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TODAY

Juneville escapees caught

Seminole County Sheriff's Department deputies apprehended three male juveniles who escaped from the Juvenile Detention Center in Sanford early Tuesday morning.

According to the sheriff's report, the three escaped by crawling through a vent, onto the roof, and then lowering themselves to the ground.

Brett Klingensmith, 17, James Fortini, 14, and Carey Ramey, 13, were caught a few hours later following a search by the Sanford Police and deputy sheriff's with K-9 units.

Marijuana farm

George Waxler, 50, Fawn Run, Oviedo, will make his initial court appearance this afternoon. Waxler is charged with one count each of cultivation of cannabis, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to Ed McDonough, Seminole County Sheriff's Office spokesman. Waxler was arrested Tuesday at his home after Seminole County special investigators found 128 marijuana plants on his property. He is being held on \$4,000 bail in the county jail.

Preservation board to meet

The City of Sanford Historic Preservation Board will meet Thursday at City Hall in the City Commission Conference Room, 300 North Park Ave., Sanford.

For information, call 330-5626.

Tourism Council to meet

The Seminole County Tourism Council will meet Thursday at noon at the Ramada Inn, Longwood.

For information, call 328-5770.

Expressway authority to meet

The Seminole County Expressway Authority will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed "Missing Link" between US 17/92 and Interstate 4 on July 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the County Services Building, Room 3024, 1101 East First St., Sanford.

For information, call 323-2500, ext. 5740.

Independent Living celebration

The Center for Independent Living in Central Florida will celebrate Independent Living Month July 16 at the Winter Park Civic Center from 5 to 7 p.m. More than 2.6 million Floridians have some form of disability. CIL is dedicated to serving citizens with disabilities so that individuals can make more life choices.

Vital records available

A new government publication, "Where to Write for Vital Records," explains how and where to write for birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates. This publication lists the appropriate agencies to contact in each state, along with the address, telephone number and cost. To order, send a check for \$7.95 payable to Federal Reprints, PO Box 11783, Washington D.C. 20008.

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No man who is in a hurry is quite civilized.

— Will Durant

How agile must cops be?

By DAVID FRAZIER
Herald Staff Writer

The Fraternal Order of Police union has agreed with the City of Sanford not to pursue a grievance filed with Chief Joe Dillard at this time. The grievance is in response to a memo issued by Dillard stating that if seven

particular officers did not take the makeup Physical Abilities Test and pass it, meritorious wage increases would be withheld despite the outcome of annual evaluations.

Action on the grievance has been delayed up to 30 days pending the outcome of informal talks between the F.O.P. and the city. Sgt. Darrel Presley, spokesman for the R.O.P., said today that the grievance filed with the chief

would be withheld if an "equitable solution" could be met.

Seven officers have been put on light duty at this time because of their inability to take the annual Physical Abilities Test, an examination that tests the physical readiness of police officers. The Abilities Test requires that an officer run from a patrol car through an

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Heaven's light show



Central Florida is one of the foremost regions in the country for lightning strikes, as seen here in a drama over the Seminole County courthouse. For more on heaven's light show, see Page 5A.

Sailfest gone, perhaps to Disney

Sanford plans fall festival

By RABBIT WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

For 25 years, Sailfest and Sanford were synonymous. Each December, the boats and boatmen would come to Lake Monroe for what was billed as the world's largest sailing regatta.

There won't be a Sailfest this year, however.

Event officials have cancelled the Seminole County Sailfest for 1997, and are considering other sites for the future. Disney World is an intriguing, made-for-TV possibility. St. Petersburg and Cocoa are under consideration, too.

The problem in Sanford, said Sailfest organizer Bob Roth, is there isn't enough "real beach" on the lake shore ("rock and fiberglass don't go together") and not enough

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Delayed plane searched for drugs, cleared

By MARIA OREM
Herald Staff Writer

After failing to make a scheduled stop and flying under acceptable radar levels, a small private airplane was detained Tuesday at Orlando Sanford Airport and searched for drugs by United States Customs agents.

The airplane, piloted by Maurice Walker, 74, of DeLand, flying in from the Bahamas failed to check in at Fort Myers which was the nearest port of entry, according to Ed McDonough, spokesman for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, which assisted in the operation.

Airplanes coming in from outside the U.S. are required to stop for a customs check at the nearest point of entry.

"He was supposed to stop in Ft. Pierce because it was on his flight plan but he overflew it and continued on to Sanford," McDonough said.

McDonough said U.S. Customs asked the sheriff's department for assistance after observing that the plane was flying below acceptable radar levels.

"Customs asked us to detain the plane at the airport until they arrived," McDonough said. Alert 2, the sheriff's helicopter was used for visual observance, he added.

In addition, the single engine Mooney circled for about 30 minutes the old airstrip at the Seminole Flying Ranch.

"He kept flying in a circular pattern with no rhyme or reason which might indicate that he was trying to stop there or drop something off and that he might be up to something illegal," he said.

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Law enforcement agents including a drug-sniffing K-9 attached to the sheriff's department, approach the small plane detained Tuesday at the Orlando Sanford Airport.

Big changes made at Sanford Middle School

By CARTER GILMARTIN
Herald Correspondent

Sanford Middle School will open the 1997-98 school year July 30 with facility and staff changes, a new PTSA president, and 5 new School Advisory Council members. Twenty-six new portables now in place will house students, teachers, custodians and some administrators for the coming year. Six new faculty members will join SMS, replacing several who retired and several who elected to move elsewhere.

It is important for even returning students to attend July 29's open house from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to learn where classes will meet.

Residents who attended SMS when it was Sanford High School will recall the health, art and home economics building as "the old lunchroom," according to Nancy Hansen, SMS executive secretary. That building will be gone before the new school year resumes, to make

room for new construction. Also scheduled for demolition is building 48, located just west of the bicycle racks. In recent years this building housed the science, social studies and math classes for team Pegasus.

The room students and teachers knew as the "Responsibility Room" no longer exists. A portable will be used for this place for a student to get away and work with an administrator to get organized and make a plan for success and work with an administrator to get organized and make a plan for success.

"Jason's Garden" has already been relocated to a shaded area east of the track.

Mr. Shipman's technology/shop class will meet on the stage in the gym for a year. It has been blocked off like a classroom, according to Hansen, as his former classroom has already been demolished.

Both the custodial rooms and the media center will be housed in portables.

The music and band rooms will stay but will undergo extensive remodeling.

A new band director is on Board at SMS. Jennifer Scott accepted a position as band director at Maitland Middle School. Rhett Cox has been selected by principal Bill Moore to replace her. Cox is new to Florida, having moved here from Illinois.

School Guidance Counselor Meriam Johnson retired at the end of this past school year. Sanford native Mary Beth Donaldson has been hired to join Judy Buckley on the guidance team.

Assistant Principal Fred Tombrose accepted an opportunity to work with high school level students at Lake Brantley High School. Frank Werner transferred from South Seminole Middle School to SMS and will replace Tombrose.

Linda Gurtis is SMS PTSA President for the coming year. She holds her first PTSA board

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Veterans' corner

Broad research agenda aids Persian Gulf vets

The Persian Gulf Veterans Coordinating Board, composed of the secretaries of the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs, has sent Congress its annual report research outlining more than 90 federally supported projects investigating the health problems of Gulf War veterans.

The Coordinating Board was established by President Clinton in January 1994 to respond to the health concerns of Gulf War veterans. The Board's Research Working Group, chaired by the Department of Veterans Affairs, is responsible for developing the research response to Gulf War veterans' illnesses through coordination, evaluation and communication.

The Research Working Group has reviewed proposal of research investigators competing for federal grant funds to ensure that priority is accorded research addressing veterans' concerns. The Coordinating Board and its Research Working Group also ensure maximum coverage of research dollars by guarding against unnecessary duplication in research approaches, by promoting communication among researchers, and by articulating a vision for closing gaps in scientific understanding of the health problems of Gulf War veterans.

The newly released 1996 "Annual Report To Congress: Federally-sponsored Research on Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses" supplements an annual strategic plan on key Gulf War veterans health research questions - and approaches to answering them - by providing a description of important research to date, findings, and studies in progress. The new Annual Report to Congress, the fourth produced by the Coordinating Board in response to Public Law 102-585, differs from the 1995 summary in that it includes non-government-funded research published in peer-reviewed scientific journals since the last report.

During 1996 and into early 1997, several research papers reporting on studies of Persian Gulf veterans' health have appeared in the scientific literature, important additions to the expanding knowledge of the nature, causes, and potential treatment of Gulf War veterans' illnesses. Summary reviews of individual studies are included in the annual report.

The annual report lists milestones anticipated in 1997, including a follow-on physical examination phase of a joint Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and University of Iowa sponsored study, the first large-scale population-based study of illnesses in Gulf War veterans, as well as a contract for a physical examination phase of another major population-based study by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Additional future milestones mentioned in the report include scientific and programmatic review and award of new research, development of research strategies for understanding the possible effects of chemical warfare nerve agent exposure, and anticipated reports by the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

Veterans with concerns about their health or exposures in the Persian Gulf may get information and referrals to protocol medical examinations via toll-free numbers. For those who remain on active-duty today, the Department of Defense operates a hotline at 800-796-9699, while those who have left active duty, including deactivated reservists or National Guard members, may receive assistance from VA at 800-749-8387. The military also staffs an incident reporting hotline at 800-472-6719 where individuals may report information they believe is pertinent to investigations of events that may have bearing on the health of Gulf War veterans.

A day for tarpon, Tesh and turtles



Today is...
RUSS WHITE

What a day!
Five days after the Fourth America celebrates with the Chesapeake Turtle Derby in Baltimore, the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo in Vernal, Utah, a tarpon fishing tournament in Boca Grande, Fla., and the great Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament at Ft. Peck.

Time to observe, also, the anniversary of the ratification of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Coming three years after the Civil War, the 14th Amendment (1868) defined United States citizenship and provided that no State had the right to abridge the rights of any citizen without due process and equal protection under the law.

Today is the 200th death anniversary of Edmund Burke, British statesman, orator and political philosopher. Remember what E.R. told us: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Burke died at Beaconsfield, England, at age 68.

July 9 is the 37th anniversary of the

Soviet Rocket Threat. On this day in 1960, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev threatened to blow up America if President John Kennedy tried to overthrow the Castro regime in Cuba. Kennedy pronounced it "Cuba."

Elias Howe, who invented the sewing machine, was born on July 9, 1819 at Spencer, Mass. He had the country in stitches by the time he died on Oct. 3, 1867 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Composer Ottorino Respighi was born at Bologna, Italy on July 9, 1879. Isn't there a salad or ballad named after him?

English novelist Ann Ward Radcliffe was born on July 9, 1764 in London. She wrote *The Mysteries of Udolpho*, *The Italian* and *The Romance of the Forest*.

Which brings us to today's Hollywood birthdays: Forrest Gump actor Tom Hanks is 41 today. He was born July 9, 1956 in Concord, Calif. He won an Oscar as Forrest Gump and another for his work in *Philadelphia*.

Actor Jimmy Smits is celebrating his 42nd birthday. His real name is Victor Serrano. He was born in New York, N.Y. Why would he change his name from Serrano?

Actress Kelly McGillis is 40 today, and the Hollywood insiders say she'll be listening to John Tesh compact discs all afternoon. At the same time birthday boy John Tesh (40) will be watching McGillis in *Top Gun*.

We can only guess how O.J. will celebrate Birthday No. 50. Oriental James Simpson



was born this very day in San Francisco, the year 1947. The Juice won the Heisman Trophy as the country's best collegiate football player in 1968. He has little idea what happened to the trophy or to his life.

Rhythm and blues singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 43 today and actress singer Courtney Love is 33.

Actor singer Ed Ames is 70 today. He and Johnny Carson might get together to watch that great clip of Ames throwing a hatchet at a dummy on the Tonight Show. The frontier is no picnic.

Richard Roundtree - Shaft - is 55 today.

As you read this, the fifth of the 10 races at the Chesapeake Turtle Derby is under way. The 10 winners compete in a grand final for the championship. The losers are soup.



Employee of the Month

The City of Sanford once again honors an outstanding employee in a monthly event in recognition of exemplary performance on the job. The city for July honors Diane Crews, a seven-year veteran, center accepting a plaque from Mayor Larry Dale for whom Crews works as a secretary and City Manager Bill Simmons. Crews recently completed her bachelor's degree in Public Administration. She has maintained accurate absentee ballots during the last city commission election and is very involved in her children's activities. Crews was nominated for the honor by Kim Eltonhead. Every department that Diane has worked in has never been disappointed with her work ethics, skill and integrity. Eltonhead said:

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

LEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low to mid-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. Thursday: Afternoon thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the low 90s. Friday: Scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the low 90s. Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the low to mid 90s.

TIDES

WEDNESDAY SOLUNAR TABLE: min., 10:20 a.m., 4:10 p.m., maj., 10:45 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs 12:03 a.m., 12:35 p.m., lows 6:19 a.m., 6:39 p.m. **New Smyrna Beach:** highs 12:08 a.m., 12:40 p.m., lows 6:24 a.m., 6:44 p.m. **Cocoa Beach:** highs 12:23 a.m., 12:55 p.m., lows 6:39 a.m., 6:59 p.m.

SUN INDEX

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for the Orlando area is 8.
The UVI levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

FLORIDA TEMPS

MIAMI - Florida 24 hour temperatures and rainfall at 8 a.m. today:

City	Hi	Lo	Rain
Apalachicola	93	74	00
Daytona Beach	91	73	00
Ft. Lauderdale	91	77	00
Fort Myers	95	78	00
Gainesville	90	72	11
Jacksonville	91	72	00
Key West	90	82	00
Miami	91	77	00
Pensacola	92	74	00
Sarasota	92	77	00
Tallahassee	92	71	32
Tampa	91	77	05
W. Palm Beach	91	77	00

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 94 degrees and the overnight low was 71 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m. Wednesday totalled 0 inches.
*Sunrise.....6:35 a.m.
*Sunset.....8:26 p.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 0 to 1 foot and glassy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 81 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are flat and glassy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 81 degrees.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
3-10-17-24-26

Play 4
3-8-9-9
Cash 3
0-2-5

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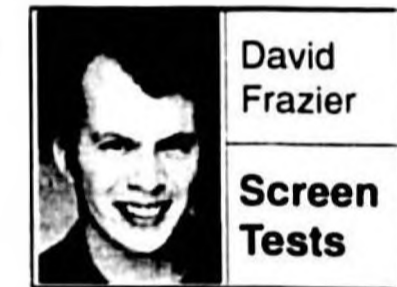
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Nothing to go wild about in this flick



David Frazier
Screen Tests

Wild America (PG): Generosity could be one of my strongest characteristics. The two stars I bestow *Wild America* is a gift. This is a well meaning, coming of age, wilderness adventure/drama, but, ultimately, is a huge bore.

Wild America is about the real life Stouffer brothers in their youth as they trek cross country with a 16 mm camera trying to capture endangered yet dangerous wildlife. Several personal obstacles and near death experiences obstruct the path to success for the three siblings, but their dreams and perseverance seize the day.

Directed by William Dear (*Angels in the Outfield*), *Wild America* implies that the Stouffers had some thrilling adventures during their adolescent voyage, but it doesn't take the audience back to let us relive those days. The filmmakers take three young actors in Jonathan Taylor Thomas (TV's *Home Improvement*), Devon Sawa (*Casper*) and Scott Bairstow (*White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf*) and pits them in mostly obvious animatronic grizzly bears, alligators and rattlesnakes. It was like the actors were in a theme park attraction rather than the wilderness. The adventure in this film lacks a sense of peril, excitement and vivacity. It is rather limp.

I had a problem with some of the characterizations - I should say representations - in *Wild America* too. The Stouffer's father, Marty Sr. (Jamey Sheridan), is made to be the "stille" of the boy's dreams. He has plans for them to take over the family business some day, and he also full of good intentions. But he comes off as an inflexible tyrant! This



Mark Stouffer (Devon Sawa), Marshall Stouffer (Scott Bairstow) in the true-life outdoor adventure "Wild America" and Marty Stouffer (Jonathan Taylor Thomas)

type of character seems repetitive in the movies. Marty Jr. (Bairstow), the creator of the PBS series *Marty Stouffer's Wild America*, although a dreamer and visionary, is made out to be this almost apathetic, driven kid. I wouldn't want this kid for a brother. I would be afraid that he would trade me for a new camera. And the youngest Stouffer, Marshall (Thomas), is his brothers' guinea pig and the family's profound wise man. This kid has more insight on life than his parents and brothers. Right.

Wild America is aimed at the "skating rink" crowd. The three leads somewhere along the lines have graced the splashy covers of those insipid teenybopper magazines. I can see absolutely no appeal to anyone over the age of 16 with this film.

The best approach for a film on the Stouffer brothers might have been a documentary.

This Hollywood hokum just doesn't work. Two stars (out of four).

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POLICE BRIEFS

Man struck in forehead

Ronald Alexander, 46, of 4551 Richard Allen St., Lake Monroe, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Alexander was charged with battery and arrested at his residence. Report said that he struck a man in the forehead.

Retail thefts

Kenneth Lingley, 33, of 3319 Tara St., Deltona, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Lingley was charged with retail theft and arrested in the 300 block of Towne Center Cir. Report said that Lingley tried to leave a store with a pair of slacks he had not paid for.

Steve Hinkle, 33, of 760 Trafalgar St., Deltona, was arrested Sunday by Sanford Police. Hinkle was charged with retail theft and arrested in the 300 block of Towne Center Cir. Report said that Hinkle tried to obtain cash from an in-store item.

Hamilton Clark, 19, of 2486 Amarda St., Deltona, was arrested Monday by Sanford Police. Clark was charged with retail theft and arrested in the 300 block of Towne Center Cir. Report said that Clark tried to leave a store while concealing clothing.

John Darsillo, 36, of 5741 Riverdale Dr., Coral Springs, was arrested Sunday by Longwood Police. Darsillo was charged with retail theft and arrested in the 900 block of W. S.R. 434. Report said that Darsillo shoplifted a bottle of Tylenol.

Domestic battery cases

Robert Herring Jr., 53, of 1011 1/2 Holly Ave., Sanford, was arrested Wednesday by Sanford Police. Herring was charged with domestic battery and arrested at his residence. Report said that he pushed his wife in the forehead with his fist and also tackled her which caused a cut on her arm.

Irving Callazo, 26, of 221 Rosecliff Cr., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Callazo was charged with battery (domestic violence) and arrested at his residence. Report said that he physically attacked his live-in girlfriend.

Timothy Price-Williams, 39, of 275 E. Central Pkwy., Altamonte Springs, was arrested Friday by Altamonte Springs Police. Price-Williams was charged with battery (domestic violence) and arrested at his residence. Report said that he pinned a man down and threatened to cut him with a knife.

Freddie Perkins, 45, of 7 Higgins Terrace, Sanford, was arrested Friday by Sanford Police. Perkins was charged with aggravated battery (domestic violence) and arrested in the 1600 block of W. 13th St. Report said that he choked and hit the woman that is carrying his child.

Alfredo Pedraza, 42, of 3802 Elder Springs Cir., Sanford, was arrested Monday by Seminole County deputies. Pedraza was charged with battery (domestic violence) and resisting without violence, and arrested at his residence. Report said that he hit his girlfriend and choked her. When officers arrested him, he tried to pull away.

Elizabeth Marino, 18, of 2612 Grassy Point, Lake Mary, was arrested Sunday by Seminole County deputies. Marino was charged with battery (domestic violence) and arrested in the 900 block of Framlingham Court. Report said that she kicked and hit her father.

Incidents

\$175 worth of currency was stolen as part of an armed robbery Sunday in the 2300 block of Seminole Blvd.

A Magnavox VCR, an RCA CD player worth \$440, and 10 CDs of unknown value were stolen Sunday in the 300 block of Park Ave.

\$190 was stolen from a cash register drawer Sunday in the 200 block of Towne Center Cir.

A green 96 Ford Escort LX 2 door, license plate number UN77V, was stolen Sunday in the 200 block of Santa Barbara Dr.

A beige and gold 82 Lincoln Continental 4 door, license plate number SNF81U, was stolen Sunday in the 400 block of Plumosa Dr.

A VCR and TV worth \$250 was stolen Sunday from the 100 block of Lindsey Way.

A \$30 blower was stolen Saturday from the 900 block of Elm Ave.

Electronics, cleaning supplies and meat worth \$320 were stolen Saturday from the 1100 block of Pomegranate Ave.

\$80 in currency was stolen Saturday in the 300 block of Golf Cove Ct.

A 25" Toshiba color TV worth \$175 was stolen from the 1300 block of Douglas on Friday.

A wallet with \$355 in currency was stolen Thursday in the 1100 block of W. 13th St.

A grey 90 Honda four door Accord, license plate number SL520X, was stolen Thursday from the 1900 block of S. French Ave.

Cash and tickets worth \$3855 were stolen Thursday from the 900 block of State St.

One women's Pulsar watch worth \$70 was stolen Thursday in the 400 block of Mattha Ave.

One Llama 9 mm. one Colt 380 caliber and currency totaling \$6,035.52 were stolen Friday from the 1100 block of Orange Ave.

A red 84 Dodge Charger two door, license plate number VZV55V, was stolen Friday from the 700 block of Cypress Ave. \$60 in currency was stolen Friday in the 700 block of W. 13th St.

A silver 89 Cadillac Deville four door, license plate number SBZ16R, was stolen on Thursday. Exact location unknown.

Currency totaling \$3600 was stolen Friday in the 3800 block of S. Orlando Dr.

A 22 Mag Herringer DM-22 worth \$65 was stolen Friday in the 100 block of Country Club Dr.

A white 87 Chevy Caprice four door, license plate number QKC24T, was stolen Friday in the 400 block of S. Virginia Ave.

A white 86 Pontiac Wagon four door, license plate number VZX68J, was stolen from the 1900 block of Magnolia Ave.

A Sanyo TV and a microwave worth \$250 were stolen from the 600 block of French Ave. on Monday.

Cash and a Rolex watch totaling \$1920 were stolen from the 1700 block of E. 4th St. on Monday.

Personal possessions, a backpack, a Motorola pager and clothes worth \$240 were stolen Monday in the 500 block of E. Lake Mary Blvd.

A silver mountain bike worth \$40 was stolen Monday in the 2500 block of Georgia Ave.

A Tandy cell phone worth \$300 was stolen Monday from the 500 block of S. French Ave.

Personal possessions worth \$37 were robbed from a man at the corner of S.R. 600 and Americana Blvd. on Monday.

A 94 GMC moving van, license plate number LL4125, was stolen Monday in the 2500 block of Mohawk Ave.

A red 91 Chevy, license plate number LJV324, was stolen Monday in the 2200 block of French Ave.

DUI arrest

Frank Flumara, 33, of 252 Morning Glory Dr., Lake Mary, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Flumara was charged with DUI and arrested in the 1100 block of S.R. 436. Report said that he tried to leave business premises and passed out in front seat of his vehicle.

Multiple charges filed

Deborah Griffin, 34, of 108 Brookshire Ct., Winter Springs, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Griffin was charged with unlawful entry on property, resisting with violence and aggravated battery. She was arrested in the 300 block of Towne Center Cir.



It's soooo hot!

When the mercury soars, the temperature climbs, the sidewalks are hot enough to fry eggs on, the swimming pool at the Seminole Family YMCA looks mighty inviting. These swimmers know that a cool dip can take the edge off 90 plus temps and higher humidity.

Herald Photo by Sherr Lynn Hill

Orange County boot camp now open

Special to the Herald

TALLAHASSEE—In recognizing the need for a coordinated and focused approach to address the juvenile crime problem in Orange County, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, has opened the Orange County

Boot Camp. This will be the seventh boot camp currently in operation in Florida. The others are located in Leon, Bay, Pinellas, Manatee, Polk and Martin counties.

The boot camp, located on the Southwest side of the Orange County Jail Complex on 33rd street, received its first platoon of youths Thursday

July 3rd. This 30 bed moderate risk residential program will serve males age 14-18, will operate seven days a week, and will provide a minimum length of stay of 120 days.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is providing a structured approach emphasizing educational, vocational and therapeutic programs which change

criminal beliefs and values, and increase social skills. The program will include military dress, physical exercises, substance abuse education, individual and group counseling and community interaction. The goal is to rebuild and re-shape these young offenders' attitudes and outlook on life, but also to place an emphasis on the safety of our citizens by returning the offenders to society trained both mentally and physically to live in and contribute to their communities.



Herald Photo by Tammy Vincent

Reading is fun-damental

Seminole County Library Branch Manager Richard Gardiner shows off the new book storage units the Sanford branch obtained from

Barnes and Noble booksellers. The library offers a wide array of books, tapes, educational programs and fun events for children and adults.

IN THE SERVICE

BRADLEY L. FOLEY

Army National Guard Pvt. Bradley L. Foley has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Foley is the son of Thomas C. and Pamela L. Foley of 820 Riverbend Blvd., Longwood.

DAVID S. LANDRY

Navy Airman David S. Landry, son of Janice R. Sylvester of Sanford, Fla., recently participated in a combined U.S. and Australian military training exercise held in Queensland, Australia.

The 1994 graduate of Baker High School of Baker, La., joined the Navy in August 1994.

JAMES J. SMITH

Army Spec. James J. Smith has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Smith is the son of Hazel and John D. Smith of 398 Glen Abbey Lane, Debarry.

The specialist is a 1993 graduate of Deltona High School.

DANILO D. MENDOZA

Army Pvt. Danilo D. Mendoza has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Mendoza is the son of Deena Papadimitriou of 5225 Margert St., Orlando, and Danilo D. Mendoza of 243 Lakeview Drive, Sanford.

He is a 1996 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford.

CHRISTOPHER G. DYALS

Army Pvt. Christopher G. Dyals has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Dyals is the son of Isaac S. Dyals of 1558 Crossbeam Drive, Casselberry.

The private is a 1996 graduate of Lake Howell High School, Winter Park.

VERONICA L. EHRENBERG

Veronica L. Ehrenberg has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Ehrenberg, an engine scheduler, is stationed at Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, N.C.

She is the daughter of Sandra A. Doaner of 1276 Main St., Atlantic Beach, Fla., and Harry Ehrenberg of 59 N. Winterpark Drive, Casselberry, Fla.

She is a 1993 graduate of Fletcher Senior High School, Neptune Beach, Fla.

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Keep the canine cops

Sanford Police Chief Joe Dillard is looking into the cost effectiveness of the canine unit to see if the department wants to keep or disband it. Currently three officers and three dogs serve the city in this capacity. The issue became one when Cpl. Michael Ansley turned in a request for a year's worth of overtime, about \$9,000, which has been approved and paid.

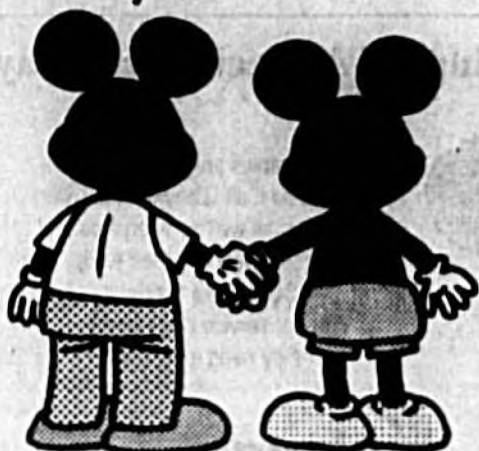
It is good fiscal management on Dillard's part to keep an eye on spending, but we hope he will keep the canine unit. We think it pays for itself in unseen ways, such as stemming the loss of life of human officers and in the benefits from animals with heightened senses to ferret out the bad guys.

The police department is one of the single most important arms of government in Sanford. The job all the men and women do is certainly one of the hardest. We feel just about whatever Chief Dillard needs to keep our citizens safe and keep criminals off the streets is probably warranted. The chief says the program has been "good for us. We've had very good success with the canine unit." We agree. Sanford's K-9s, many in the past national award winners, have thwarted bank robbers, run suspects from thick underbrush, and held suspects in their jaws while their human counterparts took control of the situation in less danger than if the K-9 had not been on duty.

We are glad Chief Dillard keeps an eye on expenses. We wish all government entities would do that. But we think the citizens will be forgiving if the cost of the canine unit is factored into the budget next year. The benefits far outweigh that cost.

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MORTON KONDRACKE

Don't mess with the Constitution

The anniversary of our nation's independence would have been a good time for Congress to resolve to quit whimsically trying to amend the Constitution, even to protect the flag.

Since the Bill of Rights was adopted in 1791, the Constitution has been amended only 17 times. Yet in the 104th Congress, nine new amendments were considered, and eight have been introduced in the 106th Congress.

An amendment to outlaw desecration of the flag passed the House on June 12, 310-114, with only 100 Democrats, 13 Republicans, and one independent voting against trivializing the country's founding charter.

In 1995, the Senate came within three votes of approving a flag amendment, and the chamber may have tilted sufficiently rightward in the 1996 election to ensure passage this year.

Before protection of the flag can become the 36th Amendment, of course, 36 states will have to ratify it, but it will be just as hard for state legislators to stand up to mangled patriotism as it is for members of Congress.

Outlawing flag-burning surely does not meet



6 An amendment to outlaw desecration of the flag passed the House on June 12, 9

the standard set by James Madison, that amending the Constitution should be reserved "for certain great and extraordinary occasions."

Citizens naturally revere the flag as the symbol of the nation, but it is only a symbol, and the Supreme Court correctly ruled in 1989 and 1990 that desecrating the flag, obnoxious as it might be, is a political statement, not a threat to the nation.

Besides the near-to-passing flag amendment, Congress currently has amendments before it to require a balanced budget, to allow victims

of crimes and their families the right to participate in criminal trials, and to make it possible for states to initiate the constitutional amendment process.

The balanced budget amendment -- though it might have the unintended effect of putting the federal courts in the budget-writing business or empowering the president to impound funds -- was defeated by just one vote in the Senate this year and will be back for another test eventually.

Thankfully, Congress has rejected amendments to impose term limits on members, to allow Congress to limit campaign spending, and to require a supermajority to raise taxes.

The latest entrant into the amendment process, introduced June 24 by Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., would allow two-thirds of the states to propose an amendment, which would then go to Congress and, if two-thirds of both the House and Senate failed to vote to kill it, would go back to the states for ratification by three-fourths of the state legislatures.

In introducing the measure, Bliley said that if

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IAN SHOALES



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Spawning season for action figures

My girlfriend collects "Spawn" action figures. As a probably unintended consequence, I sometimes feel I am not worthy of her.

I mean, I have no hobbies to equal that. I don't think sneering at popular culture, cable television, and the Internet counts. (Uh, does it?)

Still, while I recognize that her Spawning contributes enormously to the glamour and mystery of our relationship, it is not an activity I necessarily approve of. (Isn't that just like a guy, though?)

I worry about her. She often finds herself engaged in a tug of war in the aisles of Toys R Us with determined housewives shopping for their sociopathic sons, with pale and out of shape aging young men in faded Kiss T-shirts, and even with obsessed 13-year-old boys themselves, all of whom want to be the first on the block to get all the figures in Series Eight.

All this activity is based on a relatively obscure comic book, of interest mainly to its rabid fans. And my girlfriend has never even read it! She just likes the dolls on their own merits! (Isn't that just like a dame, though?)

Now that "Spawn" is an animated series on HBO, and a movie is coming out in August, gathering the physical output of Todd McFarlane's feverish imagination could become life-threatening. And I imagine that my girlfriend will comprehend the back story whether she wants to or not.

Still, you never know.

My girlfriend has the June issue of Tomart's Action Figure Digest (hey, who doesn't?). Leafing through it, trying to find the roots of my girlfriend's fascination, frankly, I found an article about action figures that didn't make it. Prototypes exist (and Tomart's has photographs to prove it), but the figures themselves never made it to the shelves.

As I turned the pages, I saw elves from "Dark Crystal," intact in their stillborn packaging, aliens from "Last Starfighter," Rocky Balboa. It was like seeing ghosts -- scary, saddening, reassuring.

Oh, don't get me wrong. The majority of Tomart's fine publication was devoted to alerting you about the whereabouts of plastic Luke Skywalker, Boba Fett, Rogues and Predators, wherever they might hide.

But I found myself with tears in my eyes nonetheless, which endeared me to my girlfriend enormously. Go figure. (Isn't that just like a relationship, though?)

The question is: What deserves an action figure, and what doesn't? Keep in mind that action figures are a recent phenomenon. When I was a boy, I had Zorro, Prince Valiant, Captain Gallant, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses Grant (with cigar), Colonel Travis, Elliot Ness and Marshall Dillon in plastic form. I also had the Frankenstein monster, Dracula, a T. Rex, Godzilla, El Comandante, and a Nazi general observing some confrontation indifferently through binoculars.

I did not consider them to be action figures. They were just little plastic guys with names. I used them as I saw fit -- trying to be true, nonetheless to history as I dimly understood it. I would have Ness, Dillon and Zorro, for example, battle El Comandante's minions of evil, which included Godzilla and the Nazi general.

As you can see, my childhood dreams

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ELLEN GOODMAN

Routinely acting out of character

BOSTON--As a young reporter, I was often sent out to go knocking on doors. When someone in the city had dismembered his dog or his mother, my job was to get reaction from the neighbors.

It was on these assignments that I first encountered the cliché of such stories. A neighbor would open the door a crack and offer up some variation of the same theme about the killer next door: "He was such a quiet boy."

As often as not people would insist that someone who had committed a terrible act had acted out of character. It was as if an incomprehensible scene had been scripted for him by a bad playwright.

Now it seems that people are routinely described as "acting out of character." When Red Sox outfielder Wilfredo Cordero was recently accused of beating, choking and threatening the life of his wife, what did teammate Mo Vaughn say? "This is no indication of his character at all."

This echoed back to the time O. J. Simpson was accused of murder. "O. J. doesn't have the personality to do this," said Frank Gifford. Now Gifford's adulterous behavior is labeled by sympathizers as an aberration.

There is also the new author and ex-con Sol Wachtler. When this chief justice of the New York Supreme Court was arrested after stalking his former lover, a colleague insisted that this was not "the person I have known." And of course there are the much honored military men caught in new sex scandals. Buddies insist: "It wasn't like him."

Out-of-character experiences abound. He was a quiet boy. In a need to see ourselves and each other as predictable and known quantities, we dismiss the "flaws" as inexplicable. And if that doesn't work, we try the other tack. We rummage through the past of a complex life to find a single set of clues that make some misdeed comfortably "in character."

So it is that when Georgia's Mike Bowers, the former attorney general who defended an anti-gay law before the Supreme Court, confesses to adultery, those who saw him as "Mr. Clean" may be shocked. But those who saw him as a phony say, "Of course."

So it is that Nixon's venal words on tape would have seemed "out of character" to many Americans in 1972. But a quarter-century later, those who heard the Watergate tapes again last week dubbed them as "quintessential Nixon."

In any number of ways we try to avoid facing the possibility that character may be fluid, contradictory, open-ended.



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Americans are fascinated by character. But when we talk of character education or character building in children, it's with the belief that we can set up a permanent ethical core. That belief can be at war with our own evidence.

In an interview in the Paris Review, Richard Ford, the author of "Independence Day" said that when he was growing up, "character seemed to me...a rather fixed quotient." But in mid-life his own experience of character--his and others--stresses "the incalculable, the obscure, the unpredictable."

"Today I think of characters--actual and literary characters--as being rather mixed....I certainly think we have histories. And based on them we can purport to have characters--invent or allege character, in a sense. And sometimes histories predict what people will do. Though often not."

This view of character suggests the possibilities in all of us. The times we do things we would never do. The fact that what we do cannot be "out of character" -- since we have done it.

Bill Bennett, for instance, whose "Book of Virtues" hoes a straight line, sheepishly confesses that in a post-drug-czar phase, he sneaked cigarettes. Michael Ansara, liberal founder of Citizen Action, admits funneling illegal contributions to a union campaign and "violating the principles that have guided me."

In character? Out of character? The trick that Richard Ford pondered is "how we cope with contingency in ourselves by try still to accept responsibility for our acts."

Forgive me for lumping murderers, wife beaters and sneaky smokers into one character attack. My point is that character is never completely built. Life goes on presenting us with choices, large and small. This thing we call character is always being reformed by the moral decisions we make.

In the end, we are not just the character actors. We are the authors.

Protect yourself from the awesome power of lightning

By ERNEST FEIN
Special to the Herald

Ominous black clouds blot out the afternoon sky. Fierce winds make palm trees sway like twigs in the breeze. Suddenly a blinding flash rips apart the heavens and the deafening crack of thunder fills the air.

Yes, it's summer in Florida again, and the afternoon thunderstorms have arrived right on time. These violent storms seem to arrive out of nowhere bringing with them torrential rain, strong winds and plenty of spine-tingling lightning.

While nature's fireworks are beautiful to watch, they are often deadly. Each year lightning kills over 93 people nationwide. An additional 300 people are hurt. Lightning also causes several hundred million dollars in damage to property and forests. In the past decade, lightning has been responsible for 15,000 fires and the loss of over 2 million acres of forest.

The power of lightning is awesome. The electricity within a single bolt could power a 100 watt light bulb for three months. The air surrounding a lightning bolt can soar to over 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than the surface of the sun, and hot enough to boil the sap within a tree so quickly that it explodes.

It is this rapid heating and

cooling of the air around the lightning channel which causes the shock wave that results in thunder.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA), lightning is caused by rising and falling air within a storm which separates positive and negative charges. It is the build-up and discharge of electrical energy between these positively and negatively charged areas which causes lightning.

The storms which bring these deadly displays are generally small and short-lived. According to NOAA, thunderstorms are generally no bigger than 15 miles in diameter and last an average of 30 minutes. They are also very common. More than 16 million thunderstorms occur around the world each year. Anyone who has spent a summer in Florida can testify that we get our share of these sometimes deadly storms.

While the chance of being struck by lightning is only 1 in 600,000, the odds can go up or down dramatically depending on whether or not basic safety rules are followed. The National Weather Service has published these guidelines to help keep you and your family safe in the event of a thunderstorm.

"Check out the weather forecast before venturing outside for long periods of time.

"Watch for approaching storms and tune in to NOAA

weather radio for frequent updates.

"Stay away from the water. If you are on a boat and a storm approaches, get to shore as quickly as possible and take cover.

"If caught in the woods, seek shelter beneath the lowest possible trees.

"If no indoor shelter is available, stay in your car and keep the windows closed.

"If no shelter is available, find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles but which is not subject to flooding.

"Do not use the telephone or electrical appliances.

"Do not use the shower or bath tub.

"If you feel a tingling in your skin or if your hair stands on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target you can and minimize contact with the ground.

"Above all, do not stand around in the open with a metal tripod to take pictures of this beautiful but deadly spectacle!

Following these basic rules could mean the difference between life and death. For more information about lightning, thunderstorms or weather in general, check out the NOAA web site at <http://www.noaa.gov/om/trwbro.htm>



A dramatic lightning display over downtown Sanford.

Photo Courtesy of Ernest Fein

Changes

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meeting July 10. Curtis informed board members and prospective volunteers in her invitation to that meeting "no task should ever be a burden to one person, but rather a memorable experience to be enjoyed because of the combined effort of everyone."

Former PTSA president Kathy Hoffman was elected a parent representative of the School

Advisory Council. Also elected were Jordan Beckner and Joseph Gunter. New staff SAC members are Betty Browns, a math teacher and team leader, and Susolonda Peoples, who works in the media center. Wanda Currie, teacher, Virginia Hunt, community member, Bill Moore, principal, Kathy Loyd, teacher, and Betty Carter-Oilmartin, parent, are returning SAC members.

Cops

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obstacle course, carrying a 150 lb. dummy 100 ft., go back through the obstacle course and then run back to the patrol car. After the officer gets back to the patrol car, the individual must fire a weapon, return to the front seat of the patrol car and, with seatbelt on, must put his or her hands on the steering wheel to signify the end of the test.

The test clears a physically able police officer for active duty. According to Prelesky, the officers listed in Dillard's memo were on active duty prior to being placed on light duty. If the officers were on active duty that would make them eligible for the meritorous wage increase. However, these officers had not been cleared to take the P.A.T. because of their physical ailments which would also make them ineligible for active duty. "There is some confusion in this matter," said Mayor Larry Dale, also the chairman of the Labor Management Committee. "This is more of a misunderstanding than anything else."

Chief Joe Dillard had no comment Tuesday, citing the matter as an "internal situa-

tion". When asked if there is a sufficient number of police to patrol the streets with seven officers on light duty, Dillard said "yes". But Prelesky indicates that the department is working with a "skeleton crew". And Dale said, "It's like being in be-

tween a rock and a hard place" when asked about the number of police available for duty.

According to Dale, the P.O.P. officers, if not satisfied with the conditions of the talks, still have a window in which to file their grievance.

MANUEL ALBERT GONZALEZ

Manuel Albert Gonzalez, 72, South Florida Avenue, DeLand, died July 8, 1997. Born in New York City, he moved to Central Florida in 1965. He served in the United States Navy for 20 years and saw action during World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was a member of the Alliance Chapel, DeLand. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve, the Elks Club, and the Moose Club in Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Jewell; step-son, William E. Lafreniere, San Diego, Calif.; sister, Sophia Seidler, DeLand.

LOLA B. HIGH

Lola B. High, 87, W. First Street, died July 4, 1997. Born

in Tompkinsville, Ky., she moved to Central Florida in 1947. She was owner of G.H. High Frigidaire in Oviedo and Sanford and a member of Central Baptist Church, Sanford.

Survivors include son, Joe, Longwood; brother, Cloe Cole, Gallatin, Tenn.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary.

GONZALEZ, MANUEL ALBERT
Funeral service for Manuel Albert Gonzalez will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday July 10, 1997 at the Alliance Chapel in DeLand, Fl., with the Rev. I. Russell Clark, and the Rev. David Smith officiating. Interment will follow at DeLand Memorial Gardens.

Plane

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said.

After the plane landed, Wagner and his passengers, his wife and 15-year-old daughter, were detained for about two hours while customs agents conducted a thorough inspection. A drug sniffing dog was also used in the search, that, according to McDonough, picked up something which alerted customs.

He said two special mechanics were called in by customs to take the airplane seats apart, however, no traces of drugs were found and the plane was released to the Wagner. He said no charges were filed.

Customs officials called the search routine and attributed the pilot's decision to land in Sanford as "radio problems."

Larry Sherman, officer in charge of customs at the airport, said Wagner's plane had been monitored since Miami, as are

all planes which fly into the country.

Sherman said the plane's radio did not work and the pilot could not communicate with the control towers in Ft. Pierce and Sanford. In an apparent contradiction of the sheriff's account of the incident, Sherman said the plane was flying within acceptable radar standards.

"We conducted a routine search appropriate for a plane coming in from the Bahamas," he said.

Sailfest

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effort by the city and county officials.

"We don't have enough time or money to help them this year," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale. "We're sorry to lose this event. Both Daryl McLain (Seminole County commissioner) and I had talks with the organizers. We understand their frustrations and reasons for pulling out."

"In time, we're going to have a great beach, and perhaps, they will want to come back then," Dale said. "They'll be welcome, of course. It could be they'll find something they like better. But it's possible, they'll prefer to be back here. Back where they ran this event for 25 years."

County tourism director, Jack Wert, is hopeful Sailfest may return in 1998. "Lake Monroe is one of the few lakes where you can hold an event this large," he said. A record 754 boats participated in 1994, the number down to 450 in last year's weather-plagued event.

Losing the regatta, Wert and others estimate will cost the area \$300,000 this December.

In its place, Dale said that the city is making plans for a Fall Festival that might attract as many as 10,000 people each weekday and 20,000 daily on the weekends. The event - scheduled for September - would include numerous rides and activities.

This may slacken the criticism by business people like Frank

Wolfe, owner of Wolfe's (formerly Fitzgerald's) bar and restaurant. Wolfe said he considered Sailfest to be a nice family event. "I can't see how the city could let it go," he said.

"It's a great loss to the community," said Mitchell Kindman, sales director at the Marina Hotel, an activities center for the regatta.

Meanwhile, Dale said the city will work at organizing new events such as the fall festival. "We want good things to happen here, and they will," the mayor said. "One day - not so far away - there will be no midges to bother anyone and there will be a sandy beach area."

And, he said, there may even be a new and better Sailfest.

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It were already part of the Constitution, term limits and the balanced budget amendment, which are popular at the state level, would also be law.

In past years, amendments have been proposed to permit prayer in public schools, outlaw abortion, give the president a line-item veto, and protect minority religions. The Supreme Court's rejection of the Religious Freedom Act and possible rejection of line-item veto legislation may bring back those amendments. Discussed, but not introduced, is an amendment to deny automatic citizenship to children born in the United States to illegal aliens.

Clearly, occasions arise when it's necessary to change the nation's basic charter, but in the past few years, proposals to do so have come in floods -- so much so that two former members of Congress are heading up an effort to counsel restraint on the process. Former Reps. Abner Mikva, D-Ill., and Jim Courter, R-N.J., are co-chairmen of a bipartisan group called Citizens for the Constitution, which is drafting guidelines for citizens and Congress to use in considering amendments.

First among them surely will be that before amending the Constitution, Congress should consider if the same ends can't be reached by legislation or state action.

According to Mikva and Courter, most of the purposes aimed at by the Equal Rights

Amendment have been achieved even though it failed to be ratified and without all the uncertain consequences that the vaguely worded proposal might have produced.

Another guideline is likely to be: Does this proposal arise out of a transitory impulse, or should it be part of the nation's fundamental structure? Prohibition, for example, though it seemed like a good idea in 1919, proved to be more trouble than it was worth and was repealed in 1933.

And, at a minimum, a constitutional amendment should be carefully considered in public and congressional hearings -- unlike the proposal on campaign finance, which would amend the First Amendment.

According to a paper issued by Citizens for the Constitution, "In recent years, constitutional amendment proposals have become the favored first-step panacea of all social ills rather than a solution of last resort."

"This onslaught of proposed amendments has the potential to ... turn an effective and enforceable charter of government into a document of faddish aspirations," concludes the group.

Ironically, it is Republicans who are responsible for most of the amendments considered lately -- radical action from a supposedly conservative party.

The rule of thumb for amending the Constitution should be truly conservative: Unless it is necessary to change, it is necessary not to change.

Shoales

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contained the seeds of post-modernism, and the consequent death of civilization as we know it.

I take full responsibility. Without morbid fantasists like me, there would be no action figures.

And today, morbid fantasists are a significant minority, capitalism-wise. Look at "Spawn"! I've watched three episodes of "Spawn" on HBO, and leafed through a comic book, and I still don't understand what the deal is, really. The action figures may actually be more important than the artifacts that inspired them. This would be a new wrinkle.

If it is, from whence will come the action figures of tomorrow? Do we even need

stories to justify them any more? I missed the Tyson/Holyfield fight, although the aftermath could not have been avoided. I don't know that much about cultural narratives, but I can safely predict that

little plastic Mikes will not be in our future. We may not have stories to fall back on any more, but even action figures exhibit the remnants of taste. Look at "Spawn."

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Sports

Extra Points...

Kellie Werner

Herald Staff Writer



Tennis is starting to fall apart at the Hinges

Breakfast at Wimbledon is a long standing tradition in my household.

Everyone (except dad, who was at the golf course) gathered around the television to watch John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors or Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova duke it out in tie-breakers while Bud Collins gave his best colorful commentary.

However, this year, Wimbledon experienced some of its lowest television ratings ever.

This has happened for several reasons.

First, there is no excitement or finesse to the game any more. Players stand at the baseline and bomb serves at their opponent and if they are returned, continue to slam the ball to the opposing baseline until someone misses. Gone is the thrilling net play, the perfect lob and the three-minute volley.

Gone also is the personality of the game.

Like him or not, McEnroe added spice to tennis. While he was yelling at umpires and fans, throwing his racquet or screaming obscenities, audiences were tuning in to see his latest tantrum.

All of the great newcomers with any personality are gone, as well. Andre Agassi, a favorite with Americans and Brits alike, is more worried about new bride Brooke Shields than about tennis. And Jennifer Capriati has probably waited too long to strike any type of a legitimate comeback. Garbiella Sabatini has retired. Steffi Graf is always hurt. Monica Seles can't play like she used to. Boris Becker is getting old and wasn't there a player on the tour at one time from Sanford named Jim Courier?

Last year, the most interesting personalities on the court were the streakers. This year we didn't even have them.

By the middle of the second week, not much was left of interest.

Pete Sampras, who everybody is tired of seeing on the final day of every tournament, was making his usual romp toward a Wimbledon championship match. Not one American female was left in the draw by Friday and with the loss by Monica Seles on Thursday, Martina Hingis seemed poised to go through the remainder of her matches with little trouble.

Who cares?

The world of tennis needs a facelift. It needs players with personality, players who are nice to the fans. It needs a great rivalry.

One of the best commercials on television was the one in which Agassi and Sampras set up a court in the middle of the street and continue their grudge match.

There are no heated matches anymore and people are turning the channel rather than watching Sampras beat up on yet another opponent.

When tennis gets back to the game it used to be with good play, likable people and heated rivalries, people will watch it. Until then, we'll all just assume that Sampras and Hingis won and turn to golf.

Well, maybe not golf since Tiger Woods is winning all of those tournaments.

No longer undefeated

Kathy's Baby Shop suffers first loss of season

From Staff Reports

Ho-hum, it was starting to look like just another night in the Sanford Spring Recreational Volleyball

League until something unusual happened.

For the first time all season, after running off 32 straight wins without a loss, Kathy's Baby Shop finally got bumped and spiked.

Yknots did the trick, routing Kathy's Baby Shop, 11-3, in an A League game.

Instead, it was Yknots that ran the table on the night to up their record to 24-10 on the year.

Yknots got off to a big start, slamming Ladies of the Court, 11-0 in the opening game, but the Ladies of the Court came back with two wins on the night.

For the night, Yknots also beat Church of God, 11-2; 11-4 over Beer 30; and Hopkins, 11-3.

In B/A League highlights, Westview 1 went undefeated on the night and scored a 15-0 decision over CES in the evening's final match.

Other wins by Westview 1 were 15-7 over Westview 2; 15-1 over Unknowns and 17-15 over Family Matters.

The final records for Monday were:

A League - Yknots, 5-0; Kathy's baby Shop, 4-1; Ladies of the

Court, 2-3; Hopkins, 2-3; Beer 30, 2-3; Church of God, 0-5.

B/A League - Westview 1, 4-0; Family Matters, 3-1; Unknowns, 3-1; CES, 1-3; Westview 2, 0-4.

After seven weeks, the standings are:

A League - Kathy's Baby Shop, 33-1; Yknots, 24-10; Hopkins, 18-16; Westview 1, 15-18; Beer 30, 13-21; Church of God, 6-28.

B League - Ladies of the Court, 22-12; Unknowns, 20-8; Family Matters, 12-16; Westview 2, 8-22; CES, 7-21.

Games are played every Monday.

A Pirate's life



The Sanford Pirates, a 16-year-old all-star team, heads for Ocala this weekend to appear in the state tournament. Team members are: from bottom, left to right, Joe Watson, Tony Reyes, Justin Cooper, Joe Perry, Justin Erickson, Mike Robinson, Tug Daniels, Barry Porter, Andrew Brown, Danny Coulter. Left, catcher Justin Erickson gets set to receive.

Herald Photos by Sherri Lynn Hill

Sign up now for football, soccer

*By JEFF BERLINCKE
Herald Staff Writer*

It's early summer but Lake Mary is gearing up for the football and soccer seasons already.

The Lake Mary Youth Football Association is registering for its Junior Pee-Wee League on Saturday, July 19 from 9 a.m. - noon at Greenwood Lakes Middle School.

The league is for kids aged 8-10, weighing 55 to 90 pounds and age 11 from 55 to 70 pounds.

Players must reside in the Lake Mary High School zone and maintain a 73.5 grade point average. Physicals will be available at registration.

For more information, call 328-9008.

The Sanford Pop Warner League will also hold football and cheerleading registration July 12 at 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the practice field across the street from Sanford Middle School. Practice begins August 1 and physicals must be completed in advance.

Kids looking for a non-tackle league can register for the YMCA Youth Flag Football League. It is for kids aged 6 to 12 and the game is designed for the safety of the players. The season runs August 19 - Oct. 23 so call 321-8944 for information.

It's also time for soccer at the YMCA for kids aged 5-12. Games are held every Saturday at Greenwood Lakes Middle School. Call 321-8944 for information.

Seminole stars headed for college

*By KELLIE WERNEK
Herald Staff Writer*

Seminole High School capped off a very successful athletic season by sending several of its seniors off to college on scholarships.

Today, college scholarships are based on academics as well as athletics, and the student athletes at Seminole excelled at both.

Beginning with girls' basketball, Dana Merrick earned herself a scholarship to Valencia Junior College even though she missed a better half of the season due to an injury.

The star of the team suffered a knee injury that benched her until the end of the season. When Merrick attempted to rejoin her team on the court, she reinjured her knee and had to have surgery before beginning a summer of intense rehab.

Merrick's tremendous abilities on the court were well known before her injury and that added to her determination were obviously what kept the scouts interested.

Seminole baseball experienced a very successful season this year, coming up only two games short of a trip to the state tournament.

Two major factors in that success were Phillip Eubanks and Chris Louwsma. Eubanks patrolled the outfield when he

wasn't slugging his way to one of the best batting averages in the county. He will no doubt be a welcomed addition to the Seminole Community College team.

Joining his teammate at SCC, Louwsma is expected to make his mark on the community college diamond.

Louwsma was drafted in the 19th round of the major league draft by the Florida Marlins. However, he chose to stay a little closer to home and work on his education while trying to improve his shortstop glove and over .400 batting average.

No discussion of success would be complete, however, without mentioning the Seminole girls' volleyball team.

This group of girls began playing together in the ninth grade and could barely earn a mark in the win column.

After four years of endless practicing, determination and teamwork, the team not only earned a conference title, but their own male cheerleading squad as well.

All six of the players on the starting line up will be attending college with five girls accepting scholarships.

"I cannot express what a joy it is for a coach to have all of their graduating seniors attend college," head volleyball coach Beth Corso said. "I am so very proud of

all of them."

Aubrey Nelson has already left for Western Carolina to begin warming up with her new volleyball team.

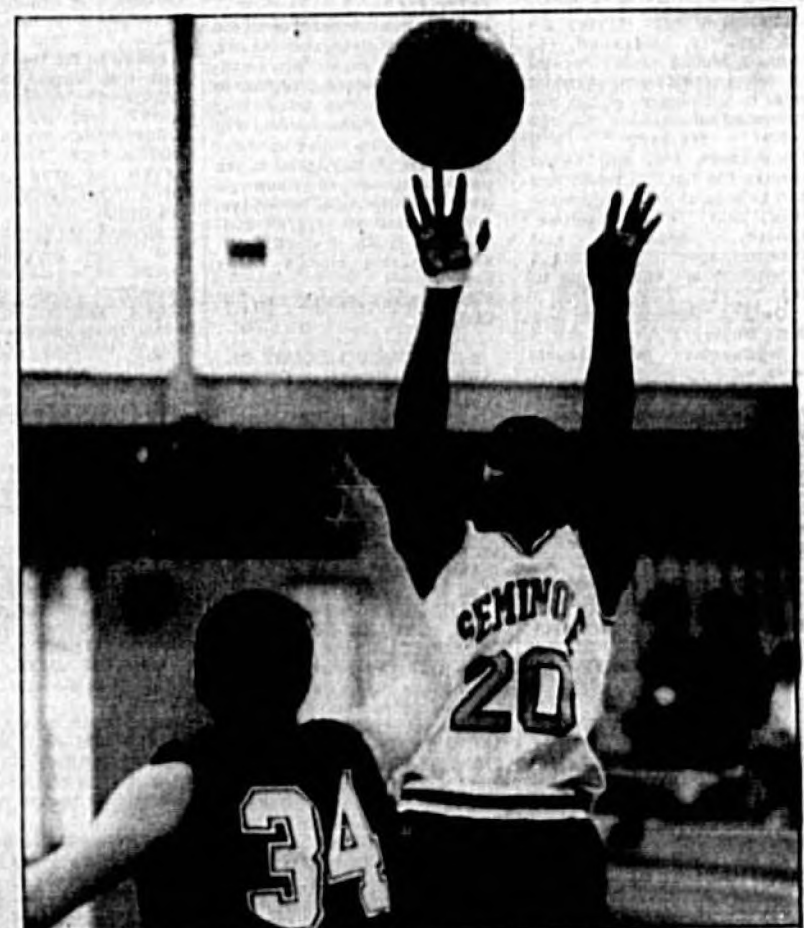
Sabrina Sapp, who also played football (she was the first female kicker in the history of the county) and soccer, will be attending Troy State in Ala. Although she excelled at all three sports, Sapp was awarded a soccer scholarship.

Tina White is also heading north but will remain a little closer to home. White will be playing volleyball for the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

The University of Central Florida is going to benefit from the addition of Dawn Traina to their roster. Traina is very interested in working with the space program and chose to stay in the area to be close to the Kennedy Space Center and her chosen field.

One More.

Although Seminole has already proven their athletic and academic prowess with the likes of Tim Raines, Jeff Blake and David Eckstein, it would appear that that was just the beginning. Seminole continues to be a school to be reckoned both on the playing field and in the classroom.



Seminole's Dana Merrick fires for two points last season. She is headed for Valencia Junior College this fall.

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I say this because surgery, in general, should be avoided when possible; the risks, albeit small, outweigh the potential benefits at this stage. If you have a hernia and it enlarges, your doctor will diagnose it and you can then consider repair. Until then, sit tight.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have osteoporosis but am afraid to take estrogen because of the risk of breast cancer. Also, I've tried several other drugs, such as Fosamax, but cannot tolerate them. Is there any drug on the horizon that might help me?

DEAR READER: Raloxifene is a brand-new medication that is being tested on human volunteers. It may be the "miracle" pill that postmenopausal women have been wishing for. It acts like a hormone (to retard the loss of calcium from bone) but has few, if any, side effects, according to early studies. Specifically, the drug is not associated with increased risks of uterine or breast cancers, as is the case with other hormones.

Authorities predict that Raloxifene should be approved for general use within the next year. Neither I nor any other practicing physician has had any experience with the medicine, so I cannot provide any endorsement; however, judging from preliminary reports in the media, the drug may truly revolutionize the treatment of osteoporosis. As more information becomes available, I'll keep my readers posted.

To give you more information, I am



MEDICINE
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sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How do you use peroxide to clean ears? Is it half and half with water? How do you get it in the ears?

DEAR READER: Hydrogen peroxide is a safe and effective method to clean the ears of wax; it is superior to cotton swabs, which can injure the ear drums.

Most doctors advise using the peroxide without dilution: Pour a half capful into the upturned ear, wait for the fizzing to stop, then shake out the excess. The effervescent nature of peroxide often dislodges wax particles and flushes them out.

If you prefer, you can use half peroxide, half warm water (or alcohol) but the undiluted form works fine.

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- ACROSS**
- Young goats
 - Type of slip
 - BB ready
 - Planet
 - N.C. college
 - French you
 - Tenant's
 - Sticky stuff
 - Even. indicator
 - Montana river
 - Set free
 - Pan tip
 - Many oz.
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 - Pear
 - Of the ear
 - Cavalry soldier
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 - Bird's home
 - Sign of the
 - zodiac
 - Inert gas
 - Property right
 - New Zealand
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 - Words of understanding
 - Fondler damage
 - Attack (2 wds.)
 - Wooden pin
 - Mistreat
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 - insensitive
 - Type of out
 - makes the heart grow fonder
 - Beer-fish dish
 - Swi
 - Polster Roger
 - Do it between the lines!
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 - Type of pencil
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 - Colonial body
 - Like a certain ranger
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WIN AT BRIDGE

You must trust your partner

By Phillip Alder

Nanette Newman, a British actress, said something with which I agree: "A good marriage is at least 80 percent good luck in finding the right person at the right time. The rest is trust."

It is the same at the bridge table. For example, occasionally a deal will come along in which nothing seems to add up. The other three players are bidding strongly, yet you are looking at 15 high-card points. Who is "having a little joke"? It will make life much easier if you can trust your partner. Also, if you don't trust him and you are wrong, your partnership will suffer. Next time, your partner will start doubting you. It will be a short step to divorce.

In this deal, West didn't trust his

partner and allowed an "impossible" game to make.

Against four spades, West leads the diamond ace. Which card should East play?

It is normal to play high-low with a doubleton. However, here East had a natural trump trick. At best, taking a ruff would break even. So, East dropped the four.

In case his partner had started with a singleton, West continued with the diamond king. When East followed with the nine, West played a third diamond so that East could ruff away dummy's queen and stop declarer from getting a discard. However, when East ruffed, South calmly unloaded his heart loser. South ruffed the heart-ace return, drew trumps, and claimed.

If East had wanted a ruff, he would have echoed in diamonds. West should have trusted his partner and switched to a heart at trick three, defeating the contract.

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♠ K 10 6
♥ Q 10
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A K J 5 4

West ♠ 2
♥ J 7 5 4
♦ A K 7 6 3 2
♣ 7 6

East ♠ Q J 9
♥ A 8 6 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 8

South ♠ A 8 5 4 3
♥ K
♦ J 8
♣ Q 9 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

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HOROSCOPE

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 10, 1997

Powerful ambitions might be awakened in you in the year ahead that will inspire you toward material accumulation. A substantial portion of your desires can be fulfilled.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An associate you thought didn't like you actually has always held you in high esteem. Today this may become an issue that might become apparent even to you. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your instincts in commercial affairs could be more in focus than usual today. If you have strong feel-

ings about something, acknowledge your urgings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you will be closely observed by others and they, in turn, are likely to be swayed by your example. Fortunately, it will be a good one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If all members are in accord regarding a mutual family concern of a confidential nature, this is a good day to respond collectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make it a point to include several of your special friends in your social arrangements today. It will enhance everyone's fun, including your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your resources could be increased through your initiative at this time. Visualize specific amounts of money and use these as your targets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Getting along well with others is a reflex action for you today. You will instinctively know how to charm all you encounter, even the

most aloof.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A loyal friend who is aware of your present workload might do a great deal today to help diminish your burdens. Do not get in the way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Things you're unable to accomplish on your own can be achieved today with a productive partner whose interests and standards parallel yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The secret to your success today is to do things with kindred spirits. Partnership arrangements work out well when philosophies are compatible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Companions will approve of your demeanor today and look to emulate your behavior. Your power comes from your will to serve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Decisions you make today shouldn't be based solely upon materialistic values. The real worth of your endeavors could be things that are intangible.

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