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SANFORD — For Kerry Wiggins and Mike Merthle, playing for a couple of men's recreation softball teams was the perfect way to spend a summer between seasons.

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### BRIEFS

#### Lawsuit follows raid

SANFORD — The owner of a Sanford business raided last month has filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit against a large law firm over his losses.

David Rose, owner of First Financial Foundation Inc., sued Holland and Knight PA, Charles L. Stutts and six John Does. Rose filed a civil suit for theft, conspiracy, trespass and abuse of process.

Stutts, who works for Holland and Knight, was appointed receiver for the Tampa-based Premier Benefit Capital Trust, by a bankruptcy court. He confiscated records and property from Rose's business office at 413 W. First St. in Sanford last month. Stutts claimed the Sanford business was receiving mail for the trust.

Rose claims Stutts and six unknown persons stripped his business of all records, equipment and supplies which had no connection to PBCT.

#### Punishment includes essay

SANFORD — A 15-year-old Oviedo High School student who allegedly harassed a female student at school will participate in a supervised program and write an essay on the importance of treating women with respect.

In addition, Seminole Circuit Court Judge Leonard Wood said the youth must perform 20 hours of community service, apologize to the girl, observe a nightly curfew during school and tour the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

A 16-year-old youth also charged in the incident is expected to receive similar sanctions next week, according to assistant state attorney Karen Scimeca.

A 17-year-old girl told authorities earlier this year the teens had verbally harassed her at school after she refused a date with one of them. In May, she claimed the pair held her against her will in a school aerobics room and fondled her until she broke free.

If the two youths successfully complete the diversion program, charges against them will be dropped, Scimeca said.

#### Formal budget hearing moved

LAKE MARY — The first official budget hearing date for the City of Lake Mary has been moved. It will be held Monday, Sept. 13 rather than Sept. 9.

City Clerk Carol Edwards explained, "The School Board had set Sept. 9th for its budget hearing, and they take precedence over us, so we had to move our date."

The second formal hearing for Lake Mary will still be held on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Workshop meetings on the budget will be held tonight beginning at 6 p.m., prior to the start of the regular City Commission meeting. A second workshop is planned for 6 p.m., Aug. 19, and if needed, a third workshop will be held on August 26.

#### ComputerTots classes offered

LONGWOOD — The City of Longwood Parks and Recreation Department is continuing to offer a new program for children called ComputerTots.

The one week mini-camps will be held at Ed Myers Recreational Building on Wilma Avenue.

Children ages three and up will receive instruction from a specially-trained teacher while they experience hands-on exploration of the world of computers.

Classes are 30 minutes in length for tots 3 through 5, and 45 minutes for Explorers age 6 and over. The fee for tots is \$26 and \$32 for Explorers.

For class times or openings, 330-4496.

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#### Heat index 105-107 degrees



Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High mid 90s. Wind south-southeast 10 mph.

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# Accused of rape

## Suspect in Sanford burglaries charged in assault of woman, 65

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A Sanford man police say is responsible for a string of burglaries downtown is now charged with raping an elderly woman in DeBary.

Kevin Lee Smith, 19, who had been living on the streets in Sanford until his arrest earlier this week on several burglary charges, faces charges of sexual battery, armed burglary and grand theft in Volusia County.

According to Volusia County sheriff's department investigator Richard Nunn, Smith was charged with breaking into an elderly DeBary woman's home, sexually battering her at knife point and stealing her car on the morning of June 21.

Investigators said that he is accused of breaking into the 65-year-old woman's mobile home at about 5:30

a.m. on June 21. They said she was sleeping on a screened porch when she awoke to find a man wearing a hood that covered his face, standing over her, holding a knife to her throat.

Police report that Smith dragged her into a bedroom where he sexually assaulted her.

He then allegedly demanded the keys to her car, in which he made his escape. The car was later found abandoned in the 2500 block of South Myrtle Avenue in Sanford.

At the time, Smith may have been living with his father in Orange City, but Sanford police who are continuing their investigation into burglaries here, said his father had "kicked him out" of his home there and he had also been "kicked out" by his mother who lives at the Park Avenue Trailer Park in Sanford.

Smith is currently being held without bond at the

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Kevin Lee Smith

# State may yank license from teacher

By SANDRA ELLIOTT  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Florida Commissioner of Education Betty Castor has filed a complaint to revoke or suspend the teaching license of former Lakeview Middle School Band teacher Stephen A. Paterson. Paterson is challenging the move and has requested a formal hearing. Karen Wilde, executive director of the Education Practices Commission said it may be late in the year before the hearing takes place. She said it will be at least a month before a hearing officer is appointed and another month for pre-hearing preparations.

"I didn't go to college for

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Stephen Paterson

# County prepared as tropical storm brews

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Tropical Storm Bret is slowly strengthening and may make a wicked turn toward the Caribbean and Florida within the next day, forecasters said.

Meanwhile, the make-believe Hurricane Karen has come and gone in Sanford and Seminole County, as the Emergency Management operations were given a major preparedness test.

On the reality side, the Atlantic

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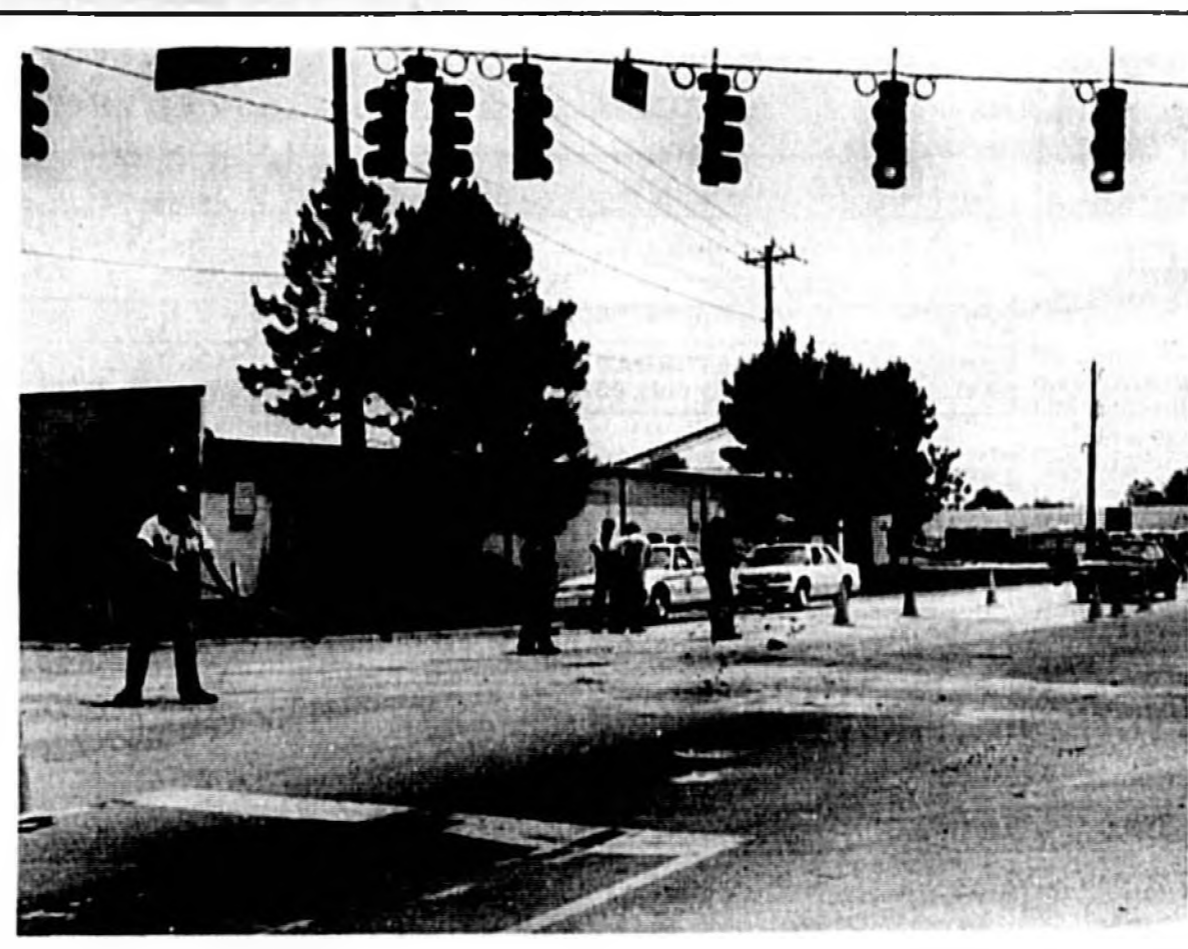
## Just a swingin'



Herald Photo by Susan Warner

Bradley Sessions, 12, top, and Joseph Cribb, 6, both of Sanford, double up on the tire swing as they enjoy the final weeks of freedom before school opens.

## Chemical cleanup



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

The west bound lane of 25th Street in Sanford was closed to through traffic for several hours yesterday, near the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Old Lake Mary Road. At noon police reported the hydraulic lines on a westbound semi tractor burst, spilling chemicals on the road for almost a half mile. City crews applied sand to the area.

# Dispute brews over affordable housing grants

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The director of the city Community Development Department said he may have to cut staff or programs because of Seminole County commissioner's decision last week to grant GoldenRule Housing and Community Development Inc. \$80,000 from a \$200,000 operating expense fund.

"Something will have to be cut," said Charles Rowe, city community development officer. "We'll have to wait to see how much we'll get before we see who or what will get cut."

Last Tuesday, commissioners voted to approve a citizens committee's recommendations for allocating its \$2.3 million federal Community Development Block Grant. But there was one change. Out of a \$200,000 recommended fund to pay agencies to provide affordable housing programs, they carved \$80,000 to pay GoldenRule for that agency's operations.

The CDBG Citizens Advisory Board had not recommended specific agency allocations for the operations money, instead preferring each to submit proposals to county staff for review. The money was set aside because the county's two major affordable housing funding sources, SHIP and HOME, restrict or prevent agencies from using portions of grants for administrative expenses.

County community development officer Buddy Balagia said the allocation will restrict his ability

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## FLORIDA BRIEFS



### Attorneys appointed for cops

MIAMI — A federal magistrate said court-appointed attorneys would be provided for six police officers accused of obstructing justice in a coverup of the beating death of a drug dealer.

Assistant State Attorney John Kastrenakes objected, saying the defendants were perfectly able to pay for the attorneys themselves.

Pablo Camacho, 46, Charlie Haynes Jr., 34, Nathaniel Veal Jr., 34, and Andy Watson, 38, were acquitted by a trial jury in 1990 on civil rights violations in the death of Leonardo Mercado, a drug dealer beaten to death in his home.

Their acquittal sparked fiery disturbances in Miami's Wynwood neighborhood that caused \$3 million in damages.

They were re-indicted July 22 with Aguero, 30, and Armando Aguilar, 37, on counts of obstruction of justice, accused of lying to a grand or trial jury and covering up their roles in the case.

### Deputy resigns over exposing himself

ORLANDO — When sheriff's investigators began looking into a report of a naked man spying on his neighbors with binoculars, they turned up one of their own.

Rocky Norman, an Orange County deputy since 1989, has resigned after internal affairs officials recommended he be fired for lying to investigators, for exposing himself in violation of the law and for unprofessional conduct.

Investigators said a couple who live next to Norman in east Orange County reported seeing a naked man near their house watching them with binoculars on July 5.

Norman, who lives in a woody area nearby, first said he had been outside in a pair of shorts with a cup of coffee. Later, he admitted he had no clothes on but said he thought no one was around.

Norman had been reassigned from patrol duties to the communications center last year after complaints were made about his performance while working off-duty as a security guard at a motel.

### Land purchase for road probed

ORLANDO — An investigation is under way to determine whether the state Department of Transportation is paying too much for a 16-acre tract of land near Orlando for a road that may never be built.

The DOT agreed last month to pay PDB Corp. of Orlando \$1.9 million for the property, which is in the pathway for a long-planned roadway called the Central Connector.

State Rep. Tom Feeney asked for the probe, and it was ordered by Gov. Lawton Chiles on Tuesday. Feeney said there are no imminent development plans for the land and the price is about three times higher than the \$660,000 PDB paid for the property in Nov. 1990.

The investigation takes on added significance because the proposed \$368-million toll road has been delayed for years by court challenges and opposition from legislators, local officials and residents. Even some of its backers now question whether the road will be built.

### Judge offers choice

PENSACOLA — A judge will give violators convicted of minor crimes the choice of jail or buying advertisements showing their photographs and charges.

Escambia County Judge William White suggested the ad option three years ago, but former Pensacola News Journal publisher Ken Andrews refused to run the ads, saying the newspaper did "not wish to become a vehicle for court-ordered public humiliation" or forfeit control over its content.

But Denise Bannister, Andrews' successor, is willing to go along with the judge, the newspaper reported Wednesday.

The judge plans to include defendants who commit all types of misdemeanors, including petty theft, writing worthless checks, prostitution and domestic violence, as well as drunken driving.

"The embarrassment of having their picture in the paper may do something," White said.

Some defense lawyers said they may ask higher courts to stop the jail-or-advertising option as a violation of the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

### Ex-con seeks custody of daughter

WEST PALM BEACH — An ex-convict seeking custody of his daughter wants a judge to remove her from a couple who took her home from the hospital a year ago.

Angel and Stephen Welsh, who hope to adopt Emily, have the backing of her natural mother, Linda Benco, who was single and decided on adoption when she was seven months pregnant.

The father, a 35-year-old Pompano Beach man, served a Minnesota prison term on a sexual misconduct charge in a burglary and rape.

Palm Beach Circuit Judge Gary Vonhof reviewed the custody dispute Tuesday but gave no indication when he might rule or if more testimony would be taken.

From Associated Press reports

## NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

# School is different this year

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

### At a glance

Here are some statistics about Florida public schools:  
Students: just more than 2 million, up 3 percent from last year.  
Teachers: nearly 120,000.  
Schools: 2,532.  
Operating budget: \$8.1 billion, up 6 percent from last year.

Here are some statistics about Seminole County public schools:  
Students: 50,790 (26,091 boys and 24,699 girls) up about 2 percent from last year.  
Teachers: about 1,000.  
Schools: 48.  
Operating budget: \$223,377,167; up about 5 percent over last year.  
Per student funding from state: \$3,736.86.

SANFORD — Things will never be the same for students at Seminole County Schools. Administrators and teachers hope that students will be returning to a better education through better facilities and better technology.

"This year is going to be different from every other year," Education Commissioner Betty Castor said.

As elsewhere in the state, high technology and local control will take center stage this year.

Each of Seminole County's schools has put together a school improvement plan which is being reviewed by the school board and the state for use this fall.

A state reform law passed two and a half years ago transfers control over much of what happens in classrooms from state lawmakers to the schools.

Although many state requirements were immediately lifted, schools weren't required to begin implementing their customized improvement plans until this fall. Some local schools did begin some improvements over the last few years, but the

real programs will get underway when classes begin anew later this month.

The plans were written by parents, teachers and business leaders at each Seminole County school.

Seminole County school advisory committees at each school have worked closely with all aspects of the schools to create programs that are do-able and that will make the greatest improvements at each school.

Castor said implementation of

the customized plans would be the big issue this school year — but not the only one. Teaching methods that use computers and other technological equipment is another major change, she said.

All the schools in Seminole County have some computers for instruction. Several have powerful computer labs and 19 schools have applied for state grants to construct similar labs.

At Lakeview Middle School, a \$135,000 computer lab is being constructed to replace the metal

and woodworking shop for the eighth graders. The lab will allow students to learn computer application from electronics to science.

The difference between a pencil and a computer is the same as the big-step difference between a hand tool and a power tool, according to Tracy Bailey, the 1994 National Teacher of the Year and the 1993 Florida Teacher of the Year.

"The days of chalk and talk and ditto sheets are rapidly diminishing and disappearing," he said.

To be effective now, the teacher must facilitate rather than disseminate information, said Bailey, who teaches science at Satellite High School in Satellite Beach.

Schools this year will share \$55 million for computers, laser disc players and other equipment and older schools will share \$30 million to be refitted to accommodate technology.

Schools in Seminole County began returning to class on July 19 for those on the year-round calendar. For others still on the traditional calendar, students will go back to school on Aug. 23.

Information from the Associated Press was included in this report.



### Timber-r-r!

A large oak tree crossed property lines this week. With no high winds reported, the tree on undeveloped property owned by Harry Quiggle ' Sons, at 8th Street and Scott Avenue, fell over a fence, into the yard of Jordan Beckner. It came to rest near a children's swing, and narrowly missed the house. The cause of the collapse has not been officially determined.

Herald Photo by Tammy Vincent

# Gambling boss is sentenced

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Former central Florida gambling boss Harold Blackburn may have received what amounted to a life sentence on drug-related charges from U.S. District Judge Patricia Fawcett Wednesday.

The 74-year-old Blackburn was sentenced to 24 1/2 years in federal prison for his April conviction on cocaine-distribution conspiracy charges. The sentence was the maximum possible under federal criminal regulations. Blackburn was arrested in unincorporated Seminole County last December.

City-County Investigative Bureau agents seized more than 1 1/2 lbs. of powdered cocaine from his home. Agents also seized records showing distribution of large

amounts of cocaine from suppliers to customers.  
Federal prosecutor Paul Byron said Blackburn may die in prison, but he isn't so sure.

—Paul Byron

"He'll be 99 when his sentence is up," said Byron. "With anybody else, I'd say they wouldn't make it. With Blackburn, I wouldn't say that."

Blackburn, once known as the "The Colonel," was once purported to have ties to the mob. Byron said he has no personal knowledge of such links, but said CCIB agents seized an old business card of the late Santo Trafficante Jr., one of the leading Mafia bosses of the Fifties and Sixties who was based in Tampa.

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### LOTTERY

MIAMI — Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery:

**Fantasy 5**  
05-13-17-21-22

**Cash 3**  
1-4-2,  
Yellow ball

**Play 4**  
5-2-6-9

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## THE WEATHER

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight: A 20 percent of evening thunderstorms then fair. Low in the mid 70s. Light south wind.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast: Saturday: Partly sunny with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Lows in the mid to upper 70s. Highs in the low to mid 90s. Sunday: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows in the mid to upper 70s. Highs in the low to mid 90s.

### FLORIDA TEMPS

City	Hi	Lo	Pct
Daytona Beach	94	71	00
Fl. Land Beach	90	74	00
Fort Myers	97	77	00
Gainesville	95	71	1
Homeside	mm	mm	mm
Jacksonville	95	73	13
Key West	91	86	00
Lakeland	97	74	00
Miami	92	84	00
Pensacola	93	78	1
Sarasota	94	mm	mm
Tallahassee	92	72	87
Tampa	93	76	00
Vero Beach	91	74	00
W. Palm Beach	91	83	00

### EXTENDED OUTLOOK

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Ptly cldy 95-75	Ptly cldy 95-75	Ptly cldy 95-75	Ptly cldy 95-75	Ptly cldy 95-75

### MOON PHASES

FULL Aug. 2	FIRST Aug. 24
LAST Aug. 10	NEW Aug. 17

### BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1 to 2 feet and semi-glassy. Current is to the north with a water temperature of 83 degrees. New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 to 2 1/2 feet and glassy. Current is to the north, with a water temperature of 82 degrees.

### BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet  
Tonight: Wind southeast to south 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated evening thunderstorms north part. Friday: Wind southeast to south 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms near shore north part.

### TEMPERATURES

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low in 8 a.m. EDT.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Chk
Anchorage	65	57	81	rn
Atlanta	86	71	136	rn
Atlanta City	97	66	cdy	
Baltimore	70	67	26	cdy
Billings	76	50	cdy	
Birmingham	83	72	rn	
Bismarck	73	50	cdy	
Boise	95	70	cdy	
Boston	86	77	cdy	
Burlington, Vt.	81	59	29	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	91	71	173	cdy
Charleston, W.Va.	78	62	86	rn
Charlotte, N.C.	85	71	rn	
Cheyenne	73	47	08	cdy
Chicago	73	51	cdy	
Cleveland	76	63	42	rn
Concord, N.H.	90	60	29	cdy
Dallas Ft. Worth	95	78	86	cdy
Denver	81	53	cdy	
Des Moines	75	53	cdy	
Detroit	74	57	cdy	
Houston	90	74	cdy	
Indianapolis	78	64	22	rn
Jameau	74	50	cdy	
Kansas City	78	54	cdy	
Las Vegas	103	82	cdy	
Little Rock	80	71	cdy	
Los Angeles	82	67	cdy	
Memphis	84	73	43	rn
Missoula	74	55	cdy	
Mobile	74	49	cdy	
Nashville	82	59	rn	
New Orleans	91	79	42	cdy
New York City	96	74	cdy	
Oklahoma City	85	68	16	cdy
Omaha	77	51	cdy	
Philadelphia	84	73	13	cdy
Phoenix	105	80	cdy	
Pittsburgh	74	61	20	rn
Portland, Maine	84	65	cdy	
St. Louis	88	65	85	cdy
Salt Lake City	82	70	81	cdy
Seattle	95	64	cdy	
Washington, D.C.	97	71	cdy	

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Disorderly conduct

Thomas Neil Elliott, 22, of Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police late Tuesday at a store in the 100 block of N. French Avenue. Officers said he had previously been asked to leave the premises. He was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

### Golf cart caper

Lake Mary Police arrested two persons at approximately 1 a.m. Wednesday morning. They were reportedly driving a golf cart in an undeveloped area of Timacuan. Police said both had been drinking beer. One of the men, a teenager who was not immediately identified, reportedly attempted to avoid arrest. He was charged with resisting arrest without violence, and possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age. The other person, identified as Bryan Dale Arcangeli, 19818, of 425 Thomez Court, Lake Mary, was charged with possession of alcohol by a person under 21.

### Arrest for forged checks

Sandra Lee Presley, 34, 8125 Lake Ross Lane, Sanford, was arrested on 34 forgery charges and one grand theft charge by Sanford police Monday afternoon. Police say she took a book of checks from her mother, forged her mother's signature and received a total of \$2,700 from her mother's account. Presley was held on 17 charges of forgery, 17 charges of passing forged checks and one grand theft charge.

### Traffic stop leads to arrest

Joel A. Dean, 35, 106 Winding Ridge Drive, Sanford, was arrested on drug-related charges following a traffic stop in Longwood Monday evening. Longwood police report finding "crack" cocaine and a smoking device under the seat of his car after noticing smoke rising from the vehicle. Dean was held on charges of possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

### Warrant arrests made

The following wanted persons have been taken into custody:

- Carey K. Vandiver, 19, 608 Holbrook Circle, Longwood, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court to answer to a suspended driver license charge.

- Rosa Lee Holiday, 34, 603 E. Third St., Sanford, was served with a civil writ.

- Lowell David Scribner, 58, 322 N. Country Club Road, Lake Mary, was arrested at a Sanford bar on a probation violation charge for a drunken driving conviction.

- Debra Smitley Chambers, 42, 27 Gatehouse, Sanford, was charged with failure to appear in court on charges of allowing an unauthorized person to drive.

She was serving time at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on other charges. Bond was set at \$500.

- Willie Ray Dean, 26, 1120 Florida Ave., Apt. 406, Sanford, was charged with failing to appear in court on charges of driving with a suspended driver license.

He was arrested near his home and taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held on \$500 bond.

### Crimes reported to authorities

The following crimes have been reported to Sanford police:

- An auto alarm was reported taken from Rose Auto Parts, 2432 French Ave. at 5 p.m. Monday. Store employees reported two men distracted them while a third hid the merchandise under his shirt and left the store. Employees obtained a car tag number after the three left. Police report finding two of the men issuing trespassing warnings, but could not find the suspect.

- An unspecified amount of money was reported taken from the juke box and dart game at Touchdown Pub, 1716 W. Airport Blvd. sometime between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday.

- A television and video tape recorder were reported taken from one of three burglarized White Construction Co. trailers at the Seminole County Expressway overpass at Airport Boulevard sometime between 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 11:45 p.m. Wednesday.

### Woman grabbed, man nabbed

Sanford police arrested Dieu M. Jules, 31, of #5 Lincoln Rooming House on Monday. A woman told police she was exiting from a convenience store in the 100 block of N. French Avenue, when a man she identified as Jules, grabbed \$100 in cash and a money order from her hand and ran off. Police were able to locate Jules at his residence and place him under arrest. He has been charged with strong armed robbery and battery.

### Briefcase case

A Longwood police officer reported seeing a man standing in front of a closed medical building on S.R. 434 holding a briefcase on Tuesday. He investigated and discovered a smoking pipe and other drug related items in the briefcase. The man, identified as Muriel Mayle, 33, was listed as a transient, but his place of birth was listed as Great Britain. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Police also found he was wanted on two outstanding warrants for failing to appear in court, in Monroe County.

### Burglary suspect arrested

Casselberry police arrested Joseph Vito Mattina, 25, of 885 Lake Como Drive, Lake Mary, on Tuesday. Police had sought him in connection with a burglary in the 700 block of Sandpiper Lane in Casselberry several days earlier. The female victim of the burglary identified Mattina from photographs, and he was apprehended at a shopping center at the intersection of S.R. 436 and U.S. 17-92. He was charged with burglary to a dwelling, and criminal mischief.

### Crowd scene

Sanford police arrested Calvin Lee Kaufman, 22, 1214 Rosecliff Circle, at Lake Mary Blvd. and Palmetto Avenue on Tuesday. The officer reported seeing a group of people standing outside with containers of alcohol, and asked them to go indoors. The arrest report stated that the persons started to go in the building, but Kaufman reportedly returned to the officer, and eventually threatened him with a knife described by police as having a 15 inch blade. Kaufman was charged with disorderly conduct, and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

### Cops say man is habitual offender

Lake Mary police arrested Dexter Laverne Williams, 25, 1122 Orange Avenue, Sanford, on Tuesday. A police officer said he recognized a motorist as having been arrested previously. He conducted a computer check on the license and discovered it was listed to be on a different vehicle. Williams car was stopped near Lake Mary Blvd. and Rinehart Road. Williams was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license, (habitual). Police said his license had been revoked once, and suspended on 14 previous occasions. He was also charged with attached tag not assigned.

### Domestic violence arrest

Bruce A. Cameron, 26, 710 Wynn Drive, Sanford, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at his residence Tuesday following an altercation with another man. He was charged with assault, domestic violence.

### Disorderly conduct

Glenn Allan Cox, 30, 115 S. French Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Tuesday. Police said they were responding to a call regarding a fight. Cox was charged with disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest without violence.

# Rodney King beating

## Black leaders decry sentence given two cops

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — Black leaders decried the surprisingly lenient 2½-year prison sentences given the two policemen convicted in the Rodney King beating, and federal prosecutors said they may appeal.

"African-Americans in this country still seem to be worth three-fifths of a person. Maybe less," seethed the Rev. Mary Minor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, a black church in South Central Los Angeles.

U.S. District Judge John Davies said in sentencing Officer Laurence Powell and Sgt. Stacey Koon on Wednesday that a combative King brought much of the beating on himself.

"It was a rapidly evolving situation," the judge said. "Mr. King continued to disobey even when struck by repeated blows."

The two policemen had faced a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for violating King's civil rights. Federal guidelines called for sentences of about six to seven years.

With good behavior, the officers could be

out in just over two years. Koon, 42, and Powell, 30, were ordered to report to prison Sept. 27.

U.S. Attorney Terree Bowers said he will consult with Attorney General Janet Reno on whether to appeal the sentences. "We are disappointed," he said.

All available police officers were put on duty to prevent a repeat of the rioting that left more than 50 people dead in 1992 after Powell, Koon and two other officers were acquitted on state charges in the beating.

The city remained calm Wednesday, although black leaders and citizens alike denounced the sentences.

"These sentences display a wanton disparity, discrimination and inequity, based on race. Once again a double standard of justice in the United States' legal system has been exemplified," said Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., executive director of the NAACP.

"I know brothers who've served more than that for traffic violations," Niles Degrate, an unemployed black man who had waited outside the federal building for the decision. "Racism is alive and well in Los Angeles today."

King, who has filed a \$50 million lawsuit

against the city, did not attend the sentencing. "He was disappointed. He was upset," said his lawyer, Milton Grimes. "He expected a sentence certainly longer than 2½ years."

King was clubbed, kicked and stomped March 3, 1991, after leading police on a chase that began when they tried to pull him over for speeding. An onlooker videotaped the episode, which became a national symbol of police brutality.

The judge spoke sympathetically of the defendants as solid family men and officers with meritorious records and said they suffered greatly as a result of publicity.

In explaining why he imposed less than the recommended sentence, Davies said the officers acted legally during the first 67 seconds of the tape and stepped over the line only after King became submissive during the final 19 seconds.

He criticized prosecutors for pursuing the federal trial after a state jury acquitted Koon, Powell, Officer Theodore Briseno and fired rookie Officer Timothy Wind. The four were indicted on federal charges not long after the riots; Briseno and Wind were acquitted at the federal trial.

## State court says rape victims can be named

By The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — The state's 82-year-old statute that prevents the news media from publishing the identity of rape victims was ruled unconstitutional by a state appeals court because it violates the First Amendment.

The 4th District Court of Appeal cleared The Globe, a supermarket tabloid based in Boca Raton, of violating that law when it printed Patricia Bowman's name shortly after she accused William Kennedy Smith of rape. Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, was acquitted in 1991.

The appeals court said the state should not guard someone's privacy by restricting the news media. "The state has a right to keep a victim's identity a secret, but if journalists learn the name from other sources, the state cannot punish the media for publishing the truth, the court ruled Wednesday.

The state also cannot prove that keeping victim's identity a secret would encourage other victims to come forward, the court said.

The decision upholds a ruling made in November 1991 by Palm Beach County Judge Robert Parker. He dismissed the case brought by former Palm Beach County State Attorney David Bludworth, who personally argued the case against the tabloid.

Bludworth appealed Parker's decision to the district court.

Florida Attorney General Robert Butterworth said Bludworth is pardoning the 1911 law by prosecuting The Globe. Butterworth said "it would be tragic" to risk losing "a good law that was poorly and misguidedly applied."

Butterworth had argued the law should be left on the books because it protects victims from retaliation by their attackers and encourages other victims to report the crime. The law also protects the privacy of rape victims, who need to be shielded from public scrutiny, said Richard Doran, assistant deputy attorney general.

The tabloid named Bowman because editors believed her story had discrepancies, so it was fair to call her background into question, said Globe editor-in-chief Phil Bunton. His paper also waited until several British tabloids had named Bowman before deciding to put her name in the paper, Bunton said.



Gun play

Matt and Justin Gentry did battle with Brenna Clark on the streets of Sanford recently. The youngsters were using plastic guns and water for ammunition, but they have a little to learn about gun safety. The trio were just having fun and suffered little more than water damage.

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## EDITORIALS

### Lend cops your eyes and ears

Sunday morning, Sanford police arrested a man reportedly in the act of stealing a car. Longwood police recently arrested two Sanford men identified by witnesses as threatening them with a handgun.

Thanks to a burglar alarm, Sanford police apprehended a man who had apparently broken into a gun shop early Tuesday morning.

These are just some examples of action taken by our local law enforcement agencies. Many other arrests are made on a regular basis.

In each of these cases, the arrests were the result of assistance from people. They either became personally involved, or created circumstances where police assistance was called for.

Sanford police Commander Dennis Whitmire observed, "Thank goodness for people like these. It is one of the biggest helps we could ask for in combating crime."

One can only guess how many people may see a suspicious incident, but ignore calling the law to avoid getting involved. Only when a crime directly affects an individual, is the tendency to react prominent.

There are only a certain number of law enforcement officers. Each of them has only one set of eyes.

If members of the public would take it upon themselves to serve as additional eyes, the vision of the law would expand unbelievably.

Going beyond this, if owners or proprietors of businesses would have proper burglar alarms installed, officers would have more ears with which to hear of criminal activities.

TV shows tend to make a criminal investigation exciting. Officers of the law often chuckle at this, knowing it takes a great deal of work and often drudgery to dig into a crime.

If people will take it upon themselves to give some assistance such as reporting crimes or suspicious situations, crime solving would be easier. As a result, more criminals would be taken off our streets.

Lend an ear and an eye. You will be helping law enforcement and contributing to the well being of the entire neighborhood.

## LETTERS

### Judicial ignorance

Are there consequences for judicial ignorance? Our system of government has three equal branches of government. Each is supposed to act as a check and balance of the other.

As we gear up for the '94 election year, candidates for the executive branch, (law enforcement, mayors and commissioners), will be seeking funds and active support for their respective offices...as will the legislative branch (House and Senate). But the judicial branch with its elected offices and political appointments will go through the process relatively unnoticed.

Even the party loyalists and political activists can tell you little or nothing of the judicial listing. Who are they? What do they stand for? How did they get there? What is their jurisdiction?

If the judicial system is indeed one third of the circle around which our system operates, how is that we citizens have chosen to ignore its influence?

If those concerned with better government would make an organized effort to explore the judiciary, the media would certainly follow. The result could only be a better informed voter and maybe even an increased confidence in government.

Besides, if we practiced more caution with who entered the system at the bottom we may be more pleased with who emerges at the top!

Thomas Carpenter  
Sanford

**Berry's World**

## WILLIAM A. RUSHER

### Snapshots of contemporary Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Nobody can become an expert on Russia and Ukraine by spending one week apiece in each, and I am not going to kid you by pretending to be one. But I can offer a few comments, based on observations that are both recent and direct:

1. Both countries have all the stigmata of disintegrated societies in which the previous central authority collapsed and its successor is weak. Thus, bribery will get you anywhere: I saw whole busloads of lucky tourists cross international borders with scarcely any immigration or customs inspections whatever. In one case the buses were driven directly to the waiting plane.

2. Conservative Americans in Moscow (there are a few), who are working with like-minded Russian officials drafting the new constitution, told me that Russian liberals are as idiotic as their American counterparts. They are trying to turn the new constitution into a sort of wish-list, pledging the "right" to free health care, a free education, a pollution-free environment, etc., etc., to everyone, without the slightest hint of where the money for all this is going to come from.

3. Even a week will convince an observer that Ukrainian nationalism is in the saddle there, and

that it would take quite a turnaround to unite the country with Russia again. There are Russian super-nationalists who don't know this, or don't care, and they had better look out.

4. People who had been in Moscow before assured me that the choice of fruits and meats at the breakfast buffet in our hotel would have been inconceivable even two years ago. But of course, we were at the very top of the food chain. One could see a van from the countryside park on a Moscow boulevard be surrounded within minutes, and sell its whole load of cabbages (or whatever) before the police could arrive to shoo it away.



Thus, bribery will get you anywhere.

5. Despite slow improvements, the Russian government remains wobbly, and stays in power largely because its opponents are even more unpopular than it is. (Luckily Gorbachev is gone: He — "and Raisa" — are almost universally detested.) I would not be surprised, or terribly dismayed, if some semi-authoritarian type along the lines of Pinochet seized power and won popular support by making the scheming politicians toe the line while the country pulled itself together. It would be a (temporary) setback for the ideal of New England town-meeting democracy, but the rest of the world should try to avoid hysteria if it happens.

6. Devout Communists are still around: I saw one rally on the steps of the Lenin Museum near Red Square, complete with bull-horns and hammer-and-sickle flags. It's too bad the whole country couldn't have been de-Communized, as Germany was de-Nazified, but that would have required an occupying power. In any case, the Communists aren't taken seriously. Russia may make many mistakes, but it won't make that one again.

7. Lenin still lies in his red granite tomb in Red Square, but the lines to see the old geezer are shorter these days.



## MARTIN SCHRAM

### Get government off its own back

The week's video images blurred into one: In a beer commercial, we saw weenie-dogs drag racing. In the nightly news, we saw Washington's weenie-pols racing their own vacation deadline, yipping and nipping in their effort to take a permanent big bite out of the budget deficit.

But once again, as they raced to find ways of cutting a final \$10 billion or so over five years (such as one more whack out of our Medicare payments), the weenie-pols failed to seize an even more lucrative budget-cutting opportunity that has long existed right beneath their poll-sensitive snouts:

It's the federal bureaucracy. Vice President Al Gore said the other day that President Clinton will meet and even exceed his goal of cutting 100,000 jobs from the federal bureaucracy in his four-year term, a savings of \$8 billion. But he won't exceed it by a large margin, according to an official familiar with the work of the National Performance Review that Gore's staff will complete by Labor Day.

Pity. For, it is possible to quadruple Clinton's goal — to cut 100,000 jobs in each of four years, save \$8 billion annually and do it through a moderate, prudent plan of attrition. And it can be done without a loss of genuine government service to the American people, if our Cabinet and sub-Cabinet officials make efficient management their top priority. Here's how:

Each year, almost 20 percent of the federal civilian work force of 2.2 million people (excluding post office employees) leave their jobs for various reasons (resignations, retirements, transfers, etc.), according to the president's own Office of Personnel Management. That means that some 400,000 workers leave their jobs annually.

Yet our federal workforce has continued to grow. Even in the years when Washington was under the sway of the anti-big government rhetoric of Ronald Reagan and George Bush, the federal civilian work force (excluding postal workers) grew by almost 39,000 people to 2,231,478 employees.

Now, if the Cabinet and sub-Cabinet officials made it their goal to fill three out of every four of the 400,000 vacancies that occur each year throughout all levels of the bureaucracy, the federal work force would shrink by 100,000 a year.

Careful readers may recall that idea being expressed here before. It has prompted rejoinders from some experts for whom I have great respect (among them Thomas Mann of the venerable Brookings Institution think tank). They warn that this could paralyze our

government's ability to deliver services. To that, the late Dorothy Parker might well respond, as I, of course, do: "How could we tell?"

What is needed for such radical pruning of the federal bureaucracy is a joint federal-legislative compact to end the Washingtonian ethic that has long defined political clout in terms of turf-building. This means that:

The Cabinet members must recognize that their success will be measured not in the size of the budgets and employees they command, but in the numbers they successfully trim without reducing essential services.

The committee chairmen in Congress must recognize that their power is no longer based upon the size of the executive branch agencies they oversee. They must cut back on the restrictions they have placed upon federal agencies and demand fewer reports. In short, Congress must give federal agencies the discretion to shift managers and dollars to assure that essential services continue.

Perhaps the best news that will come out of the Clinton administration's domestic arena is that the National Performance Review headed by Gore is said to be focusing upon the need to deregulate the regulators. "We're looking at ways of cutting back the layers and layers of checkers — the workers who are doing the non-productive work, who do not provide services," said one senior Clinton White House official.

In short, we can cut our deficit significantly — once we get our government off the back of government.



For, it is possible to quadruple Clinton's goal.

## JOSEPH SPEAR

### Zapping the way to a lower deficit

Nothing gets me in a dyspeptic humor faster than watching politicians preen and posture as they diddle with deficits and tinker with taxes and, yes, July was a fairly billous month.

Two hundred-plus members of the House and Senate assembled at mid-month to hammer out a compromise package of tax increases and spending cuts that could result in a \$500 billion reduction in deficit spending by 1998. Please understand: If everything went perfectly and Democrats and Republicans and liberals and conservatives and goofballs and gaddies all agreed on every single item, the annual deficit wouldn't go up so fast and might only be increasing at the rate of \$200 billion a year by 1998.

Let me put that yet another way: Our leaders are not talking about eliminating the deficit, and they certainly are not considering paying down the overall debt, which is now about \$4.4 trillion and eating up \$300 billion a year in interest payments. No, they are trying to agree on how to hold deficit spending to a mere \$1.1 trillion over the next four years.

Then there are those who think deficits and debts are irrelevant, and the idea that we're spending next century's money doesn't seem to faze them. Before the negotiations even began, for example, Sen. John Breaux, D-La., suggested the lawmakers top a cool \$100 billion off President Clinton's proposal and shoot for a \$400 billion deficit reduction package.

Then there are those to whom the deficit is secondary to personal goals. Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., threatened to annul the entire budget if he didn't get his way on Medicare cuts.

Then there are the Republicans, to whom the deficit takes a back seat to politics. When the White House announced that low-interest rates had reduced the estimated deficit this year to "only" \$285 billion, these sagacious solons reasoned that the problem wasn't so bad now and therefore they should eliminate tax increases and maybe even lower the deficit reduction target.

I swear to you, if I had one of Calvin and Hobbes' magic transmogrifiers right now, those nattering nabobs of negativism would be changed into stinkbugs before sundown. John Breaux would be a water bug, skimming over a pond full of voracious bass. And David Boren? Boren would be a dung beetle.

Then there are the tax negotiators, huddling behind closed doors as they attempt to cipher out which special-interest groups should be subsidized by ordinary taxpayers. Lobbyists have been scrambling to save the right to write off their expenses as business tax deductions. Oil company representatives have been twisting arms to keep energy taxes to a minimum. Drug companies have been fighting to preserve the \$3 billion-a-year tax credit for firms that operate in Puerto Rico.

This is by far the most insidious and invidious aspect of the budgetary process. Huge favors are granted to special interests through deductions, exemptions, credits, allowances and exclusions and we can't even grasp the dimensions of it because you have to be an accounting whiz to figure out who is getting what. The only thing certain is that the average taxpayer is getting whacked, because every tax break has to be made up by somebody. And you know who somebody is.

I could fix this mess easily, and I wouldn't even need the transmogrifier. Just make me Paramount Leader for a day and let me install Joe's flat tax system. I'd protect the poor and make it mildly progressive by creating large personal allowances.



Those nattering nabobs of negativism would be changed into stinkbugs before sundown.

## 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.

# It may soon be easier to pay sewer impact fees

By NICK PFEIPAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The city is working on easing payment requirements for sewer hookups. An ordinance offering several options will be presented tonight at the City Commission meeting.

Several months ago, the commission enacted an emergency ordinance authorizing sewer impact fee payment terms for residents of Feather Edge Condominiums, when their septic tanks failed.

Now, with new lines along Lake Mary Boulevard, and almost ready to use, all of the businesses and residences along the boulevard would have a similar need.

Under an ordinance presently in existence, customers are required to submit full payment of

the sewer impact fees prior to connection.

In order to ease the financial burden on the property owners, Finance Director Randy Knight and City Manager John Litton have proposed three options for payment.

Option 1 would require full payment within 90 days of the sewer becoming available, or prior to connection, whichever is earlier.

Option 2 allows payments in 12 equal monthly installments, at four percent interest.

Option 3 would permit payments to be made in four equal annual installments, at seven percent interest.

Litton explained, "With new construction, the hookup charge is generally included with the cost of construction, but hookups are also required for buildings already in existence, which

are within 100 feet of the line. That's where this ordinance will be of great help."

Litton estimated the charge for such a connection for an existing residence would be approximately \$2,499. "So you can see," he added, "options on how to make the payments are the logical way to proceed with this."

The matter passed on first reading, with a unanimous vote during the last City Commission meeting. It is being presented tonight for second reading and public hearing.

The Lake Mary City Commission will begin tonight's meeting with a special called budget meeting at 6 p.m. It will be followed at 7 p.m., or soon thereafter, with the regular commission meeting.

The Lake Mary City Hall is located at 100 W. Lake Mary Blvd.



Singin' in the rain

Just singin' and dancin' in the rain are, (l to r), Kasra Galloway, Kristin Galloway, and Amy Nevin, outdoors during one of the infrequent showers which have fallen in Sanford recently.

Herald Photo by Susan Wenner

## Teacher

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nothing...for five years to lose the certificate," Paterson said. He deferred any comment on the formal administrative complaint to his teachers' union attorney, Ron Myers, in Tallahassee. Myers was not in the office and did not return a telephone call for comment.

Paterson is facing 42 criminal counts in four separate cases in Seminole Circuit Court. Charges include lewd and lascivious assault and engaging in sexual activity with a child based on allegations from four former band members. The four boys claim some of the alleged incidents date back to 1989.

Paterson was on four years probation after agreeing to a settlement of a previous complaint that he allowed students listen to a tape containing sexually-related topics. He was also to perform his assigned duties in a professional manner and abide by school rules. He also agreed during his probation not to engage in activities with students except for formalized

school activities. Paterson also agreed to submit to an evaluation and obtain clearance from a licensed mental health counselor. He was placed on probation June 27, 1992.

The complaint against Paterson states that during the 1992-93 school year, he engaged in activities with students which did not relate to formalized school activities. Paterson transported a minor male student to school on several occasions, telephoned him and talked about topics not related to school and asked the boy to do yard work, according to the complaint.

In all, the complaint states three different boys rode in Paterson's vehicle, according to the complaint.

The complaint also sets forth the sexual charges against Paterson which are pending in circuit court.

In the complaint, Castor claims Paterson "has been guilty of gross immorality or an act of moral turpitude." The teacher's personal conduct reduces his effectiveness as an employee of

the school board, the complaint states.

Further, the complaint states Paterson failed to make a reasonable effort to protect students from conditions harmful to learning, health or safety, and he intentionally exposed students to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement. Castor claims the teacher used his institutional privileges for personal gain or advantage and he failed to comply with the probation conditions.

The complaint to suspend or revoke Paterson's teaching license was filed after a lengthy investigation by state education officials, although last spring they would not confirm or deny an investigation was taking place.

Wednesday, a federal multi-million dollar civil case against Paterson filed by the father of one of the alleged abuse victims was closed. A federal judge closed the suit against the teacher because the plaintiff failed to comply with a court order.

## Suspect in drug sales nabbed

By NICK PFEIPAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford police believe they have nabbed one of the area's major sellers of crack cocaine, Christopher Leon Smith, 25, of 2208 Alexander Avenue, Sanford, was arrested shortly before midnight last night.

Police Commander Dennis Whitmire explained, "An undercover informant told us that Smith, suspected of being a major drug dealer, was getting ready to leave town last night,

and told us where Smith would be leaving from."

He continued, "Our agents set up a watch at that location, and sure enough, at approximately 11 p.m., they saw Smith get into a Cadillac at 18th Street and Southwest Road, and start to drive off. They ordered him to halt, but he drove his car to 8th Street and Pecan Avenue before he finally stopped."

"He then jumped out of the car and started to run," Whitmire said. "As he was running, he dropped a pair of jean shorts, in which we found 40 grams of

crack cocaine. We finally apprehended Smith in front of #3 Castle Brewer Court, and found he had another two grams of crack cocaine in his possession, along with \$800 in cash."

Whitmire said the apprehension is considered a major one, considering the amount of crack cocaine Smith reportedly had in his possession.

Smith was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, and charged with trafficking in crack cocaine, 42 grams, and resisting arrest without violence.

## Grants — Sheriff sued for alleged civil rights violations

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to fulfill the agency requests. Balagia said he anticipates operations grant requests from the city, the Center for Affordable Housing and possibly the Christian Help Foundation.

Rowe said he was counting on receiving \$80,000 from the county when he submitted his \$166,000 operating budget to city commissioners. The remainder of the money will come from \$66,000 in state grants and \$20,000 from the city budget.

Rowe's staff includes three full-time employees. The city will receive \$100,000 from the county to operate a county-wide emergency housing repair program. Rowe said he anticipates receiving a total of \$450,000. "To my knowledge, GoldenRule has no projects funded," said Rowe. "We have programs. We are doing something."

Rowe's comments angered Amefika Geuka, GoldenRule founder and executive director. "We have needs as they have needs," said Geuka. "What does concern me is Charles sits on the committee that evaluates SHIP proposals. I'm concerned he will be evaluating our proposal. It's absurd and outrageous."

Geuka said GoldenRule has aided seven families obtain housing through a \$21,000 grant received from the county last year and the city's donation of five lots. Geuka said he will seek \$187,500 from the SHIP program for a down-payment assistance program and \$100,000 from the HOME-funded program for rental subsidies. Geuka said he has a waiting list of 300 clients.

Balagia said Rowe may not be in such dire straits. He said the city has not requested \$80,000 allocated in January for operating expenses to administer county grants this year. Any administrative grants it receives this year would be spent next year.

By SANDRA ELLIOTT  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger has been sued in two separate incidents for alleged violation of civil rights.

A man, mistaken for a fugitive, and his family claim they suffered emotional distress over an incident in November 1991 when he was held at gunpoint by deputies while his sister's home was searched over a six-hour period.

Luis Garrido Jr. and other family members are seeking to recover damages for their pain, suffering and embarrassment.

Eslinger was unavailable for comment but a spokesperson in Under Sheriff Steve Harriet's office said both suits are being reviewed by legal counsel.

Garrido claims he and his wife were stopped as they left his sister's Lake Mary home, Nov. 19, 1991. Deputies and SWAT team members returned with the pair to the home on Silk Oak Drive, where they conducted a six-hour search.

Harriet said deputies were acting on information received from the FBI that a federal

fugitive, Nelson Pablo Yenter Garrido, 34, was possibly staying with relatives in Lake Mary.

In the suit, Garrido claims sheriff's deputies entered the home without a search warrant. Deputies in their reports stated they were invited into the house and offered coffee.

The suit claims the constitutional guarantees against unreasonable searches and seizures, due process and cruel and unusual punishment were violated during the incident.

The second case filed against the sheriff involved a man accused in a 1987 residential burglary and pawing property. Charles Fincham claims his civil rights were violated when he was extradited in 1992 from West Virginia and jailed for six months.

The state attorney did not prosecute the case for lack of evidence. Fincham repeatedly told authorities they had the wrong person, the suit states.

Fincham is seeking damages for false arrest and imprisonment.

Both suits against the sheriff were filed by attorney Kelly James.

## Prepare

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hurricane season's second storm named Bret, formed Wednesday in the Atlantic tropics. The system is moving about 17 mph, which has picked up a little speed since its upgrade to a tropical storm, said Richard Pasch, hurricane specialist with the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables.

"We think it's going to turn more toward the west, northwest in the next day or two," Pasch said. "It's moving in the direction of some land."

Bret was about 925 miles east of the Lesser Antilles at 5 a.m.

The system had sustained winds of about 45 knots, which extend up to about 60 miles from the storm's center.

Bret is forecast to become a hurricane in about 38 hours. For a tropical storm to become a hurricane, sustained winds must 74 mph or higher.

Conditions were "marginally favorable" for the storm to strengthen as it heads toward the Caribbean Islands, said hurricane specialist Lixion Avila. It was too early to determine if the system posed a threat to the islands or Florida.

Seminole County meanwhile, has taken steps to prepare for any disaster a hurricane may produce. A test, using a non-existent storm called "Hurricane Karen" took place on June 16. The exercise was supervised

by Ken Roberts, Emergency Management Coordinator for Seminole County. Roberts commented, "This was the first time all county departments responded in a coordinated effort."

In addition to all city and county law enforcement and fire fighting units, persons involved represented administration, planning, finance and operating groups.

Equipment used included telecommunications equipment, phones, fax machines, radios, maps, and other support equipment.

"Each department was shown where they fit in the response and recovery phase," Roberts said.

In order to make the test as realistic as possible, messages were developed and given to participants at various times. They ranged from the very simple and easy-to-handle situations to complicated multi-agency messages.

As examples of exercise messages — sample situations in need of resolving: "Rescue units encountered numerous people needing refills for prescription drugs." "We suspect the water supply in the Sanford and Oviedo areas may be contaminated." "Military has several divisions coming in. Need to know how many groups you will need."

Other test messages said: "A power company from the north is enroute with several hundred phone/power poles." "Our trucks have flat tires. We need tires and service facility." "Request emergency purchase order for \$1,000 to buy animal food." "Grand Romance cruise ship overturned in Lake Monroe Harbor, leaking large amount of diesel fuel."

Another test call regarded the Grand Romance II which, "...broke loose from dock, drifted and is wedged at the 17-92 bridge with damage to the bridge."

The messages even covered the need for portable toilets to be distributed at various points in the county.

Serious problem solving discussions were also involved, including how to handle the possibility of looters who often appear after a major disaster, and what would happen if the 9-1-1 and communications systems were damaged.

"It was an excellent exercise," Roberts said. "I'm certain everyone involved learned a great deal about dealing with an emergency situation."

He added, "Of course we all hope that we'll never be faced with having to use what we learned."

Information from the Associated Press is contained in this report.

## Rape

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John E. Polk Correctional Facility in Sanford where he was taken after his arrest on Sunday on multiple charges of grand theft and armed burglary.

According to Sanford Police, he is being charged in the July 22 break-in at 2810 Park Ave., Sanford; the July 8 break-in at two businesses at 2200 S. French Ave., Sanford; the burglary of a home at 1920 Park Ave., Sanford and the burglary of a home at 3071 S. Mellonville Ave., Sanford.

He was arrested on Sunday after being apprehended by a homeowner at 2812 S. French Ave., Sanford, who spotted Smith in his daughter's car in the driveway. According to police, the homeowner held Smith at shotgun point until police arrived to arrest him. He is also being charged in the

burglary of that home.

Sanford Police said there are "other charges coming," but declined to elaborate on what those charges would be or when they would be made.

According to Volusia County investigators, they were contacted by Sanford Police after Smith made statements during an interview that linked him to the DeBary case. Evidence was presented to Circuit Judge Robert E. Lee, Jr. who signed the arrest warrants yesterday.

Police report that at several locations where he burglarized homes or businesses, he left a "calling card" of human feces.

Volusia County sheriff's investigators said that after Smith "fulfills his obligations" in Seminole County, he will be brought to Volusia County and held without bond at their jail on the sexual battery charge and on a total of \$25,000 bond on the other three charges.

## DEATHS

DAVID A. KAPLAN

David A. Kaplan, 74, Main Sail Court, Lake Mary, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Florida Hospital-North, Altamonte Springs.

Mr. Kaplan was a carpenter for the Postal Service. Born in New York City, on Dec. 18, 1918 he moved to Central Florida in 1989. A member of Nativity Catholic Church, he also belonged to VFW, Sanford. He was a army veteran of World War II and a member of the Navy Reserve.

Survivors include wife, Anna Marie; daughters, Barbara Fringo, Long Island, N.Y., Patricia DiCecco, Lake Mary; sons, Charles, Titusville, David, Lake Mary; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Woodlawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

CHARLIE GRANT, JR.

Charlie Grant, Jr., 46, of 1010 Laurel Street, Bartow, died Thursday, July 29, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. Born in Sanford, he moved to Bartow 28 years ago. He was a construction worker.

Survivors include wife, Nettle Grant; son, Jaque Grant, Queens, N.Y.; daughters Antoinette Grant, Queens, Monica Grant, Bartow; mother, Emma Lee Ashley, Sanford; brothers, Roosevelt, Rochester, N.Y., Emoral, Jarvis, Jerome, and Phillip, all of Sanford; sisters, Lue Ella Grant, Sheila and Christy Ashley, all of Sanford; Angela Ashley, Tallahassee; Sally Sherman, Deland; Yvette Hartfield, Oviedo; several grandchildren.

Gause Funeral Home, Inc., Bartow, in charge of arrangements.

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# Mideast peace meetings 'back on track'

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
AP Diplomatic Writer

JERUSALEM — An optimistic Secretary of State Warren Christopher is heading into a final round of Middle East meetings aimed at calming emotions and nudging the parties toward resuming direct negotiations.

On a final day of Middle East diplomacy before returning to Washington, Christopher was meeting today with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a Palestinian delegation, and then flying to Jordan for a session with King Hussein.

Christopher declared Wednesday in Syria that the peace process was "back on track."

And on a late-night flight back to Israel, an aide told reporters that Syrian and Israeli negotiators were asking the United States to play a more active role helping them resolve differences.

The aide, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said the administration has that sort of role for some time in the discussions between Israelis and Palestinians.

As if to dramatize his appraisal that the peace process was back on track, Christopher made a surprise foray into Lebanon to sit down with that

beleaguered country's leadership at a heavily guarded session at the Bekaa Valley city of Zahle.

After the meeting, Christopher said he made the trip to "reaffirm the fact that the United States cares about Lebanon."

He offered more concrete evidence of that concern, saying the United States was willing to reassess its reluctance to supply the Lebanese army with weaponry. He also said humanitarian assistance, including an \$11 million, 750-bed hospital, would be sent to help the thousands of Lebanese uprooted by fighting in southern Lebanon last week.

Faris Bweiz, Lebanon's foreign minister, stated emphatically his country's position that the answer to problems in the southern part of the country was "the total withdrawal of Israel."

Israel maintains a so-called security zone in southern Lebanon in defiance of United Nations resolutions calling on it to withdraw.

Christopher made the journey to meet Lebanese President Elias Hrawi four days after Christopher helped broker an end to a furious exchange of artillery and rocket fire between the Israeli army and Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas.



Parking for lunch

Joanne and Allen Nettles settled down under the trees at Park on Park recently for a lunch in the shade. The couple brought their picnic lunch out

of doors to enjoy the refreshing summer breezes in the shade and to escape the controlled temperatures inside.

Herald Photo by Susan Wenner

## People of all ages love to drag race in small Pa. town

By KELLY P. KISSEL  
Associated Press Writer

BEAVER SPRINGS, Pa. — In the same week that the local newspapers began advertising back-to-school sales, Doug Rose torched a school bus with a jet engine-equipped race car.

Welcome to Small Town, U.S.A.

"Some people go hunting. Some people go fishing. We do this," said Joe Clark, one of hundreds who packed the Beaver Springs Dragway recently for Wednesday Night Thunder.

The four-hour show of speed, fire and explosions was different only in magnitude and variety from the drag racing that captivates this community and scores of others across the country on Sundays during the summer.

With rubber burning and wheels a-turning, and clouds of acrid smoke engulfing the pit area, drag racers went up against sprint cars and jet cars faced off in six-second sprints at the quarter-mile track that juts out from State Route 253.

Even 10- and 13-year-old girls

— too young to have driver's licenses — faced off at speeds up to 47 mph.

"Eventually I'd like to go 50," 13-year-old Maay O'Neill said before putting on a fire suit of black jeans and a blue windbreaker. She lost to 10-year-old Valerie Geiger in the junior dragster finals.

"I ran go-carts when I was small, but nothing like this," said Valerie's stepfather and chief mechanic, Rick Martin.

There's no movie theater in Beaver Springs, and track visitors aren't sure if the central Pennsylvania town ever had one. Little League season is over, and, until a storm moved in halfway through the show, it was a nice night to be outside.

Could it have been the event of the year in these parts?

"There'd be no doubt about that," said Bob "Beaver Bob" McCardle.

Local drivers on the card included mechanics, McDonald's employees, a forklift operator, a coal miner, a tax collector, a police officer and an Environmental Protection Agency inspector.

But the big draws of the night

were Rose's "Green Mamba" jet car, brought in to burn the bus, and Benny "Boom Boom" Koske, who blew up a late 1970s Thunderbird with him inside.

Koske, a Palm Bay, Fla., man who says he never owned a chemistry set, wired small sticks of powder to a handful of igniters.

"I'm a daredevil, a stunt man. I have to work again next week, so I have to make sure it's safe," said Koske, who lists the following among his essential safety equipment: leather suit, helmet, fire mask, gloves, boots and cape.

During 16 years in his incendiary art, Koske has suffered broken legs twice, has received scores of cuts and cracked ribs and had "17 stitches where my billfold is."

"They tell me I don't have both oars in the water, but it's either this or get a job," Koske said.

Rose, meanwhile, filled his jet engine's tanks with 50 gallons of kerosene, chained the car to a school bus filled with old notebooks, report cards and anything else educational he could find, and fired away.

## Senate's disaster relief bill has been approved for the waterlogged Midwest states

By ROBERT GREENE  
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON — Trying to get a disaster aid bill to President Clinton this week, the Senate passed a \$5.8 billion measure aimed mainly at flood-stricken homeowners, businesses, cities and farmers in the Midwest.

The bill cleared the Senate by a voice vote Wednesday, three weeks after Clinton proposed it in waterlogged Des Moines, Iowa. The original \$2.5 billion package grew steadily as the scope of the disaster mounted.

The House last month passed its own \$3 billion aid bill, and now House and Senate negotiators must reconcile their versions to get a final bill passed before Congress begins a month-long recess at week's end.

The greater amount in the Senate version reflects mostly further increases Clinton asked for.

The bill includes \$2.4 billion to provide full payment for farm crop losses. It provides more direct relief for families and individuals, as well as for repair of levees, highways and rail lines. It provides money for jobs, loans of up to \$1.5 million for small businesses and grants for communities to rebuild.

But for lawmakers from states with farm-based economies, the full crop-loss payment was the

biggest gain.

"This is a real shot in the arm to the farmers, and not just to farmers," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who led a bipartisan group in fighting for the increased farm aid. "I also mean to small towns and communities."

Drought-stricken farmers in the Southeast also will be eligible for the crop-disaster payments.

The Senate approved the amendment granting farmers increased aid on a 68-32 vote after Harkin received a letter from White House Budget Director Leon Panetta supporting such a change. The amendment added \$1 billion to the bill's cost.

Earlier, Republicans and Democrats alike complained bitterly that farmers would be getting only 21 cents on each dollar of loss because of restrictions on crop disaster payments to farmers.

Under a formula set out in 1990, farmers get about 42 cents on each dollar of losses. But budget concerns led the Bush administration to give growers only half that amount. The original proposals continued that policy.

Harkin and others argued that the \$1 billion extra cost would be offset by lower government price-support payments. That's because the floods in the Midwest and the drought in the Southeast will drive down pro-

duction, raising crop prices.

The Senate bill omitted a House-passed amendment by Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., authorizing payments to hard-core unemployed youth from inner cities while they take part in job-training or education.

Opposition by Republicans to the amendment helped delay passage of the House bill.

The Senate debate over whether to cut spending elsewhere in order to pay for the aid was lackluster and short compared with the disagreements that came close to scuttling the House version.



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# Elderly dilemma: Find affordable, safe care

By **BILL VOQRIN**  
Associated Press Writer

EAST PEORIA, Ill. — When boardinghouse resident Catharine Look died, it was hard to say whether she was the victim of a tragedy or met a common fate.

Like thousands of elderly and infirm Illinoisans, the 85-year-old woman lived in a board-and-care home, a world largely outside the scrutiny of those who protect the public's health.

Mrs. Look died June 1 at a hospital where she was brought from the home. A pathologist said her death was caused by complications from bedsores that weren't properly treated.

Home owner David Foster said Mrs. Look developed the sores during a previous hospital stay. Her son, Russell, said Mrs. Look would not have lived as long if not for the loving care she got at Foster's Family Living Center in Washington.

A Tazewell County grand jury indicted Foster, his brother and his parents on three counts each of criminal neglect of an elderly person. The first two counts stem from the alleged mistreatment of Mrs. Look; the third concerned an 89-year-old woman, one of 20 residents evacuated from the home by state officials. The state attorney general's office is seeking to close the home permanently.

"We don't know how many cases like that go unreported every day," said Kathleen Quinn, chief of the bureau of elder rights at the state Department on Aging.

Mrs. Look's death renewed debate over the safety of the estimated 4,000 board-and-care homes in Illinois which house some 92,000 people.

Board-and-care homes are supposed to offer only room and board; however, unqualified staff sometimes try to provide nursing or other personal care, health officials say.

The Illinois Department of Public Health said it had cited Foster's home three times since 1991 for illegally providing residents with showers, medication and other personal care. In addition, it said it has filed dozens of similar complaints against other homes in recent years.

"Board-and-care homes meet a real need. They wouldn't exist if they didn't," Ms. Quinn said. "But these are people who are, by definition, vulnerable. We can't leave them exposed to just anybody who might take advantage of them."

The catch is that many board-and-care residents can't afford to go anywhere else for help, and the expense of upgrading homes or regulating them could drive them out of business, Ms. Quinn said.

The average board-and-care resident pays \$300 a month; nursing home care in Illinois costs, on average, \$2,500 a month.

"Consumers want less expensive medical housing programs for elderly and a less restrictive environment to live in. Board-and-care homes generally are cheaper, smaller and more family oriented. That's why people are attracted to them," said Dennis R. Bozzi,

## Gray matter

The 10 states with the greatest projected increase in the number of people aged 65 to 74, 1990-95.

State	Total Increase	Percent change
California	216,069	11.0%
Florida	172,297	12.3%
Arizona	34,265	11.4%
Texas	32,778	3.3%
Washington	27,807	8.0%
North Carolina	26,645	5.5%
Georgia	24,696	6.0%
Virginia	17,161	4.3%
Maryland	16,432	5.3%
Nevada	14,712	18.0%



In the first half of the 1990s, California is expected to have the biggest numerical increase of any U.S. state in the actual total of people from the ages of 65 to 74. Nevada, though, will have its total number increase by a much greater percentage — 18 percent — from 1990 to 1995.

executive director of the Illinois Association of Homes for the Aging. The association represents 270 nursing homes and retirement communities.

"We need to figure out a way to give them the oversight they need without destroying them," Bozzi said.

In Washington, the federal Department of Health and Human Services has authorized a \$1.5 million study of 600 board-and-care homes in 10 states. Results of the study are expected in the fall.

In Illinois, the Department of Public Health has a staff of 200 to inspect 1,100 regulated and licensed nursing homes, which have about 115,000 beds.

"We don't have the ability, financially, to regulate board-and-care homes," department spokesman Tom Schafer said, adding that there's no need to regulate the homes if they're only providing room and board.

State Department of Aging officials estimate it could cost at least \$5 million a year to monitor board-and-care homes.

Ms. Quinn and other advocates for the aging said the homes don't limit themselves and accept residents who need more care than they can provide.

Schafer said most board-and-care homes don't overstep their authority. But he

acknowledged that it's difficult to be sure, because state inspectors visit homes only after a complaint.

Nursing home advocates say problems can be expected when unlicensed boarding homes undertake care of frail elderly with unpredictable health.

Board-and-care homes have supporters in the Illinois General Assembly, the elderly care industry and in the public.

State Sen. Robert Madigan, whose mother lived in a board-and-care home for three years before she died, says he believes the homes have a place in the system of elderly care.

But he doesn't embrace requests by the board-and-care industry to be allowed to expand the personal services they offer without being subjected to state licensure or inspection. He believes state oversight and the hiring of registered nurses might help prevent abuse of elderly residents.

Lawmakers next year expect to tackle the issue of protecting senior citizens who need a minimum of care without imposing too many expensive rules, according to state Rep. Bob DeJaegher, chairman of the House Committee on Aging.

"We can't have these people confined to room and lodging with no one looking after them," DeJaegher said. "There's going to be some kind of regulation."

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This notice is to inform the residents of Seminole County that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners intends to amend its 1990-91 (5th year) Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Final Statement was originally submitted in August, 1990.

On August 24, 1993, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners plans to amend this Final Statement to amend an activity under the 5th year Community Development Block Grant Program. The new activity is to be funded from the program income funds (in the form of the 15-passenger van valued at \$15,450) and is amended as follows:

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**Budget: \$15,450**

The Seminole County Community Development Office will accept comments regarding this proposed amendment until 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 1993, and the Board of County Commissioners will consider the amendment at their August 24, 1993 regular meeting (1:30 p.m.). The amendment, if approved, will then be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for notification. Any questions or comments should be directed to:

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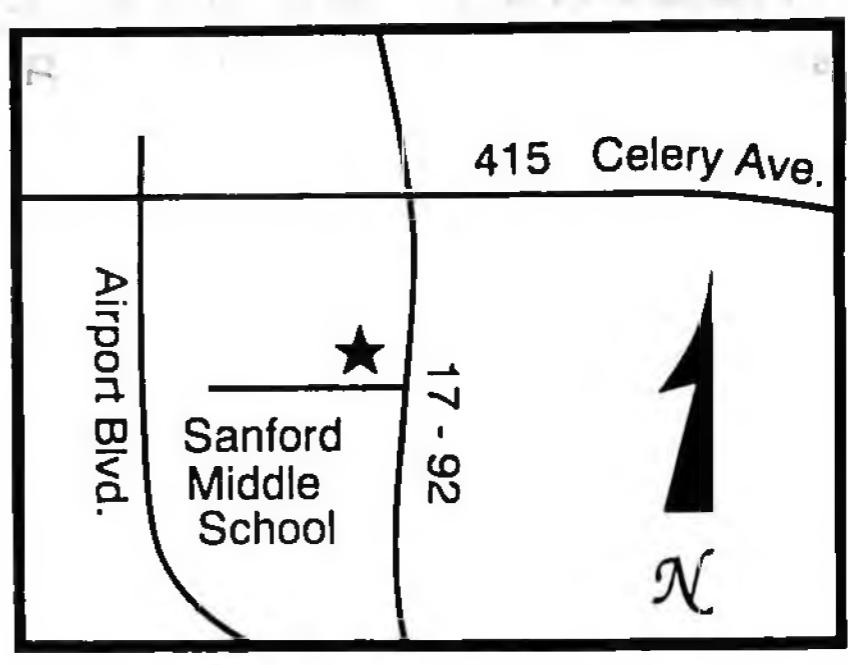
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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### LOCALLY

#### Seminole High physicals

SANFORD — First-year Seminole High School head football coach Ernest MacPherson has announced that physicals for all athletes interested in playing in any fall sport will be given today, Aug. 5, starting at 5 p.m.

The physicals will take place in the Multi-purpose room next to the Gymnasium.

MacPherson also said that the first fall football practice will be Monday, Aug. 9 at 8 a.m.

#### Cheerleading classes offered

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is conducting cheerleading classes for participants ages six and over.

The class runs every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Downtown Youth Center, first floor of Sanford City Hall, on North Park Avenue.

Cost for the class is \$20 for the first month, which includes Pompons and T-shirt, and \$12 each month thereafter.

For more information, call 330-5697.

#### Longwood fall softball

LONGWOOD — The City of Longwood Parks and Recreation Department has openings in their Fall Softball League for Men's Class C and Super-C, Co-ed, Men's over-50 and Women.

Leagues are set to start the week of September 13 and run one night a week for 10 weeks.

Fees are \$290 for Men's Class C and Super-C and \$200 for Over-50, Co-ed and women.

Interested teams should call Sandy Lomax at 260-3443 or 260-3447, Monday through Friday.

#### O-Cubs rally past Birmingham

ORLANDO — Brant Brown hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to give the Orlando Cubs a 6-3 victory over the Birmingham Barons on Wednesday night in a Southern League game.

The Cubs had trailed 3-2 entering the ninth but Billy White led off the inning with a triple and scored on a bunt single by Jose Hernandez.

Earnie Johnson (5-4) picked up the win for the Cubs. Tony Gordon (2-2) took the loss.

Brown was making his Southern League debut in the game, after being called up from Daytona on Wednesday.

## AROUND THE STATE

#### Erickson to start for Bucs?

TAMPA — Craig Erickson probably will start, and Steve DeBerg likely will finish, at quarterback Saturday night when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers open the preseason against the Denver Broncos.

Coach Sam Wyche stopped short of naming a starter on Wednesday but indicated it will be Erickson, a second-year pro who looked good during a scrimmage against the Miami Dolphins last week.

DeBerg, preparing for his 17th NFL season, remains No. 1 on the depth chart and will play the fourth quarter. Wyche also plans to give Mike Pawlawski and Mark Vlasic some work against the Broncos.

#### J'ville splits with Carolina

JACKSONVILLE — Tom Green had two hits and scored two runs to lead the Carolina Mudcats over the Jacksonville Suns 6-3 in the first game of a Southern League double-header.

In the second game, Marc Newfield homered and Bobby Holly singled home the tie-breaking run in the seventh to help Jacksonville to a 2-1 victory and split of the double-header.

In the first game, John Liber (3-1) picked up the win for the Mudcats while Ron Billone (3-2) took the loss. Danny Miceli earned his 8th save.

In the second game, Kevin King (2-0) picked up the win and Tony Phillips recorded his third save. Esteban Loaiza (0-1) took the loss for the Mudcats.

## AROUND THE NATION

#### Alicea, Cardinals rip Marlins

ST. LOUIS — Luis Alicea hit a grand slam in a sloppy six-run third inning as the St. Louis Cardinals routed the Florida Marlins 10-2 Wednesday night.

The victory moved St. Louis within 6½ games of Philadelphia in the NL East. The Marlins gave the Cards plenty of help by walking six batters in the third.

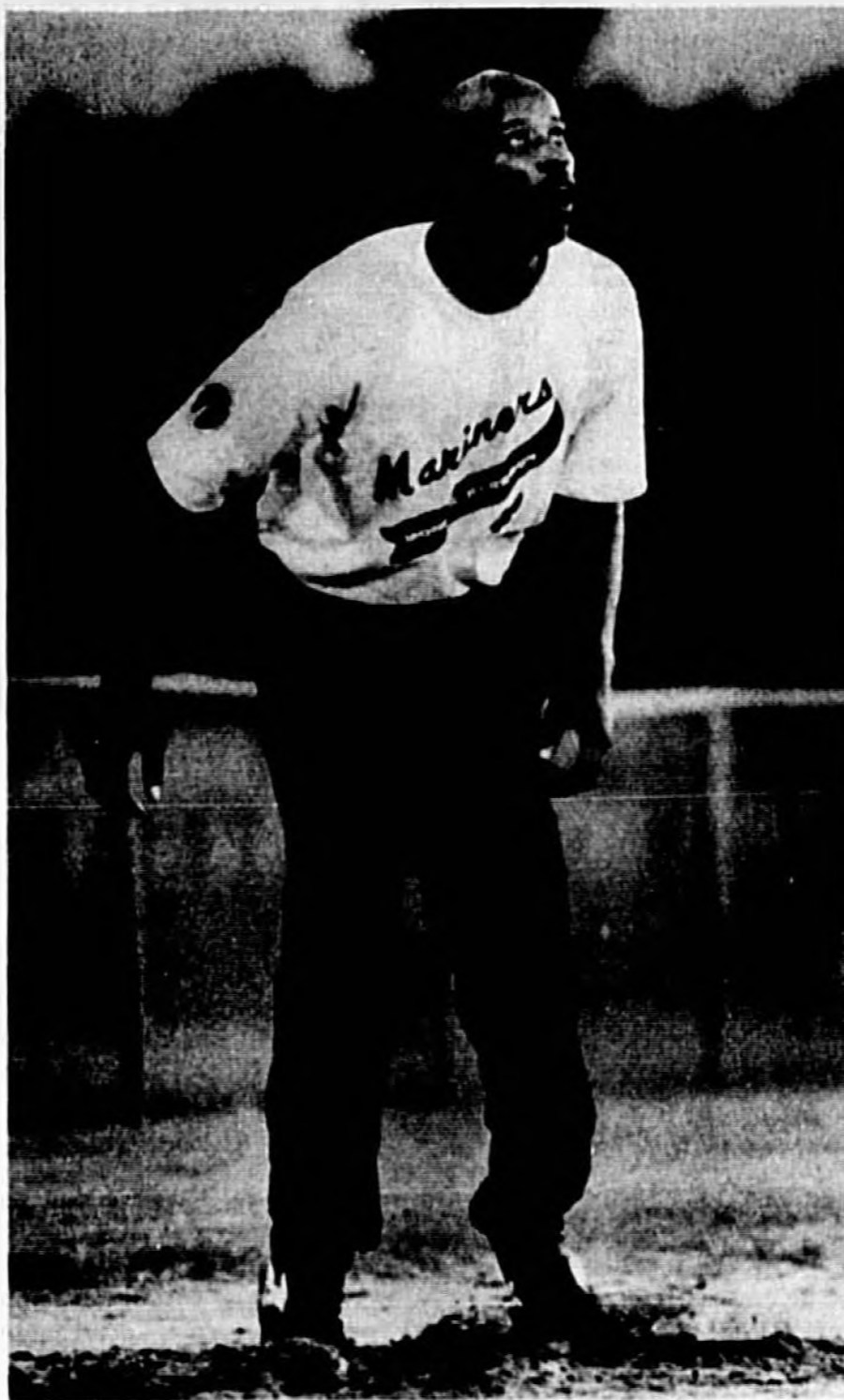
Bernard Gilkey, making his first ever start at first base, added a solo home run, singled in a run and walked three times. The homer was Gilkey's 11th of the season, and the fifth in his last nine games.

Tom Pagnozzi had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in a run for St. Louis.



**BASEBALL**  
 □ 7:35 p.m. — WTBS, Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, (L)  
 □ 8:30 p.m. — WGN, Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers, (L)

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Herald Photos by Mark Harris

Three years ago, Mike Merthie (left) was the point guard and center fielder for Lake Mary High School while Kerry Wiggins (right) was the quarterback of Seminole High School's district champion football team. This summer,

the pair took a break from their careers — Wiggins is going to Savannah State on a football scholarship while Merthie is headed for the Chicago Cubs' Rookie League team in Fort Lauderdale — to play for some softball.

# What're you doing here?

## Softball a summer respite for Merthie, Wiggins

By TONY DESORMIER  
 Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — They shouldn't be here, not now, not yet. It's too soon. At 21 years old, they should still be ascending the peak of their athletic careers, not settling into recreational activities like slowpitch softball.

What are they doing here? In a county where high schools produce outstanding athletes with regularity, Seminole High School graduate Kerry Wiggins and Lake Mary High School graduate Mike Merthie were among the best; both would make most "Top 10 Male Athletes of the Last Decade" lists.

Wiggins was a two-sport athlete for the Seminoles, quarterbacking the Tribe into the state playoffs twice and playing on the varsity basketball team.

In his career at Lake Mary, Merthie participated in three sports at various times. The starting quarterback for the Ram varsity football team as a junior, Merthie concentrated on baseball and basketball his senior year.

That was less than three years ago. Both made the necessary transition from high school star to relative obscurity as they pursued their careers. Wiggins going to the Georgia Military Academy to work on academics and play football while Merthie was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies after one semester at Seminole Community College.

This past spring, it was reported that Merthie was headed to spring training with the Phillies while Wiggins was finishing up at Georgia Military.

Five months later, they're playing men's recreation softball in Sanford.

Shouldn't they have been doing something else somewhere else?

Both laughed when asked the question. "I'm leaving next week for Savannah State," said Wiggins after a softball game Tuesday night at Chase Park. "I finished up at Georgia Military in the spring and I've signed a football scholarship to go to Savannah State."

"I was just looking for something to do to stay in shape during the summer. (Arthur) Barnes (the coach of the Heilig Meyers and Monroe Harbour Marina teams) asked me if I wanted to come out."

While it may make some sense that a football player might take advantage of the offseason to play some softball, the presence of Merthie at a time of the year when the baseball season is in full stride bordered on shocking.

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## Burkett gets best of Anderson

By PAUL MARSEGLIA  
 Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — Current FASCAR (Florida Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing) Late Model champion Ronnie Burkett held off a determined Wayne Anderson to win the 50-lap Late Model championship last Friday (July 30) at Orlando Speedway.

Burkett, who set the evening's third-fastest qualifying time, started the race from the fourth position. After several laps of wheel-to-wheel racing with David Russell and Scott Bramlett, Burkett moved into second place to challenge Richard Till for the lead.

At the midway point, Till slid out of the groove and Burkett jumped to the inside to take over the point. Burkett went on to cross the stripe less than a car length ahead of Anderson to notch his third win of the season.

"We had a good field of Late Models here tonight and I knew I was going to have to drive an aggressive race

and get to the front early," said Burkett, who has been racing Late Models for about 30 months.

"We were going around a lapped car. Richard (Till) went high and I went low. The track was a little slick and he pushed up. I saw the hole and went for it."

Chasing Burkett and Anderson to victory lane were Ronnie Roach, Till, and Russell.

"Coming into tonight's race, I was exhausted, mentally and physically, from a legal battle I've been involved in all week over the ownership of my car," said Anderson, who set the evening's fastest qualifying time and the current FASCAR Late Model points leader. "I came up short and lost my car."

"Thanks to Buddy Foster, my dad's car owner, and my dad, I had a ride tonight. I had their backup car, which was outstanding. It handled great and had lots of speed."

Anderson's dad is Late Model legend Dick Anderson, one of the top short-track drivers in the nation.

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## Keene makes green-to-checkers run

By PAUL MARSEGLIA  
 Special to the Herald

NEW SMYRNA BEACH — Tampa's Daniel Keene, driving the Victor Powell Ferner/Keene Bros. Buick, used his advantage of starting on the pole to go green flag to checkers to win the 50-lap Late Model feature event Saturday night (July 31) at New Smyrna Speedway.

Keene, who hasn't raced at the half-mile high-banked oval since February, set the evening's fastest qualifying time. A flip of the coin determined Keene would start on the pole alongside David Russell, who set the second-fastest time.

"We hadn't been here for quite a while and I'm surprised the car ran so well," said Keene, 40, who has been racing for 20 years. "David (Russell) actually had the better car, but I've raced here enough to where I know my way around the track and was able to keep him behind me."

While running second, Russell was slammed by a lapped car going into turn four. After a tire change and

some front end adjustment, Russell restarted the race from the fifth position.

"Our Hosen Around car was flying tonight," said Russell, a four-time Late Model champion. "Just as I was getting ready to move on Keene, some rookie forgot to turn left and nailed me as I was passing him on the high side."

"For a minute, I thought we were history. I was really flying up the track and had the brakes to the floor. The car finally stopped right at the wall."

Russell crossed the stripe less than a car length behind Keene. Trailing the lead duo to the checkers were Bruce Lawrence, James Powell, and Greg Froemming.

Conrad Greuter dominated action in the Mini-Stock division to notch his 10th win of the season. Osteen's Bobby Sears was second. Finishing third through fifth, respectively, were J.D. Duncan, Bob Dostie, and Rick Maguire.

Wally Semrow held off a late race charge by Gary Frosh to win his 18th Bomber feature in FASCAR. See New Smyrna, Page 2B

## Ponder nearly sweeps Twin 20s

By BILL SIEBERT  
 Special to the Herald

BARBERVILLE — A double thickness of sheet metal was all that stood between De-Land's Tony Ponder and a sweep of the Winston Racing Series Late Model Stock Twin 20s last Saturday, July 31, at Volusia County Speedway.

Ponder, already leading the Volusia Performance-sponsored division in the track's entry in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series points race, racked up his 9th WRS victory of the season and was only inches behind Wayne Lockett in the second 20-lap feature.

The victory and second-place finish helped Ponder increase his points lead over second-place runner Cam Gibson and third-place Mike Hunter.

Gibson finished third in the first feature, coming in behind Ponder and runner-up Kenny West. Hunter was fourth, just ahead of Peter Chichtano. In the second feature, Lockett and Ponder led Hunter, West, and Jim Grotha. Gibson was a dismal sixth, allowing Hunter

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# People

## IN BRIEF

### Amateur radio operators to offer class

The Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society will offer "No Code" Technician Class Theory starting at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6, at the Casselberry Library. Admission \$10 for the course all interested persons call Karl Lambert at 695-8764.

### Newcomers to meet

The Newcomers Club of Central Florida will hold its luncheon and general meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Enzo's in Longwood.

For details call Sharon, 699-8538; Jodey, 699-0797; Carol, 695-7921.

### African Ball set for Saturday

National Council of Negro Women will be having a African Ball at the Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., Sanford, featuring Tropical Steel Band and Cliff the Islander Saturday, Aug. 7, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Dinner will be served 6:30-8 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person.

### Sharing Center needs shoes

Castoff men's metal-cleated golf shoes are being collected by the Sanford Christian Sharing Center, Inc.

By removing the cleats and filling in the holes volunteers convert the shoes to street wear. Men's shoes are in very short supply at the Sharing Center.

Shoes may be dropped off at 515 East 25th St., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until noon. For more information call 323-2513.

### Single Parents United to meet

The Parent Resource Center will sponsor Single Parents United Support Group meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The meetings for August will take place on Tuesdays, August 10 and August 24 at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Casselberry, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This support group is designed to provide support and information for single parents who want to learn more about community resources, child care, support and parenting issues.

The support group is free and childcare and transportation can be arranged. For more information or to register, contact the Parent Resource Center at 425-3663.

## CALENDAR

### Group targets depression

The Mid-Orlando Depressive/Manic Depressive Support Group meeting for depressed persons, their family members and their friends is held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeside Alternatives, 434 W. Kennedy Blvd., Orlando, and the second Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m., at the Orlando Public Library.

For information, call 657-4763 or 381-5070.

### Al-anon gathers

If you know, or live with an alcoholic, there is help. Al-anon is an anonymous, non-profit organization, open to anyone who is a relative or friend of an alcoholic.

Serenity Won Al-anon meets each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, (Thursday non-smoking) evening at 8 p.m. Meetings are held in the back room of the Sahara Club, 2857 South Sanford Ave., Sanford.

For additional meeting times and locations in the Central Florida area, or for more information, call 332-4122.

### Sunrise Kiwanis meets Friday

The Seminole Sunrise Kiwanis Club meets every Friday, at 7 a.m., at Shoney's, US 17-92, south of Airport Boulevard. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information, call Tony Durram, president, at 330-2694.

### COMA announces meetings

The Concerned Organization of Men in Action (COMA) meets the first and third Friday, at 6 p.m., in the church annex at St. James AME Church, ninth Street and Cypress Avenue, Sanford.

### 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 Kuharske at 291-4357.

## Radio operators successfully test emergency waves

Dozens of radio amateurs, "ham operators" recently spent a weekend at Lake Monroe Park, DeBary, operating several stations under simulated emergency conditions as a test of their readiness to meet the needs of disasters of the magnitude of Hurricane Andrew.

The test was part of a nationwide effort called "Field Day" sponsored by the American Radio Relay League. The local effort was organized and staffed and supported by the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society.

Operating with gasoline generators supplying electrical current and with portable stations that would be needed were a

massive natural disaster the magnitude of Hurricane Andrew or the current flooding in the Midwest to strike our area, local hams made contact with over 600 stations across the length and breadth of North America. Much was learned from the exercise hopefully never to be put to use in an actual emergency.

Especially gratifying were the many non-ham visitors to the site who came to learn about ham radio and how they can become authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate amateur radio equipment. A great deal of interest was generated by the new licensing procedure that no



Herald Photo by Herman Schoedter

Joan C. Freeman, science teacher at South Seminole Middle School, operating at the field day site of the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society.

longer requires a knowledge of Morse Code.

The Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society encourages interest in ham radio and welcomes inquiries to its president, Okey

Barker, at 330-5070. The organization has an extensive speaker's bureau and would welcome the opportunity to make a presentation to any interested group.



### Chief, deputy visit club

The Over 50 Club held its regular meeting at the Senior Center with President Jim Gunster, left, presiding. After the opening, the president introduced Police Chief Ralph Russell, center, and newly appointed Deputy Chief Joe Dillard. Russell spoke to the club on a number of police actions and how they have to comply with some new O.S.H.A. requirements. The next meeting of the club is scheduled for Aug. 10.


## Daughter starts having sex before her mother is ready

**DEAR ABBY:** I wonder how many of your readers are disturbed about the early age that their children are choosing to start having sex. I am the mother of a 14-year-old daughter who started having sex a year ago. She trusted me enough to tell me about it a couple of months ago. I was dumbfounded! I tried to handle it in a way that wouldn't make her feel bad, but Abby, I felt terrible!

I was 19 when I had my first experience. When my mother found out, she made me feel so rotten that I always swore I wouldn't make the same mistake with my kids. But ever since I heard about my daughter, I can't help but feel angry and disappointed.

My other daughters — who are older — tell me that the youngest one is fine and can handle her sex life. Everyone I talk to about it sympathizes, but

**ADVICE**



**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

they tell me that this is how it is nowadays — most youngsters 13 and 14 are having sex.

I struggle with how to set appropriate limits, when inside I'm feeling like the kind of limits I thought were right didn't keep her safe in the first place.

Is there something wrong with me because I'm not able to accept her as an adult yet?

**HORRIFIED IN HOLBROOK, MA**

**DEAR HORRIFIED:** There is nothing wrong with you — your daughter is not yet an adult even though she is sexually active. However, it is inaccurate to say that most 13- and 14-year-old youngsters are having sex, although where there is little or no supervision, some girls of that age do engage in sex. (Studies show that the average age of first intercourse for girls is 16.2 years old.)

You, as the parent, must educate your daughter and help her set limits and make wise choices. Please don't be judgmental; put aside your disappointment and reach out to her.

**DEAR MARY:** I am getting married next year and I need advice on how to handle the ceremony.

My parents are remarried and I have a very close relationship with my stepfather. I plan on having my dad walk me down the aisle; however, I would really like to include my stepfather in the tradition of giving away the bride. All of my parents get along well, so there won't be a problem with them feeling uncomfortable with the situation.

Please give me a suggestion on how I can include my stepfather so he will feel like an important part of the ceremony.

**DILEMMA IN DELAWARE**

**DEAR DILEMMA:** Since your parents and stepparents are friendly, include your stepfather in the ceremony by having both your father and your stepfather walk you down the aisle. Or if you prefer, your stepfather can join you and your father at the altar. When the clergyman asks, "Who gives this woman in marriage?" they can respond together, "We do."

If you prefer to leave the "giving away" to your biological father, your stepfather might give a reading at some point during the service, if that is acceptable to the person performing the ceremony.

## THURSDAY'S PRIME TIME

Time	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	News (2)	HBC Nightly News (2)	Current Affairs (2)	Ent. Tonight (2)	Mad About You (2)	Wings (2)	Cheers (2)	Seinfeld (2)	Comedy Tonight (2)	Michael Jordan (R)	News (2)	Tonight Show (2)
6	News	CBS News	Inside Edition (2)	Hard Copy (2)	Top Cops (2)	Eye to Eye (2)	Star Trek: The Next Generation (2)	The Chase (2)	News	(11:35) Avenue Hall (2)	News	(11:35) Highlights (2)
9	News	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (2)	Wheel of Fortune (2)	Soop Florida Beautiful (2)	Malcolm in the Middle (2)	The Don (2)	PrimeTime Live (2)	News	(11:35) Highlights (2)	News	(11:35) Highlights (2)
18	Full House	Wonder Years	Highway Patrol (2)	Cops (2)	Crazy From the Heart (2)	Christine Lutz, Ruben Blades	Comedy-Drama	News	Highway Patrol (2)	Law Connection (2)	In the Heat of the Night (2)	News (R)
24	Sesame Street (R)	Business NewsHour (2)	MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour (2)	Florida Crossroads (2)	Opinion Street (2)	Mystery Patrol (2)	Rough Guide (2)	Mystery Theatre (2)	The Gonger Tree (2)	News	Night Court (2)	News (R)
35	Cheers (2)	Night Court	Murphy Brown	Martin (2)	Simon & Schuster (2)	Martin (2)	Living Color (2)	Baywatch (2)	Tequila Bay (2)	Cheers (2)	Night Court (2)	News (R)
52	700 Club	This is Your Jim Paris Day	James Robison	Resurrection (2)	Orlando Live!	700 Club	Prayer the Lord	News (R)	Prayer the Lord	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)
65	Jim Paris	James Robison	Resurrection (2)	Orlando Live!	700 Club	Prayer the Lord	News (R)	Prayer the Lord	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)
66	Love Boat	News	American Adventurer	Hot Country Gold	Mayer League Baseball	Florida Marlins at St. Louis Cardinals (2)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)

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<b>SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER</b> (R) 12:30 2:30 4:30 7:30 9:30	<b>THE MOVIE</b> (R) 11:30 6:00 7:00 8:40
<b>RISING SUN</b> (R) 12:00 2:45 5:10 7:40 10:00	<b>JURASSIC PARK</b> (R) 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00
<b>Public Justice</b> (R) 1:30 4:00 7:00 9:30	<b>Another Stakeout</b> (R) 1:00 3:10 5:20 7:45 9:50
<b>SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE</b> (PG) 11:00	<b>FREE WILLY</b> (R) 12:45 2:45 4:45 7:15 9:15
<b>CONEHEADS</b> (R) 12:15 2:15 4:15 7:15 9:15	

ALL MOVIES IN STEREO SOUND

For 24-hour TV listings, see LEISURE magazine of Friday, July 30

**MOVIE LAND**

**NO PASSES** May 17-22, Sanford  
**THE FIRM** (R) 8:40  
**INDECENT PROPOSAL** 11:30 (R)





**BLONDIE** by Chic Young

1. I'D LIKE TO RETURN THIS DRESS.  
2. IT DIDN'T LOOK AS GOOD WHEN I GOT IT HOME.  
3. AND I DECIDED I REALLY DON'T LIKE IT.  
4. PLUS YOUR HUSBAND SAID IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE... WELL, THAT TOO.

**BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker

1. CHAPLAIN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HEAVEN, HELL, ETERNITY...  
2. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT, THE ARMY, SARGE, YOUR OWN LIFE?  
3. NO. START THERE.

**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Sansom

1. HAVE YOU BEEN READING ABOUT HOW THEY CAN NOW TRANSPLANT A BABOON'S LIVER INTO A HUMAN BEING?  
2. MM... KEEP THE FAITH, THORNAPPLE...  
3. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DO THEIR BRAINS.

**PEANUTS** by Charles M. Schulz

1. IF YOU PAID SEVENTEEN DOLLARS FOR A MAILBOX AND YOU ONLY GOT ONE LOVE LETTER, IT WOULD STILL BE WORTH IT...  
2. ON THE OTHER HAND IF YOU NEVER EVER GET EVEN ONE LOVE LETTER THEN YOU SHOULD GET YOUR SEVENTEEN DOLLARS BACK...  
3. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE MANAGER, PLEASE.

**EEK & MEEK** by Howie Schneider

1. ACCORDING TO THIS LATEST REPORT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS...  
2. LUNATICS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE VITAL CENTER IN HUMAN ACTIVITIES...  
3. BORDERED ON ALL SIDES BY A 'SANITY FRINGE'.

**TUMBLEWEEDS** by T.K. Ryan

1. I'M IN THE MOOD FOR SINGING!  
2. AGAIN?  
3. HOW ABOUT A MUSICAL STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE?  
4. OKAY.  
5. DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO UNLOAD YOUR PISTOL AT THIS POINT?

**ARLO AND JANIS** by Jimmy Johnson

1. WE NEVER JUST TALK! LET'S DISCUSS THINGS!  
2. DO YOU THINK WAR IS A NATURAL STATE?  
3. ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?  
4. YOU MEAN, AM I A CRASHING BORE OR AN INSENSITIVE CREEP? THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

**FRANK AND ERNEST** by Bob Thaves

**BANK**  
"IS MY BANK ACCOUNT ACTIVE?"... I'LL SAY! JUST LOOK AT ALL MY BOUNCING CHECKS!

**GARFIELD** by Jim Davis

1. OH, BOY, A LETTER FROM HOME!  
2. YEP, YOU CAN ALWAYS EXPECT GOOD NEWS FROM HOME!  
3. HEY! COUSIN ED'S FOREHEAD'S CLEARING UP!  
4. GET ME OUT OF HERE!

**ROBOTMAN** by Jim Meddick

1. I WISH YOU HAD TOLD ME ABOUT THAT FIGHT YOU HAD, ANNIE, ARE YOU SURE YOU WEREN'T HURT?  
2. I'M FINE "DADDY" ARIEL MADE IT SOUND LIKE MORE THAN IT WAS.  
3. "YEAH, AN' THAT MADE ARIEL FEEL 'SAFE' ENOUGH WITH ME AROUND 'T' TALK TO 'STRANGERS'... 'CEPT SHE'D GONE OFF ON HER OWN AT THAT POINT..."  
4. "PLUS, THERE'S A WAY FOLKS ACT WITH STRANGERS... AN' THINKIN' BACK - IT LOOKED LIKE ARIEL AN' THAT GUY KNEW EACH OTHER."

# The vitamin debate: a medical update

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** It seems to me that you have played down the value of vitamins, other than perhaps to take a one-a-day multiple vitamin. I'm aware we get some vitamins in regular food, of undetermined and irregular amounts, yet a recent study from UCLA found that people taking over 300 mg of vitamin C had 40 percent fewer heart attacks than those who took 75 mg. Further, vitamin E prevents formation of arteriosclerosis. Haven't you been overly cautious about new developments substantiating some benefits of vitamins taken in considerably larger amounts than the RDA allowances?

**DEAR READER:** Yes, I have. Earlier opinions resulted from previous medical studies. However, based on the new information to which you refer (which appeared in many media reports), I modified my view about the benefits of beta-carotene, vitamin C and vitamin E in a column published in early May. In the event that you may have missed this update, I'll summarize it.

There's a lot of interest these days in anti-oxidants substances that prevent tissue damage caused by oxygen atoms and "free radicals" (substances that damage tissue), which are either produced in the body or introduced into it by eating and breathing. Beta-carotene and vitamins C and E are anti-oxidants. Beta-carotene may help prevent heart attacks and could conceivably protect against lung cancer. Vitamin C may ward off stomach cancer and lower cholesterol. Vitamin E has been shown to reduce the incidence of heart attacks and boost the immune system.

Therefore, your observations are correct. With this topic, as with other subjects, I'll continue to inform my readers as new, valid, scientific data become available. I do not recommend that healthy people take large doses of these vitamins, until

and unless there is general agreement among nutrition experts that such supplements would be appropriate.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long,



self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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  - Distant planet
  - Poland's Lech
  - Put weight on
  - Prehistoric creature
  - Mr. Ziegfeld
  - Dine
  - Part of speech
  - Life jacket (2 wds.)
  - Much larger
  - Firearm
  - Circuit
  - Overturns
  - Frail ripener
  - Basswood tree
  - Singer - Warwick
  - Insect
  - Indicate
- DOWN**
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  - Pueblo Indian
  - Non-profit TV
  - Communications agcy.
  - Fruit
  - The arm pit
  - Group of nine
  - Mad dog's disease
  - Carpenter's tools
  - Go - -; deteriorate
  - Fit of anger
  - Russian river
  - Western defense org.
  - An explosive
  - Bring court action
  - Wipe out (sl.)
  - Fragrant

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- Enthusiastic
- Literary sarcasm
- Hawaiian dance
- arms
- Follow
- Grant use of
- Indian money
- Part of hammer
- Priod
- Cultivator
- Name
- Tendon
- Former Russian ruler (var.)
- Lawyer - Baird
- Plant containers
- Zola heroine
- Somersault
- Singer - Laine
- Group of actors
- Oxygen or helium
- Totem pole
- African native

## WIN AT BRIDGE

**By Phillip Alder**  
Gilles Queran publishes a free bridge magazine in the Loire region of France. I was amused by the comment of one of his writers, Olivier Beauvillain, in summing up the deal in today's diagram.

In team tournaments played under the Swiss system, at table one the top two teams play against each other. Teams three and four meet at table two, and so on.

This deal arose at a tournament in Ostend, Belgium. Beauvillain's team had just reached table one, where they were playing against a strong Dutch team. On this first board of the match, Beauvillain opened one no-trump, a debatable choice in my view. After two passes, South bid two hearts, which North explained as showing five hearts and a four-card minor. North raised his

partner to game. Beauvillain started by cashing three club tricks, his partner discarding the diamond two at trick three.

What should Beauvillain have led now?

After "a long pause of 20 or 30 seconds," Beauvillain switched to the spade king. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the A-K of hearts and claimed when hearts split 2-2.

Beauvillain said in embarrassment: "I'm sorry, partner. I thought that the declarer would have two spades in addition to his five hearts, four diamonds and three clubs."

When you have taken all possible tricks outside trumps, it is often best to give the declarer a ruff-and-discard. Here a club lead at trick four promotes a trump trick for the defense.

Beauvillain's team played the next match at table 17.

**NORTH 4-4-31**  
♦ A 9 8 5  
♥ A K 4 3  
♦ 10 9  
♣ 10 5 4

**WEST**  
♦ K Q 7 3  
♥ Q 6  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K Q 6 2

**EAST**  
♦ J 10 4 2  
♥ J 8  
♦ J 8 6 3 2  
♣ 8 7

**SOUTH**  
♦ 8  
♥ 10 9 7 5 2  
♦ A K Q 4  
♣ J 9 3

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: West

South West North East  
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

## HOROSCOPE

**By Bernice Bede Osol**  
**YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
Friday, Aug. 6, 1993

A romantic interest from the past might reenter your life in the year ahead and attempt to revitalize sleeping embers. If you're an unattached Leo, the year ahead could be interesting.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) If you allow your emotions and feelings to gain the upper hand today, they could seriously affect your ability to evaluate situations effectively. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's not like you to nurse grudges, but today you may have difficulty in warming up to an individual you feel treated you shabbily recently.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be

cognizant of your behavior today or else you may unintentionally, through words or action, slight someone who is trying very hard to be your friend.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Comments which you'll feel are helpful suggestions might be considered unsolicited criticism by a friend today. This is a thin line. Be careful.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Lending money or something of value to a person who hasn't yet returned what he/she previously borrowed could prove to be unsound. Don't double your losses.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone who holds you in high esteem will be severely disappointed today if you break a promise you made to him/her. Even if it is inconvenient, stand by your word.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strive to be discerning if you're working on an artistic endeavor. Your normally splendid taste might not be operating at its higher level today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Be sure your purse can withstand

your extravagant splurges today. If you empty it now, it might take quite awhile to get it filled up again.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You're likely to be placed in a highly visible role today, so be very careful how you conduct yourself. Antisocial behavior could damage your image.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Be content with where you are and those with whom you spend your time today. It will be evident to them if you desire to be elsewhere and will effect the way they think about you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Don't put a lock on your wallet today if you're involved with friends who are generous and considerate. The contrast will make you look like a big tightwad.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Avoid all forms of pretense today, because it could produce a negative effect opposite of that which you hope to achieve. For best results, just be yourself. (C)1993, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

**ANNIE** by Leonard Starr