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World

Nine days and counting

Ten days away from a U.N. deadline for Iraq to quit Kuwait or risk attack, the United States and Iraq today prepared for high-level talks amid a global diplomatic crusade to avert a Persian Gulf war.

The head of the United Nations planned to meet with President Bush today, while other proposals urge a Mideast peace conference in return for Kuwait's liberation.

The flurry of possible alternatives to war pushed oil prices to below \$25 a barrel, the lowest level since shortly after the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

But fear of an Iraqi-inspired global terrorist campaign in the event of war has led more airlines to suspend Middle East service and forced increased security precautions on some North Sea oil rigs.

Bush on Friday welcomed Iraq's acceptance Friday of direct talks as "a useful step," but ruled out any negotiations over the occupation of Kuwait. Secretary of State James A. Baker III is scheduled to meet with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Geneva on Wednesday, less than a week before the U.N.-imposed Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw from the emirate or face the threat of war.

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Sports

Raiders maul Sentinels

SANFORD — Five players hit double figures as the Seminole Community College men's basketball team got 1991 off to a blazing start with a 114-87 crushing of visiting North Florida Junior College at SCC's Health and Physical Education Center Friday night.

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BRIEFS

Judge takes long distance oath

FORREST CITY, Ark. — A chancery judge was thousands of miles from home when the day arrived for him to take the oath of office, as he picked up the phone.

Judge Ben Storey of Forrest City, a reservist who is on duty in the Persian Gulf, took the oath of office for his new term by telephone on New Year's Day.

Storey has been with the U.S. Army in Saudi Arabia since Dec. 4.

Judge John Pittman of Helena, also a chancery judge in eastern Arkansas, said he had expected Storey's call but didn't know what time it would come. Storey telephoned at 5 a.m.; Pittman administered the oath in his bathrobe.

"They are not allowed to phone often or give their location, but I knew hopefully that he was going to call on New Year's Day," Pittman said.

Storey has served as a chancery judge for eight years, Pittman said. He was elected to another term in November. A chancery judge handles civil matters such as lawsuits and wills.

Attorney John Martin of Brinkley is taking over Storey's duties until he returns from Saudi Arabia.

Satisfaction or students back

NEW YORK — City high school graduates will come with a one-year warranty beginning in 1992 under a plan being developed by Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez.

"We're willing to guarantee our product," Fernandez said Thursday.

The plan being worked out would allow any employer who finds that a high school graduate cannot read, write or calculate proficiently to return the worker to school at no cost to the employer or the student.

The employer, not the schools, would determine if a worker lacks the basic knowledge or skills to perform an entry-level job.

Employees would stay on the job but enter evening remedial classes run by the Board of Education.

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Foggy nights, warm days



Mostly sunny with the high in the mid 80s and a southeasterly wind at 10 mph.

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FBI suspects gang in string of bank robberies

By SUSAN LOREN
Herald staff writer

LAKE MARY — A gang of bank robbers that struck in Lake Mary Monday night may be preying on Seminole County with a unique technique involving diversions that draw emergency personnel from crime scenes, FBI agents said.

FBI Supervisor Eddie

Bogigheimer said two white men who robbed First Seminole Bank in Driftwood Village at about 6:10 p.m. Monday may have created a diversion by setting a fire at Lake Mary Elementary School, about one mile east of the bank on Lake Mary Boulevard. The gang may include more than the two armed men who entered the bank, he said.

On Nov. 17, the same gang may

have also created a traffic jam with a bogus bomb threat at Interstate 4 and State Road 436 to divert police away from a bank robbery at People's Bank on State Road 434 in Altamonte Springs, Bogigheimer said.

On that date, Bogigheimer said, emergency personnel were drawn to a reported bomb threat in a car on the State Road 436 overpass of

Interstate 4. That nearby bank was robbed as officials dealt with the bomb scare and ensuing four-hour morning traffic tie up on the interstate.

Bogigheimer said it hasn't been clearly established that the diversions are more than coincidental, although investigators believe they may be part of the robbers' strategy.

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Recycling: Pumping up the volume

Recycling catching on in Seminole

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Unincorporated Seminole County residents "pumped up the volume" of garbage they separated for recycling in December, diverting about the same amount of garbage for reuse during the first three weeks of the month as they recycled during the entire month of November.

"We're very pleased," said Sherry Newkirk, county recycling coordinator. "The people are responding really well."

In all, nearly 415 tons of newspapers, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass were recycled by Dec. 17, Newkirk said. During November, a total of 450 tons of the materials were recycled. November was the first month of the county household recycling program. In addition, about 85 tons of telephone books were collected by the end of December, when that two-month program ended.

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Southeast Recycling Division Manager Lee Jugs and drink bottles at the firm's Longwood Adkins watches a truck unload plastic milk location.

Is environmentalism tradition or trend?

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — It was the year corporations discovered the power of green, government leaders recognized the threat of global warming, Earth Day was celebrated from Peoria to Poland and millions of Americans began sorting their garbage for the brave new world of recycling.

1990 was indisputably the year of the environment, the year when concern over pollution — previously seen as a lame leftover of '60s consciousness — exploded in a deafening roar of media hype, political grandstanding and marketing hustles for everything from "environmentally friendly" toilet paper to cleaner-burning gasoline.

But underneath the glitzy MTV specials and chic best-seller books lamenting "the end of nature," there was a more sober reality.

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SORTING THROUGH SEMINOLE COUNTY'S TRASH

| Materials | Seminole County | | Unincorporated county |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | December | Year to date | December |
| NEWSPAPERS | 606,154 | 1,172,154 | 1,300,000 |
| GLASS | 166,808 | 358,808 | 400,000 |
| ALUMINUM | 20,060 | 40,060 | 49,000 |
| PLASTIC | 36,588 | 69,588 | 73,000 |

Source: Seminole County Solid Waste Recycling Office. All figures represent pounds.

Herald graphic by Laura L. Sullivan

County, Florida struggle with water levels as two-year drought drags on

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Lake Geneva is dry. Folks can't bring their boats to their docks in Little Lake Mary because the water level has dropped so low.

The drought continues. For nearly two years low rainfall has haunted the state and water managers throughout the state are turning to permanent mandatory water use restrictions to try to curb Floridian's thirst.

In the past year, the 19-county St. Johns River Water Management District has reached an average rainfall deficit of 9 inches, said district spokesman Cindy Johnson. "We would need about 90 inches of rain districtwide in one year to get us back to normal," Johnson said.

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-Cindy Johnson, water district spokesperson

Seminole County residents have been under mandatory watering restrictions since May 1990. The county was previously under mandatory restrictions from August to November 1989, but they were lifted until last May. Under the restrictions, residents may water lawns and wash cars three days a week during 4 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 9

p.m., based on a schedule according to addresses.

The restrictions have produced mixed results in the county, said Bruce Florence of the St. Johns River Water Management District. Florence has monitored municipal water consumption for Sanford and Oviedo since the restrictions were imposed last August.

Sanfordites have done pretty well, Florence said. Water consumption in Aug. 1990, when compared to Aug. 1989, dropped by 12.7 percent. Florence said. Consumption in September increased slightly, by 4.8 percent compared to Sept. 1989, but dropped in October, November and December when compared to those months in 1989.

Oviedo folks have been pretty good, he said.

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Shelved plans taxing county, Streetman says

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — The county may not be able to force developers to proceed with approved development projects, forcing taxpayers to pay for roads and other costly improvements for vacant land that may not be developed for many years.

The county is facing a \$188 million shortfall in revenues during the next five years to match services to current residents and approved projects. If some of those unbuild projects could be eliminated, the deficit might be smaller, county officials have said.

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Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line in Sanford

Many Sanford folks may or may not know that Red Barber, at one time the nation's premier sports announcer, grew up in Sanford. His father was an Atlantic Coast Line railroad engineer, his mother a Southside primary schoolteacher. Barber, a native of Columbus, Miss., played football and baseball at Sanford High before it became "Seminole High."

Red went to the University of Florida. Through WRUF in Gainesville he went on to become a legendary radio and television personality. Now retired, Red resides with his wife Lylah in Tallahassee.

During a phone conversation with Red not long ago I mentioned the fact Jackie Robinson had broken professional baseball's color line in Sanford. Barber said he had been told "Sanford had run Robinson out of town."

Since that was not so, I want to set the record straight as to what happened here in Sanford early in 1946. As you will see, The Sanford Herald and I were "on" the story right from the



Way back when

By Julian Stenstrom

beginning. It was January 1946, exactly 45 years ago this week. Despite a bright, sunny day, there was a

nip in the air as it swirled around downtown Sanford. At 111 Magnolia, most of The Sanford Herald's people had gone to the pressroom. That day's edition was about to roll.

Just as the bell sounded to start the press the front door opened and along with a gust of wind a rather large man entered and approached the counter. I couldn't help but notice his baggy brown suit, string bow-tie, felt hat with the brim pulled down completely around the crown, and the unlit cigar clenched in his teeth.

I had been back in Sanford only a couple of months after being away for five years in the military service. I wasn't sure who the visitor was. Yet, I felt I knew him.

I went to the counter but before I could say anything he asked if the sports editor was available. I explained I was serving as managing editor but was also handling the sports page. He asked if a private office was available. At that time The Herald had no such thing. But he

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POLICE BRIEFS

Victim spots stolen bike

SANFORD — Dodelle Dheim, of Sanford, reported to Sanford police he saw a man riding his #450 bicycle that was stolen Dec. 27 in a burglary.

The bike was recovered Wednesday and Sonny Daniel Anderson, 32, 78 Seminole Gardens, Sanford, was charged with grand theft and burglary in the case at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the police station.

Marijuana, cocaine found in search

LONGWOOD — City County Investigative Bureau agents with a warrant who searched a man's house at 155-D Springwood Village Condos, Longwood, reported arresting him after finding contraband.

Michael Alan Wilenaki, 31, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana. He was arrested at 11:15 p.m. Thursday.

Woman charged with prostitution

LONGWOOD — A woman who allegedly got into the car of an undercover City County Investigative Bureau agent and offered to have sex for \$40 has been arrested.

Edilaa Josephine Bunch, 21, 117 Mercury Ave., Altamonte Springs, was charged with assignment to commit prostitution on Charlotte Avenue, Longwood, at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Cocaine discovered in pocket

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — City County Investigative Bureau agents report the arrest of a man who tried to walk away from two agents with his hand in his pocket.

When police confronted the man, according to police reports, a bag containing three pieces of crack cocaine reportedly recovered from his pocket.

Greg Lamont Gouch, 18, of Orlando, was charged with

possession of cocaine. The arrest was made at 7:50 p.m. Thursday on Brentwood Avenue, Altamonte Springs.

Marijuana found in house

SANFORD — Stephen Blaise Pass, 30, 1708 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford, was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after Sanford police with a warrant searched his house and reportedly found contraband Thursday.

Suspect caught at officer's house

GENEVA — Sanford Police Officer Willie Harden investigated a noise outside his rural Geneva house Saturday morning night and caught a man who was allegedly trying to break in.

Seminole County sheriff's deputies were called to the scene after Harden handcuffed the man, who was allegedly beating on a window of his house.

Gregory Alan Fisher, 32, 1200 W. 25th Sanford, was arrested at Harden's house at about 3 a.m. Saturday. He is charged with attempted burglary to an occupied dwelling and loitering and prowling.

Tip leads to cocaine arrest

OVIDEO — Oviedo police passed along a tip to City County Investigative Bureau agents Friday night and that led to the arrest of a man allegedly transporting cocaine into that city.

The tipster said the suspect would be going to an area near the University of Central Florida Friday night to pickup cocaine. Oviedo police intercepted his car when the suspect returned to State Road 434 at Mitchell Hammock at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, a CCIB report said.

The man refused to let Oviedo police search his car, so a Sanford police drug-sniffing dog was brought to the scene. CCIB agents said the dog indicated narcotics were in the man's car. They searched the vehicle and reported finding 12 baggies containing crack cocaine.

LeRoy Leonard Baker, 23, 21 Stephen Ave., Oviedo, was charged with possession of narcotics with intent to distribute and possession of crack cocaine, after the contraband was reportedly found in his car.

UF murder investigators seek blood samples of 17 criminal defendants

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Investigators in the slayings of five college students have tried to obtain blood samples from at least 17 crime defendants, but they would not say whether the men are considered suspects.

Samples were obtained from two defendants, both white males in their early 30s, said Susan Wehburg, a public defender representing the men.

But in at least 15 more cases, other public defenders told authorities they needed a court order before they would allow blood samples to be taken.

Investigators are telling the defendants they're investigating the slayings and are asking, "By the way, how about a little blood?" Ms. Wehburg said.

Edward Lewis Humphrey, 19, widely publicized as a suspect, was convicted in October of beating his 79-year-old grandmother days after the slayings and is serving a 22-month sentence at the state hospital in Chattahoochee.

No one has been charged in Gainesville killings.

Members of the task force

investigating the August mutilation deaths would not say whether attempts to take the blood samples mean Humphrey is no longer a suspect or if they are trying to tie a suspect to evidence found at the three crime scenes.

Public Defender Richard Parker said the first request for blood came to his office more than a month ago. The requests have escalated since, he said, with the latest coming last week.

Parker said the practice of asking for blood became so common that he and another senior attorney began reminding public defenders that their clients are not required to give samples.

"It's not that they think these people did it," he said. "My guess is they fall into a general category. Even if they don't fit the profile of the killer, if they match it in some way, they're asking for blood."

The task force has said it has physical evidence from the crime scenes that will help find whoever butchered the students. Results from samples already taken from acknowledged suspects have not been released.

Port authority loses out to Disney World

Associated Press

SANFORD — The Seminole County Port Authority will not receive tax-free bonds to help build a yacht factory that is expected to create 500 jobs.

Orange County, which lost out to Walt Disney World's development district last year, has won the right to issue all of the \$60.1 million in tax-free bonds available in the region this year.

The federally regulated bonding allocation will be used to finance first-time home mortgages in four counties.

"This is great news for working-class families," said Lisa Fisher, executive director of the Orange County Housing Finance Authority.

The county's gain, however, was a loss for other regional agencies under the state's first-come, first-served system of bond allocations.

County government officials last year harshly criticized the process that resulted in Disney's Reedy Creek Improvement District receiving the whole regional allocation for its sewage treatment plant.

The bonds result in big savings in interest for the issuing agency.

Among the losers this year was the Seminole County Port Authority, which sought \$3 million to build a yacht factory to provide 500 manufacturing jobs, said administrator Dennis Dolgner of the port authority.

"Low-cost housing is a great flag to rally around, but this allocation system stinks," Dolgner said Thursday. "Housing is important but so are jobs."

Orange County also beat out housing agencies in Brevard and Volusia counties and the Volusia County Industrial Development Authority, said Glenn Hoskens, an attorney for the state Division of Bond Finance.

"The drawing was held Wednesday afternoon from among all the agencies that got applications in on that day," Hoskens said. "Orange County's application was selected."

Initially, the housing authority qualified for \$20.3 million allocated to Orange County as a region all by itself. No other county agency applied.

The housing authority also has agreements to handle mortgages in Osceola, Lake and Seminole counties. That gives it the power to apply for bonds in the region that also includes Brevard and Volusia counties.

All of the county applications went into a box, and Orange County's name was drawn, enabling it to add another \$39.9 million to the \$20.3 million it already had won.

That meant Orange County beat out other agencies hoping to push their own economic development projects.

Reedy Creek, mindful of the controversy it stirred up last year, didn't apply for a bond allocation for this year.

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EDITORIALS

Healthcare reforms

The federal government recently announced a four-year plan to trim payments for certain procedures performed by physicians and hospitals under Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly and the disabled. The plan shows why healthcare costs continue to run twice as high as the rate of inflation in spite of two decades of federal initiatives to control them.

Though the latest plan is projected to save Medicare \$40 billion in hospital and physician costs over four years, these cost-containment initiatives alone won't necessarily slow medical inflation. The government's approach is like that of a child squeezing an inflated balloon. As policymakers press Medicare expenses downward, healthcare providers are likely to raise prices elsewhere to compensate for lost revenue, just as they now raise rates to privately insured patients to cover some of the uncompensated costs of caring for the poor.

If Washington is serious about getting medical inflation under control, it must abandon its piece-meal cost-containment attack in favor of measures that affect both public and private healthcare spending. The savings could easily finance many of the nation's unmet health needs. These include health insurance for 51 million Americans who lack it and nursing-home care for millions of elderly who have no insurance for long-term care.

Whether these issues are addressed, the administration and Congress must at least do a better job in curbing medical inflation, caused in part by unnecessary surgery, high administrative costs, hospital overbuilding and an emphasis on high-tech medicine at the expense of basic care.

Add to these causes the lack of emphasis on prevention. Former Colorado Gov. Richard D. Lamm, among others, is calling for a new definition of what constitutes prevention. He insists that a \$1 tax on a pack of cigarettes is every bit as preventive a health-care measure as screening for hypertension is. So, too, he says, is a seat-belt law, a drunk-driving bill and a gun-control law because these measures cut medical expenses and preserve lives.

The only thing the public can be certain of under the latest cost-cutting plan is a bigger medical bill. It jumped to \$506 billion from \$330 billion between 1980 and 1990. Washington must do a lot more than depress just one part of the bloated healthcare policymakers will certainly fulfill their prophecy that health costs will reach \$1.5 trillion by the year 2000, with no significant improvement in the health of most Americans.

This projection underscores the urgent need to adopt wellness programs and system wide cost-containment measures similar to those in Japan and Canada. These are among countries with national health-insurance programs that have held down prices without compromising basic health care.

Lifting higher education

At a time when the cost of a college education is rising rapidly, students deserve fair value for their considerable investment. Yet many students are being shortchanged by large institutions of higher learning that neglect undergraduates.

In 1986 the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching deplored the sorry state of undergraduate education in this country. The foundation's most recent findings have concluded, unfortunately, that not much has changed for the better.

Undergraduates are often instructed by teaching assistants, many of whom are foreign graduate students unable to communicate effectively in English. The most talented professors, meanwhile, are teaching upper-division courses or doing research. This reality contrasts sharply with those glossy college brochures cheerfully proclaiming the importance of teaching and the undergraduate experience.

Although their primary mission should be to impart knowledge to students, many colleges and universities are ducking that responsibility. Some even go so far as to recruit star professors with the stipulation that their teaching loads will not include survey courses.

Still, there are some encouraging exceptions.

For several years, the University of California has been strengthening its undergraduate offerings. Students throughout the nine-campus system now have greater access to classes taught by highly respected professors. There are more small-group seminars with tenured faculty. And the students themselves are evaluating their instructors, so the university is better able to reward classroom excellence.

4C gives children what they need

Four C provides diversified child care services although they do not directly operate any centers. The three components comprising their services are involvement with: parents, child care centers, and community.

Sunday, April 7, 1991, from 1 to 6 p.m., the 10th Annual Children's Festival will take place at Lake Eola Park, Orlando. The Festival highlights the week of the working parents. It provides opportunities for parents to become acquainted with 4C services. Services to parents are: children's healthcare assistance, computerized referral service, assistance with child care costs, toy library and TOTS (Teachers on Temporary Service).

Child care centers approved by 4C receive support services such as centrally provided health care assistance, social services, staff training and program enrichment.

Four C is very proud of its Child Care Assurance Program (CCAP). This program enrolls employers in Central Florida interested in: enhancing employer morale; reducing absenteeism and employee turnover and increasing productivity. 4C contracts with the employers who agree to pay a percentage of the cost of child care. They have executed contracts with 35 employers to provide child care assistance in some fashion. Phillip Crosby Associates with headquarters in Winter Park



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pays 50 percent of their employees' child care cost, while some other firms may just pay for 4C's referral services. The agency contacts employees at their work site, determines employee eligibility for public child care assistance prior to using employer funds, and assists parents in finding suitable care of their choice at a convenient location.

Four C's annual income for 1990 was \$11,326,714. Their expenditures were \$9,401,173 for child care payments and food reimbursements; information, health services, referrals, technical assistance, training resources \$1,019,404. An 8 percent administrative cost completes the budget.

In 1990, 4C assisted 4,143 caretakers in the purchase of child care for 9,390 children. According to 4C 1989 population figures, there

were 302,280 total residents in Seminole County; 74,965 of this number were under 18 years of age. Children aged 0-3 numbered 12,484; of that number, 7,497 had mothers who worked. There were 20,825 children age 4-8 and 14,578 of them had mothers who worked. Totally there were 33,319 children between 0-8 years of that number 22,075 had working mothers. 6,622 had care provided by a relative; 15,452 needing paid child care. There are 3,863 children in Seminole County who need paid child care and live in poverty. 4C subsidized care for 900 children in 1989. Consequently, the current registration will be helpful in meeting the needs of children on the 4C waiting list and expanding their services to include others in this community.

Today's children need whatever support we are able to provide. The age in which we live is known for its many anxiety-producing stressors.

Things over which we have no control daily impact our lives. The stability of former days has been lost to the rush of technological change and man's inability to keep the peace, protect the environment or treat each other humanely.

Therefore, it is indeed reassuring if our government will follow through with the legislation enacted for children, proper child care for all children may possibly become a reality during this decade.



ROBERT WALTERS

Wipe sponsorship off bowls

WASHINGTON — Here's a modest proposal for a New Year's resolution: During 1991, let's attempt to clean up one of the most scandalous aspects of college athletics — the commercialization of post-season football bowl games.

Because there are almost no external controls over those contests, the recently concluded round of bowl games produced excesses previously unimagined.

In earlier years, the Rose, Orange, Sugar, Cotton and a few other bowls provided civic promoters in selected Sun Belt cities with a harmless opportunity to sponsor holiday season sports festivals that would lure tourists and their money, attract favorable national attention to the community and perhaps even produce a mythical national champion among the contending teams.

Then came transmogrification of those contests into the Federal Express Orange Bowl, USF&O Sugar Bowl and Mobil Cotton Bowl — followed by proliferation that produced the Bunkiet Fiesta Bowl, Mazda Gator Bowl, Eagle Aloha Bowl, Domino's Pizza Copper Bowl and even the Poulton/Wood Easter Independence Bowl.

In return for multimillion-dollar payments, sponsors are allowed to precede the bowls' traditional names with their chosen corporate or product identification. But even that arrangement isn't satisfactory to companies that want all the glory for themselves.

For example, John Hancock, a leading marketer of insurance and other financial services, paid for the right to abolish the traditional name of the Sun Bowl and replace it with a no-nonsense corporate designator — the John Hancock Bowl.

The extent to which television ratings, sponsorship money and other commercial considerations now dominate bowl games that theoretically are amateur athletic contests is illustrated by the genesis of a new event known as the Blockbuster Bowl.

It was conceived by Raycom Management Group, whose principal business is operating a television sports network and which wanted a bowl game of its own to sell on a syndicated basis to television stations throughout the country.

Raycom, in turn, persuaded Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., the country's largest operator of video tape rental stores, to pay for the honor of being the event's principal sponsor.

That deal produced the Blockbuster Bowl, which joins the Raisin Bowl, Freedom Bowl, Peach Bowl, Holiday Bowl, Liberty Bowl, Citrus Bowl, Hall of Fame Bowl, All American Bowl and all the bowls listed above. There are now 19 of them.

That requires representation from 38 colleges. Unfortunately, there aren't that many football teams with regular season records distinguished enough to qualify for what used to be the post-season honor of playing in a bowl game.

Well, we can't have everything we want. In one recent bowl game, North Carolina State, with a 7-5 record, faced Southern Mississippi, with an 8-4 record. The Air Force Academy carried its mediocre 7-5 record into a second bowl game. Indiana University, with an even more dismal 6-5-1 record, somehow qualified for a third contest.

Back to the money: Corporate sponsorship obviously makes a big difference in the amount of financial resources available to contest promoters. But the Rose Bowl — one of only six remaining contests not named after an automaker, insurance company, pizza parlor or other commercial enterprise — offers participating teams by far the biggest payout: \$6 million apiece.

The other three major games lure contestants with guarantees of at least \$3 million per team, while no self-respecting second-tier bowl game would consider providing compensation of less than \$1 million for each team.

That's why football differs from basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, lacrosse, wrestling and every other college sport. In all of those cases, post-season championship tournaments are organized under the auspices of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

But so much money is now at stake in the bowl games that nothing less than a revolution will be required to switch to the sensible alternative of playoffs conducted by the NCAA.

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The recently concluded round of bowl games produced excesses previously unimagined.

JACK ANDERSON

Doctor jailed for exposing scandal

WASHINGTON — Aluah Gashi, a Yugoslavian surgeon, made the rounds in Washington in October trying to get someone to pay attention to a chilling story. He made no secret about his mission, even though he fully expected to be thrown in prison when he got home.

He was right. On Oct. 28, in Pristina, Yugoslavia, Gashi was attacked and beaten by a dozen or so police officers armed with machine guns. Then he was pushed into a car and driven to a detention center where he was again beaten and detained for four hours. He has been fired from his job as dean of the University of Pristina medical school, and says that 1,000 of his colleagues have also been fired — all because of a story that the Yugoslavian government says is a lie, concocted by

Albanian majority in the Kosovo region to embarrass the Serbian government. If Gashi is not lying, someone tried to poison hundreds of Albanian school children in Yugoslavia and then cleared the hospitals of Albanian doctors so they could not prove what had happened. Albanians and Serbian ethnic groups in Yugoslavia are not above blaming each other for all the ills that befall either, but Gashi swears the poisonings were not mere rumor. It happened on a day in March when 400 Albanian students flooded hospitals in the Kosovo region complaining of nausea, stomach cramps and breathing problems. Over the next few days more children came in with the same ailments. Federal medical experts came from Belgrade to investigate and found no traces of poison. They concluded that the children were faking it. But a well-respected French doctor and human rights advocate, Bernard Beneditti, was not convinced. He traveled to Yugoslavia to do his own investigation. It was harder than he had anticipated. Serbian police guarded the doors to the hospitals, confiscating the passports of foreigners and forbidding anyone from removing documents or blood samples from the hospital. Beneditti managed to slip out enough blood samples which, when he studied them back home in France, convinced him that the children had been exposed to a poison similar to one used in pesticides. He now claims that nearly 3,000 Albanian children were poisoned between February and May by someone who tossed canisters of toxins into the schools during the hours only Albanian children were present. (Yugoslavian schools are segregated.)

When the students began arriving at hospitals, the armed Serbian police, not doctors, decided who would be treated and who would be turned away. Then Serbian doctors were called in and Albanian doctors fled without cause. The Serbian doctors were told not to discuss their findings. One slipped and told Beneditti that he suspected the children's problems were physiological, not psychological. Beneditti told our associate Melinda Maas that when he went back to get more information from the doctor, he had been taken off the job.

Dr. Barend Cohen, a Norwegian human rights advocate and physician, was on the scene with Beneditti. Cohen took his own blood samples and found no traces of poison, but he will not rule out Beneditti's findings. And Cohen told us that it would have been impossible for the Serbian authorities to do adequate testing on all the children and conclude in just a few hours that there was nothing wrong with them. Whatever the truth may be, mistrust runs deep in the region. The epidemic has never been satisfactorily explained.



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. Letters are subject to editing.

People

IN BRIEF

DISTINCTIONS



Rovenia Benvegna Helen Schoeller

Women rise in cosmetics

WINTER SPRINGS — Two Winter Springs women, Rovenia B. Benvegna and Helen M. Schoeller, have been promoted to the position of independent sales director or Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc., Dallas Texas. According to a company spokesman, the women's sales and recruiting accomplishments earned them the promotions. Each attended a training session at Kary Kay's international headquarters in Dallas.

As sales directors, the women will provide training, guidance, leadership and motivation to other Mary Kay independent consultants in their sales units. Benvegna joined Mary Kay in October, 1987 as a Beauty consultant and Schoeller became a consultant in December, 1986.



Jennifer Hale, potential cover girl

Local teen in magazine

LONGWOOD — Jennifer Hale, 15, of Longwood, strikes a pretty pose in "Teen magazine's January issue. Jennifer joins 480 other teens who are regional semifinalists in the magazine's Great Model Search.

Sixteen girls are selected in each of the six regions for five months to appear in the January to May issues of the magazine, making 96 total per month. The field is then narrowed to 16 super semifinalists for each region, and finally to 12 finalists who receive and all-expense paid trip to National Finals Week.

If Jennifer is selected as the 1991 Model Discovery of the Year, she will receive a \$5,000 cash award from Maybelline, among other prizes.



Lt. Gov. Jim Hodadon, left, and Jim Barks

Dignitary visits Kiwanis

SANFORD — Kiwanis International is placing emphasis on "Young Children Priority One" through 1993. "Every Kiwanis Club is urged to support this program by implementing new products to meet young children's needs in child care, early development, maternal and infant health, nutrition, parenting skills, pediatric trauma and safety.

During a recent Kiwanis meeting, Jim Hodadon, lieutenant governor for Central Florida Kiwanians, visited the club and presented a video on the children's program. He was assisted by past Lt. Gov. Bern Bowman.

SOCIAL

Open house to honor Millers

Richard E. "Pat" and June Vance Miller will be honored at open house on their 25th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be held, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Community Improvement Association building (community clubhouse), on Country Club Road, between Grand Bend and Alma Avenues, Lake Mary.

All friends and relatives are invited. The couple respectfully request "no gifts, please." The Millers were married Jan. 22, 1966, in Sanford.

New master gardeners

12 ready to try out their green thumbs

By LACY DOMEN
Herald People Editor

SANFORD — They don't make house calls to report huge ferns. They won't help you clean leaves on 14-foot corn plants, according to Master Gardener Tom Bonham.

What Seminole County Master Gardeners will do is identify pests to save your lawn, analyze your soil, and advise you about any problem possibly incurred on a Florida lawn or in a garden.

Recently 12 new Master Gardeners joined the ranks at the Seminole County Extension Center as three others, who have had green thumbs for awhile, were honored with Awards of Excellence for their contributions to county beautification.

Bonham, who lives in Lake Mary, retired in 1984 but found himself "looking for something to do. I felt it would be a challenge to be a gardener in Florida with all the pests and problems," he said.

Bonham said the most common complaint he hears is "My lawn is a mess." "If I can't answer a question right away, I can find the answer and call them back," he said. "Nobody has to live with a lawn that's a mess."

Master Gardener Ray Sage, chairman of Sanford's Scenic Improvement Board, agreed growing grass is a problem in Florida.

"Grass is a lot of work. I wouldn't dream of having it in my yard," he quipped.

Sage won an award for his contributions, through CSX Railroad, toward the beautification of a street in Sanford. Over 250,000 people who travel Perimeter Avenue will enjoy the 50 new hollies for which Sage coordinated the planting with Scenic Improvement Board.

Sage may not enjoy tending grass at his home, but he does maintain one-half acre of ferns, native plants and 80 trees. He is currently experimenting with xeriscaping: bunching plants which need a lot of water in one area of the yard.

Master Gardeners Joe Bernik, Longwood and Phil Braunschweig, Winter Springs also won State Awards of Excellence for their personal communications. Statewide competition was rated on



Twelve new master gardeners are: front row, from left, Gerard Pfundstein, Neva Meek, Linda Ogburn, Irving Bowsher, Irene Aleksavitch, Juan Boneta and Seminole County Commissioner Larry Furlong who presented

certificates. Back row: Cynthia Sholander, Susan Ghrist, Louise Dever, Aura Marie Borras-Rosello, Peggy Benson and Urban Horticulturist Celeste White.



Master gardeners received State Awards of Excellence for their personal communications skills. In left photo Joe Bernik, left, receives his plaque from Director of



Seminole County Cooperative Extension Service Uday K. Yadav. In right photo, Phil Braunschweig receives pique from Yadav.

accuracy of information given out, clarity of delivery, style and gardener's personality.

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Pfundstein, Linda Ogburn, Cynthia Sholander and Lisa Naffke-Thompson.

Master Gardeners are volunteers who receive basic horticultural training and help Urban Horticulturist Celeste White answer

gardening questions, perform soil tests, diagnose problems in the plant clinic, make presentations to schools, garden clubs and civic groups and work on various beautification projects. Anyone interested in becoming a Master Gardener can call Celeste White at 323-2500 ext 5558.

Octogenarian well remembers Pretty Boy Floyd

By LACY DOMEN
Herald People Editor

SANFORD — When Sanford resident Oren Thompson, 84, visited the Ohio funeral home in 1934, the man with whom he was curiously fascinated lay dead on a slab.

"He was a pretty boy," Thompson said of Charles Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd. "He hated that name, but it stuck," Thompson remembered.

Floyd at age 34 was one of the most notorious bank robbers and killers of the era when Melvin Purvis, from the Bureau of Investigation which later became the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cornered him outside a farmhouse.

Thompson had heard Floyd was in near Wellsville, with the lawmen in pursuit, when he decided to travel to the area surrounding the farmhouse where Floyd was flushed out of hiding after seven days.

"I guess I was curious. I kind of admired him," Thompson admitted. "Of course, I realize now he was a very wicked man, but he had a following back then. Over 25,000 people showed up at his funeral," he added.

Floyd was trapped behind a corn crib when lawmen opened fire. After he was wounded, Purvis stood over him and asked Floyd if he had

masterminded the Kansas City Massacre. He said he had not.

"Shoot him," Purvis was heard to say.

They did. Floyd died after sustaining bullet holes from many of the 600 shells fired at him.

"They patched his body up real good," Thompson said. "I made the trip to the farm and the funeral home. It was almost like suicide to run from behind that corn crib," Thompson said as he displayed a rendering of the crime scene which he painted.

Thompson said Floyd was popular because he was attractive and generous.

"He had a real way with the ladies. They loved him. He was always giving away money and he was very good to his mother. Dillinger was nasty. He was known to be mean to his parents," Thompson said.

Thompson has collected Pretty Boy Floyd anecdotes and memorabilia over the years and considers his knowledge of the subject an interesting hobby.

Did he ever, even fleetingly, consider a glamorous life of crime like the one lived by Pretty Boy Floyd?

"Yes, I didn't know any better then, but I did consider it," he said.

But viewing Floyd's dead body at the funeral home that October day did affect Thompson. He worked for many years as an embalmer.



Oren Thompson holds Thompson (no relation) automatic that was found at the murder scene of Pretty Boy Floyd.

SUNDAY TELEVISION

Table of TV listings for Sunday, Jan 6, 1991. Columns include time, channel, and program name. Programs include 'This is My Country', 'Captain Planet', 'The Simpsons', 'The Simpsons Movie', 'The Simpsons Movie', 'The Simpsons Movie', etc.



Crooms Academy Class of 1966 joins other Crooms classes for reunion.

Crooms classes gather to observe reunion weekend

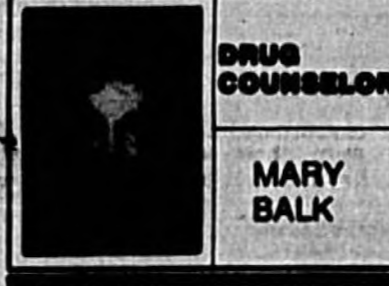
Crooms Academy classes of 1950-59 and the classes of 1966, 1968 and 1970 gathered for the five-day celebration reunion of classmates and friends. Students and graduates of Crooms have contributed greatly to this world and the communities in which they now live. Graduates were treated to acquaintance hours, family picnics and cruises down the St. Johns River aboard the RiverShip Romance. Banquets, dances and the reunion worship services were held to close the week's festivities.



committee of the class of 1970. We salute those teachers who are still with us who taught and guided the lives of the students of the great schools, Crooms Academy and Crooms High School: C.B. Franklin, Inez Rhodes, Angie B. Douglas, Zelma Blackhearse Johnson, Evelyn Anderson, Margaret Oliver, Willie Ashley, Edward Blackhearse and Joise Allen.

Chemical dependency gets worse

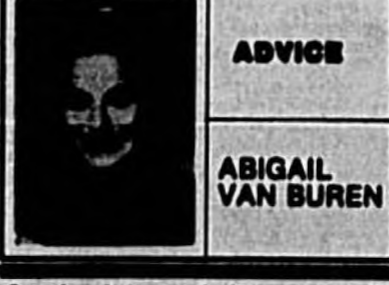
DEAR MARY: Please help me ease my mind that we don't have a big problem at my house. My 19-year-old son has been home from college for the holidays. His appearance has gotten very happy. One day he sleeps more than any other day of his life, and when he does get up, he sits in a kind of stupor in front of the TV for hours. I'm also afraid his grades are so bad that he will not be permitted to return to school second semester.



described can be both normal for college kids to a lesser degree, and descriptive of people going through the stages of chemical dependency in a greater degree. A key issue is how much these behaviors interfere with your son's ability to function appropriately. However, one thing is certain: If chemical dependency is the cause of the problem, it will continue and get worse. I suggest that you read the book, 'Tough Love: How Parents Can Deal With Drug Abuse' by Pauline Nease. Whether or not your son is chemically dependent, the 'tough love' approach is likely to be the only real option available to you. Good luck.

Seeing Lindbergh thrill of lifetime

DEAR ABBY: The letter from John Zuckerman, who witnessed Charles Lindbergh's landing in Paris, recalled memories of my own exciting encounter with Lindbergh. It took place in the back pasture of my father's farm near Canton, Miss., soon after Lindbergh's famous flight. I was 17 at the time.



When I arrived, William and his grandfather and three other men were there watching Lindbergh prepare to take off. The mud created a problem, so he showed us all how to hang on tightly to both wings while he revved up the engine. We were instructed to let loose when he waved his hand. The plane shook mightily until, at his wave, we released our hold, and away it went, barely skimming the treetops as it took flight.

A large table of TV listings for the week of Jan 6-12, 1991. It includes columns for day, time, channel, and program name. Programs include 'The Simpsons', 'The Simpsons Movie', 'The Simpsons Movie', etc.

For 24-hour listings, see LEISURE magazine of Friday, Jan. 11. U.S. SAVINGS BONDS - THE GREAT AMERICAN INVESTMENT

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