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Tonight the ball drops

NEW YORK — Tonight in Times Square, the famous illuminated ball once again is to be lowered down a flagpole as the final seconds of the year tick away. Hundreds of thousands will witness this one-minute event in person as millions more watch on television. See Page 6A

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Oyster exports could be banned

GAINESVILLE — All shellfish exports from Florida could be banned unless the state meets new guidelines governing water classifications, the oyster industry has been warned. Mark Collins, environmental administrator of the Bureau of Marine Resources Regulation and Development at the state Department of Natural Resources, wrote shellfish processors about the potential threat earlier this month. "For the second year in a row, the bureau has been found to be in noncompliance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the area of classification of growing areas," Collins wrote. Unless the state begins to comply with the FDA rules and regulations, the federal agency could, and probably would, ban all interstate shipments of Florida shellfish, he said. "If we do not find funding for more staff, the least productive areas will be the ones we will close first," David Heil, bureau chief, told The Gainesville Sun in a story published Sunday. Florida probably has until June 30 to take action, officials said. But another 15 or 16 additional employees are needed to meet the more stringent federal guidelines introduced in 1987, according to Heil.

Woman gives birth to twins

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Good things don't always come in small packages. Deborah Albert knows this. The San Jose woman gave birth to twins Dec. 20 — big twins. More like Twin Cities. The older one, a girl named Katherine Pearl, weighed in at 10 pounds. The boy, John Ross, was registered at 9 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces. "That's almost 20 pounds of babies," said Jean Altman, a spokeswoman for El Camillo Hospital, where the twins were born. "They're ready for kindergarten." Albert's husband, John, said the size of the twins was quite a surprise. Four weeks before the delivery, doctors said the twins would be about 6 pounds each, the average weight for other twins born at the hospital. Deborah Albert didn't experience anything unusual that would indicate something otherwise. When word got out about the births, "people were coming in from all over hospital to see how big the babies were," the new mother said. "We were quite popular at the hospital for a few days." The twins are the couple's second and third children — "our second, third and last," says John Albert.

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Chance of rain



Partly cloudy and warm with a slight 20 percent chance of showers. High in the low to mid 80's with a southerly wind at 10 mph.

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Psychics say blue moon promises weird Eve

By SANDY BARNES Knight-Ridder Newspapers

On Monday night, normally sensible people will be transformed into beautiful fools. Screaming will fill the streets. Cars will crash. Passions will bubble over. Babies will be conceived. Ah yes, another New Year's Eve. But — merry revellers, beware — not just another. There will be strange goings-on afoot, beginning precisely at 4:43 p.m. EST with the rise of a full moon. It will be the second such in a month — in astronomical lingo, a "blue moon."

Coincidentally, that same moon will be making its second-closest pass around the Earth since 1912, tugging the planet's crust and narrowing the gap between New York and London by several yards. Add to this eerie celestial coincidence a man-engineered glitch — an extra second, tacked onto the tail-end of 1990 by scientists to compensate for a slowdown in the Earth's rotation. Astronomers are, at best, mildly intrigued by the impending lunar phenomenon, which they consider thoroughly mundane. At worst, they're sort of peeved. The light of a full moon, they complain, only obscures their telescopic view of more distant and alluring realms. And a blue moon — which actually comes around, on average, every 33 months — isn't terribly remarkable, either. So as for that extra second at 11:59:59 Monday, a few will use it to get some much-needed sleep.

But not astrologers. They think you should stay home, lock the door, lock the liquor cabinet and go to bed. "This is the beginning of a death cycle," warns Valerie Morrison, a psychic astrologer who has been making predictions on a WWDE-PM radio call-in show in Philadelphia for 17 years. "This is a time for extra caution. 'It's the gravitational pull,'" says Morrison, "that causes not only people 'to do crazy, erratic things' but also machines to go... See Moon, Page 5A

Police seize deadly vial of mercury

By SUSAN LODEN Herald staff writer

LONGWOOD — A glass bottle apparently filled with deadly mercury was seized from a vacant Longwood house at about 5 p.m. Saturday. From a car outside the house at 415 Nebraska Ave., Seminole County sheriff's deputies also confiscated "four individual explosive devices," described as artillery simulators.

Lt. Marty LaBrusciano, who took charge of the chemicals and devices, said the mercury, which filled about two-thirds of the old, brown, six-ounce, capped bottle that held it, can be deadly. The label on the cylinder that held the bottle read, "Don't drop; deadly," a sheriff's report said. LaBrusciano said the mercury is valuable and he will dispose of it by trying to find someone who can use it. The find will be reported to the U.S. military services, he said, and related charges may be filed against the man who allegedly placed the mercury in the house and who had the devices in his car parked at the scene. The mercury and the man were found after Richard Brothers, 349 Nebraska Ave., See Mercury, Page 5A

New year marks end of era in county law enforcement

By SUSAN LODEN Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Today marks the end of an era in law enforcement in Seminole County. The retirement of Sheriff John Polk, 59, because of falling health after 22 years as sheriff, coincides with the retirement of Polk's Undersheriff Duane Harrell.

Harrell, 58, of Sanford, has served Polk throughout his tenure as sheriff. Harrell's retirement brings an end to a 35-year career in law enforcement. Like Polk, Harrell also began his career as a Florida Highway Patrolman. Harrell was a state trooper 13 years before Polk, who was a trooper 10 years, took office as sheriff in 1969.

Harrell said as state troopers he and Polk shared a Sanford post office box. One day when they met at the post office, Polk told Harrell he wanted to run for sheriff and wanted Harrell to be his chief deputy. Harrell said he told Polk to ask him again after he had won election. Polk did, and Harrell said he turned down a promotion with the FHP to become Polk's second-in-command.

"I've no regrets. It went fast," Harrell said of his career. "I enjoyed it. I had an interesting career. I've seen law enforcement come quite a distance. It's been good to me. I've enjoyed every day. Some times have been a little stressful. I've met a lot of people." See Era, Page 5A



Chief Deputy Duane Harrell (left) and Sheriff John Polk in January 1969, the first of their 22 years in office.

Task force targets repeat DUI offenders

United Press International

MIAMI — Alcohol-related crashes killed 1,492 people in Florida last year, prompting the Highway Patrol to announce plans for an unprecedented crackdown aimed at jailing repeat offenders caught driving drunk in 1991.

Two special troopers will be assigned to Orange County along with 10 others in Dade, Broward and Hillsborough counties are being recruited for a DUI task force that Florida Highway Patrol Director Bobby Burkett hopes will be permanent. The program will begin in late January. Since the New Year's weekend began at 6 p.m. Friday.

Quite frankly, what we want to do is strike fear into their hearts and let them know that we are going to target them and to try to put them in jail."

Bobby Burkett

10 people have died on Florida roads. A total of 49 were expected to be killed by midnight tomorrow, a number that may not be reached, a spokesman said today. During the four-day Christmas holiday period, 32 people died, although 53 deaths had been predicted.

Burkett said this morning the two Orange County troopers who will receive the special training will investigate only cases in that county. If the program proves successful, Burkett said he hopes more troopers can be trained to cover Seminole County and other areas in the state.

Burkett said the task force will attempt to locate and arrest people with revoked licenses who are still driving through public record checks and other means. While all those potential offenders may not have a DUI conviction, "ninty-nine and... See DUI, Page 5A

Leaders warn Bush Americans not ready for war

United Press International

Congressional leaders of both parties said the American people may not be ready for war in the Persian Gulf while Saddam Hussein compared President Bush to Judas and an Iraqi newspaper warned of terrorist attacks against Americans. Vice President Dan Quayle, meanwhile, arrived in Saudi Arabia Sunday for a New Year's tour, seeking more money from Saudi and Kuwait leaders to pay for more than 300,000 U.S. troops deployed after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

Quayle met for two hours with King Fahd and a senior U.S. administration official said the theme of the meeting was that U.N. "sanctions (against Iraq) alone is not enough, patience is not enough."

Iraq has repeatedly said it would not withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15, the U.N. deadline for leaving voluntarily or possibly face being forced out by the multinational troops, which include more than 220,000 troops from nations allied with the United States.

In Iraq, Saddam continued his tough rhetoric and met with a... See War, Page 5A

Desert markets make gas masks a hot sales item

By JONATHAN PEREIRA

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — You've spent the day trekking across the sand dunes, dodging Bedouin shepherds and their camels under a searing desert sun.

You would give anything for a cold beer and, maybe, a bagel and lox.

In Saudi Arabia, you can forget about the beer, at least the alcoholic variety. But the bagel and lox are a cinch at the Tamimi Plaza, just across the buzzing traffic on the corniche from the Persian Gulf.

You can get anything you want in the dozen or so shops that make up this desert oasis of American culture, whether it's gourmet goat cheese, Kentucky Fried Chicken, L.A. Gear tennis sneakers or a German-made Bundeswehr... See Markets, Page 5A

U.S. fights back with vaccine

United Press International

LANSING, Mich. — The state's public health laboratory will increase production of a vaccine against the deadly disease anthrax as the threat of biological warfare in the Persian Gulf looms, a published report said.

Until recently, the Michigan lab prepared an estimated 1,000 serum doses a year for use by industry and researchers.

Now the state Department of Public Health is being pushed to quickly step up production so the U.S. military can inoculate as many front-line troops as possible before any combat with Iraq. The Detroit News said Sunday.

The only other producer of the anthrax vaccine within the anti-Iraq coalition is Britain.

Pentagon officials said Friday that U.S. soldiers on the front lines in Saudi Arabia would shortly begin receiving inoculations offering some protection against biological agents if Iraq resorts to germ warfare.

There was no word at the time on what serums the Pentagon would use. Troops already have a signif-

cant level of protection against biological agents.

CIA Director William Webster warned last fall that Iraq, already known to have used chemical weapons during its war with Iran and on its Kurdish population, had biological weapons. Certain biological agents can cause diseases that can debilitate or kill civilian and military populations.

The News said officials in Washington Friday confirmed published reports that even with increased output, not enough dosages are available to vaccinate all U.S. and allied personnel who might be exposed to anthrax or other germ agents.

At Michigan's Lansing lab, no additional guards have been put on patrol, according to the newspaper report, but officials are tight-lipped about the highly sensitive activity inside the fenced-in lab.

Dr. Kenneth Wilcox, deputy director of the state Public Health Department, declined to reveal how much vaccine the Army has ordered, saying only that the lab "has had to increase its activities."

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# Editorials/Opinions

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### EDITORIALS

## Better presidential politics for a buck

With one sick of the wrist, American taxpayers can help ensure that fat cats and special interests have less influence in deciding who will run and who will prevail in the next presidential election.

All taxpayers need to do is check the small box at the top of their federal income-tax returns each year and thereby deposit \$1 of the taxes they owe into the presidential election campaign fund. The action neither increases their tax bill nor reduces their refund; it does, however, strike several strong blows for a better, cleaner and more responsible political process. The good-citizenship bang taxpayers get for their buck is enormous.

Unfortunately, fewer and fewer taxpayers are investing a buck, while the cost of running presidential campaigns continues to climb with inflation. From a high of 28 percent in 1980, returns filed by taxpayers who chose to contribute to the campaign fund declined to 20.1 percent in 1988. If participation continues to decline while costs increase, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) predicts the fund will run millions of dollars short for the 1992 election and will go broke in 1996.

Candidates who can raise at least \$5,000 a state from small contributors in 20 states qualify for matching money from the campaign fund. To receive the match, candidates must accept spending limits for both primary and general-election campaigns.

This form of public financing has three beneficial effects: It displaces private special-interest money with public dollars; reduces overall campaign spending; and it encourages the most diverse possible groups of candidates to run.

If a shortage of funds forces the FEC to cut back on its matching grants, the candidates hurt most will be challengers least well known to voters and least well connected to special interests.

## Hemispheric trade

President Bush's five-nation South American tour comes at an opportune time. With the prospect that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations in Brussels may collapse, the President is using his Latin trip to promote the concept of a free trade zone encompassing all of the Americas.

This hemispheric free trade zone would stretch from the Arctic to Tierra del Fuego and incorporate the trade liberalization proposals that were to be included in a new GATT agreement. At least one major player in the GATT negotiations, Uruguay Foreign Minister Hector Gros Espiell, president of the GATT trade negotiating committee, suggests this might be a worthwhile contingency if GATT breaks down.

Latin nations have been especially hopeful that a new GATT agreement would yield reform in the critical area of farm trade. Agriculture accounts for most of Latin America's exports. An agreement that reduces subsidies, tariffs and other barriers to commerce would greatly improve the region's export potential.

Exports currently account for less than 15 percent of Latin America's income, as compared with roughly 40 percent for developing countries in Asia. If Latin America could match the export performance of Asia's developing countries, it would spur tremendous economic expansion in the region.

During the last two decades, Latin America's share of world trade has declined rather than increased. Indeed, Latin America collectively accounts for little more than 3 percent of the world's exports in 1990. This is down from 5 percent in 1980 and nearly 8 percent in 1970.

A number of factors account for Latin America's anemic trade performance, but one of the most dominant is that Latin nations rely heavily on farm exports, which are subject to the most protectionist barriers. This explains why the region has seen its export revenues grow by less than 25 percent over the last decade, even though its overall export volume has grown by nearly 60 percent.

The United States and its Latin trading partners should move expeditiously toward creating a hemispheric free trade zone. Mr. Bush has dubbed this idea the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative. It makes sense for North, Central and South America, regardless of the outcome in Brussels.

### ROBERT SHEPARD

## Congress opens another 2-year run

WASHINGTON - A new Congress - the 102nd - is opening for a two-year run, but most observers will not see much that is new. The cast of characters will be largely the same and many of the issues will have a familiar ring.

In the case of major legislation it is not unusual for Congress to take years to finally resolve an issue. Congress and the executive branch wrangled for most of the past decade before finally agreeing this year on an increase in the federal minimum wage and an overhaul of the clean air act, for example.

The next Congress will continue to work on issues that previously got a great deal of attention, but fell short of final agreement.

There will new issues, of course, with the crisis in the Persian Gulf continuing to be the subject of much debate and committee hearings. Even if the confrontation with Iraq is resolved peacefully, Congress will have to decide how to pay the cost of deploying hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops to the region.

The more crucial decision for Congress will involve the question of war powers, and whether the House and Senate will vote to give President Bush authority to launch military action against Iraq.

But for the most part, Congress will seem to be going through an instant replay of previous sessions.

Bush set the stage for some of the replay with his vetoes of bills strongly backed by the Democrat majority in Congress, chief of which is the civil rights bill.

The bill was intended to reverse or modify several Supreme Court decisions that narrowed workers' protections in job discrimination cases. Backers of the bill spent several months negotiating with the White House trying to come up with a bill that Bush would sign, but the effort failed.

Bush, saying the bill would result in hiring quotas, vetoed the measure, but supporters vowed to try again early next year. The president insists he wants to sign a civil rights bill, so more negotiations can be expected.

Bush also vetoed the bill that would grant unpaid leave to workers caring for newborn

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children or sick relatives. Democrats say there is wide public support for the bill and plan to make a new effort to enact it.

A third veto killed the bill that would have limited imports of textiles and footwear, and the fight will almost certainly be renewed in the next Congress.

All three bills carry potential for considerable political gain, and with Bush coming up for re-election in 1992 both parties can be expected to use the issues for their advantage.

The savings and loan industry is still in trouble and costing taxpayers a bundle of money. Just before Congress adjourned in October, regulators sought an infusion of cash to pay off depositors in failed thrifts, but the move was blocked in the House. That decision will have to be reconsidered almost immediately after the new session opens or the government may be forced to suspend its thrift salvage operations.

The health of the banking industry was much discussed last year and the new session of Congress will see an all-out effort to pass reform legislation.

The lawmakers also will be revisiting such perennial favorites as campaign finance reform, cable television regulation, abortion and possibly even tax simplification.



### TOM TIEDE

## Phone tax isn't 'temporary'

WASHINGTON - The British statesman Edmund Burke once observed that taxing is an easy affair. He said any projector can contrive a new imposition, any bungler can add to the old, and the only question is whether it is altogether just to limit the bounds of the levy merely to the patience of those who bear it.

He might as well have been speaking specifically about your telephone excise tax.

You are not alone if you note here that you have never heard of the telephone excise tax. It was a U.S. toll first imposed a long time ago, for reasons generally misplaced, and the result is that it's been bound merely by the patience of those who bear it.

The telephone tax was initially introduced in 1898. That was the year the United States declared its "splendid little war" on Spain. It was the nation's first major combat involvement overseas, fighting took place from Cuba to the Philippines, and Congress conducted a creative search for ways to pay for the adventure.

As luck would have it, the telephone was just then being established as a means of communication. And it made an attractive revenue target. It had only been invented two decades before, it was still something of a scarce curiosity, and the federal legislature levied a luxury tax on each call costing 15 cents or more.

Well, who cared? Only the du Pont and Rockefeller bunch used the Bell machine. Besides, the toll was originated as a "temporary" expedient, to finance the country's wartime emergence as a grand world power. And, sure enough, the phone tax was withdrawn after three years on the books, and buried in the history of the era.

But America's government rarely does away entirely with a convenient notion - that's why taxes are called "capital punishment." Thus, the telephone excise duty was re-commissioned for World War I. The lawmakers continued to label the tribute as temporary, but they also started a process of extending the exaction every few years.

At last, some people were irritated. Especially when the war came to a close. The critics pointed out that the telephone was no longer a luxury item. It was a vital societal link. They said it was no more reasonable to tax telephone calls than it would be to put tariffs on writing letters, sending smoke signals, or shouting.

The telephone industry complained as well. Bell lobbyists argued that the excise toll was unfair to customers who could least afford it. The phone company lobbyists explained that since the tax was the same for everybody, it was regressive - which is to say that it took a larger bite out of the poor than it did from the rich. And yet this debate over merits came to nothing. Congress continued to extend the

telephone tax. It was after all a relatively trivial part of a U.S. budgeting process that was expanding by leaps and bounds. Before long, the people who knew about it forgot about it, and the "temporary" tax took on a quiet life of its own.

And naturally it no longer was fixed at the modest one percent. It rose and fell according to the congressional whims of the moment: The excise was inflated to a whopping 25 percent (a 2,400 percent hike!) during World War II. It was secured at a stiff 10 percent in 1965, in time for the war in Southeast Asia.

By the way, Congress took a bold step when it extended the tax in 1965. It was a fictionalized step, but bold. The House and Senate agreed to do away with the levy completely, over time: the phone tax was to be phased out in stages, and, though the stages were changed, the elimination was eventually scheduled for 1981.

In fact, the elimination never took place. The legislators instead revised the entire page-turning procedure. The temporary telephone toll was reduced to one percent by 1961; then it was promptly extended and raised to three percent in 1962, where it remained until Congress took the most recent move last autumn.

You might guess the most recent move. The gentlemen and women on Capitol Hill agreed forthrightly that something should be done about the temporary tax, once and for all. So they agreed to earmark future profits for child care assistance - and, since the need is so great, they agreed in addition to make the temporary telephone duty "permanent."

The permanent part has been written into the bulky Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1991, a work few citizens have read; and it sneaks into effect 92 years after this exercise began. Cynics may say that the only order of business remaining will be to get it back up to 25 percent, and make that permanent as well.

One wonders if Edmund Burke ever did any business with the Old Farmer's Almanac. The venerable publication has been quoted as his accomplice. It has said that if Patrick Henry and the rest of the Founding Fathers thought that taxation without representation was wicked, they should get a look at it with representation.

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### JACK ANDERSON

## Finland in quandary on Soviet relations

HELSINKI, Finland - Excitement over glasnost and perestroika stops at the coast of Finland, where the Finns aren't assuming that their neighbor, the Soviet Union, is down and out.

The United States and the Soviet Union have signed an ambitious conventional arms reduction agreement, but neutral Finland is buying more arms than ever. Next year, defense spending in Finland will increase by 17 percent.

The Finns, in short, are taking no chances. It is ironic because, for decades, Finland has endured criticism that it was the lackey of its giant neighbor - the price it paid to keep from being forcibly annexed by the Soviet Union. The Finns have quietly resented, but seldom protested publicly, their manipulation by the Kremlin.

From their point of view, the Finns have maintained their independence and neutrality with little outside help. It hasn't been easy or cheap.

For example, the Soviets charged them \$300 million for World War II reparations, which they paid off over the years so they would not be economically beholden to Moscow.

The Finns managed to make it through the Cold War so successfully that the end of it has thrown Finland into a furious debate over the future. The Soviet Union has long been Finland's major trading partner. The Soviets have raw materials and the Finns have consumer goods that are far better than anything available in the Soviet Union. Now the trade relationship is in doubt. For the last year, Finns have been engaged in a lively debate about whether or not they should join the European Community. Some Finns are nervous that their manufacturing economy has grown lazy after years of having the Soviet market handed to them on a platter. They're not sure they could compete with the revitalized Western Europe. More recently, another concern has emerged in Finland about the survival of the Soviet Union. Finnish officials virtually never comment in public on their foreign affairs, especially with the Soviet Union. But in an interview last September, Finland's Prime Minister Harri Holkeri expressed grave doubts about the Soviet Union. "If we leave these people (Soviets) to their own devices, to describe the consequences as chaos is perhaps putting it mildly."

There has even been some discussion about whether neutral Finland should join NATO. But the prime minister rules that out, for now. He believes neutrality is the safest course if the Soviet empire breaks apart. "Even though Russia is weak," he said, "it is still sufficiently strong to be a superpower" - meaning, it still has nuclear weapons. The Finns cannot forget, as one told us, that they have fought 60 wars with Russia - "and lost every one!" So they're upgrading their military, including communications, commando forces, army weaponry and the air force. There are plans to buy 40 more jet fighters and to increase the draft to keep troop numbers at maximum strength. Just in case.

**NO BACK DOOR** - President Bush privately believes that no matter what happens, he cannot leave an escape route for Saddam Hussein to slip out and remain in power. Bush does not want Saddam left in a position to intimidate the oil sheikdoms with nuclear weapons. Bush recently announced that Saddam should be able to test a crude nuclear device within a year. It will take him a few more years to develop full-fledged nuclear weapons.



**The Finns have quietly resented their manipulation.**



# Times Square ball-dropping tradition endures

By **DOUG J. SWANSON**  
Dallas Morning News

NEW YORK — Perhaps only in New York — where, it is said, almost anything will draw a crowd — would a brief act of no apparent purpose performed at a sleazy crossroads become a holiday tradition.

Monday night in Times Square, the famous illuminated ball once again is to be lowered down a flagpole as the final seconds of the year tick away. Hundreds of thousands will witness this one-minute event in person as millions more watch on television.

Since its introduction in 1908, the Times Square ball-drop has become as much a part of New Year's Eve as drinking champagne and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Yet trying to explain why poses a problem for some. The woman in charge of the ball isn't sure, but she thinks people may cheer its drop as a sort of modern-day pagan rite.

"It's like watching the sun rise over Stonehenge," said Tama Starr, president of the sign company that owns the ball. "People really love this event."

Not all people. Times Square, where Broadway meets 42nd Street, is hardly the ideal spot for a family holiday outing — especially on New Year's Eve.

"Oh, man. It's a pig sty," said Tim Jarrell, an Upper East Side resident who insists he would never consider taking himself or his two small children to the ball-drop. "It's a bunch of drunken nuts screaming and hollering."

"I don't think even the usual drug dealers and

hookers go to Times Square on New Year's Eve," said Jarrell, a 36-year-old publishing executive. "It's every drunk from New Jersey and the B-B-Qs." B-B-Q is a Manhattan resident's disparaging term for unfashionable residents of the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens.

The dropping ball that the said B-B-Qs toast and cheer is a modern approximation of the 1908 version. The first one was made by Jacob Starr, a Russian immigrant metalworker and electrician, who used 600 pounds of wrought iron.

Starr's masterpiece, which had 218 incandescent bulbs, was designed to replace Times Square's New Year's Eve fireworks, which had been banned as a public hazard.

One ball or another has dropped every Dec. 31 since, with the exception of two years during World War II.

Today's cagelike sphere is made of aluminum, is six feet in diameter, weighs 200 pounds and has 180 bulbs. It is owned and operated by the Artkraft Strauss Sign Corp. The company's president, Starr, is the original ballmaker's granddaughter.

At exactly 11:59 p.m., the ball is to start its journey down a 77-foot flagpole mounted on a Times Square building. A crew controls the descent with steel cables.

The ball is supposed to reach an illuminated "1991" sign at the stroke of midnight. And that's it for one more year.

"Nobody can say what it means. You have a globe and a pole," Ms. Starr said. "It's kind of a basic pre-religious ritual. We do need to get back to our pagan roots, even if it's only for one minute a year."

## New Medicare controls set for tomorrow

By **GREGORY SPEARS**  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The federal government is imposing price controls on doctors treating Medicare patients beginning Jan. 1, a policy intended to drive down the health care costs for older Americans. However, it might reduce the number of doctors willing to take Medicare patients.

Under the new rule, Medicare patients cannot be billed more than 125 percent of Medicare's maximum fee for a procedure. The rate drops to 120 percent in 1992 and 115 percent in 1993.

The only exception is for general practitioners and Internists, who can charge patients up to 140 percent of the Medicare fee in 1991.

Doctors who overcharge could be fined \$2,000 per incident and excluded from the Medicare program.

Some say they may leave on their own.

"I bill for my legitimate office work and as a result, for the past year I have stopped taking new Medicare patients. If ... reimbursement schedules get worse, I intend to drop my Medicare practice altogether," said Dr. Alan Drake, a family practitioner in Sparta, Tenn.

The price controls are one of the most far-reaching attempts to put the brakes on medical care costs, which rose 11.1 percent to \$604 billion nationally in 1989.

The nation's 600,000 physicians had an average income of \$155,800 in 1989, according to the American Medical Association.

Previously, doctors who did not participate in Medicare — about 22 percent of physicians who treat Medicare patients — set their own fees. Medicare reimbursed patients according to its established rate for a procedure, leaving the patient to pay the sometimes considerable difference to the doctor under what has come to be known as balanced billing.

High-paying medical specialists, such as surgeons and radiologists, and doctors in wealthy areas such as Palm Beach and Park Avenue will likely see their incomes drop as a result of the new balanced billing limit.

"It's one more example of government bureaucrats telling physicians how to run their practice. It's never really pleasant," said Jean Wicken, executive director of the Palm Beach County (Fla.) Medical Society.

But the loudest complaints are coming from general practitioners, who say their fees are so low already that they can't make a living.

"We live in a rural state and our Medicare reimbursements are so low that basically it just covers the cost of providing the service, and that means that physicians are less well off than office personnel," said Dr. Karl Singer, a family practitioner in Exeter, N.H.

But officials of the Health Care Financing Administration say they are trying to protect Medicare beneficiaries. They say the new limit will prevent doctors from shifting more costs to Medicare patients when expected cuts in Medicare rates begin in 1992.

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**IN BRIEF**

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Shuttles set for Citrus Bowl**

ORLANDO — Tri County Transit will operate special shuttle buses for this year's Citrus Bowl. The Downtown shuttle will operate from the intersection of Central and Garland. The Central Florida Fairgrounds shuttle will operate from the fairgrounds entrance on the Pete Parrish Boulevard.

Round-trip shuttle tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at both locations beginning at 10:30 a.m. on game day or in advance at the Tri County Transit downtown terminal located at 78 West Central. Shuttle service from both locations will begin at 10:30 a.m. on New Year's Day and operate throughout the game.

Parking will be free at all downtown City of Orlando garages and lots as well as the Central Florida Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Tri County Transit at 841-8240.

**PRO FOOTBALL**

**Dolphins stay home**

MIAMI — Using a safety and a fumble return for a touchdown Sunday, the Miami Dolphins secured the home field for the first round of the playoffs with a 23-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

The Dolphins finished the season 12-4 and delighted coach Don Shula, who has had some lean seasons lately.

**Bucs drop finale**

TAMPA — The NFL curtain fell on a pair of 6-10 teams Sunday at Tampa Stadium, leaving the New York Jets hungry for an encore.

Pat Leahy kicked three field goals and rookie Blair Thomas scored his first NFL rushing touchdown, sparking the Jets to a season-ending 18-14 triumph over the Buccaneers.

**COLLEGE HOOPS**

**Tar Heels take Red Lobster**

ORLANDO — Seventh-ranked North Carolina's future may lie in its highly touted freshman class, but for now, the present revolves around defense and senior Rick Fox.

Fox scored a team-high 20 points and led a Tar Heel defense that shut down Stanford in the final 10 minutes for a 71-60 victory Sunday afternoon in the Red Lobster Classic championship game.

In the consolation game, DePaul staved off upstart Central Florida with an 81-78 overtime victory.

Fox, a 6-7 senior from the Bahamas, scored 41 points in the tournament, garnering the most valuable player award.

Central Florida, considered one of those directional teams that the DePauls and North Carolinas blowout early in the season, was extremely competitive despite losing twice. The Knights (5-4) lost 70-61 to Stanford on Saturday and battled evenly with DePaul Sunday.

**Gators top Canes**

GAINESVILLE — Livingston Chatman scored 16 points and Florida held off a late rally to defeat Miami 62-60 Sunday night.

The Gators, 3-6, led by as many as 12 points with 4:08 left in the game, but the Hurricanes, 2-7, staged a 9-2 run to cut Florida's lead to 60-58 with 25 seconds remaining.

Florida forward Stacey Poole sank a shot with 14 seconds left to insure the victory. Miami guard Trevor Burton, who scored a team-high 13 points, hit a jumper as time expired.

**Stetson finishes fourth**

HONOLULU — Robert George scored 10 of his 30 points as part of Wichita State's 16-0 run to close the game in posting a 68-58 victory Sunday night over Stetson in the third-place game of the Rainbow Classic.

George opened the second half with 10 straight to give Wichita State, 6-5, a 13-point lead.

Stetson, 4-7, responded with a 12-0 run to cut the lead to 1. After five lead changes, the Shockers pulled away to the final 10-point margin.

Mark Brisker led the Hatters with 21 points. Lorenzo Williams had 13 and Jim Horn added 10.

**PRO BASKETBALL**

**Heat clips LA**

LOS ANGELES — Sherman Douglas scored 25 points and Glen Rice and reserve Kevin Edwards added 24 apiece Sunday night to push the Miami Heat to a 112-97 triumph over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Compiled from wire and staff reports.

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## A nice problem to have

### Lake Mary has not one, but two No. 1 keepers



By TONY DeSORMIER  
 Herald Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — Larry McCorkle, the Lake Mary High School boys' soccer coach, has a problem. But he's not complaining, which is just as well since he wouldn't find anyone who could sympathize with him.

Actually, McCorkle's problem is a two-parter — Jason Redditt and Kevin Tyll, his two senior starting goalkeepers.

"It'd be nice to have one great goalkeeper as your starter and a young one coming up, learning the ropes," said McCorkle. "On the other, we're blessed with two very good keepers. Recently, goalkeepers in our county have been like quarterbacks in the NFL. There have been some injured."

"In case of an injury, we'd be in much better situation than any other team in the area."

So far this season, McCorkle has rotated the two, starting Redditt and bringing in Tyll at halftime. During the Pizza Hut Invitational last week at Boone High School, they helped the Rams to a 2-2 record. Each took a turn in net when the first and last game went to penalty kicks.

"Both have had moments when

they've played outstanding and times when they're struggled with their confidence," said McCorkle. "Sometimes that's because one knows the other is there and is afraid I'll pull him out if he makes a mistake."

"Sometimes I'll go on my gut feelings and stay with one of them on the idea that if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Despite this unusual situation, McCorkle says that Redditt and Tyll haven't let it affect their personal relationship.

"They get along well together," McCorkle said. "They work together, they train together and they root for each other. But I know that each of them would like to be the No. 1 guy."

Once Redditt and Tyll graduate, things will return to normal for the Rams. Junior Pat Rellly, Lake Mary's junior varsity goalie, will more than likely assume the varsity job with sophomore Brad Thompson in the understudy's role.

But beyond that, McCorkle may again have two No. 1 goalies during the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons. There are pair of eighth graders — Laki Travlova and Greg Velho — who are both close to or over 6-foot tall and are both goalkeepers for their Seminole Soccer Club teams.

Lake Mary Coach Larry McCorkle says that having both Jason Redditt (above) and Kevin Tyll is a blessing. Because each of the two seniors has the ability to be the starting goalie, they give the Rams exceptional depth.

### Skiles sets record as Magic win

United Press International

ORLANDO — Scott Skiles set an NBA record with 30 assists Sunday night to pass the Orlando Magic to a 155-116 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Skiles, who finished with 22 points, broke the assist record of 29 set on Feb. 24, 1978 by Kevin Porter of New Jersey. Skiles passed with 19 seconds left to set up Jerry Reynolds' 22-foot basket to gain the record.

The Magic took advantage of a team missing Blair Rasmussen, Orlando Woodridge, Todd Lichtl and Bill Hanzlik.

Reynolds scored 27 points and Terry Catledge added 25 to lead the Magic. Orlando hit 61 of 107 field goals (57 percent) compared to Denver's 47 of 119 field goals (39.5 percent). Orlando outrebounded Denver 62-46 and dished out 44 assists to Denver's 14.

Orlando led 72-49 at intermission and set a record for most first-half points. They also set a mark for most second-half points (83), for largest offensive output and the largest margin of victory (39).

### DOUBLE TAKES



**Tournament trials and tribulations**

Both the Lake Mary High School girls' soccer team and the Lyman boys' squad were sidetracked during their holiday tournaments. Angela Cooley (left) and the Rams

were beaten in the semifinals of the Burger King Classic while Alan Newsome (right) and the Grayhounds fell in the second round of the Pizza Hut Invitational.

## County snubbed in All-State football selections

Generally, I pride myself on being a dispassionate spectator of Seminole County athletics. As much as I enjoy and am fond of the young men and women who kick, swing, swim, putt, pin, dunk or what have you, maintaining some semblance of detachment makes the job easier.

Still, there are limits. On Friday and Saturday, the Florida Sports Writers Association released its Class 4A and Class 5A All-State football teams. And among the nearly 150 players on those two lists there were three, count 'em, three representatives from our fair county.

Kerry Wiggins, senior quarterback from Seminole High School, was the Class 4A first-team quarterback while Lake Howell's Marquette Smith and Ken Times were Class 5A honorees, senior running back Smith named to the first team while junior linebacker Times was a third-team pick.

Not bad. But it should have been

**SPORTS**

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better.

It's difficult to imagine that Seminole, which spent several weeks in the FSWA's Class 4A top 10, could have only one player worthy of All-State honors.

For starters, there's placekicker Geordie Davison, who kicked 54-yard and 42-yard field goals in a key district game and finished the year with six field goals and 23 extra point conversions. Linebacker Bernard Brown was one of the county's top defensive players.

It would be easier to take if the Seminoles got snubbed because of lack of exposure but Seminole played more out-of-county teams than any other school except Lake Howell, facing district opponents Edgewater and Leesburg, Seminole Athletic Conference foe DeLand, Titusville-Astronaut and, in the regional playoff, Tarpon Springs.

The county's 5A schools each played four out-of-county schools. Besides having to play district opponents DeLand, Mainland, Spruce Creek and Lake Weir, each school played one Orange County school as its 10th game. Lake Howell's sixth out-of-county opponent was Lake City-Columbia in its regional title contest.

As far as Smith and Times are concerned, both were deserving locks to be named to the All-State team. Smith is one of the most decorated players in Florida history while Times was a first-team All-

State selection a year ago. But what about Lake Howell defensive back Frank Sales, linebacker Ken Spearman and offensive linemen Adam Toth and Chris Hennie-Roed? Lake Mary running back Chris Haney, the second-leading rusher in the county? Lake Brantley offensive guard David Porterfield? Oviedo punter Karl Galm?

Orange County, on the other hand, had seven players honored. Mainland had two players picked (one to the second team and the other on the third team).

This isn't meant to sound like sour grapes. But I think I express the sentiments for most local fans when I say that given the quality of the high school football in Seminole County, there are certainly more than two players who deserve All-State recognition.

For what it's worth guys, we appreciate your abilities and are proud of your accomplishments.







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When confronted with such a patient, physicians ordinarily try to rule out identifiable physical causes of fatigue, such as anemia, thyroid disorders, hidden infection and malignancies. Once discovered, these diseases usually respond to treatment.

However, patients with chronic fatigue syndrome show no evidence of common physical ailments. Thus, they are often labeled "depressed" or "over-stressed"; their symptoms are assumed to be psychological in origin.

Of course, this conclusion usually infuriates chronic fatigue sufferers, who then choose to migrate from one doctor to another in hopes of finding a diagnosis and a cure.

In the past, these people were easily victimized by practitioners who were willing to diagnose them with "fad" illnesses, such as hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), and commit them to extended, expensive treatments. When hypoglycemia lost popularity because experts discovered that it exists only in a small number of patients, these patients moved on to candidiasis (systemic yeast infection), an extremely rare disorder that occurs only in patients with immune deficiency. This didn't solve the problem either, so the next "designer" disease they

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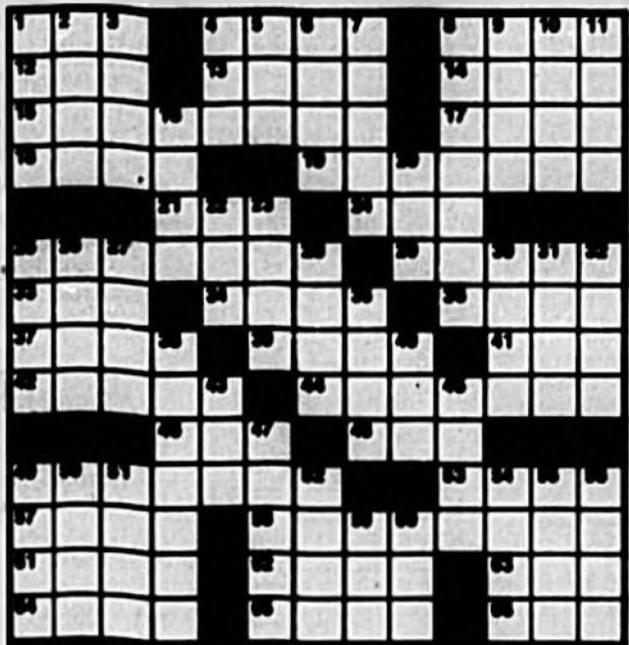
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- 64 Lower (abbr.)
- 66 Actress - Lerner
- 68 Curry letter
- 1 Whizzes
- 2 Kind of foot
- 3 Scandinavian capital
- 4 Revolving

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



- 9 Pool time
- 10 Animal welfare org.
- 11 Aquatic bird
- 16 His garlands
- 20 Palm fiber
- 22 LP speed
- 23 Finnish first name
- 25 Russian ruler
- 26 Actor's part
- 27 Poetic foot
- 28 Quantity of paper
- 30 Spiritual leader
- 31 Something unique
- 32 Large knife
- 33 A Scott
- 38 Oxygenator
- 40 - Francisco
- 42 reduce
- 43 Eggs
- 47 Hat-bearing tree
- 48 Actor James
- 50 Govern
- 51 Grafted, in heraldry
- 52 Duch
- 54 Cry of pain
- 55 Clever saying
- 56 Adam's grandson
- 58 type of bean
- 60 Actress Myrna

**WIN AT**

**By James Jacoby**  
Willy Nilly got to five clubs in today's auction. East won the opening lead with the ace of diamonds and returned a heart. From East's point of view, West might just hold the king of hearts and a natural club trick, in which case knocking out the heart ace right away would be crucial. As it happened, the only important aspect of this deal was declarer's play of the trump suit. So Willy won dummy's heart ace and played the king of clubs. That was curtains for the contract. West eventually making two club tricks. Of course there is a standard safety play to guarantee only one loser with today's club-suit combination. Declarer can play a low club from either hand. If the next

defender follows low, declarer simply inserts a higher club. Even though declarer will at times unnecessarily lose a trump trick, the king and ace are still in place, and the rest of the suit can be picked up. This play guards against either defender being so unfriendly as to hold Q-J-x-x. It's silly to risk such a safety play if the club suit must come in without a loser for the contract to be made. So the first order of business should be to take a spade finesse. If that works, South can tackle the club suit so as never to lose two trump tricks. And if East should happen to win a trick with the spade king, declarer will properly go all out to avoid even one club loser.  
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NORTH 12-11-90			
♦ A Q 6 4 3			
♥ A 7 5 3			
♣ 5			
♦ K 6 5			
WEST		EAST	
♦ K 10 2	♥ J 7	♦ J 9 7	♣ J 10 6 2
♦ Q J 9 5	♣ Q J 3 2	♦ A 10 8 7 4	♣ -
SOUTH			
♦ 8 5			
♥ 4 3			
♣ K 6 2			
♦ A 10 9 8 7 4			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
2♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♣	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

**HOROSCOPES**

**By Bernice Bode Oso**  
**YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
Jan. 1, 1991  
Bonds could be strengthened in the year ahead with someone to whom you are already firmly attached. Circumstances could draw you into a tighter and more advantageous alliance.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a delicate line between being your own persona and being a team player today. There are also indications that you may place more emphasis on the former than on the latter. 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 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might get some rumblings today regarding responsibilities and duties you've been neglecting. The roar will only grow louder if you fail to bring things up to date.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't try to be all things to all people today, because it isn't

likely to work. Besides, it might even cause you to feel frustrated or inadequate. Just be yourself.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) A critical matter with far-reaching effects should not be finalized too hastily today. It's more important that you strive for satisfaction rather than speed.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Try to avoid an associate with whom you recently crossed verbal swords. Each of you may still have a chip on your shoulder and end up saying things both will later regret.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to try to sort out your financial affairs in hope of trimming some of your expenses. Your budget can be improved upon if you start the year off right.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 21) There is a possibility you might get involved in a competitive development today. Don't underestimate your adversary, who could be stronger than you think.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Strive to keep all of your endeavors as

basic as possible today. You could have tendencies to further complicate situations which are a trifle testy at the outset.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Under most conditions, you are a reasonably cautious person who is not prone to taking big risks. Today, however, your discipline in this area may be rather lacking.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Give your most meaningful objectives top priority today instead of scattering your forces. Taking pot shots at a variety of targets won't improve your marksmanship.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There is a possibility today that you might repeat a mistake similar to one you recently made. Don't let poor judgment reopen an old wound.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're going "window wishing" today, it might be wise to leave your credit cards at home. If you think you have a little financial wiggling room, you're apt to be extravagant.  
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**by Leonard Starr**



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