi-retirement around 1980. Mr. Grant was deeply intertwined with the City of Longwood. In 1950, he was involved in getting the first fire truck for Longwood's volunteer fire department. Throughout the 60's and early 70's he served on Longwood's zoning board and worked diligently to change Longwood's agricultural zoning to include residential, commercial and industrial areas that would provide a better growth balance and a more dependable tax base for the city. When the city sank into financial trouble in 1974, Mr. Grant ran for and was elected as a dependable tax base for the city. Since the city was financially strapped, he refused to accept compensation. He held the Longwood City commissioner. Since 1975 to 1985 and served as Mayor in 1984. Mr. Grant was considered to be a progressive and stabilizing voice during his tenure. He was recognized for dealing effectively with the city's financial problems and streamlining and upgrading city departments. Critical infrastructure, including the water and sewer systems were improved and expanded. The police department was upgraded and a full time fire department was implemented with mandatory certification for the fire personnel. A second fire station was also constructed. Mr. Grant thought his greatest political accomplishment was attracting and getting South Seminole Hospital and its adjoining psychiatric center built on a former orange grove on SR434. He left strongly that the hospital complex served the community as a needed health provider and a contributor to the quality of the community. He was known for being the city's Santa Clause for 44 years. He delighted children by arriving on a fire truck to hand out treats and listen to their wishes for gifts. In addition to city politics, Mr. Grant was active in civic and school activities. He was instrumental in getting lighting for the original Lyman High School football field. He also built and donated the first batting cage for the baseball team. Mr. Grant joined Oviedo Masonic Lodge 243 in 1956 and was Master of the Lodge in 1965. He was also a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. He is survived by a sister, Doris Grant Bradley of Fruitland Park, his daughters Shirley DePre of Plainfield, IN, Sibel Coombs of Ocoee, and Patsy Rowell of Rome, GA; sons Fred of Manhattan Beach, CA and Richard, of Rome, GA, 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, E. Ruth Grant. Viewing for family and friends Wednesday, December 21, 4:30-7:30 PM at the Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, East. Altamonte Springs.



MAYOR

The funeral service Thursday, December 22 at 10:00 AM at the First Pentecostal Church, 561 E. Orange Avenue, Longwood. Donations may be made to the E. Ruth Grant First Pentecostal Church Scholarship Fund, 561 E. Orange Ave. Longwood, FL 32750.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, East Altamonte Chapel, 994 E. Altamonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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Survivors include wife, Somchit Rivers of Sanford; son Sravut Rivers of Lake Mary; daughters Elizabeth C. Rivers of Port Orange and Alyce Rivers of Orange City; brother, John D. Rivers of Sanford; six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may send donations to the American Lung Association of Florida Central Area, 1333 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, 32804-7133 or to any of the Special Forces organizations honoring his memory. Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MARCIA ROSE-KENYAN

Marcia Rose-Kenyan, 50, of Winter Springs, formerly of Angola, N.Y., died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005. She was a vocalist. She won Miss

Southern Erie County in 1975 and was Miss Congeniality in the Miss New York State Pageant. She moved to Florida in 1978. She performed at many nightspots including the Why Not Lounge, Saints and Sinners and Delta Court of Flags. She was an active member of Willow Creek Church, and spent many years at River Oaks Presbyterian Church in Lake Mary.

Survivors include husband, Martin Kenyan; son, Ryan Kenyan; brother John Rose; sisters, Renee Ide and Donna Dutchess.

A memorial service will be held some time in March. Flowers are declined with donations recommended in Marcia's name to River Oaks Presbyterian Church, 385 Washington Avenue, Lake Mary, 32746. Collison Family Funeral

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

WILLIAM HENRY WIEBOLDT

William Henry Wieboldt, 89, of Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005.

He was born April 21, 1916. He was former owner of Wieboldt's Camera Shop in downtown Sanford. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Ruth; son, David of Austin, Tex.; daughter Bonnie Taylor of Sanford; three grandsons.


A graveside funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery in Sanford with the Rev. Brenda Loyal officiating. Collison Family Funeral Home, Gramkow Chapel,

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County Historical Society hears talk about Winter Park and Orlando

By Grace M. Stinecpher
Herald Correspondent

Robin Chapman, former WESH-TV anchor and present author of several books about Winter Park and Orlando was the guest speaker at the Nov. 15 meeting of the Seminole County Historical Society.

While displaying postcard images of early Winter Park on a screen, Chapman gave a brief history of each. The post cards are all included in her book "Winter Park in Vintage Postcards".

According to Chapman, Winter Park was founded in the 1870's as a winter retreat, hence the name. One of the founders was Lauren Chase. Most of the early buildings were of pine as there was a large pine business in Winter Park.

The first inn, Rogers House, was located at the end of what is now Morse Blvd. The first electric lights were also on this street.

The Seminole Hotel was built in 1881 facing Lake Osceola. It burned in 1901. In 1913, a new Seminole Hotel was built which lasted until 1970.

There were several photographs of early

Rollins College. For many years there was only one building for administration and classrooms. Pine Hurst was the first girls' dormitory and it is the only original building still standing.

Noted writer, Irving bachelor, lived on Lake Maitland in a home named "Gate of the Isles". He was instrumental in hiring Hamilton Holt as Rollins President. During Holt's 25-year tenure he had 55 buildings built on campus including Knowles Chapel and Annie Russell Theatre. The Shell Museum was also one of his projects.

Charles Morse was an early investor in Winter Park. Among other things, he built the first golf course. It is the one at the north end of Park Avenue. His wife was the founder of the Woman's Club.

Photos also shown were of the Alabama Hotel which was seen surrounded by citrus groves, the Lincoln Inn and the Langford Hotel (1956-2000).

Early landmarks were shown and the group was told what now occupies each site. City Hall is on the site of a large shuffleboard court. The Rogers House has now been turned into condos. Part of the Genius estate has also been

preserved, complete with peacocks.

Midas Mufflers is on the site of Dundee Cottages. There is a Steak n Shake in place of Baggetts Cottages. The Shorewell motel site now has a Subway and a Taco bell. And on the site of the Villa Nova Restaurant is a CVS Pharmacy.

Chapman concluded her program with a few photos of Sanford which included the Mayfair Inn, celery fields and the Clyde Line pier.

During the business meeting conducted by President Alex Dickinson, officers for 2006 were elected. These are Alex Dickinson, president; John Bistline, vice president; Walt Smith, secretary; and Lillian Griffin, treasurer. Board members at large elected for a two-year term were Ettie Jane Keogh, Virginia Powell, Carolyn Bistline, Millie Pratt and Grace Marie Stinecpher. Continuing on the board for one year are Jane Casselberry, Maggie Inghram, Mary Anna Rockey, Stan Rockey, Cecil Tucker, Lorraine Whiting and Harriett Boyd.

Linda batman, chair of the Seminole County Historical Commission, is automatically on the board as are the presidents from each community historical society.

It was announced that the recent antique appraisal fair, held in Lake Mary, was a success and that another one will be held in February in Longwood. Proceeds will go towards a new building to be built at the Museum of Seminole County History complex which will house large pieces of farming equipment and a meeting room.

The sale of the Florida Times Union books is going well. There are only a few left for purchase.

The Society is sponsoring, along with Teri Patterson, a St. Lucia Festival which will be held at the Museum of Seminole County History on Dec. 10th from 1 until 4 p.m.

Karen Jacobs, coordinator of the Museum, told of new items on the web site (www.seminolecountyfl.gov) such as history games and history jigsaw puzzles on the Kid Zone. There will be several new traveling exhibits at the museum soon, including one of alligators from January - April, followed by a quilt display and a paper products display.

The Museum staff is working on death and marriage records and also obituaries which will be of great value to researchers.

Generosity Appreciated



Sherry Reeves, left, general manager of The Palms Island Resort and Marina in Sanford, is presented with a certificate of appreciation from Sanford Police Officer William Willis. The certificate is in appreciation for allowing the Central Florida Law Enforcement Explorer Academy use resort area to set up a mock crime scene over the summer. Willis said the project would not have been possible without the generous donation of a hotel room for the day.

Workforce Central Florida schedules seminars for unemployed professionals

LAKE MARY — Workforce Central Florida will host a career strategy seminar in January for degreed professional who are unemployed or underemployed, the organization announced Monday.

The courses will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 12 at Workforce Central Florida, 1097 Sand Pond Road in Lake Mary, and Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DeVry University, 4000 Millenia Blvd., in Orlando.

Seminar presenter Ginger McGraw will discuss career strategies focusing on job

search techniques, resume and cover letter development, networking strategies, interview skills and negotiation strategies at the free events.

McGraw is a career coach with more than 14 years of experience in working with individuals in career transition.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required to attend the free courses. For locations and times or to register, call the seminar RSVP line at 407-531-1233, ext. 1216.

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native courses for non-degreed professionals in Central Florida on topics such as developing a career path, resume writing, discovering skills and strengths, PC 101, exploring the job market and other topics.

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Christmas favorites highlight DAR meeting

LAKE MARY — Sallie Harrison Chapter, DAR met Saturday, Dec. 10, at the home of Nancy Williams in Lake Mary. Regent Dr. Lois Somerville and Chaplain Mary Williams conducted the opening ritual.

Vocalist Bre Morgan, age 11, entertained members and guests with many favorite Christmas songs, including a powerful rendition of the hymn, "O, Holy Night". Her concluding number was dedicated to all military service men and women: "I'll be home for Christmas — If only

in my dreams". Retired Naval Aviator Bryan Weeks with his wife, Jamie, were special guests at the luncheon meeting.

He was presented with a replacement ROTC medal which he had initially received in 1993 at the University of Washington.

During the business session Chapter treasurer Fran Morton received a Chapter Achievement Award for her many talented contributions on behalf of the Ways and Means committee.

Historian Virginia Powell

reported that the National NSDAR Library has accepted the Chapter's donation of a copy of the book, "The History of the First Baptist Church of Sanford, 1884-1984", by member Grace Marie Stinecpher.

After a festive Christmas luncheon, members and guests enjoyed a lively gift exchange.

Guest speaker at the January meeting will be Donna Marie Willems, an Oviedo resident. She is a Saginaw Chippewa/Ottawa Native American.

Tips on living in Wild Florida

TALLAHASSEE — As the population of Florida continues to grow, more people move into Florida's remaining wildlife habitat. Interactions are sure to increase between humans and wildlife — including bear, deer, raccoons, coyotes and Florida panthers.

Seminole County has been under a rabies alert from the county Health Department. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission confirmed an Immokalee homeowner's report that a Florida panther killed his pet Chihuahua on Dec. 12.

Here's what Florida residents need to know about living safely in "Wild Florida."

- Wildlife-proof your home or office
- Don't hand-feed wildlife: Feeding deer or other wildlife may inadvertently attract predators such as Florida panthers, wild dogs and bears. Take in bird feeders at night.
- Deer- and rabbit-proof the landscape: Avoid using plants that deer prefer to eat. If landscaping attracts deer, Florida panthers and other predators may be close by.
- Landscape for safety: Remove dense and low-lying vegetation near homes that can provide good hiding places for Florida panthers, especially around children's play areas.

- Closely supervise children: Watch children playing outdoors near a wildlife habitat. Make sure children are inside before dusk and not outside before dawn.
- Talk with children about bears, Florida panther, coyotes, and other wildlife and teach them what to do if they encounter one.
- Install motion-sensitive outdoor lighting: Keep the house perimeter well lit at night — especially along walkways — to keep any approaching wildlife visible.
- Keep pets and livestock secure: Unprotected animals are easy prey for hungry Florida panthers and coyotes. Either bring pets inside or keep them in a kennel with a secure top. Don't feed pets outside. This can attract Florida panther prey. Secure livestock at night.

- Do not approach a Florida panther: Most will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- Do not run from a Florida panther: Running may stimulate a panther's instinct to chase. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact. Pick up any small children so they don't panic and run. Try to do this without bending over or

- Do not crouch or bend over: A person squatting or bending over looks a lot like a four-legged prey animal.
- Appear larger: Raise your arms. Open your jacket, if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave arms slowly and speak firmly in a loud voice. The idea is to convince the Florida panther that you are not prey and that you may be a danger to it.
- Fight back if attacked: While there has never been a reported panther attack in Florida, in western states many potential victims have fought back successfully with rocks, sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools and their bare hands. Since a Florida panther usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the animal.

- The conservation commission, the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service work together to respond to Florida panther incidents and to educate the public about ways to live safely with wildlife.
- A fact sheet on Living Safely in Florida Panther Country is available at MyFWC.com/panther.

turning away from the Florida panther.

• Do not crouch or bend over: A person squatting or bending over looks a lot like a four-legged prey animal.

• Appear larger: Raise your arms. Open your jacket, if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave arms slowly and speak firmly in a loud voice. The idea is to convince the Florida panther that you are not prey and that you may be a danger to it.

• Fight back if attacked: While there has never been a reported panther attack in Florida, in western states many potential victims have fought back successfully with rocks, sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools and their bare hands. Since a Florida panther usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the animal.

• The conservation commission, the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service work together to respond to Florida panther incidents and to educate the public about ways to live safely with wildlife.

• A fact sheet on Living Safely in Florida Panther Country is available at MyFWC.com/panther.

Health tips for the holidays

By Dr. Michael Bougoulias



Bougoulias

'Tis the season to be jolly, and why not? Apart from the spirit of the holidays, there's so much good food to eat. From turkey on Thanksgiving to champagne on New Year's, the holidays are filled with traditions laced with calories. It is a common myth that most Americans gain about 4-5 pounds during the holiday season. The truth is more closely related to stress. Whether its frantic last minute shopping or hosting family, we don't take care of ourselves like we should. So, how can you prevent weight gain and still enjoy spending time with family and friends? Below are some tips to keep off the extra pounds that may haunt your holiday.

- Stay Active - Don't have time for a workout at the gym? That's okay, but don't forget to exercise. Maybe this year walk around the neighborhood to admire the holiday lights and decorations. Even parking further from the mall adds up when looking at

total exercise.

- Don't Skip Meals - On the day of a holiday party be sure to eat regular meals.

breakfast and lunch not only makes you feel full longer but it is also helps you avoid binge eating during the party. You may even want to purposely eat fruit or yogurt right before going to a dining event in order to ease temptations.

- Less is More - When tasting delicious treats of the holidays remember less is more. There's nothing wrong with taking a few bites of cheesecake, pie, and cookies, as long as you're only having bites and not slices. These rich holiday desserts are full of flavor and calories, a little taste can go a long way to satisfy your cravings and you can maintain your current

weight.

- Choose Healthier Options - Plan ahead by bringing healthier dishes to the party and watch portion size. Bring a vegetable platter; or try making your mashed potatoes with chicken broth and garlic rather than butter and cream.
- Choose Favorites - When the food is served carefully scan the buffet for your favorites and choose those in moderation. If you're not really enjoying what you're eating, stop eating, there is no reason to waste calories on foods you don't like.
- Enough is Enough - Stop eating when you're not hungry, not when you can't eat anymore.
- Out of Sight Out of Mind - If you're not hungry, position yourself away from the food; if you are near food, you might eat unconsciously and not even remember eating.

So enjoy the good food and company, just remember, always in moderation. Happy Holidays!
For questions or to find out

Grapefruit known as the forbidden fruit when first introduced to Florida in 1823

By Al Ferrer
Seminole County
Urban Horticulturist

Grapefruit were first reported growing in Barbados about 1750 and introduced into Florida in 1823. Known as "Pomelo" and "Toronja", it was also called "the forbidden fruit" in the Caribbean region. It is believed that the grapefruit originated in the West Indies since it was unknown in Europe or the Orient prior to its discovery in the New World. It probably arose as a mutation of a pummelo tree. Florida, the world leader in grapefruit production, now produces almost two million metric tons of grapefruit annually, which represents about 63 percent of the world production.

Distribution: Grapefruit are grown throughout tropical and subtropical regions, particularly in the Western Hemisphere. The top five grapefruit-producing countries in their order of importance are: The United States, Israel, Cuba, Argentina and South Africa. Grapefruit are widely grown throughout central and south Florida.

Tree: The grapefruit tree is moderately large, often 22 to 30 feet in commercial orchards, larger if unpruned. Grapefruit leaves are light green at emergence, darkening as they mature and are approximately 3 to 5 inches long. The broad leaf blade is pointed at the apex and rounded at the base with a rather broadly winged petiole that overlaps the leaf base. Short spines are found in many leaf

axils. The leaves are evergreen, usually persisting as much as two years. Grapefruit flowers are white and contain all flower parts. Most varieties are self-pollinated, but bees often assist the pollination process. Some cultivars may have little viable pollen and/or few or no fertile ovules. Such fruit develop into seedless or few-seeded fruit. The grapefruit is a modified berry, known botanically as a hesperidium. The peel is moderately thick and bright yellow at maturity. Internal quality is a function of heat units received, therefore grapefruit mature later in the northern citrus-producing areas of the state. Grapefruit are divided into two basic groups by flesh color: white or pallid and pink or red. The pink-fleshed group is char-

acterized by a pink or red color due to the presence of the pigment lycopene. The pink or red color is most intense early in the season and tends to fade as fruit age. Some cultivars are considered seedless for commercial purposes, having only 0 to 6 seeds. Others are 'quite seedy and may have 50 to 60 seeds.

Varieties: 'Duncan', is a white-fleshed variety and 'Foster' is a pink-fleshed cultivar. Seedless cultivars include 'Marsh', a white-fleshed fruit, and 'Thompson', 'Burgundy', 'Redblush', 'Star Ruby', 'Flame' and 'Ray Ruby' which are pink or red cultivars.

Harvest: Grapefruit mature in Florida as early as October but are not considered to be of good eating quality until after Thanksgiving. Fruit can be

"stored" on the tree for several months without appreciable loss of quality, extending the harvest season into the spring months. There is very little difference in dates of maturity among the several Florida cultivars with the exception of 'Burgundy'. 'Burgundy' is a late-maturing cultivar that ripens in April-May in most years.

Propagation: Most grapefruit will develop true-to-type from seed, but they will remain in the 'juvenile' state which may last 6 to 15 years, during this time the tree will not flower. Grapefruit can be propagated by budding or grafting. Budding is usually most easily done in the spring. Budded or grafted trees will usually produce some fruit within three years, if properly

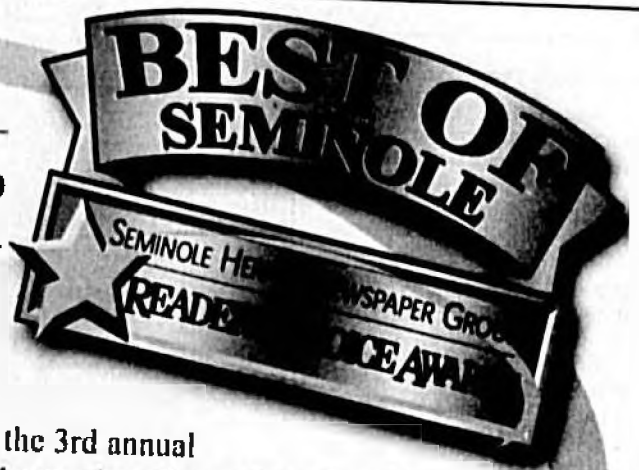
cared for.

Climate and cold tolerance: Grapefruit is a cold-sensitive plant grown in tropical and subtropical regions throughout the world.

Grapefruit do not enter a true state of dormancy during the winter and as cooler temperatures develop, growth slows. Site selection should be considered carefully in areas where there is a high probability of damaging winter cold. Planting on the south side of and near buildings may offer some cold protection during the winter.

Cultural practices: Fertilization, irrigation and pruning practices are the same as those recommended for sweet oranges. Never mulch a citrus tree because it can lead to root rot diseases.

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Tool

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and vice president of marketing for SYNLaw (a manufacturer of synthetic grass and turf products) created the mapping tool software based on a program he originally developed for a client in England. Cole's election map produced colored geographical zones that designated which English political party won a particular voting district.

"Having gone through that experience, I pretty much knew what I needed to do to make it happen," Cole said of the rezoning program.

Cole and his wife live in the Country Downs subdivision, which is part of school zone 30. Many of the early rezoning plans called for zone 30 to be shifted from Greenwood Lakes to Millennium. The Coles have a son who currently attends Greenwood Lakes and a daughter in elementary school who would be affected by any zoning changes.

"We just wanted to stay put. We didn't want to be affected by the opening of a new school," Cole said.

When Cole attended one of the early rezoning meetings he realized that the people crunching the numbers with Excel spreadsheets were having a hard time visualizing the final product.

"They had a difficult time creating the maps because they couldn't see anything," Cole said. "You couldn't get down into the meat of it."

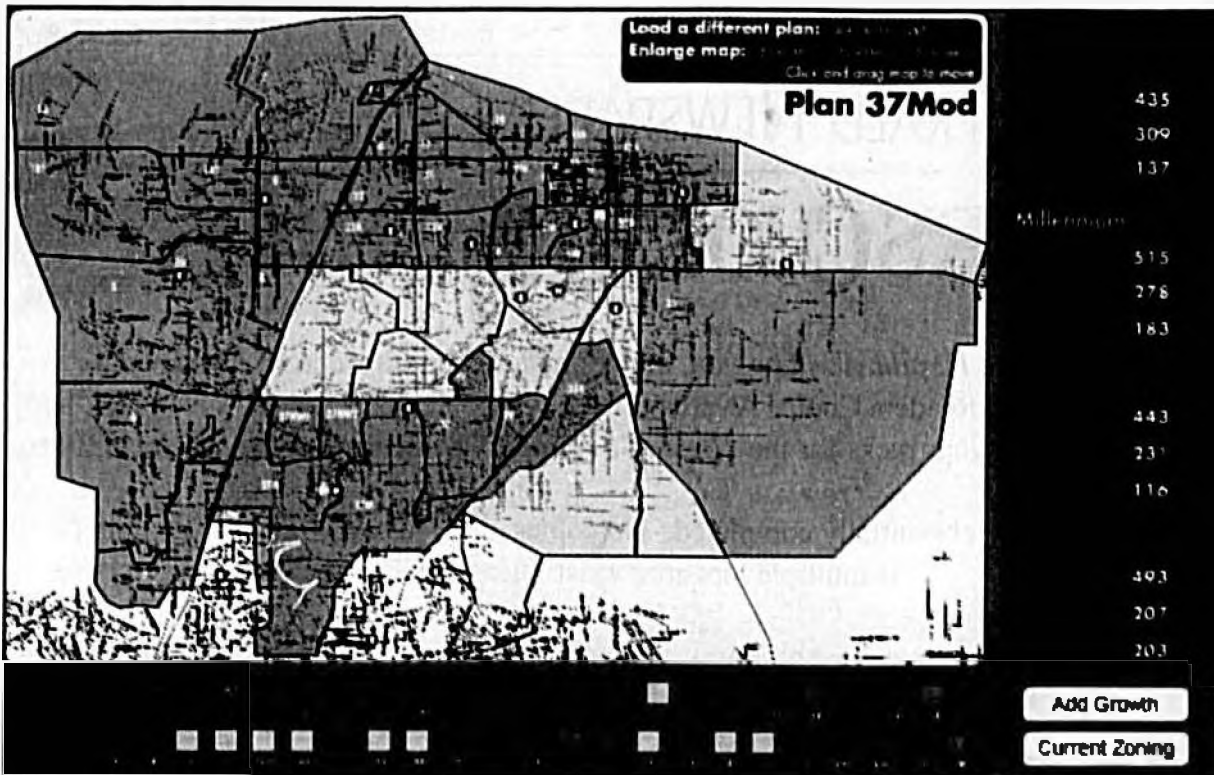
Cole himself grew frustrated because he couldn't understand why the early maps looked so piecemeal. He said the first set of maps looked like a patchwork quilt.

"As a parent I just said, 'There's a better way. I know there's a better way,' so I sat down for a couple nights and it just sort of came out. It was really an all-nighter on a Saturday night that put it together," Cole said.

Cole created his online mapping tool using Flash animation technology and object oriented programming. He docked the finished program at a temporary Web page and a link was placed at the school district Web site, which then allowed anyone with computer access to view and use the mapping software.

Cole's new tool paid immediate dividends.

"At the first community input meeting you sensed that frustration, especially in our cells and the upper cells of the rezoning plan," Cole said. "Everybody was venting and saying what their issues were. As this thing came out, and more people saw it, you saw us coming



This computer program helped the Core Committee and School Board settle on the a rezoning plan for middle schools.

together as a community and people working together, which was very encouraging. You didn't see the outbursts. You didn't see people getting mad at one another as you were starting to see at the very beginning of process."

Cole admitted that he was surprised when parents and principals of elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools came together in agreement.

"Everybody overwhelmingly supported one plan. That's validation that the tool worked," he said.

Mary Ann Sigerton was one of the many Core Committee members who eventually studied 44 formal rezoning plans using Cole's mapping tool. An additional 25 to 30 informal plans were also submitted for consideration.

"In the beginning we were just trying to meet the numbers," Sigerton said at the Dec. 13 meeting. "We had no visual tools to help us understand visually what that math meant. When this particular tool was put together it was not only Dr. Pinnell that jumped up and down and wanted to hug this guy. "If you looked at the work that we



Chad Cole, foreground, at the Dec. 13 Seminole County School Board meeting.

as a community, and not just the Core Committee, were able to accomplish with a tool like this it was absolutely phenomenal."

Sigerton asked the school board to ensure that they had a similar tool available for any future rezoning

projects that might arise. "It's worth its weight in anything you would spend," she said.

Robinson agreed. At the end of the public input session, Robinson said: "Again I'd like to mention Mr. Cole. Have we hired him yet? Is he available for hire?"

At that time board member Barry Gainer joked: "We got the milk without buying the cow." In her praise for Cole, Robinson referred to the conflict from the high school rezoning last year.

"If you would have come into our lives a year ago I think a lot of people would have been a lot happier," she said.

When Cole was asked about the possibility of marketing the tool to other school districts, he said, "It does have some potential that I really wasn't sure of when I built it."

Twenty of the proposed zoning maps, including the final four plans presented at the Dec. 13 school board meeting can be viewed at www.chadwickdesign.com/rezoning/.

The online mapping tool can also be accessed from the school district Web site.

SCC voted best college

SANFORD — Florida Monthly magazine readers voted on the best the sunshine state has to offer and Seminole Community College tops the publication's "Tenth Annual Best of Florida Awards" list for community colleges.

The publication surveys readers to identify the best of the best in Florida in categories ranging from "Best Resort" and "Best Florida Band" to "Best Lighthouse" and "Best Restaurant." Winners range from all areas of the state, running from Pensacola to Key West.

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Briefs

BEARS CROWNED CHAMPIONS

Former Winter Springs High School football standouts Terrance Mooring and Daryl Ely will be sporting championship rings when they get home as the freshmen helped Mount Union College's football team (14-1) earn a record eighth Division III National Championship in the last 13 years by defeating previously unbeaten Wisconsin-Whitewater (14-1) by a score of 35-28 in front of 4,619 fans at the 33rd Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Virginia, on Saturday.

SEALS FALL

The Florida Seals came to North Florida in search of a win but gave up a third period lead and fell to their rivals from Jacksonville 5-4. The Barracudas win stopped a three game series winning streak for the Seals.

After a slow first period and a feverish second period, the Barracudas had the stronger legs in the third period. Chad Peck and Jan Arvonen both found the top shelf in the third period to take and give the Barracudas the win, their second of the year when trailing after 40 minutes.

After no scoring by either team in the first period, the two clubs combined for seven goals in the middle frame.

Jacksonville took a two goal lead on home ice and looked to be in control. Florida had different ideas as they came back behind goals from Justin Keller and Steve Zoryk.

Jacksonville reclaimed the lead shortly after the Seals tied it behind a great goal from Luke Pelham. Pelham raced out of the box and took a beautiful tape-to-tape pass from Martin Viazanica. Pelham continued into the Seals zone alone and muscled the puck through the left pad of Florida goalie Morgan Smietana.

The breakaway goal sparked the Seals though. Before the period was over David Deeves used his speed to tie the game up. Ryan Rivard cleared the puck for an icing but Rob Sich hustled down forcing Jacksonville goalie Pat Berrigan to play the puck. Berrigan gave the puck right to Deeves who shot it into the open net. The Seals would take the lead when John Gurskis pushed a face off win to Zoryk. The Seals captain whirled around and whipped a shot to the top of the net past Berrigan. Unfortunately, that would be the last time Berrigan let the Seals score.

The two teams were to have played at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena on Tuesday before Florida returns to home ice Thursday night when the first place FireAntz come to town. Fayetteville and Florida will battle starting at 7:35 p.m. in the Silver Spurs Arena. Both games can be heard locally on 1190 WAMT and around the world at www.wamt1190.com.

To reserve your season tickets or find out more about partnerships with the Seals, call the office at (407) 343-PUCK or go to www.floridaseals.com. Single game tickets for exciting Seals hockey start as low as \$10 for an individual and \$6 for groups. All home games can be seen live at www.livesportsnetwork.com/sphl.

RACING HISTORY

It is not often that a racetrack is recognized by its local museum since racing does not always seem that important to other people like it does racers and fans but New Smyrna Speedway will be

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Crappie tourney coming to Florida

Special to the Herald

Bass Pro Shops Crappie Masters Team Tournament Trail opens its 2006 season with the Florida Open State Championship Crappie Tournament. Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and Tracker Boats, anglers from across the United States will compete for \$75,000 in cash and prizes and the bragging rights that come with the title of 'Florida State Champions of Crappie Fishing'. The 'open tournament' means men and women, young and old, experienced, and weekend anglers can all compete with an equal shot at the title. January 21, 2006 is the first tournament date for this new, exciting and his-

Sanford to host first round of Bass Pro Shops event

tory-making event. Lake Monroe and Lake Jessup will be the fishing waters with the weigh in and kids fishing rodeo and casting contest to take place at the beautiful Waterfront RIVER-WALK in Sanford, the host site of the first leg of the tournament. Anglers pre-fishing the tournament can enjoy a week of seminars and banquets. An awards ceremony with preliminary cash and prizes will be presented at the

weigh-in at Ft. Mellon Park which will conclude the first leg of the event. Host Hotel Palm Island Resort and Marina, Comfort Inn and Suites, The Sanford Herald, Seminole County Tourism and the city of Sanford are sponsors of the event.

Harris Chain of Lakes at Leesburg (site of the 2005 Cigo Bass Master Classic) will be host to the second and final leg of the event on January 28th.

Excitement will fill the air as the weigh-in will help decide the top 50 teams who will move on to the next day tournament on Jan. 29 with an awards banquet and ceremony after the tournament. In conjunction with the tournament there will also be a "kids fishing rodeo" on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Venetian Gardens. Local event sponsors include Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Lake County Water Authority, Lake County Dept. of Economic Development and Tourism, The Dailey Commercial, Carlino Realty Century 21, Noble Marine, The Bait Shack, Inc., Gator Bay Marina, Palm Gardens, Cain

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Griffins on a roll

Lake Mary Prep teams both get to 10 wins

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

What break?

With schools out for the Holiday Break, most students are enjoying free time with friends and family.

But that is not the case for most athletes as teams try to get in a few more tune-ups before starting district play and the run to the postseason.

Several teams are playing in big tournaments that could bring recognition on a national scale including the boys' teams from Lake Howell, Oviedo and Lyman, who all won their opening round games in nationally-recognized tournaments.

Local fans will get an opportunity to see some top-flight action next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-29, when Lake Mary hosts its annual Holiday Classic. The host Rams will be joined by Lake Brantley and Seminole as Seminole Athletic Conference teams in the eight-team tournament. A full schedule will appear in the weekend edition of the Herald.

One of the bright spots this basketball season that may have gone a little unnoticed has been the play of the Lake Mary Prep program where both the boys and girls are in double digits in victories already.

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Lake Howell's Dearna Walther (No. 5, white) goes under a pair of Lyman defenders to score two of her 10 points during the Silver Hawks' 56-41 victory over the host Greyhounds Friday night.

Herald photo by Jim Wentz

'Scorps gamer Akers crown

By Tony DeSormier
Special to the Herald

LAKE MARY — It's the high school girls' soccer equivalent of the egg-and-chicken conundrum; does the Michelle Akers Classic help breed champions or does the wealth of talent in Central Florida make the Akers tournament a perennial classic?

In the 22 years that Lake Mary High School has hosted the event, five tournament champs have gone on to win state titles. Five others, including last year's champion, Edgewater, have made it to the state title game. Three others were state semifinalists, two advanced to the regional finals, and two made it to the regional semifinals.

"You can't put a price on the experience of playing quality teams at this time of the year," said St. Augustine-Nease head coach Dave Silverberg before playing in Monday night's Akers championship game against Satellite Beach.

"You can tell the teams with incredible records who haven't played any quality teams. They're not ready when the time comes."

Satellite Beach would win this year's title, 2-1, as the unbeaten Scorpions (18-0) held Nease (15-2-2) to only two shots on goal. Satellite Beach, which has handed Nease three losses this season, including a preseason tournament, has now won the Akers title in three of the past six years.

Silverberg's opinion is based on first-hand experience; last year, Nease parlayed the confi-

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Raiders run out of steam

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Local basketball fans were treated to one of the best matchups on the hardwood in recent memory when JUCO national women's basketball powers Okaloosa-Walton College and Seminole Community College faced off Saturday at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

In the end visiting Okaloosa-Walton was a little too strong, rallying from a five point halftime deficit to defeat SCC for the second time this season, 70-56.

The two nationally-ranked teams got off to a slow start as both tried to shake off the rust from having not played in at least nine days and having only played a couple of times since Thanksgiving.

O-W was able to build a small lead in the first half as Psyche Best and Tamela McCorvey hit a pair of three-point shots each, but SCC used a strong defense led by 6-foot-3 freshman center Aneika Henry, who thrilled the crowd, including UCF head coach Gail Striegler and assistant Juliet McGee Schweitzer. University of Florida head coach Carolyn Peck and Stetson assistant Debbie Gadd, with several big-time blocked shots and steals.

The teams started to play much better over the final 10 minutes of the first half with the hosts getting big boost by the Oviedo High School guard duo of Irimar Hernandez and Sis LoSauro, who combined for 16 first half points as SCC took a 33-28 lead into the lockerroom at intermission.

SCC could not maintain the momentum in the second half as the Raiders went ice-cold from the floor and O-W took advantage, led by McCorvey, to take the lead.

SCC regained the lead, for the last time, at 41-39, going on a 9-0 run to take a 48-41 advantage with 13:03 to go in the game.

The Raiders righted the ship after a time out, but they could get no closer than four points the rest of the way and O-W pulled away over the final six minutes and maintained the advantage by converting 10-of-14 free throw attempts as SCC tried to foul to stop the clock.

McCorvey and Bess both hit two more three-pointers each in the second half as O-W made nine three-pointers in the game, while SCC was only able to hit four 'treys' despite putting up several long shots.

Okaloosa-Walton, which improved to 10-2 on the season, was led by McCorvey with a game-high 20 points. Bess, a 6-foot-3 outside shooter, was right behind with 18 points and Lateefah Joye was also in double figures with 11 points.

UCF signee Lynette Jackson, SCC's 6-foot-4 center from Fayetteville, N.C., had an off day, being held scoreless in the first half and having trouble shooting the ball all day.

Despite the problems, the Raiders' leading scorer on the season still led the locals with 10 points.

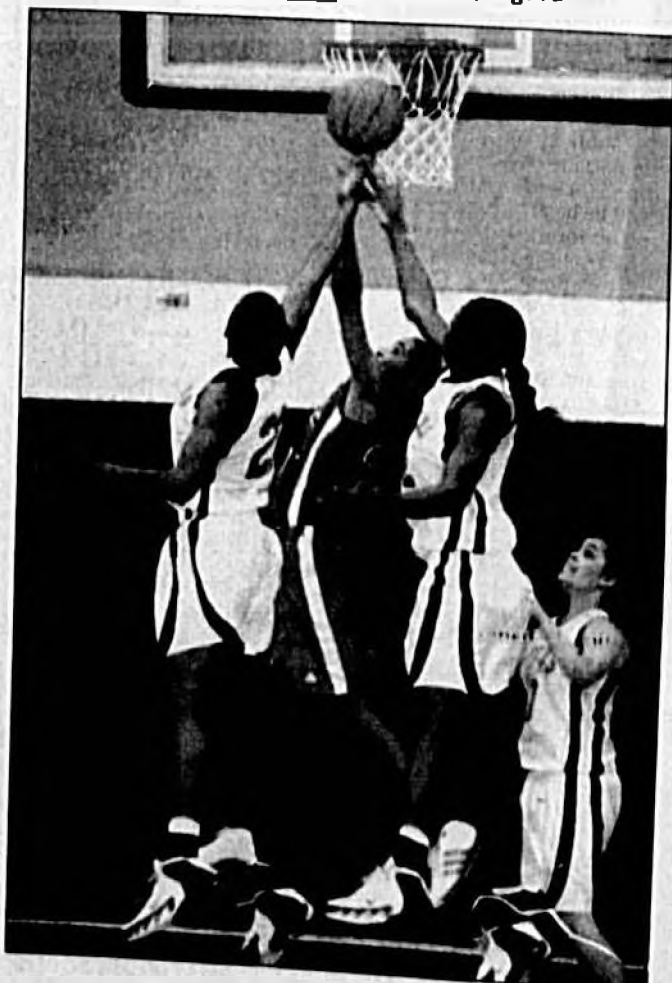
LoSauro and Rita Grayson both scored nine points, while Hernandez finished with seven.

Completing the scoring for SCC were Tiffany Scott (five points) and Ashley Armstrong, Tamara Layton, Lindsey Violette and Henry (four points each).

The Raiders, who fell to 11-3 with the loss, will be idle until the new year when they will play their final non-conference games on the schedule by hosting the Seminole Community College New Year's Classic on Sunday, January 1st and Monday, January 2nd.

The Classic opens with SCC taking on Miami-Dade College, the only other team the Raiders have lost to this season, at noon followed by Lincoln Land College from Illinois against Abraham-Baldwin Agricultural College from Georgia starting at 2 p.m.

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Seminole Community College 'twin towers', 6-foot-4 Lynette Jackson (left) and 6-foot-3 Aneika Henry (right) battle Okaloosa-Walton College leading scorer Tamela McCorvey (center) for a rebound during Saturday's 70-56 victory for O-W in the battle between nationally-ranked teams.

Herald photo by Romeo Guzman

SCC

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On Monday, M-DC faces Lincoln Land at noon and SCC challenges ABAC at 2 p.m.

The Raiders open Mid-Florida Conference play on Saturday, January 7th in Ocala against defending conference champion Central Florida Community College starting at 2 p.m., preceding the men's game between the Raiders and Patriots at 4 p.m.

Speaking of the men, they were to have played the powerful duo of Gulf Coast Community College and No. 1 nationally-ranked Chipola Community College this past weekend in Daytona Beach and will play their final home game of 2005 by hosting St. Petersburg College on Saturday, December 31st starting at 2 p.m. at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

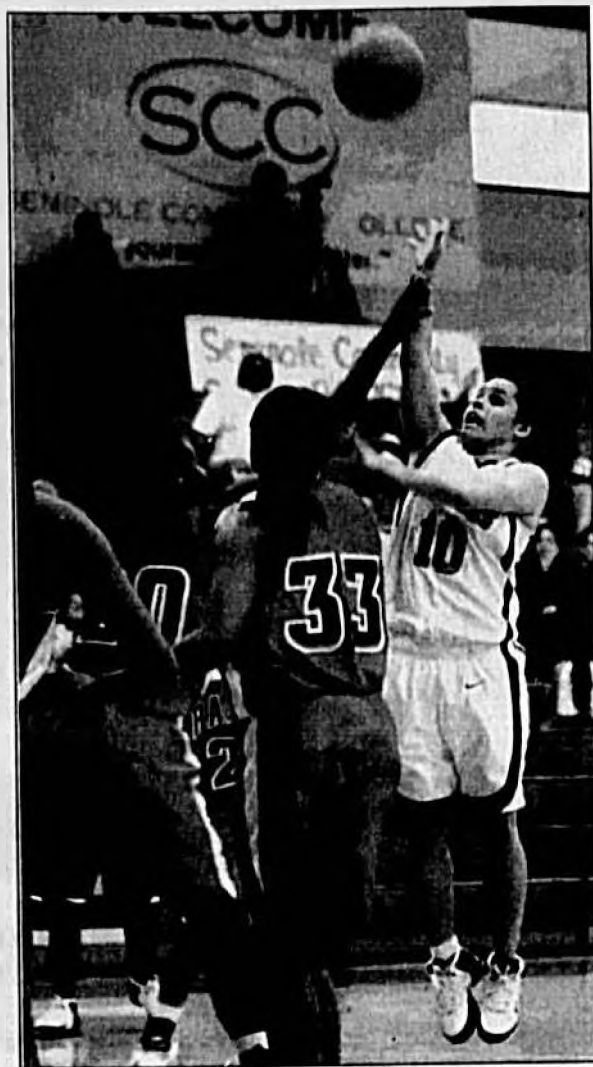
The Raider men will also travel to Bradenton to take on IMG Academy on January 5th before heading to Ocala on Jan. 7th to face CFCC in the Mid-Florida Conference opener at 4 p.m.

Admission to all home games is free.

O-W RAIDERS 70, SCC-RAIDERS 56
Okaloosa-Walton College (10-2)
Natchos 0-0-0, Cook 2-0-0, Bess 7-0-0, Joye 1-9-10, Green 0-0-0, Odem 2-0-0, Williams 1-0-0, McCorvey 6-4-5, 20, Foidrester 2-0-3, Thrash 2-2-2, Glyniadaki 0-0-0. Totals: 23 15-20 70.

Seminole Community College (11-3)
Armstrong 2-0-0, Ellis 0-0-0, Wilson 0-0-0, Hernandez 3-0-0, Scott 1-2-2, Grayson 4-1-2-9, Jackson 3-3-10, Layton 2-0-0, LoSauro 3-2-2-9, Henry 2-0-1, Violette 1-2-2, Sanders 0-0-0. Totals: 21 10-12 56.

Halftime - SCC 33, O-WC 28. Three-point field goals - O-WC 9 (Bess, McCorvey, Williams); SCC 4 (Hernandez, Scott, Jackson, LoSauro). Team fouls - O-WC 13; SCC 17. Fouled out - SCC, Scott. Technicals - none.



Herald photo by Romeo Guzman

Former Oviedo High School star Irimar Hernandez (white uniform) came off the bench to score seven first half points to help host Seminole take a 33-28 halftime lead over Okaloosa-Walton on Saturday.

Basketball

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The Griffin boys ran their record to a perfect 10-0 with wins over Circle Christian on Friday and University Christian from Jacksonville in the first round of the Oak Hall Christmas Tournament on Monday.

Junior Bryan Benefiel had 20 points and fellow 11th-grader Eddie Stafford 16 as LMP edged Circle Christian (5-3), 75-73, and then Stafford had 17 points, sophomore Shamar Marston 15 points and Benefiel 14 points in the Griffins' 79-63 triumph over University Christian.

The Lake Mary Prep girls ran their record to 10-4 on Friday as freshman Spencer Krim dropped in a team-high 14 points and another freshman, Toni Pratsch added 11 points in the Griffins' 43-33 victory over Circle Christian.

The Orangewood Christian boys also stayed unbeaten, improving to 8-0 with a 57-46 victory over Ocala-St. Johns Lutheran (6-4) in the Oak Hill Christmas Tournament on Monday. Andrew Lockhart led the way for the Rams with 18 points and four assists, but he got a lot of help from Austin Riddick with 13 points and eight rebounds and Ryan Stephens with 11 points and three steals.

The Lake Mary boys (4-5) picked up a nice win on Monday, outlasting Winter Springs, 81-78, in overtime with Josh Ingram scoring 17 points and Joel Turner 13

points. Former Ram Loren Merthie netted a game-high 31 for the Bears (4-5).

Merthie had also had a nice game with 11 points, a total also scored by teammate Michael Upshire, in Winter Springs' 59-27 thrashing of Crooms Academy on Friday. Miller scored a game-high 13 for the Panthers.

Lake Brantley (6-3) also picked up a good win over the weekend as the Patriots knocked off local rival Apopka, 73-62, with Hicks scoring 17 points and Summey 15 points.

In other girls' action: Lake Howell jumped out to an 18-9 lead after one quarter and held the lead the rest of the way as the Silver Hawks (7-4) knocked off host Lyman (3-8), 56-41.

Ashley Jones led Lake Howell with 17 points, while Brittainy Daiger added 14 points and Deanna Walther 10 points for the Silver Hawks. Johnson scored 11 points for the Greyhounds.

Seminole ran its record to 11-2 as it tuned up for a trip to Sarasota with a 50-47 road victory over Mainland (5-4) in Daytona Beach last Friday.

The inside duo of Tranecia Jackson and Ashley McCray came up big for the Fighting Seminoles again as Jackson scored 15 points and McCray 13 points.

Lake Brantley (6-9) got a victory as Ashley Kroker scored a game-high 22 points and Beth Konopka added 13 points as the Patriots whipped Deltona, 61-15.

Briefs

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Soccer

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-ence gained playing in the Akers tournament into a successful run at the Class 4A state championship.

The 2004-05 Nease team is just one of a dozen teams that have played in the Akers (nee Burger King and Target) Classic over the years that didn't take home the tournament title but ended up winning state championships.

Bishop Moore, which was a perennial fixture in the Akers during the 1990s, won four state championships and finished second three times between 1989 and 1998.

Winter Park, Daytona Beach-Seabreeze, Satellite Beach, Clearwater-Countryside, and in the late 1980's - Melbourne are all past and/or current Akers participants that have made it to the state finals in their respective classes.

Seminole County alone has collected 10 state championships in girls' soccer since the Florida High School Activities Association started sponsoring a state tournament in the sport in 1982.

The Lyman Greyhounds, who won six of the first nine Akers/Burger King/Target championships, have four state titles. Lake Howell, which has never won the Akers, has two state titles while four-time Akers champ Lake Brantley has won one state crown.

Lake Mary, which has won its own tournament once in 23

years, has captured three state championships. Ironically, the one time the Rams won the Akers - in 2002 - they lost to Palm Beach-Wellington in the state semifinals.

"This tournament is one of the key components that we use to get the team prepared for the district tournament," said Lake Mary head coach Bill Eissele after his Rams lost 3-2 to Winter Park in Monday night's third-place game.

"Winning the Akers is nice, but it's not the primary objective of our season."

While the Rams (10-3-1) will have to make due this year with the lessons learned with a fourth-place finish in the Akers, the Winter Park Wildcats (17-2) are hoping their third-place finish will help catapult them back into the state tournament this year.

"This is really good for us," said Winter Park head coach Graham Naylor. "We don't get to play teams of this caliber on our regular schedule. This will get us ready for the district tournament. We like the competition. We need it."

With the district tournaments just four weeks away, the timing couldn't be better. If past performances are any indicator, the odds are good that not just one, but several of the teams in this year's Akers' field will take a serious run at grabbing a state crown.

Satellite Beach senior Rebecca Howell was selected as the tournament's offensive MVP

and scored one of the team's winning goals. Howell, who will play for Auburn next fall, entered the tournament with 31 goals and 16 assists.

Nease senior Erin Hoover was named the defensive MVP and Edgewater goalie Quinn Barnett won the Coaches Choice award.

Edgewater beat Winter Springs 4-1 in the fifth place game and Bishop Moore and Lake Brantley tied for seventh place.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Game 1 - Lake Mary 3, Countryside 0
Game 2 - Lk. Howell 4, Boca Raton 0
Game 3 - Nease 2, DeLand 0
Game 4 - Edgewater 5, Lyman 1
Game 5 - L. Brantley 2, Spruce Crk. 2
Game 6 - Satellite Beach 7, Oviedo 2
Game 7 - W. Park 5, Bishop Moore 2
Game 8 - W. Springs 9, Seabreeze 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Game 9 - Bishop Moore 7, Seabreeze 0
Game 10 - Spruce Creek defeated Oviedo
Game 11 - DeLand 0, Lyman 0
Game 12 - Countryside 2, B. Raton 2
Game 13 (quarterfinal) - Winter Park 3, Winter Springs 2
Game 14 (quarterfinal) - Nease 1, Edgewater 0
Game 15 (quarterfinal) - Satellite Beach 6, Lake Brantley 1
Game 16 (quarterfinal) - Lake Mary 2, Lake Howell 0
Game 17 - Winter Springs 6, Clearwater-Countryside 1
Game 18 - Lake Brantley 2, DeLand 0
Game 19 - Edgewater 1, Spruce Crk 0
Game 20 - Bishop Moore 2, Lake Howell 0
Game 21 (semifinal) - Nease 3, Lake Mary 2
Game 22 (semifinal) - Satellite Beach 2, Winter Park 1

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Game 23 - Winter Springs defeated Lake Brantley.
Game 24 - Edgewater defeated Bishop Moore

FIFTH PLACE

Game 25 - Edgewater 4, W. Springs 1

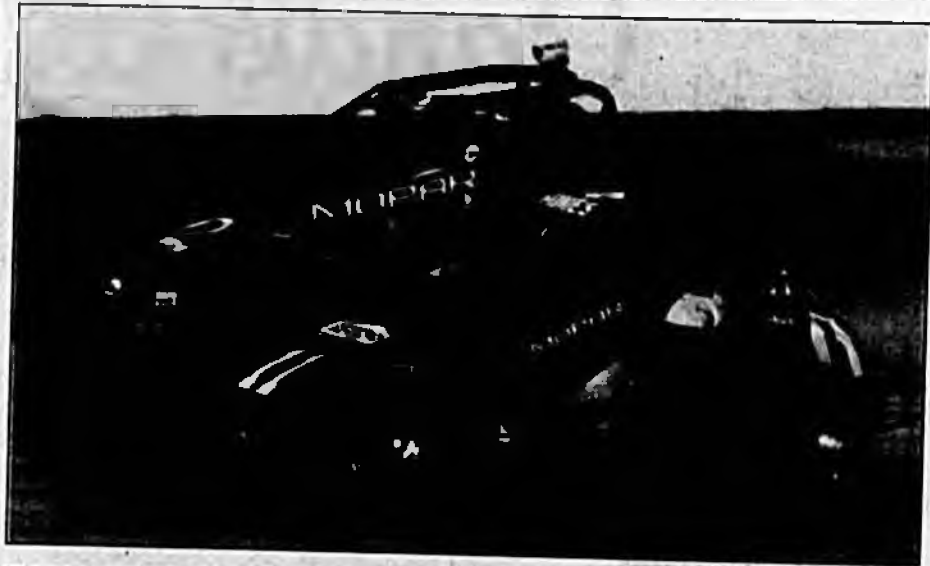
THIRD PLACE

Game 26 - Winter Park 3, Lk. Mary 2

CHAMPIONSHIP

Game 27 - Satellite Beach 2, Nease 1
* won on penalty kicks

USAC IN ORLANDO



Herald Photos By Jim Wentz

Orlando SpeedWorld Raceway recently held a night of USAC (United States Auto Club) Sprint Car and Midget races, plus Legend car races in conjunction with the Performance Racing Industry (PRI) tradeshow that was being held at the Orange County Civic Center for the first time. The huge show, which outgrew longtime home Indianapolis, drew racing figures from all forms of racing and several awards and announcements about 2006 were made here. Among the winners at SpeedWorld were Apopka's Cory Abbott (No. 5, above) in the Legend cars and Tampa's Dave Steels (# 2, top, dueling with fellow USAC star Matt Hines) in the sprints.

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Sanford City Men's Inv	Wed - 6:45pm Jan 4 / Jan 11	3	12 weeks
Cosmic 9 Pin No Tap	Wed - 5pm Jan 11 / Jan 11	4	12 weeks
Cartoon Network	Sun - 4pm Jan 22 / Jan 22	4	16 weeks
Sunday Funnies	Sun - 8:20pm Jan 9 / Jan 9	4	16 weeks

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Saturdays	MOONLIGHT	10pm - Close \$12 Plug Tickets
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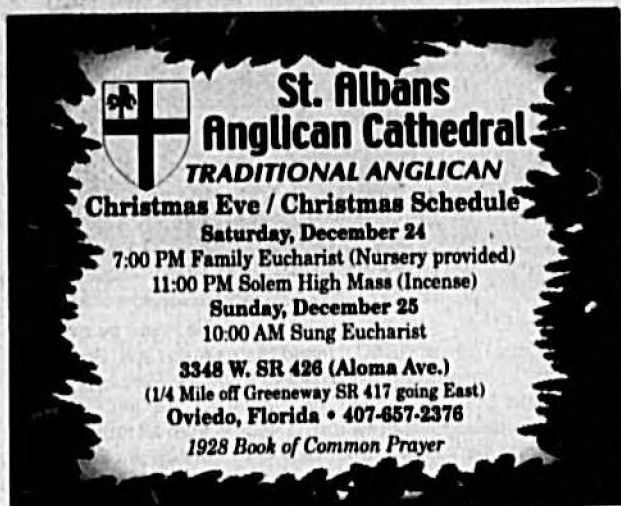
Candlelight Services



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Candlelight Service

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5 p.m.
Christmas Eve

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Christmas Eve Services

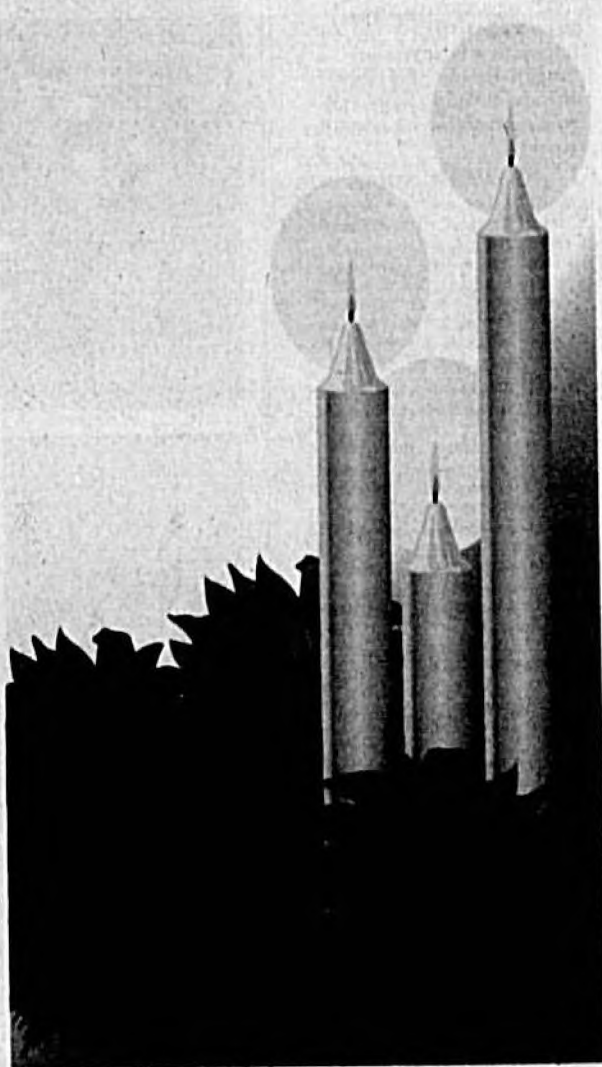
4:30 p.m. - The Christmas Pageant - Family Service
The children & youth are involved in the beauty of this Christmas event. (Nursery is provided preschool age children @ 4:30 pm service only.)

7:00 p.m. - The Joy of Christmas
A service of music featuring the Chancel Choir, organ and violin with a Living Nativity presentation by the youth.

Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m. - Communion by Candlelight

The sanctuary will be filled with candlelight as we hear the Christmas message & celebrate communion. Music by soloists, violin and organ. At midnight we give thanks by candlelight for the Coming of Christ.

Regular Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m.
(Contemporary)
10:30 a.m. (Traditional Service)
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5:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus
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11:00pm Traditional Candlelight Communion Service


Christmas Day Services
9:30am Christmas Communion Service



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Whose birthday is it, anyway?

Christmas Eve Services
Saturday, Dec. 24th
7:30 pm - Family Christmas Eucharist with Bell Choir & Harp
10:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols and Special Music
11:00 p.m. - Festival Christmas Choral Eucharist with Choir & Harp

Christmas Day Services
Sunday, Dec. 25th - 11:00 a.m.
Service of Eucharist and Carols with Holy Eucharist

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10:00 pm - Choral Presentation
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Christmas Day
10:00 am - Worship Service

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