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Today: Partly sunny and cool. High around 60. Wind becoming northeast 5 to 10 mph.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Delta launch scrubbed

CAPE CANAVERAL — The federal government isn't working, and neither was a NASA rocket scheduled for launch today. Contrary winds were to blame.

It was the sixth time that bad weather or technical problems caused the launch of a Delta with a NASA astronomy observatory to be called off.

Launch of the X-Ray Timing Explorer initially was set for the end of August but delayed because of a rocket malfunction earlier that month.

Other launch efforts were dogged by high wind or technical problems, the most recent by a valve frozen as a result of successive filling and draining the rocket's fuel tank.

Today's launch attempt was foiled by upper-level wind as well as wind shear. NASA scrubbed the launch even before loading fuel and will try again Saturday.

Tipsters share \$100,000 reward

MIAMI — Two tipsters who helped solve the murder of a German tourist two years ago are splitting the \$100,000 reward after several months of legal haggling.

One is a juvenile justice officer who tracked down some purse snatchers. The other is a secretary who, after she got her purse back, noticed a label inside that helped nail the purse snatchers as killers.

Barbara Meller Jensen, a 39-year-old mother of two from Berlin, was robbed of her purse and run over in April 1993 after getting lost on her way from the airport to her hotel.

It was one 10 killings of foreign visitors within a year in Florida. The slayings sparked international attention and threatened the state's tourism industry.

About 16 hours after Jensen was slain, the 57-year-old secretary — who does not want to be identified out of fear of retaliation — had her purse snatched at a car wash.

Top jobs bypass Tampa area

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay area fares poorly against other cities in luring top jobs and the reason is a lack of college graduates, according to a study done by an accounting firm.

The region ranked last in the percentage of college graduates in comparison with 24 cities across the nation, according to an Ernst & Young study commissioned by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

The findings didn't surprise Dennis Ross, president and chief executive officer of Tampa-based Celotex Corp. and a member of Florida's Board of Regents.

He said Florida doesn't spend enough money on higher education and the state ranks near the bottom in the number of college degrees awarded.

Correction

SANFORD — Information regarding an automobile accident on Rinehart Road and Towne Centre Boulevard in Sanford was incorrect in the Thursday edition of the *Sanford Herald*.

The van was headed southbound on Rinehart Road when it was struck by a car driven by Laronda Gail Geruner. The van was not making a turn.

Compiled from wire and staff reports

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The smallest bookstore in the world still contains more ideas of worth than have been presented in the entire history of television.

-Andrew Ross

Paying more for gasoline

How much tax is built into that gallon price?

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

HEATHROW — You better not wait until next year to buy gas. According to AAA Florida the price of a gallon

of gas in the state is expected to rise as the stroke of midnight and continue an upward climb for some time after that.

According to Rena Callahan, spokesperson for AAA, a state tax increase will raise the price of a gallon of gas three-tenths of one cent per gallon.

The state legislature took action in 1990 to ensure the taxes on a gallon of gas go up by a partial penny every year on New Years Day.

In recent weeks, the price of a gallon of gas had been inching downward, Callahan said.

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Singing in the new year



Herald Photos by Phil Keniston

Top from left: Zachary Smith, Justin Meyers, Alexa Toscano, Stephanie Haus, Kristen Komondoreas, Meredith Hoyer, Shannon Ryan, Katie Booth, Jillian Bickle, Abigail Smith, April Howell, Katie Smith and Julie Booth. Below: Joe Ferrante, right, instructs students on guitars.

Music brings families together

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Music, Longfellow said, is the universal language of mankind.

Through a variety of Community Music Programs at Seminole Community College, there's a whole lot of discussion going on without a word being spoken.

From the Community Chorus to the middle and high school Jazz Ensemble to the Flute Choir, there is something for everyone who wants to express him or herself musically.

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Cops raid house for drugs

From staff reports

SANFORD — Members of the Sanford police department Special Investigative Unit (SIU) conducted a raid on a suspected drug house Wednesday. Officers with a search warrant converged at 807 Pine Avenue and made a number of arrests.

Officers said when they searched the home, they found several baggies of what was proven to be cocaine, and \$134 in cash including money police said had been used as stake-out money in previous undercover drug purchases.

A vehicle in the driveway, containing two additional persons was also searched. SIU agents reportedly found a quantity of crack cocaine hidden under a seat.

The following arrest reports were filed:

Shawn D. Hooks, 20, listed as the resident of the home, was charged with sale/delivery of a controlled substance, possession of

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Still racing



Herald Photo by Phil Keniston

Participants in Sanford's Soap Box Derby qualifying races bundled up against the cold between races Thursday. Bitter temperatures and strong winds made racing a little chilly, but participants such as Georgie Stocker, Joanne Mero and Gary Oluch are expected to be out at Derby Park again today to wrap up the competition. Those who make the finals of this week's racing will be qualified for the Central Florida Derby which will take place in Sanford this summer.

Holiday openings, closings

From Staff Reports

While some local government offices will be closed only Monday for the New Years holiday, others will be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

Some are even closed today. These are governments which have New Years Eve as a holiday as well as New Years Day. In this case with New Years Eve falling on a Sunday, they automatically get one extra work day off with pay.

The following government operations have been announced for the next few days:

●SANFORD — The Sanford City Hall and all city-related operations will be closed both Monday and Tuesday for the holidays.

●LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary City Hall will only be closed on Monday, with all city operations during normal hours on Tuesday.

●LONGWOOD — The Longwood City Hall and all related operations will be closed for both Monday and Tuesday.

●OVIDO — The Oviedo City Hall is closed all day today (Friday) for the New Years Eve holiday, and

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SUNDAY

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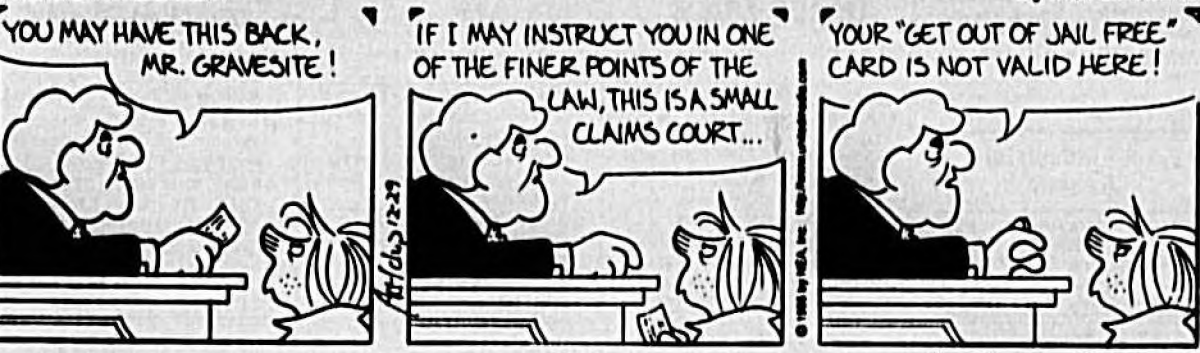
BLONDIE by Chic Young



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom



PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz



EEK & MEEK by Howie Schneider



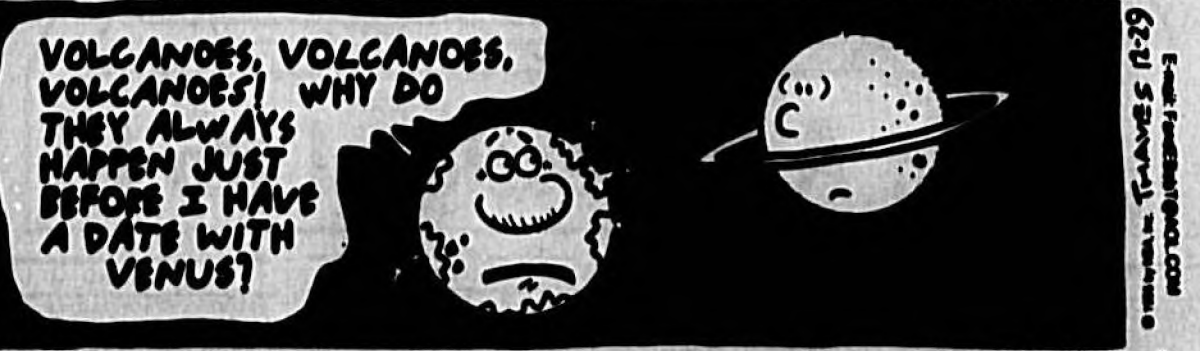
TUMBLEWEEDS by T.K. Ryan



ARLO AND JANS by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick



Medical records: Who owns them?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you tell me if a person's medical record belongs to the doctor or the patient? I asked that my records be sent to my present doctor...



MEDICINE PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 46 and have been desirous of changing my sex since the age of 19. I have always been influenced by femininity and feminine beauty...

Nonetheless, most physicians have become extremely chary about noting any uncompromising features in a patient's record; the risk is too great that such comments might be taken out of context...

Thus, to answer your first question, I have to admit that while the ownership of the patient's record clearly belongs to the doctor, there are many instances in which such a record could easily end up in the patient's hands...

With respect to your second question, the referring doctor has a legal right to be reimbursed for copying charges. However, I object to this nickel-and-dimeing and I believe that it is not ethical.

There is one time-consuming but appropriate solution to both of the problems in your question: The referring physician can dictate a report from his office notes and records. This report can be given to the patient or sent to another doctor...

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'STUMPED?' section with a phone number for answers.

WIN AT BRIDGE

The quiet expert by Phillip Alder. Article about bridge playing with a hand example and a bridge diagram showing North, South, East, and West cards.

HOROSCOPE

Horoscope section titled 'Your Birthday' for Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995. Includes horoscopes for various zodiac signs like Cancer, Leo, and Virgo.

ANNE by Leonard Starr

