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Sports

Have arms, will win

LONGWOOD — Pitching dominated the action as Seminole County high school baseball teams won three of four games Tuesday evening. **See Page 1B.**

BRIEFS

Sanford finances good

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission heard a presentation of its fiscal year 1992/93 audit Monday. Christine Hill of Coopers & Lybrand, a CPA firm which handled the audit gave Sanford a clean bill of health. "In fact," she told the commissioners, "Sanford has received a certificate of excellence for financial reporting for that fiscal year."

She said the revenues exceeded the budget, while the expenses were below budget.

In explaining various parts of the financial situation, Hill gave a good report on all aspects of the city's operation.

Scavenger hunt for the eagles

SANFORD — The Seminole County Chapter of the Harley Owners Group will be sponsoring an April Fool's observation scavenger hunt on Sunday, April 10.

Everyone is welcome at the event which will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Florida Zoo.

Sign-in will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the last bike must be in by 3 p.m.

The entry fee is \$5 per person.

There will be a \$100 grand prize, plus trophies. There will also be food and beverages available at the end of the ride.

For more information, call the HOGLINE at 643-9241.

Chamber mixer planned

LAKE MARY — The Greater Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce will hold its March Business After Hours networking mixer this Thursday.

Advantage Cellular, 3801 W. Lake Mary Blvd., in the Public Shopping Center, will host the mixer from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Advantage will also host a special guest, psychic Lynn Rador.

Chamber members, prospective members and their guests are invited to attend this function.

For information, phone the chamber office at 333-4748.

Gallery exhibit open to public

SANFORD — The Fine Arts Gallery of Seminole Community College is currently hosting the 25th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition. It will continue through April 22.

The juror for the student competition is Tanja Softic, Professor of Art at Rollins College.

Fine Arts Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., plus evening of music and theatre performances.

For information on the exhibit and other SCC arts, call 328-45CC, ext. 2039.

FHP roadblocks set for April

SANFORD — Troopers with the Florida Highway Patrol will establish roadblocks on area roadways next month to assure vehicles and their drivers are safe.

Troopers will stop traffic during daylight hours to check for such vehicle safety risks as worn tires, defective brakes and inoperative headlights. They will also check to make sure motorists have valid drivers licenses and vehicle registration. Any criminal law violators, such as drunken drivers, will be met with arrest.

Troopers may establish the roadblocks at the following locations from April 1 to 21.

County Road 15, Old Lake Mary Road, Orange Boulevard, Osceola Road, Celery Avenue, State Road 426, E.E. Williamson Road, Gen. J.C. Hutchinson Parkway, Bunnell Road and Dodd Road.

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Mild temps, cool nights



Increasing clouds with a slight chance of rain. High in the lower to mid 70s. Wind becoming northeast 10 to 15 mph. Rain chance 20 percent.

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Cops and robbers

Sanford police chase, nab 3 armed men

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Three men have been arrested in connection with an armed robbery yesterday at Check Cashing Easy, 211 French Avenue in Sanford.

According to police Commander Dennis Whitmire, "At approximately 10:40 Tuesday morning, three black males approached Dinesh "Danny" Shah, who was vacuuming the front of his business, and at gunpoint, forced him into the building. They then forced him to open the back room door."

"After they got into the back room," Whitmire continued, "they ordered him to open the safe and cash register, then taped his mouth shut."

Whitmire said the three men escaped with approximately \$8,944 in cash.

"While they were still in the back," Whitmire said, "two customers came in and called for Danny. The three robbers came out of the back"

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Robbery suspect Damien Tillman is searched by Sanford Police Ofc. R. Bartholow, who removes cash from his pockets and places it in an evidence bag held by Cpl. David Semones.

Gunman targets Subway shop this morning

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Subway Sandwich Shop, 2927 Orlando Drive, was held up at gunpoint early this morning. Shots were fired, but no injuries were reported.

The robbery reportedly occurred at 1:40 a.m. Two clerks, Mitchell Parker and Glenn Cicchino were in the establishment.

According to Police Commander Dennis Whitmire, "At 1:40 a.m., a white male wearing faded blue jeans, white shoes, a gray hooded T-shirt and black sunglasses, entered the store and pointed a black revolver at the clerks. He ordered Parker into the cooler, and at least one shot was fired at that time."

Whitmire continued, "He apparently fired a second shot, and ordered Cicchino to hand over the money from the cash register, before forcing Cicchino into the cooler room."

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Some bunny to love



Herald Photo by Susan Wanner

Avera Williams, 6, has surrounded himself with dreamy fluffy bunnies and colorful eggs. He recently jumped into the Easter celebration at

a display at a local store and had a real happy time. He'll be all ears this weekend in anticipation of the Easter Bunny's arrival.

Riverboat gambling

Baptist pastor seeks support to oppose gaming in county

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The pastor of 2,000-member Central Baptist Church of Sanford says he will seek support from other central Florida Baptist churches to oppose gambling in the county.

Following votes last week by church deacons and active members, the Rev. Donald Hicks says he will take a resolution to an association of about 30 Baptist churches to support Central Baptist's position.

"I plan to fight this any way I can," says Hicks. "I believe we have a community worth saving."

Hicks says members oppose the proposed Florida Riverboat Corp. gambling venture at Port of Sanford on both biblical and economic factors. Biblically, the proposal violates principals of honesty, love for others without coveting their

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Codes aid historic home preservation

Realtor: Most buyers delighted by regulations

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Potential home buyers in Sanford's downtown residential historic district are happy to know the Old Sanford Regulations, patterned after codes preservation architect Andres Duany proposed, are being enforced in the district.

While some residents have com-

plained, realtor Helen Stairs said buyers are "delighted" to know the codes are in place.

"Mostly, they are delighted," Stairs said. "They are putting their money down and buying the homes with the vision of what it can be."

Stairs, who specializes in selling properties in the historic district, said people believe the codes protect their investment.

Kay Bartholomew, who is buying a home in the district, said she is "solidly behind the codes," though she believes the Sanford Historic Preservation Board should be willing to fine tune the codes a bit.

"Safety considerations should be made, for example," she said. "[The codes] have to fit the age in which we live."

Preservation Board Chairman

Kevin Stubbs said the board is very willing to fine-tune the regulations and is currently in the process of doing some of that.

While Bartholomew believes the restrictions on paint colors are necessary to the revitalization of the district, she believes the codes must allow for some deviations in areas such as fence heights and lighting.

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Two face runoff after Lake Mary election

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Sheila Sawyer and Pat Callaway will be in a runoff election for Seat 4 of the Lake Mary City Commission. Two candidates in the four-person race have announced support for Callaway.

None of the four candidates in yesterday's city election received over 50 percent of the required votes with which to win the election.

Sawyer was close, with 49.1 percent, drawing 391 votes. Callaway received 218 votes for 27.4 percent.

"I'm very pleased to be in the runoff," Callaway commented this morning. "From this point on, it will be going out and demonstrating to the residents that I'm committed to positive leadership for the future of Lake Mary."

Sawyer said she plans to con-

centrate on urging more people to vote during the runoff. "There were many people who just couldn't get to the polls on time," she said, "and I believe everyone should have the opportunity to vote for the person they want to be in this leadership position."

"The people who gave me their support were just fantastic," she added. "This is a great city full of wonderful people."

Supervisor of Elections Sandra Goard said the total turnout for the election was 803, including 39 absentee ballots. The number amounted to 21.5 percent of the eligible voters participating in the election.

The runoff will be held on April 19, with the Lake Mary City Hall commission chambers as the sole voting place.

Also in the election, Frank McDonald, received 127 votes for **See Election, Page 5A**



Herald Photo by April Keniston

Attorney Thomas Greeno, right, waited with Lake Mary city officials and other interested parties at the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections office last night as the Lake Mary City Commission election votes were tabulated. Greeno, finishing fourth, has thrown his support to Pat Callaway, who will be in the runoff with Sheila Sawyer.

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NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Abortion doctor hires protection

SARASOTA — Two men armed with a loaded submachine gun and other weapons say they were protecting a doctor when they videotaped anti-abortion protesters from a parking lot across the street.

Robert Thrasher, 35, and Albert London, 45, of Tampa wore bulletproof vests. Canisters of Mace and other self-defense chemicals were in their van, which was searched in the March 18 incident.

The men said they were videotaping the protesters at the request of W. Phillip Keene of Tierra Verde, a doctor at the clinic, Sarasota Women's Health Center, police said.

"Keene has been the subject of numerous serious threats recently," London said. "We're the good guys here."

No charges were filed in the incident; only a trespassing warning was issued.

Both men had current concealed weapons permits, although London carried no weapon. Thrasher is licensed to possess and transport any firearm — including automatic weapons, police said.

Del Rey surrenders to police

MIAMI — Francisco Del Rey, whose teen-age son was charged in the deaths of three people when his speeding Corvette sliced through their car, has surrendered on a probation violation.

Del Rey, of Coral Gables, gave himself up Tuesday on a warrant charging him with violation of probation stemming from his efforts to help his son, Francisco, obtain a driver's license fraudulently.

Police allege that the younger Del Rey was racing another car at more than 100 mph when he crashed in the early morning hours Dec. 30, killing the occupants of a small car.

Del Rey, now 16, is free on bond, pending his trial on three counts of manslaughter and possession of a fraudulent driver's license.

Del Rey Sr., who surrendered last week on driver's license fraud charges and was released on bond from the Dade County Jail, was in federal court Tuesday.

He was released on a \$20,000 personal bond until a hearing on the probation violation before U.S. District Judge Shelby Highsmith.

Scout leader arrested for molestation

ORLANDO — A Girl Scout troop leader accused of molesting an 11-year-old girl and suspected of fondling others he took on a camping trip was arrested.

David Wayne Fisher, 47, of Polk County, Tuesday was being held without bail at the Orange County Jail, charged with sexual battery and a lewd act on a child younger than 12.

Fisher took 10 girls, ages 9 through 11, to the Fort Wilderness resort and campground at Walt Disney World, where he works, Orange County detective Eric Fortinberry said.

Two tourists called Disney security Monday night to report they had seen Fisher touching some girls at a bus stop. The tourists told deputy sheriffs that one girl told them they were touched in ways that made them uncomfortable but were "afraid to say no," Fortinberry said.

Fisher and his wife, Pamela, are co-leaders of Troops 601 and 628, according to the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts. Council officials said they did not know which troop was on the trip.

Students pray for missing classmate

ATLANTA — More than 200 Emory University students gathered in a basement room at a chapel on the campus to pray for the safety of missing classmate Shannon D. Melendy.

"We are all here for a very specific purpose — to pray for Shannon's safety," assistant Chaplain Douglas Cook told the students Tuesday. "We pray that she be brought back to her family and loved ones."

Tearful students filed out of the room, stopping to hug each other. Many wore small yellow ribbons.

The 19-year-old sophomore from Miami, Fla., is in the pre-law program at Emory. She disappeared Saturday from the Softball Country Club Sportsplex in DeKalb County where she worked as a scorekeeper. Her car was found Sunday at a service station next to the softball fields with the keys in the ignition.

"The idea for this service came yesterday as we were talking to her parents," said Frances Lucas-Tauchar, dean of campus life. "We asked them if there was anything we could do and they said they wanted everyone to pray. So we immediately put together this prayer service."

Her father, Miami commercial photographer Luis Melendy, has been in Atlanta since Sunday night, helping search for his daughter.

"She doesn't seem to be the kind of girl who would just run off," DeKalb County police officer B.M. Yancey told Miami television station WCIX. "She's a serious student and was good about checking in with her folks."

From Associated Press reports

Smokers tax

House panel approves an increase of 25-cent a pack

By ADAM YEOMANS Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The price of cigarettes would increase 25 cents a pack under a measure approved by a House panel in a move that surprised tobacco lobbyists and legislative leaders.

After an impassioned plea by Rep. Bob Casey, a family physician for 25 years, the House Finance & Tax Committee adopted the cigarette tax Tuesday. The tax would raise an estimated \$275 million a year to pay for health care programs.

Chances for passage, however, appear bleak in an election year when lawmakers have promised no new taxes. But Casey said he was prepared to fight and hoped to enlist Gov. Lawton Chiles.

"Cigarette smoking kills more adults than all the wars combined in the 20th century,"

he said. "It's lethal. You can look at AIDS. You can look at any disease you want to, and cigarette smoking kills more of our children as they become adults than any other thing."

Although the governor embraced a similar, although ill-fated, proposal last year to pay for more prison construction, aides wouldn't say whether he still supported a cigarette tax.

"The governor's office is following the bill," said spokesman Ron Sachs.

Casey said he introduced the amendment because legislation he had proposed to increase the state's excise tax on cigarettes was going nowhere this session. He said he wanted the full House to debate the issue and vote on it.

"I'll take anything I can get," he said.

Casey, a Republican from Gainesville, and anti-smoking supporters later defeated a

move by the tobacco industry to kill the tax increase.

Committee members did vote to restrict the money generated from the tax to pay for research and treatment of smoking-related illnesses.

Casey proposed the tax increase as an amendment to another cigarette bill (CS-HB 2305) that was being pushed by the tobacco industry.

That bill would allow tax disputes between wholesalers and the state to be resolved through administrative hearings instead of state court, and it exempted some wholesalers from posting a surety bond with the state.

Rep. Everett Kelly, D-Tavares, the bill's sponsor, said he would support a cigarette tax increase under different circumstances, but the measure will hurt his bill.

Roundin' 'em up

Barbara Mason, Damon Howell and Angie Graham want to encourage patrons at the Colonial Room Restaurant in Sanford and a host of other central Florida eateries, to round up their tabs and give the change to Give Kids the World. That charity pays for trips to central Florida attractions for terminally ill children and their families. The round up will be collecting money for Give Kids the World through April 9.

Herald Photo by April Kenton



House Appropriations approves health plan

By JACKIE HALLIFAX Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The latest House version of a plan to subsidize private health insurance for hundreds of thousands of people shows lawmakers are "moving in the right direction," a top aide to Gov. Lawton Chiles said.

The governor has said he would make lawmakers, scheduled to end their session a week from Friday, work overtime if they don't pass a reform bill he can accept.

But the governor's aide, Doug Cook, expressed some optimism after the Appropriations Committee voted 23-13 Tuesday for the reform bill (CS-HB 2823).

"If we can sustain it is another question," Cook said.

The Senate Health Care Committee was scheduled to take up the issue today, and the full House may debate its bill Thursday.

Appropriations Chairman

John Long, D-Land O'Lakes, told members of his committee that more work remains to be done on the bill. But Rep. Ben Graber, a physician who chairs the Health Care Committee, liked the legislation.

"In its present form, this is an excellent product, a very good product," said Graber, D-Coral Springs. "This will promote health care coverage to possibly as much as 800,000 people in the state over the next few years."

Based on Chiles' proposal, the bill would require everyone on Medicaid, the joint federal-state health care plan for people on welfare, to go to a Medicaid health maintenance organization or a prepaid plan.

The savings from such managed care programs would be used to subsidize private insurance anywhere from 700,000 to 1.2 million of Florida's 2.5 million uninsured residents.

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Three workers out as state probes child protection

By PAT LEISNER Associated Press Writer

TAMPA — Two child protection workers will be fired and a top lawyer has resigned as the state probes an apparent neglect case of an emaciated 12-year-old girl who languished in foster care.

Jim Towey, head of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, announced the dismissals and district-wide investigations Tuesday, hours after visiting the child at Tampa General Hospital.

"I feel a certain sense of shame," he said. "Accountability begins with me, and my conscience has been pricked by what's taken place."

The girl weighs 55 pounds

— 32 pounds below the average weight for a girl her age.

Towey said he is going to court to make public the child's confidential file, with certain issues of privacy deleted.

Under current confidentiality laws, HRS cannot say how long the child has been in foster care.

She was reported in satisfactory condition Tuesday. A new home has been selected for her once she can leave the hospital.

An investigation has begun to determine whether there was neglect or abuse at her previous foster homes. Towey said. And the inspector general plans to probe the role and responsibility of upper management in the case.

LOTTERY MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Florida Lottery. Fantasy 5 8-5-28-19-11 Cash 3 8-2-4 Play 4 8-2-1-1

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POLICE BRIEFS

Family fight at police station

A Lake Mary man was arrested for battery, domestic violence, at the Lake Mary Police station after following his wife there after they quarreled.

Fredrick Clifton Eastwood, 44, 116 Lavana Landing was arrested after his wife claimed the couple had a fight which became physical, the police report stated.

Car burglary charged

Danny Michael Ruppe, 44, 2600 Georgia Ave., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police and charged with burglary to a conveyance just after midnight Tuesday. Several witnesses reported seeing Ruppe in a car at 2580 Ridgewood Avenue and they detained the suspect until police arrived, the police report stated. Ruppe allegedly took a pair of pants and shoes belonging to the owner of the vehicle. Ruppe was arrested.

Paraphernalia arrest

George Alvin Buech, 27, 2051 W. 18th St., Sanford, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Monday at 1810 W. Peach Ave. Sanford Police had Buech in custody on two outstanding Flagler County felony warrants when deputies were called.

A deputy observed something in Buech's mouth which he spat onto the roadway. The deputy identified the object as the stem from a drug smoking device, the police reported stated. Buech was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting without violence.

Not the right tag

Gerald Raymond Mazzie, 29, 1641 Myrtle Lake Hills, Longwood, was arrested by deputies at the eastbound I-4 rest area because the tag on his vehicle was not the one assigned to it. Mazzie was asleep when a deputy ran a computer check of the tag, according to the report. The man said the tag belonged to his parents' neighbors, the report stated. He was arrested and taken to jail.

Warrants served

- Bradford Kelly Ward, 38, 174 Lakeside Drive, Sanford, violation of probation/driving under the influence.
- Jimmy Lewis Williams, 30, 1020 Bay Ave., Sanford, failure to appear/battery.
- William Dale Pastema, 33, 317 Palmetto Ave., Sanford, VOP/obtaining property by worthless check.

Incidents reported to the sheriff

- Seven lug nuts were reportedly stolen Friday in what deputies said was an apparent attempt to remove tires and rims from two trucks parked in the 4100 block of N. Highway 17-92.
- A battery valued at \$100 was reported stolen Friday from a truck parked at the Seminole Towne Center Mall construction site on Oregon Ave.
- Three vehicles, said to be unsecured, were reportedly burglarized Saturday of small change. All three vehicles were parked in the 200 block of Citrus Drive in Ravenna Park. \$5 in coins were said to have been taken from a Ford automobile, \$3 from a Ford truck, and \$4 from a Buick.
- A canoe valued at \$500 was reported stolen Saturday from the back yard of a home in the 300 block of Wekiva Park Drive.
- A homeowner in the 400 block of Virginia Avenue, Sanford, reported someone broke in Sunday and took two bicycles, speakers, a receiver and cassette player.
- A man on E. Palmetto Ave., Longwood, reported his employer owes him \$1,500 for work he has done and 10 other employees have not been paid.
- A man in the 1400 block of Oberlin Terrace, Lake Mary, reported seeing a group of young males on the porch of a neighbor's home, according to the police report. The man was watching the house while the neighbor was away. Police reported the glass doors were unlocked and it appeared the youths had a party. Police were unable to contact the home owner.
- A man driving near the intersection of Sipes and Midway Monday reported some people threw rocks at his car, hitting the driver's door.
- In the 2600 block of Cahill Avenue, Sanford, a man reported 35 sheets of plywood missing from a construction site.
- A Lake Mary home owner reported someone broke into a home in the 2000 block of Old Lake Mary Road through an attic vent sometime between Feb. 14 and Monday.
- A Geneva man reported Sunday his windshield was broken by an object as he drove on State Road 46/Greenway in Sanford. The object may have been a rock.
- A Sanford business in the 1600 block of Beardall Ave. was burglarized sometime over the weekend. A wrench set and staple gun were among items taken.
- A Sanford man reported someone entered his unlocked vehicle on Villen Road and took a radar detector sometime Sunday. Papers in a second vehicle were scattered about the car.

Incidents reported to Sanford Police

- Two juveniles were said to have been seen jumping a fence and taking a Honda motorcycle valued at \$300 Sunday, at a residence in the 1900 block of W. 4th Street.
- Two microwave ovens and a radio with a total value of \$670 were reportedly taken during a burglary Sunday at Crooms School of Choice on W. 13th Street.
- Jewelry and various collector items were reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 400 block of S. Elliott Avenue. Police said the total value of items taken was estimated at \$25,733.
- Property in excess of \$3,000 was said to have been taken Friday during a vehicular burglary in the 200 block of Coachman Court. Items included a handgun and a World War II type locker containing clothing and equipment.
- A VCR and jewelry were reported missing Friday from a residence in the 4200 block of S. Orlando Drive.
- \$320 in electronic items were stolen and \$250 in damage were reported Sunday from a business establishment in the 500 block of Lake Mary Blvd.
- Two captain's swivel seats and other items valued at \$750 were reportedly stolen from a boat Saturday, parked in the 2600 block of W. 25th Street.
- A burglary was reported Friday in the 800 block of Valencia Street. Air conditioning equipment and two heat pumps, with a total value of \$1,250 were said to be missing.
- In the 1700 block of French Avenue, someone attempted to break into the bookkeeping office of a middle school. A window was broken but nothing was apparently taken.
- Two construction companies reported thefts over the weekend of equipment at Lake Mary Boulevard and County Road 427. A generator, engine, general pump and accessories were taken from a construction company truck. Someone entered a fenced compound and removed five heavy duty vehicle batteries from another company's vehicle.
- A homeowner in the 2200 block of Oak Avenue, Sanford, reported someone stole jewelry from a bedroom. There was no sign of forced entry.
- The manager of a business in the 2600 block of S. Orlando Drive, Sanford, reported someone took a pre-signed blank check early Monday morning.
- A resident in the 1100 block of Pine Ave. reported someone broke a window and stole a television.
- Sometime over the weekend, a resident in the 1600 block of W. 13th Street said someone broke into their home and stole telephone booth banks and change.
- A man in the 800 block of W. First Street, Sanford, reported his car was stolen late Monday night.
- A home burglary was reported on Sterling Court in Sanford Monday. A window was broken to gain entry. A bedroom was ransacked, guns and jewelry were reportedly taken.

Rolling faces sentence in slaying of 5

By RON WORD
Associated Press Writer

GAINESVILLE — Danny Harold Rolling's words of regret for his heinous acts did little to ease 3½ years of pain and anguish felt by the families of five college students who were stabbed to death.

"His words are empty," said Ada Larson, whose daughter Sonja Larson was raped and butchered by Rolling. "The way I look at it, his deeds spoke for him."

While Circuit Judge Stan R. Morris ponders whether Rolling should die in Florida's electric chair for the 1990 student murders, police in Shreveport, La., said the drifter was responsible for killing three people nine months before the Gainesville slayings.

As result of Rolling's detailed confessions to prison inmates a year ago, police and prosecutors said Tuesday they were sure Rolling stabbed Julie Grissom, 24; her father Thomas, 55, and her 8-year-old nephew, Sean, in November 1989.

State Attorney Rod Smith said Rolling had implicated himself in the Louisiana case, but that Florida officials wanted to see him remain in custody.

"When I say confessed, in a legal sense, no," Smith said. "But from a practical sense we know he committed those crimes, absolutely."

Rolling, 39, will be sentenced April 20 for the Gainesville murders of Christina Powell, Sonja Larson, Christa Hoyt, Tracy Paulus and Manuel Taboada.

A jury unanimously recommended death last week. Morris must give great weight to the jurors' recommendation but has the final decision, his only other option is to put Rolling behind bars for life.

Morris heard from Rolling and his family Tuesday.

"I regret with all my heart what my hand has done," Rolling said. "I have taken what I cannot return."

The admitted killer also called himself, "a small part of history and the legacy of mankind's fall from grace."

But the victims' relatives, who submitted letters detailing the impact of the murders on their lives, doubted Rolling's sincerity.

"I think he feels sorry that he was caught, not that he did it," said Diana Hoyt, Christa Hoyt's stepmother. "If he was out right now, I think he would do it again."

Rolling's remarks followed videotaped statements from his mother, Claudia, and his brother, Kevin, and several other friends and family members. The videotape was recorded over the weekend in his hometown of Shreveport, La., by Assistant Public Defender Johnny Kearns.

"I beg for his life. If it is possible, find mercy and save my son's life," Mrs. Rolling said.

"We could all beg for mercy," said Rolling's brother, Kevin. "But I'm not sure it would help."

The victim impact statements are touching remembrances of

I regret with all my heart what my hand has done. I have taken what I cannot return.

-Danny Rolling

five bright young college students and what their losses mean to their families.

"I find myself wondering if I will ever be happy again," wrote Beth Devitt, Sonja Larson's older sister. "What we have lost is the quality of our lives."

While the other letters were typed, Ricky Paulus submitted a handwritten letter explaining what her daughter's loss has meant to each member of the family.

"I yearn to tuck her in her bed, sit and watch TV with her, to exercise with her, to laugh and cry with her," she said. "...to tell her how much I love her, how much I cry for her, how much I miss her and most of all hear her say, 'I love you Mom.'"



Thanks for your help

At yesterday morning's City of Sanford Community Development Breakfast, Mayor Betty Smith (above photo, from left) presented Charles Phillips, president of Habitat for Humanity, an award for his help with community development projects and programs. Below, Charles Rowe, community development director for the city, was also honored.



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EDITORIAL

Don't feed the gators

Don't feed the gators. It'll cost you an arm and a leg.
This may be a pun, but the Florida Fish and Game Commission considers it a serious situation. Feeding a wild alligator is a second degree misdemeanor. Conviction can result in a fine of up to \$500 or six months in jail, or both.

As soon as the temperatures warm, as they now have, alligators can be seen protruding from the waters of Lake Monroe, near the Sanford shoreline. They don't pose any immediate threat.

They can be considered one of Sanford's natural tourist attractions. Visitors can often be seen along the waterfront watching a gator swim slowly by, or basking in the warmth of the sun.

The best part of having gators within sight on the lake is.... there's no admission.

Occasionally however, people who may consider themselves animal lovers, try to toss food to the gators. This is not only illegal, it can cause problems.

Last year, because of suspected feeding, a gator, locally known as "Old George" had to be destroyed. Having become accustomed to being fed along the seawall just across from the Sanford post office, George began to rely on that type of food. Gradually, he moved closer and closer to shore where people were gathering for fishing or sight-seeing.

The gator was subsequently declared as a potential hazard, and had to be removed from the lake and destroyed. (The work was done by a professional and licensed hunter).

People who know said George had been around for many years. He was a gator who could almost always be depended upon to give the tourists an eye-full of our precious wildlife.

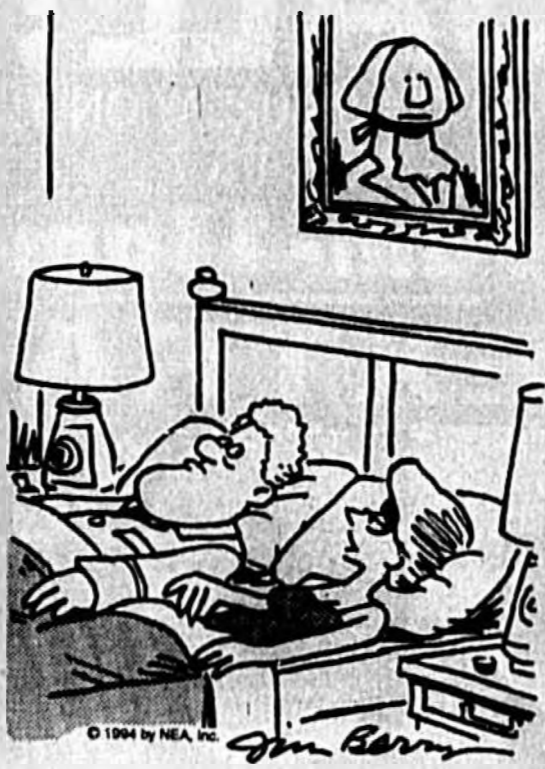
Now, the gators can be seen once again. Let's not have another destroyed because of a similar circumstance.

To carry it one step further, if you see someone else feeding them, report it. You may be saving the gator's life, as well as a person who may be standing on the shore and deemed lunch for a hungry gator.

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. The letters are subject to editing.

Berry's World



"Mind if I pull a cover-up? — I mean pull the covers up?"

BEN WATTENBERG

Can scandal shape better policy?

Whitewater, with sequels, is not going away. It is already in the media firestorm mode. The story is moving from real estate to real people. Americans are fascinated by any First Family, and the Clintons are of particular interest. With the issues of money, sex, partisanship, corruption, cover-up, cronyism and suicide now in play, the ritual press feeding frenzy is unstoppable, like it or not.

But will scandal effect policy? Luckily, Americans still do care about policy. Luckily for the Clintons they have some policies to peddle. A number of scenarios are available.

Scenario One. Reporters will try to show that a distracted administration functions poorly. But, it may turn out, such a linkage of policy to scandal hardly exists. After all, the policy wonks do keep working away. That is a good posture for the president: working tirelessly to help America in its moment of need.

Scenario Two. The case is made that it will help liberal Democrats. Why? Because when a politician gets into personal trouble, one law of the jungle is "Hold On To Your Base." As long as there is a solid core of liberal Democrats in Congress who think Clinton is doing essentially the right things on health, crime and welfare they may be able to help protect him from some

of the worst tortures that a Congress can inflict upon a president. And so it may be, by currying liberals, Clinton will go for too much on health and too little on crime and welfare.

There is a problem with this one. The wide-angle Whitewater story is press-driven not politics-driven. Americans want to know, "What Are The Clintons Really Like?" Such a story, by the way, is not irrelevant to the workings of democracy. Voters want information. The press wants to serve the voters (as measured by ratings and circulation).

Scenario Three. This is the one I like, because it turns a sow's ear into a policy purse. It means that



The story is moving from real estate to real people.

Clinton takes a hard-line turn on welfare and crime, and takes half a loaf on health care. That's what the public wants, and that is where the public interest is. By delivering, the president becomes a hero and voters say, "Well, I'm finding out what they're really like. I'm not happy about it, but he is delivering what America needs. He really is a New Democrat. He is transforming his party, so I'll stick with him."

Will Clinton do that?
The much-leaked deliberations of the Clinton welfare task force seem to be giving birth to a mouse that may never end welfare as we know it, spending more money on more programs for more people. Republicans will make hay, appropriately, by saying that we should stop giving money to teenagers who bear illegitimate babies, thereby discouraging such behavior. But remember: The Clinton welfare task force is not Clinton. As the process goes forward he can make the program tougher and smarter.

The crime situation is a mystery. Clinton talks about "our crime bill," but no one knows what it is.



LETTERS

Honoring doctors

No longer observers of the life cycle, physicians are now active participants. They help bring life into the world and they are often present when it ends. They are privy to the joys and heartaches of hundreds of people and daily witnesses to the world's rich complexity.

It is life-affirming, but also staggering, this weight of split-second decisions, difficult diagnoses, and uncertain outcomes. With patient care, paperwork, teaching and researching, among other duties, come added responsibilities. Responding to these demands and challenges, home health care proves beneficial, not only for physicians' patients — improving their quality of life and preserving their independence, but also for physicians themselves. The home care professional serves as the physician's associate, providing frequent updates and delivering personalized one-on-one care to patients in their homes.

In honor of the celebration of Doctor's Day, March 30, Olsten Kimberly QualityCare salutes the dedication of physicians throughout Seminole County, and recognize the challenges they face.

Patricia Boyette, R.N., B.S.N.
Olsten Kimberly QualityCare
Heathrow

Justice not served

Last year my wife and I hired two local handymen who were launching their home improvement business in Sanford. We admired their implied skills and checked the references they gave us. During a two-month period we paid them over \$4,000 for labor and materials but we could not get them to complete the job or to fix anything that was not correct. Both individuals blamed the other and our efforts to solve the problems were exhausted. Attempts by a court appointed mediator failed. In September a county judge awarded us a final judgment for over \$2,000. Unfortunately, collecting on the judgment is another story and an additional expense of time and money. Over time the wound to our pride and pocket book had healed; but our wounds have been reopened when I read an article in the *Sanford Herald* that a worthy organization had given one of the individuals \$1,500 worth of materials for his home. Once again, this individual has benefited from others. My wife and I can only wonder how many others have been affected.
Justice has not been served!

Joel Weiss
Sanford

Kudos to doctors

March 30 is celebrated nationally as Doctors' Day, and I wanted to use the occasion to acknowledge the contributions the doctors at South Seminole Hospital make to Longwood.

South Seminole Hospital is privileged to have 500 physicians representing 33 specialties on staff and available to our area's residents. These physicians work nights, weekends, holidays and through family occasions to meet the health care needs of the citizens of Longwood. Their commitment of high-quality health care means that 90 percent of the health care needs in Longwood can be met right here — without the inconvenience and expense of traveling to a bigger city. Their dedication is an important contribution to the quality of life we enjoy in Longwood, and I hope others will join me in saying a big thank you to them on Doctors' Day.

Steven Grimm
Chief Executive Officer
South Seminole Hospital
Longwood

Travesty of jail time

Before the next plea or complaint either to your desk, from your typewriter, or any legislator ever again addresses the supposed lack of jail space for the real criminals, the ones that the public have a real reason to fear, let's help to inform them of how the jail space they have already paid for is being squandered by the very powers they have elected and trusted to manage for them.

The truth is many of the people waiting in the Orange and Seminole County jails have been sitting there for weeks waiting to get assigned a public defender, their only crime in a lot of cases is being poor and unable to pay a traffic fine. So our brave police put them in jail and tack on other bogus violations to make the arrest look good, most of which get dropped but, only after they are held a month or more. While the rapist and killers are arraigned and assigned a public defender within two or three days, and get out on bond to terrorize the public.

The fact is, these people are getting the book thrown at them just about a year in jail per charge that being the maximum, and since it cannot be prison time, they end up having to do nearly all of it straight up. So violent felons get out before these people ever would.

Since I am on the subject, while these men and women sit in jail for non-payment of a traffic fine we not only support them, but their family must get help from IRS and Food Stamps, then we pay for all their medical care. As the person sitting in jail loses any job that they may have been working.

I thought that debtors' prison was abolished!
Rebecca L. Love
Orlando

JACK ANDERSON

Influential Dems fume over column

WASHINGTON — On the day when most of Washington was wearing green, two of the most influential men in Democratic politics were seeing red.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, known until now for emulating Ronald Reagan's habit of falling asleep at official events, became enraged upon reading our column on St. Patrick's Day. The column, which castigated Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., for a legislative favor to Ireland, prompted a hurried phone call from the State Department to the senator's office.

Moynihan, who chairs the powerful Finance Committee, was particularly angered because we quoted an unnamed State Department source who wondered where Moynihan's loyalties lay.

His cool demeanor ruffled. Christopher barked displeasure into the receiver while trying to win back the senator's favor. "I don't know who I have in this building who feels it's OK to question a United States senator," he told Moynihan, according to State Department spokesman Mike McCurry. "But if I found him, I would fire him or send him to some place he wouldn't forget."

McCurry suggested a few countries where the offending diplomat might be sent. He also told us he had never seen his normally tempered boss so shaken up. "That was about as mad as I've ever seen Warren Christopher," McCurry told our associate Andrew Conte.

Moynihan was irked enough by the column that he canceled a scheduled subcommittee hearing to confirm three ambassadorial appointments — to Egypt, Bahrain and Kuwait. Moynihan's tantrum means that the three nominees, all career diplomats with significant experience in the Middle East, will have to cool their heels until Moynihan sees fit to proceed.

Moynihan's office declined to comment. One Senate source confirmed, however, that canceling the hearing was Moynihan's way of signalling his displeasure. "He was just plain upset," the source said. "This was his way of venting his irritation." Moynihan has so far refused to reschedule the hearing.

While Christopher capitulated like a lamb to the powerful senator, others in the foreign service establishment aren't being as diplomatic. One official was surprised that Moynihan, a former ambassador to India and the United Nations, would jeopardize relations between the United States and the Middle East just to exercise his pique. "We are dismayed that a senator of the stature of Sen. Moynihan would express his displeasure in such an inappropriate way," a spokesman for the American Foreign Service Association told us. "That Moynihan would play petty politics in areas of such diplomatic sensitivity is simply mystifying."

Perhaps these officials are more willing to critique Moynihan because the senator doesn't hold their fate in his hands. As chairman of the Finance Committee, Moynihan will hold decisive sway over such Clinton administration priorities as health care reform and welfare reform, a fact of which everyone in the administration is keenly aware.

On St. Patrick's Day, we reported that Moynihan worked behind the scenes during the budget debate last summer to preserve a tax deferral that encourages U.S.-owned companies to set up shop in Ireland. Clinton's original 1994 budget sought to close the deferral, with the hope of keeping businesses at home and generating \$500 million in tax revenue.



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GLONDIS
 I'M A GREAT COLUMNIST. I WOULD GO TO THE WORK AREA MYSELF TO CHECK MY SCISSORS?
 I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SCISSORS ARE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SCISSORS ARE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SCISSORS ARE.

BEETLE BAILEY
 I CAN'T HELP THE GENERAL STARES AT YOU WHEN YOU GO BY HIS OFFICE.
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THE BORN LOSER
 ALL RIGHT, CLASS... WHO CAN TELL ME WHICH PERIOD IN HISTORY WAS CALLED THE DARK AGES?
 THE PERIOD BEFORE ELECTRICITY.

PEANUTS
 IF THE BUS HAD COME, I'D BE ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL BY NOW AND I WOULDN'T BE HERE FOR YOU TO ASK ME!
 CRABBY FLAKES FOR BREAKFAST AGAIN, HUH?
 HAS THE BUS COME YET?

EKK & MEEK
 I'VE DECIDED TO DEBATE THE REST OF MY LIFE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF A HARD, CRUEL WORLD.

TUMBLEWEEDS
 WHATCHA DOING?
 BITE ME, I KILL RATTLESNAKES!
 OH CRUI! I'VE NEVER KNOWN IF I'M IT AND RATTLESNAKES!

ARLO AND JANIS
 I SEE YOU CREDIT CARD... HEH, HEH...
 I KNOW WE AGREED NOT TO, BUT... YOU KNOW...
 OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
 HOW MUCH DID YOU CHARGE?

FRANK AND ERNEST
 WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THAT "GUNS FOR TENNIS SHOES" PROGRAM?
 ARMED ROBBERIES ARE UP.
 ARE DOWN BUT PURSE SNATCHINGS ARE UP.

GARFIELD
 DON HURT HIS BACK AND CAN'T MOVE.
 I COULD GET HELP.
 OR I COULD GET AWAY FROM HIM!
 I COULD GET AWAY FROM HIM!

ROBOTMAN
 YES! IT FINALLY CAME!
 MY JEFF WAS VIDEO GUIDE TO NO MONEY DOWN REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT!
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YOUR BIRTHDAY
 March 31, 1994
 By Bernice Bado Ocul

HOROSCOPE

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An old friend who is very easy to please may be a bit difficult to get along with today. Check into the case. Nevertheless, there is a chance you might not be satisfied with the results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you apply yourself today you might be one of those days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to show the same sunny disposition and tolerance to family members today that you're usually displaying to outsiders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Upon occasion, even though it is well intentioned, you are sometimes too light on your feet today. Don't let your optimistic attitude affect you negatively in some way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let your optimistic attitude affect you negatively in some way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Persons who are supportive of your quest for this probability, keep your guard up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Treat everyone you encounter as if you are not a person who is only to persons who you think can help you, there's a chance you may offend someone you should not.

AGNIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Bask in the sun and a multiplicity of people and a multiplicity of people.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against temptation today to treat seriously certain things which could be unattractively disposed of in a light manner. Don't make mountains from molehills.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.
MEDICINE

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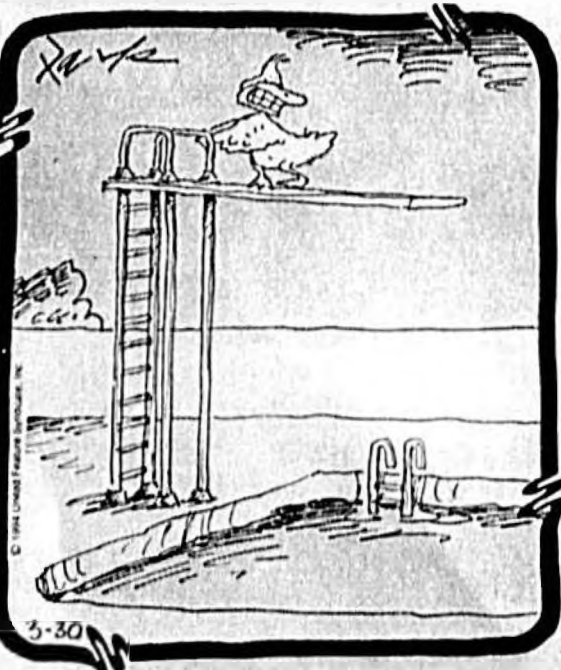
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Surprise?

Key Bartholomew celebrated her birthday among friends at Cafe Jake's in downtown Sanford yesterday with a surprise party organized by her friends Sharon Brown and Valerie Major. Bartholomew, who is active in

the revitalization of Sanford's historic district and who is in charge of the First Street Gallery and the Sanford St. Lucia Festival, has been an active part of the Sanford community for many years.

Herald Photo by Aeryl Keniston

Volunteers answer White House telephone calls

By **KIMBERLY A.C. WILSON**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When America had something to say about Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and now Bill Clinton, Mildred McMahon was at the White House phone, ready to listen.

"It's a funny thing. Down through all the years, the calls, they're the same in one way: the lovers and the haters call, the issue people call, and those who would just like something changed, and they're all of them wonderful," McMahon says.

McMahon is one of the 3,000 volunteers on the roster of the White House correspondence office, the largest unpaid staff in the executive branch. The office has a finger on the nation's political pulse, absorbing almost instant public response to presidential speeches and governmental actions. Two hundred and fifty are permanent volunteers like McMahon.

Volunteers help paid staff handle the thousands of calls and letters that pour into the White House daily. Mail alone has increased nearly fourfold from the Bush administration to the current one. While Bush received 2.3 million pieces of mail during his last year in office, Clinton topped 8 million pieces in his first. His comment-line logs between 2,000 and 2,500 calls a day.

Helpers range from high school students to senior citizens with duties that include clipping news stories, answering public comment phone lines and hand-addressing replies to the 153,800 pieces of mail that arrive each week for the first family.

"We treasure them," correspondence office director Lori Abrams said fondly of the volunteers. "We try to let everybody be a part who wants to."

The reasons for enlisting vary widely. Most of the interns are students and most of the volunteers who address replies are retired.

Volunteers help the Clinton administration keep a promise to respond to every letter to 1600

Pennsylvania Avenue, every call to 202-456-1414. The president reads a representative sample of each week's mail, Abrams said.

After Clinton's State of the Union Address in January, the president returned to the White House and walked straight to the Old Executive Office Building next door to field a few late-night calls about the speech and thank the volunteers.

Volunteers say working for the White House means excitement, comradery and gratitude.

Ginny Garbers is a second-generation White House volunteer, one of the hundreds who hand-address greetings for birthdays, weddings and other occasions.

"I just know how much the people appreciate getting these," Garbers said.

The paid White House staff, as well as the recipients of White House replies, appreciate the help, said 18-year-old George Washington University freshman Nichole Veatch.

"It takes a lot more than staff members to make a White House run and they know that," Veatch said.

The Tampa native works twice a week from 4:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and once overnight clipping news stories. She sees it as a chance to unravel the mystery of big government.

"Before I came to Washington I was seeing politics almost from an outsider's view. There's always the thought that the people at the White House aren't connected, but now I see they know what's going on in America and they're changing it," she said.

In addition to the individual volunteers, members of local clubs and national organizations like the Girl Scouts pitch in to open and staple mail on weekends and evenings, a tradition that began when Jacqueline Kennedy first brought volunteers to the correspondence office.

McMahon relishes the diversity of volunteers and callers alike.

"It's a different crew practically every day," she said. That has caused some headaches. Last summer, student volunteers scrawled un-

authorized replies to letters critical of the president's gays in the military proposal on official White House stationery. Some letters were caught before they were mailed; others made it out to startled recipients.

The episode is a sore spot to volunteer organizers, although there have been no recurrences.

Abrams said the fulltime correspondence staff now supervises the volunteers.

"We've improved our screening efforts dramatically since then," she said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Groups interested in volunteering can call 202-456-1414 for more information. The public comment line may be reached at 202-456-1111 at from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

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Bayfront fences downed after Pearl Jam concert

By **The Associated Press**

MIAMI — The Bayfront Amphitheater still bears the scars of a Pearl Jam concert that got out of hand.

Gates are down, some small trees are uprooted and fences are kicked in.

Some of the 2,000 fans of the grunge-rock group who showed up without tickets for Monday night's outdoor concert were responsible. "It was real ugly out there," said Carah Thomas-Maskell, 34, a free-lance photographer who was covering the event and was hurt during the concert.

Four people were arrested on drug possession or disorderly conduct charges, and five were injured, including three police officers.

"Everyone was frustrated," she said. "The place was packed. Why didn't they play at a bigger venue?"

"People were trying to force their way in," said Miami police spokesman Angelo Bitols. "More

showed up than had tickets." Two-thousand more. Promoters sold 8,314 tickets in 11 minutes.

Some 65 members of Miami riot police were brought to the AT&T Amphitheater after frustrated fans, who were unable to buy tickets, started hurling bottles and rocks and kicking down fences. There were 34 officers hired for the event.

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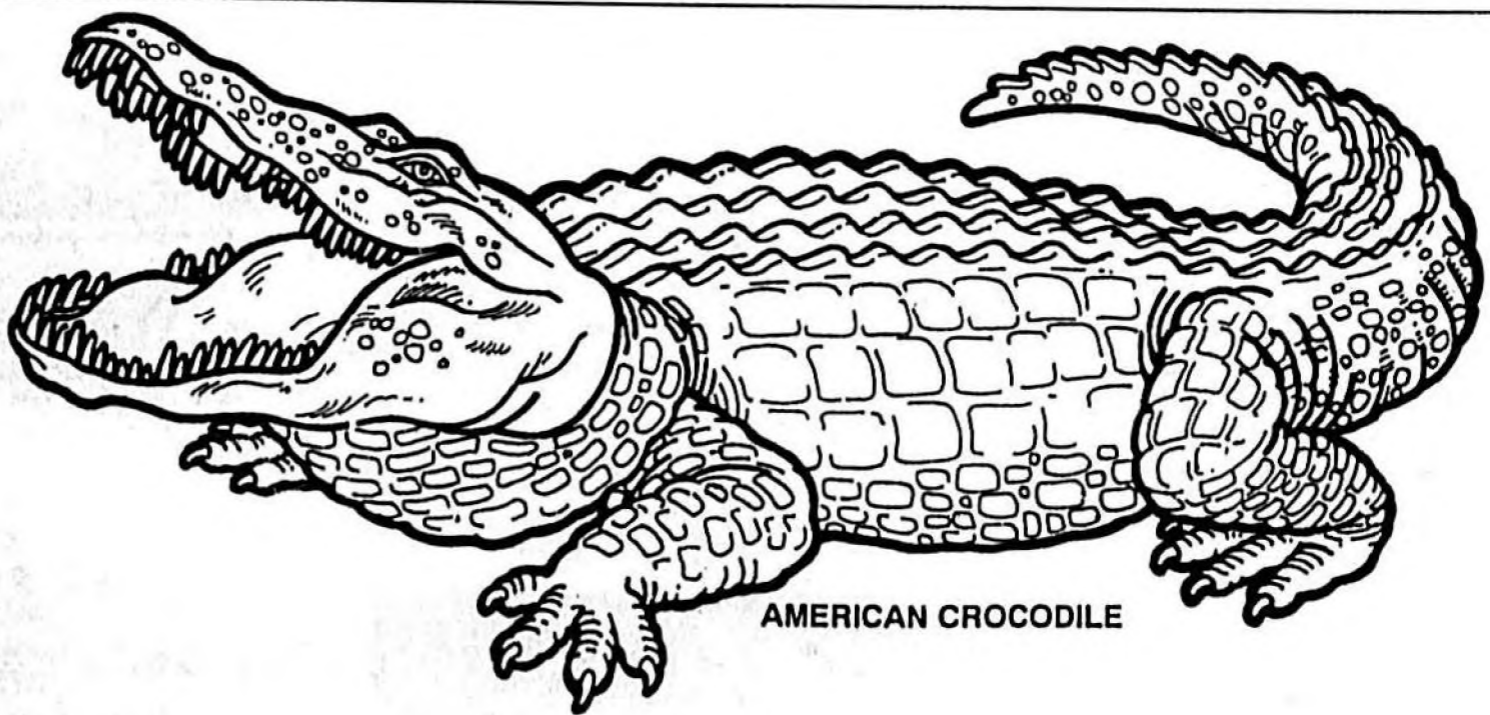
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