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NEWS DIGEST

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Sports

Light gridiron schedule

LAKE MARY — Only three Seminole County football teams will be in action tonight with Deltona at Lake Mary, DeLand at Lake Howell and Oviedo traveling to Spruce Creek. See Page 1B.

Leisure

TV, weekend guide

The week's television listing, including a sports calendar, plus a compilation of events and activities in and around the Sanford and Lake Mary areas. See Leisure Magazine.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Your weekend go-do guide

Events for adults as well as children are planned for this weekend in the Sanford and Lake Mary areas. Entertainment ranges from jazz to a riverboat cruise.

The following events are scheduled:
• Saturday, Sept. 25 — Jazz on the Boulevard, and official dedication of recently reopened Lake Mary Blvd. Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road. Pre-concert reception in City Hall lobby, 6 p.m. Ribbon Cutting ceremony, 6:45 p.m. Free outdoor Jazz Concert with Jacqueline Jones at City Hall amphitheater, 7 p.m.
The event is presented by the City of Lake Mary and the Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce.

• Saturday, Sept. 25 — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A community breakfast, sponsored by the I.B.P.O. Elks of the World, to honor Grace Haynes-Brewer of the Past State Presidents Club. The community is invited to join the Past State Presidents Club members for a morning of fun and to enjoy breakfast for free at the Elks Lodge, 619 Cypress Ave., Sanford.

• Saturday, Sept. 25 — 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. TV-18's Ranger Bob and Captain Planet kick off the TV-18 Buckaroo Round-up at the Central Florida Zoological Park in Sanford. Fun-filled activities are planned for children, and free gifts.
Admission is free for Buckaroo Club card holders 3 through 12 years of age accompanied by a paying adult. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 3 through 12, children under 2 years of age admitted free. The zoo is located at 3755 N. Highway 17-92 near I-4 exit 52.

• Sunday, Sept. 26 — 3 until 6 p.m. "Cruising Down the River on a Sunday Afternoon." The 6th annual fundraiser for the Sanford Downtown Historic Waterfront Association and St. Lucia Festival, aboard the Rivership Grand Romance. Entertainment, food, and special presentations. Proceeds will be divided between the two organizations for Christmas lighting and entertainment during the holiday events.
Tickets, \$18 each, are available at the Main Street Welcome Center, 101 W. First Street, and First Street Gallery, 203 E. First Street. For information phone 323-9178.

• Sunday, Sept. 26 — 3 p.m. The first in a regular Sunday event will take place at Fort Mellon Park in Sanford. Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Groot will be holding a puppet show. The event, to be set up in a stage near the playground area, will have a variety of songs and performances with anti-drug themes, environmental issues and Christian themes. The puppet shows will be offered every Sunday afternoon free of charge beginning this Sunday.

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Still sunny and hot



Sunny and hot. High in the low to mid 90s. Wind east 5-10 mph.

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Parents blast schools

PER STUDENT SPENDING

Amount the school district spends per student at some Seminole County schools:

Midway Elementary	\$4,041.51
Pine Crest Elementary	\$3,400.53
Heathrow Elementary	\$3,128.12
Sanford Middle	\$3,917.15
Lakeview Middle	\$3,305.24
Greenwood Lakes Middle	\$3,293.08
Seminole High	\$3,858.57
Lake Mary High	\$3,587.13
Lake Brantley High	\$3,365.77



Source: Sem. Co. Public Schools

Herald graphic by Cheryl Smith

While the complainants acknowledge on the surface these figures are accurate, they believe the school district has skewed them.

Federal complaints filed; probe pending

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A group of Sanford parents, claiming that the school district has failed to provide adequate facilities and equipment to minority students, has filed a com-

plaint with the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Education.

Though a spokesperson for the Department of Education says the "complainant or complainants have presented the Department of Education with a complaint,"

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Stubborn fire burns for 7 days

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — A stubborn mulch fire at a Longwood tree service has firefighters from several departments working around the clock. Longwood commissioners met in emergency

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Lake Mary voters must still approve expenditures

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Voters in Lake Mary will still have a say in city expenditures up to \$1 million because a proposed change in the city charter went down to defeat last night.

Members of the city commission and citizens refused to go along with a proposal advanced by Mayor Lowrey Rockett.

The proposal was to have a referendum placed on the November ballot which would, if approved, allow the city to borrow up to \$1 million without voter approval, to finance projects associated with capital improvements including street construction.

Following long and heated arguments two years ago, a referendum preventing any expenditures of over \$100,000 (which could not be paid within a calendar year), was approved by over 62 percent of the voters in Lake Mary.

In explaining the new proposal last night, Rockett said, "This item was placed on the agenda at my personal request. What I want is commission approval to have this placed on the ballot to let the citizens decide."

"I realize the problems this created two years ago when the citizens battled the commission to

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Plea entered on murder charge



Herald Photo by Michael Siedzinski

Michele Roger, 27, entered a not guilty plea Thursday during her first court appearance on a second degree murder charge. Roger was indicted in the death of her boyfriend, David Alexander Richmond, 28, who disappeared a year ago. His body has not been found. Witnesses reportedly say Richmond was killed and his bones shredded, mixed with concrete and the pieces thrown along Interstate 95. Roger's arraignment is set for Oct. 19 before Judge O.H. Eaton. Attorney James Valerino is representing Roger.

Anger over handling of 4th-grader with knife

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The handling of a knife swinging incident in a Pine Crest Elementary fourth grade classroom last week has angered a number of parents and prompted school administrators to call for a special meeting outlining measures they hope will prevent future problems.

A number of parents intended to question first year Pine Crest Principal Doris Jennings about the incident at Thursday night's open house for third through fifth grades. However, assistant principal Dr. Robert Leidner dismissed the assembly of parents and students to visit their respective classrooms before the question could be raised.

Neither Jennings nor Leidner

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Herald Photo by Michael Siedzinski
Principal Doris Jennings



Over 13 million gallons of water have been sprayed over mulch piles at the AAA Tree Service in Longwood in an attempt to extinguish a fire which has burned since Saturday.

Vacant land to be purged of debris, vagrants

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Debris-strewn vacant land owned by the city will take on a new look next week.

At the beginning of this year, the city of Sanford purchased approximately 10 acres of land across French Avenue from Sanford Middle School. It has been sitting vacant for a number of years but is occasionally used as a children's playground or golf driving practice area.

Over the past months, little has been done, but beginning this Tuesday morning, a cleanup will begin.

Sanford Grounds Maintenance Coordinator Howard Jeffries explained, "The land is getting to be in very poor condition, and debris is strewn all over the place. While much of it is inside the wooded area, discarded tires can easily be seen by motorists driving on French Avenue."

Another reason for the clean-up project Jeffries said is in response to a complaint from parents in the residential area near the land, that vagrants have been living in the woods. "The parents told us that they fear for the safety of their children because of the people who are frequenting the woods," he said.

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Sanford proprietor thwarts burglary with shotgun

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — What may have been a burglary attempt this morning was abruptly stopped when burglars were greeted with blasts from the store owner's shotgun.

The incident occurred shortly after 2 a.m., at a pawn shop in the 2700 block of S. Orlando Drive. According to Sanford police Commander De-

nnis Whitmire, "The owner of the store was inside, when he saw two men backing a pickup truck into the front of his store."

"The owner responded by picking up a shotgun and blasting away at the back of the truck, attempting to disable it," Whitmire added.

The pellets struck the rear bed of the truck, with several also hitting the owner's car, which was parked nearby. It was not believed that any of them struck either of the persons in the

vehicle.

The two men in the truck reportedly fled from the area, and after a search, police discovered the vehicle abandoned at McKibbin Park on 25th Street. "We set up a perimeter search around the area and called in our K-9 unit," Whitmire said, "but were unable to locate the men."

Police have since learned that the pickup, a 1987 Ford, had been reported stolen in Winter Garden.

Charter

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have the restriction enacted," he said. "But this proposed charter change is now asking the voters to either reaffirm their restrictions, or allow the commission to regain lost confidence of the people, and be allowed to handle the financial needs."

He commented on conversations he has had with Sheila Sawyer, a Lake Mary citizen who was one of the leaders in the petition drive two years earlier, which resulted in the restriction. Sawyer had also served, as Rockett, on the Charter Advisory Committee.

"I discussed several of Ms. Sawyer's concerns with her," Rockett said. "She suggested it would fracture the charter changes, and I assured her it would not. She also voiced concern over the city's debts and overcommitting of its financial resources. I explained that the financial community will not allow us to do this."

"If the citizens want their commission to run city business, they should give us a vote of confidence," he added. "If the commissioners can't do it properly, they shouldn't be sitting up here."

Several citizens voiced their objections to the proposed charter change including Sawyer.

"I'm glad the mayor called and discussed this with me," she said. "When a person initially reads the ordinance, it's difficult to see why it's not feasible to place it on the ballot."

"The present commission certainly has operated well," she said. "One of the best in a long time, but if this goes into the charter, we will have different commissioners in the future, and we don't know if we can depend on them."

"I have no problem with the people voting on this matter," she commented. "Because I have confidence in them. When you see the results of the vote, you will know if the trust is there."

Earl Paul, another Lake Mary resident, also spoke on the matter. "I talk to 500 voters to get a sample-based on this ordinance. How you want to see your city? You can't do that, you have to let the people decide their future."

"Some, you guys can be trusted, but not the commission," he said.

sioners, "but the system can still be manipulated in the future, if the voters fall for your evil plot."

Commissioner George Duryea was the first commissioner to comment. "I don't believe this is the proper time for this," he said. "Perhaps it can be done at some future time, but we, as commissioners, haven't earned the right to do this so soon after the saddening battle two years ago on the charter changes."

He added, "If you have to put something on the ballot, why not go for the entire project. Let's get our paving and drainage going and ask for authority to get \$3.2 million specifically for that."

Commissioner A.R. Jore said in all his years on the commission, he had never received more phone calls regarding any subject, than this issue has generated. "From what I got from the calls," he said, "the citizens did a lot to get this on the charter, and we shouldn't try to take it off. Even if we did, it may be too soon to try."

Rockett agreed that it may be too soon but added, "We have to let the people speak on this. The need is such that we need to renew our financial capability."

"From what I have heard discussed in the past 15 minutes," said Commissioner David Meador, "I see absolutely no way I can support this. While I support the intent, I don't think it will pass, and I would rather work on paving and drainage needs and other projects in other ways."

Commissioner Gary Breder agreed with Meador. "The odds of getting a paving package through the entire city are pretty remote," he said. "We ought to see how far we can go with a little project first, rather than biting off a big one."

"This may be too soon to do this," he added. "It may be 15 years before we get even eight or ten miles of street paved, but I have to stand against you, Mayor."

"This is probably the toughest vote I've had to make in my two years on the commission, Jore said, "but I'll go against it."

When Duryea made the motion for disapproval, the vote was 4-1. Rockett stood by his position, but the other four commissioners voted the matter down, and it was defeated on its first reading.

Land

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"We plan a multi department effort to improve this land," Jeffries said. "We get rid of the weeds, the police department will be sweeping up their debris to eliminate trash from the area."

Jeffries said clothing as well as other items have been located in the wood, indicating the area has been used for transient lodging.

"Our refuse department will be out there to clean up the larger debris," he said, "and before we know it a lot of it."

The city street department will join in the project and clean up what has been used as a dirt track running into the woods.

"We will also have bush hog equipment out there to do whatever is needed," Jeffries said.

Other work will include clearing the woods of unwanted vegetation, and eliminating low-hanging branches from the trees.

"We will begin our work this Tuesday morning," Jeffries said, "but because it is a job that may require a great deal of work, we will probably be out there once or twice each week until it is finished."

Jeffries said the work on clearing the property is being arranged so as not to interfere with regular work required by the crews.

The City Commission meanwhile, has still been examining several possible future uses for the land, which was purchased early this year from the Seminole County School Board.

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Budget passes; millage set

Lake Mary votes 4-1 on budget and millage rate

By NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The fiscal year 1993/94 budget received final approval and the millage rate officially set for Lake Mary last night. Both of the items passed with four to one votes with Commissioner George Duryea going against both items.

Duryea started the discussion on the millage rate. "I think we can lower the millage even more of we can keep our costs down," he said. "I realize this is the lowest millage rate in the entire county, but it should be trimmed down even more to help the citizens."

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-George Duryea

Commissioner David Meador responded, "I have concerns over what George just said. This should have been brought up earlier

during budget discussions rather than now at the last minute. If we do that, we'll have to cut some of our city services, and I think that would be incredibly unfair to both our city and the citizens."

Mayor Lowry Rockett said he could see both Commissioner Duryea's and Meador's points of view. "I have also given consideration to lowering the millage rate," he said, "but I can't see doing it at this time."

Rockett discussed the possibility of saving as much as \$40,000 through an adjustment in city employee insurance rates. "The problem with this is we don't have the money on hand," he said. "It's still in the

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Art teachers plan festival participation

Art teachers in Seminole County schools met this week to finalize plans for student exhibits and teacher participation in the Lake Mary-Heathrow Festival of the Arts over the Oct. 2 weekend. Seminole Art Education Association teachers at the planning session are standing

(from left): Karen Morgan, Lawton Elementary; Karen Branan, Sterling Park Elementary; and Gayle Bodie, Pinecrest Elementary. Seated (from left): Terry Colones, Geneva Elementary; Fran Kemp, county office; Dany Danley, Lake Oriata; and Carol Mears, Lake Howell.

Deadbeat dad

Family claims a Florida man owes \$80,000 in child support

By Associated Press

QUINCY, Mass. — Fifteen-year-old Jimmy Griffiths was sitting on a subway train, looking at a "deadbeat dad's" poster of child support violators, and he got angry enough to drop a dime on his father.

William J. Griffiths owes Jimmy, his mother and two brothers some \$80,000 in child support, officials say. But Jimmy, a Quincy High School sophomore, said officials in Massachusetts and in Florida, where his father now lives, have allowed his father to live comfortably.

"I'm ashamed of the judicial system which allows him to get away with this," he said. "If the state finds nothing, in my opinion, they are not even trying or they just don't care."

Jimmy called WHDH-TV, which cornered William Griffiths on his driveway in Brandon, Fla.

"I plan to go to court if they arrest him," the youth told the Boston Herald after watching a videotape of his father. "I'm going to ask him

why he did it. He has another family now and he pays for them but he won't pay for us. I want him to go to jail."

Brian Pedro, a spokesman for the Department of Revenue, which has an active program to arrest and prosecute deadbeat parents, said Griffiths' case apparently fell between court control and the department's jurisdiction. "We never got to take the case over," he said.

William Griffiths is set to appear in a Florida court Oct. 22 to answer the nonpayment charges.

Jimmy's mother, Elizabeth Jenkins, said her husband left her in December 1979 and they were divorced later that year. "He paid \$50, then he fled," she said.

He was arrested in 1980, and a Dedham Probate Court judge ordered him to pay \$8,000 and upped his weekly payment to \$130 to pay off the \$55,000 he then owed.

Jenkins said she received a \$4,000 payment and nothing else.

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery.

Case 5 Play 4
7-0-6 4-0-1-8
(seven, zero, six)

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THE WEATHER

Today: Sunny and hot. High in the low to mid 90s. Wind east 5-10 mph.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s with a light wind.
Saturday: Partly cloudy and hot. High in the low to mid 90s. Wind east 5-10 mph.
Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Lows in the lower 70s.

City	Hi	Lo	Pct
Daytona Beach	87	72	20
Pt. Leno Beach	88	72	20
Palm Bay	86	72	20
Titusville	86	72	20
Orlando	86	72	20
Winter Park	86	72	20
Sebring	86	72	20
Fort Pierce	86	72	20
St. Augustine	86	72	20
W. Palm Beach	86	72	20

Daytona Beach: Waves are 3 feet and glassy. Current is to the north with a water temperature of 80 degrees. New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 4 feet and a little choppy. Current is to the north, with a water temperature of 81 degrees.

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet: Today: Wind northeast to east 10 kts. Seas 2 to 3 ft. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated showers mainly south part. Tonight: Wind east 10 kts. Seas 2 to 3 ft. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated showers. Saturday: Wind southeast 10 kts. Seas 2 ft. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Widely scattered showers.

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low.

City	Hi	Lo	Pct	Off
Chicago	72	55	10	cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	95	78	10	cdy
Denver	64	47	10	cdy
Des Moines	71	49	10	rn
Detroit	68	51	10	cdy
Fargo	65	52	10	cdy
Honolulu	82	76	10	cdy
Jacksonville	83	65	10	rn
Kansas City	67	53	10	rn
Las Vegas	90	69	10	cdy
Little Rock	92	76	10	cdy
Los Angeles	77	57	10	cdy
Memphis	93	74	10	cdy
Minneapolis	62	52	10	cdy
Mpls-St. Paul	61	52	10	cdy
Nashville	79	64	10	cdy
New Orleans	94	73	10	cdy
New York City	71	60	10	cdy
Norfolk, Va.	65	61	10	cdy
North Platte	61	41	10	cdy
Oklahoma City	80	64	10	cdy
Omaha	64	46	10	cdy
Philadelphia	78	66	10	cdy
Phoenix	78	70	10	cdy
Pittsburgh	67	51	10	rn
Portland, Me.	60	50	10	cdy
Portland, Ore.	60	45	10	cdy
Richmond	84	60	10	cdy
Sacramento	84	60	10	cdy
St. Louis	80	60	10	rn
Salt Lake City	78	60	10	cdy
San Antonio	97	77	10	cdy
San Diego	72	64	10	cdy
San Francisco	71	61	10	cdy
San Jose, P.R.	80	70	10	cdy
Santa Fe	86	64	10	cdy
St. Joe, Mo.	63	46	10	cdy
Seattle	69	46	10	cdy
Shreveport	90	75	10	cdy
Sioux Falls	63	55	10	cdy
Spokane	70	55	10	cdy
Syracuse	61	52	10	cdy
Tampa	81	73	10	cdy
Tucson	90	68	10	cdy

The high temperature in Sanford Thursday was 92 degrees and the overnight low was 65 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Friday, totaled 0 inches.

The temperature at 9 a.m. today was 78 degrees and Thursday's overnight low was 72, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.

Other Weather Service data:
 Thursday's high.....92
 Barometric pressure.....30.10
 Relative humidity.....85 pct
 Wind.....NW 8 mph
 Rainfall.....0
 Today's sunset.....7:30 p.m.
 Tomorrow's sunrise.....7:15

POLICE BRIEFS

Drug-related charges

Two drug-related arrests were made by Sanford Special Investigations Unit police agents Wednesday night as they patrolled high-crime neighborhoods. Bobby Floyd, 26, 507 Seventh St., Sanford, was arrested on charges of marijuana and cocaine possession. Agents report seeing him drop a piece of "crack" cocaine as they patrolled the area of Celery and Locust Avenues.

Melvin William, 23, 2061 W. 18th St., Sanford, was arrested near Ninth Street and Pecan Avenue after agents report seeing him drinking an alcoholic beverage in the open. Agents report finding crack in his pants pocket and socks. William was arrested on charges of possession with intent to sell cocaine and possession of an open container of alcohol.

Resisting arrest

Sanford Special Investigations Unit police agents arrested Albert Warren, 19, 804 E. Eighth St., Sanford, on a resisting arrest charge Wednesday night. Police say Warren ran from them when they were investigating a complaint on Cypress Avenue.

Burglary charge

Brooke Courtney Salvatore, 18, 409 Tangelo Way, Sanford, was arrested at her home Wednesday afternoon on a burglary charge. Seminole County deputies report Salvatore broke into a neighbor's home and took a cash box and a jewelry box Sept. 5.

Warrants served

- The following wanted persons have been taken into custody:
- Leonard Brit, 30, 811 E. Seventh St., Sanford, was arrested Wednesday on a probation violation charge for two convictions for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
 - Brian Lamont Bailey, 22, 2728 Ridgewood Ave., Apt. 26, Sanford, was arrested on two warrant charges Wednesday, probation violation for a cocaine sale conviction and failure to appear in court to answer to a driving citation.
 - Samuel Mark Prodan, 35, 402 Temple Drive, Sanford, turned himself in to Sanford police on a Hillsborough County burglary charge.
 - Todd Michael Scott, 31, 318 Palmetto Ave., Sanford, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to appear in court to answer to a theft charge.
 - Olivia Marie Dawson, 21, 216 N. Second St., Lake Mary, was arrested on a probation violation charge for a battery conviction.
 - Roger Sherman Gaston, 23, 2421 Jitway Ave., Sanford, was arrested Wednesday on an Orange County robbery charge.
 - Alexandria Veronica Marion, 26, 1411 Dixie Way, Sanford, was arrested on four Volusia County charges, two violation of probation and two failure to appear in court. Each charge stemmed from worthless check charges.

Incidents reported to authorities

- The following crimes were reported to Seminole County deputies and Sanford police:
- A Mercury boat outdrive was reported taken from a Sanford man's boat at a business on E. State Road 46, near Sanford, sometime between 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Deputies note similar boat motors were taken from an auto dealer on South Sanford Avenue earlier this month.
 - An undisclosed amount of money was reported taken from the safe of a convenience store in the 300 block of S. Sanford Ave., Sanford, sometime between 11 p.m. Wednesday and 6:12 a.m. Thursday.
 - A vehicle valued at \$2,000 was reported taken from a residence in the 900 block of Cedar Creek Circle, Sanford, sometime between 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.
 - A stereo from a 1984 Toyota at a residence in the 100 block of Eastwind Court, Sanford, sometime Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. A victim reported his home was also entered, but nothing appeared missing.
 - A home in the 400 block of Scott Avenue was reported burglarized sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 1:05 p.m. Wednesday.
 - A home in the 100 block of North Mellonville Avenue was reported burglarized sometime Wednesday between 11:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.
 - A man reported his home in the 1000 block of Pecan Avenue was burglarized sometime between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 4:40 a.m. Thursday. The man reported finding several of his household possessions in his yard.

Beer theft

Greg Allan Bartlet, 35, of First Street, Sanford, and Shawn Michael Flynn, 19, with no local address, were arrested by sheriff's deputies Tuesday. Deputies said Flynn apparently took two packs of beer from a convenience store in the 100 block of N. French Avenue, and as he fled, he reportedly handed one pack to Bartlet. Both were apprehended and charged with retail theft.

Cigarette thefts

Sanford police arrested Steve Lawrence Whitted, 31, of 201 Ramblewood Drive, Sanford, on Tuesday. The arrest was made following a photo line-up identification of the man believed to have been involved in the theft of four packs of cigarettes Sunday from a convenience store in the 300 block of E. 25th Street. According to the arrest report, the victim also identified Whitted as having been involved with the theft of 10 packs of cigarettes on Sept. 1, 40 packs of cigarettes on Sept. 3, and possibly others on Sept. 16. Whitted was arrested on three separate charges of retail theft.

Beer and cigarette theft

Sanford police arrested Kenneth Maurice McGill, 27, 2081 Airport Blvd., at the jail Tuesday. He had been identified as a suspect in the theft of 10 packs of cigarettes from a convenience store in the 2000 block of W. First Street on Sept. 16, and a case of beer from the same store, on Sept. 15. McGill was charged on two counts of retail theft.

Vehicles damaged

Sheriff's deputies are seeking the identity of a man seen driving a Buick recklessly in the parking area of the Crossings near Lake Mary, at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday. Deputies said the Buick struck four separate vehicles and demolished a number of trees before being forced to a stop when the right front tire blew out. Investigators said several metal cable boxes and street signs were also damaged. The driver of the car fled before officers could apprehend him. The vehicle was later found to have been stolen in Lake Mary.

Woman says she endured abuse

By The Associated Press

MANASSAS, Va. — A woman who cut off her husband's penis says she was driven to it by abuse, but the final decision was on impulse while she was in the kitchen getting a drink of water after having been forced to have sex.

"I was crying, and I just wanted to get a glass of water and I just turned, I was drinking the water and the first thing I saw was the knife," Lorena Bobbitt, 24, told ABC's "20/20" in her first interview since the incident, which took place in June at the couple's home in Manassas, Va.

The interview was to be shown tonight.

She said she had endured years of sexual and physical abuse before striking back, and sometimes feared he would kill her.

"He would be on top of me ... and he would use his two thumbs to actually choke me, and every time he did that he hit me," she said.

"It felt like there's no air any more. I kind of feel like I was going to pass out, and everything was white... He choked me again and that's how he forced me into sex."

Bobbitt, faces trial on a malicious wounding charge stemming from the incident, to which she has admitted her involvement.

Her husband of four years, John Wayne Bobbitt, 28, has been charged with marital sexual assault — a charge he denies.

The incident grabbed international headlines and provoked a media debate on relations between the sexes.

In the "20/20" interview, Mrs.

Bobbitt described a pattern of fights and beatings that she said drove her to the mutilation.

"He told me that that kind of sexual, sex, forced sex excited him, and I would just cry."

She settled in the United States in 1987, met John Bobbitt and married him in 1989. Troubles began almost immediately, she said. On at least one occasion, he was arrested and charged with assault and battery for hitting his wife in the face. They reunited in September 1992 after one year's separation.

The Ecuadorian-born Bobbitt said that after she told her husband she was pregnant he said she would not be a good mother and suggested she get an abortion, which she reluctantly did.

She said she felt her husband, a former Marine based at Quantico, Va., used hand-to-hand combat training on her.

John Bobbitt declined to be interviewed for the program, but his attorney, Greg Murphy, said his client absolutely denies abusing her.

"He is not known to be a person who is easy to anger."

Murphy said, "There is nothing there other than her saying that this went on."

Lorena Bobbitt said that on the night of June 22, she had packed her bags to leave, but spent the night at the house. She was asleep in bed with her clothes on when her husband and a friend came home after a night out drinking, she said. The friend went to sleep on the living room couch, she said, and John Bobbitt went into the bedroom and forced her to have sex.

Afterwards, "He said, 'I don't care for you,'" she said.

Asked what she was thinking at the time, Lorena Bobbitt said: "Things about the abortion. That I am not going to be a good

mother... So many things. He torturing me. When he was beating me up, when he had forced sex with me. Everything, it just came so fast."

Then she went back into the bedroom with the knife, lifted the sheets back and cut his penis completely off, she said.

She added that after she drove away, she discovered she was holding the penis in her hand, and threw it out the window into a field.

An emergency crew later recovered it, and it was reattached in a 9 1/2-hour operation.

He faces a jury trial on Nov. 8. Her trial is set for Nov. 29. If convicted, both could serve up to 20 years in prison.

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Illegal on the road? Smokie prowling

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — "Smokie" will be on the prowl for bald tires and impaired motorists on area roads during the next several weeks.

Beginning today, Florida Highway Patrol troopers will set up vehicle and driver inspections on several local roadways. Traffic will be stopped during daylight hours and safety equipment such as tires and headlights will be examined to assure they are sound. Drivers licenses and vehicle registration will also be checked. Any criminal law violators, such as drunken drivers, will be met with arrest.

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- Sept. 24 to 30: County Road 15, Eden Park Drive, Bunnell Road, Dike Road, Dodd Road, East and West Lake Brantley Roads, E.E. Williamson Road, Charlotte Street and Orange Boulevard.
- Oct. 1 to 7: Gen. J.C. Hutchinson Parkway, Eden Park Drive, Bunnell Road, Dike Road, Dodd Road, East and West Lake Brantley Roads, E.E. Williamson Road, Charlotte Street and Orange Boulevard.
- Oct. 8 to 14: Celery Avenue, Eden Park Drive, Bunnell Road, Dike Road, Dodd Road, East and West Lake Brantley Roads, E.E. Williamson Road, Charlotte Street and Orange Boulevard.
- Oct. 15 to 21: Gen. J.C. Hutchinson Parkway, Eden Park Drive, Bunnell Road, Dike Road, Dodd Road, East and West Lake Brantley Roads, E.E. Williamson Road, Charlotte Street and Orange Boulevard.
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EDITORIALS

Can you read this?

It once seemed as simple as the phraseology in a student's primer.

First graders romped up hills with Dick and Jane and a dog named Spot.

By fourth grade, exotic lands beckoned clipper ships sailed by swashbuckling students who battled dark, mysterious pirates with eyepatches and peglegs.

By high school, Twain, Hemingway, Steinbeck and Poe were old friends.

Bound in primers and gold-stenciled hardbacks were words, simple to intricate, with the powerful impact of bringing the world home.

Only reading can do that.

So what went wrong?

A national study released recently shows that nearly 50 percent of American adults and teens have seriously inadequate literacy skills.

The Florida Writing Assessment Test results released earlier this month show Florida fourth graders rated a dismal 2.0 on a scale of 6. Seminole County schools averaged a not-much-better 2.3, but sadly, Sanford fourth graders, except for Wilson Elementary, fell below even the state average.

According to materials released by the state, a paper that earned a score of two "may be only slightly related to the topic, exhibits little information, exhibits little evidence of an organizational pattern, has a minimal of supporting ideas, and may contain many errors in spelling and punctuation."

Seminole County school district officials have now said they are committed to spending money on programs that will ensure students a good foundation in reading and writing.

This plan must be more than idle talk. State and county elementary schools have apparently promoted children from kindergarten all the way to fourth grade and then tested them to determine they can neither read nor write well.

And almost half of all Americans are constantly struggling with the very thing that defines all there is to know about everything: words.

We encourage schools to continue pushing, monitoring and testing students until the three R's: Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic, are ingrained.

We hope the next *Herald* story about literacy reflects a rise in current shocking statistics.

And we hope that all students will be able to read all about it.

...then try this next

Each year since 1955, our nation has observed Constitution Week, from Sept. 17 through 23. It marks the anniversary of the initial approval on Sept. 17, 1787 of the document which has held our nation together for over two centuries.

While we must be concerned about recent statistics regarding people who cannot read, we must also look at those who don't bother to read. In this case, to read the Constitution of the United States.

Do we really understand what happened, "...in the course of human events?" Are we aware of what rights are ours through the various amendments to the constitution?

A number of organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, take pride in not only reading but studying the Constitution. Their number however, is too few in comparison with the number of Americans who are governed by its words.

Immigrants coming to this country are urged to read the Constitution as they pursue citizenship. Those who were born here often forget about it.

There is a definite need to help those who are unable to read. The problem must be given serious consideration.

Along with this however, is the need to help those who can read. Find a copy of the Constitution and read it. Discuss it with friends and family. It will be not only informational, but perhaps an awakening to the greatness we have as Americans.

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.

CHUCK STONE

Peace breaks out in the Middle East

At Karl Marx's funeral, 110 years ago, Friedrich Engels explained the reason for conflicts between nations with more insight than did last week's effusive analyses of that momentous peace accord signed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"(Marx)," said Engels, "discovered the simple fact that human beings must have food and drink, clothing and shelter, first of all, before they can interest themselves in politics, science, art, religion and the like."

Or as the Grand Inquisitor declared in Dostoyevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov:" "Feed men first, then ask of them virtue."

Men have always fought and died valiantly over differences between politics, religions and races. They still do.

But the economics of life is what drove East Germany to dismantle the Berlin Wall in 1989. The economics of decline compelled Gorbachev to restructure the Soviet Union's collapsing economy with a massive shift of resources from the military in 1990. In that same year, the economics of sanctions forced President de Klerk to release African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela from prison and begin the process toward a multiracial democracy.

In 1993, the economics of mutual survival

nudged two historic antagonists, Israel and the PLO, to embrace peace.

But more than economic reality was needed to bring Israel and the PLO together. Although a religious vision had inspired both, the powerful narcotic of hatred had kept them imprisoned in mutual dungeons of isolation. A new vision uncluttered by hate was needed.

As *Time* magazine's writer, Johanna McCreary, so eloquently recapitulated, "Statesmen preen with the conceit that they can alter the forces of history and cool the passion of humanity with their bold leadership or clever diplomacy, and on occasion they do."



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For decades, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has preened with one of the biggest egos, believing that terrorism could maintain him as the balance of power in the Middle East equation.

But his ego made one wretched miscalculation and it was the victim of another unanticipated calculation. Arafat wilfully backed Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, thereby alienating his two primary benefactors, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both of whom are terrified of extremists like Saddam Hussein. And Gorbachev's new policies of perestroika and glasnost left Arafat twisting in the wind with no political or economic support from the communists.

Only when a distinguished Norwegian scholar with a vision of peace fortuitously offered his good offices was Arafat's face saved.

But good offices are merely what former U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg once called the modalities of negotiation. The new Palestinian sovereignty must be undergirded with massive economic aid and U.S. support. Cooperation must take place between and with the other Middle East "Big Three": Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.



ROBERT WAGMAN

Is Gore plan smoke and mirrors?

WASHINGTON — Under the chairmanship of Vice President Al Gore, the President's National Performance Review has concluded that the "federal government is not simply broke, it is broken" — a conclusion shared by numerous past panels and commissions. However, those who put this new study together insist it is essentially different, and that it has a greater chance of acceptance and of working.

The new report, with its 800-odd recommendations, has been compared with the Grace Commission's, which, in 1994, ended a two-year look at government reorganization for Ronald Reagan. But David Osborne, author of the book "Reinventing Government," and a consultant to Gore, says: "The Grace Commission was a group of businessmen coming in and telling government how to reform itself. That can never work at any level of government because those doing the review basically distrust government and essentially only want to make it smaller."

"The National Performance Review was done by people within government who believe that government can work and who want to make it work better and more efficiently. Their recommendations must carry more weight than those of previous panels."

That this report was the work of government bureaucrats can be seen in its central theme: The way to achieve more efficient, effective and cheaper government is to free up government employees to be more efficient and effective.

The Performance Review says government must cut red tape by shifting "from a system based on accountability for following rules to one where employees are accountable for achieving results" and that employees must be "empowered to get results" by "decentralizing authority and empowering those who work on the front lines to make more of their own decisions and solve more of their own problems."

Osborne was asked if it might not be difficult to sell to the American people a program based on giving bureaucrats more power and autonomy when most Americans believe that all government workers are lazy, incompetent and dishonest.

Osborne dismissed that characterization. "The polling data shows that the average American does not believe that of government workers."

"Have you listened to Rush Limbaugh lately?" Osborne was asked.

"Rush Limbaugh does not represent the average American," was his reply.

But realizing that the new report is essentially authored by career government employees also provides another way of examining it. At the core of some of its most sweeping recommendations is an age-old,

inside-the-beltway argument over who has ultimate authority over executive agencies — the executive branch or Congress.

Essentially, government bureaucrats hate Congress constantly looking over their shoulders and telling them how to do their jobs. The theme that is repeated over and over in the new recommendations is that Congress should budget over two-year cycles to give agencies more leeway, and that Capitol Hill should stop micromanaging agencies and should simply appropriate money, then get out of the way.

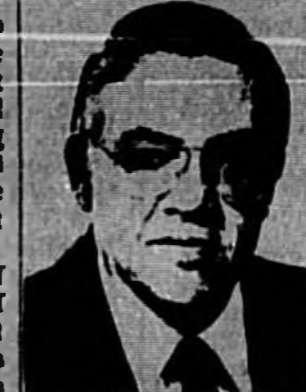
This oversight, of course, is one of Congress's most cherished powers. Its traditional answer to those who charge it is too involved in running federal agencies is to blame the founding fathers who set up the legislative branch as a check on the executive branch.

Other parts of the report can be read as one group of bureaucrats settling some old intramural scores.

One example: The Performance Review's executive director is Bob Stone, who has been on loan to Gore from the Pentagon, where he is deputy assistant secretary for Installations. Stone has long been known for his antipathy toward the General Services Administration because the Pentagon is forced to rent much of its leased space through GSA while paying a premium that goes to fund GSA's new construction program.

The Performance Review castigates GSA and essentially recommends putting it out of the real estate business by allowing all agencies and departments to go directly to the private sector to lease or obtain space.

One high-level Capitol Hill staffer long involved in issues of federal real estate acquisition and management laughed when reading this recommendation: "This has no chance of being accepted by the Hill. We learned long ago that decentralized property acquisition is actually more expensive because agencies compete with one another for prime space and that drives the price up, not down. This recommendation is not reinventing government. It's just Bob Stone's revenge."



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JACK ANDERSON

Experts still can't figure out Arafat

WASHINGTON — Yasser Arafat has long been something of an enigma to U.S. policy-makers and intelligence analysts. Each time they thought they had him pegged, he sprung a surprise.

The biggest surprise, of course, has been the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman's willingness to momentarily forego a solution to the thorny Jerusalem question in favor of a temporary lesser gain, the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

In light of the recent historic step toward peace, a highly classified Central Intelligence Agency "psychological profile" of Arafat, written up during the Reagan administration, is particularly intriguing today.

The report begins by disparaging Arafat's physical appearance. The CIA considered his appearance to be a psychological flaw because "he has not set out nor managed to charm the Western leadership by his rather bizarre demeanor."

The CIA opined that "Arafat, to a Westerner, presents a somewhat unattractive picture. He is physically short and somewhat paunchy with a hint of deformity. His unkempt beard — or excuse for one — adds to the image of a dirty and careless person. His clothes do little to add to his appearance but probably serve the purpose of disguising his ungainly body."

Arafat is short — there was a platform placed for him at the White House ceremony to give him the same height at the podium as President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin — and somewhat overweight, too. But the beard is full. Because it's a salt-and-pepper beard, it tends to wash out and appear unshaven in pictures and on TV.

The CIA acknowledged that his appearance, however bizarre, did not have any negative impact on his Palestinian comrades or sympathetic Arabs. "They are more interested in his political power, his leadership and his ability to plan and recruit. They are concerned about how the PLO will function and what influence it will have on settling the Palestinian question. His appearance and style appear to be purposeful, to add drama, to make him stand out from his Palestinian colleagues who generally dress more Western and more conservatively."

Arafat has eschewed opulence, living something of an ascetic life, most of which he spent in airplanes, flitting around the globe in diplomatic meetings. The CIA observed that "he has always lived simply and somewhat chaotically. Another pose? Probably, again to create interest and attention. He is one of the few identified PLO members whose face is well-known, even though tactics and strategy are a committee responsibility. In this case, Arafat is a spokesman but his true power is difficult to fathom." At least to the CIA.

The CIA profile was prescient about Arafat when it came to flexibility. He's described as someone who is full of surprises, preying his secrets dealings with his sworn enemies, the Israelis:

"Mr. Arafat appears to be a sensitive, outwardly oriented individual who seeks constantly to update his informational systems, not just rely on past views. He is a moderate, not wedded to one particular ideology, whose broad goal is to establish, and undoubtedly personally control, a Palestinian state. He behaves as if this flexibility in seeking adaptations of old solutions is a means of survival."

The CIA also wrote: "He's a vacillator, a compromiser, not from strength but probably because nuances of the political context escape his mind."



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Discipline policy at a glance

The following is an abbreviated version of the Pine Crest Elementary School administrative discipline policy/procedure when guidelines established by the P.E.C. Action Committee fail to alter a student's behavior:

First Violation:
 *Administrative conference with student to discuss infraction, design plan to resolve problem. Phone conference with parents or guardian may be made.

Second Violation:
 *Automatic after school detention, administrator assigns time, either 30 or 45 minutes. Parent/guardian contacted by phone or letter prior to detention.

Third Violation:
 *Mandatory parent/student conference,

development of joint plan of action by child, parent and member of Student Assistance Team. At administrator's discretion, student may be suspended until conference.

Fourth Violation:
 *Automatic Saturday school detention. Parents contacted by phone or letter prior to detention. Suspension warning letter will notify parent that fifth violation results in automatic suspension for a length of time determined by administrator and Student Assistance Team.

Fifth Violation:
 *Mandatory suspension. Mandatory conference with parent, child, administrator and Student Assistance Team before student is allowed to return to school.

Fire

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The fire, which initially started Saturday at the AAA Tree Service at County Road 427 and Charlotte Street, now encompasses three to five acres of the 17 acre property. Longwood Fire Chief Charles Chapman told the commissioners.

Mayor Paul Lovstrand and commissioners Steve Miller and Fred Pearl agreed to allocate \$20,000 from the city's contingency fund for the fire-fighting foam. Chapman assured the commissioners he will not spend the funds unless it is necessary to extinguish the smoldering blaze. Commissioners Rex Anderson and Harvey Smerison could not attend the 5 p.m. session.

The three commissioners also appointed finance director Dan McNutt, acting city administrator, to deal with the situation under the emergency powers ordinance.

The exhausted chief, who had been at the fire scene for nearly 40 hours, said firemen from Longwood, Sanford, Winter Springs, Seminole County, and Altamonte Springs are rotating on two hour shifts to fight the fire. Officials from the Department of Forestry and the Seminole County Emergency Management team are also at the site. He said 1.3 million gallons of water have been poured on the burning mulch piles. An additional quantity of wetting agent to help the water penetrate deeper into the mulch wood piles was ordered Thursday.

Fire fighters worked through the night Thursday to prevent the fire from flaring up again. Chapman told the commissioners to stop the fire from spreading by putting out the fire.

Approaching the money, Pearl suggested that the business be billed for the extraordinary costs of fighting the fire. The business is owned by Henry and Mary Hardy, parents of former city mayor

Budget

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projected stage, and I hesitate to set a lower millage rate based on an unknown factor."

Commissioner Gary Brender admitted he had also considered going to the rolled-back rate for millage based on the insurance saving, but could not support it at the present time.

Commissioner A.R. "Doc" Jore agreed. "I feel the city has taken many house-keeping items and pushed them back because there is never enough money," he said. "But to lower the millage would mean only a few pennies for taxpayers, but make a big difference in the city's budget."

Jore added, "Let's get practical. We can't keep putting things off. If we do, we are going to pay for it later."

As an example, he mentioned the lack of funds to provide a

covered area for certain city owned vehicles, which he expected will take more of a toll on the vehicles in the future.

Only Duryea voted against the millage rate, and the matter passed for final reading.

The operating budget for the year beginning October 1, 1993 is \$4,671,971.

The millage rate remained at 3.7648, where it has been for the past two years. With the increasing number of properties on the tax roll, and increases in evaluations for some structures, the city will obtain \$242,528 more in total revenue income this year, with income from taxes estimated by Finance Director Randy Knight at \$101,223 more than last year.

The largest expense on the new budget is for police operations and support, which is budgeted at \$1,579,766. The figure is \$133,453 more than allocated in the 1992/93 budget.

Knife

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were aware the concerned parents wanted to address the problem in the public forum.

The versions of the Sept. 13 incident are slightly different. The parents of one little girl said their daughter told them she and a boy were in the back of their fourth grade classroom when a second girl picked up a knife and made three stabbing like motions toward her. The alleged victim said she pushed the boy out of the way and ducked to keep from being struck. The brown plastic handled knife with a pointed tip and serrated blade had been left on a counter from a teacher get-together the Friday before. The knife apparently went unnoticed until the student picked it up.

The first girl said the substitute teacher and an adult assistant were in the room at the time of the late day incident.

The parents of the alleged victim initially removed their daughter from the school for home schooling but decided she should return to Pine Crest. They requested the girl who had

the knife be counseled not expelled. However, they wanted the substitute teacher and teacher's assistant suspended without pay until a full investigation was conducted.

Jennings said she did not learn about the incident until the mother telephoned her. By that time, the adults and children were gone from school. The regular classroom teacher did not return until two days later (Wednesday). Jennings began interviewing some of the principals in the incident along with reviewing the file on the girl who picked up the knife.

Jennings said both the teacher's assistant and girl with the knife said the assistant was out of the room, when the girl picked up the knife. The substitute teacher took the knife from the girl and gave it to the assistant when she returned. Further, Jennings said the student was waving the knife in the air, not aiming it at any other students.

The boy who was with the alleged victim was not interviewed, the girl's parents charge, and, initially, the wrong girl was called in for questioning

as the one who swung the knife.

The girl who picked up the knife is being counseled, Jennings said. Her parents were notified of the incident and she was "severely punished" by them.

Jennings said an administrative discipline policy/procedure has been drawn up and Pine Crest teachers and staff members are being told every incident must be reported to the administrators. Open lines of communication are being established to deal with any situation.

"I'm getting calls on this incident now," Jennings said. "I think its being blown up way out of proportion."

She said one mother called to

say she heard a black boy had swung a knife at a Caucasian girl. The girl with the knife was black and the one who said she was threatened is white.

Jennings said she consulted with her director, Nancy McNamara, about the situation and was told she handled it properly. She said she does not plan to have the substitute teacher who was supervising the class in question return to the school.

A program will be implemented, Jennings said, to show children how to deal with problems they may encounter.

The meeting of parents and educators will be scheduled as soon as possible, Jennings added.

Complaints

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Education) with enough evidence to warrant an investigation," Supt. Paul Hagerty said the complaint is "based on false information."

Another group has filed a similar complaint with the Department of Justice.

Roger Murphy, a spokesman for the Department of Education, said the complaint alleges that the schools with the heaviest concentration of minority students do not provide adequate buildings or equipment for the students.

"It is a reasonable assumption that they are alleging that the education the student are receiving is also inadequate," Murphy said.

Luvetra York, speaking on behalf of the civil rights division of the Department of Justice, said she has been looking into the situation here for several years as a result of other complaints and believes there may be cause to assign an "equity consultant" to Seminole County.

"I think we need to take a look at the funding process in Seminole County," York said.

Billy Higgins, representing the group that filed the complaint with the Justice Department, said that he has also written to Attorney General Janet Reno in an attempt to draw attention to the problems in the Sanford schools.

The complainants who filed the DOE complaint do not wish to be identified publically, because they fear retaliation for their actions.

Murphy said that retaliatory acts often follow the filing of such a complaint.

"And though we have to go out of our way not to identify the individual, we do try to protect those who file the complaints," Murphy said.

According to those who filed the complaint, which was filed on Aug. 27 of this year, the district discriminates on the basis of race because a disproportionate number of blacks are enrolled in Sanford schools resulting in inferior CTBS scores, inferior opportunities and increased disciplinary problems.

Higgins said the resources are not equitable in the Sanford schools.

"We have the greatest faculty

anywhere," he said of the Sanford schools. "But we don't have the resources to allow them to do an equitable job of educating the students in Sanford."

The DOE complainants say the school district has skewed the numbers so that it appears they are spending more money on the improvement of Sanford schools.

"They are turning things around and trying to make themselves look good," one of the complainants said.

The amount of money the district claims to be spending is "bull," the complainant said. According to Rosh Khatri, the district's budget coordinator, the numbers provided by the district include all expenses at the school from teachers' salaries to administrative costs, to construction costs.

The cost of constructing the new Academy of Health Careers is included in the figures provided for Seminole High School, for example.

The complainants say their numbers are limited to the dollars spent only on educating the students.

Hagerty continues to contend the school district spends more on the schools in Sanford and added that the district provides "significantly more staff" at schools in the northernmost part of the county.

He was unable to provide an explanation, however, as to why the Sanford schools continue to perform worse than schools elsewhere in the district on standardized tests such as the CTBS and the state writing assessment.

"I don't know," he said.

Hagerty added that any number of factors including the high concentration of "socioeconomically disadvantaged" students in the Sanford schools could account for the low scores.

Higgins said the school board has "the opportunity to manage the schools fairly," but he is "not sure they have done that."

The district has, Higgins said, "provided us with rhetoric and not really given us anything tangible."

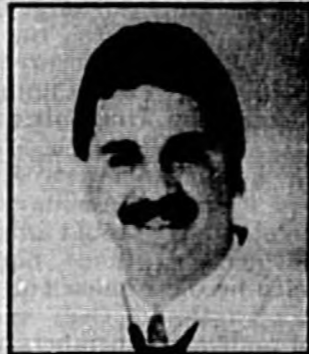
Both complaints are being processed by their respective agencies and responses are expected by the early part of 1994.

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LILLIAN C. ANDERSON
Lillian C. Anderson, 76, Jamestown Blvd., Altamonte Springs, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1993, at her residence. Born Nov. 7, 1916 in Marie, Iowa, she moved to Central Florida in 1964. She was a dietitian at Bergen-Mercy Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

Survivors include son, Jan. Altamonte Springs; daughters, Judith Hill, Fresno, Calif., Nancy Lynne Peacock, Radford, Va.; Helen Frey, Minneapolis, Miriam Wilder, Indianapolis, Barbara Bittner, Nashville; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Forest City, in charge of arrangements.

OTHELLA BOWERS
Deacon Othella Bowers, 71, of Prescott Blvd., Deltona, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Sept. 14, 1922 in Bascom, Florida, he moved to Central Florida from Somerset, N.J. in 1989. He was a retired tape machine operator for Johnson & Johnson. He was Baptist, and (Chairman) Deacon

of the Board of New Hope Baptist Church, Deltona. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include wife, Vernia. Deltona; son Othella Bowers, Jr., Eagan, Minn.; daughter, Thoreather B. Long, Greenwood, Fl.; brother, Robert Allen Bowers, Newark, N.J.; sister Vortie Milton, Newark, N.J.; three grandchildren.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

WILFRED H. CONRAD
Wilfred H. Conrad, 73, Hartwell Street, Royston, Ga., died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993 at Anderson Area Medical Center, Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he resided in Sanford for many years, and was a practicing attorney before his retirement. Most recently, he was a writer. He was the son of Marie Yackman Conrad and the Late William Conrad. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was Methodist.

Survivors include mother, Marie Yackman Conrad, Royston; wife, Peggie Duncan

Conrad, Royston; daughter Cathy Conrad, Royston; brother Royal W. Conrad, Tampa.

Fruite Funeral Home, Royston, Georgia, in charge of arrangements.

THEODORE ROBERTS
Theodore Roberts, 54, West Chapman Road, Oviedo, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 1993 at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. Born Oct. 5, 1938 in Slade, Ky., he moved to Central Florida in 1947. He was a retired electrician with Local 606 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a Seventh-day Adventist. He was a Mason for the Oviedo Lodge.

Survivors include sons, Mark, Willie, Matt, John, all of Goldenrod; daughters, Debra Smith, Carol D. Wells, both of Goldenrod; brothers David, Goldenrod, Gobel, Newport, Ky.; sisters Sarah Gilbert, Cincinnati, Maricita Smith, Dorothy Pendarvis, both of Orlando, Margie Patterson, Betty Nell, both of Goldenrod; eight grandchildren.

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SCWBA happenings

SANFORD — The Seminole County Womens Bowling Association is having an open meeting. No Tap tournament and a garage sale.

The S.C.W.B.A. open meeting is to be held on Sunday, Sept. 26 at BowlAmerica Sanford with the No Tap Tournament following the meeting.

The SCWBA garage sale to raise funds for ways & means is to be held at BowlAmerica Sanford on Sunday, October 3 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. All donations appreciated.

For information contact Mardell Gonterman at 321-0482 or Dottie Hogan at 324-4257.

AROUND THE STATE

Magic ink forward

ORLANDO — Larry Krystkowiak celebrated his 29th birthday Thursday by signing a two-year contract with the Orlando Magic.

Krystkowiak, an unrestricted free agent, will be paid nearly \$740,000 a year and includes a one-year out. The Orlando Sentinel reported.

Krystkowiak, a 6-foot-9 power forward, played as a backup for Utah last year and averaged 7.2 points, 3.9 rebounds and 19.2 minutes a game.

AROUND THE WORLD

Panthers win

OTTAWA — Scott Mellanby scored with 2:01 remaining to give the Florida Panthers a 2-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators in NHL exhibition play Thursday night.

Mellanby ended more than 40 scoreless minutes when he combined with veterans Brian Skrudland and Dave Lowry on nifty three-way passing play that ended with the winning score.

Alexandre Daigle scored his first goal for Ottawa at 14:56 of the first period, when he took a breakaway pass at the blueline and whipped a wrist shot past goalie Mark Fitzpatrick.

But 21 seconds later, Panthers defenseman Gord Murphy tied the game with a low shot off the post behind Ottawa rookie Darren Madeley.

An Aussie olympics

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Stability prevailed over political risk when Sydney edged Beijing for the right to the 2000 Summer Olympics.

In selecting the picturesque harbor city, the International Olympic Committee returned, the world's biggest sports spectacle Down Under for the first time since the 1956 Melbourne Games.

Beijing, considered the favorite, led in three of four rounds of secret balloting by 89 IOC voters. But as the competing cities of Istanbul, Turkey, Berlin, and Manchester, England, were eliminated, votes swung to Sydney and enabled it to defeat Beijing 45-43 on the final ballot.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Varsity Football

- DeLand at Lake Howell, 7:30 p.m.
- Deltona at Lake Mary, 7:30 p.m.
- Oviedo at Spruce Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

- Deltona at Lake Brantley, Junior varsity at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow.
- Master's Academy and Trinity Christian at Orangewood Christian, Master's Academy at 5 p.m., Trinity Christian at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cross Country

- Lake Brantley, Lyman in Florida State Invitational at FSU Golf Course, 8 a.m.
- Lake Mary at Daytona Beach Beach Run, 9 a.m.
- Oviedo Invitational at Central Winds Park, 8 a.m.

Boys' Soccer

- St. Petersburg-Keswick Christian at Orangewood Christian, 11 a.m.

Boys' Volleyball

- Lake Brantley hosting Patriot Power Tournament, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

- Lake Mary at Middleburg, tri-meet, noon and 1:30 p.m.

Swimming

- Lake Brantley in Bishop Moore Invitational at Longwood Aquatic Club, prelims at 8 a.m. with finals at 4 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV

BASEBALL

- 7:30 p.m. — ESPN, TBS, National League, Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies, (L)

Complete listings on Page 2B

All's quiet on SAC front

Seminoles, Patriots, Greyhounds take the week off

By TONY DeSORMIER
Herald Sports Editor

Momentum doesn't mean a thing if you're all banged up.

For example, take the Lake Brantley High School football team, which is idle this week after registering a pair of impressive victories over Lake Mary and Lake Howell its last two times out.

"We need this week off," said Lake Brantley coach Fred Almon after the Patriots defeated Lake Howell 36-12 last Friday. "We've got a bunch of bumps and bruises. We need to get

healed up and we need some time to work on some things."

The Patriots aren't be the only ones taking the week off. Both the Seminole Fighting Seminoles (who defeated Oviedo 23-14 last week, and the Lyman Greyhound (coming off a 13-6 upset of Mainland) are idle this week.

Ironically, the three Seminole County teams that lost last week — Lake Howell, Oviedo, and Lake Mary (which fell to DeLand, 9-7) — will have a chance to bounce back tonight.

Both the Lake Mary Rams and Lake Howell Silver Hawks are still in search of their first victory of the 1993 campaign and hope to break

into the win column tonight in home games against 5A-District 4 opponents.

The Rams (0-3 overall, 0-2 in the district) will entertain the surprising Deltona Wolves (2-1, 1-1 in the district) at Don T. Reynolds Stadium while at Lake Howell's Richard L. Evans Field, the Silver Hawks (0-2, 0-1 in the district) host the undefeated DeLand Bulldogs (3-0, 3-0 in the district).

Oviedo (1-2, 1-0 in the district) will be on the road tonight, visiting Volusia County to play the Spruce Creek Hawks (0-2, 0-1 in the district).

All three games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.



Herald Photo by Mark Harris

There's no such thing as "just another match" when Lake Mary and Oviedo meet on the volleyball court. Even though it was the first of a possible three

meetings between the two schools this season, Coach Cindy Henry (left) and her Lake Mary Rams were ecstatic after beating the Oviedo Lions Thursday night.

Rams top Lions in another classic

From Staff Reports

OVIDEO — Lake Mary and Oviedo were at it again Thursday night.

The two dominant schools in the sport of girls volleyball over the last five years, the Lake Mary Rams and Oviedo Lions seem to hook up in epic confrontations whenever they meet, regardless of the circumstances.

Last night was no different, as Lake Mary posted a 15-1, 13-15, 15-13 victory over Oviedo. The Rams wasted a 9-1 lead in the second game while the Lions squandered a 13-8 advantage in the third.

"It was an up-and-down situation," said Lake Mary coach Cindy Henry. "It was one crazy match. We were up 9-1 in the second game and it was like this cloud came over the court. It affected the whole team."

"The girls seem to get a relaxation thing going, a very casual type of play. In a big match against a team like Oviedo, that will catch up with you. And it looked like it happened to Oviedo, because we were down 13-5 in the third game and suddenly the cloud seemed to move over to their side of the court."

Oviedo coach Anita Carlson couldn't explain it either. "We controlled the third game," said Carlson. "We were up 13-5, but we couldn't get last couple of points. The serve just kept going back and forth. It was a tough loss, especially after the younger girls came in and played so hard to get us back into the match."

According to their coaches, Lake Mary's Lindy Longstaff and Oviedo's Stephanie Noiseux were pillars of consistency for their respective teams in an extremely inconsistent match.

See Volleyball, Page 2B

Lake Mary unbeaten in 'new season'

From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY — Two matches into its "new season" and the Lake Mary High School boys volleyball team still is undefeated after beating the visiting Boone Braves 15-7, 11-15, 15-6 Thursday night.

Combined with the 2-4 mark in their "old season," the two wins even the Rams' record at 4-4.

"That (reaching .500) means something," said Lake Mary coach

Bill Whalen. "After the Lake Howell match (which the Rams lost this past Monday), we had a very strong practice the next day.

"Basically, we wiped the slate clean and started over. It's a new season and we're 2-0. Hopefully, we can continue on from there."

"We played real well in the first game," Whalen said. "Then we went back to our old ways in the second game, where we gave Boone 10 points on unforced errors.

"In the third game, we started off a little slow, getting behind 0-2. But we came back to go up 8-2 and cruised from there. We have a couple of good matches coming up next week. We have to continue to

See Boys, Page 2B

Harriers running around the state this weekend

From Staff Reports

Everybody's going everywhere this weekend. After three weeks of head-to-head competition, the Seminole County high school cross country teams will be scattered across the state Saturday.

The Lyman girls, ranked No. 1 in this week's Class 5A state poll, will be looking for their fourth consecutive team victory when they compete in the Florida State Invitational.

Led by Kianah Bresnick and Kelly Hudson (seventh and 10th, respectively, in the individual state rankings), the Greyhounds are coming off wins in the Titusville Great Outdoors, Lake Mary, and Edgewater meets.

Lake Brantley, ranked sixth in both the girls' and boys state polls, also is scheduled to participate in the FSU meet, which will be run on the FSU golf course.

Heading in the other direction (sort of) will be the Lake Mary Rams, who will participate in the Daytona Beach-Seabreeze Beach Run. Last year, the Lake Mary girls won the event while the boys (who are ranked ninth in this week's state poll) finished second.

The Lake Howell girls (ranked seventh) will compete in the Oviedo Invitational Saturday at Winter Springs' Central Winds Park.

PREP LEADERS: CROSS COUNTRY

GIRLS		BOYS	
FACA Class 5A State Poll		FACA Class 5A State Poll	
Individuals		Individuals	
1. Jennifer Mitchell, Valrico Bloomingdale, 11:27	1. Brian Good, Pensacola Washington, 15:07	2. Scott Levell, Tampa Gaither, 15:17	2. James Sanchez, Niceville, 15:30
2. Katie Mitchell, Valrico Bloomingdale, 11:31	3. Danny Hilley, Lake Brantley, 16:12 (H)	3. Keith Gilbert, Tampa Leto, 15:59	4. Joel Anderson, Plant City, 15:37
3. Douglene Jackson, Miami Norland, 12:06	4. Scott Thelen, Oviedo, 17:10 (H)	4. Tom Williams, Palm Bay, 16:01	5. Rob Evans, Lyman, 15:52
4. Ramona Saridakis, Lake Worth J.I. Leonard, 12:16	5. Hunter Kemper, Lake Brantley, 17:19 (H)	6. Bobby Steinlein, Tampa Leto, 16:07	6. Toby Ayers, Lake Mary, 15:58
5. Michelle Lossius, Valrico Bloomingdale, 12:24	6. Joel Eisenman, Lake Brantley, 17:30 (H)	7. Roy Vargas, Miami Southridge, 15:58	7. Roy Vargas, Miami Southridge, 15:58
6. Christina Hillier, Boca Raton Spanish River, 12:27	7. Rich Heintzman, Lake Mary, 17:22 (H)	8. Keith Gilbert, Tampa Leto, 15:59	8. Keith Gilbert, Tampa Leto, 15:59
7. Kianah Bresnick, Lyman, 12:34	8. Dec Purdy, Oviedo, 17:31 (H)	9. Tom Williams, Palm Bay, 16:01	9. Tom Williams, Palm Bay, 16:01
8. Kelly Magee, Boone, 12:40	9. David Kinsley, Lyman, 17:39 (H)	10. Bobby Steinlein, Tampa Leto, 16:07	10. Bobby Steinlein, Tampa Leto, 16:07
9. Nicole Singleton, Oak Ridge, 12:43	RACES: (H) - Lake Brantley Open: (H) - Titusville Great	Teams: 1. Pensacola Washington; 2. Tampa Gaither; 3. Tampa Leto; 4. Sarasota; 5. Fort Lauderdale Dillard; 6. Lake Brantley; 7. Melbourne-Palm Bay; 8. Middleburg; 9. Lake Mary; 10. Orange Park	Teams: 1. Lake Brantley; 2. Lake Mary; 3. Lyman; 4. Oviedo; 5. Lake Howell; 6. Seminole
10. Kelly Hudson, Lyman, 12:44	Outdoors: (H) - Lake Mary Invitational		
Teams: 1. Lyman; 2. Valrico Bloomingdale; 3. Niceville; 4. Boca Raton Spanish River; 5. Winter Park; 6. Lake Brantley; 7. Lake Howell; 8. Boone; 9. Sarasota; 10. Orange Park			

People

IN BRIEF

Volunteers needed for Bicycle Fest

Volunteers are needed for the Mount Dora Annual Bicycle Festival to take place Oct. 15-17. Help is needed with registration packet stuffing, registration, sag wagons, refreshment stops along the way, ride leaders, serving meals and directing participants to seminar rooms. If you would like to volunteer during the three-day event, contact the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce at 904-383-2165.

Welcome Wagon meetings set

The Seminole Spokes Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County will hold a coffee for newcomers on Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call Lucy at 322-7877 or Donna at 333-4792. They will also hold their monthly luncheon meeting at Maison et Jardin in Altamonte Springs at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20. For information about that event, call Betty at 695-0144.

CALENDAR

Youth Center open on Friday nights

Every Friday night, the Lake Mary Community Building is transformed in a Youth Center from 7-11 p.m. Area youth are welcome to participate in the fun.

Substance abuse discussed

SAFE, Substance Abuse Family Education, is conducting a "Families in Crisis" outreach program. Interested organizations wanting to contact the Life Savers Club of SAFE may call Libby Kuharake at 291-4357.

Poets to talk verse

First Florida Poets meet at 10 a.m. every Monday at the Deland Public Library. Interested poets are welcome. For more information, please call Bob Sheldford, 904-736-0416, or Virginia Martin, 904-775-8909.

Sanford Rotarians to meet

Rotary Club of Sanford meets every Monday at noon, at the Sanford Civic Center.

Bridge club meets every Monday

Lake Mary Seniors invite anyone 55 years or older to play party bridge. The Party Bridge Club meets every Monday between 1-3 p.m. at the Lake Mary Senior Center at the Old City Hall, 158 N. Country Club Road.

Cancer support group meets

Support, Hope and Recovery, S.H.A.R., meets every Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Central Florida Regional Hospital in the far corner of the dining room. This is a self help support group for all cancer survivors, whether in treatment now or finished with it. Call 324-8737 or 322-7785 for more information.

Historical Commission gathers

The Lake Mary Historical Commission meets 7 p.m. Mondays at Lake Mary City Hall, 100 W. Lake Mary Blvd. Contact James Thompson at 322-9432 for more information.

Clogging group to have classes

Dixieland Cloggers hold classes from 7-8 p.m. each Monday at the Lake Mary Volunteer Fire Station #33, First Street and Wilbur Avenue.

Help for gamblers offered

Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon for family and friends, meet separately Monday and Friday (non-smokers) at 7:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 331 Lake Ave., Matland. For more information, call 236-9206.

Al-Anon group gathers

If you are troubled by the alcoholism of a friend or relative, there is help. Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 332-4122.

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Sanford

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian House of Goodwill, 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

Surviving the mid-life quest

How to acquire wholeness in life's second half

I'm turning 40 this month, gulp, and I'm not happy about it one little bit. The following article is one I read from the University of Nebraska. I was given permission to have it reprinted. If you are going through a mid-life crisis, maybe this will be of help to you too.

Most of us are raised to believe that once we are "grown up," there is a long period that separates adolescence from old age. Then we are surprised by the inner struggle we experience on entering the second half of our lives. In the recent past writers called this the "mid-life crisis."

The term "mid-life quest" may be more appropriate as we begin to ask questions such as: Why do I feel so empty? Will the next 20 years be the same as the last 20 years? Is my marriage dying of benign neglect? Who am I anyway? Each person's quest is different. But the purpose in the second half is the same...the seeking of wholeness.

Here are some suggestions to win the mid-life quest: Listen to your body. Most of us, by the middle years, are aware that we misuse our bodies. Listen to your body's signals. Consider your eating, exercise, and recreational behaviors. Implement more healthy habits and throw out the unhealthy ones.

Seek loving relationships. Many people are dissatisfied with their marriages at mid-life. Divorce, separations, and affairs are common. We become bored and are in a



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BARBARA HUGHES/GREGG

rut and don't know what to do about it. All we know is that something is missing. Our culture tends to view life-long marriage as boring. Yet there is not a journey more exciting than the wondrous adventure of life-long love.

At mid-life, we must allow the neglected and suppressed part of ourselves, to unfold. If we renew our quest for the spiritual dimension of relationships with patience and love, the result can be a relationship that is incomparably deeper, more authentic and meaningful than was possible before.

Find your calling. The mid-life quest almost always involves a desire to make a deeper match between who we are and what we do. We look for ways to express this mature "calling" in our work. Form some. This leads to a mid-life career change. The risk is that the "grass is greener elsewhere" thinking can result in an impulsive move that may come at a high price. So, examine yourself before you jump

ship. Seek meaning in aging. Almost universally, our culture views aging as bad, and our goal is to stop it. But hating aging is ultimately self-hatred. We are obsessed with what we lose as we age, and are ignorant about what we gain. Every season has its beauties. We need to find the beauty in the autumn and winter of our lives. Our aim is not to age slowly, but to age deeply...to come to a greater appreciation of our wholeness.

Honor the seven generations. Wholeness requires participation in an authentic, multi-generational community. We must recognize that we are connected to all generations — our parents and children, grandparents, and grandchildren, etc. We must avoid isolating groups by their age. We must ensure that our young are cared for; that those at mid-life are supported; and that our elders are respected and their skills and wisdom utilized.

Increase spiritual awareness. In all these dimensions — our relationships with our bodies, our loved ones and our work — our quest is ultimately a spiritual one. At mid-life, we receive our wake-up call: It is time to start listening to our inner life.

(Barbara Hughes Gregg is the Seminole County Extension Home Economist. Inquiries may be directed to her at the Cooperative Extension Service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 323-2500. Ext. 6554.)



Lions promote 'Right to Sight'

Lyle McDonald (left), vice president of the Longwood-Lake Mary Lions Club, and Bob Senus, president, present eye-screening machines to Dr. Amy B. Ward, president of the Central Florida Optometric Society to be used in work for the needy. The presentation is in conjunction with the Lions "Right to Sight" program, an international project.

Herald Photo by Michael Siodzinski

Drugs vs depression

DEAR MARY: My sister is 19 years old. I know she drops acid occasionally and drinks quite a bit. I think she's an addict but no one else in the family wants to hear it. But what I'm really most worried about is that she's so depressed and moody all the time. I'm actually getting to be afraid that she might try to hurt herself. The rest of the family recognizes how depressed she is, but everyone says, "Just leave her alone, she'll work herself out of it." I feel really helpless but I don't know what to do.

SCARED SISTER: You really are in a tight spot. Your sister is an adult. Your family is denying that there's a problem, and without support, you really cannot force the issue to getting help for her. Young people who use drugs nearly always struggle with depression. Drugs cause mood swings between depression and euphoria; additionally, as people feel they are losing control of their lives, the depression deepens. To further complicate the issue, underlying depression may be part of what leads some people to seek comfort in drugs to begin with.

Perhaps you could approach your sister from concern over depression and encourage her to seek medical advice for it. However, she must be honest about the use of LSD and alcohol in order for proper diagnosis and treatment to occur. If she will allow it, perhaps you could go to the doctor with her to give her courage and support and to help her give an open, honest and complete medical history. If all else fails, you will have to emotionally detach from the situation because over-entrenchment can make you feel



DRUG COUNSELOR

MARY BALK

crazy, but it will not help the situation.

(Mary Balk is a Certified Addiction Prevention Professional and counselor. Write her at the Sanford Herald, or call the Seminole County Schools' Drug Prevention office, 322-5556.)

Gala video wedding irks family members

DEAR ABBY: A close relative had been planning a second marriage, but without telling anyone, she and her fiancé slipped off and got married with only his family present. (All her relatives live within an easy commute.) She showed her relatives videos of the wedding and the reception at his family's home, and it appeared to be a very gala affair.

Now we're getting strong hints for a wedding gift, but we are still smarting from the snubbing she gave us. She also mentions eventually having a "religious" ceremony and a reception in the future.

OUR DILEMMA: Do we give "Wedding No. 2" gifts now, and a "Wedding No. 2 1/2" gift down the line? Or should we give a major gift now, for the wedding we weren't invited to, later, or none at all — ever?

Her family feels hurt by her, and not for the first time. We need your advice.

ONE RELATIVE, 2 1/2 WEDDINGS

DEAR ONE AND TWO AND... Ignore the "hints." Since you were not invited to her wedding, you are under no obligation to send a gift. And even if you are invited to a "religious" ceremony and reception in the future, and you



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

choose to attend, you are under no obligation to send a gift.

DEAR ABBY: I have been known to procrastinate when confronted with certain tasks.

Recently, major decisions and actions were facing me and my word was at stake. Considering the enormity of the situation, I needed focus, so I placed a large sign on my refrigerator door. It read: *The Best Way to Get the Job Done is to Start It!*

It worked for me. Perhaps some of your readers may find help in this message.

R.H. PFINGST, SAN DIEGO

DEAR R.H.: It worked (and is still working) for me. I have in my collection of "keepers" the following:

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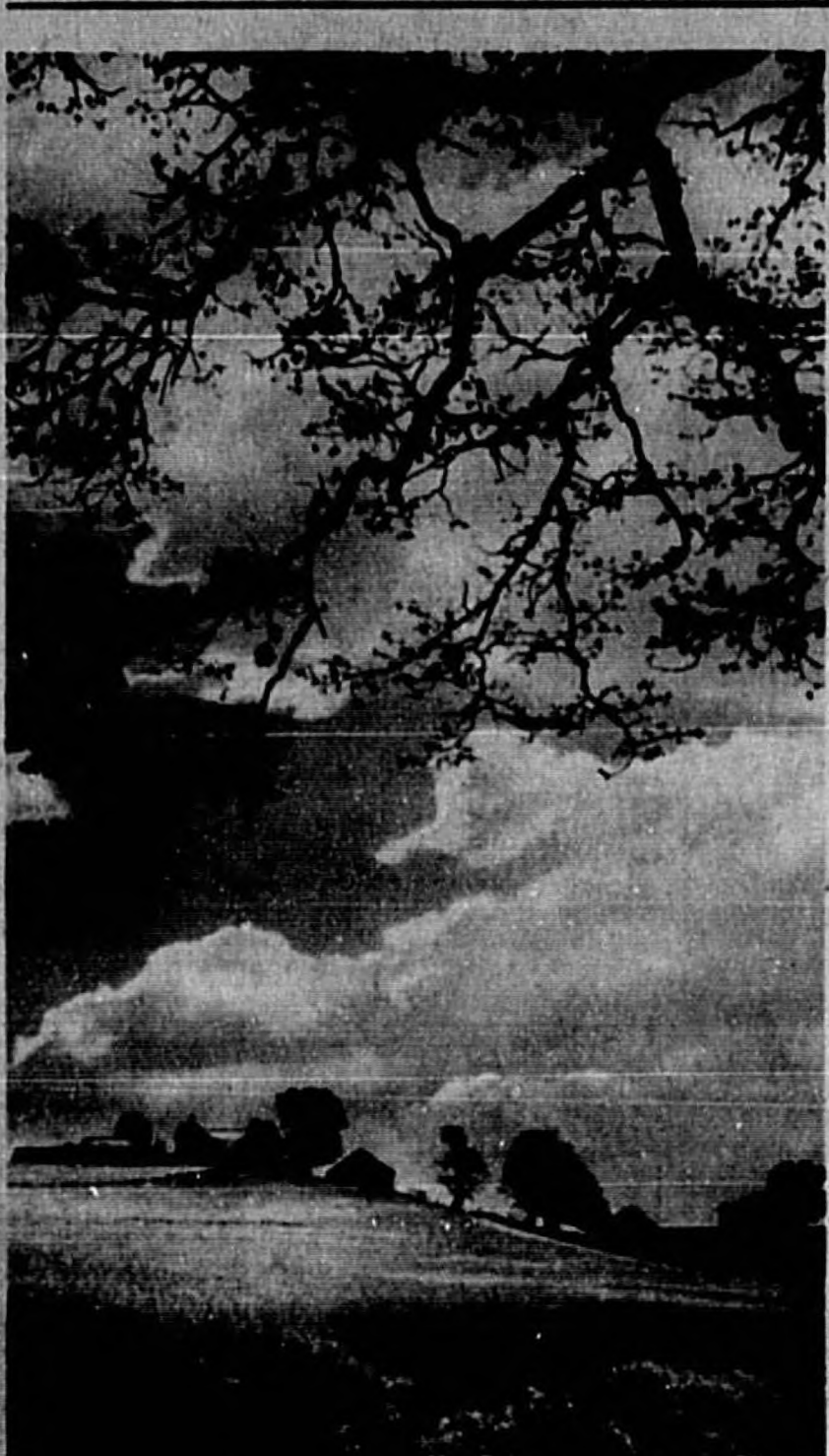


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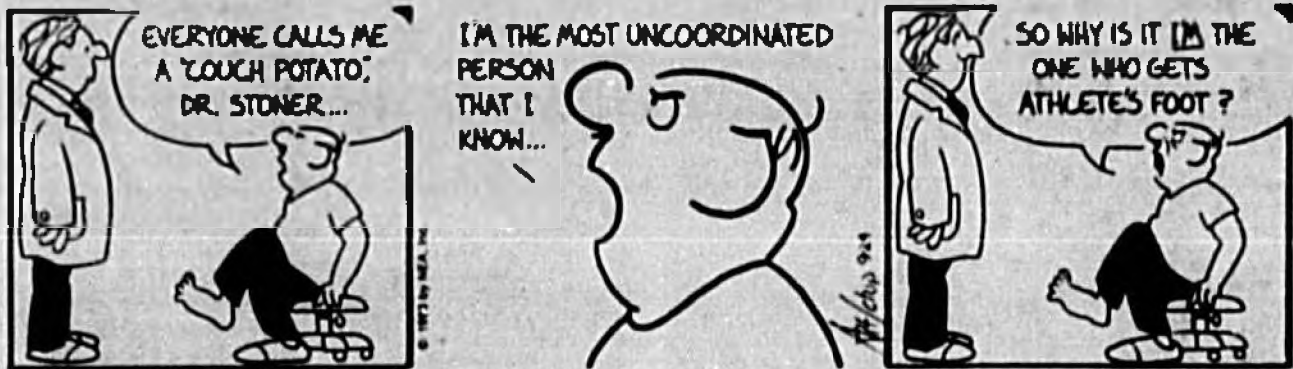
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Recovering from a severe arm injury

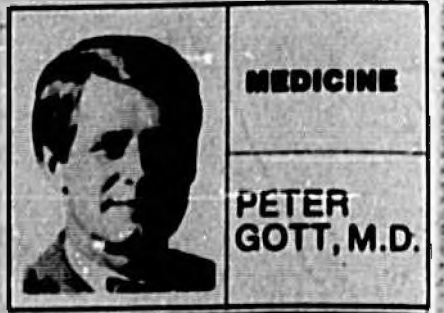
DEAR DR. GOTT: After undergoing a traumatic arm injury, I developed RSD. The condition was treated with a series of injections and months of therapy. Are there any long-term effects of either the condition or the injections?

DEAR READER: Reflex sympathetic dystrophy is an unusual and fascinating neurological consequence of severe injury. It is marked by a series of nerve abnormalities, including pain, sweating, shrinkage of skin or bone, hair loss (over the involved part) and joint stiffness. The condition is treated with a program of physical therapy (to reduce disability) and nerve blocks (injections of anesthetic). RSD itself can, for obvious reasons, lead to permanent serious consequences, such as marked disability of an arm or leg. The therapy, including the injections, does not cause adverse effects. In my view, patients with RSD should be under the care of appropriate specialists, such as neurologists and physiatrists (rehabilitation medicine).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife underwent surgery in 1990 and lost all but 18" of her small intestine and part of her bowel because of a blood clot. In order to sustain her life, she was placed on an IV feeder at the time that was eventually removed. She eats well and has added a dietary supplement, yet continues to lose weight and suffers from constant diarrhea. Her doctor has informed us that if he cannot stop this, it will be necessary to place her back on an IV feeder. Help!

DEAR READER: One of the intestine's major functions is to absorb fluid from digested food. Therefore, when a large portion of bowel is removed, as was true in your wife's case, abnormal amounts of water remain in the intestinal contents; diarrhea is a natural consequence. In addition, extensive bowel surgery

can permanently upset the normal digestive pattern, leading to weight loss and diminished absorption of nutrients. Before pushing the panic button, give your wife's doctor an opportunity to correct the situa-



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

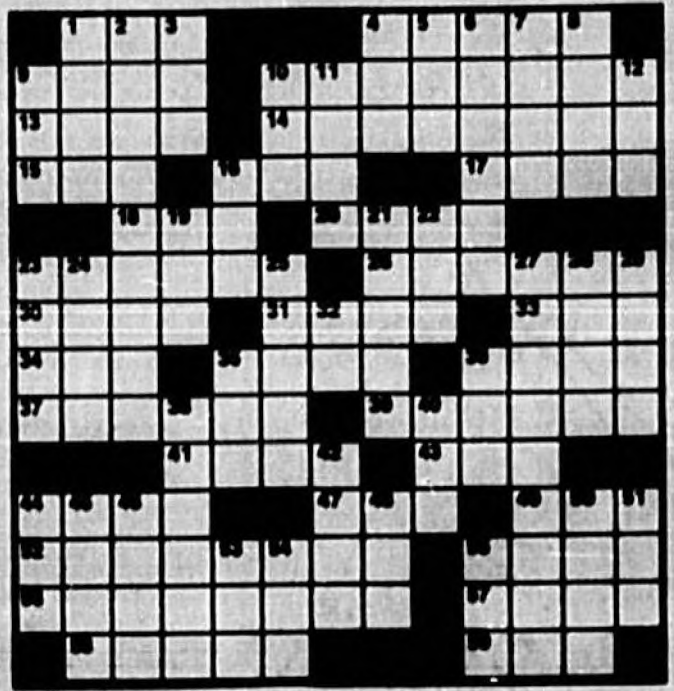
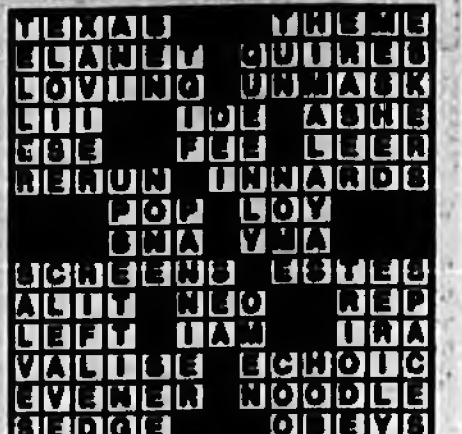
ACROSS

- 1 Destroy (sl.)
- 4 Picture holder
- 9 Stout cord
- 10 Wood preservative
- 13 Adam's grandson
- 14 Quinine source
- 15 Dolores - Rio
- 16 Author Umberto
- 17 Gravel ridges
- 18 Poem
- 20 Emperor (var.)
- 23 Dairy product
- 25 Embroidery yarn
- 30 - Street
- 31 Bellow
- 33 Compass pt.
- 34 - Guevara
- 35 District in Germany
- 36 Accord
- 37 Capital of Texas
- 39 Aviation hero
- 41 Garden tool
- 43 Speed mess.
- 44 Ostrich
- 47 - de Janeiro
- 49 Uncle (Sp.)
- 52 Sharpshoot- ing
- 55 Clears
- 56 Unita
- 57 Skinny fishes
- 58 Furnishings
- 59 Attempt

DOWN

- 1 Geographical division
- 2 Sorry words
- 3 Footlike part
- 4 Marsh
- 5 Legendary bird
- 6 Not at sea

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 16 Etternally (poet.)
- 19 Press for payment
- 21 Frightening
- 22 Timetable abbr.
- 23 Non-profit org.
- 24 Hawaiian island
- 25 Piece of luggage
- 27 Heavier
- 28 Actual being
- 29 Sly, sideoing look
- 32 - dearl
- 35 inlet
- 36 Knock
- 38 Heart-breaking
- 40 Comedian - Philps
- 42 Gaelic
- 44 Map abbr.
- 45 Lend a -
- 46 Grafted, in heraldry
- 48 That thing's
- 50 Without purpose
- 51 Forerunner of CIA
- 53 How was - know?
- 54 Goddess of healing
- 55 Soak, as flux

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder
It never ceases to amaze me how those young gymnasts can fold themselves in two. They are so flexible it looks as if their bones must be made of rubber. Many bridge deals, like today's, require flexibility too. West opened with a weak two-bid, showing a good six-card suit and 6-10 high-card points. Over North's take-out double, East did a triple somersault up to five diamonds. South, caught between the uneven bars, was thin for five hearts. North couldn't do less than cartwheel up to six.

knew that West had begun with two hearts, six diamonds, four clubs, and therefore only one spade. South guaranteed her contract by leading a low spade from hand and ducking in the dummy. Whichever defender won the trick was employed. West would have to concede a ruff-and-discard; East would have to do the same or lead away from the spade king.

At first glance, South must lose two spade tricks. But she made short work of vaulting that horse safely. She ruffed the opening lead, drew trumps, ruffed the last diamond, cashed dummy's top clubs, discarding a spade from hand, and ruffed dummy's last club. Now South

"Well played," said East graciously. "But what happens if my partner leads the spade nine at trick one?" "Then," replied South after a little thought, "I win with the ace, ruff my diamonds in the dummy, draw trumps and play four rounds of clubs, throwing two spades from hand. West wins but is endplayed. On the forced diamond return, I ruff in the dummy and discard my last spade loser."

BRIDGE HAND
NORTH 9-11-93
WEST EAST
SOUTH
Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West
South West North East
1♥ Pass 6♥ All pass
Opening lead: ♦K

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bode Cool
YOUR BIRTHDAY
Sept. 25, 1993
In the year ahead it looks like you might conduct two significant endeavors simultaneously. They will be unrelated and offer different types of dividends. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's best not to start tasks or assignments today you feel going in you might not be able to finish. Unfortunately, these could be the projects that will end up collecting dust. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are blessed with marvelous powers of concentration and they are likely to be operating at full force today. Focus on pursuits of a mental nature. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Some changes might transpire today that could turn

out to be of benefit to you materially. The shift in conditions won't have to be large to be profitable. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Use your initiative today instead of taking your cues from others. You're far better equipped to get things rolling than your peers. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Situations over which you have only nominal control could be the ones that work out the best for you today, especially if they are of a financial nature. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) A friend might talk to you about something today that he/she is interested in which could also produce advantages for you. It will be worth listening to. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Don't be too structured in your involvements with friends today. Leave room for spontaneous developments, because these could be the ones that offer the most fun and benefits. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Ambitious objectives can be achieved today, but you must be persistent. Shake off setbacks

and start over a second time, or perhaps even a third. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) An idea with which you've been toying is past the intangible stage and should be put into action. Test it today to see if it will work. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) An endeavor in which you're involved can be improved upon if you get out of the rut of doing everything by rote. There's lots of room for new innovations. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) A companion with whom you spend considerable time has some characteristics you find annoying, such as making decisions for you you want to make for yourself. Pass his/her action today. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something fortuitous might develop for you today where your career is concerned. It's not apt to come from the top down, but from the bottom up through a clever co-worker. (C)1993. NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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by Leonard Starr

