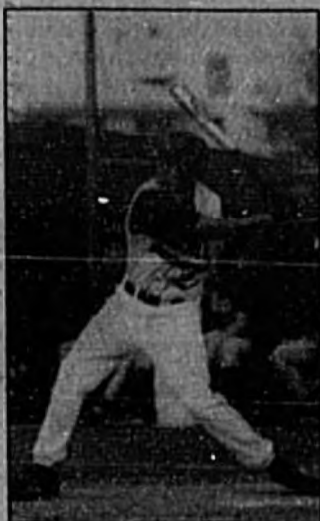


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Meeting life head on

For some people when things don't go the way they may have planned, it's easy to give up. Not for John Michael Howell. See Page 1B

Tour of homes tickets on sale

Tickets are now available at various locations in downtown Sanford for the Sanford Historic Trust Holiday Tour of Homes, Dec. 6, 7 and 8. On Friday, Dec. 6, it's the Candlelight Tour. Saturday and Sunday, from noon until 5 p.m., there will be a walking tour of 14 different homes and buildings. Tickets for Friday are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. For Saturday and Sunday, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For additional information, call 407-263-4488.

Sanford's Christmas parade Dec. 14

The city of Sanford's 125th Anniversary Committee announced that plans are under way for Sanford's Annual Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, Dec. 14, in Historic Downtown. In keeping with the year-long anniversary celebration, the theme for this year's parade will be "125 Years of Christmas." The long-time Sanford tradition has always been a hit with young and old alike. All interested organizations, churches, businesses, schools are encouraged to get their entry forms in early. For entry forms or further information contact Althea Parrish at 407-330-5611.

Seminole Smile



Xavier Rivera - Lake Mary High School N.J.R.O.T.C student.

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County worried about Lynx changes

By Dan Ping Editor

Push by Crotty could stack the board in favor of Orange County

SANFORD - Fallout from a Las Vegas junket by board members and employees of Lynx may lead to a reorganization of the regional transportation agency, and that has Seminole County commissioners worried. An undercover investigation by WKMG Channel 6 caught Lynx board members gambling and drinking in Las Vegas when they should have been in seminars for a national transit convention, the stated purpose of the trip.

Lynx is funded by Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties and the municipalities in those counties. Public officials from each of those entities have expressed outrage about the trip, but none have been more vocal than Orange County Chairman Rich Crotty. Crotty ordered an investigation of Lynx and is considered to be leading the charge to change how Lynx board members are selected.

That concerns Seminole County leaders because they are afraid any changes will be stacked in Orange County's favor.

"There's no doubt Lynx has tripped with the trip to Las Vegas," said Seminole County Commissioner Kandy Morris. "But they are definitely getting shoved from behind from some invisible hands."

Commissioner Grant Maloy, who has

dealt extensively with Lynx issues, said any request by Orange County to change the Lynx board would be puzzling given the process was changed about two years ago. "It's ironic that Orange County is complaining about the make up of the board because it's the model they requested," Maloy said.

Morris noted that Crotty and the Orlando media have repeatedly stated that Orange County provides 80 percent of the funding for Lynx. Morris said that percentage

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City calls meeting to discuss mediation

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

A special called meeting of the Lake Mary City Commission has been scheduled for Monday to discuss how the city should move forward with mediation between the city and Seminole County School Board.

In a letter dated Monday, Nov. 25, from Superintendent Paul Hagerty, Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene and City Manager John Litton were informed that the School Board invoked the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement on Mediation and Intergovernmental Coordination. As part of the agreement, which was established in 1995, the School Board and the municipalities in Seminole County are asked to try to resolve disputes through agreement and mediation before turning to the court system.

The disagreement between the School Board and City Commission is over the relocation of Excel Alternatives Inc., a learning facility for expelled students. The school is currently located in Sanford's Reflections shopping plaza on Lake Mary Boulevard.

Last month, City Commission denied the Board's request to amend the city's land use designation for property in Technology Park, located off Lake Emma Road. Board members and its staff contend the building in the complex is the best site for the alternative school's new location and voted Monday to move forward with purchasing the property. School staff has said Lake Mary's decision is in violation of state law.

Officials in the school system have been looking for a new Excel site for the past two years. They believe the city's comprehensive plan allows for the school to be located in Technology Park and that it is conducive to the alternative school's business-like atmosphere.

Lake Mary officials, however, believe the school will pose traffic and safety problems if it relocates to the Technology Park location. They also said the change in the comprehensive plan's land use is inconsistent with the surrounding industrial environment and that state law allows them to deny the Board's request.

Under the county's Interlocal Agreement, guidelines are established. See Meeting, Page 9A

Santa has arrived



Santa Claus left his sleigh at home and gets a ride to Flea World on four wheels Friday. Santa's arrival at the business has become a day-after-Thanksgiving tradition in Seminole.

St. Nick makes annual visit to Flea World

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD - Santa's operations may be based at the North Pole, but like any good businessman the jolly one has a branch office in Florida.

Old St. Nick made a grand entrance Friday at his Central Florida headquarters, Flea World, delighting kids of all ages. It's become a tradition for Santa to visit Flea World, and the man behind the festivities likes it that way. No, not Santa, but Syd Levy, the owner and founder of what he calls "America's Largest Flea Market."

Levy's a promoter at heart, always dreaming up ways to attract people to Flea World and it's cousin, Fun World. Whether it's Santa Claus for the kids or live entertainment of the adults, Levy is constantly looking for ways to improve his business.

He's been successful. After 20 years in operation - Flea World opened its doors to the public on May 20, 1982 - the establishment attracts nearly 3 million people annually.

"You get every kind of person coming to Flea World," Levy said. "From doctors and lawyers to working men and women. You would be surprised at the diversity of people. (Billionaire businessman) Jeno Paulucci's wife has been here. So has Tammy Faye Bakker."

Why do they come? "Bargains," Levy said. "Everybody wants a bargain, and at Flea World you get good fun and good food to go along with those bargains."

His career in business began at a young age. In high school, Levy was asked to put



Flea World Founder and Owner Syd Levy stands in front of the sign promoting "America's Largest Flea Market."

together the awards banquet - including the trophies - for one of the sports teams. Soon he was lining up trophies and plaques for not just his school, but a number of surrounding high schools in his native Canada. Thus began a career as a self-employed businessman.

"I've never worked for anybody in my life," Levy said. "I wouldn't know how."

Health reasons convinced Levy, 72, to come to the states - Florida in particular - in the late 1960s. He met his wife, Marianne, in Miami and might have stayed there if not for

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Sanford K-9 safer as a result of 12-year-old girl

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

SANFORD - The next time one of the city's four-legged police officers goes on duty, he'll be a little more protected thanks to a 12-year-old from Deltona.

On Wednesday, Stacey Hillman presented Acres - one of four dogs in the Sanford police force - with a bulletproof vest. As a result of Hillman's organization, Pennies to Protect Police Dogs, every canine in the city's department now has the additional protection. "Stacey has made a career of

raising money for vests," Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley said. "She's amazing."

Tooley presented Hillman with a certificate recognizing her efforts. The police chief also made her an honorary member of the department's canine team.

Hillman began her non-profit organization in March 2000 after she attended a memorial for K-9 Erny, a canine from the Escambia Sheriff's Office who was killed in the line of duty.

"It was one of the saddest things that I have ever done," she said. "I never want another police

dog to be killed again."

Two years later, Hillman has raised more than \$175,000 for 225 canine bulletproof and stab resistant vests. She has provided vests for police dogs throughout Florida and is now working on raising money for police departments in the Washington, D.C., area. Each vest costs about \$600.

"I'm doing this because police dogs face the same dangers as police officers," Hillman said. "Often, police dogs are the first to go in. Since the police officers have

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Stacey Hillman receives a certificate of appreciation from Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley, center. Officer Greg Smith is holding the canine vest the department received through Hillman's organization, Pennies to Protect Police Dogs Inc.

Paulucci named U.S Entrepreneur of the Year

From Staff Reports

Jeno Paulucci was named the United States Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young during a ceremony Nov. 23 in Palm Springs, Calif.

Paulucci will travel to Monte Carlo in June 2003 to represent the United States in world competition against winners from 115 locations in 25 countries will be judged for the World Enterprise award.

Paulucci, 84, has been nicknamed the "Incurable Entrepreneur" and the "Frozen Food King." He is the founder and chairman of Luigino's Inc. The Sanford-based company produces the Michelin's and Budget Gourmet brands of frozen entrees and snacks.

A panel of judges evaluated more than 4,400 nominees from across the country and, unanimously selected Paulucci, who qualified for the award after being named a Master Entrepreneur at the state and national levels.

The award by Ernst & Young recognizes Paulucci's creation and development of more than 50 companies, including Chun King Corporation and Jeno's Pizzeria. After selling Chun King to R.J. Reynolds in the mid-1960s, Paulucci created the Tabasco giant's food division. Paulucci and his family also established the Heathrow community.

The award also recognizes Paulucci's civic contributions which include funding and leading the National Italian American Foundation in Washington, D.C. He has also advised seven presidents.

"Through his ideas, vision, ethics and dedication to achieving results, for his generosity to those with whom he works and for his community leadership and involvement, Jeno Paulucci sets the standard for what entrepreneurs can accomplish," said Gregory K. Erickson, global director of Entrepreneur of the Year for Ernst & Young.

"From his very first venture - an Italian-American selling chow mein in the Scandinavian enclave of Minnesota - Paulucci has time and again defied convention and stereotype," Erickson added. "In a 67-year career that's still going strong, Paulucci has built more than 50 companies, including four multi-million dollar food companies, and has become a trailblazer in the frozen food

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Poor performance: A strong mayor form of government may or may not be what Sanford needs, but until city commissioners get a sense of urgency about upholding their responsibilities, it's not going to matter what form of government the citizens adopt.

Case in point are the job performance evaluations for the three employees the commission directly supervises: the city manager, city clerk and commission liaison. The evaluations were due Oct. 1, which is the beginning of the fiscal year. To date only

Around The Clock



by Dan Ping

Mayor Brady Lessard and District 1 Commissioner Art Woodruff have completed the task. Despite repeated reminders from Lessard, commissioners Whitley Eckstein, Velma Williams and Randy Jones have yet to turn in the evaluations. This is not a first for commissioners. Last year's evaluations were just as tardy.

Why is this important? First, these employees are due annual evaluations and any raises they might receive have been delayed because of commissioners' tardiness. If city supervisors or department heads were guilty of similar malfeasance of duty, their subordinates would have a right to file grievances. Second, and more importantly, criticism or shortcomings in the job performance of the manager, clerk or liaison must now be tempered. City Manager Tony VanDerworp's performance over the last year — in particular the handling of personnel issues and the bid process surrounding the Riverwalk — is open to some critical evaluation. At this point, however, Eckstein, Williams and Jones lack the credibility to comment on how others perform job tasks because they have so flagrantly ignored this simple but important duty.

Commissioners repeatedly remind the public — particularly when the public is demanding accountability — that they have no direct supervision over department heads and employees. I guess that's good because it appears the commission can't properly supervise three employees, much less the 460-plus that draw a check from the city.

Come on, commissioners, it's almost Christmas. Think you can get those evaluations done before Santa puts you on his naughty-or-nice list?

Thanksgiving: I can be a bit of a crank, as anyone who regularly reads this column can attest, but I've got plenty to be thankful for, not the least of which is a wide circle of friends, coworkers and associates who are always looking out for me. That's not meant as a boast about my popularity. On the contrary, it's a testament to the good folks in Seminole County who take pity on a cantankerous newspaper man (yeah, I know, cantankerous newspaper man is redundant).

I must have had a dozen different people invite me to Thanksgiving dinner. Even Commissioner Williams offered an invitation, though after reading the little outburst above I'm betting my name is on her naughty list.

Since moving to Central Florida a little more than three years ago, I have not been able to spend Thanksgiving with my family in East Tennessee. The news doesn't stop for holidays and one day off doesn't offer enough time to drive or fly home (flight service from Orlando to Knoxville must first go through Baghdad).

Thanks to all of you who were willing share your Thanksgiving with me. I am truly honored by your generosity. Special thanks to Christy and Mark "The Spark" Bolten, who were nice enough to invite me and probably hoped I would have been nice enough not to accept. Miss Manners I'm not. My idea of good table etiquette is eating over the kitchen sink so any crumbs can be quickly rinsed down the drain without having to wash dishes. I managed not to spill the gravy and used the proper utensils — most of the time.

Better luck next year Mark and Christy.

On the spot: Fans of the Big Red Dot — also known as Target — may soon have their wishes granted. Seems the national retailer is quickly finalizing plans for a Super Target store on Rinehart Road. Word Around The Clock is the store is to be part of a 500,000-square-foot shopping center.

Stay tuned for more.

Escape Route



Looking like a huge erector set project, the fire escape at the rear of the Wachovia Bank building in downtown Sanford, located at the corner of 1st Street and Park Avenue, leads the way to safety should an emergency occur.

Sorority sisters are stuck with weekend housemom

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old college student. This year I'm living with three sorority sisters in a house off campus. We get along fine except for one thing.

The mother of one of our roommates comes to stay with her daughter and the rest of us every single weekend — from Friday night to Sunday night. She is always underfoot. She is always in the bathroom when we need to use it. She uses the last of the toilet paper and never replaces it. In fact, she uses all the household supplies we buy as a group. We are struggling students and cannot afford to pay for a fifth roommate.

To add insult to injury, last weekend not only did this woman come to stay, but Grandma came with her! Never once has our roommate asked if these visits were convenient for the rest of us, nor have Mom's sleepovers been brought to our attention beforehand.

When we finally addressed the problem with our roommate, she promised her mother would start getting hotel rooms when she came to town. Unfortunately, that hasn't happened yet. We don't expect her to always stay in a hotel because of the expense, but none of us signed up to live with a housemother. Please help us!

**IRKED COEDS
IN WACO, TEXAS**

DEAR IRKED COEDS: I feel sorry for your roommate. Either the mother is unable to let her daughter grow

up and separate from her, or she may be seeking to escape an abusive environment. However, the current arrangement is unfair to you and your other roommates. So stick to your guns and insist that the mother keep her promise to make arrangements for other accommodations.



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My son is going through separation and divorce. It is not a friendly one.

He is now serving in the military overseas. His wife and two children are here in the United States and live close to my husband and me. She allows us to see our grandkids whenever we want. However, since the divorce, she's fallen on hard times — economically and emotionally — and it kills us to know she is suffering the consequences of her decision to break up the marriage.

The issue, Abby, is loyalty to our son. He is very upset by what she did, bringing the children back to the states and destroying his military career.

He is bitter and adamant that our relationship with his ex-wife come to a halt. He says when he returns home, she is not welcome in our house. The children won't be an issue, as they have joint custody.

I love both my son and daughter-in-law. I feel terrible that our relationship with her must end. What would you do in our shoes?

**HURTING IN
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS**

DEAR HURTING: I'd remind my son that his almost ex-wife is still the mother of your grandchildren, and that whom you invite into your home is your decision, not his. This is not his choice to make. For the sake of the children, do not burn any bridges.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for six months. I love him, but have a problem: I feel as if I was rushed into my marriage by his aunt.

Not only that, but I also find myself looking forward to seeing another man, "Ross." He is an inmate in a correctional facility and will be released around Christmas.

I dream about being with Ross. If my husband knew, he would be terribly hurt. What do you think I should do?

PRISONER OF LOVE

DEAR PRISONER OF LOVE: The inmate is "safe." You can project your fantasies on him and he cannot disappoint you. (He can't fulfill them, either — but that's beside the point.)

I urge you to seek professional counseling ASAP — before you destroy a promising marriage.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at 407-665-6508, or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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OUT & ABOUT

SUN 1

The Germaine Marvel Community Building, 210 West Packwood Avenue at the Maitland Art Center will be the site of an Orchid Show and Sale, organized by David Swoyer of Sands Orchids, New Smyrna Beach. The sale will be open to the public from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1. There is no admission charge and the event is open to everyone.

For more information phone 407-539-2181.

MON 2

Central Florida Regional Hospital will sponsor the highly successful Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation on Monday, Dec. 2, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The first 45 minutes is free of charge. If participants feel comfortable with the program, they will pay a one-time fee of \$55, which includes a powerful hypnotic session, behavior modification booklet, a home reinforcement audio cassette and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar if needed.

For more information, phone 1-800-848-2822.

TUES 3

Central Florida Regional Hospital will sponsor a Wellness Seminar for weight reduction on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The seminar will be conducted similarly to the preceding day on Smoking Cessation. For more information phone 1-800-848-2822.

FRI 6

Mid Florida Wrestling (MFW) will present a fundraising anniversary show Friday, Dec. 6, at the Sanford Civic Center. Events will include a World Title Match, Hardcore Title Match, six man tag, tag match and singles match. The opening bout will pit a "Cop against a Crook", as Sanford Police officer Mike "Mad Dog" Taylor faces "Outlaw" Tom Bass.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the first bell to ring at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 6 - 12. Free under age six. It is suggested an unwrapped toy be brought, which will give you \$1 off on admission plus a raffle ticket.

The event is to raise money and toys for Toys for Tots.

For tickets or additional information, phone 407-328-9035.

MON 9

The Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club will host a Holiday Luncheon, Dec. 9, at Heathrow Country Club. There will be a social and brief meeting at 11 a.m., and lunch at 12:15 p.m. Guest speaker is Dee Logan. Cost is \$20. Make Reservations by Dec. 5 to Sharon at 407-884-8767. New and prospective members are welcome.

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The Way We Were: A glance at the old City Hall and Fire Station

This information is taken from the Jan. 3, 1946 edition of the Sanford Herald, a copy of which was found in the Sallie Harrison Chapter DAR minutes and a copy later filed in the Sanford Museum.

The ancient two-story frame structure at 3rd Street and Sanford Avenue had recently been demolished. According to the article, it sagged in the middle, leaned perilously at all angles and seemed to require just a push to bring it tumbling down on patrons of the "juke parlor" below.

Few residents could recall that it had once been known as the Sanford City Hall and Fire Station.

Owner Joe Moss had had it torn down about four months previously and a neat white one-story structure had been built in its place which housed a jewelry store.

In the ruins of the old building, Mr. Moss had found an ancient billfold which contained a brass Spanish coin and a ten-cent paper bill.

Upon learning that the building had been razed, Mary Leffler Strong had written a letter to the Herald

giving some of the building's history. She explained that this had been Sanford's first city hall and fire station, dedicated on Jan. 1, 1884. There was a street parade that afternoon with a banquet and ball that night. The parade became a yearly event on New Year's Day.



Grace Marie Stinecpher

A volunteer fire department had been organized; it consisted of one horse-drawn hook-and-ladder truck and one hand-drawn horse cart.

The fire department occupied the first floor of the building, while the second floor held the mayor's office and a courtroom. Col. A.M. Thrasher was mayor at the time.

Later the city bought the Hester Building on Palmetto Avenue and moved their offices and the fire station there.

The original building was later occupied by Dr. A.E. Phillips as a drug store. Many other businesses had been housed there through the years.

Southside Primary Revisited

Several of us long-time Sanford residents went back in time on Nov. 19 when we were invited to "walk through" at the former Southside

Primary School. Our former school is being remodeled to become Gracious Age, a luxury assisted living facility.

Rami Yosefian of Sanford Properties Inc., who owns the facility, was wanting some feedback from former students, neighbors and others to see how we felt about the renovation. Dede Dietrich Daly, who lives across the street, contacted several people for the walk through and I was fortunate enough to be one of them.

Walking into our former school brought back a flood of memories which we each voiced as we toured the building. We remembered teachers, auditorium programs, lunch-room incidents and classmates. And, of course, we each had to find our former classrooms in each of the wings. There were people there who had attended Southside during the 1920s through the 1950s and those years each grade had a wing - first through fourth grades.

We could still find our classrooms, or at least the general vicinity, but my how they have changed! They had been changed before when the building was used as School board offices, but this is dramatic.

The majority of the former classrooms have been transformed into

studio apartments, each with a closet and a bathroom with a walk-in shower. A microwave and mini refrigerator will be furnished along with cabinets. There are a few larger units, mostly in the corners, which have three or four rooms.

A few of the apartments were beautifully furnished as they will be if you choose that option.

The original oak floors which we remembered have been restored and highly polished. They are beautiful and the wise old owls over the front entrance remain.

The upstairs auditorium has been converted into a dining room, complete with a stage where residents can enjoy entertainment and various activities. Three meals a day will be served à la carte. We visitors were treated to a delicious buffet lunch which we enjoyed while reminiscing about old times.

In 1922, the Seminole County School Board purchased 30 empty lots bordered by magnolia Avenue, 13th Street, Palmetto Avenue and 14th Street for \$4,000. Another \$24,000 was spent to build Southside Primary School. There was a large playground in front of the school which the children enjoyed immensely.

The first class entered in 1922;

Mary Nickel Simpson was a member of that class and she told us of some of her memories during lunch. She entered first grade at Eastside Primary and later that year transferred to Southside when it was completed. Dorothy Marshall, courtier and Virginia Gillon were in her class and teachers she remembered were Miss Zillah Welsh, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Gillon. Mrs. Stella Arrington was principal. She remained principal until her death in 1945.

Mary recalled that she Virginia Gillon had helped raise money for the playground and a favorite memory was of the Halloween carnivals. It is interesting to learn that this annual event had its beginning during the school's infancy. The annual Southside carnival continued at least through the 1960s and was a huge success with former students continuously coming back to enjoy the event.

The building was last used as a school in 1984. It was then converted into administrative offices for county school personnel. It had been vacant since the new building was built on Lake Mary Boulevard.

When the school board decided to sell the building, there was concern among neighbors and former students as to its use by a new owner.

Rami Yosefian purchased the former school for \$250,000 in 2000 and was able to calm their fears by promising to renovate it as a retire-

ment facility, keeping the flavor of the former school.

And he has done that. I understand that there will be a grand opening in the near future for Gracious Age. When you hear of this, do attend. You will be favorably impressed with the new facility.

Those attending the event who were students during the 1920s were Mary Nickel Simpson and Fred Ganas while the 1930s ear pupils included Kenny Echols, Don and Margaret (Myers) Knight, and Mona Mills Walker. Sara Jacobson and I were from the 1940s (we recalled World War II memories there) and Dede Daly and Gerri Dietrich attended there during the 1950s.

Ann French Echols began her teaching career there in the late 1940s under principal Velma Mitchell and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being back. Among the neighbors and friends attending were Eve and B.E. Rogers, Willie Simpson and Janet Martin. Police officer Claudia Webber was there, as was school board member Jeanne Morris. Attending from the Sanford Museum was Alicia Clarke and from the Museum of Seminole County History, Karen Jacobs.

Picture Identification

In the Vintage View published Nov. 24 of H.L. Hunt and others, LeRoy Robb called to identify the man at the far right as Gibb Edmunds, formerly of First Federal Savings Bank.

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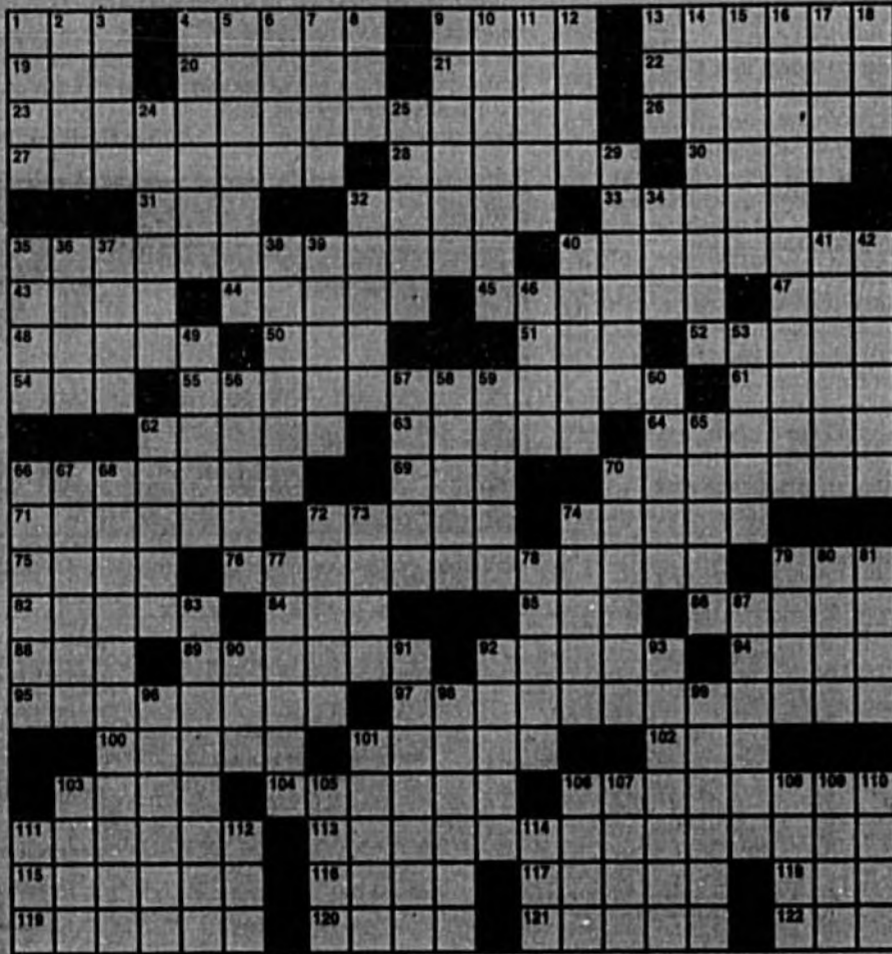
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- 1 Moines
- 4 Detailed, briefly
- 9 Aspiring doctor's exam: Abbr.
- 13 Caprice
- 19 Stable scrap
- 20 Zealous
- 21 Kent State's state
- 22 Resemble
- 23 News conference VIP
- 26 Ready to go
- 27 Tangled
- 28 Most tender
- 30 ...en-scene stage setting
- 31 Junior's junior
- 32 Battling
- 33 Certain tournaments
- 35 Court fixture
- 40 Decisive
- 43 Natural emollient
- 44 Kitchen
- 45 Flammable hydrocarbon
- 47 Pub offering
- 48 Newscaster: Elberbe
- 50 1950 Edmond O'Brien film
- 51 Crew tool
- 52 Alfalfa's gal
- 54 Vital
- 55 Stan Kenton band feature
- 61 Good point
- 62 Take ... lose heavily
- 63 Exotic
- 64 Hinder
- 66 Kind of gun or shop
- 69 Disapproving syllable
- 70 Hymn book
- 71 "It's a deal!"
- 72 Put up with
- 74 Former "Today" medical expert
- 75 Condemn
- 76 Executive's attire
- 79 Small intake
- 82 Baseball manager Tony La...
- 84 Delta of Venus author
- 85 Tailor's concern
- 86 In bad company, according to Berce
- 88 ... Not Unusual: Tom Jones hit
- 89 River crosser
- 92 Blender button
- 94 Distinctive quality
- 95 Invalidate
- 97 Clue for Prince
- 100 "Lovegirl" singer: Marie
- 101 Proceeds
- 103 Oscar winner
- 104 Pinkish red
- 106 Brochure, often
- 111 Gaudy, faddish fare
- 113 Flare, perhaps
- 115 Provoked
- 116 ... life!
- 117 Novelist Anya
- 118 Swear words?
- 119 Horror-struck
- 120 Prefix with "white"
- 121 Light biscuit
- 122 Check at the bar
- DOWN
- 1 Simpleton
- 2 Garner
- 3 Flower holder
- 4 Actress O'Shea
- 5 Intoxicating resin
- 6 Double curve
- 7 Office stamp abbr.
- 8 Bruin great
- 9 Detroit record label
- 10 Obvious deceit
- 11 Broadcaster
- 12 Christmas list items
- 13 Fighters' org.
- 14 Like construction workers
- 15 "Fighting" Big Ten team
- 16 Co-suspect with Mr. Green
- 17 ...Ball
- 18 So far
- 24 Fished with a net
- 25 Spaniard's "these"
- 29 Bull's foe
- 32 Geographical reference
- 34 ATM request
- 35 Pedestrian path
- 36 Nastase of the court
- 37 Singer Bennett
- 38 Calm
- 39 Str clumsily
- 40 Costco, for one
- 41 Hint at, with "to"
- 42 Rental agent
- 46 Mallgoer's convenience
- 49 Yuppies
- 53 McIntosh, e.g.
- 56 Boyz II Men's genre
- 57 Sleek fabric
- 58 Sidestep
- 59 Credits as a reference
- 60 Japanese-American
- 62 Attention getters
- 65 Tropical ray
- 66 Museo del Prado locale
- 67 Rabbittike rodent
- 68 Embroidery technique
- 70 Stack emanations
- 72 Parenthetical remark
- 73 First name in crooning
- 74 Mico manipulators
- 77 Pioneer mainframe
- 78 Library order
- 79 Pep (up), slangily
- 80 Memo opener
- 81 Anjou or Seckel
- 83 Conquers a trauma, in therapy
- 87 Shih Tzu, e.g.
- 90 Reagan's son
- 91 Swellheads
- 92 Dover dad
- 93 "Kyrie ...": "Lord, have mercy"
- 96 Darius I's land
- 98 Anne Rice vampire
- 99 Queued up
- 101 Pam of "Jackie Brown"
- 103 Artistic Chinese dynasty
- 105 Advantage
- 106 What some PC operations are measured in
- 107 Respecting
- 108 Basic element
- 109 Cry of achievement
- 110 Neatnik's opposite
- 111 Sephia automaker
- 112 Angry, with "up"
- 114 Grand Prix feature

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Hawkins

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Candlelighters were Annie Bookman, Aileen Dixon and Violet Crawford.

Tributes were made by Betty Robinson, Flossie Tennon and Levather Whitby. Soloists were Patricia M. Whately, Arlene J. Moore, Sylvia Stallworth and Stephanie Brown.

Tammy Glover performed a spiritual dance with The Southwind Gospel Singers. The New Mount Calvary Baptist Church Mass Choir rendered musical selections. A poem of harvest was recited by Roberta R. Terry. A pastoral observation was given by Pastor Albert L. Covington, with a presidential presentation by Choir President Dorothy Curry.

Chairman Vivian H. Bowden gave words of thanks and appreciation to the guests and all in attendance. Pastor Ricky Scott of New Mount Calvary Baptist Church gave the harvest benediction.

Gaines and Morgan Ladies Auxiliary No. 17 of Amvets held its pre-Thanksgiving dinner for the Rescue Mission clients and the community on Sunday, Nov. 24. The ladies served 175 people who attended the event, and they enjoyed a delicious dinner of turkey, dressing, rice, green beans, mashed potatoes, candy yams, cranberry sauce, bread, gravy, pie and bread pudding.

Crooms High Sophomore Class of 1972 will celebrate its 30-year reunion from Dec. 28 through Dec. 29. The final reunion meeting will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. in the Sanford library. All interested class members are invited to attend.

Education Hall. For information, call Chairman Richard Evans at 407-323-1803.

Hopper Center, in partnership with the Human Crisis Center, donated more than 200 can goods for Thanksgiving baskets that were given to families of students of the school system and community. Dinner was served on Tuesday to the students, staff and community.

The city of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Celebration Choir will rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in St. Missionary Baptist Church on East Cypress Avenue. Choir Director Gloria Williams invites all church choirs in Sanford to attend. Rehearsals will be Dec. 5, 12 and Dec. 19 and Jan. 2, 9 and Jan. 16. For more information, contact Williams or Sylvia Stallworth.

Dietrich

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are invited to join the Promenaders any Wednesday evening at the DeBary Community Center, 38 South Shell Road. John Barrett is the caller, and Daphne Martin is the cuer. Classes start at 7 p.m. and club dancing begins at 8 p.m.

For further information call FUN-574-3692 or 407-322-4454

book on the biography of Katharine Graham to the Sanford Library. The women have requested that the book is published in large print and, if possible, on audio tape.

LuCindy Russell reviewed the book, "Tough Cookie", by Diane Mont Davidson. The book is

about a caterer who gets involved in murders. Mindy said, "Included in the book are several recipes for some interesting dishes."

Following LuCindy's program, the women discussed books they are currently reading and made suggestions to future reading.

Literary Group

The Literary Group of the Sanford Woman's Club held the November meeting at the home of Zelda Siskind with Viola Frank as co-hostess. The scheduled co-hostess, Vivian Buck, was unable to attend due to the hospitalization of her husband, Richard.

A special author guest, DeLoris Stanton Forbes who now lives in Sanford, was introduced by Libby Boyd. The author writes murder mysteries and her latest published book is "When he Hearse Went By."

According to Mindy Tooley, the group, under the direction of Zelda Siskind, is presenting a

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Briefs

SRD SOCCER CAMP

The Sanford Recreation Department will be presenting the 1st Annual Winter Break Soccer Camp for boys and girls ages 5-17 December 30th-through-January 3rd. The Standard Program Camp (cost: \$35) will run from 9 a.m. to noon, and the Advanced Program Camp (cost: \$85) will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., daily (no camp on Jan. 1) at Zinn Beck Field.

Payment is due by Dec. 6th, but if you pay by Nov. 30, there is a \$10 discount. There is also a \$10 for each additional sibling and there are also team discounts available.

The camps offer expert instruction, a good player to coach ratio, an Athletic Trainer on staff at all times, Instructional Game each day, and a Camp T-shirt.

For more information, call the SRD at 407-330-5697 or Brian Dorman at Kick n Dribbles, 407-650-1711 or 407-721-8219.

BASEBALL TOURNEY

US Sports Management and Altamonte Sports will be hosting the first annual Holiday Slam baseball tournament Dec. 13-15 at Eastmonte Park in Altamonte Springs.

The Open Tournament will play under AAU rules and consist of pool play to championship round with brackets for 10-U, 12-U, 13-U, and 15-U.

The cost is \$350 per team with team awards going to 1st and 2nd place and individual awards to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Deadline to enter is Dec. 9.

For details call tournament directors Mike Malatesta, Tom Siegfried or Bob Loveland at 407-263-7910.

JCC SPORTS CAMP

Looking for a way to keep the kids happy during the winter holidays? Out of ideas for a useful Chanukah gift they'll actually enjoy? How about signing them up for Winter Sports Camp at the J?

One week and two week sessions will be offered from December 23rd-through-January 3rd.

Winter Sports Camp is open to all boys and girls from pre-K-through-12th grade and is available to both members and non-members alike. Sessions will run Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended care available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be no camp on Wednesday, December 25 or Wednesday, January 1.

Winter Sports Camps will include: Sports Specific Basketball Camp with former Magic player Jeff Turner and conditioning coach David Oliver; Tennis and Golf Camps with Jeff Davis; Seldo Karate Camp with black belt instructor Gil Alstein; Sports and Gymnastics Camp featuring indoor and outdoor play and Maccabi Sports Camp featuring competitive play from flag football to soccer and hockey.

For more information or to sign up stop by the J or call the Sports and Wellness Department at 407-645-5933 or sign up on-line at: orlandojcc.org.

HOOPS TOURNEY

Winning Ways Basketball and Altamonte Sports have announced the Third Annual Gatorade Holiday Roundball Classic middle school basketball tournament.

The tournament will be held on Dec. 27-29 at the

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UCF football to close season at home

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — Looking to close their first season as a member of the Mid-American Conference with a five-game win streak, the Golden Knights return to the Florida Citrus Bowl today (Saturday) to face Ohio University.

The season finale for both teams is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Last week, UCF (6-5) downed Miami (Ohio), 48-31 on the road. The Bobcats (4-7) lost a heartbreaker to Marshall, 24-21.

Saturday's game will feature an unusual display of contrast offensively as the

Golden Knights hope to make Ohio season's seventh victim

Golden Knights, fifth in the nation in passing, play against an option-oriented team that averages a mere 76 yards passing per outing. Ohio, currently ranked 117th in the country in passing offense, did not complete a single pass earlier in the year in a win over Kent State.

Coach Brian Knorr's squad keeps the ball on the ground and is effective at

what they do. The Bobcats methodically move the ball downfield, confusing opponents with their pitches and runs.

"They try to chew the clock up, convert, and move the chains," said UCF head coach Mike Kruczek. "When you don't see it [the option] week in and week out, it can cause you problems."

Tickets for the game can be purchased

at the UCF Ticket Office and at the Citrus Bowl. For more information, contact the ticket office at (407) UCF-GOLD.

Locally, the game can be heard on 740-The Team with Marc Daniels and Gary Parris calling the action and Jerry O'Neill reporting from the sidelines. Pregame coverage begins at 11 a.m.

UCF TOPS MIAMI IN RECORD SETTING FASHION

OXFORD, Ohio — Alex Haynes set a new career high for the second straight week, wide receivers Jimmy Fryzel and

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Meeting life headon

Howell stronger in face of adversity

By Craig Johnson
Herald Correspondent

WINTER SPRINGS — For some people when things don't go the way they may have planned, it's easy to give up. Not for John Michael Howell, he takes everything head on and challenges it. He steps up to the plate and swings for the fences in life and on the field.

"After all that has happened, I feel this is god's plan," said Howell. "Every time I get knocked down, he (god) picks me up. Every time something is taken away, god gives me something back."

These are words spoken like a true man, and when John Michael said them it was like the meaning of life had just become so simple.

During his junior year at Winter Springs, Howell hit .490 and was named All-Seminole Athletic Conference and All-District. But it was not all smiles and sunny days at the ballpark.

On November 1st, 2000, Howell's mother passed away and suddenly baseball was something in the back of his mind. Although, he did play his senior year, Howell just wasn't himself on the field.

Who could blame him? Especially when his father was diagnosed with cancer that same year.

But he got through that tough year to graduate and

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Herald photos by Jim Wertz

Winter Springs' Michael John Howell has had quite a successful few years despite family health problems off the field. The Seminole Community College sophomore third baseman batted was named an All-Mid-Florida Conference and All-State performer as a freshman third baseman after batting .370, blasting 11 home runs and driving in 55 runs. He also set a school record with 22 doubles and helped lead the Raiders to their first State Tournament appearance in over 10 years. He also excelled in the classroom being named the SCC Freshman Scholar Athlete of the Year as well as being selected as an All-Mid-Florida Conference Academic Scholar. This year has also started off well as he recently signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend NCAA Division I baseball power University of Florida.



All Souls dominates CMAC tournament

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — When the wake up call came, the All Souls Catholic School girls responded.

After struggling to a 2-4 start in the Catholic Middle School Athletic Conference (CMAC) league, the Bears came to life, winning their final two regular season games and then going 4-0 in the tournament to become the 2002 JIV Girls Basketball Champions.

By winning the last two regular season games to get to 4-4, the All Souls squad, made up of fifth and sixth graders, finished in sixth place in the CMAC league, which is comprised of all 12 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Orlando.

The Bears advanced to the Championship Game by knocking off St. Andrews, Holy Family and Annunciation.

That set up a matchup between All Souls and St. John Vianney of Orlando, the tournament's top seed and a squad that had beaten the Bears by two points in the opening game of the season.

The game was a low-scoring affair with tenacious defense and strong rebounding by All Souls' Monica Vergara and Elisa Buchholz helping to shut down the potent St. John's offense.

The Vianney five were able to keep the game close because of tremendous shooting at the free throw line.

Jaime Seda, Anne Russi, Jessica Russi and Sara Russi led Coach Cheryl Russi's Bears on offense as their precise, quick passing and excellent decision making under pressure allowed the local quintet to score just

See All Souls, Page 2B



Photo courtesy of Cheryl Russi

Members of the 2002 CMAC JIV Girls Basketball champion All Souls Bears are (from left to right), kneeling: Sara Russi, Anne Russi, Jaime Seda, Jessica Russi, Gina Scherakli and Theresa Moore; standing: Elisa Buchholz, Brittany Nooney, Meg Frank, Coach Cheryl Russi, Monica Vergara, and Tara Doyle.

MFW to celebrate birthday on Dec. 6

Special to the Herald

SANFORD — Mid Florida Wrestling will be celebrating its first year anniversary with a fundraising show at the Sanford Civic Center on Friday, Dec. 6.

The MFW will be teaming with the United States Marine Corps to collect items for Toys For Tots.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the first bell to ring at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-to-12, and free for under age six. But if you bring an unwrapped toy you will receive a \$1 off on the admission price, plus get a raffle ticket to win valuable prizes during intermission.

The 102 JAMZ Wakeup Posse will also be on hand to run the concession stand to raise money to sponsor 'The Place of Comfort' which is a facility that takes care of children with different illnesses and fulfills their dreams. Be there and help a child's dream come true.

The opening bout will pit a "Cop against a Crook", as Sanford Police officer Mike "Mad Dog" Taylor faces "Outlaw" Tom Bass.

The Main Event will be a World Title Match between champion Rocker Levi Mullins and challenger Bill Crude.

The semi-main will be a First Blood Hardcore Title Match with the Nightstalker trying to take the belt from Bobbie York.

In a six-man tag team match, the trio of Sapphire, Lonewolf and Wikid takes on CB Kool, El Diablo and Baddboy.

In a tag team battle, Mace and TC Lightning tackle Jumpin Jack Flash and Deathrow Jethrow.

And in a singles match, Flagrant Freddie will square off with a mystery opponent.

For tickets or additional information, phone 407-328-9035.

Briefs

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Lake Brantley Athletic Fieldhouse on the Lake Brantley High School campus on Sand Lake Road, Altamonte Springs.

The Classic is open to all boys and girls teams in grades 6-8. Middle school, Club and League teams are welcome. The entry fee is \$250 per team with a three-game guarantee.

The deadline to register is Dec. 17th at 5 p.m. For details call Winning Ways Basketball at 407-339-9053.

MICKEY OWEN BASEBALL SCHOOL

Mickey Owen Baseball School is conducting two five-day Baseball Winter Instructional Sessions in December for players ages 8-20.

The sessions are the 18-23 and 26-31 at Twins Lakes Park in Sarasota.

The program consists of professional instruction, practice and games for players who desire to improve their skills and performance. Students receive personal, hands on, attention from pro coaches that will help them improve. The coach to player ratio is one coach to every 8-to-10 players.

There will also be a special two-day weekend clinic for ages 8-14 on Dec. 21-22.

Pre-registration is required. Call 800-999-8369 for free brochure and details.

TUMBLE TIME

Parents, bring your toddlers to Tumble Time to enjoy tumbling, singing songs, and reading stories.

Each week the City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department will have a theme that will relate to the songs and stories.

Tumble Time is on Thursdays from 6 p.m.-to-7 p.m.

Classes in December will be on the 5th, 12th and 19th.

The classes will be held at Wirz Park, 806 Mark David Boulevard, Casselberry.

The program is for toddlers ages 1-to-4. The cost is \$15 for Casselberry residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Single class cost is \$3 for Casselberry residents and \$6 for non-residents.

For more information please call 407-262-7720, extension 1307.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS

The City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department is offering Friday Fun Nights, a safe place for parents to bring their children ages 5-to-12.

The children make crafts, play games, get pizza, and get to watch a movie under the supervision of the parks staff. All of which costs less than getting a babysitter.

Friday Fun Nights are on the first Friday of every month and are held at the Casselberry Senior Center at 200 North Triplet Lake Drive.

The cost for early registration is \$10 for Casselberry residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Cost at the door will be \$20 for all.

Register at the Casselberry Parks and Recreation Office at 125 East Melody Lane and for

more information please call 407-262-7720, extension 1307.

FUN ON WHEELS

The City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department is offering the free Fun On Wheels Program for children ages 5-to-13.

The Fun On Wheels program offers a safe place for children to recreate after school hours from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. during which time they will participate in sports arts and crafts and other recreational activities.

Children will be able to sign themselves in and sign themselves out.

The program will be held at Dew Drop Park in November, Branch Tree Park in December and Secret Lake Park in January.

For more information please call 407-262-7720, extension 1307.

WIRZ ON WEDNESDAYS

The City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department is offering a free for residents activity program, "Wirz on Wednesdays", for children ages 5-to-13.

During the program children will participate in sports, games, and arts and crafts, and also receive a snack. Each week will have a different theme to it.

For more information please call 407-262-7720, extension 1307.

ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

Winter Springs Parks and Recreation is offering a Mens Adult Flag Football League to play on Thursday nights at Central Winds Park beginning in March.

Teams only registration begins January 13th and the 10 game season starts on March 6.

The league is for seven-man teams using triple threat belts and playing under modified FRPA rules.

Cost is \$325 per team, plus \$5 for non-Winter Springs residents (includes \$20 FRPA Team Certification with rulebook).

For more information please call 407-327-6589.

THIRD ANNUAL MADD TOURNAMENT

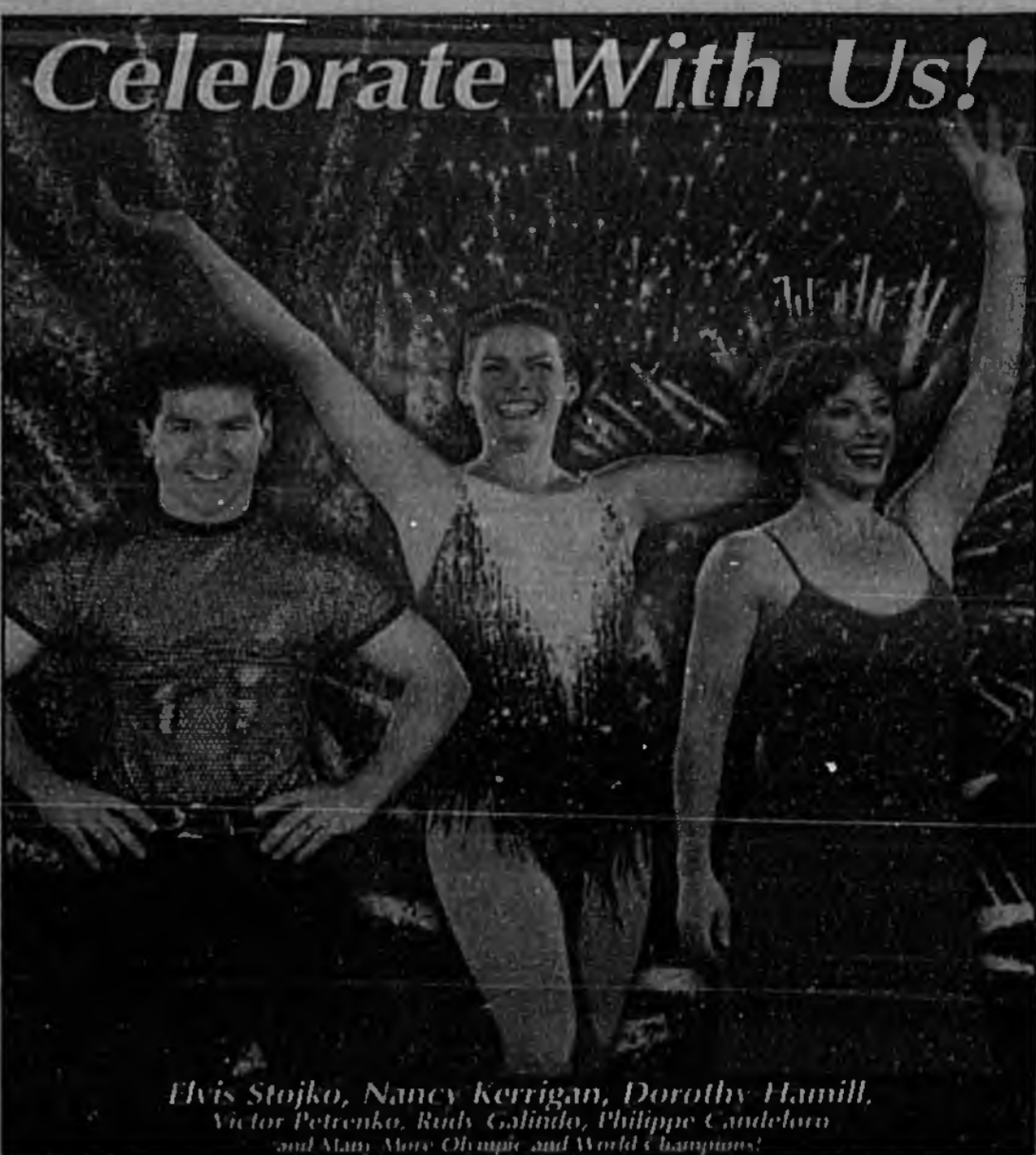
Sponsors and players are being sought for the 3rd Annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving Golf Tournament.

The event, which will be a fund-raiser for the Central Florida Chapter of MADD, will be held on Friday, December 6 at Alaqua Country Club in Longwood.

Players will enjoy a full day of golf and related activities and is open to the general public. Early registration saves a team \$50.

New this year are custom-painted hole sponsor signs for only \$75. After the event, these signs will be given to the sponsors as a 'thank you' for their support.

For complete player registration and sponsor information, please contact Betsy Nein, Tournament Director, at 407-831-9999 or email at CNEIN@aol.com.



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Holiday decorating

Parks Department employee Adam Campbell hangs holiday decorations at City Hall. For more photos, see Page 7

Holiday Festival of the Trees slated for Dec. 15

Need a tree? Or maybe you just need that last perfect ornament for your tree. Then stop by the Holiday Festival of Trees at the Lake Mary Historical Museum on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. The festival and open house, sponsored by the Lake Mary Historical Society and the Historical Commission, will feature trees donated by local businesses and non-profit organizations.

Some of the trees will be part of a silent auction. Other trees will feature ornaments you can purchase on the spot.

Three sizes of trees will be featured, miniature, small and large. The Society is still accepting applications for trees. If you're interested, contact President Peggy Wolfe at 407-327-8207 or email Mjhowell@natscape.net for an application.

Lake Mary Smile



Kaley McLean — Fourth-grader at Lake Mary Elementary School

Rams wrap up successful season

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — While there will be no State Championship banners raised at Lake Mary High School this December, it has still been a very successful Fall Sports season for the Rams.

Coach Greg Stanton's football team was the champion of the Seminole Athletic Conference, going 5-0, and wrapped up a 10-2 season with an appearance in the Class 5A-Region 1 Semifinals.

The Rams' only two setbacks this season were to the Region 1 finalists, Daytona Beach Mainland and Rutherford Springfield, both of whom were ranked in the top three in the state and carried 11-1 records into their matchup.

Running back Reggie Campbell put a cap on his stellar career by rushing for 177 yards and scoring on a 56-yard run against Rutherford. The senior rushed for over 1,000 yards again this season and should make the All-State Team for the fourth straight year.

Fellow senior running back Derrick Grayson and senior punter-place kicker Ryan Pascioni also made their final game in a Rams uniform memorable as Grayson scored the game's first touchdown on a 1-yard run and Pascioni kicked two extra points.

Also playing his final game for Lake Mary was outstanding linebacker Keith Rivers, who is surely to make a splash in the future in college.

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Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene reads a city proclamation in honor of Sam Belfiore. The deputy chief retired Nov. 29



Time to say goodbye

Deputy chief announces retirement from department



Deputy Chief Sam Belfiore receives a standing ovation from the audience, including City Commissioner George Duryea, during last month's retirement presentation held during a City Commission meeting.

Belfiore honored during Commission meeting

Deputy Chief Sam Belfiore receives a goodbye hug from Lake Mary City Clerk Carol Foster.



A retirement celebration was held Thursday, Nov. 21, for Lake Mary Deputy Police Chief Sam Belfiore. He retired on Friday, Nov. 29.

Belfiore was appointed to the police department on Oct. 26, 1979. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on March 1, 1986, captain on Feb. 27, 1987, and deputy chief on Oct. 2, 1999.

Lake Mary High School band to host garage sale

By Michelle Jaria
Managing Editor

The Lake Mary High School Band is planning an event bargain hunters are sure to love.

For one day only, the group is hosting its annual garage sale in front of the school. Hundreds of items — enough to fill two semi-trucks — will be for sale, including beds, shelves, bicycles, washer and dryer sets, a refrigerator, exercise equipment, patio furniture, televisions, computer equipment, lawn mowers, dishes, sofas and much, much more. All will be found at bargain prices.

"People have graciously donated items for the sale," said Band Booster Board President Leslie Grubl. "We would really like to raise about \$3,000 from the sale."

Money raised will help pay band members' costs and future functions.

The garage sale is planned for Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. People will want to arrive early to find the perfect item. Ways and Means Co-Chair Diane Watkins said,

"But, the later in the day, the more likely we will be willing to barter," Watkins said. "We don't want to have any of it after 4 p.m."



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
John Bittman, Austin Williams and Justin Reif help unload a truck for Lake Mary High School Band's upcoming sale.

Rams

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The State Cross Country Championships were held in Tampa last weekend and Lake Mary's Jessica Zabel capped off her outstanding four-year career by running a 19:14 and finishing seventh in the Class 4A race.

But the story in cross country was Coach Mike Gibson's boys team.

The Rams surprised everyone by being the only Seminole Athletic Conference squad to earn a trip to State during the regionals.

The boys then came home a respectable 15th at the State Meet led by senior William Barnett. Other Ram runners were senior Thomas Adriaansen, juniors Stephen Little, Daniel Selsky and Jonathan Halsey, and sophomores Joris Claessens and Alejandro Lanza.

The Lake Mary swim teams also wrapped up a successful campaign with the girls' team finishing fifth and the boys 11th at the 2002 FHSAA Florida Finals at the Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex.

Individually, junior Diane Gu had a big meet for the Rams girls, finishing second in the 50-Yard Freestyle and third in the 100-Yard Freestyle and also swam the anchor leg in the 400-Yard Freestyle and 200-Yard Medley relay teams that finished second and sixth, respectively.

Another member of the runner-up 400-Yard Freestyle team was junior Hilary Goembel, who also finished fourth in the 200-Yard Individual Medley, sixth in the 100-Yard

Backstroke and was a member of the ninth place finishing 200-Yard Freestyle team.

Senior Jennifer Berzins was also in three finals, finishing sixth in the 100-Yard Breaststroke and also being a member of the 200-Yard Freestyle and 400-Yard Freestyle relay teams.

Senior Christina Epperty was a member of the 200-Yard Medley and 400-Yard Freestyle relay teams, and senior Kate Allinson was a member of the 200-Yard Medley and 200-Yard Freestyle relay teams.

The final two Rams swimmers in finals were junior Bridget Tyler on the 200-Yard Medley Relay team and senior Kara Allinson on the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay team.

He was seventh in the 200-Yard Individual Medley and 13th in the 100-Yard Butterfly and was also a member of the 10th place 200-Yard Medley Relay team and ninth place 400-Yard Freestyle Relay team.

Junior Eric Finn was in three finals, finishing seventh in the 100-Yard Breaststroke and 15th in the 200-Yard Individual Medley and being a part of the 200-Yard Medley Relay team.

The team of seniors Patrick Keely, William Harrell, Jeffrey Keely and freshman Kane Ashton finished ninth in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, with Jeffrey Keely also swimming on the 200-Yard Medley and 400-Yard Freestyle relay teams and Patrick Keely swimming on the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay team.

Sprucing up Lake Mary



Lake Mary city employees plant some flowers in front of the fountain at Gateway Park. The weather was perfect for taking time to landscape. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent



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Deputy Chief Belfiore honored ...

Since 9-11, we have grown to appreciate our police officers and their work they do. One of Lake Mary's finest, Sam Belfiore, has announced his retirement. He was recognized at our City Commission meeting on Nov. 21, 2002. Prior to the meeting, a reception honoring Sam was held. Law Enforcement was well represented, as well as the State Attorney's Office, friends and family. All those who attended expressed their admiration and respect for the deputy chief's service to the community.

During the City Commission meeting, I read a proclamation declaring Nov. 22, 2002, Samuel L. Belfiore Day in Lake Mary. We all appreciate Sam's 23 years of service to the citizens of Lake Mary.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Dec. 6, 2002, the annual "Tree Lighting Ceremony" will take place at City Hall. The evening's events will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Santa Claus arriving at 7 p.m.

In addition to Santa, carolers, live music and skits will be featured. The Girl Scouts will be collecting canned foods and toys for the needy and would appreciate any donations.

All the events will be illuminated by 1 million lights thanks



Mayor's Message

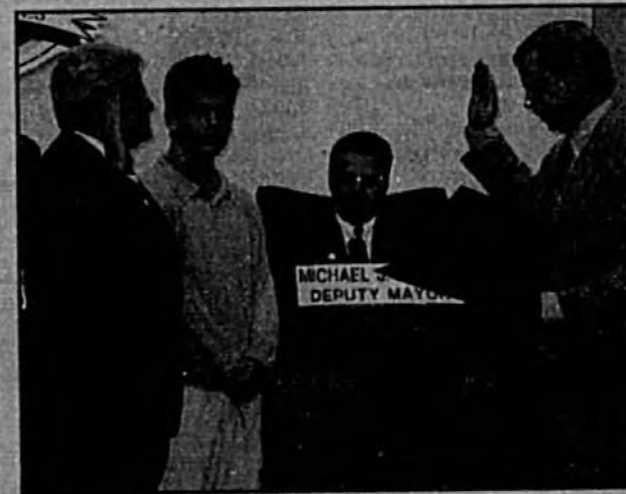
By Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene

to Kathy Gehr, our Parks and Recreation assistant director, and Bill Carrico, our Parks and Recreation director, and their crew. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet our neighbors and join in all the festivities.

I look forward to seeing you on Dec. 6.

Swearing In Ceremony

I want to thank all those who attended the "Swearing In Ceremony" for Commissioner Gary Brender, Commissioner Michael McLean and myself. Also, thanks to the staff who made everything go smoothly and for the food and refreshments, which completed the evening. Special thanks to Circuit Judge Alan Dickey (a Lake Mary resident) for swearing in all of us in and Circuit Judge Donna McIntosh (former Lake Mary city attorney) whose presentation was both moving and humorous.



One more term in office

Circuit Court Judge Alan Dickey recently swore in three members of the Lake Mary City Commission. All three ran unopposed in the November election. Pictured clockwise, from left, are: Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene takes the oath of office from Judge Dickey; Commissioner Mike McLean shakes hands with Dickey after he is sworn in to office. McLean is serving his second term as county commissioner; Commissioner Gary Brender recites the oath in front of his son and Judge Dickey.



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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH E. "HAP" ANDREWS

Joseph E. "Hap" Andrews, 90, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002. Born Feb. 25, 1912 in Portsmouth, Va., he moved to Central Florida in 1926. He was retired from Florida Power & Light. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and a member of Central Baptist Church of Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Lenora; son, Joe Jr.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Gramkow Funeral Home in Sanford followed by an interment at Oaklawn Park Cemetery in Lake Mary. There was a public visitation prior to the service from 10 until 10:30 a.m.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

PEARL BERK

Pearl Berk, 79, of Lake Mary, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002. Born Jan. 1, 1923 in Buffalo, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida from California in 1995. She was an administrator for the Public Works Department of California. She was Jewish by faith.

Survivors include sister, Charlotte Galley, Los Angeles, Calif.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

JANET Y. CUMMINGS

Janet Y. Cummings, 66, Whittingham Place, Lake Mary, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002. She was born Jan. 28, 1936 in Jackson, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, Matthew G. Sr., Lake Mary; sons, Matthew G. Jr., Lake Mary, Christopher M., Jackson, Mich., Joseph A., Orlando; daughters, Linda A. Russeau, Lansing, Mich., Rosalie J. Seiden, Lake Mary; brother, Lawrence Money, Port Clinton, Ohio; sister, Jeannie Jorgenson, Moran, Mich.; six grandchildren.

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

CORDELIA HULL

Cordelia Hull, 92, Donegal Avenue, Lake Mary, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2002 at Lake Mary Health & Rehab. Center. She was born in St. Ann, Jamaica. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughter, Rena Smith, Lake Mary; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

Banfield Funeral Home,

Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

LUCILLE MILLS

Lucille Mills, of Burrows Lane, Sanford, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, in Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford.

Born May 27, 1937, in Camilla, Ga., she was a retired farm laborer. She was a member of St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church of Sanford.

Survivors include five sons, Arlington Mills III and Joseph Mathews, both of Sanford, Gregory Mills of Jacksonville, John Lee Mills of Ridgeland, S.C., and Vincent Mathews of Deltona; three daughters, Diannetta W. Alexander of Lake Mary, Vivian Staley of Barnswell, S.C., and Teresa Mathews of Deltona; one sister, Louise Miller of Sanford; 35 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and companion Elder Mathews of Sanford.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, in Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford, with Michael Griffin officiating.

Sunrise Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

BRAXTON L. "BRACK" PERKINS, JR.

Brackston L. Perkins, Jr., 86,

died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002. He was a life long Sanford resident. He was owner of Perkins Mens Wear in Sanford.

He was past president and recipient of the Paul Harris award of the Sanford Rotary Club, past president of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Sanford Board of Adjustment, past president of the Sanford Housing Authority, Life long member, serving as Senior Warden of the Vestry at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. He served on the Seminole County Library Board, Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, Board of Directors for Bram Towers, and attended Farh Union Military Academy in Virginia.

Survivors include wife, Jane; son, Braxton III, Winston Salem, N.C.; daughters, Susan Stair, St. John Va., Linda Lemons, Lenoir, N.C., Patsy Newton, Atlanta, Ga., Marti Reagan, Lake Mary; sisters, Louise Brown, Miami, Marty Jones, Shreveport, La.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Sanford.

A memorial service was held at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Sanford.

Family Funeral Care, Oviedo, in charge of arrangements.

HURTIS LEONARD WILLIS

Hurtis Leonard "Hurt Dog" Willis, 32, SR-46, Sanford, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002 at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando. He was born June 25, 1970 in Rochester, N.Y. He was a chef and a long-time resident of Sanford.

Survivors include sons, Damon, Philadelphia, Malik Williams and Marquis Johnson, both of Sanford; daughters, Desray, Altamonte Springs, Sharonda, Sanford; mother, Sarah Willis, Sanford; father, Hurtis Bouie, Rochester, N.Y.; sisters, Tara Willis, Sanford, Pebbles Bouie, Boston, Mass., Keshia Fowakes, Atlanta, Ga., Bondkay Gooden, Orlando; brothers, Xavier Dowdell, Rochester, Darryl Bouie, Sanford, Anthony Brown, Lake Mary, Warren Deahae, Deland, Charles Hardness, Sanford; maternal grandmother, Pannice Mae Willis, Sanford.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. at New Life Word Center, 1311 Oak Avenue, Sanford, with the Rev. Ronald W. Merthle officiating. Visitation was Nov. 19 from 5 until 9 p.m. at Sunrise Chapel, 900 Locust Avenue, Sanford.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

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Toro named School Counselor of the Year

The Florida School Counseling Association has awarded Joan Toro, guidance counselor at Lake Mary Elementary, the title of "Florida Elementary School Counselor of the Year."

Toro is responsible for many programs at her school. The SSAK (Students Spreading Acts of Kindness) class focuses on kindness not violence.

Some of the class activities include collecting teddy bears for hospital-bound children, raising \$3,000 in pennies for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and hosting the ROCK-a-thon (Reaching Out for Cancer Kids), a relay race that raised more than \$10,000 in two years and sending 10 children with cancer to camp with their families.

The SSAK program earned Toro and her class the Disney Community Service award and Disney Teacherrific award in 2001.

Aside from the many community-building projects Toro is involved in, she provides monthly character/career education lessons to all the classes at Lake Mary's 750 elementary student population. She also finds time to have small counseling groups each 12 weeks



Photo submitted
Lake Mary Elementary School Guidance Counselor Joan Toro holds a cake that was presented to her after she was awarded Florida Elementary School Counselor of the Year.

and offer daily individual counseling.

Toro is an integral part of the Student Study Team, responsible for all ability and achievement screenings, and oversees the entire exceptional education referral process.

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First, make a list. Then, check it twice. Then, follow these suggestions from the U.S. Postal Service:

- Write, type, or print the delivery address neatly.

- Always use a return address.

- Always use complete address information, such as Ave., Blvd., and St. Use the apartment or suite number as well as correct directionalials such as N, W and SW.

- Don't let an incorrect ZIP code delay delivery of cards and letters. You can get zip code information at the post office or on the Postal Service Web site at www.usps.com. You can also find a postage calculator and a post office locator on the site.

- Select a container strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

- Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape. Never wrap parcels with string or twine.

- The only addresses for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. Remove all previous labels. Place a return address label inside the package in case the package gets damaged, the contents can still be delivered or returned.

- Remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box.

- Packages that weigh one pound or more must be taken into the post office for mailing.

- Avoid waiting in line to buy holiday stamps by using Stamps by Phone (1-800-STAMP-24), Stamps by Mail, the Postal Store at www.usps.com or at participating retail outlets.

- Consider Priority Mail —The price is often similar to Parcel Post and the package will be delivered within two to three days.

- Many post offices are open on Christmas Eve, which means last-minute packages can still make it by Christmas Day to most major metropolitan areas via Express Mail.

Following these holiday hints can help make your holidays more "magical."

Keep your pets happy and safe during the holidays

Pet owners who understand that the same holiday treats and trimmings considered harmless for us could be a serious health risk for their pets are barking up the right tree. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) offers pet owners some helpful hints to ensure that their pets will stay happy,

healthy and stress free for the Thanksgiving, Hanukah and Christmas holidays:

- Crowds and holiday festivities can frighten some animals. If your pet does not enjoy being around a lot of people, make sure you set aside a safe and quiet haven for her to retreat if necessary. If you are a cat owner, remember that

cats are creatures of habit. Disruptions in the home during the holidays, such as rearranging the furniture, could cause your feline to stop using the litterbox.

- Alcohol and pets do not mix. Place unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot reach them; the same holds true for leftovers. Poultry bones can splin-

ter and cause blockages and greasy, spicy and fatty foods can cause stomach upset. Boiled or grilled meats and fresh vegetables can be offered as a healthy alternative.

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Common Yuletide plants such as mistletoe, ivy and holly berries can be poisonous or even fatal.



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CHURCH NOTES

Joint Heirs

Christian Center
Joint Heirs Christian Center invites everyone to a concert featuring Lateisha Carter-Dixon, Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at 590 Rinehart Road, Lake Mary. Preston Adams, Jr., Pastor. For information phone 407-833-9255.

Markham Woods Presbyterian

Markham Woods Presbyterian Church in Lake Mary will hold its second annual "Messiah Sing-Along" Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. This will not be a concert performance but will bring together lovers of this great choral masterwork in a fun-filled read-through Part 1 (The Prophecy and Nativity section). Copies of the Coopersmith edition of Handel's "Messiah" will be available for purchase on the day of the event. Non-singers are invited to attend as listeners. Dr. Burt Perinchief, retired Director of Choral Activities at Seminole Community College is the current Director of Music Ministries at Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, and will direct the sing-along.

St. Peter's Episcopal

Enjoy food, fun and festivities Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Preschool and Kindergarten, 700 Rinehart Road, Lake Mary. Santa Clause, silent auction, raffle, moonwalks, ponies, clown, and much more. Tickets are \$3 and \$6 per person, available at the festival or

in advance. For tickets or additional information phone 407-333-1707.

St. Luke's Lutheran

St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School will again present "From Everywhere to Bethlehem", an outdoor walk-through of the Christmas Story, on Dec. 13, 14 and 15. Guided walking tours will lead groups to hear the prophets, the angel Gabriel, then travel past the census takers into the marketplace, then continue on to the birth of Jesus.

Each night, tours begin at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the St. Luke's music groups will add to the special event. There is no admission charge and parking is free.

For additional information phone 407-366-9585.

Latter-Day Saints

The Central Florida Messiah Choir of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will perform at the Lake Mary LDS Stake Chapel, 2255 Lake Emma Road, Sunday, Dec. 15. The 90-minute presentation is free and open to the public. Performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Twenty five choral, solo and instrumental pieces from the oratorio will be performed including the "Hallelujah Chorus".

In addition to the Lake Mary appearance, three other concerts have been scheduled in various areas of Central Florida. For more information phone 407-829-6689.



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Holiday decorating

Far left, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Kathy Gehr gets some help putting up holiday decorations at City Hall from Adam Campbell, an employee with the Parks Department. Pictured above, Gehr shows off one of many decorations that will fill City Hall. Next Friday is the city's Tree Lighting Ceremony. Gehr said more than 1 million lights will brighten the area surrounding City Hall. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with an opening address by Mayor Thom Greene. The tree lighting is at 6:45 p.m., with Santa making an appearance at 7 p.m.



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New entertainment scheduled to perform during Holiday in the Park

This year, the city has something new in store for their annual tree-lighting.

The Jackson Creek String Band, a fiddle folk band, will be performing beginning after Santa's arrival. Also new to the festival is the new girl group, Extreme 3. Extreme 3 is a group of middle school students who write their own music and have written a Christmas song just for Holiday in the Park. The Celebration Band is new to the festival as well. Returning entertainment includes Mike Weirzbotwsky and the Lake Mary Drama Department. Mike plays holiday music on a dulcimer. A self-taught dulcimer player, Mike is getting this original American instrument the attention it deserves. The Lake Mary High Drama Department always does a great job whenever they attend Holiday in the Park. Also performing will be local Girl Scouts. This year, they have a brand new Florida version of the 12 Days of Christmas and Winter Wonderland.

The important thing to remember about the holidays is that it is a time for giving. Each year, new unwrapped toys and

non-perishable food items are collected for the needy families in Lake Mary and for Safehouse of Seminole County.



Mary Rowell

There is always a critical need for items for older children and teenagers. And if you can't decide what kind of food to give, a gift certificate to any grocery store will allow Safehouse or the Lake Mary Fire Department to provide a great holiday meal. (The Lake Mary Fire Department is the agency that collects and distributes food and toys to the needy families in Lake Mary.)

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., the tree-lighting is at 6:45 p.m. and Santa arrives at 7 p.m. The Lake Mary Historical Society will have free crafts for children to make and the Girl Scouts will have free holiday cards for children to color. One Girl Scout Troop will also have a craft and bake sale.

Holiday Festival of Trees

Need a tree? Or maybe you just need that last perfect ornament for your tree. Then stop by the Holiday Festival of Trees at the Lake Mary Historical Museum on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. The festival and open house, sponsored by the

Lake Mary Historical Society and the Historical Commission, will feature trees donated by local businesses and non-profit organizations. Some of the trees will be part of a silent auction. Other trees will feature ornaments you can purchase on the spot.

Three sizes of trees will be featured, miniature, small and large. The Society is still accepting applications for trees. If you're interested, contact President Peggy Wolfe at 407-327-8207 or email Mjrowell@netscape.net for an application.

Dancers Entertain

The Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP held their elections for the upcoming year at the November meeting. The new officers, who will be installed at the December meeting, are Paulee Stevens, President; Mabel May, Vice President; Marilyn Cosentino, Secretary and Gloria Van Kleec, Treasurer. Paulee Stevens, incoming President and Lake Mary Senior Coordinator, showed off a very impressive quilt at the meeting. The quilt was designed and made by Lake Mary Seniors Ilene Nass and June Wilson. In addition to her work as Lake Mary Senior Coordinator, Paulee is also an active member of



The Lake Mary Line Dancers entertain members of the Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP during the group's November meeting.

TRIAD. Nationally, TRIAD is a partnership of the National Sheriff's Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police and the AARP. In Seminole County, the State Attorney's Office is also a partner. The quilts were designed for the upcoming TRIAD convention being held in Orlando in early December. The quilts, a queen size and a crib size, will be raffled at the convention. After the business part of the meeting was over, it was time for a little festive entertainment.

The Lake Mary Line Dancers, decked out in holiday red, entertained the audience with their

dancing. The group, under the direction of Bob Musleve, have been entertaining audiences in Lake Mary regularly for some years now. They perform so well together that their dancing looks effortless. But it actually takes a lot of dedication and a lot of practice.

Next up for the Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP is their annual holiday luncheon, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 17 at noon at Timucuan Country Club. If you're interested in attending, but missed the November meeting or didn't pick up your newsletter, call Jim Carmona at 407-323-9249.

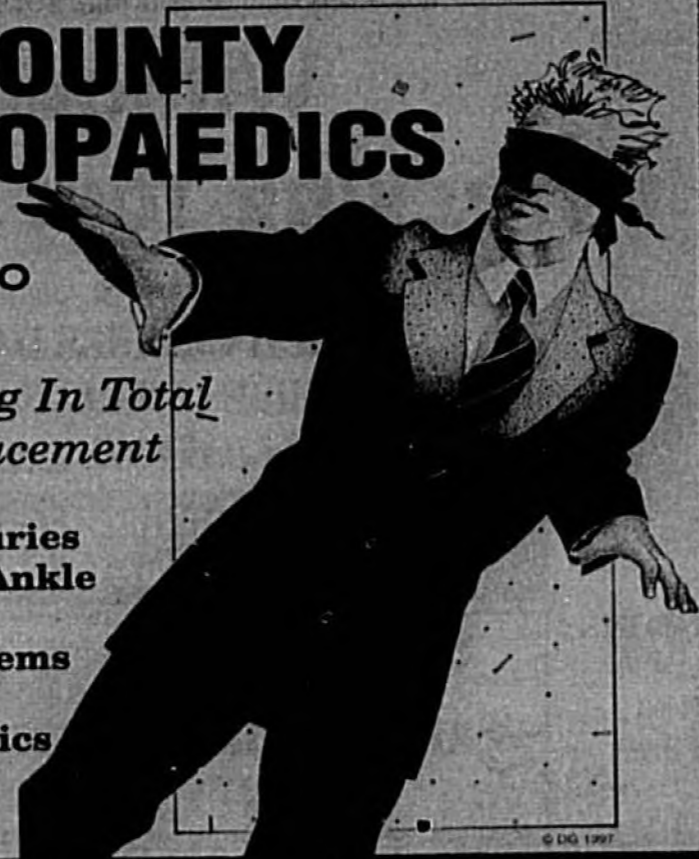
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Team Dragon returns to competition during 2002

This year marked the return of Walter Sommerville's American Kenpo Karate School to the Florida tournament circuit after a six-year hiatus. "Team Dragon" students and their signature black and gold uniforms were the ones to watch.

Sommerville's team of 14 competitors dominated the Florida circuit. At year's end, eight of his 14 competitors placed first in the state in Sparring, three placed second, and two placed third. The team also had two people place first in Traditional Forms, two place second, and three place third.

In the 6- and 7-year-old beginner division, Bryan Houle, Alex Santopietro, and Josh Griffin placed first, second, and third respectively in Sparring, and Alex Santopietro placed third in Traditional Forms. In the 8- and 9-year-old beginner division, Jordan Candeloria placed second in Sparring; Cody Roderick placed third in both Sparring and Traditional Forms. In the 8- and 9-year-old Intermediate division Ian McGauvran placed first in Sparring, and second in Traditional Forms; Joshua Houle placed second in Sparring and third in Traditional Forms. In the 10- and 11-year-old beginner division Damone Downs placed first in both Sparring (small) and Traditional Forms, and Paul Sellers placed first in sparring (tall). In the 10- and 11-year-old Intermediate division Zachary Williams placed



Photo submitted
Pictured, from left, are Casey Picou, Alex Santopietro, Bryan Houle, Joshua Houle, Damone Downs, Cody Roderick, Ian McGauvran, Jake Hayden, Thomas Dacey, Zachary Williams, Eric Schweickert, Paul Sellers, R.J. Howard, Jason Plescia and Walter Sommerville. Missing From team photo is Jordan Candeloria.

first in Sparring, and second in Traditional Forms. In the 12- and 13-year-old beginner division, Eric Schweickert placed first in both Sparring and Traditional Forms. In the 12- and 13-year-old Intermediate division, RJ Howard placed first in Sparring. Master Sommerville placed first in Black Belt Sparring.

Sommerville has been teaching American Kenpo Karate for more than 24 years, with 16 of those years in Lake Mary. He is a 6th degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate, and a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. He

holds many National competition titles.

Sommerville said he is very pleased with this year's performances by his students.

"I am very proud of each and every one of their accomplishments over this past year," he said. "Competing in the tournament circuit requires a special dedication. Their success did not come easy. Most of these competitors train five days a week year-round, after school, and throughout the summer vacation, with special weekend classes once a month."



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Sports Camp

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Winter Sports Camps will include: Sports Specific Basketball Camp with former Magic player Jeff Turner and conditioning coach David Oliver; Tennis and Golf Camps with Jeff Davis; Seido Karate Camp with black belt instructor Gil Alstein; Sports and Gymnastics Camp featuring indoor and outdoor play and Maccabi Sports Camp featuring competitive play from flag football to soccer and hockey.

For more information or to sign up stop by the J or call the Sports and Wellness Department at 407-645-5933 or sign up on-line at: orlandojcc.org.

Baseball Tourney

US Sports Management and Altamonte Sports will be hosting the first annual Holiday Slam baseball tournament Dec. 13-15 at Eastmonte Park

in Altamonte Springs.

The Open Tournament will play under AAU rules and consist of pool play to championship round with brackets for 10-U, 12-U, 13-U, and 15-U.

The cost is \$350 per team with team awards going to first and second place and individual awards to first, second, and third place. Deadline to enter is Dec. 9.

For details call tournament directors Mike Malatesta, Tom Siegfried or Bob Loveland at 407-263-7910.

Mickey Owen Baseball School

Mickey Owen Baseball School is conducting two five-day Baseball Winter Instructional Sessions in December for players ages 8 through 20.

The sessions are the from Dec. 18 to Dec. 23 and Dec. 26 to Dec. 31 at Twins Lakes Park in Sarasota.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

AARP Lake Mary Chapter No. 4878 meets the third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Irene Lober at 407-333-0054.

The Lake Mary Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 407-324-8102 or 407-323-9585.

The Lake Mary/Heathrow Kiwanis Club meets every

Tuesday. For more information, call Bill Barwick at 407-833-0325.

The Lake Mary Woman's Club meets one Wednesday a month during September through May. For more information, call 407-330-3331.

The Longwood-Lake Mary Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 407-699-4776.

The Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 N. Country Club Road.

Items on the agenda include skateboard park parties, tennis staffing and the Rinehart trail.

The Seminole County Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly Good Morning Seminole breakfast meeting 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in The Country Club at Heathrow. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Holiday in the Park will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in front of Lake Mary City Hall.

The event will include a variety of entertainment. Santa Claus will also make an appearance. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m.

The Seminole County Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will have its 2002 Chamber Choice Awards 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in The Country Club at Heathrow.

The event will honor the Small Business Person of the Year. The Ambassador and

Ambassador Team of the Year will also be announced. Chamber members will vote on The Best Event, Luncheon and Good Morning Seminole meeting.

Individual seats are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Corporate tables of 10 are \$350 for members and \$450 for non-members.

For more information, contact Connie Luna at 407-333-4748.

The Lake Mary Elders Affairs Commission meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Lake Mary Community Building, 260 N. Country Club Road.

The Lake Mary Business Advisory Board will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Building/Life Safety Complex located at 235 Rinehart Road.

Items on the agenda include proposals as a result of new state statutes and departmental needs, annual statistics and permits issued.

The Seminole County Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will have its Holiday Party 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. The event will be hosted by Avion Jet Center, located at 2841 Flightline Ave., in Sanford.

People who wish to attend are asked to bring a new, unwrapped gift to be distributed to children in Seminole County.

For more information, call the Chamber at 407-333-4748.

The annual **St. Lucia event**, a traditional Swedish Christmas celebration, will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Seminole County Museum of History.

The gala event will feature traditional smorgasbord foods, music, historical displays and Scandinavian-style Christmas décor.

You don't have to be Swedish to enjoy the event. It is open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

For more information, call 407-665-2489. The museum is located at 300 Bush Blvd., in Sanford.

The **Holiday Festival of Trees** at Lake Mary Historical Museum will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The festival and open house will feature trees donated by local businesses and non-profit organizations.

To have an event placed in the monthly Lake Mary Herald's community events calendar, e-mail mdjerla@seminoleherald.com

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