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Today: Partly sunny. High in upper 70s. Wind south 10 mph.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Crop damage severe

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford has announced that unexpected and unforecasted cold weather over the long holiday weekend has resulted in at least \$100 million in crop damage around the state.

Winter vegetables in Southwest Florida and the Homestead areas suffered serious damage with losses ranging from 50 percent to 75 percent. These include tomatoes, green beans, squash, bell peppers, eggplant, sweet corn and zucchini.

Citrus in many areas also suffered some damage, primarily in reduction of juice yields as a result of freezing temperatures.

Crawford complained that one of the factors contributing to the crop losses was the lack of accurate weather forecasts. "Until this growing season," he said, "the National Weather Service provided such forecasts to state growers, but cutbacks by the federal agency has eliminated this service."

Lake Mary Chamber

LAKE MARY — The Greater Lake Mary/Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a business after hours gathering this Thursday, Jan. 23, at Ruth's Chris Steak House, 999 Douglas Avenue, Altamonte Springs. The event will be from 5:30 to 7:30. Chamber members are urged to attend.

Young actors wanted

GENEVA — The Young People's Acting Company will be holding auditions for the Wizard of Oz, Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Geneva Resource Center, corner of First and Main in Geneva.

Auditions are for youngsters ages 8 through 19. For additional information, phone 366-7816 or 366-8897.

Gospel Choir

Youths from throughout Central Florida will be participating in "Stir Up the Give - Youth Explosion," at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 at Mount Zion Institutional Baptist Church, 535 Washington Street, Orlando.

Included among the choirs to make special appearances is the Seminole High School Gospel Choir. The SHS group, along with other high school gospel choirs will be featured separately Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m.

For additional information, contact musician's guild coordinator Byron Deese at 322-2873.

First Aid course

LONGWOOD — The American Red Cross of Central Florida is offering a First Aid & Safety course from 6 until 10 p.m. Jan. 27, 29 and 31 at the Red Cross Seminole Service Center, 705 W. SR-434, Longwood. Interested residents will be given instruction on how to prevent, recognize and respond to a variety of cardiac and first aid emergencies in adults, infants and children.

The cost for the course is \$40. For additional information, phone 332-8200.

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The human mind, once stretched to its limits, never returns to its former dimensions.
—Oscar Wilde

Courthouse is county's #1 priority

By RUSSELL WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A 3½-hour special work session on Tuesday produced at least three long-awaited, emphatic decisions by the Board of Seminole County Commissioners:

- The building of a new county courthouse is the board's #1 priority.
- The implementation of franchise-privilege fees for utility companies' use of county right-of-way is the top funding option. Currently all Seminole County cities charge the fee at 6 percent. The county can do likewise.

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Seminole County Commissioners Grant Maloy, Chairman Randy Morris and Win Adams joined Daryl McLain and Dick Van Der Weide in prioritizing a new courthouse for Sanford.

Towers could be disguised as trees

By MIKE PFEPAUF
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The City of Lake Mary is ready to undertake a Communications Tower Ordinance. It has been under study for many months.

Last summer, the city imposed a moratorium on communication towers until the ordinance can be established.

The City of Sanford, Seminole County, and other municipal bodies have long been studying the matter with the hope that they can permit the towers while still maintaining an attractive skyline and preventing a glut of towers in any particular area.

Sanford has most recently considered a requirement that several antennas be clustered on one tower, which may reduce the number of towers required by various businesses expanding the communications industry.

Lake Mary has a new proposal it believes is all-encompassing. The matter is scheduled for discussion and possible first reading of the ordinance at this Thursday night's commission meeting.

Lake Mary staff has been working on preparing an ordinance for almost a year. At the Dec. 5 commission meeting, everything appeared to be in readiness but several commissioners wanted additional information, and assurance that the ordinance would be able to stand up against any legal objections.

The ordinance was subsequently postponed until the second meeting in January.

This time, with additional input from a special counsel and further study, City Planner Matt West believes all the T's have been crossed and all the I's have been dotted.

This new ordinance includes a definition of "camouflage" towers, a line-of-sight analysis, and maintenance requirements. The "camouflage" tower is described as one designed "...to unobtrusively blend into the existing surroundings and

be disguised so as to not have the appearance of a communication tower."

In explaining the definition even further, it is suggested that camouflaged communications towers could be "...constructed in the form and shape of a tree in order to appear to be part of a forested area, or a tower constructed to appear to be or to actually be a component of a bell or clock tower on sites with existing industrial or institutional development, or to be or appear to be a component of a church steeple on sites with existing churches."

The proposed ordinance still has restrictions regarding where towers may be located, spacing between

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Not as bad as it looked



Sanford firefighters were called to the parking lot near the Seminole County Courthouse annex Tuesday afternoon, in response to a possible propane leak. Fire officials said a person had filled an LP gas tank for a friend, a courthouse employee, and had placed it in the vehicle however, it began to leak. Firemen were called to the area to burn off the leaking fuel. There were no injuries in the incident.

Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade: Abortion today

By VICKI BOGGS
Herald Senior Staff Writer

As the nation looks back on nearly a quarter of a century of legalized abortion on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade today, the debate seems more remote in Seminole County where there are no abortion clinics.

An employee of Birth Control Center, Inc. in Longwood who would identify herself only as Kim, said they no longer perform abortions at that location.

"Anyone in Seminole County who wants to have an abortion has to go to Orlando or to Volusia County," Kim said. "There is no place in Seminole that does abortions that I know of."

Telephone listings show only the one clinic in Longwood, where the procedure is no longer done. Other clinics available to women in this area are in Orange County and as far away as Jacksonville and Lakeland.

"There were two clinics in Seminole County 10 years ago or so, but it's been a while since they've had one there," Kim explained.

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New area code for parts of Volusia County?

By BILL BERGSTROM
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida may get two new area codes soon if state officials proceed with plans to take Jacksonville and Daytona Beach out of the 904 area code and give them new numbers.

But Jacksonville Mayor John Delany is promising to challenge the state Public Service Commission, which voted for the change Tuesday. He contends a new area code would hurt the economy of the port and business center of Jacksonville.

Against the recommendations of its own staff, the PSC voted Tuesday to give new area codes to the Jacksonville and Daytona Beach areas and keep the 904 area code for Tallahassee and the Panhandle.

"My question was 'how do we benefit the most people for the longest period of time?'" Public Service Commission Chairman Julia Johnson said after the 3-2 vote. Commissioners Susan Clark and Joe Garcia voted no.

"I think it's unfortunate. The changes today inconvenience thousands more people than needed to be inconvenienced, maybe hundreds of thousands," said Garcia. "I was very comfortable with the staff recommendations."

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FLORIDA BRIEFS



Shooting forces hotel evacuation

NORTH MIAMI BEACH — Police evacuated a 90-room hotel when a woman fired shots from her room, but nobody was injured before a SWAT team was able to take the woman into custody.

When police approached the room because of a call reporting shots fired, she shot at officers, prompting the evacuation of the Best Western Surf Vista Beach Hotel Tuesday, police said in a statement.

No one else was in the woman's room. Robin Jimenez, 29, of Broward County, was charged with three counts of attempted murder of a police officer, the statement said.

Florida farmers lose big bucks

MIAMI — Florida farmers say they never got sufficient warning this weekend before they were hit with at least \$100 million in winter crop losses — the most severe loss in the state this decade.

The National Weather Service quit providing its agricultural forecasts this winter after budget cuts, and many farmers have decided to risk losses rather than pay for costly private weather services.

Complicating matters this weekend, local forecasters missed the call and even some private forecasting services didn't predict how cold it would get Saturday and Sunday nights. "It was a missed forecast that had bad consequences," said Paul Hebert, lead meteorologist in the National Weather Service Miami office.

Winter vegetables in south Dade County and southwest Florida were hardest hit, although damage to the citrus crop in Central Florida may not be known for weeks. Crops such as beans, squash, tomatoes, sweet corn and zucchini were hardest hit by temperatures that plunged into the 20s.

"This is the first time we've been burned by the loss of the forecasts," said Kathleen Glynn, a spokeswoman for the Dade County Farm Bureau. "But this is the first winter we haven't had the service."

Florida provides up to half of the nation's winter vegetable crops and the heavy losses could drive up store prices in the Northeast and Midwest. The price of green beans at a Homestead packing house almost doubled from its \$12-a-bushel cost on Friday.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford said Tuesday his \$100 million damage estimate is conservative and he called for the return of the federal agricultural forecasts or a state substitute.

The agricultural forecasts were cut by the Commerce Department in 1995, but extended for six months through last winter as private services prepared to fill the gap.

In a state with a \$6 billion agriculture industry, Crawford said farmers must have dependable forecasts. He suggested several state agencies such as the Department of Community Affairs or his own agriculture department should consider replacing the farm forecasts.

Crawford asked the governor Tuesday to declare some counties in southern and Central Florida disaster areas and make them eligible for federal assistance. The exact counties have not been determined.

Restaurant owner loses Court appeal

KEY WEST — Solicitors for a pizza restaurant will have to bank a little longer now that a Supreme Court decision says they can no longer entice tourists on the city's main thoroughfare without a license.

The court, without comment, Tuesday turned away Jim Sciarino's argument that an ordinance limiting the use of sidewalk solicitors violates his free-speech rights.

"By the time you walk from Malibu Square to our street you'll get pitched to buy a house, eat, buy a boat, buy T-shirts," said Sciarino, owner of Clancy's Gourmet Pizza. "But we can't do it, that's why I fought it."

Sciarino's restaurant is located on a small alley one block from Duval Street, home to Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, Sloppy Joe's and the Hog's Breath Saloon. To attract customers to his restaurant, he — like other business owners — hired "barkers" to distribute handbills to pedestrians in the tourist areas.

Following complaints about litter, crowded sidewalks and invasion of tourists' privacy, the city commission voted in 1992 to limit the use of sidewalk off-premise canvassers.

Barkers who go to the most heavily trafficked areas of Key West's historic district must get a permit and work in designated locations.

Sciarino sued the city, saying the ordinance violated his right to commercial free speech as guaranteed by the Constitution's First Amendment.

"If a Hare Krishna was here on the corner, they could do anything they want," Sciarino said. "For me, who knows what the First Amendment means. Obviously it doesn't mean talking."

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND 7 CROSS THE STATE

Officials complain about the high title-loan interest rates

By The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The state's title-loan industry says it is justified in charging high interest rates, but Florida's attorney general says the industry already "makes the mob look good."

The powerful title-loan lobby has nearly persuaded a legislative task force to let lenders charge graduated rates equaling 192 percent a year on title loans, such as short-term loans that use the borrower's vehicle as collateral.

The FBI's most recent Florida loan-sharking arrests involved interest of 2 to 5 percent a week — about 104 to 260 percent a year.

"I cannot think of anything more repugnant than the State of Florida has legalized than this," said Attorney General Bob Butterworth. "I think the mob needed something to make them look like the good guys."

A legislative task force will make a final interest-rate recommendation at its final meeting Thursday, and its draft bill will likely be introduced into the Legislature.

At its most recent meeting, on Jan. 9, the majority of the task force's members agreed to allow 22 percent a month in the first three months, 18 percent in the second three, and 12 percent a month thereafter. A \$1,000 loan would cost \$1,660 after 90 days, \$1,920 after 12 months.

The issue has raised vigorous debate as lawmakers weigh the need to allow access to loans for those with bad credit against the need to protect those least able to afford huge fees. It has also raised a debate over the influence industry lobbyists have had on the law.

This practice of trading a car title for a quick loan began in 1995, when State Rep. Edward Healey, D-West Palm Beach, sponsored a bill allowing interest rates of up to 22 percent a month. There are now 400 such lenders in the state.

Healey says the bill he introduced was written by former House Speaker Don Tucker, a lobbyist for Atlanta-based Title Loans of America.

The law permits interest rates 10 to 12 times above the state's usury laws and also freed the industry from any meaningful agency regulation or consumer protections.

Consumers like Arthur Williams, 42, of Davie, have found they could not pay their way out of their loans. Williams, who can no longer work because of serious illness, took out a title loan to pay for emergency car repairs.

Williams missed a payment, and his car was repossessed.

"You have no idea the abomination of this," Williams said. "I can't leave my house now."

Looking at etchings

Fran Burris of Vistar Auto Glass etches the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) into the windshield of Susan Richard's car under the supervision of Mike Moran of the Sanford Police Department. Police suggest etching the VIN numbers in the windshield as a way of deterring auto thefts.

Herald Photo by Steve Barnes



New bishop leads other national groups as well

By PAT LEMMON, Associated Press Writer

Bishop John H. Ricard, urban vicar of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and head of Catholic Relief Services, was named by Pope John Paul II as bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Ricard, 56, becomes the fourth bishop of the north Florida diocese of nearly 62,000 Catholics in 16 counties.

He celebrated Mass Tuesday at historic St. Michael's Church, a parish established in Pensacola on May 11, 1781. He will be installed at a Mass on March 13 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

In his new duty, Ricard will oversee 49 parishes, 53 priests and 2,500 Catholic school children in a 14,044-square-mile area of Florida.

The Pensacola-Tallahassee diocese, established in 1975, is one of seven in Florida, which

has a growing population of nearly 2 million Roman Catholics.

Ricard succeeds Bishop John Smith, who was appointed coadjutor bishop of Trenton, N.J., last February. The Florida post had remained vacant since.

Ricard also is president of the National Black Catholic Congress, and is president and board chairman of the Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services, a humanitarian agency that helps the poor and disadvantaged outside the United States.

Since 1984, Ricard has been in charge of Baltimore city parishes and Catholic schools under Cardinal William H. Keeler. As urban vicar he had more than 60 city parishes, 40 Catholic schools and 10,000 students under him.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Ricard completed his theological training at St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Legislature; more for students, no new taxes

By JACKIE HALLIFAX, Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida lawmakers should make students at the state universities pay up to \$50 a semester to expand computer access in addition to raising tuition 10 percent, Chancellor Charles Reed said.

Besides promoting the technology fee Tuesday, Reed said that new taxes would be inevitable at some point in the future to keep up with the demand for education.

"Nobody likes the word tax in Florida. Everybody is allergic to it," Reed said. "But at some point somebody is going to have to take some medicine, some castor oil, and swallow it in order to get well."

Reed, who oversees the state's 10 public universities, was one of the speakers at The

Associated Press' annual legislative planning meeting. He was followed by the Republican legislative leaders.

House Speaker Dan Webster of Orlando told the gathering of editors and reporters that "we're not really interested in taxing any more."

Webster also nixed the idea of broadening the tax on utilities that is used to raise money for school construction.

Senate President Toni Jennings, also of Orlando, was slightly more open to the idea of expanding that tax to exempted utilities but also echoed Webster's anti-tax comments.

"The Senate is looking at living within existing revenue," she said.

Reed wants to let presidents at the 10 state universities charge either a flat fee or an hourly fee with a per-semester cap of \$50.

LOTTERY

MIAMI Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
13-16-20-22-19

Cash 3
8-9-3

Play 4
5-0-9-4

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny. High in upper 70s. Wind south 10 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy with areas of dense late night fog. Low in the mid to upper 50s. Light wind. Thursday: Areas of dense morning fog. Then partly sunny. High around 80. Wind south 5 mph. Friday: Increasing clouds and warm with widely scattered showers. Highs in the upper 70s to near 80. Saturday: Mostly cloudy and warm with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the mid to upper 70s. Sunday: Showers ending early followed by decreasing clouds and turning cooler.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY Pty sunny 67-77	THURSDAY Pty sunny 68-80	FRIDAY Cldy 68-79	SATURDAY Mety cldy 66-76	SUNDAY Showers 65-75

NATIONAL TEMPS

City	H	L	P	Dir
Anchorage	41	37		cl
Anchorage	33	23		cl
Atlanta	70	41		rn
Atlanta City	41	22		rn
Austin	48	37	88	cl
Baltimore	43	34		rn
Boston	36	25		cl
Brownsville	38	36		cl
Buffalo	32	1		cl
Burlington, Vt.	28	12	82	cl
Calgary	41	22		cl
Charleston, S.C.	63	35		cl
Charleston, W. Va.	60	33		rn
Charlotte, N.C.	66	31		rn
Chattanooga	60	35		rn
Chicago	42	34	13	cl
Cincinnati	44	37		rn
Cleveland	42	13		rn
Columbus, N.H.	79	13		rn
Dallas-Ft. Worth	71	36		cl
Denver	47	34		cl
Des Moines	47	34		rn
Detroit	38	15		rn
Honolulu	86	67	84	cl
Houston	69	57	41	cl
Indianapolis	49	37	11	rn
Jackson	62	38		cl
Kansas City	64	44		cl
Las Vegas	57	43		cl
Little Rock	61	48	16	rn
Los Angeles	68	47	16	rn
Memphis	64	39		rn
Minneapolis	57	39	20	cl
Mobile	57	36	26	rn
Newark	42	30		rn
New Orleans	71	44	28	rn
New York City	38	29		cl
Oklahoma City	68	49		cl
Omaha	60	38		cl
Philadelphia	60	38		rn
Pittsburgh	46	31		cl
Pittsburgh	42	19		rn
Portland, Maine	32	19		rn
Sacramento	54	47	23	rn
St. Louis	57	33	26	cl
St. Louis City	48	33	17	cl
San Antonio	65	38	28	rn
Washington, D.C.	49	33		rn

MOON PHASES

Full Jan. 23	Last Jan. 31
New Feb. 7	First Feb. 14

TIDES

THURSDAY
SOLAR TABLE: min., 4:40 a.m.; 4:56 p.m.; maj., 10:45 a.m.; 11:10 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: high, 7:44 a.m.; 8:00 p.m.; low, 1:21 a.m.; 1:56 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 7:49 a.m.; 8:05 p.m.; low, 1:26 a.m.; 2:01 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 8:04 a.m.; 8:20 p.m.; low, 1:41 a.m.; 2:16 p.m.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 72 degrees and the overnight low was 46 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 10 a.m. Wednesday, totalled 0.0 inches

☐ Sunset.....6:50 p.m.
☐ Sunrise.....7:19 a.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and glassy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 63 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 feet and glassy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 62 degrees.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Small craft should exercise caution. Today: Wind southeast 15 to 20 knots. Seas building to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Isolated showers. Tonight: Wind south 15 knots. Seas around 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Isolated showers.

POLICE BRIEFS

Concealed firearm

Luis Alvarez, 19 of Winter Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies early Tuesday. Deputies said they saw him shortly before 1 a.m. on Jackson Street in Altamonte Springs, loading a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. He reportedly put the gun in the waistband of his pants and was said to be heard making a vocal threat. When deputies apprehended him in front of a residence on Jackson Street, they said they located the gun wedged under the wood exterior of the home. It was reportedly loaded and cocked.

Traffic stop

Shannon Lee Barnett, 28, of 112 Lake Minnie Drive, Sanford, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Monday in the 100 block of West Ridge Drive. Barnett was charged with driving under the influence.

Amtrak damages

Sanford police responded to two calls during this past weekend at the Amtrak station, 600 Persimmon Avenue. Saturday, someone reportedly threw a rock through a skylight window at one of the facilities.

Sunday, another damage report was filed. This time the damage was done in the Amtrak car wash facility. Police said the total destruction was valued at approximately \$2,000.

Sanford police reports

• A 1986 Dodge, reported stolen Sunday in the 1000 block of Bark Avenue in Sanford, was located later that same day abandoned on W. 13th Street near Olive Avenue.

• A TV set and other items with a total value of \$839 were reported stolen Sunday from a residence in Rock Cove Court.

• An aerator with a 10 hp motor, valued at \$336, was reported stolen Sunday from the 1100 block of W. 20th Street.

• An estimated \$800 in damage was reported Saturday at the Sanora Club House, along with an estimated \$2,065 in items said to have been stolen.

• Stereo equipment and clothing with a total value of \$5,300 were reported stolen Saturday from a residence in Pine Shadow Apartments.

• An estimated \$825 in hand and power tools were said to have been stolen Monday from a pickup truck parked in the 2700 block of Orlando Drive.

• A credit card machine, stereo, and \$125 in pork ribs and beef, for a total value of \$904, were reported stolen early Tuesday from a restaurant in the 2500 block of S. French Avenue in Sanford.

• A \$200 VCR was reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 1000 block of Myrtle Avenue in Sanford.

• Three vehicles were reportedly burglarized Monday in the 400 block of W. 13th Street. Items missing were said to be valued at a total of \$529.

• Two diamond rings, valued at \$5,200 were reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 500 block of Valencia Street in Sanford.



Save the planet

With help from Wal-Mart, students at Sanford Middle School will be learning new ways to save the planet. Mike Haynes, Sanford Wal-Mart assistant manager, left, presents a check in the amount of \$300 to Sanford Middle School Assistant Principal Fred Tombras. The money is to be used for the nature trail which runs adjacent to the Sanford Middle School campus.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Cop's wife charged with credit card fraud

By VICKI DEBORNER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The wife of a Sanford police officer was arrested Tuesday in the investigation of credit card fraud that investigators say she perpetrated on her own mother-in-law.

According to police reports, Renee Marie Keith was charged with 23 counts of the fraudulent use of credit cards.

Keith is the wife of Sanford Police Sgt. Aaron Keith. She left jail Tuesday evening after posting a \$2,000 bond.

Investigators said Aaron and Renee Keith took control of Roberta Keith's finances when

she was hospitalized a year and a half ago. They said Renee Keith used her mother-in-law's credit card to receive some \$1,500 in cash advances and used her credit history to revive old accounts which she used to make purchases at various department stores.

In addition, investigators said, Keith applied for a gasoline credit card in her mother-in-law's name with an additional card in Aaron Keith's name.

The State Attorneys office is looking into allegations that Aaron Keith used that credit card. Preliminary findings reveal, however, that he may not have been aware that the card

was obtained by fraudulent means. It does not appear that he will be charged with any crime.

The investigation into the incidents revealed that Aaron Keith signed several blank checks which he intended for Renee to use to pay his mother's accounts. She allegedly used the

checks to pay for personal expenses. She was also charged with forging her husband's name on 10 checks.

The fraudulent credit card charges amounted to about \$6,500.

Neither Aaron nor Renee Keith were available for comment this morning.

Turn on the radio

By INCK PEREYAN
Herald Staff Writer

"For visitor information, turn your radio to..." Motorists have all seen such signs when approaching Walt Disney World and a few other congested areas. Now, plans are being formulated to have such information available throughout the entire state.

It won't be just for traffic control, but to tell motorists about places to eat, sleep and have fun.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has signed a contract with the Traveler Information Radio Network (TIRN) to jointly begin a two-year test of a statewide radio advisory program.

TIRN plans to phase in its Traveler Information Radio Network over a six-month period, with the first two areas, Orlando and Cocoa Beach, to hit the airwaves by early April.

Under a unique partnership between FDOT and TIRN, the department will administer the program while TIRN will pay for it entirely with private sector funds. The costs include more than \$12 million for staffing, equipment and the placement of "Traveler Info Radio" signs on the state's highways, so motorists can tune into a TIRN affiliate as they travel through Florida.

FDOT Secretary Ben Watts commented, "The Florida Department of Transportation is excited about being a partner with TIRN in this first-in-the-nation test of a statewide travel advisory radio program."

The programs will be broadcast over a network of 18 commercial radio stations throughout the state. In addition to traveler information, it will also alert motorists to adverse traffic or weather conditions.

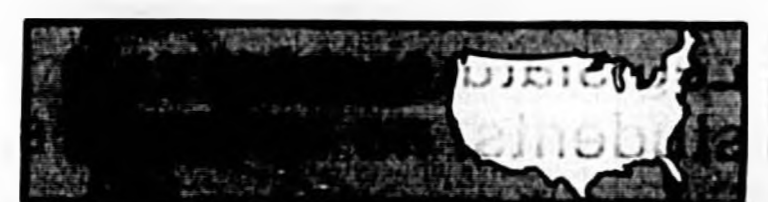
TIRN President Joe Gettys of Orlando added, "It will enhance the travel experience of millions of our residents and visitors while making their travel safer and easier."

During routine operations, FDOT will have one minute out of each 10 minutes of broad-

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Albright approved as secretary of state

WASHINGTON — At her most undiplomatic, Madeline Albright once publicly raked the French defense minister over the coals. On another occasion, she dismissed Iraqi complaints about possible U.N. sanctions as "laughable."

The woman who is about to become secretary of state speaks her mind.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously approved her appointment as secretary of state on Monday and the Senate was expected to complete the confirmation process today.

"I'm going to tell it like it is here, and I'm going to tell it like it is when I go abroad," she told the committee at her confirmation hearing.

Confidant was aware

WASHINGTON — Contrary to the White House press secretary's public account, a congressional deposition shows that President Clinton's closest confidant was aware in 1994 that an Indonesian conglomerate had hired Webster Hubbell after his disgrace and fall from a top Justice Department job.

Alerted to the deposition by The Associated Press, Mike McCurry acknowledged Tuesday night he provided erroneous information about the role of Clinton senior adviser Bruce Lindsey.

The Lindsey deposition makes vague references to conversations he had with Clinton and presidential counselor Mack McLarty in the fall of 1994, but does not directly say whether they knew then that Hubbell was being paid by the Lippo Group.

McCurry said he regretted making the erroneous statement and that it had stemmed from a miscommunication with a White House attorney.

Test your kids for drugs

WASHINGTON — Parents who want to quietly test their children for drugs can soon use the first government-approved home test.

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday approved Dr. Brown's Home Drug Testing System to detect cocaine, heroin, marijuana, PCP, amphetamines and other drugs in a mail-in urine sample.

"It's therapeutic, nonpunitive and comparatively inexpensive," said J. Theodore Brown Jr., the Maryland psychologist who created the test, which will be on drugstore shelves within six weeks and will cost less than \$30.

"This system would be something to empower the individual citizen," he said.

Light in Communist landscape

CIFER, Slovakia — Cifer was another polluted piece of the post-Communist mess in central Europe. Raw sewage was dumped on surrounding fields. The place stank. Its water was unsafe for children.

Then something unusual happened. Officials in this western Slovak town went out on their own and found financing to build a sewage treatment plant. Problems remain, but Cifer's 4,000 people now can look forward to a cleaner, sweeter-smelling future.

Cifer is one small point of light in the smudged landscape Communists left behind from Poland to Albania and east to the former Soviet republics. It's an example of how local officials took on a problem on their own and came up with a creative solution. More and more, people in the region are aware of the mess they've inherited from the Communists, so local authorities have increasingly taken the initiative to clean up the environment.

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EDITORIAL

Kudos to county commissioners

For decades in our nation, important events have often been said to take place "on the steps of the courthouse." While the public announcements generally made from these steps have been replaced by published legal notices and news stories, there are still some activities, such as public sales, being conducted on the steps.

The point here is not to call attention to the activities, but to stress the concept of "steps" as still highly important.

One big step took place Tuesday in Seminole County. County commissioners agreed to finally get off their "courthouse seats" and get to serious work toward the new courthouse. They have agreed to put their feet on the first steps of the courthouse.

No matter which group you listen to, the city of Sanford, Downtown Waterfront Development Masterplan Steering Committee, prospective developers, business leaders or others, you will hear one opinion stressed over and over again. "Downtown Sanford isn't going to improve much until that courthouse expansion gets under way."

This is not to say that many people have not been working diligently toward bringing the downtown area back to its heyday. But we all know, there is much room for improvement.

Prospects are now that we could have that courthouse by the year 2002 (five years), or even earlier. Great! Outstanding! Wonderful! Super!

However, we don't recommend anyone hold their breath until the courthouse is built. Five years may seem a long way off, but with the plans, land acquisition where needed, ground breaking, reallocation of present facilities, and the actual construction itself, we expect it will be possibly eight to 10 years.

But we hope we are wrong. We sincerely hope we are wrong in this. We hope it will be much sooner.

Several developers and people who are involved in downtown studies have told us that the proposed new or expanded courthouse doesn't really have to be in operation to bring improvements to the city. Once people see construction actually under way, they will know that the chances of downtown Sanford biting the dust have virtually disappeared.

They will know for sure that the city is here to stay, and will do whatever they can to get in on the ground floor. That means once dirt is tossed for the new courthouse, presently empty downtown stores will begin to fill up, and the entire city will begin to have a new look, an attractive look, and a prosperous look.

We are pleased that the Seminole County Commission has finally put a foot on the steps of the courthouse. But there are many more steps. We just hope they won't become fatigued from climbing those steps, and continue their upward progress.

LETTER

Overkill?

A 10-year-old girl was arrested for having a steak knife in her lunch box. How was she supposed to cut her meat, with her fingers? This is asinine. Anything, even a fork could be considered a weapon. What did they think the kids were going to do?

School officials are going berserk. How do they cut their meat or even eat potatoes, with their fingers?

To carry this a bit further, even a straw would be a no-no.

George M. Tudor
Sanford

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WILLIAM A. RUSHER

The future and Speaker Gingrich

"With Gingrich's new eminence, however, has come a less welcome change in his status: He is now, and will be for at least the next two years, the chief target and whipping-boy of the liberal media. If (improbably) he doesn't know what that entails, he will find out. ... No one expects him to change overnight into a Francis of Assisi, but if he keeps on letting the liberals cast him as Savonarola, he too could wind up being hanged and burned."

Thus I wrote in this space on Nov. 24, 1994. No doubt it is hard for a busy speaker to read all the columns that appear in Washington, but I do wish Mr. Gingrich had read that one.

Instead, he has just survived a near-death experience, and his numerous enemies are confidently proclaiming that he is too crippled by it to function for long, or effectively, as speaker.

They are probably letting the wish father the thought. Just at the moment, the impulse toward bipartisanship is very strong in Washington, and -- since there can't be much bipartisanship without the cooperation of the House of Representatives -- Mr. Gingrich stands to benefit from the warm breezes that are blowing. To be sure, the Democratic House leaders show signs of wanting to destroy him before the bipartisan spirit takes over, but they clearly aren't going to get their wish.

In addition, in the

way things so often happen in Washington, the spotlight is about to shift again -- away from Mr. Gingrich. We mustn't forget that little matter of the recorded cellular phone call among the speaker and various of his lieutenants that a Democratic congressman (probably Jim McDermott -- of the Ethics Committee, no less) leaked to the New York Times and the Atlanta Constitution. That entire episode is now under study by the Justice Department, and it is by no means clear that even a spirit of sweet bipartisanship will be able to obscure the fact that felonies were committed for which the penalty is up to five years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

Moreover, special prosecutor Kenneth Starr is reportedly very close to bringing indictments against various members of the Clinton administration for crimes, including perjury,



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committed in the wide areas under his jurisdiction: Whitewater, Travelgate, Filegate, etc. Whether or not the first lady is, as rumor has it, among those to be indicted, it is safe to say that the misdeeds of Speaker Gingrich are soon going to look comparatively trivial.

We can expect, therefore, that over the next few months the Gingrich flap will die down to some considerable extent. How should he behave while it is doing so, and thereafter?

He must, and no doubt will, be seen attending diligently to what is unctuously being called "the people's business." This will involve negotiating with the Clinton administration, and in the process appearing neither too weak nor too intransigent. The hard-shelled conservatives, in Congress and elsewhere, will be on the lookout for signs that he is giving away the store in an effort to placate the liberal media. The liberals, on the other hand, are sure to charge that any attempt to stand firm for some conservative principle marks a return of "the old Gingrich."

One certainly hopes that, in walking this tightrope, he can avoid stilling the vision, eloquence and leadership that have been his unique contributions to the Republican congressional resurgence.



JOSEPH PERKINS

Welfare reform: Reward marriage

I know a number of single moms. Most are divorcees, though some are not. All are reasonably well-educated, though none of them boasts a college diploma. All are working, but not one is earning a yearly income that is even double poverty level (which would require \$21,124 for a mom and child; \$25,034 for a mom and two children).

Each of these single moms receives at least some modicum of child support from the fathers of their children (which relieves some financial pressure). Yet, their day-to-day lives remain a struggle. That's because there is nothing more difficult in our society than working full-time while trying to raise children on one's own.

Which brings me to the plan by Gov. Pete Wilson to end welfare as we know it in California. His goal is to compel the state's 2 million or so welfare moms to become more like the single moms I mentioned above, by requiring that these welfare moms join the workforce.

If Wilson's welfare "reform" plan is successful, California will have fewer single moms subsisting on the public rolls and more single moms (with jobs paying poverty-level wages) struggling off the rolls.

I'm sorry, I just can't see how this is good public policy. It's well and good to wean welfare moms from their dependency on public assistance. But their situation will be only slightly better if they merely join the ranks of the working poor or near-poor.

And that's the problem not only with Wilson's plan, but most other welfare-reform plans that states are either considering or are in the process of implementing: They are based on the fallacious assumption that work is the key to economic progress for single moms on welfare.

But here's the reality: The vast majority of single moms -- on welfare or not -- who significantly improve their economic status do so not by taking jobs (or switching to better jobs), but by taking husbands.

Indeed, three-quarters of single moms who leave the welfare rolls do so via the marriage altar. And poor or near-poor working single moms who get married usually move into the ranks of the middle class.

Family income data bear out the importance of marriage. One in three families headed by a single mom is poor, whereas only one in 20 two-parent families falls below the poverty threshold. In dollar terms, the average two-parent family brings home more than twice as much income as a one-parent household -- \$45,000 compared with \$18,000.

The implication of this should be clear to Wilson and other welfare reformers. Jobs are not a panacea for poverty and welfare dependency. The very best way for a single mom, on welfare or not, to improve her economic situation is to marry a man who loves her enough to help support her and her children.

Of course, the government cannot dictate human behavior; it cannot force single moms to take husbands. But California and other states can certainly encourage marriage, just as surely as Wilson and other governors are trying to force welfare moms to work by threatening to cut off some of their benefits if they don't get jobs.

Here's how I would do it. I would offer welfare moms a five-year \$50,000 cash bonus for getting married and dropping off the rolls. They would receive \$20,000 the first year as a dowry, of sorts, from Uncle Sam, \$10,000 the second and third years and \$5,000 the fourth and fifth years.

Now it may seem crass and unromantic to pay a welfare mom to get married, but it's no more so than the present welfare system, which offers comparable cash and noncash benefits (including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, medical care, child care, housing subsidies, etc.) provided a welfare mom stays unmarried.

Moreover, California, to mention one state, is proposing a five-year lifetime limit on welfare benefits. Those benefits can take the form of AFDC, food stamps and the rest (which will provide little lasting benefit after the five-year time limit expires) or they can take the form of a marriage bonus, which will help a welfare mom markedly improve her long-term economic prospects.

There is nothing wrong with California or any other state rewarding weddings, so long as they are not at the point of a shotgun. Moreover, after three decades of subsidizing single motherhood, and thereby perpetuating it, it is about time that state welfare systems be reformed to encourage matrimony.



I'm sorry, I just can't see how this is good public policy.

JOSEPH SPEAR

Jones' suit would herald new lows

Paula Corbin Jones says all she wants is her day in court, and I'm behind her 100 percent.

How about, say, June 4, 2007? The reason I would like to wait is the public discussion about Bill Clinton's drawers in 1994 made me queasy, and I fear that sustained discourse about what's inside the presidential boxers or briefs would really get my tummy out of sorts.

That's what Paula is promising. She says she can identify "distinguishing characteristics" of Bill's private parts, and he could be asked to unzip to test the accuracy of her allegations.

The Supreme Court is deciding the matter as we speak. Paula wants a trial on her sexual harassment suit as fast as she can get it. Bill says no, such civil suits would be a terrible distraction for the leader of the Free World.

I'm with my president on this one. Numerous well-meaning critics, including Justice Antonin Scalia, have scoffed at this theory. Presidents find time to ride horses, chip wood and play golf, he said. Why can't they squeeze out a few minutes to testify in a lawsuit?

This line of reasoning misses the point altogether. The sad truth is that the spectacle of a sitting president on trial, especially in such a sensitive matter, would bring the public process to a screeching halt for months. You think O.J. was a distraction? Try Paula expounding on the presidential pudenda. Trash television, talk radio, the tabloid press and eventually the mainstream media would be consumed with the subject.

I said I supported Paula's right to her day in court. If I sat on the jury, I would be inclined to throw the thing out unless I got some satisfactory answers to a few key questions. Why did she wait so long to file her suit? She claims she was exposed to the Clinton jewels in May 1991. She did not seek legal redress until May 1994. It sounds suspiciously as if she did not realize the extent of her harassment until her alleged harasser became the president of the United States.

In what manner -- details, please -- did she suffer on the job after rejecting Clinton's alleged request for sex? Records show she got a merit pay raise and two cost-of-living hikes.

Why has she been so deeply involved with Clinton's arch enemies and political foes? Inveterate Clinton hater Cliff Jackson helped to arrange her first public appearance. She went on Parson Pat Robertson's television show to describe her travails (the reverend relaxed his family-value standards for a few minutes so we could hear the juicy details). A couple of right-wing groups started her legal defense fund.

Why did she equivocate about the racy pictures published in Penthouse magazine? When she heard of the magazine's plans, she said a former lover had taken intimate photos of her in 1987, but they only showed Paula in swimsuits and lingerie. They were, in fact, depictions of Paula in her birthday suit.

How could an innocent bumpkin have noticed, in a moment of horror and shock, "distinguishing characteristics" on the governor's genitalia? She did not avert her gaze? She studied the matter closely and took mental notes? The fact is, such details could have come from former lovers, guys in the locker room, or hospital birth records. I would guess that Clinton's enemies have had that information on file for years.



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Lake Mary agenda

By NICK PFENPAUF
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Both a work session and regular meeting of the Lake Mary City Commission will be held this Thursday.

The work session, scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., has two items for consideration on the agenda: Water/wastewater rate study, and relocation plans for parks maintenance activities.

As of earlier this week, the following items are listed on the agenda for the regular commission meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., or as soon as possible following the conclusion of the work session.

- Call to order — opening ceremonies
- Special presentation — Appreciation of Service recognition of former Mayor Lowry Rockett from East Central Florida Regional Planning

Council.

- Special presentation — Certificate of appreciation — Community Improvement Association.

- Presentation by Central Florida Light Rail Transit system.

- Paving and drainage assessments, Zone 8 (postponed from Dec. 19, 1996) — Public hearing and Resolution 559.

- Citizen participation
- City Manager's report (see below).

- Reports from mayor, commissioners, city attorney.

- Ordinance 817 — 1st reading — Communications tower ordinance.

- Ordinance 823 — 2nd reading — Amending off-street parking requirements for motels/hotels.

- Resolution 564 — Accepting certain improvements in Woodbridge Lakes Unit 1.

- Adjournment

As of earlier this week, the following items were listed on the city manager's report:

- Request commission appoint/reappoint members to the Historical Commission.

- Request commission declare four revolvers and one 1987 Dodge van as surplus and authorize sale of same.

- Request commission restrict Fourth Street at Lake Mary Boulevard to right-turn-only and authorize posting of traffic control sign indicating same.

- Updates on financial report, HOV interchange at Emma Oaks Trail, Lake evaluations, additional information.

The Lake Mary City Commission work session and regular meetings will both be held this Thursday, Jan. 23, in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.

Courthouse

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● The volunteer Community Redevelopment Agency has the go-ahead to coordinate the courthouse planning efforts of the county, the city of Sanford and the private sector.

"If you don't get moving, the judges are going to be forced to sue you," CRA Vice Chairman Larry R. Strickler told the board. "Now's the time to act...let's get going."

Courthouse crowding and the commission's hesitation to fund expansion plans had caused a rift between the county and Circuit Court judges - Judge Newman Brock threatening action against the county last year.

With the board's go-ahead, Strickler forecasted that plans for the courthouse could be completed in six to eight months and the courthouse itself be a reality by 2002 - and perhaps a year or two sooner.

The CRA, Strickler said, not only had a commitment from the board but from Sanford's new mayor, Larry Dale who vows to vigorously support the courthouse project. To be sure, Sanford will be a major player and a big winner once the courthouse becomes a reality.

Dale was indeed elated. "They (the commissioners) all know growth is headed this way," he said today. "The city is poised to enter a partnership with the county and the state."

After Tuesday's work session concluded, Commission Chairman Randy Morris called Dale and the two will huddle this week.

Although Morris did not get the board to approve a specific financial commitment to the courthouse (he suggested from \$25 million to \$30 million), he excitedly said the meeting was "The best I've been to yet." He termed the courthouse decision "a huge call."

The courthouse vote was one of a series of nearly unanimous or near unanimous determinations Tuesday by the commissioners on prioritizing and funding of projects/needs which had been previously identified by the board.

None of the decisions - stormwater management included - were as important as the courthouse go-ahead.

Commissioner Wm Adams said he envisioned Sanford as "a prosperous 21st Century program."

Strickler said the decision will

send a clear message to the private investors, which he predicted would be jumping at the opportunity to come to Sanford, a city definitely "on the upswing."

He stressed the importance of the county and the city of Sanford working together, and let the commissioners work session with high hopes. "This was exactly what we wanted to hear," he said. "Everything is falling into place. Larry Dale is ready to do all he can. At last, we've got a nice big happy family."

The commissioners listened intently to a report Tuesday by Office of Management and Budget Director Cindy Mamoni, who forecasted the budget shortfalls over the next five years. Mamoni's report estimated the courthouse project at \$40 million - \$2.8 million annually beginning in 1998-99.

Addressing the stormwater needs, Mamoni forecasted a total 20-year cost of more than \$200 million - \$17 million annually the first five years of the program. The commissioners agreed to finance the flood control and water-quality program through assessments and fees.

County financial planners said a small monthly stormwater fee could be charged to all residents of unincorporated Seminole County and additional assessments to property owners in problem areas. A special stormwater work session will be held in February.



SHS is setting up for a benefit carnival this weekend.

Photo Courtesy of John Cullum

From the campus of Seminole High

By LINDSEY A. HODGES
Special to the Herald

Seniors flock off campus

Score one for the senior class. After much negotiation, the administration finally agreed to grant Seminole High School seniors a few additional privileges.

A parking lot has been specially designated for seniors. Only which has caused some excitement in the great class of 1997. It has been two years since seniors have reigned over a parking lot.

An even greater accomplishment for the class of 1997 is off-campus lunch. Despite some stipulations seniors rushed off campus Wednesday to have their pick of restaurants spanning Sanford. After filling out notarized paperwork, students with a "C" or higher in their fifth period class obtained a special parking decal and a senior class identification card.

This was their ticket to the outside world. The class of 1997 is working hard to allow more senior privileges to not only this class, but all to follow.

Academy of health career news

Watch out health care workers. It's that time of year again. Academy of Health Careers students are bombarding the health care scene with their eagerness to learn and willingness to help.

Seniors walked confidently into the doors of the Healthcare and Rehabilitative Center of Sanford Community Clinic and Columbia Hospital-Sanford last week.

These clinical experiences are designated to allow students the hands-on opportunities necessary to complement their studies and bring them to life. This follows job shadows of health care professionals completed before the conclusion of the semester prior to winter break.

Carnival

Attention kids of all ages! Seminole High School is holding its first ever carnival January 23-26. Look for rides popular at the Central Florida Fair to be popping up on the SHS campus. Clubs and teams are providing entertainment, food and games. The event is sponsored by the Seminole High School Booster program and is raising money for the new weight room.

Lindsey A. Hodges is a senior at Seminole High School. She is enrolled in the Academy of Health Careers and is a freelance reporter and photographer.

Abortion

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At least one abortion alternative center, Accept Pregnancy Center, is located in Seminole County.

Angie Gordon, a volunteer with Accept, said they get many clients coming to them because they do not know what to do when they find they are pregnant.

"We offer counseling, information and other services so they can make an informed decision about their pregnancy," she said.

She said her center did not counsel women to have an abortion, but that at least some of the women who came to them for help did go to Orlando or Volusia County to terminate their pregnancies.

"We are a crisis pregnancy center and we try to do what we can to help women make an informed choice," she said. "We had a woman come in here yesterday who said her boyfriend wanted her to have an abortion and she just didn't know if she wanted to do that. We tried to help her make an informed choice."

Bombings at clinics in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. in the last few days have rocked the country, but violence did not mark the end of abortion clinics in this county.

Protests by anti-abortion activists supported by the religious right five years ago in Winter

Springs and Melbourne brought an end to the last clinic here which was located on State Road 434.

"I don't recall any violence ever occurring there," Kim said. "I think they just didn't want to deal with the protesters."

Towers

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towers and residential and business zoning, roof setbacks, required fencing, landscaping, and others.

No type of advertising will be allowed on the towers. They will be appropriately lighted for safety. They shall not interfere with any public safety communications.

The maximum tower height remains at 200 feet, which has been proposed in earlier documents.

The ordinance consideration for first reading is scheduled during the regular Lake Mary City Commission meeting this Thursday, Jan. 23. The regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m., or as soon as possible following a special work session meeting, which is to begin at 5 p.m.

The Lake Mary City Hall is located at 100 N. Country Club Road.

DEATHS

THOMAS E. BLEDSOE
Thomas E. Bledsoe, 61, Cherokee Circle, Sanford, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997 at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford. Born April 4, 1935 in Pensacola, he moved to Central Florida in 1969. He was a plumber and a member of Church of the Nativity. He belonged to the Elks.

Survivors include wife, Margaret; daughters, Carol A. Kenner, DeBary, Sherri, Catherine Prager, both of Sanford; Mary McElroy, Geneva; sons, Thomas, John D., both of Sanford; sister, Marjorie Merritt, Pensacola; four grandchildren. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MELBA FUGUAY COOPER
Melba Fuquay Cooper, 85, Carroll Lutheran Village Health Care Center, Westminster, Md., formerly of Sanford, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997. She moved to Sanford in 1979 during which time she was a member of Sanford Women's Club, Sanford Chamber of Commerce, and was a board member with Seminole Mutual Concert Association. She was a former member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford.

Survivors include daughters, Patricia Alice McCoy, Las Cruces, N.M., Winifred Fuquay Bishop, Abingdon, Va.; son,

John Meade Cooper; sister, Winifred Fuquay "Bill" Gielow, Sanford; brother, Carl Wilson Fuquay, Burlington, N.C.; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild.

Services were held Jan. 12 in Westminster, Md.

MYRTLE M. FECTEAU
Myrtle M. Fecteau, 91, South Grant Street, Longwood, died Monday, Jan. 20, 1997 in Longwood. Born Feb. 13, 1905 in Waterbury, Conn., she moved to Longwood in 1996. She was a homemaker and a Roman Catholic.

Survivors include son, Louis P., Novato, Cal.; daughter, Janet M. Francis, Murphy, N.C.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Gaines Carey Hand Garden Chapel Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERAL
BLEDSOE, THOMAS E.
Mass of Christian burial for Mr. Thomas E. Bledsoe, 61, of Sanford, who died Tuesday will be 11 o'clock Friday morning at Church of the Nativity with Father Ken Schoppa as celebrant. Interment will be in All Saints Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call at Gramkow Funeral Home Thursday from 6 p.m. A wake service will be recited at 6 o'clock followed by the Rosary. Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, 300 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, FL 32771 (407) 322-3213

Code

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Northern Florida is preparing for the kind of area-code split more crowded areas of the state have already confronted.

Mobile phones, beepers, faxes and modem-equipped home computers have pushed the 904 area close to the 7.6 million seven number combinations possible with any one code.

After holding public hearings and considering written arguments, the PSC staff recommended switching Tallahassee and the Panhandle to an 850 area code and letting the Jacksonville and Daytona Beach areas keep 904.

The state Department of Management Services filed testimony saying Tallahassee shouldn't change because that would inconvenience hundreds of citizens who call agencies in the state capital.

Hundreds of offices around the state that communicate with state agencies also would have to reprogram their telephone speed dials and computer modems, the department said.

The staff recommendation would have given the new 850 area enough numbers to last until 2006. But the remaining 904 area would have to be split again in 2002.

The proposal the staff picked had only about a four or five year relief period for Jacksonville," Johnson said. "The good news is you are telling them you get to keep your area code. The bad news is it will be changing in four years."

The proposal the commission adopted would let Tallahassee and the Panhandle go until 2006 without changing area codes. Jacksonville would go that long before another change, and Daytona Beach wouldn't have to change again until 2030.

The panel said it would use 850 for one of the new areas, and obtain another number for the other, which will take a month or more. Callers could begin using the new area codes

June 1 and the change would be mandatory starting June 1, 1998.

The PSC will issue a written order in 20 days. Parties will then have 15 days to file a motion for reconsideration, "which we will do," said Jenny Myrick of the Jacksonville mayor's office.

"Northeast Florida is the largest metropolitan area in the northern part of the state," said Leerie Jenkins, chairman of the Jacksonville area Chamber of Commerce economic development program. "We have more people that this will impact, especially the businesses. There are just a lot of large, large companies based here in north Florida."

Florida's population explosion started area codes proliferating even before the electronics boom created demands for multiple lines in businesses and many homes.

While longtime residents can remember when the entire state was in the 305 area code in 1947, the vote Tuesday would push the number to 10.

Florida had three area codes by 1953, with 813 covering Southwest Florida and 904 for North Florida. The 407 area was added 1988. And last year, 941 was added in southwestern Florida, 954 in Broward County and 352 in the Gainesville area.

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Sports

IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Babe Ruth coaches meeting

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will hold a meeting for people interested in coaching 13-15 and 16-18 year old Babe Ruth baseball tonight (Jan. 22) at the Downtown Youth Center at 8 p.m. Call 330-5697 for information.

Lions pin Warriors

OVIEDO — The Oviedo Lions won four of the first five matches to take an early lead and held off visiting West Orange 38-27 in a prep wrestling match Tuesday night.

The Lions (12-0) will be in Deltona to take on Pine Ridge Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m.

LIONS VS. WARRIORS 27

- 100 — Little (W) won by technical fall over Campbell, 22-5
 - 114 — Cuzzo (O) won by forfeit
 - 121 — Reynolds (O) pinned Bryant, 1-81
 - 122 — Morrison (O) won by technical fall over S. Ho, 20-4
 - 123 — Hule (O) won by major decision over Rivera, 10-2
 - 127 — Prince (W) won by decision over Coymon, 10-4
 - 142 — Miller (W) won by major decision over Kayne, 20-2
 - 147 — Winshaw (O) won by major dec. over Rosdham, 12-4
 - 154 — Craig (O) pinned Davis, 5-32
 - 155 — Hayworth (O) won by decision over Paroli, 8-2
 - 172 — Wilson (W) won by decision over Glens, 10-7
 - 191 — Cobden (O) won by major decision over Ashin, 16-4
 - 215 — Winers (W) pinned Scott, 6-22
 - 217 — Bahameyer (W) pinned Thomas, 1-11
- Records — West Orange 7-4; Oviedo 11-0; Junior varsity — Oviedo 22, West Orange 27

Cougars win mat tournament

LAKE MARY — University came away with the team title, while 21 Seminole County matmen placed in the top four at the Ronald M. Peters Central Florida Tournament of Champions wrestling meet at Lake Mary High School this past Friday and Saturday.

RONALD M. PETERS MEMORIAL CENTRAL FLORIDA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

- Team Scores
- University (U) 100; New Smyrna Beach (NSB) 82; Geneva (G) 142; Lake Mary (LM) 174; Burnsville (BY) 121; Lake Howell (LH) 109%; Haines City (HC) 97%; Pine Ridge (PR) 80; Lynn (L) 88%; Lake Brantley (LB) 88; Polkville (P) 80; Deltona (D) 67%; Bunnell (B) 21
- Championship results
- 100 — Bragan (L) & Davis (NSB); 114 — Baker (NSB) & Yang (LM); 121 — Burnsville (BY) & Vennard (NSB); 82 — Johnson (NSB) & Crawford (LM); 142 — Crawford (NSB) & Baker (LM); 110-119 — Castro (LM) & Rapp (LM); 104-110 — Miller (U) & Smith (PR); 80 — E. Jones (U) & Rouseff (U); 88 — Santos (D) & Conrado (NSB); 80 — J. Jones (U) & Palmer (O); 81-6 — Erb (U) & Stephens (LM); 80-97 — Sims (U) & Gault (O); 21-217 — Campbell (LM) & Vague (O); 21-10 — Santos (O) & Barton (LM); 21
- Consolation results
- 100 — Acosta (U) & Bennett (O); 130-114 — Erb (U) & Hawkins (O); 110-121 — Smith (O) & Hamilton (O); P.S. 107 — Truchon (U) & Rocco (O); 173-120 — Jones (NSB) & Figueroa (LM); 6-6 — Adams (PR) & Schuff (NSB); 2-2 — Bennett (NSB) & Dixon (O); 10-2 — 147 — McCarty (NSB) & Brown (LM); 6-4 — 104 — Robinson (NSB) & Craig (NSB); 100-100 — Santos (NSB) & Gault (U); 21-217 — Sims (U) & Gault (O); 21-217 — J. Jones (U) & Palmer (O); 21-6 — Erb (U) & Stephens (LM); 104-110 — Sims (U) & Gault (O); 21-217 — Campbell (LM) & Vague (O); 21-10 — Santos (O) & Barton (LM); 21
- Outstanding highlights — Castro (Lake Howell); Outstanding heavyweight — J. Jones (University).

Freethrow shooting contest

SANFORD — The Knights of Columbus will hold a Free Throw Shooting Contest for children ages 6-14 this Friday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at All Souls Catholic Church. For more information call 322-9106.

Sanford Fast Pitch Softball

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is registering girls ages 16-and-under for two new Fast Pitch Softball Leagues. Leagues will be ages 14-Under and 16-Under. Call 330-5697 for more information.

ELSEWHERE

Plazza signs with Dodgers

NEW YORK — All-Star catcher Mike Piazza agreed to a \$15 million, two-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Piazza, 28, made \$2.7 million last season, when he hit .356 with 36 homers and 105 RBIs. The average value of the deal is baseball's fifth highest. He will get \$7 million this season and \$8 million in 1998. Milwaukee pitcher Cal Eldred signed a \$9.3 million, three-year deal. Also agreeing to one-year deals were Montreal second baseman Mike Lansing (\$2.7 million), St. Louis shortstop Royce Clayton (\$2.6 million), Anaheim pitcher Allen Watson (\$1.2 million), and Houston third baseman Sean Berry (\$2.2 million).

Vermell back in NFL

ST. LOUIS — Dick Vermell returned to coaching after a 14-year absence, signing a five-year deal with the St. Louis Rams as coach and president of football operations. Vermell, 60, led Philadelphia to its only Super Bowl berth in 1981. He quit in 1992 and has been working as a television analyst. The Rams fired Rich Brooks after a 6-10 season.

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Magic 20 for Rams

Lake Mary girls rebound for 20th straight win

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — In high school and college basketball there is a magic number of wins that every team shoots for.
 The Lake Mary girls' team reached that plateau Tuesday night.
 The Rams, ranked fourth in the state in Class 6A, improved to 20-0 with a 65-39 victory over the visiting Eustia Panthers at home. But it was not as easy as it would appear.
 Lake Mary fell behind Eustia, ranked No. 8 in Class 4A, 16-12 after one period before rallying

for a 32-28 halftime lead.
 But that was just the beginning as after a little halftime meeting with head coach Carl Brown, the Rams came out of the lockerroom and blanked the Panthers 10-0 in the third period and 23-13 in the final eight minutes.
 Lake Mary got one of its most balanced scoring attacks of the season led by Stephanie Dale with 13 points. Other leaders were Lauren Bradley (12 points), Aahlee Ballance (10 points), Debbie Duber (nine points) and Maggie Reedy (eight points).
 Mandy Shafer led the Panthers (13-4) with 15 points.

The Rams will travel to Winter Springs High School tonight to take on Lake Howell.

Points	20	14	10	13	39
Rebounds	20	10	10	10	50
Assists	10	10	10	10	50
Blocks	0	0	0	0	0
Steals	1	0	0	0	1
Field Goals	23-44	18-38	10-20	11-22	62-104
3-Pointers	5-10	0-4	0-0	0-0	5-14
Free Throws	7-10	6-8	5-7	6-8	25-33

Magic shoot down Bullets, now 17-19

By JEFF BERLINCKE
Herald Staff Writer

ORLANDO — Orlando Magic coach Brian Hill pondered the question for a moment.
 Then he gave the kind of insight that is so sorely lacking among NBA coaches.
 "Winning is good, losing is bad."
 That meant last night must have been good. The Magic pulled out a 93-88 win over the Washington Bullets. It wasn't pretty, in fact, it was pretty ugly.
 But a win is a win and a win over a team blocking the Magic from the playoffs is even better.
 "We got off to a bad start but we knew that every play counted and we had to play hard down the stretch," Penny Hardaway said.
 The Magic got another shot to move up in the playoff race when they host Milwaukee Thursday and expects to have Horace Grant back from his strained groin injury.
 While Grant may be back, hopes of having the starting five on the court almost suffered a severe blow when center Rony Seikaly suffered a severe blow to the face, courtesy of a Georgetown Murran elbow.

"Right now, every game is a must win game," Dennis Scott said. "We have to do all the little things and get back to .500."
 Giving up a third quarter lead didn't help, but the Magic wiped out a fourth quarter deficit to survive.
 It wasn't easy.
 Orlando was up 50-48 halftime but the lead changed hands several times in the second half until Seikaly (26 points) hit a free throw to give the Magic a lead it would never surrender.
 Hardaway followed the free throw with a three-point play and a Nick Anderson dunk followed by a Scott three-pointer gave the Magic a huge lead but the Bullets fought back.
 Chris Webber scored most of his 16 points late in the game, combining with Juwan Howard to give Washington a shot.
 The score was 87-86 with less than a minute remaining when Hardaway nailed a short jumper to give the Magic a three-point lead.
 The Bullets' Tracy Murray had a chance to tie it with 28 seconds remaining but his three-pointer was way off and the Magic held on.
 "It was an important win," Hill said. "We don't want teams to think they can come in here and win. Everybody is coming in here with confidence thinking they can win, especially Milwaukee since they came in earlier and beat us when we were injured."
 After Milwaukee, which is sitting ahead of Orlando in the Eastern Conference race for the eighth playoff spot, the Magic has a trip to play the lowly Celtics Friday and Washington on Tuesday. After that is a home game against Phoenix next Wednesday.
 The schedule gives Orlando a chance to rack up some wins.
 And winning is good.
 □ See box score, Page 2B.



Andy Martette keyed a second period surge with seven points to help Arrow Force V get back into Tuesday's 52-49 loss to Lake Howell.

Another tough loss for Arrow Force V

By KEITH WOODEN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Arrow Force V is playing darn good basketball.
 They're hanging with darn good teams.
 They're losing darn close ones.
 "This was a tough loss," Coach Bob Trains said. "This isn't the first close one we've lost, though. They're all tough."
 The outcome of Seminole's 52-49 loss to Lake Howell at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium did not start out to be a close one. At the end of the first quarter, the Tribe was down by 10 points and the Silver Hawks were in their face. Seemingly outrun, outplayed, and

definitely outscored, things looked bleak for this struggling team. However, after missing his first two shots, Andy Martette hit a three-pointer and two other baskets to bring his point total to seven.
 His second quarter efforts lit a fire under the trailing Tribe and they followed Martette's lead.
 Playing full court defense, grabbing at every rebound, and taking their time on offense, the score was just 27-24 Lake Howell at halftime.
 Only minutes into the third quarter, Seminole tied the score with four unanswered points. Kenny Edwards and Cornelius Blue came to life, scoring a combined six points and never letting up on the fierce Lake Howell team.
 However, this increased momentum took its toll on the young Arrow Force V, who became a little fatigued and slowed the pace near the end of the quarter. But they only trailed by one.
 What Martette did for his team in the second quarter, Blue did for them in the fourth.
 With eight points already, Blue sank two of three free throws, hit a field goal, and showed no mercy to the Silver Hawks. The Noles were up by five and had the ball.
 However, the score would be tied three times before a time-out was called with 1:01 left. Down by only one, Arrow Force V seemed desperate to put this one away.
 Turnovers, however, proved to be their downfall and the Seminoles fell to yet another Class 6A team.
 "If we would have had a little more defense and a few more rebounds," Mike Evans said, "that would have changed the outcome. Our offense played decent but we will just have to improve our defense a little."
 There was one factor in this loss that could help to explain why they couldn't put it away.
 "We're missing a point guard," Trains explained. "Then Zeke (Beymore) got into foul trouble and we had to shift the positions around a little. That could be what caused our turnovers."
 Turnovers hurt the most when you're in the lead. Then they're the most disappointing. The guys might have been a little tired, but they still played fairly well. The physical effort was there but the mental effort needs improvement.
 There is a lot of talent on this team and they keep improving. Tonight they are at Merritt Island, followed by a trip to Lynnman Friday. Don't count them out yet.

Showdown on tap at Pinehurst

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Ross Williams drove in seven runs with two home runs and a triple to lead Ritchey's to a 20-8 win over the Lady Knights and the Sanford Magic blanked Hopkins Meats 12-0 as the duo remained undefeated in the Sanford Recreation Department Women's Pinehurst Park Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League Tuesday night.
 Next Tuesday, Ritchey's and the Sanford Magic will battle for first place at 7 p.m., while the Lady Knights tackle Hopkins Meats at 8 p.m.
 Doing the hitting were:
 Sanford Magic: two hits — Melissa Bishop (double), Gina Green, Lynn Webb, Joan Rider; one hit — Lis Turner, Lori Catoe, Anne Garnett, Debbie Berning, Donna Horn.

Hopkins Meats	0	0	0	0
Sanford Magic	20	20	10	10
Lady Knights	8	8	4	4
Hopkins Meats	0	0	0	0
Lady Knights	0	0	0	0

Hopkins Meats: two hits — Vicki Miller, Gina Server; one hit — Michelle Allman.
 Ritchey's: three hits — Ross Williams (two home runs, triple), Lisa Hartman; two hits — Joe Sanders (triple), Laura Stapleton (double), Paula Ritchey, Shonda Bryant, Denise Byrd; one hit — Marie Byrd (triple), Joy Weaver, Karen Richardson.
 Lady Knights: two hits — Sharon Greenlee (triple), Charlene Lingard (double), Shannon Hill, Trudy Sangraw; one hit — Diana Calangelo, Lynette Barkley, Tina Hill, Laura Evans.

Eagles, Dream Catchers unbeaten

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Eagles and Dream Catchers remained undefeated with close wins, while T's Angels claimed their initial victory in the Sanford Recreation Department Women's Chase Park Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League Tuesday night.
 The Eagles (2-0) overcame an early deficit to edge the Sharks (0-2) 11-10; the Dream Catchers (2-0) also came from behind to outscore Sunniland Corporation (0-2) 16-11; and T's Angels (1-1) scored no less than three runs in any inning to pound the She-Devils (1-1) 22-8.
 Next Tuesday, Sunniland takes on the She-Devils at 6:30 p.m.; T's Angels tangles with the Sharks at 7:30 p.m.; and the Dream Catchers

battles the Eagles at 8:30 p.m.
 Doing the hitting were:
 Eagles: three hits — Dawn Evans (two doubles), Teresa Howdysbell; two hits — Caren Gahring, Margret Wood; one hit — Judy Schroeter (triple), Tracy McCormick (double), Marie Covington, Becky McCannan, Beth Hundrieser, Cathy Cola, Pam Watson.
 Sharks: three hits — Michelle Carroll (two doubles); two hits — Denise Stallings, Robin Blahop, Tammie Japes, Kathy Spellman; one hit — Tanya Geiger, Sheila Sanders, Stephanie Wilkerson.
 Dream Catchers: four hits — Elizabeth Barnes; three hits — Lori Fox (two doubles), Sheila Walker; two hits — Barbara Barlow, Anita Osborne, Paula Songer, Yoyo Cox, Carol Garner, Barbara Bowles; one hit — Kat Rodriguez.
 Sunniland Corporation: three hits — Dino Wilson (triple); two hits — Brooke Taylor, Kim Myers, Sue Bagley; one hit — Teresa Finch (triple), Belinda Anderson, Ann Lanza, Carol Cranick, Julie Albertson.
 T's Angels: four hits — Terry Coyers (home run, triple, two doubles), Shirley Zonneville (home run, two doubles); three hits — Tina Raines, Kim Dians; two hits — Deana Starling (double), Marie Gibson, Tina Kimball; one hit — Tricia Smith, Fleda King, DeLores Gallo.
 She-Devils: two hits — Kathy Kligenmith, Leah Sparrow; one hit — Joann Runge (double), Julie Knecht; Linda Stafford, Angie Carpenter, Sue Nickell, Joetta West, Mary Trisnowski.

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This time see a psychiatrist

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been overweight all my life, 210 pounds at most. About two years ago, I started using an illegal street drug called "ice." I never felt better in my life, lost 85 pounds, no longer required prescription anti-anxiety medicine, and did not have to take medicine for high blood pressure.

Now that I no longer have access to ice, I've gained the weight back and am very depressed, which makes me eat more. I have no energy and want to kill myself. Please help me.

DEAR READER: For reasons that are not completely clear, some people with depression overeat and gain weight. When the depression is treated, they feel better and lose weight.

"Ice," an illegal stimulant, is dangerous because it can cause brain and heart damage. Nonetheless, it helped you — in large part, I believe, due to its anti-depressant properties.

You should learn from this experience that, under proper medical supervision and with appropriate anti-depressant medication, your life could be turned around. Ask your family doctor for a referral to a psychiatrist who can help you and prescribe one of the many legal drugs, such as Paxil and others, used to treat depression.

You are not "stuck" with your depression and obesity. You are an excellent candidate for anti-depressant therapy. Don't use "ice." Rather, obtain professional assistance.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness" (Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.)

DEAR DR. GOTT: My triglyceride level is too high, and my doctor recommended a low-fat, sugar-free diet. I'm not sure what foods to avoid.

DEAR READER: Although the consequences of high blood cholesterol levels are well known (heart disease, stroke and others), the hazards of high blood triglycerides are less evident.

Some recent reports have indicated that high triglyceride levels (above 200 milligrams per deciliter) contribute to heart disease, but the relation needs further study.

Levels of 200 to 600 mg/dL are common in diabetics, alcoholics, and as a consequence of certain prescription drugs, such as steroids and thiazide diuretics. Really elevated levels (above 600 mg/dL) are usually genetic — and can lead to inflammation of the pancreas, a potentially fatal disorder.

Your doctor apparently believes that your triglyceride level can be lowered with diet. I agree that fat restriction is probably appropriate. This requires that you avoid fried foods.

trim your meat before broiling, buy lean cuts, reduce the amounts of butter, eggs and cheese, use skimmed milk, and so forth.

I don't understand why your doctor prohibited sugar. If you're a diabetic, sugar is obviously a no-no. On the other hand, simply omitting sugar from your diet will probably not have much of an impact on your triglycerides.

Nonetheless, if you have a weight problem or wish to follow your doctor's suggestion, I think that you could substantially lower your sugar intake by avoiding sweets and processed food containing corn sugar; instead, substitute fruit and sugar-free products. To accomplish your goal, it is probably not necessary to forgo starches (bread, pasta, potatoes, and others), even though these edibles are



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turned into sugar during the digestive process.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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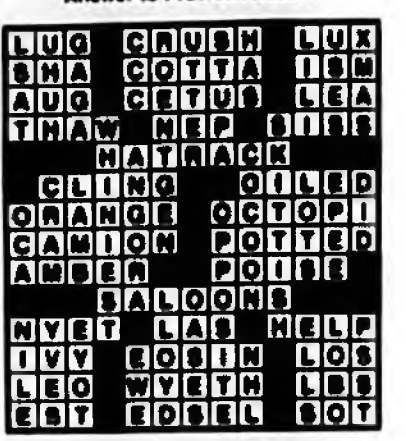
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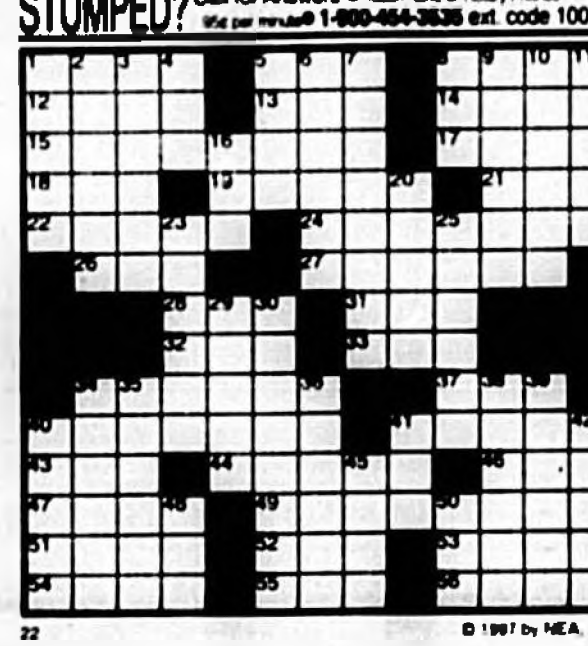
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By Phillip Alder

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The fatal lead? Right — a diamond (not the trump that North claims).

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♣ K			
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South	North		
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♥ K			
♦ 9 7 4 3			
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5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
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SCOPE



Thursday, Jan. 23, 1987

In the year ahead, you might make several significant changes. You will orchestrate these adjustments and the results should please you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If you don't feel you are getting enough cooperation from associates today, you may not be setting a good example. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1788, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today you might be saddled with responsibilities that

you don't request. You will rise to the challenge, but it will not be easy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be required to take a stand on an issue which will be debated among your close friends. Try not to hurt anyone's feelings.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) In order to maintain peace and harmony at home today, you might have to pretend not to notice a family member's rude behavior.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you'll have good intentions, take care not to complicate a close friend's problem by offering suggestions that are not based on fact.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should be wary of any investment tips you get from insiders today. Misery loves company, and someone might try to bring you down with him.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might get involved with an individual who dislikes someone you like very much. Do not let this person cause you to doubt your friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Subdue the inclination to take assignments or activities that should be pleasurable and turn them into tedious tasks. Life is tough enough!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A shift might occur in company politics today, and it could have undesirable effects. You may be assigned something that your fellow workers have been dodging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) Luck might play a role in your affairs today, but the influence could be limited. You must still continue to work hard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Individuals with limited vision will rub you the wrong way today. Instead of letting them upset you, avoid discussing important issues with them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You must remain logical if you are involved in a business deal today. If you let your emotions interfere, you might lose money.

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by Leonard Starr

