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Cops work armed robbery with new 'County Net'

BY DAVID FRASIER
Herald Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Tuesday marked the first successful use of the new "County Net" system in the apprehension of two armed suspects who allegedly robbed a TOI Fridays Restaurant, located at 227 West State Road 436.

agency in Seminole County to dispatch and monitor high priority calls. Florida Highway Patrol also is equipped with the "County Net" in their patrol cars.

At 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, two black males entered TOI one armed with a semi-automatic pistol and the other armed with a knife. The suspect armed with the pistol fired two shots at the ceiling and then pointed it at the bartender demanding him to open the register. The suspects removed the money from

the drawer and also took money from two waitresses. Both suspects then exited the restaurant and tried to get away in a stolen Jeep Cherokee. The vehicle would not start forcing the men to flee on foot across State Road 436.

Altamonte Springs Police Department received several 911 calls and then dispatched officers to the area. The call was simulcast over "County Net". Ten Seminole County deputies and three Longwood Police Officers heard the call and responded to the scene to assist

Altamonte officers. Due to the combined efforts of the three agencies, both suspects were apprehended within 15 minutes of the first call.

The "Net" system was approved by the Seminole County commission last year and it went on-line November 1. Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger said that bringing the "Net" to the county was a collaborative effort with commission funding and the idea coming from the See Net, Page 2A

County nixes one Sanford site for adult entertainment

By RUBE WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - It was nearing midnight, and the Rev. Jimmy Dale Robertson was one of the few to go the distance.

Nearly 150 concerned residents of Sanford were in the hall at the County Services Building five hours earlier. Now, there were less than a dozen. Robertson was one. Sanford Mayor Larry Dale another.

They had come for the same reason - to remove Sanford as a target for the adult entertainment industry.

For the moment, they could rejoice that the commissioners voted unanimously to remove the North White Cedar Road area from a list of west Sanford sites which were being considered as adult entertainment sites.

Two other west Sanford sites - within an amen to the Central Baptist Church - remained as

did 150 acres of land on the east side of the city near the Orlando Sanford Airport.

"I'm encouraged by the strength and goodness of the community that rallied here tonight," Patterson said. "My prayer is that their presence will inspire our elected officials."

Encouraging, too, was a plea Dale made to have the county and city work together for a just solution to a bad problem.

It was 11:18 when Dale finally was able to speak on the record to the commission, and to make it known that the city does not care to be the "dump-all" for adult entertainment businesses.

Every bit as important to Dale as the removal of the North White Cedar Road area as a potential "porno park" was a freshly-approved interlocal agreement by the county and the city of Sanford.

At its next meeting, the Sanford city commissioners

will decide what to do about the remaining sites in question - then try to work with the county commissioners. "It has become an east-side-west-side matter," Dale said.

The county picks up the matter again Jan. 13.

The airport acreage could be reduced greatly from 150 acres and still remain. Airport expansion will play a role, also. No one is certain how much of the site would remain for adult entertainment-soring purposes.

The west side sites - both near Route 46 - were suggested recently by County Commissioner Daryl McLain after he had consulted with Dale and Sanford City Manager Bill Simmons. Although their intentions were good, it is doubtful the three anticipated the reaction of those who live or worship in the area near the sites.

Cathy Ramassar said she was very concerned for her See Adult, Page 2A



Philip Gupery, Delora and Will Dupree, and Ruth Dellard, residents of North White Cedar Road, protest sites in Sanford chosen by the county commissioners as appropriate for adult entertainment.

Best sites in Sanford chosen by the county commissioners as appropriate for adult entertainment.

First offenders find art

From Staff Reports

SANFORD - Some very special visitors dropped by the Sanford Police Department on Saturday.

Under the leadership of Rose Davis through Brethren Reaching Out (BRO), young first-time offenders held an art workshop. As one of many projects undertaken by the group, the workshop focused on positive self-esteem and self-sufficiency.

Davis, a minister with Red-dick Memorial First Baptist Church of Living God in Midway, said the goal of BRO is to give these young people the chance to think out new ways of living to get the things they want in the world. The program offers youth an alternative to the violence and illegal activity that surrounds them.

The SPD, along with the Sanford Housing Authority, continues to support the program and encourage young people to stay away from a life of crime. The premise of the group that meets twice a week is to fill up idle time with productive activities and counseling from volunteers.

According to BRO's mission statement, the objective is to teach younger boys how to have respect for themselves

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History captured



Golden Rule is seeking information on the identities of the people shown in these photographs that were recently found on the Harris property on 3rd Street.

Montez Harris could be one of the individuals in the group photo.

Housing agency seeks info about photos found

By MARIA OREM
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - In its effort to preserve the history of the Georgetown neighborhood, a nonprofit housing agency is trying to identify photographs that were found in a historic property.

Golden Rule Housing and Community Redevelopment Corporation, a provider of affordable housing for very low income individuals, recently purchased the Harris property which includes four parcels. Golden Rule is moving from its current location at the old Zayres plaza off U.S. Highway 17-92 to the main house, located on 2nd Street off Sanford Avenue.

When sorting through items See Photos, Page 2A



County picks Army Corps engineer for Public Works head

By RUBE WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - On March 22, Lt. Col. James N. Marino, Director of Public Works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Camp Zama, Japan, will become James Marino, Director of Public Works for Seminole County.

A year-long search is over. County Manager Gary Kaiser said Tuesday morning during the agenda review session by the Board of County Commissioners.

Over, too, Kaiser hopes is a cloudy chapter of local government that caused the resignation of former Public Works Director Larry Sellers and possibly those of several other county officials.

The results of an investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) into the land acquisition activities within Public Works should be announced in January - clearing the way for Marino.

The new director is a West Point graduate who directed a staff of 800 with a \$50 million annual budget in support of war and peacetime engineer operations for the mutual defense of Japan and the Pacific Rim. Marino gained a master's degree in Coastal and Oceanographic Engineering at the University of Florida in 1986.

Marino will receive a starting salary of \$80,000 from the county.

"This is a find, this is gem," County Commissioner Win Adams said Tuesday. "It is also another success story for Gary Kaiser who continues to assemble a team that will take the county into the next millennium."

Kaiser met Marino during the American Public Works Association Convention in Minneapolis last September. Kaiser took along Acting Public Works Director Tony VanDerworp and Human Resources Director Nancy Tallent and rented a booth to conduct their search for a director.

"The convention people said



James Marino

no one ever used a booth for this sort of endeavor," Kaiser said. "We gained a lot of attention and met many outstanding people and one of them was Jim Marino. He still had time to serve in the Army but we were more than willing to wait until he could come to us."

Marino said Tuesday that his leadership and management philosophies were much like Kaiser's. Their meeting at Minneapolis was enough to move him toward military retirement. "I had not come to the convention in search of a job," said Marino, who would find the Seminole County opportunity one he could not turn down.

"I look forward to being part of the team," Marino said. "To work with the fine employees already with the county, I'm aware of what has happened before. But this is a fresh start for all of us."

Marino and his wife have two boys - aged 8 and 10. Marino said his widowed mother, Ann Marino, lives at New Smyrna Beach.

Kaiser introduced Marino to the commissioners on Tuesday, and his appointment was approved by each of them in the afternoon public meeting.

Kaiser said that VanDerworp, who served as Acting Public Works Director during the search for a director, will soon See Marino, Page 2A

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Panther pride

Herald Photo by Susan Wanner

Students at Pine Crest Elementary School in Sanford gathered to reaffirm that Panther spirit recently. Among those performing for the crowd was Captain All-Star, Mike Platt, coach for the Pine Crest Pnde Tumblers

Better to give...

Debra and Doug Groseclose opened their restored and decorated home in Sanford for a holiday celebration and distribution of toys and clothing for impoverished, abused and neglected children represented by the Guardian Ad Litem program. Seminole County Friends of Abused Children, Inc. provided food and collected the clothing and toys from various churches, businesses and woman's groups in the area. Guardian Ad Litem volunteers arrived to pick up the 'Hearts Desire' for their special kids. Attending the celebration are Tom Harding (from left), Lauren Fizer, Linda Snively, Debra Groseclose, Don West, Irv Awerman and Vicki Smith

Herald Photo by Max Story



Longwood tree lighting goes silver

By MARY ROWELL
Herald Correspondent

Each year, Dreamfinders Service Unit of Girl Scouts in Longwood plans the city's tree lighting event. The festival, held in historic downtown Longwood, is usually planned by an adult. This year, a Cadette planned the event, held Dec. 6, for her Silver award.

Lee Anne Brodeur worked with the city of Longwood to set up the event. She also planned all the activities that attendees would be taking part in on the day of the event. She also scheduled the workers, other scouts from Dreamfinders, who would be personning the booths. Children were able to participate in several activities including decorating cookies, making an ornament to put on the city tree, making a bread ornament for birds and making ornaments to take home. There was also a cake walk to help buy food for needy families in Longwood. And anyone donating canned food received a free ornament.



Herald Photo by Mary Rowell

Lee Anne Brodeur worked with the city of Longwood to set up the tree lighting event.

The entertainment was also planned by Lee Anne. She's been working on this event for about three months. Lee Anne

was very happy with the perfect weather. Last year's tree lighting was canceled due to rain.

The pro's and con's of special coverage insurance

Special to the Herald

Fido, the Joneses' beloved German shepherd, has diabetes. The family recently bought a pet insurance policy, only to learn the insurance won't cover Fido's ailment because it is a pre-existing condition.

Meanwhile, the Smith family's pet collie, Rover, contracted a disease of the adrenal glands. The family breathed easier upon learning their pet insurance covered \$800 of their total \$1,600 veterinary bill.

Like these fictional families, most people have limited budgets to spend on major insurance needs such as homeowners, auto, health and life policies. This leaves little extra to pay for special coverage such as pet, cancer, trip cancellation or flight-accident insurance policies. Before buying such coverage, you should understand the basic purpose of each and carefully weigh the pros and cons for your particular situation.

Pet Insurance

Veterinary costs, like medical costs, have steadily increased in recent years. A pet insurance policy can help pay part of your future veterinary bills. Some policies cost as little as \$100 per year. As with any insurance purchase, however, you should carefully research this coverage by comparing the costs and benefits of several different policies. Some policies may seem like super bargains until you consider exclusions for pre-existing conditions, such as cancer, or routine care, such as dental cleanings, flea treatments, and the like.

You should also consider the cost of your pet's past treatment, which may only make a small dent in your budget. It might prove helpful to start a special savings account by setting aside money you might otherwise use for premiums, at least until you make your decision.

Flight Accident

Consumers often are tempted to buy flight-accident insurance after hearing about a major airline crash. For example, a worker departing for a business trip to Chicago might spy an insurance company's display about such coverage while rushing through the airport. At only \$10 per trip for \$350,000 of coverage, it seems worthwhile.

Such situations point up the need for all consumers to take the time to periodically review their life insurance policies. In this way, the consumer can plan protection for his or her family no matter how death may occur, and not have to make snap judgments while dashing for an airplane.

There are many factors to consider with any type of insurance purchase. I've just touched on a few situations here. For more information, you may want to consult a trusted insurance agent, financial planner or attorney. You may also call the Florida Insurance Department's toll-free Consumer Helpline at 1-800-342-2762.

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Sunny. Highs in the low 70s. Lows in the upper-40s. **Thursday:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the low-70s. Lows in the mid-40s. **Friday:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s. Low near 50. **Saturday:** Highs in the upper-70s. Lows in the low-50s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TUESDAY Sunny 72-47	WEDNESDAY Pctly 72-48
THURSDAY Pctly 75-50	FRIDAY Pctly 77-53

TIDES

WEDNESDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: min., 7:35 a.m., maj. 1:25 a.m., min., 8:05 p.m., maj. 1:50 p.m.
TIDES: **Daytona Beach:** high: 10:05 a.m., 10:27 p.m., low: 3:39 a.m., 4:17 p.m. **New Smyrna Beach:** high: 10:10 a.m., 10:32 p.m., low: 3:44 a.m., 4:22 p.m. **Cocoa Beach:** high: 10:25 a.m., 10:47 p.m., low: 3:59 a.m., 4:37 p.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach: Seas are 2-4 feet with a moderate chop. Water temperature at Daytona is 57 degrees and at New Smyrna, 58 degrees. Winds are from the northwest at 15-20 m.p.h.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 64 degrees and the overnight low was 45.
Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Wednesdayday totaled .09 inches.
*Sunrise.....7:11 a.m.
*Sunset.....5:32 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Martha Frances Jenkins

MARTHA "MOTT" FRANCES JENKINS
Martha "Mott" Frances Jenkins, 59, Jessamine Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997. She was born in Lake Wales. Mrs. Jenkins was a homemaker. She was a member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Merriel Jr., Cocoa Beach, Terry, Kenneth, both of Sanford; daughters, Yvonne Lewis, Bronx, N.Y.; Marie Whitaker, Sanford; mother, Annie M. Santiago, Miami; father, James Cherry, Bartow; brothers, Willie J. Cherry, Kansas, Henry L. Cherry, Miami, Douglas Cherry, Bradenton; sisters, Mary J., Bartow, Shirley Longmire, Bethel, Pa., Clara Parker, Bronx, N.Y., Betty Russ, Carolyn, both of Miami; 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

HERMA LEE MOORE

Herma Lee Moore, 43, Bell Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997. Born in Sanford, she was a lifelong resident. Mrs. Moore was a nurse. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include husband, Ronald; daughters, Shrona Scott, Tiffany Scott, both of Sanford; mother, Louise Boone, Sanford; son, Andra, Sanford; brothers, William J. Boone, Willie Jones, both of Sanford.

Sunrise funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN ROBERT FEHLHABER
John Robert Fehlhaber, 58, Glief Road, DeLand, died Sun-



Herma Lee Moore

day, Dec. 14, 1997. Born Nov. 14, 1939, in Milwaukee, Wis., he moved to Central Florida in 1994. Mr. Fehlhaber was a plumber. He was a Catholic. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include daughters, Stephanie Hopper, Kim Strail, both Pewaukee, Wis.; step-children; Bob and Marie Smith, Ft. Myers; sisters, Carol Stalaski, DelBary, Helen Smith, Spring Hill, one grandchild.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

LOUISE JONES HOOPER

Louise Jones Hooper, 86, Lucerne Terrace, Orlando, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997. Born in Winter Park, she was a lifelong resident of Central Florida. Mrs. Hooper was a retired domestic worker. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include sister, Thelma Masters, Altamonte Springs; caregiver, Lillie Stribling, Altamonte Springs.

Golden's Funeral Home, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

ANNA S. MAZZA

Anna S. Mazza, 70, Pine Ridge Circle, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997 at Regents Park. Born Sept. 11, 1927 in New York City, she moved to Central Florida in 1991. Mrs. Mazza was homemaker. She was a member of All Souls Catholic Church, Sanford.

Survivors include husband, Joseph; daughter, Jo Ann Santora, Milford, Conn.; brothers, Alfred Sidoti, Joseph Sidoti, both of Tamarac; one grand-

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CURLY MCFADDEN

Curly McFadden, 74, West Morse Boulevard, Winter Park, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997. Mr. McFadden was a retired laborer.

He had no known survivors. Golden's Funeral Home, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPH HAROLD PELL

Joseph Harold Pell, 65, State Road 415, Osteen, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997. Born March 23, 1932, in Osteen, he was a lifelong resident. Mr. Pell was a carpenter. He was a member of Osteen Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Betty; sons, James, Millen, Ga., Richard, William, both of Osteen; daughters, Tamara Jones, Port Orange, Joann Hutchinson, Kings Bay, Ga., Lisa Sutton, Osteen; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

FRANCIS EDWARD STONE

Francis Edward Stone, 83, North Village Drive, Deltona, died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997 at Columbia Medical Center Sanford. Born in Washington D.C., he moved to Central Florida from College Park, Md. in 1997. Mr. Stone was a licensed real estate broker. He was Catholic. He was a Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include sons, Francis L., Richard P., both of Brunswick, Md.; daughters, Dawn Alexander, Houston, Judith Ann, Austin; mother, Doris L., Deltona; sister, Patricia L. Beckham, Sanford; five grandchildren.

Stephen R. Baldauff funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERAL

PELL, JOSEPH HAROLD

Funeral services for Mr. Pell will be Friday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Brisson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Benny Tart officiating. Interment will follow in the Osteen Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 6 until 8 p.m.

Brisson Funeral Home, 322-2131, Sanford, in charge of services.

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POLICE BRIEFS

DUI charged

*Brian Poe, 29, of 147 Country Club Dr., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Sanford police. Poe was charged with DUI, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting with violence. He was arrested for DUI in the 2600 block of South Orlando Drive, and he was arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting with violence in the 1400 block of Seminole Boulevard.

*Derrell Morehead, 55, of 3200 Orlando Dr., was arrested Saturday by Sanford police. Morehead was charged with DUI and driving while license is suspended or revoked. Morehead was arrested at the corner of First Street and Avocado Avenue. Report said that Morehead was stopped at a stop sign with the ignition running on his car and Morehead asleep behind the wheel.

Drug charges

*Jaundel Brown, 24, of 2201 Dollarway, Sanford, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Brown was charged with sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine. Brown was arrested at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. Brown's arrest was made by the City/County Investigative Bureau.

*Jerome Gibson, 19, of 2520 SR 46, Sanford, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Gibson was charged with possession of a controlled substance and arrested at the corner of Jitway and State Road 46. Gibson's arrest was made by the City/County Investigative Bureau.

*Willie Hamilton, 18, of 1700 Ridgewood Ave., Sanford, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Hamilton was charged with possession

of cocaine and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Hamilton was arrested at the above address. Hamilton's arrest was made by the City/County Investigative Bureau.

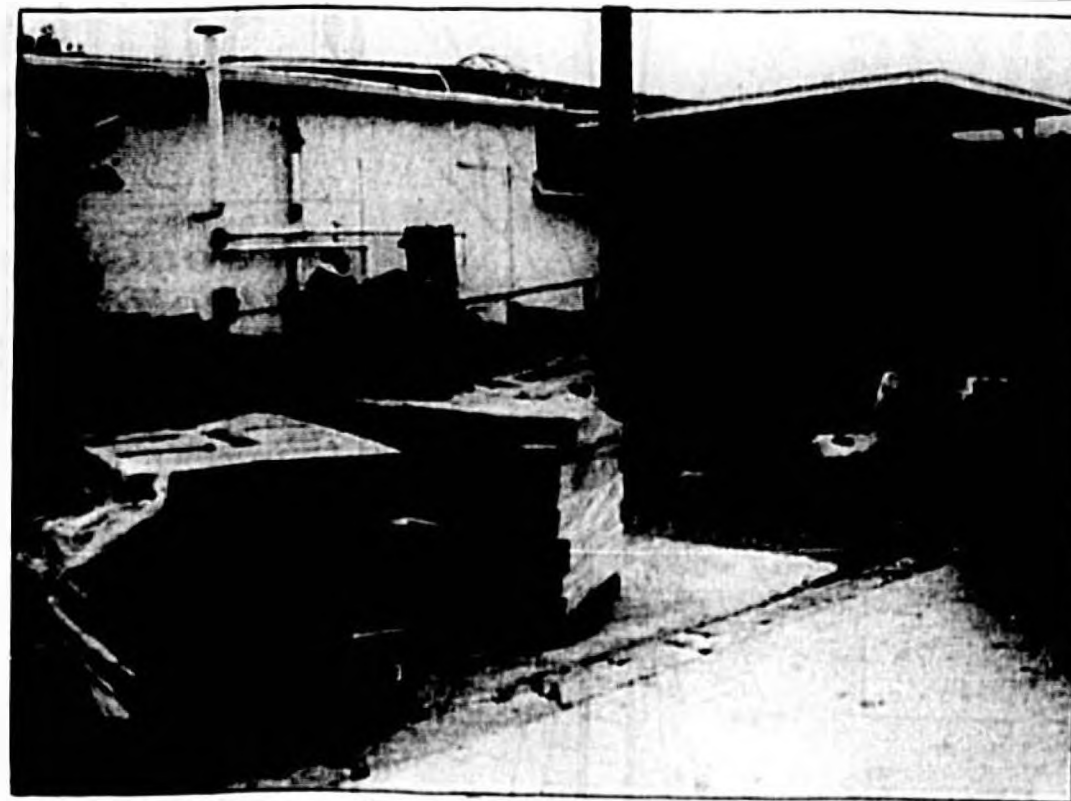
*Donna Foster, 38, of 317 Poinsettia Dr., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Allamonte Springs police. Foster was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and arrested in the 500 block of East State Road 436.

*Richard Scott, 23, of 4632 Gilbert St., Lake Monroe, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Scott was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and resisting without violence. Scott was arrested at the corner of Dulois and Halsey. Scott's arrest was made by the City/County Investigative Bureau.

*Christopher Hamilton, 23, of 1702 Ridgewood Ave., Sanford, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Hamilton was charged with possession of cannabis and possession with intent to sell. Hamilton was arrested at the above address. Hamilton's arrest was made by the City/County Investigative Bureau.

CCIB on the job

*Corey Stokes, 23, of 1713 Ridgewood Lane., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. Stokes was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana with intent to distribute. Stokes was arrested at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. Stokes' arrest was made by the City/County Investigative Bureau.



A hot meal, a helping hand

Entrepreneur Jeno Paulucci sponsors a food giveaway each year, in conjunction with Rich Plan in Sanford, which donates services for distribution. Area non-profit organizations line up to receive thousands of meals that will be distributed to the needy over the holidays. Paulucci is the founder of Chun King, Jeno's and Michelina's brand. He maintains corporate offices in Sanford. Right On Monday, volunteer James Platt hoists cartons of food along with Bob Sonnenburg, representing the Grace and Gris program at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Above: From Paulucci Enterprises Inc. Tom Stevenson and Joseph Russi inspect pallets of food before distribution.

Special Photos by Tommy Vincent



Photos

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In one of the homes, Golden Rule Director Cynthia Hamilton Smith found came across some old photographs and papers. Intent on maintaining any historic significance associated with the property, Smith is saving all records.

"We want to keep everything as close to the original home as possible," Smith said. The photographs, she said, are an important part of the community's history. Unfortunately, though, the identities of those shown remain a mystery. With the help of some of the longtime Sanford residents, Smith is hoping that some of the people can be identified.

"We don't know who any of the people in the picture are, but we think one of them may be Mrs. Harris," Smith said.

According to local historian Alternese Bentley, the main house, built in the early 1900s, was originally owned by the Stanley family and then their daughter, Montez, who married Frank Harris. Montez Harris became a

teacher and then principal at the Hopper School for Colored Children, then located on the corner of Cypress Avenue and 7th Street. After Harris retired, she managed a daycare center on a property she owned on 3rd Street, also part of the parcel purchased by Golden Rule.

"The daycare center was probably the first black daycare in Georgetown," Smith said, adding that the home on 3rd Street at one time served as a rooming house. Harris' daughters, now deceased, bequeathed the property to the United Negro College Fund.

Bentley, who remembers Harris as her third grade teacher, described the educator as "a very strong and positive person who modeled behavior for children."

Smith said her agency plans to set up job training and resource centers in the main house. The smaller homes could serve as temporary housing.

Those with any information on the photographs or the Harris property can call Smith at 324-9123.

Adult

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three children - Ricky (10), Andre (11) and Sandy (12). Their home is on W. Airport Blvd., near one of the westside sites.

"This should be a common sense thing for them to decide," Ramassar said. "They should be concerned with doing what is morally right. How can we allow this in our community, around our children, adding to the drugs and violence?"

Commission Chairman Randy Morris, weary from meetings that began at 9:30 a.m. and included a five-hour afternoon session as well as the nearly five-hour evening hearing, said

he was deeply moved by the sincere yet forceful testimony by the citizens of Sanford.

The commission would not meet again until Jan. 13, by which time it would receive input from the Sanford City Commission.

By late January, Morris said the commission would determine whether it would "grandfather" the existing adult businesses - all located in the Fern Park/Casselberry area.

These businesses have until Sept. 30, 1999 to relocate to a designated industrial area or cease to operate. If grandfathered, they would remain where several have operated

for more than 30 years.

"It's a bad, bad scene," Commissioner Win Adams said. "No one wants these clubs in their backyard. There's only so much land in the county. We wish none of it had to be identified for purposes like this."

McLain thanked those who had come to the hearing. "I'm very proud of the community," McLain said that if there was any chance that a total victory by community over the adult entertainment industry was possible, he would "go to jail" to see it through.

Such a victory is not yet in sight.

BRO

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and others at an early age and to instill spiritual and moral values. The program takes it one step further by offering job training skills including the interview process.

For more information, call Davis at 321-1768.

Marino

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be given new duties. "Tony's a talent, a special project person who can do a number of jobs," Kaiser said. "His help with this project is greatly appreciated."

Vanderworp was Planning and Development Director prior to serving as Acting Public Works Director.

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Sheriff's Office.

Eslinger said that every patrol car within the county has it equipped in their cars. He said that it gives officers the ability to work off of one channel. The system is used for danger-

ous crimes and criminals.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to enhance overall safety and improve efficiency of law enforcement agencies," said Eslinger. "Perpetrators can no longer hide by crossing jurisdictions."

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Sunday School Christmas Program 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 22
Regular Services at: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 PM

DECEMBER 24
Childrens "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party 5:30 PM
Candlelight Communion Service 7:30 PM
10:30 PM

DECEMBER 25
Christmas Morning Communion Service 9:15 AM

JANUARY 1
New Year's Service and Brunch 9:15 AM

PEACE AND JOY
All Souls Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 1997

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 PM Fr. Richard Trout Ralph Duvall Fr. Stephen Mitcheles Ralph Duvall	4:00 PM Church Fr. David Vware At Fornace
5:30 PM Fr. David Vware At Fornace Fr. Stephen Mitcheles At Fornace	6:30 PM Fr. Richard Trout Ralph Duvall Fr. Hugo Landone Ralph Duvall
7:00 PM Fr. Stephen Mitcheles At Fornace	8:00 PM Fr. Richard Trout Fr. David Vware Ralph Duvall At Fornace
9:00 AM Fr. Stephen Mitcheles Ralph Duvall	11:00 AM Fr. Richard Trout At Fornace

Christmas Day
11:00 AM
Fr. Richard Trout
At Fornace

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
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10:00 AM Christmas Eve Worship
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CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT
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&
7:30 PM

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CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY
12:00 A.M.

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First Baptist Church
519 South Park Avenue, Sanford
322-6041

December 14 - 8:00 PM
"I Have The Light"
Promise Children's Choir

December 21 - 8:00 PM
"This is Christmas"
Sounds of Praise
a Family Celebration of Christmas
December 24
8:30 PM
Candlelight Communion Service
Come, worship
and celebrate His birth.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 am
Worship Service
Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 21, 3:00 pm
Hanging of the Greens and Family Soup Supper
Wednesday, Dec. 24 7:00 pm
Childrens Nativity Pageant &
Family Eucharist and Story
Christmas Eve Wed., December 24
7:00 pm - Family Eucharist and Story
10:30 pm - Choral Eucharist
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CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24
7:00 p.m.
at
Neighborhood Alliance Church
301 Markham Woods Road
Longwood - 869-6072

Markham Woods Presbyterian Church
5210 Markham Woods Rd., Lake Mary

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE
8:00 P.M. THE CHRISTMAS PROLOGUE
The children and youth of the church are invited to the traditional beauty of the Christmas Eve.
1:00 P.M. THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS
9:00 P.M. Two solemn services of music featuring the Church's Christmas hymns.
11:00 P.M. TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
The sanctuary filled with candlelight as we honor the Christmas Eve.
10:30 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY An informal gathering (coffee as you are) as we celebrate the greatest gift of all. Children and adults are invited to bring one of their Christmas gifts to share in everyone.

Ernest H. Florken, Minister
333-2030

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Dennis R. Willetts, Pastor

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Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24
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Sanford, FL 32771
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CHRISTMAS CANTATA
ADULT CHOIR
DEC. 21 6:00 PM
CANDLE LIGHT
CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE
DEC. 24 6:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S EVE
PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM

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DECEMBER 24 - 7:30 P.M.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 25 - 10:30 A.M.
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DECEMBER 24th
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Thursday, December 25
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Sports

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Extra Points...

Dean Smith

Herald Sports Editor



Basketball in the county is a must see this season

SANFORD - Seeing how close the boys' high school basketball teams are matched in the county this year almost makes me wish I was still coaching college basketball.

Every squad in the county is talented and there are no "gimmies" on the schedule. Even first year programs at Crooms and Winter Springs are loaded with talent and can sneak up and bite a perceived favorite on any given night.

This is the most talent from top to bottom in the area that I have seen since the 1980-81 campaign when Bill Payne took a 31-3 Seminole High team to the state championships in Lakeland.

That year every team in the county, and Class 4A-District 5 for that matter, was heavily talented and you had to fight every night for a win.

In fact, Seminole had beaten Apopka, who was in the district that year, three times in the regular season, including a game in a Christmas Tournament, but had to get two free throws from Glen Stambaugh in the final seconds to edge the Blue Darters in the semifinals of the district tournament.

And why is the county so good this year? Yes there are a lot of talented players, but I think you also have to look at the talent in the coaching ranks as well. Every school has a very good basketball person at the helm, and in most cases, a very good assistant at his side.

Just look at Oviedo. Some people wonder why the Lions are doing so well and ranked so high because the team doesn't have a superstar. Part of the ranking, No. 4 this week, can be explained because Oviedo played in the 6A championship game last spring.

But a lot of the success can be accredited to the coaches. Ed Kershner was a highly regarded coach in basketball hotbed Indiana before he ever came to Florida. And since arriving he has turned Kissimmee-Ocoola, a team that you could almost count as a guaranteed win over every year, into a state and national power.

And he also was a major force in building the Great Florida Shootout, which the Lions will play in this weekend, into one of the top holiday tournaments in the country.

And this year he has also pulled off a major coup in hiring Ray Ridenour as an assistant. Ridenour, a former assistant to Torch Clark at UCF (then FTU) and head coach at Daytona Beach Community College, has one of the best basketball minds I have ever seen.

When I was an assistant at SCC we used to hate having to play Daytona because you never knew what Coach Ridenour would come up with.

He got more out of his teams than any coach we played against. They played hard, had enthusiasm, and would never give up.

He took players who had physical ability and made them basketball players. And that can be shown by the team that won the state championship and made a great showing in the National Tournament back in the early '90s. He had a tremendously talented point guard in a kid named Moore (the first name escapes me), and a bunch of roll players. That team came out of the Mid-Florida Conference Tournament (FCC-J had won the regular season title) and proceeded to advance all the way to the nationals.

I would also like to commend a pair of coaches who have paid their dues, Steve Kohn at Lake Howell and Steve Jucker at Lake Brantley. These men finally have teams that can win the district and advance to the state playoffs at school's whose teams have not been regarded with much respect over the years.

Jucker has had a couple of good years and made the playoffs, but this is a first for Kohn and the Silver Hawks. Congratulations guys.

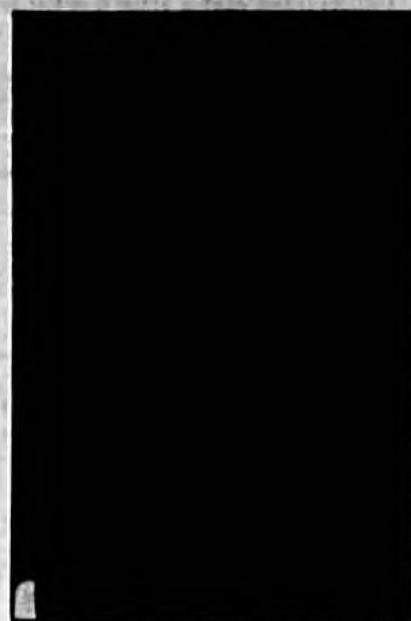
And that's not even to mention the job Mike Gaudreau has done at Lake Mary since taking over for Willie Richardson last year or the way Norman Ready has Lyman playing. And don't forget Bob Traina and Arrow Force VI, which is fighting tooth and nail in an unbelievably strong Class 5A-District 5 and having to take on the 6A schools in the SAC.

It's just too bad that only two teams (in 6A) can advance to the playoffs.

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Lions impound 'Dogs

Oviedo boys rally past DeLand; Crooms falls late; Lake Howell girls whip Hornets



Tim Waldo scored 28 points for Crooms in a losing effort Monday night.

From Staff Reports

DeLAND - Josh Cullen, bomber. The DeLand boys' basketball team found out that the football field was not the only place the former Oviedo quarterback throws the bomb as Cullen turned into long-range gunner Tuesday night to help the Lions gun down the Bulldogs 79-73 in a Class 6A-District 3 game at the Dog Pound.

Oviedo, ranked fourth again this week in the FSWA Class 6A State Poll, was in deep trouble after falling behind 26-12 after the first quarter.

But the Lions awoke in the second period, closing to within one point, 30-28, at halftime on the strength of a 25-13 scoring advantage.

Oviedo then used another 28 point quarter in the third period, outscoring DeLand 26-19 to take the lead for good. The two teams then battled to a 18-15 standoff in the final eight minutes.

Cullen hit six of the Lions' nine three-pointers and finished with a game-high 28 points. The only other

Oviedo player in double figures was Brad Combes with 19 points.

Walley (25 points) and Jackson (21 points) led the Bulldogs (3-7).

The Lions also won the junior varsity game in fine fashion, putting a 90-62 hurting on the Baby Bulldogs.

Oviedo is now 11-0 on the season and will open play in the prestigious Great Florida Shootout at the Kissimmee Civic Center on Thursday against Tallahassee-Leon.

PANTHERS LOSE HEARTBREAKER

DELTONA - The Crooms boys' basketball team very nearly pulled off a major upset of a Class 5A team Monday night, but the Panthers fell short as they dropped a 79-73 decision to the Deltona Wolves.

Deltona (8-2) led 17-16 after one period then built the lead to six points, 41-35, at halftime.

But Crooms (4-4) came out smoking in the third period and outscored the Wolves 23-16 to take a 58-57

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U.S. World Cup Team to train locally

Special to the Herald

SANFORD - The Seminole County Sports Training Center at Sylvan Lake Park will host the United States Men's World Cup Team beginning January 5, 1998.

The 30-member squad plus coaches and administrative staff will make the Training Center their headquarters for the month of January.

This will be the third World Cup team to use the facility for training. In 1994, the Republic of Ireland used the Training Center and in 1995, the United States Women's team used the facilities to prepare for their World Cup games.

In addition, the U.S. Women also used the facilities in their preparation for the 1996 Olympic

Games and went on to win the gold medal in the first ever Women's Olympic Soccer Games.

"When the Seminole County Sports Training Center was developed in 1993, we could only imagine the effect it would have on our County," said Gary E. Kaiser, County Manager. "What we have found is that when we have the United States National Teams training here, we have the eyes of the world focused on our County."

"With that comes great exposure and allows us to shine and show off our magnificent fields and facilities to the world."

"By having the U.S. Men's World Cup team using our facilities, again the eyes of the world will be turned to Seminole County. With this exposure, it undoubtedly will increase the inter-

est in our facilities and allows us to demonstrate Seminole County's proud tradition of being a leader in the sports world with the best fields and facilities available," added Kaiser.

In addition to the Men's World Cup team, U.S. Soccer has also scheduled its Under-23 men's team in January and its Under-20 men's team in February to join the Major League Soccer teams for training.

"This schedule of training will have a tremendous economic impact on Seminole County," said Randall C. Morris, Chairman, Seminole County Board of County Commissioners. "Previous World Cup, Olympic, professional and collegiate team training has proven the eco-

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Assistant coaches, like this group of Seminole High School football assistants looking on intently during a game earlier this year at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium, are an integral part

of the development of any athletic team, but they rarely get much credit outside that of the head coach, school administration or the players who rely on them daily.

Assistants work in anonymity

SANFORD - This week's Unsung Hero is actually a very unique group of people.

They stay in the back drop, working just as hard as the people they support with little or no credit.

Everyday they are out on the courts, tracks and fields of the county's schools, working and caring about the student athletes in their care.

These people are assistant coaches.

Every team has at least one. One coach who while devoting time, energy and concern to the team, rarely gets even a mention in the game story or over the announcements.

Take the Seminole High School football team, for example.

Even though he has proven himself to be a very talented coach, head football coach Jim Worthington still relies on his assistants.

At practice, the team is divided into squads and each assistant directs a portion of the practice. They help in the locker room to keep the peace, give out equipment and make sure everything is running as it should be.

During the games, each coach has a duty, whether he is in the press box transmitting information to the sideline, working with the spe-

Unsung Heroes

By
Kellie Wanner

cial teams or giving pointers to either the defense or the offense while the other unit is on the field.

In addition, assistant coaches on a football staff are also coaches at the junior varsity or freshman level. That is a very important part of the football program because the freshman and junior varsity coaches are responsible for getting the kids ready for the varsity level.

See Heroes, Page 2B

Local matmen claim five titles

From Staff Reports

LONGWOOD - Nine Seminole Athletic Conference wrestlers reached the finals and five won individual weight division championships at the Lyman Christmas Tournament last weekend.

Burgess (Lyman) at 112, Yang (Lake Mary) at 125; Glota (Lyman) at 171, Godwin (Oviedo) at 180 and C. Campbell (Lake Howell) at 215 were the division winners, while L. Campbell (Oviedo) at 103, Hise (Oviedo) at 140, Watts (Oviedo) at 171 and Stephenson (Lake Mary) at 180 were the runners-up.

Things did not go as well in the team race for the SAC squads as Oviedo was top county team with a fifth place finish behind champion Edgewater. Host Lyman was sixth, with Lake Howell ninth, Lake Mary 10th, Lake Brantley 13th and Winter Springs 14th in the 16 team field.

LYMAN CHRISTMAS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT TEAM STANDINGS

1. Edgewater, 193.5; 2. University, 166; 3. Turpin Springs-East Lake, 160; 4. Dunell-Fieger Palm Coast, 157; 5. Oviedo, 154.5; 6. Lyman, 133.5; 7. New Smyrna Beach, 107; 8. St. Cloud, 104; 9. Lake Howell, 82; 10. Lake Mary, 78.5; 11. West Orange, 56; 12. Tampa-Chamberlain, 51; 13. Lake Brantley, 38; 14. Winter Springs, 19; 15. Deltona, 15; 16. Winter Park, 5.

- #### INDIVIDUAL FINALS
- 103 - Arcota (University) defeated L. Campbell (Oviedo), 5-0.
 - 112 - Burgess (Lyman) defeated Milton (Fieger Palm Coast), forfeit.
 - 119 - Bassardet (Fieger Palm Coast) defeated Gutierrez (Edgewater), 16-4.
 - 125 - Yang (Lake Mary) defeated Culbreth (Fieger Palm Coast), 5-4.
 - 130 - Crawford (Edgewater) pinned Jordan (Fieger Palm Coast), 1:10.
 - 136 - Posert (East Lake) defeated Inthier (Edgewater), 10-4.
 - 140 - Crunkilton (New Smyrna Beach) defeated Hise (Oviedo), 14-9.
 - 145 - Jones (University) defeated Lens (East Lake), 20-3.
 - 152 - B. Roberts (East Lake) pinned Sutton (Edgewater), 5:58.
 - 160 - D. Roberts (East Lake) defeated Forte (St. Cloud), 13-10.
 - 171 - Glota (Lyman) defeated Watts (Oviedo), 10-8.
 - 180 - Godwin (Oviedo) pinned Stephenson (Lake Mary), 5:36.
 - 215 - C. Campbell (Lake Howell) pinned Henner (East Lake), 3:05.
 - 275 - Thompson (Edgewater) defeated Singleton (East Lake), 12-5.

BLONDE

by Chic Young



BEETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



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by Art Sanson



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by Jim Davis



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by Jim Meddick



Is surgery needed for herniated disc?

DEAR DR. GOTT: An MRI test has shown that my chronic back pain is caused by a bulging disc that is pressing on some nerve roots. My doctor likes it to squeezing the filling in an Oreo cookie. He has prescribed muscle relaxants, physical therapy and stretching exercises. He says that if these treatments don't work, I'll be a candidate for surgery. But I don't want surgery. What would you do?

DEAR READER: Exactly what you're doing.



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Initial treatment for a herniated disc consists of precisely the therapy your doctor ordered. In addition, you might consider acupuncture and chiropractic manipulation. If these nonsurgical methods are effective, fine; if not, you'll have to consider an operation to repair the disc.

I must say that I am impressed with the simile your doctor used. The spinal discs ARE like Oreo filling, with the cookie portion representing the bones. If the bones are squeezed together, the disc tends to protrude out of place.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 70 years old. Every morning I faithfully drink a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar in a glass of cranberry juice. This has kept me from having arthritis. Are there side effects?

DEAR READER: There are no serious complications from drinking small quantities of vinegar. However, I think I should tell you that the vinegar/cranberry juice cocktail is of absolutely no benefit in preventing or treating arthritis.

Your doctor not only gets an "A" for his approach to disc disorders, but he also gets extra credit for explaining the situation to you in understandable terms.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been advised not to take aspirin with vitamin E, because the two products interact badly. How?

DEAR READER: Low-dose aspirin (about one adult tablet a day) will prolong blood-clotting. This feature

rules of reducing inflammation, relieving pain and lowering fever.

Vitamin E also promotes slower blood coagulation. The vitamin, which is an antioxidant, may help reduce the risk of cancer, retard the progression of Alzheimer's disease and improve circulation.

However, when aspirin and vitamin E are combined, blood coagulation may be severely impaired, causing internal hemorrhage and other complications. Consequently, many authorities recommend that the two products not be taken together — or that the dose of the vitamin be lowered significantly.

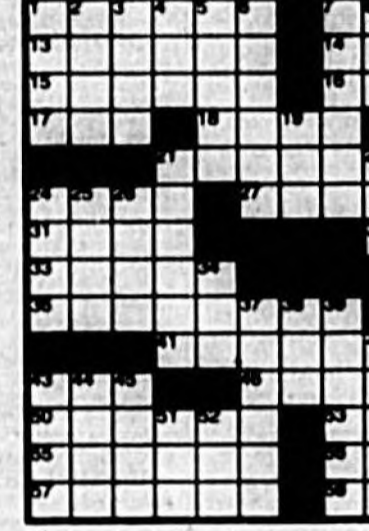
I recommend the following: If your doctor has suggested an aspirin a day, avoid vitamin E or make sure that you do not exceed 400 units a day.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

To draw or not to draw

By Phillip Alder

In the "White House Years," Henry Kissinger wrote, "The management of a balance of power is a permanent undertaking, not an exertion that has a foreseeable end."

We have critical management in bridge too: of the trump suit. How would you play in four spades here? West leads the diamond two.

The deal occurred at the Surfer's Paradise congress last February in Queensland, Australia.

Five diamonds is easy to make, but is "impossible" to reach after East-West's effective barrage.

Here, West's lead is clearly a singleton, but in less obvious circumstances, be guided by British international Andy Robson's Bois bridge tip.

He pointed out that if someone who opened with a high-level pre-empt leads another suit, it is a singleton. (And as a rider, if the pre-emptor leads his own suit, either he has no singleton or it is in the trump suit.)

South immediately drew two rounds of trumps. If they had broken 3-2, he would have been fine. Yet when they split 4-1, he had to take the heart finesse. However, when it lost, East cashed the spade queen, which removed dummy's last trump. Then the defenders took two club tricks for two down.

Drawing two rounds of trumps is bad management. The right line is to cash only dummy's spade king before leading a club. Now (unless spades are 5-0) the contract is safe. Even if West gets a diamond ruff, declarer will lose only one spade, one club and one ruff. And with the actual layout, declarer has set up his club ruff before East can denude dummy of spades. South loses only two spades and one club.

North 12-17-97

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 ♠ A Q 8 4
 ♥ K Q J 6 3
 ♦ 4

West East
 ♠ J Q 10 9 2
 ♥ 10 6 5 2 ♠ K J 9 7
 ♦ 2 ♣ 5 4
 ♠ K Q J 10 9 7 2 ♠ A 8 3

South
 ♠ A 8 5 4 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A 10 9 8 7
 ♣ 6 5

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: West

South West North East
 3 ♠ Dbl 4 ♠
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

HOROSCOPE

Your Birthday
 Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997

Because horizons will be expanded in the year ahead, you will be tempted to do things you've never tried previously, and your efforts will be successful. Think positively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An old friend who lives far away has been neglected lately. A brief phone call could put matters right and bring about advantageous results. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will not take what associates say as gossip today. However, if you catch

someone in a small fib, don't inflate the issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Others will find you an agreeable companion today because of your strong desires to cooperate. Every compromise you make will be matched.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Establish meaningful objectives today where your job is concerned. Big things can be accomplished if you have a mind to do so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have the ability to absorb knowledge like a sponge today. Find a way to observe someone you admire in action and imitate him or her later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The end results should work out as you expect today, provided nothing is left to chance. You can control events and not be controlled by them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Sunshine should start to break through the clouds in several situations today. What develops will stimulate your enthusiasm and lift your spirits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial prospects look encouraging today, especially in arrangements where you offer your services. Rewards will be proportionate to your productivity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be inclined to put more emphasis on your personal interests. You will be able to do so in a manner that will gain support, not opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions in general might be more favorable for you today than they will be tomorrow. Focus your day's efforts on finalizing assignments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This could be an enticing day for introducing a new endeavor that involves several close friends. All can make definite contributions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be luckier than usual today in important material arrangements. Something that looked only moderately interesting could turn out large.

