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Today: Becoming mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms developing late. A few strong storms possible. High in the mid to upper 70s. Southwest wind 10 mph becoming northwest late.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

TO-DO Weekend guide

FRIDAY — Nov. 24 — Sanford Firemen's Benefit Fund Gospel Sing, at the Sanford Civic Center, beginning at 7 p.m. Five top gospel singing groups will be featured. This is the 40th year for this event, which began in 1955. Tickets are available at all Sanford Fire Stations, Osborne's Bible Book Store, the Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce or by phoning Ken Hicks at 331-0234. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door.

Flu season arrives in the U.S.

ATLANTA — The flu season is here, just in time to give holiday shoppers their traditional dose of miserable aches, fever and coughs. Influenza has struck at least 18 states and Washington, D.C., this season, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said today. Most states reporting cases of the flu said they had sporadic cases, but Alaska and Montana in October reported somewhat more widespread outbreaks. Types of flu viruses change from year to year. Earlier this year, the CDC recommended that the flu vaccine protect against the type A-Texas, A-Johannesburg and B-Beijing flu strains. The CDC said it does not know how severe the season will be. November is about normal for the arrival of flu season. The CDC recommends that people get flu shots beginning in mid-October, although those at high risk, such as the elderly and children with asthma, can continue to get the flu shot even after the flu has struck in their community. Flu contributes to the deaths of about 20,000 people in the United States each year. Ten percent to 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu annually.

Fantasy 5 pays off

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Lottery Department on Friday released the following information on payoffs in its "Fantasy 5" game. The Thursday-night game produced nine first-prize winners and each can collect \$29,175.60. In addition to the first-place winners, 1,251 people won \$34.50 for picking 4-of-5, and 28,499 people won \$4.50 for picking 3-of-5. The winning numbers for Thursday night were 12-17-21-23-24.

Compiled from wire and staff reports

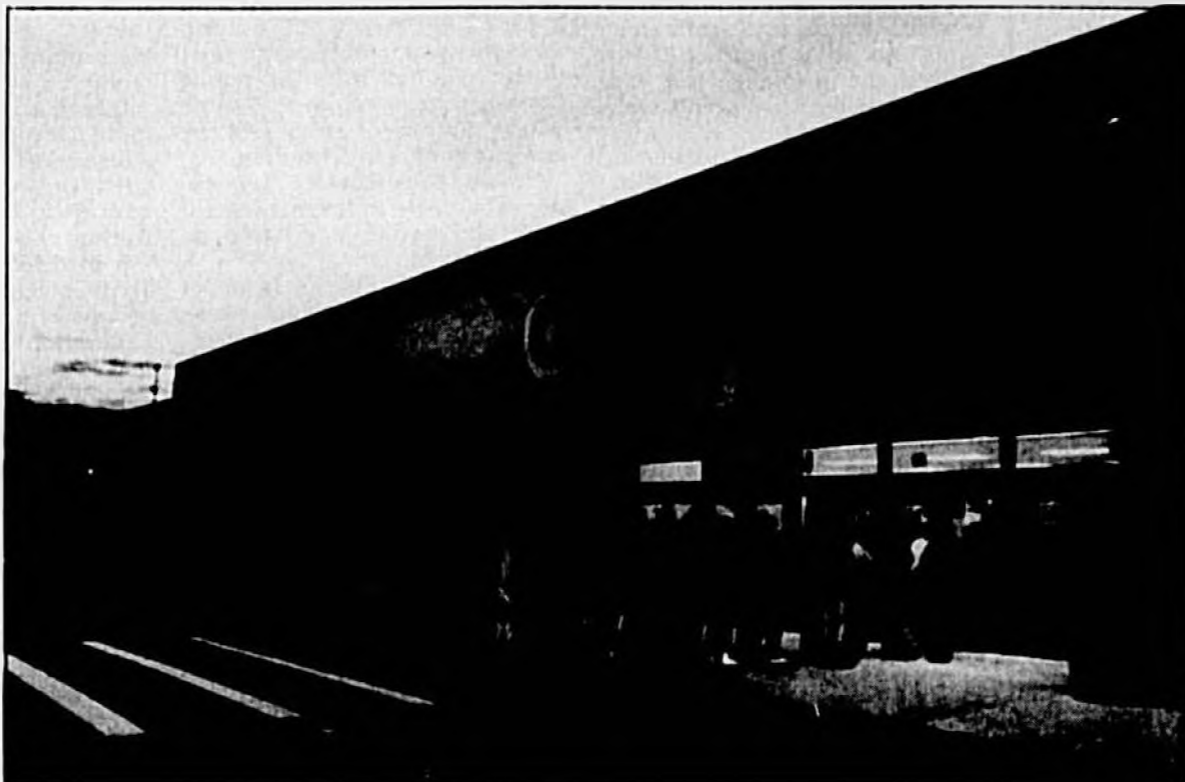
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Nov. 24
31 shopping
days to Christmas

Faith keeps many doubts in her pay. If I could not doubt, I should not believe.
—Henry David Thoreau



At 8:50 this morning, several hundred shoppers lined up waiting for Lake Mary Target employees to open the doors at 7. Similar lines were spotted in Sanford.

Buyers hit the streets shopping

By VICKI DeBORNER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — People who normally drag into work, still half asleep, at 9 a.m. were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed behind a shopping cart at Wal-Mart on Orlando Drive at 5 this morning. Some had been there for several hours. And at the Target store in Lake Mary, the line of people waiting to enter early this morning snaked over 100 yards. Marlene Shands looked like one of Santa's elves as she loaded her car with bag after bag of goods.

Young men and the AIDS virus

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — So many of America's young — one of every 92 young men and one of every 33 young black men — are believed to have the AIDS virus that it

threatens to become a deadly "rite of passage" in this country, a scientist says. The sobering statistics illuminate the government's warnings that AIDS is becoming more of a threat to the nation's youth, even as it tapers off among older people.

"That's a very disturbing future," said Phillip Rosenberg of the National Cancer Institute, who reports on the estimated rate of HIV infection among men in their late 20s and 30s today in the journal Science. In January, the federal Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention announced that AIDS was the No. 1 killer of people ages 25 to 44 in 1993. The HIV virus that causes AIDS can lurk symptomless for 10 years, meaning some of these people likely were infected as teenagers.

Celebrating the red, white and blue



On Wednesday, the members of Sanford's VFW Post 10108 and its auxiliary presented Pine Crest Elementary School with a new flag to fly above the school. Above, left, Puss Germain, activities director for the post and his wife El, president of the auxiliary, were among those who saluted the new flag as it was presented and unfurled at the school. Above right, second grader Nick Martini, 7, was a bit chilly, but still showed pride in his country, clutching a small flag in a sweatshirt covered hand. Bottom, the second grade class proudly sang the national anthem.

Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent



Cops solve candy caper at school

By VICKI DeBORNER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Three Lake Mary teens are in custody and a fourth is still being sought after a break-in at Lake Mary High School Thursday evening.

The mother of one of the young men is also in custody, arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer.

According to Ed McDonough, spokesman for the Seminole County sheriff's office, Randy Yin, 14; Scott Wright, 18; Emmanuel Foret, 17, and a 19-year-old broke into the main building of the

school at 655 Longwood-Lake Mary Road at about 8:15 p.m.

An employee of the school was in the building and called 9-1-1 when he heard the glass shatter. Deputies arrived within minutes. Yin was found in the building. He was arrested and quickly named his accomplices, McDonough said.

A search helicopter from Volusia County and a canine unit were sent out to search for the remaining youths, he said.

Foret and Wright were found at Foret's home. When deputies approached the house, McDonough said, Susan Foret, Emmanuel's mother, became enraged and kicked the deputy

as he attempted to take her son and Wright into custody.

The woman, 38, was arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer, a felony.

The teens were arrested for burglary, criminal mischief and theft.

McDonough said the teens had taken about \$3 worth of candy that was to be sold as part of a school fund-raising project.

"It looks like they were just bored after Thanksgiving dinner," McDonough said.

The fourth young man is expected to be taken into custody some time today.

POLICE BRIEFS

Drug arrest

Sanford police arrested Dexter L. Williams Sr., 27, of 1122 Orange Avenue Tuesday. Police in an unmarked patrol car reported seeing Williams near 11th Street and Maple Avenue. After conducting an investigation, he was charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) with intent to sell/distribute.

Buyer charged

Sanford police arrested Charles Alford Williams, 22, of 1006 Orange Avenue, Sanford, on Tuesday. He is believed to have been connected with two other men, who have already been arrested in connection with a number of burglaries in Sanford area churches. Among items taken were electronic keyboard instruments. According to the police report, Williams has been connected so far with at least three of the incidents. They said some of the property taken had been located at his residence when they searched his home. Williams has been charged with dealing with stolen property, and sale/delivery of cocaine.

Warrants

• Matthew Wayne Pollock, 28, 741 Church Avenue, Longwood, was located by Longwood police on U.S. Highway 17-92 Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a misdemeanor conviction.
 • Raymond Williams, 44, 1839 McCarthy Avenue, Sanford, was served a warrant by deputies at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of aggravated assault.
 • Donald Edward Major, 33, 109 Bethune Circle, was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of possession of cocaine, and battery/criminal mischief.



Good food... good friends

After dining on a scrumptious meal at the annual Crooms Academy Thanksgiving feast, school officials took some time out to share some moments with some friends in the cafeteria. Trisha Levitt and John Eric Mente, 2, chatted with Dean of Students Jerry Douglas and 9th grade teacher Gina Bonaventura, who is holding Amy Mente, 5.

Herald Photo by Phil Keniston

Small city wants to ban Saturday night specials

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
Associated Press Writer

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — This small city, known for its abundance of movie stars and gay activists, is the unlikely site of America's newest battle over gun control.

City council members are expected to vote unanimously next month to ban sales of Saturday night specials, a nickname for cheap, unreliable, low-caliber handguns favored by criminals. That would make West Hollywood the first city in America to ban the guns. Others, including Santa Monica and Los Angeles, are considering a prohibition, too.

Firearm lobbyists say there is no such thing as a "Saturday night special."

"I've been in the gun business for over 20 years and it's a wonderful media term that is absolutely useless," said Scott Ehredt, whose company owns six of the largest gun stores in Southern California. "I've heard a million people try to define it, but it's always by someone who knows nothing about guns."

Well, not exactly. Five states prohibit sales of Saturday night specials, a weapon they define by the quality of the metal and lack of safety features.

Five Los Angeles-area manufacturers produce 80 percent of the Saturday night specials sold in the United States, according

to the Justice Department. In 1968, Congress banned their import, using a list of criteria including minimum barrel length and the presence or absence of safety devices designed to prevent accidental firings. But every federal effort to ban the weapons domestically has failed, mainly because of the lobbying efforts of the National Rifle Association.

In the last decade, the war against Saturday night specials was overshadowed by bitter congressional battles to gain passage of the 1993 Brady bill, which established a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases, and the 1994 ban on assault weapons.

With both acts in place, there is renewed interest in outlawing inexpensive handguns. Members of Congress are again considering legislation, states such as New Jersey are studying the issue and an anti-violence policy committee established by California Attorney General Dan Lungren recently recommended banning the guns.

But few efforts have been as vocal as West Hollywood's, a decidedly liberal city of 37,000 sandwiched between Beverly Hills and Hollywood that incorporated in 1984, largely on the issues of gay rights and rent control.

"We are a tiny city in the sea of Los Angeles," said council member Paul Koretz, a longtime

gun-control advocate. "Random violence has escalated to such a ridiculous point in the Los Angeles area, we felt we had to deal with it."

Last month, West Hollywood's five-member council unanimously endorsed the ban. A city ordinance is expected to be written by early December. Mike Jenkins, a private lawyer under contract with West Hollywood, is studying state bans passed by Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Hawaii and Illinois.

A possible sticking point is the California Legislature's broad powers over gun control, which pre-empt local laws.

Cops: Mother killed daughter she says was possessed

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some neighbors heard the screams and did nothing, and pleas for help from others fell on deaf ears.

In the end, it cost 6-year-old Alisa Izquierdo her life, one that was filled with severe abuse by a mother who believed that the little girl was possessed by the devil, authorities said.

The girl's mother, 29-year-old Awilda Lopes, was charged Thursday with murder. "I didn't do it," Lopes, who has five other children, said as she was walked out of the police precinct.

Alisa's body, found Wednesday in the family apartment, was covered with bruise and cigarette burns. Some of her fingers were broken and there were signs she had been sexually abused, authorities said.

The five other children, ages 3 to 9, also were found in the apartment. They were dirty but apparently not injured, police said. They were turned over to welfare authorities.

An autopsy showed Alisa died from a brain hemorrhage after being hit in the head.

The first-grader's injuries were in various stages of healing, indicating that she had been abused frequently, said Ellen Borakov, spokeswoman for the city medical examiner.

"In my 22 years of service, this has been the worst case of child abuse I've ever seen," said police Lt. Luis Gonzalez.

Lopes was into Santeria, the Afro-Caribbean religion. Gonzalez told the Daily News in today's editions.

"She's showing no emotion because she believes she did the right thing," Gonzalez told the newspaper. "She believes her daughter was possessed by the devil."

Lopes had told her sister, Brunilda Rivera, and other relatives that Alisa knew voodoo, and that she was afraid of the little girl. The New York Times reported today. Lopes blamed the girl's death on supernatural spirits, Rivera said.

Neighbors had said they frequently heard screaming coming from the 30th-floor apartment Lopes shared with the children.

Millie Vasquez said she would hear Alisa crying in the middle of the night: "Mommy, please stop. No more."

Other neighbors also said they heard screams or strange thuds coming from the apartment, and did nothing.

"I wish I had called Family Services or something."

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neighbor Wen Kuen Ng said.

Officials at the school where Alisa attended kindergarten from September 1994 to December 1994, said they notified social services that they thought the girl was being abused but that no action was taken.

Reneida Higgins, a spokeswoman for the city's Child Welfare Administration, said state confidentiality laws prevented her from commenting.

Rivera said she had complained to city child welfare officials in 1989 about the way Lopes treated her children, the Times said.

That complaint led authorities to remove Alisa and two other children from the home for a year, Rivera said.

"She was a terrible mother," Rivera told the Times. "She would leave the kids anywhere and go wherever she pleased."

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EDITORIAL

Importance of Crooms' dinner for the needy

The need to give back to the community is an important lesson that students often miss out on in school.

The youngsters at Crooms Academy in Sanford, some of whom come from troubled backgrounds, have learned that lesson well from a staff and core group of volunteers who help them host a fine Thanksgiving feast for those most in need.

We think the Crooms Thanksgiving Feast is not only a fine lesson for those students who are learning it is better to give than to receive, it is also a delectable delight for the hungry in our area.

The dinner not only fills growing bellies but also fills many hearts in need of love.

The needy in this community are a growing population. Economically disadvantaged and financially fragile families are one paycheck or less away from homelessness. Many are homeless already.

The Crooms dinner brings these people together for a tasty homemade meal served by caring young people and school officials. No one is turned away or allowed to leave without having heard a kind word of caring encouragement.

But many, even those with the financial wherewithal to purchase a fine feast, find themselves alone during the holiday season.

They, too, are invited to Crooms to take part in the communal meal. No questions asked. They get the same food, the same love, and the same warm smiles as everyone else.

We believe the lessons learned by students are most important.

Academic lessons, gleaned from books and wise teachers, are essential for our young people: reading, writing and arithmetic must never be neglected in the classroom. But the lessons of caring being taught at Crooms are invaluable in preparing the students for the world they will soon face.

While we applaud those students at other schools who collect non-perishable items for those in need we believe the effort at Crooms goes a step beyond bringing the school family in contact with those they serve.

Thank you, Crooms, and especially Sid Pollock who organizes the annual dinner, for the compassionate gift you give each year to the Sanford community.

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



"As a kid, I had to wait my turn to use the bathroom. NOW, I have to wait my turn to use the family computer."

WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Understanding the 'cultural war'

It is tempting to stay focused on the details of the budget battle now being waged between the president and Congress. It is a ferocious battle, and a great deal hinges on its outcome. But it will go on for months, and meanwhile a major step has just been taken to explain what is at stake in an even bigger battle, one that will go on for decades and that will probably decide in the long run whether this country survives or not.

That bigger battle is what has come to be known as "the cultural war." The phrase is reasonably accurate, but it doesn't begin to do justice to the importance of the battle. Polls indicate that most Americans believe that the nation's deepest problems are not economic, but moral. Many political leaders, including most conservatives, would agree. The cultural war is the battle over whether, and how, to re-establish the nation's moral foundations, which many people believe are eroding.

But who are the combatants in this battle, and what, precisely, are the issues? Those are the questions that were addressed at a conference (which I had the honor to chair) sponsored early this year by the Claremont Institute. Now the Institute has issued a manifesto that summarizes the conference's conclusions. It is a major step toward a definition of the cultural war, and a

powerful blow for conservative victory in that war.

The Claremont manifesto (just two typewritten pages, double-spaced) is signed by all of the impressive array of conservatives - political leaders, writers, and academics - that attended the conference, including former Attorney General Edwin Meese, Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, Hollywood critic Michael Medved, Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed, National Review senior editor Richard Brookhiser, Republican presidential aspirant Alan Keyes, and 11 other prominent and articulate conservatives.



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It opens with the statement that this nation was founded on "a moral law": "the laws of nature and nature's God." It goes on to assert that "Our problem today consists simply in this: Many of our leaders - intellectual, cultural and political - have abandoned the moral and natural law. If we do not repudiate this error, we will suffer a collapse that is both complete and irrecoverable."

The manifesto next warns that the limitation of government "is essential for this restoration of morality.... Continued expansion of the administrative state inevitably diminishes the spheres of self-governing citizenship and responsible personal morality.... We must recognize that the administrative Leviathan is an enemy not only of freedom but of virtue."

But the manifesto also recognizes that "much of the work to restore America's cultural and moral health must be done outside the realm of government.... Therefore, without forgetting the key role of laws in shaping civic character, we must encourage the development of a vibrant and virtuous civil society, and resist the baleful influence of those who preach that there is no truth or virtue."



BEN WATTENBERG

Thanks to proud alarmists

Politicians are trained from birth to view with alarm or point with pride, depending on exigencies of the election cycle. Accordingly, the yeomanry must be ever vigilant. Luckily, never has there been a better moment to measure our politicians. How many times have we had the remarkable confluence of four great events: Thanksgiving Day, the start of a presidential election year, a monumental debate about the federal budget and the publication of the annual edition of the Statistical Abstract of the United States?

This year's Stat Abstract - with all its racy 1,045 pages and 1,513 tables drawn from more than 300 statistical sources - offers one central service to voters: perspective. Keep it at the holiday weekend dinner table. (Government Printing Office, \$37.)

For example, President Clinton points with pride that during his watch, the federal workforce has been reduced. Republicans view with alarm that the government is so big. It can be a tricky statistical situation. One good indicator is the Abstract's "federal civilian employment as a percent of total U.S. employment." It is low. The Abstract shows the rate at 3.8 percent in 1970, and 2.6 percent in 1993. But who do we thank on Thanksgiving Day? The perspective offered by the Abstract shows that the trend has dropped steadily since 1970 during the Nixon presidency, and right on through the terms of Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and now Clinton. Is it possible that some things happen in America without regard to who is president?

As we offer thanks and try to follow the twists of the budget debate, who should we thank for economic growth? Clinton says thank Clinton. Republicans say thank Republicans. The Abstract reports that the economy was in recession in 1991 (-.06 percent) but grew (+2.3 percent) in 1992, the last full year of the Bush presidency. Who gets 1993? The economy grew (+3.1 percent), but did it really sputter at 13:01 p.m. on Jan. 30, 1993, when Clinton became president? There is economic momentum to consider. The growth rate for 1994 was 4.1 percent. Who owns that year? Estimates for 1995 show continued non-inflationary growth, but at a slower rate. Who gets thanked or blamed for that: Clinton or the new Republican Congress?

Is it possible that the economy has a life of its own? Is it possible that it proceeds cyclically on a generally accidental track, and that it is not a wholly owned subsidiary of the U.S. government or of the president? Might it be that there are no little OS-15 gunmen in the White House basement who come in late at

night and turn the crank on a very special machine called a Job Creator?

Then there is the matter of the deficit. Clinton points with pride when he tells us that he cut it by half a trillion dollars. Thanks. And true, if you do the figuring by the current services budget, which counts slower increases as cuts. But Clinton has been in office for two full fiscal years, 1994 and 1995, and Republicans view with alarm that the deficits ran about \$200 billion each year, by the latest estimates available as the Abstract went to press. Thank who, for what, and why? (Actually, later estimates show that 1995 will come in at a somewhat lower level.)

Clinton and the Democrats view with alarm the proposed Republican budget. They say that the new GOP levels of spending will savage the poor and the elderly. Republicans say it's only a decrease in the rate of increase, and point with pride that it will end deficits in seven years. I vote with the Republicans on this one. The Abstract shows that total government social welfare expenditures climbed from 47 percent of all government outlays in 1970 to 63 percent in 1993. Who gets the credit or blame for that? Mostly Republican presidents, or mostly Democratic Congresses? In any event, it won't be a disaster to moderately cut the rate of increase.

Moreover, from 1985 to 1993 the number of Americans traveling overseas climbed from 13 million to 19 million. The number of recreational boats owned by Americans climbed from 14 million to 17 million. Annual home computer sales jumped from 3 million units to 4.9 million units, while sales of cellular phones soared from 115,000 to 1.3 million.

There is a Thanksgiving message here. As we go through the budget baloney, the election exaggeration and the holiday hoopla we will do well to remember that there is a life in America that has nothing to do with political parties or government. Amen. From that perspective, we have plenty to be thankful for. You could look it up.



■ Accordingly, the yeomanry must be ever vigilant.

JOSEPH SPEAR

No more Calvin? AAGHHGHHH!

They say that life is about change, and that a person's maturity can be measured by their ability to adapt to change.

If so, I'm in an immature state of mind at the moment.

Bill Watterson is canning Calvin & Hobbes and I am feeling cross. In fact, I feel like heaving my head back and throwing my mouth open as wide as it will go and emitting a Calvin-like scream:

AAGHHGHHH!

Watterson, you snk, I want to say. You can't do this. There's a law somewhere against this. It's called intentional infliction of emotional harm, or something like that.

My polls suggest that a small percentage of you are solemn souls who don't turn to the comics pages every day. So I should explain that I'm talking about a 6-year-old, consummate brat named Calvin, who spends most of his day wandering through his vivid fantasies,

and about his toy tiger Hobbes, who is lifeless in the presence of others but turns into a live cat, exuding feline grace and wisdom, when he is alone with Calvin.

Artist Bill Watterson introduced the strip on Nov. 18, 1985, and since then we have followed Calvin and his best friend Hobbes through countless sledding accidents, snowball fights, Spaceman Spiff episodes, encounters with dinosaurs, arguments with teachers and principals, secret club meetings and on and on.

I leave the metaphysical interpretations to others. I turn to the strip every day - always saving it for last, savoring the mist that will kick the morning off on a sweet note - not for the philosophy it imparts but for the pleasure it provides.

The artwork is magnificent - simple lines, uncluttered landscapes, vivid colors on Sunday.

The characters are exquisitely portrayed. Calvin is self-centered, devilish, sometimes mean, articulate, utterly uninterested in formal education. He loves rocka, marijuana, TV, chocolate frosted sugar bombs cereal, and the lazy days of summer. He hates school, girls, camping with his Dad, and all sports except Calvinball, which has a new set of rules every time it is played. Baseball bats him; bicycles attack him.

Hobbes is playful, pensive, mischievous, insightful, bright, tactful. He is the ideal best friend, because he knows when to criticize Calvin and when to counsel him and even when it's best to let him go ahead with his wicked schemes.

Mom and Dad are long-suffering parents who sometimes wonder whether they should've gotten a dog instead of having Calvin. Mom can never make a peanut-butter sandwich to suit the little twerp. "Did you cut it diagonally? I like triangles better than rectangles." I especially like those strips in which Dad answers Calvin's questions with completely fanciful explanations - the wind is blowing because the trees are sneezing - that leave Calvin scratching his blonde cowlicks.

Watterson is, like his creation, a famous grouch. He never gives interviews, never lets his photo be taken, and he is now canning Calvin because he feels "constrained" by the medium.

All I can say is: Bill, get a grip. We all feel stifled in our jobs once in a while. Writing columns about politicians is not exactly chocolate syrup and marshmallows, you know.



■ If so, I'm in an immature state of mind at the moment.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Budget drama climax

WASHINGTON — Heading into the climax of this year's budget drama, Republican leaders and the Clinton administration are both looking to avoid a repeat of the 1990 budget summit that featured too many people, too many leaks and, finally, too many taxes.

Negotiations begin next week on the Republicans' seven-year budget-balancing package of spending cuts and tax reductions.

Learning from the lessons of 1990, both sides already have started internal discussions about how big the negotiating teams should be, who should be involved and what their strategies should be on resolving disputes over tax reductions and squeezing savings out of Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and other programs.

Republicans also are trying to figure out how to keep the talks on a schedule that would have them completed by the time the government's temporary spending authority runs out Dec. 15.

Public art works registered

WASHINGTON — Someone stole Andrew Jackson's stirrups at Lafayette Square. Revolutionary War hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Polish patriot who shares the park near the White House, is without saber and hat.

But all is not lost. Blocks away, Joan of Arc is a new woman thanks to a wash and wax and replacement of her battle sword. And a make-over of the "Freedom" statue atop the Capitol dome revealed a bold feather headdress and beak-like eyes. A 130-year-old layer of dirt and distress had tourists speculating she was a macho Roman gladiator or American Indian.

In Washington and nationwide, thousands of public art works are getting registered and in many cases repaired by volunteers in a "Save Outdoor Sculpture" project backed by the Smithsonian Institution.

From the nation's capital to Chicago to Seattle, more than 15,000 individuals and private organizations and public groups and governments have joined the SOS effort since 1992, registering three-dimensional outdoor sculptures in hopes of rescuing the art works from vandals and neglect.

Simpson's therapist's license suspended

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A state panel suspended a therapist's license for speaking publicly about her counseling sessions with Nicole Brown Simpson.

Susan J. Forward, who was among the first to reveal Ms. Simpson's history of abuse at the hands of O.J. Simpson after Ms. Simpson's death, is barred from seeing patients for three months. She also agreed to three years' probation for violating Ms. Simpson's confidentiality.

Authorities also said Forward represented herself as a psychologist in television interviews with Barbara Walters and Geraldo Rivera. In fact, she is a clinical social worker. She was also accused of using the title "Dr." without explaining that she's a Ph.D., not a physician.

The settlement was reported today by the Orange County Register, which said it was reached Friday.

"Therapy is based on privacy and secrecy, and a breach of confidentiality ... destroys the therapeutic relationship," said state Deputy Attorney General Anne L. Mendoza, who represents the state Board of Behavioral Science Examiners. The board filed a complaint against Forward nearly a year ago.

Authorities said Forward had not revealed Ms. Simpson's private statements, but had offered her professional assessment of her client's situation, which is unethical.

To thin deer herds

RICHMOND, Va. — Trying new ways to thin the deer population, the state today opens a \$250-a-person "Southern Heritage" hunt, with horse-drawn wagons and other activities reminiscent of the early South.

It's the first hunt at Chippokes Plantation State Park in 30 years, and state officials say the unusual twist is aimed at attracting new people to hunting.

The Virginia hunt is designed in the tradition of Colonial days, when hunting was not only productive but social, with hunters gathering at the end of the day to enjoy a traditional meal and swap stories.

The deer hunting program will offer many of the trappings of the old days. But state wildlife spokesman Gary Waugh said the participants will wear modern clothes, use modern weapons and follow all state game laws and regulations.

Other programs in the state's outdoor adventure series include a black bear hunting school, a nature photography workshop and wild turkey and fly fishing schools planned for next spring.

WORLD BRIEFS



Serbs grudgingly accept settlement

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Under pressure from Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, the Bosnian Serbs have grudgingly accepted the U.S.-mediated settlement meant to bring lasting peace to the Balkans.

But the peace plan initiated in Dayton, Ohio, this week has left the Bosnian Serbs bitterly divided. The state-run Yugoslav news agency Tanjug hinted at the difficulty of talks between Milosevic and rebel leaders, saying their acceptance was won "despite some painful solutions."

A member of the Bosnian Serb delegation, who requested anonymity, confirmed the leadership had accepted the agreement.

Sources close to the Serb leadership also confirmed Thursday that both rebel leader Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic, the military commander, would step down.

It was not clear when this would happen and who would succeed them. But Nikola Koljevic, Karadzic's deputy and a possible successor, was the only member of the Bosnian Serb delegation to remain in Belgrade after the talks. The rest of the delegation returned to the rebel stronghold Pale, southeast of Sarajevo.

U.S. high-tech college opens

NANTERRE, France — The opening of France's first U.S.-style high-tech college this fall was the last straw for millions of students who languish in crumbling, overcrowded state universities.

The elite Leonard de Vinci school west of Paris has become a battle cry for students toiling in dismal conditions at 90 state universities for degrees often out of tune with the job market.

More than 100,000 students, their faces smeared with war paint, took to the streets Tuesday to demand more money for their campuses. Brushing off the conservative government's latest concessions, they planned to join today's general strike by millions of public employees.

High on their list of grievances is Leonard de Vinci. The school was built and equipped with \$270 million from the government of the wealthy, conservative Hauts-de-Seine region, which provides most of its 380 students.

From Associated Press reports

Bar groups give minority lawyers a voice

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The bad old days when black lawyers weren't allowed to join the American Bar Association are long gone, but the organization they formed in that era of racial exclusion is still going strong.

Founded in 1925, the National Bar Association counts some well-known legal advocates among its members, including Christopher Darden and Johnnie Cochran Jr., combatants in the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial.

And its president says the minority bar group is as needed today as it was when black attorneys were systematically excluded from the nation's legal establishment.

"It seems everywhere I go there are problems facing minority attorneys," NBA President Keith Watters says. "We provide opportunities for people — leadership, development and advancement."

Other bar groups have sprung up in recent years to represent Asian Pacific, Hispanic and Native American attorneys. The four organizations have banded together as the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color.

"There are a lot of folks who had to beat down the doors and are holding them open" for new minority lawyers, says Nancy Lee, immediate past president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

"We as a minority bar association can tell it like it is," she adds.

The Asian Pacific group was formed in 1989 and has at least 5,000 members, including the Simpson trial judge, Lance Ito, who attended its convention this month in Boston.

The NBA and Asian Pacific group, along with the Hispanic National Bar Association and the Native American Bar Association, provide advice and professional support for their members and mentors for young minority lawyers.

The black and Hispanic bar associations chose their first female presidents during the early 1980s — well ahead of the ABA, which this year finally installed Roberta Cooper Ramo as its first female president.

The ABA lifted its ban on black members in 1943, but blacks didn't really become

active in the nation's largest lawyers' group until the mid-1980s.

In 1986, the association created a Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession to address minority lawyers' concerns. This year, the ABA announced a new "Spirit of Excellence Award" to honor their achievements.

ABA commission chairwoman Bernice Donald, a federal bankruptcy court judge in Memphis, said that despite these efforts minority bar groups still are needed to address issues particularly affecting their members.

The Native American organization supports legal services for Indians who cannot afford them. It also is exploring the use of traditional Indian peacemaking methods as an alternative to the adversarial legal system generally used in tribal courts.

It is the smallest of the four organizations, with about 275 dues-paying members. There are about 1,500 Native American

lawyers around the nation, said the group's president-elect, Kirke Kickingbird.

"There are very few of us," said Kickingbird, who heads the Native American Legal Resource Center at the Oklahoma City University law school. "Quite often we're in isolation," so an important goal is providing personal and professional support for members, he said.

The Hispanic bar association works on immigration issues and opposes efforts by some politicians to make English the official language. It also works to increase the number of Hispanic judges and law professors, and lobbied President Clinton unsuccessfully last year to name a Hispanic to the Supreme Court.

The group speaks for about 22,000 Hispanic lawyers, says president Jose Gallan, a Seattle attorney and member of the ABA minority commission.

The bar groups help minority lawyers figure out how to deal with prejudice that still turns up

in court, he said.

Gallan says he won't forget an incident that occurred in court within the past five years: He heard a judge use an ethnic slur when referring to him during a conversation with a law clerk.

Watters, head of the National Bar Association, believes there still are not enough minority lawyers. The NBA has about 17,000 members, and there are only about 25,000 black lawyers nationwide — about 3.4 percent of the legal profession as a whole.

That ratio has remained about the same for the past few decades, Watters said. But he is not discouraged because he sees doors being opened.

"A lot of people, out of sheer determination — as well as being fortunate enough to have the right mentor — are able to move ahead," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Laurie Asseo covers the Supreme Court and legal issues for The Associated Press.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Prep football playoffs continue

SANFORD — The FHSAA Florida Football Championships will continue tonight. Lake Howell will travel to Jacksonville to take on undefeated and No. 2 ranked Sandalwood, while Lake Brantley will also hit the road, going to Lake City to take on Columbia High School. Both games are set for a 7:30 p.m. start.

AROUND THE STATE

Sheffield out of hospital

MIAMI — Marlins outfielder Gary Sheffield has had successful arthroscopic surgery to remove excess material from his right shoulder joint. Sheffield is expected to resume his off-season conditioning program within a month.

Jaguars ink linebacker

JACKSONVILLE — The Jaguars signed linebacker Jamal Cox to their practice squad. The 6-foot-1, 240-pound Cox, who played last year at Georgia Tech, was cut by the Chicago Bears in training camp and spent time on the Carolina Panthers practice squad.

ELSEWHERE

Maddux picks up AP hardware

NEW YORK — Greg Maddux added another award, becoming the first pitcher selected The Associated Press Baseball Player of the Year.

Maddux received 30 votes in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters. Cleveland's Albert Belle was second with 24 followed by Boston's Mo Vaughn with five and Seattle's Randy Johnson with three.

Since the award was instituted in 1988, it had been won each year by position players. But Maddux's amazing season, which earned him an unprecedented fourth consecutive Cy Young Award, was too much for the voters to overlook.

Maddux was 19-2 with a 1.63 ERA last season, leading the NL in wins. He became the first major leaguer since Walter Johnson in 1918-19 to have an ERA under 1.80 in consecutive seasons.

He won his sixth straight Gold Glove earlier this week, second-most in the NL behind Gibson's nine. He fell short only in voting for NL MVP, finishing third behind Cincinnati's Barry Larkin and Colorado's Dante Bichette.

Junior out of racing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR racing legend Junior Johnson is out of the business after nearly half a century as a driver and car owner.

The Charlotte Observer reported that Johnson, 64, sold both his race teams.

His No. 11 Ford team was sold to Brett Bodine for a price somewhere between \$3 million and \$5 million, a source who asked for anonymity told the Observer.

The deal includes Johnson's Hughes Hollow shop in Wilkes County, but Bodine plans to base the operation at his own shop in Mooresville.

Donnie Richeson, Bodine's brother-in-law, will become crew chief of the No. 11 team as part of the deal. The News reported, Lowe's will continue as the team's sponsor.

The other team was sold to Bob Brooks, owner of the Hooters Restaurant chain, who then sold it to an Arkansas lawyer named David Blair.

Smith injured as Cowboys win

IRVING, Texas — Dallas ended Kansas City's seven-game winning streak and a chance to clinch a playoff berth Thursday but concern over Emmitt Smith's knee overshadowed the 24-12 victory, the Cowboys' 10th of the season.

Dallas improved to 10-2 while the Chiefs, off to their best start, dropped to 10-2 in a clash of the teams with the best NFL records.

Smith, who has had nine 100-yard rushing games and is the NFL's leading runner, went down without being tackled trying to make a cutback with 1:24 left in the third quarter. Smith sprained his left knee, but the severity of the injury won't be known until Friday.

Lions win barn-burner

PONTIAC, Mich. — It was the kind of performance Bobby Layne would have loved.

Scott Mitchell, playing on a gumpy right ankle, threw a career-high four touchdown passes and shattered Layne's single-game team record with 410 yards Thursday as the Detroit Lions kept their playoff hopes alive with a wild 44-38 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

The Lions (6-6) were able to nail down the victory by taking advantage of the first mistakes in almost a month by Warren Moon. Moon, who turned 39 last Saturday, hadn't thrown an interception in his last four games. But he was picked off twice by the Lions and each was costly to Minnesota (6-6).

BEST BETS ON TV

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No strike out for Casey

Rams rally behind MVP's five touchdown runs



File Photo

Casey is Rotary's best

Donnie Casey (No. 26 and above) was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player and Most Valuable Player as well as Lake Mary's Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Rotary Bowl after carrying the ball 16 times for 153 yards and five touchdowns and also catching four passes for 60 yards as the Rams came from 18 points down to beat Gainesville 42-39 at Lyman High School's Carlton Henley Sports Complex Wednesday night.



Herald Photo by Edward Wolfe

By Robert Sanders
Sanford Herald Correspondent

LONGWOOD — A day after the 22nd annual Rotary Bowl, the Lake Mary Rams can give thanks, especially after rallying from 18 points down in the fourth quarter to beat Gainesville High School 42-39 Wednesday night.

Rotary Bowl MVP Donnie Casey led the comeback rushing for 153 yards on 16 carries and five touchdowns.

Casey, showing his diversity, not only took offensive MVP, but was the most valuable defensive player for the Rams as well. Casey had 17 tackles on the night, and an interception late in the fourth quarter that sealed the victory for Lake Mary.

"Casey is an outstanding football player," Lake Mary Head Coach Doug Peters said. "He is probably the best player we have ever had at Lake Mary."

The Rams, who won the 1991 Rotary Bowl, started the night as cold as the weather. After a first down that resulted in a loss of three yards, Reolon Jupp fumbled the handoff on second down, which Gainesville linebacker Ronnie Noble picked up and ran 43 yards for a touchdown.

"We really played sloppy in the first half," Peters said. "It's tough to play after a two week layoff."

After battling to a 14-14 first-half tie, the Purple Hurricanes opened up the scoring with two touchdowns in a 48 second span.

The first was fullback Germaine Scott's 94-yard kickoff return to start the second half.

After Lake Mary fumbled the ensuing kickoff on their own 44, the Hurricanes widened the lead 26-14 when Scott ran 25-yards for his

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Hopkins Meats rubs rabbit's foot again

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

But after watching Hopkins Meats play the last three weeks, maybe it's not luck after all.

For the third straight game, Hopkins Meats posted a final at bat come-from-behind victory, this time edging regular season champion Crazy Wings 13-12 to claim the title of the Sanford Recreation Department Men's Wednesday Night Fall Slowpitch Softball League mini-tournament at Chase Park.

Hopkins Meats, which was 3-3 at one point in the season, had scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to hand Crazy Wings its only loss of the regular season 10-9 on November 8th and then scored three runs in its last at bat to edge Wells Contracting 9-8 on November 15th.

But in those victories Hopkins Meats had done most of the damage themselves with hits and walks. In this one, they got some help from Crazy Wings.

With one out in the bottom of the sixth inning and Crazy Wings leading 12-10, Jeff Dow doubled, Allen Dow singled and Kevin Julian walked to load the bases for Hopkins Meats.

Manny Silvia followed with his

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third hit of the game to score Jeff Dow. David Goldstick's throw nailed Allen Dow at the plate for the second out. The play didn't end there though as the Crazy Wings catcher threw the ball into left field trying to pick Julian off third and Julian trotted home with the tying run and Silvia kept circling the bases to score the go-ahead run.

Crazy Wings could not answer in the top of the seventh inning as a pop up, a fly out and a ground ball ended the game and giving Hopkins Meats another heart-stopping triumph.

The game had started with the two clubs trading the lead over the first two innings. But a five-run bottom of the second inning and three-run bottom of the third inning had given Hopkins Meats a 10-6 advantage.

The Crazy Wings offense came alive in the fifth inning as four hits and an error allowed four runs to score and tie the game at 10-10.

Crazy Wings then seized control

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File Photo

Manny Silvia had three hits, scored three runs, including the game-winner, and drove in three runs to lead Hopkins Meats to a 13-12 tournament championship victory over Crazy Wings Wednesday night.

County hoopsters win just two of seven from Orlando

From Staff Reports

ORLANDO — The Lake Mary and Oviedo boys' basketball teams stayed unbeaten, but the rest of the county's hoop squads were not as lucky on the hardwood Wednesday night.

Mike Townsley scored 18 points to pace a quartet of Rams into double figures in a 79-68 victory at Wymore Career Center.

Lake Mary trailed the Bobcats 21-19 after the first quarter, but the Rams got rolling in the second quarter, outscoring the host team 22-11 to take a 41-32 lead at intermission. Lake Mary built its lead to 61-48 after three periods.

Sophomore Paul Belk added 15 points, while Wes Jackson and Chip Richardson chipped in with 11 points each. Ben Fratrick and Jason Junker also had good games with eight and seven

points, respectively.

The Lions, meanwhile ran their record to 3-0 by edging Orlando powerhouse Boone 53-51. A 15-9 second quarter advantage proved to be the difference for Oviedo. Sanders was the only Lion in double figures with 14 points, but 10 different players found the scoring column for the winners.

Things did not go nearly as well for Lyman and Lake Howell as both were beaten soundly on the road by two strong Orlando teams.

Tavaron Raymon scored 15 points, but Florida signee Nnaji, a 6-foot-10 senior center, and the rest of the Edgewater Eagle held the Greyhounds to less than 10 points in three of the four quarters in a 49-33 victory.

Lyman only scored two points in the first quarter and 12 points in the whole

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