

## In Brief

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### Teen 'critical' after hunting accident

A teenager was hospitalized in critical condition Tuesday after being shot in a hunting accident, officials said.

Robert Selph, 17, Mims, was deer hunting Monday with three teen friends in woods near Dixie Road and U.S. 1 just north of the Volusia/Brevard county line.

At 5:42 p.m., as the teens walked back to their truck, one boy accidentally hit Selph with his gun, Volusia County sheriff's spokesman Brandon Haught said. Witnesses said Selph grabbed the 12-gauge shotgun and slammed it to the ground. The gun discharged, shooting pellets into Selph's leg and abdomen, Haught said.

The teens called 911 on a cell phone, wrapped Selph's leg with a shirt and drove him to meet paramedics. Selph was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center, where he was in critical condition Tuesday night, spokesman Joe Brown said. An investigation is continuing.

### Trial begins in death of drug informant

DAYTONA BEACH - Jurors will hear Harold Rouse Jr.'s response on video this week as police ask the dying man to name his shooter.

Dwayne Darnell Hankins goes on trial this week for Rouse's death. The trial starts today.

Hankins, 27, was arrested in June 2002 after Rouse, a confidential informant for narcotics officers, was shot four times at a park in New Smyrna Beach. Investigators say Rouse, 25, named Hankins as he died at the scene, a statement heard by his father and police.

Hankins pleaded not guilty. One of his attorneys, Bradley Sherman, Sherman argued to keep video evidence out of the trial, but a judge denied the motion.

### Stem cells tops Whitney hall lecture

Evenings at Whitney opens its winter/spring public lecture season Thursday at 7 p.m., with the much-publicized topic of stem cell research.

Dr. Edward Scott, who won the 2003 Stohlman Scholar Award by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for his work with adult stem cells will talk about "Stem cells: the Holy Grail or cheap beer?"

The lecture will be in Whitney Conference Hall, 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., Marineland and is free. Information: (904) 461-4000 or log on to [www.whitney.ufl.edu](http://www.whitney.ufl.edu).

### United Way slates annual meeting Jan. 24

DAYTONA BEACH - The United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, which helps fund

more than 50 local nonprofit agencies, will install its new board of directors and review the past year at its 2005 annual meeting.

The meeting will be at noon Jan. 24 at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach.

Jeff Blass, senior executive vice president of SunTrust Bank and the current chairman, will pass the gavel to Jim Weite, president of Cypress-Coquina Bank. Frank Bruno, Volusia County Council chairman, will serve as keynote speaker.

Reservations for the lunch, which costs \$25, are required by Jan. 19. For more information, call Barbara Kingston at (386) 253-0563, ext. 236.

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