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Weather
Partly Sunny
High: 80
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Legate 'slams'
In Lake Mary
Rams win

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Happy Birthday!
Local troops
celebrate 88
years of Girl
Scouting

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Briefly

Lake Mary Commission meets Thursday

The Lake Mary City Commission will meet in regular session 7 p.m. Thursday.

Following the call to order and approval of minutes, special presentations are scheduled to be made concerning the 1999 comprehensive annual financial report, the U.S. Census 2000 and the Lake Mary Little League.

City Manager John Luttrell's report agenda includes requests to the Commission to authorize the purchase of a defibrillator at a cost not to exceed \$17,250.40 and to schedule a special-called meeting for 5:15 Thursday, March 31.

The Commission's agenda includes the second reading of Ordinance No. 967, which concerns rezoning 18.34 acres of land from A-1, agriculture to RCE, rural country estates located north of Humphrey Road. Commission will also consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 968 in regard to vacating a portion of an ally located in Crystal Lake Winter Homes.

The meeting will be held in City Commission Chambers in City Hall, located at 100 N. Country Club Road.

Today Is ...

Wednesday, March 15, 2000
Today is the 75th day of 2000
and the 85th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 44, Julius Caesar was assassinated in Rome. On this day in 1917, Nicholas, the czar of Russia, abdicated. On this day in 1958, Elvis Presley was drafted by the U.S. Army.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Jackson (1767-1845), U.S. president; Harry James (1918-1983), musician-band-leader; Norm Van Brocklin (1926-1983), football star-coach; Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-), Supreme Court justice, is 66; Judd Hirsch (1935-), actor, is 65; Harold Barnes (1959-), baseball player, is 41; Terence Trent D'Arby (1962-), musician, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, golfer Dan Poley scored a hole-in-one at the 17th hole of the Hertz Bay Hill Classic, winning a million-dollar bonus.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Mere precedent is a dangerous source of authority." Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 13) and full moon (March 19).

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Ax murder suspect jailed

Police believe handyman attacked elderly couple

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Winter Park police this morning arrested a 39-year-old handyman who is accused of attacking a retired couple with an ax Tuesday in their south-east Seminole County home, killing the husband and leaving the wife critically injured.

Investigators said John Michael Buzia, the handyman worked for the couple as a handyman.

Buzia was identified as suspect based on the description of Thea Kersch, 71,

who managed to call 911 at 6:18 p.m. Tuesday even though she had been left for dead following the attack, said Seminole County Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Harrett.

Harrett said that other evidence at the

scene also pointed to Buzia as a suspect. However, he declined to elaborate on the evidence or the wounds that were inflicted on the victim.

Buzia attempted to cash a forged check at the National Commerce Bank

located at 2310 Aloma Avenue in Winter Park this morning. A teller called the Winter Park police, and officers arrested Buzia.

He was driving the victim's missing car, a 1991 Toyota Camry.

Charles John Kersch, 71, was found dead inside the couple's four-bedroom home at 460 W. Palm Valley Drive. The house is in the gated Riverwalk neighborhood just north of McCullough Road and the University of Central Florida.

Thea Kersch is in stable condition today at Orlando Regional Medical Center, said a hospital spokesman.

Election Day



Seminole County Commissioner Grant Maloy, who is up for re-election in September, collects a signature for his qualifying petition from Ken Johnson of Sanford. Candidates for county commission must collect 1,862 signatures. Below: Joan and Stan Imrich show off the 'I voted' stickers they received after pulling the lever.

Seminole voters go for Bush, Gore

By Nick Pfeiffert
Staff Writer

SANFORD — It was a quiet night at the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections' office. Contrary to past elections, without any local items on the agenda, there were no candidates lining the hallways waiting with fingers crossed for the final tabulations.

Tuesday's Presidentialidential Preferential Primary went off as expected. Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush each took their party's nominations.

Seminole County, as well as the rest of the state.

Elections Supervisor Sandra Guard reported only 12.9 percent of the voters bothered to cast their ballots. "Before the first Super Tuesday," she said, "I would have estimated a turnout of at least 18 percent. But after several candidates dropped out, I lowered

my estimate to about 12 percent. I was close."

By taking Florida's delegates, Bush now has a total of 1,084, more than the 1,034 needed to win the Republican nomination. Likewise, by taking this state, Gore now has 2,402 delegates, above the 2,170 needed. Both therefore, are assured victories at their party conventions.

Bush sent words of thanks to voters from a victory celebration in Austin, Texas, saying he hoped to spend more time in Florida.

His brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush also thanked voters last night. "Tonight, we celebrate the fact that we helped my brother, George, reach the number of delegates needed to clinch the Republican nomination for President."

In Orlando, incumbent Mayor Glenda Hood won reelection in a three person race, taking See Voters, Page 2A



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Senate OKs federal funds for airport

Bill must now pass the House before Clinton can sign

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Federal funding for airports nationwide, including the Orlando-Sanford Airport, will double under a proposal being considered by

Congress this week. The Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Bill that sets federal spending levels died Sept. 30, 1999 when President Bill Clinton and Congress could not reach an agreement regarding funding. As a result, airports nationwide have not received new federal grants since Oct. 1, 1999.

Last Wednesday, the Senate passed a version of the authorization bill S2-17. The House of Representatives begins discussing the bill today. If the See Airport, Page 2A

SCC offers computer courses for seniors

By Nick Pfeiffert
Staff Writer

SANFORD — You can teach older American's new tricks. At least that's what Seminole Community College wants to do.

Starting Monday, March 20, SCC will be offering a six-week spring 2000 term, through the Seminole Adult Learning Institute, designed especially for seniors. Classes are designed to provide continuing college-level educational opportunities at affordable prices to area seniors age 50 and over. Fees range from \$5 for Wednesday Matinees to \$59 for computer courses.

Activities are planned for the daytime, Monday through Friday, at the main SCC campus. They include computer

and Internet instruction, pottery/ceramics, watercolor, shells, folk arts of Italy, and creative writing.

The Wednesday one-day matinees include an SCC Planetarium show, worldwide fossils & shell history, mystic mysteries of Peru, best foot forward fashion, perspectives of time and space in different cultures, and the Orlando Museum of Art presentation of the Imperial Tombs of China.

Courses are also being held at the Hunt Club Campus. They include Yoga, calligraphy, watercolor, drawing, and the Six Wives of Henry VIII film series and discussion.

SCC is closed this week for spring break time, but for further information, call the college early Monday, March 20, at 407-328-2121.

ESPN films commercial in Sanford

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — A television commercial for ESPN was shot at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium Wednesday, starring broadcasters Harold Reynolds, Karl Ravech and Peter Gammons.

The Baseball Tonight commercial is a reenactment of the film "A League of Their Own." An alternate commercial was also shot at the stadium, featuring a reenactment of "The Natural."

Shelter Films of New York City handled is in charge of the commercial on contract for ESPN. A company spokeswoman said the company does not know when the commercial would air. The earliest the commercial may air is in one month.

Dugouts within the stadium were given wood coverings to convey an older appearance. The personnel on scene included a cast of 10 and 35 crew members. The temporary structures, including the wood coverings in the dugout, were removed following the day of

filming. According to scripts filed with the city of Sanford, the reenactment of "A League of Their Own" begins with Harold Reynolds, portraying the Tom Hanks character, in the face of a player Karl Ravech, who is crying.

Meanwhile, an alternate commercial was also filmed, featuring Peter Gammons in the role of Roy.

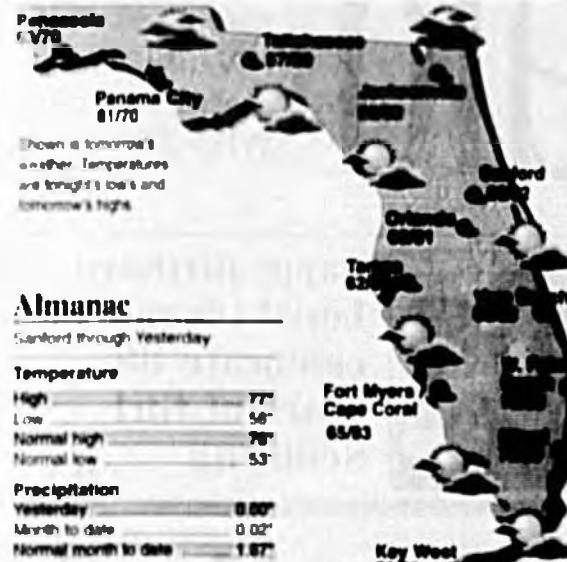
According to the script, Roy approaches Red, played by Karl Ravech, and the manager, played by Harold Reynolds.



Actors and crew wait for a scene to be shot for an ESPN commercial, which was shot Tuesday at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY

Florida Weather



Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature

High	77°
Low	56°
Normal high	76°
Normal low	53°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.02"
Normal month to date	1.87"
Year to date	1.98"
Last year to date	3.89"
Normal year to date	7.03"

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National Cities

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Austin, Tex.	65	77	R	65	78	R	Charleston	63	71	R	63	71	R	Chicago	63	71	R	63	71	R
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Obituaries

JUANITA COLLIER

Juanita Collier, 88, Pine Avenue, Sanford, died Monday, March 13, 2000. Born Dec. 31, 1911 in Camilla, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in 1947. She was a chef for Colonial Room and a Baptist.

Survivors include brothers, Willie, Artis, both of Rochester, N.Y.; Jimmie, Sanford; sister, Sadie T. Jenkins, Sanford; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPH S. COULD

Joseph S. Could, 88, Steeple Chase Circle, Sanford, died Monday, March 13, 2000 at Orlando Regional Medical Center. Born Oct. 9, 1911 in Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida eight years ago. He was a retired commercial artist and belonged to Jehovah Witnesses Kingdom Hall.

Survivors include wife, Ann; son, David J., Lake Mary; daughter, Naomi R. Hopper, Sanford.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

EDITH M. JACKSON

Edith M. Jackson, 95, Oakland Terrace, Lake Mary, died Sunday, March 12, 2000. Born in Jonesborough, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida in 1966. She was a retired nurse and a member of First Baptist Church, Longwood.

Survivors include son, Lawrence, Lake Mary; daughter, Virginia Ellensbach, Casselberry; four grandchildren.

Woodlawn Caret Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

RODIE MAE KNIGHT

Rodie Mae Knight, 58, Mara Court, Sanford, died Sunday, March 12, 2000. She was born June 28, 1941 in Bronx, N.Y. She was a teacher's assistant in Seminole County. She belonged to Progress M.B. Church.

Police Log

Flee to Elude Police

Altamonte Springs — Toby Durham, 27, 2211 Country Road 427, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 2:27 p.m. on March 9. He was charged with Fleeing to Elude Police at High Speed, Resisting Arrest and Driving with Suspended License.

Petit Theft

Casselberry — Slade Fidler, 18, 349 North Breezeway, Winter Park, was arrested by Casselberry Police Officers at 4:30 p.m. on March 9. He was charged with Petit Theft.

Vehicle Theft

Longwood — Myrna Ashcroft, 29, 630 South Grant Avenue, Longwood, was arrested at 2:42 a.m. on March 10 by Longwood Police Officers. She was charged with Vehicle Theft.

Drugs

Winter Park — Andrew Jackson, 20, 4661 Edgemont Street, Orlando, was arrested at 7:48 p.m. on March 9 by Sheriff's Office Deputies. He was charged with Possession of Cocaine. Jerry Hightower, 31, 5414 Northwood Drive, Winter Park, was arrested on the same charge and for Burglary/Larceny.

Sanford — Tanya Miser, 29, 915 S. Maple Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at 8:03 p.m. on March 9 by Sanford Police Officers. She was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Narcotic Equipment.

Retail Theft

Casselberry — Christopher Myers, 20, 1291 Gladiolas Drive, Winter Park, was arrested at 9:42 on March 9 by Casselberry Police Officers. He was charged with Retail Theft after consuming nitro oxide from two

cans of Whoo-pit in a grocery store.

Battery on Law Enforcement Officer

Winter Springs — Joseph Martone, 24, 704 Lancewood Drive, Winter Springs was arrested at 10:42 p.m. on March 8 by Winter Springs Police Officers. He was charged with Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Reckless Driving and Resisting Arrest.

DUI

Lake Mary — Carl Stevens, 31, 2871 Gardens Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 12:15 a.m. on March 9. He was charged with DUI.

Longwood — Steven Doyle

37, 1212 Sportsman Drive, Apopka, was stopped by Florida Highway Patrol Officers at 2:05 a.m. on March 10. He was charged with DUI.

Sanford — Jess Barrs

Osteen, 21, 675 Murray Avenue, Osteen, was stopped by Sanford Police Officers at 3 a.m. on March 10. He was charged with DUI.

Longwood — William Swisher

30, Apache Junction, Arizona, was stopped by Florida Highway Patrol Officers at 2:09 a.m. on March 10. He was charged with DUI.

Lake Mary — Timothy Kerner

23, 5071 Hibiscus Road, Kissimmee, was stopped by Lake Mary Police Officers at 12:03 a.m. on March 10. He was charged with DUI.

Sanford — Lisa Claussen

41, 121 DeBarry Drive, DeBarry, was stopped by Sanford Police Officers at 11:45 p.m. on March 8. She was charged with DUI.

Lake Mary — Anthony Tilley

39, 8 Loblolly Court, Winter Springs, was stopped at 2:16 a.m. on March 7 by Lake Mary Police Officers. He was charged with DUI.

Longwood — Michael

Longwood — Michael Williams, 21, 1200 1/2 W. Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. on March 10 by Broward County Sheriff's Office Deputies. He was charged with DUI.

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Our View

It makes Census Take time to complete the 2000 form

Census takers will be traveling the streets of our area within the next few days. We urge cooperation in all cases. They will be properly identified as such, and should be given every courtesy. Other people, who may not be reached in person, will be receiving an official Census 2000 form in the mail. They are to be filled out and returned as soon as possible.

The census figures are extremely valuable. They show where growth has occurred or has diminished. Households with children are counted to determine where additional schools are needed. Federal funds for hundreds — perhaps thousands of projects that affect our local lives are granted depending on population figures.

Unfortunately, there are many people — too many — who refuse to respond to census taker or written requests for census information. Some believe it's a government conspiracy to learn more than they should know about people and families. "What I do and who I am is my business, not theirs," is often the excuse given. Then, down the road, these same people wonder why the government isn't giving the local area certain funds to help in road improvements, schools, social services and other matters.

It's simply because the government doesn't know you exist. It's because individuals were too stubborn to answer questions in person or to complete and return the questionnaires. Rest assured, the government couldn't care less about such matters as unmarried couples living together, children out of wedlock, members of the family who may be in jail, or other points which may be considered too personal. What they want to know is how many people, what ages, what their income might be, and other items which are subsequently used in determining many possible changes in our life style — all to the better.

Certain areas, especially low income sections of the cities and county, are certainly more populated than what statistics may show us. They deserve better care. Yet they want to retain their privacy so they don't cooperate, and they end up being the losers in the distribution of funds. They can't give assistance to people who, according to census results, don't exist.

The old call for action is, "Stand up and be counted." No, you don't have to stand up. Sit down if you wish and answer questions when asked. If you are not visited personally, fill out that Census 2000 form when you receive it. Be accurate and be truthful. Then, send it back to the Census Bureau as soon as possible. You'll not only be helping yourself but also every resident in the city, county, state and nation.

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Life Style

Girl Scouts celebrate 88th birthday

By Mary Rowell
Staff writer

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low registered the Girl Scouts in Savannah, Ga. There were 18 members.

By the time Juliette Low died in 1927, there were more than 100,000 girls in the organization.

Low started the Girl Scouts at a time when girls didn't have the opportunities offered to boys. Girls were expected to be ladies and mothers' helpers.

Girl Scouts taught girls that they could camp, play sports and learn about the world outside.

Low herself was not exactly what you'd call typical. As a child, she learned the arts that all little girls were taught, including piano, cross stitch, watercolor and crafts. As an adult, when she was not happy with a particular piece of furniture, she taught herself how to carve and changed the piece of furniture to her liking. She learned blacksmithing and made a pair of iron gates that can still be seen at her childhood home in Savannah.

When people say Girl Scouts, they usually do so in connection with cookies. They don't know the history of service and dedication associated with Girl

Scouts. The first commercial cookie sales did not start until 1934 when the Girl Scouts had already been going strong for 22 years. During World War I, Girl Scouts worked in hospitals, grew vegetables and sold defense bonds. During World War II, Girl Scouts once again helped on the home front, collecting scrap metal and growing victory gardens. In the '50s they led "Dimes for Daisies" and collected money from troops nationwide to buy and restore the childhood home of Juliette Low.

The Stardust Service Unit in Lake Mary has a history of service to their community. They help the city out every year at Holiday in the Park and are responsible for the city's Arbor Day Celebration. The troops in Stardust also take time to learn about the world around them. Recently, Stardust held their annual International Day Festival.

For International Day, 17 troops picked a country. They learned all they could about that country and then shared that information in the form of food, displays and performances on International Day.

Brownie Troop 1639 chose Austria as its country. With the

help of some intrepid parents, they turned refrigerator boxes into the Alps and sang a song from the "Sound of Music."

Troop 1710 made costumes for their Brazilian dance.

First-grade Brownie Troop 1966 sang "Chamomile ma go go" from Kenya.

As has been the custom for seven years, several acts that include a song or dance are asked to perform at Olde Lake Mary Days. All of the above troops were chosen, as were Junior Troop 116, Brownie Troop 1277, Junior Troop 602 and Brownie Troop 1104.

There were also several other skits performed by various troops, including a tour of France by Junior Troop 504 and an amusing explanation of Spanish customs by Junior Troop 458.

Had there been a "Best Trouper" award, it would have gone to Brownie Troop 2020, who continued their dance despite problems with their audio tape.

Taste testing food from other countries is always one of the adults' favorite parts of International Day. This year's food included schnitzel from Germany, rice and beans from

Brazil, rice pudding from Panama, pita with hummus from Israel, homemade peanut butter from Kenya, quiche from France, tea sandwiches from England and meatballs from Italy.

For many of the attendees, the most unusual food was the tortilla from Spain. Most people know a tortilla as a round, flat bread made from corn or flour used in Mexican or Tex-Mex food. Well, things changed when the language moved across the ocean. In Spain, a tortilla is an omelet with potatoes and onions.

There was solemnity to International Day as well as fun. The Service Unit held a pinning ceremony for new scouts to receive their WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) pins. During the ceremony, they lit a candle in memory of Juliette Low. They also lit a candle for their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in the 11 countries being represented at International Day.

If you're interested in having your daughter join a Girl Scout troop, call your school and ask for the name of the Girl Scout school coordinator or call Office Council of Girl Scouts at 800-362-1940.



Brownie Troop 1639 dressed up Austrian style during a recent International Day event.



Brownie Troop 2020 says "Great Day, mate!" while demonstrating Australian customs at a recent International Day event.



Brownie Troop 1966 made a Kenyan flag to represent its country.



Troop 1710 represented girls from Brazil.



Troop 602 dressed up as girls from Mexico.



Brownie Troop 2020 represented girls from Israel.



Troop 262 was royalty while representing England.



Troop 1637 dressed up as Dutch girls during a recent International Day event.

Puzzled?

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column since I was in high school but never dreamed

that one day I would be writing to you.

My 21-year-old son and his

23-year-old girlfriend have been living together for nearly a year. They recently became engaged. My husband and I were delighted, because we were never happy about their living arrangement.

They have decided to be married on the beach in Hawaii. Her family owns a condo there. This presents a problem. My husband was recently laid off from his job, and money is tight. I explained to my son that my husband and I will be unable to attend the wedding. I asked them to please reconsider the ceremony in Hawaii, and to take their vows here. The trip to Hawaii could be their honeymoon.

He is my only son, and I have always dreamed of the

day I would attend his wedding. However, after many lengthy discussions with him

some not so nice

it appears that I will not fulfill my dream. They told us that they have no intention of changing their plans. Of course, her parents will be at the wedding. They have much more money than we will ever have, and they planned on going away.

I feel betrayed and hurt by my son and his fiancee. I thought we had a good relationship. Am I right to feel this way? I have told my husband that if you say I should get over it, I will try. My daughter, who is 12, also feels that her brother is abandoning us for the new, wealthier family. Abby, per-

haps I should mention that the future in-laws are planning on buying a house for the newlyweds.

I am heartbroken because of my son's disregard for my feelings. Every day that goes by drives a bigger wedge in my relationship with him. Please hurry your answer.

MOTHER OF THE GROOM

DEAR MOTHER: I understand how hurt and saddened you are by the wedding plans. However, since the bride's family traditionally plans and pays for the wedding, it is up to them to decide where the ceremony will take place. The bride may have always dreamed of being married on the beach, and her dream must come before yours.

Your son is caught in the middle. He is trying to make his bride happy, form a good relationship with his new in-laws, and take your feelings and financial circumstances into account.

Perhaps your budget could be stretched to allow one of you to travel to Hawaii for the wedding, or you can host a small reception for the honeymooners when they return to the mainland. But please, do not make your son feel guilty.

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School board examines field trip policy

By Bill Keris
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County School Board is reviewing a controversial new field trip policy.

The proposed changes within the policy are relatively mild. However, the Board's application of the field trip policy recently caused a school to change plans for a field trip.

The draft field trip policy will require a public hearing. An official date for the public hearing has not been set. However, the next School Board meeting will be held March 21.

The key changes in the field trip policy regard guidelines for chaperones and the supervision of students. The Board wanted to clarify language within the old policy.

"I was concerned about dealing with the chaperone issue," said School Board member Bob Goff. "Most of the changes have to do with supervision. Now, the rules have been more clearly defined for chaperones and students."

Under the revised policy, due to the field trip chaperones will be provided a copy of the trip itinerary, chaperone guidelines, and responsibilities, as well as administrative expenses.

tations.

This clause replaces one that said "prior to the field trip, chaperones other than instructional or administrative staff members shall be informed of trip activities and their responsibilities for the supervision and safety of students." The new clause provides more specific guidelines.

Another change in the policy requires medical release waivers for each student to be carried on all field trips. The waiver will be presented to the treating physician if a student needs medical attention during the trip.

The prior policy simply required that in case of an accident, the student's permanent health record be attached to the injury incident report.

A third crucial point that will remain unchanged under the policy is that out-of-state field trip requests will be approved by the School Board.

Under a proposal submitted to the Board, the school district administration would have the final call on the approval of all field trips. The Board need that proposal and revised the draft policy Tuesday evening that the School Board will approve a list of sanctioned field trips for next school year.

Field trip policy has generated controversy

By Bill Keris
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The new Seminole County Schools' field trip policy has not gone without controversy.

Administrators at spring Lake Elementary School in Altamonte Springs in February canceled plans to take more than one-third of the fifth grade class on a voluntary education all-around the Florida Keys departing Friday after school hours.

The trip was canceled because of criticism by the School Board.

The field trip was approved by the School Board, but the Florida State Board of Education

regarding the trip.

The cost of the trip per student and the per student cost for participation in the trip.

No student could be forced to participate but it would cost money.

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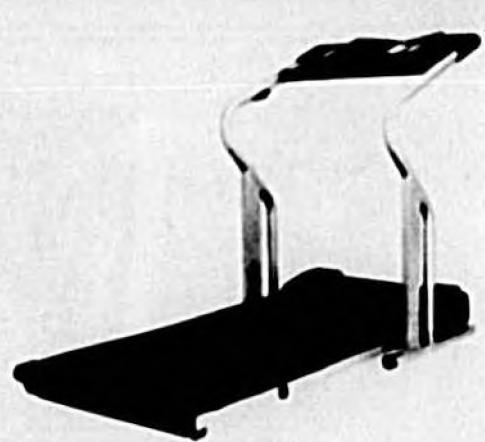
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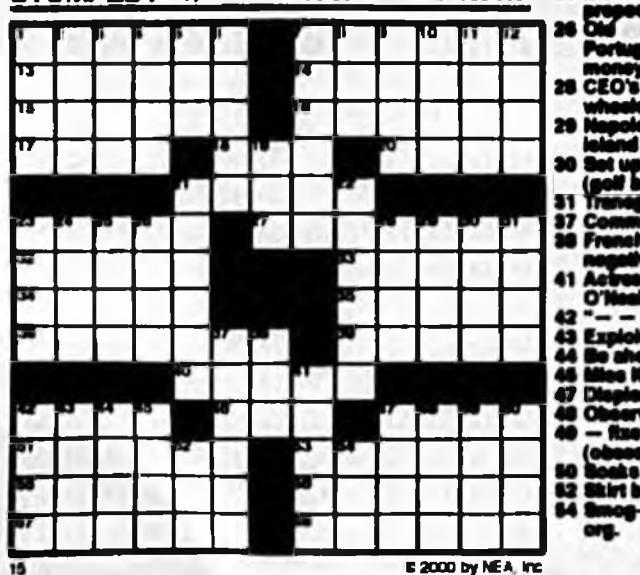


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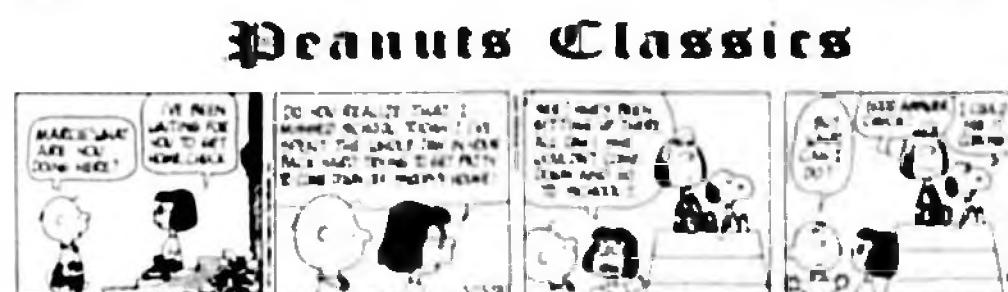
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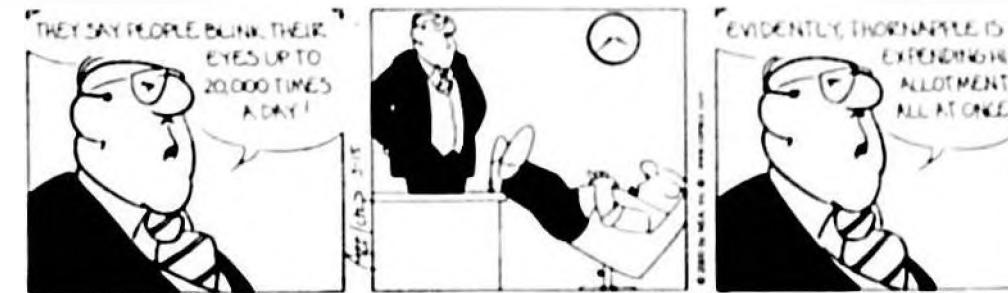
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Today's words:

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Answer the following questions using today's words. Different forms of the words may be used, but each word may be used only once.

- Which word is a synonym for rotten?
- Which word best completes this sentence? He was able to _____ funds into his presidential campaign.
- Which word means level of authority?

Answers from yesterday: 1. garage 2. quark 3. predecessor

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

March 16, 2000

Aries (March 21-April 19) You need to take time to reflect on your relationships. Don't let anything distract you from your goals. If you're willing to put in the work, you'll succeed.

Taurus (April 20-May 19) It's time to meet new people. Try to introduce yourself to others before it's too late. Consider starting to get involved in the community club or group you've been thinking about. You never know who you might run into. People will respect you for it.

Gemini (May 20-June 19) You're

in control today, but still listen to others. Take note of other people's needs as well.

Cancer (June 20-July 19) You're not the only one who's feeling good about what you're having and doing today. In fact, people will respect you for it.

Leo (July 20-Aug. 22) You're a confident, independent person, but don't let your ego get in the way. Today, however, you could let things develop under a friendly roof.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're in a situation today involving things you're going to want to keep secret. Don't worry, though. You'll be alright. Usually, we make things happen the way we want them to.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Although you may have trouble maintaining your positive attitude, today, friends don't seem to comprehend you. Don't let them get to you.

Scorpio (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) You're

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Win at Bridge: Don't keep your eyes closed

By Phillip Astor

Whether you're a桥牌 enthusiast and Latin lover, claimed, "Women fall in love through their ears and men through their eyes." Maybe that's why so many men overanalyze women's eyes.

It is very important at the bridge table to keep your eyes open. You can gain information not only from the upper-right table, but also occasionally from their passes. Which is the key call to mess her up and then avoid it? If you're in an ace-to-her partner bid, then avoid it.

Perhaps South was being too hasty and passed into her diamonds, which looks like an easy mate. Still three no-trump has lots of chances.

One might cash the diamond ace cross to dummy with a club, and take a

spade trick. Then, though, that leaves the defenders hear hearts and South has only eight tricks. Another bid is unnecessary to play a spade to dummy's queen. Unfortunately, with the last spade trick, this fails too.

The last point is to assume that East has the spade ace for his eventual

virtual or elected partner. That's a club to dummy's king, then lead the spade four toward your jack. How can East defend? If he goes in with the spade six, you have the top three spades, two hearts, and the clubs.

Then, if East leads the heart three, then

partner continues with the king and another diamond. This establishes nine tricks by way of one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and ten clubs.

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Dr. Gott: Alcohol raises liver enzymes

DEAR DR. GOTTL When my husband applied for life insurance, his exam was normal, but he had an elevated enzyme count. How accurate is this reading and what caused the elevation?

DEAR READER I assume from your question that your husband's blood tests showed an elevated liver enzyme. I haven't the faintest idea how accurate the reading is — or how high because that depends on the laboratory that analyzed his blood.

Because the insurance company is going to take the reading as gospel and give your husband a hard time in the bargain, let's for a moment assume that 1) he has an elevation of one or more liver enzymes, and 2) the analysis is correct.

To begin with, the liver produces enzymes that are necessary for hepatic function. Among other duties, the liver acts as a giant detoxifying factory that is responsible, in one way or another, for degrading and metabolizing any chemicals that pass through it. Although such enzymes are ordinarily confined to hepatic tissue, they do normally leak into the bloodstream in small quantities that

can be measured.

In the presence of liver irritation or malnutrition, however, these enzymes can literally pour into the blood. For example, the typical liver enzyme level is less than 100 in the presence of hepatitis or gallbladder blockage, the level may rise to 1,000 or higher. In contrast, small amounts of liver damage are reflected in lower enzyme counts (such as 80 to 100).

In the United States, the most common cause of minor liver enzyme elevation is social drinking. Alcohol is detoxified by the liver, and a daily ingestion frequently causes a rise in liver enzymes, the most sensitive being the gamma GT. If your husband enjoys a couple of cocktails at night, he should abstain and insist on a repeat blood test in two weeks.

Of course, as I mentioned, serious disorders — such as hepatitis — can affect hepatic enzymes. Therefore, if your husband is not a drinker or the enzyme level is significantly elevated, he should check immediately with his own physician.

DEAR DR. GOTTL Following an angioplasty, my husband's cholesterol was 218, not bad for a fellow of 66. However, his

cholesterol just went up again. I'm afraid it will continue to rise unless he takes some action. What should he do?

DEAR READER Several studies have shown that very low cholesterol levels are statistically associated with death due to violent causes such as suicide or homicide. I don't know what to make of this finding, and my physician colleagues don't either.

But with respect to coronary patients, there is an evolving consensus that the lower the cholesterol, the better because this substance accelerates arteriosclerosis and arterial blockage. Therefore, I suggest with your husband's cardiologist. In my opinion, the benefits of a low cholesterol level far outweigh the risks. Remember that your husband should have periodic blood tests of liver function, because Lipitor and other cholesterol-lowering drugs in its class can cause liver inflammation in some people. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report, "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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♦ 8 9 10	♦ K 11 12
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West	East
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♦ 9 10 11	♦ C 1 2
♦ Q 1 2	♦ Q 3 4

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