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## Briefly

### Shooting suspect caught by police

SANFORD — An 18-year-old Sanford man was charged on Monday with shooting out the windows of the Seminole County Sheriff's District 3 Service Center in Lake Mary. Heinrich DeKalb of 147 Clear Lake Circle is accused of shooting into an occupied dwelling, which is a second-degree felony. The shooting occurred just after 8 p.m. Aug. 17 while a deputy was inside the service center.

The force of one pellet from the gun shattered a window, according to the police report. A second pellet left a hole in another window. The deputy inside was not hurt, said Steve Olson, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

Investigators were able to get video from a nearby store security camera of a car suspected to be involved.

On Oct. 7, a vehicle matching the description was stopped by Altamonte Springs police. The information was forwarded to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Later, investigators questioned the owner of the car. He, in turn, gave deputies details about DeKalb, who had been a passenger in the car. DeKalb was questioned and arrested. The investigation is continuing, said Olson.

## Today is ...

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000  
Today is the 54th day of 2000  
and the 64th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1885, murderer John Lee's sentence was changed from death by hanging to life in prison after he stood on the gallows while officials, after several attempts, were unable to open the release on the trap door.

On this day in 1905, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer founded the Rotary Club with three of his friends.

On this day in 1960, Ebbets Field, previously the home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was destroyed by a wrecking ball painted like a baseball.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Johannes Gutenberg (1395-1468), inventor; Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), diarist; George Handel (1685-1759), composer; Emma Willard (1787-1870), educator; William E.B. DuBois (1868-1963), civil rights leader; Peter Fonda (1939-), actor, is 61; Bobby Bonilla (1963-), baseball player, is 37.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1960, Carol Heiss won the gold medal in figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression."  
W.E.B. DuBois

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (Feb. 19) and last quarter (Feb. 26).

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# Cops suspect crime motivated by hate

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**LAKE MARY** — Juvenile gang investigators with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office are looking into a possible hate crime in Lake Mary.

Ethnic and racial-driven graffiti was found Monday in the area of two Lake Mary business centers and on a Sanford police car that had been parked

## Vandals target Lake Mary businesses, police car; racial slurs, swastikas painted on buildings

overnight in an apartment complex, authorities said.

Vandalism and graffiti were discovered Monday at the Dry Clean World business located at 3895 Lake Emma Road. Graffiti was found spray painted on the

side of the building and the delivery van of the dry cleaning business.

The drivers side of the van was painted with black spray paint in a design that included swastikas. The side of the build-

ing was painted with red and black paint in designs relating to anti-government and skin head activity, according to the Sheriff's Office incident report.

Because of the Jewish background of the management at

the business and the anti-Semitic graffiti, investigators believe the case is possibly a hate crime.

However, Dry Clean World Manager Vimira Shif said she does not believe the graffiti is motivated by hatred.

"I don't think it's a hate crime," said Shif, who is Jewish and a native of Israel. "Nobody

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## Special Honors



Lab Technician Alton B. Lowe, 51, was awarded the 1999 Frist Humanitarian Award on Tuesday at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Interim hospital CEO and president Cheryl Deamer-Boykin (center) and volunteer services manager Renee Berger congratulate Mr. Lowe.

## Farmer, Lowe receive hospital's 1999 First Humanitarian Award

By Russ White  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — "I feel just like Susan Lucci did," Central Florida Regional Hospital Auxiliary volunteer Vivian Farmer said Tuesday. "I've been nominated so many times — And I finally get it."

After 16 years and more than 16,500 hours of volunteer work, Farmer was awarded the 1999 Frist Humanitarian Award during a ceremony at the hospital. The award, named for Dr. Thomas F. Frist, was begun in 1971.

Laboratory technician Alton B. Lowe, 51, was the staff/associate Frist winner for 1999. He has been at the hospital for five years and is president of the Employee Assistance Committee.

The once called pink ladies (and gentlemen) whooped it up for Vivian Farmer, the lady with a smile and warm embrace for everyone. The hospital auxiliary prides itself on love and

kindness. Vivian Farmer, they said, exemplifies the spirit of good will.

Each Christmas, Farmer hand-crafts Saint Nicholas dolls for patients and her fellow workers. She also donates time each month to help raise money for the auxiliary by coordinating cholesterol screening for the community.

Farmer's 45-year-old son, Raymond and daughter, Suzanne Ward, were at the ceremony as were grandsons Ryan and Gregory Ward, granddaughter Kelly Ward and great granddaughter Alisa. Vivian Wheeler, a lifelong friend, was there, too.

"Nothing could keep me from being here," Wheeler said. "Anyone who knows Vivian knows how much she deserves this."

The Frist Awards are the highest honor awarded to employees and volunteer within the Columbia/Hospital Corporation of America. Farmer and Lowe are eligible also for national

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Vivian Farmer

## Sims executed

### Convicted cop killer Florida's first to die of lethal injection

By Dan Ping  
Editor

STARKE, Fla. — Proclaiming his innocence until the very end, cop killer Terry Melvin Sims was executed this morning. He was pronounced dead at 7:10 a.m. by Florida State Prison Warden James Crosby.

Sims, 57, is the first person to die by lethal injection in the state of Florida. Since 1924, the state executed 241 people by means of the electric chair. However, hours before Sims was scheduled to die in the electric chair last October, the U.S. Supreme Court delayed his execution while it considered whether the electric chair



Sims

was cruel and unusual punishment. That issue was later dropped when Florida legislators, meeting in a special session in January, approved a bill that offers the option of death by lethal injection.

Moments before the procedure began, Sims made a final statement to the 12 press witnesses and 18 non-press witnesses.

"I love my family. I love my friends," he said, then he mentioned the first names of several individuals. He also mentioned "all my friends overseas in England and Holland."

"I'm not guilty of this charge of murder," he added. "I stand before my God."

Sims, who during his statements was strapped to a gurney, then spoke in what sounded like Yiddish before closing with, "Peace, happiness, love to all of you. Amen."

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## Opening day fun



Lake Mary Minors Marlins Brandon Piolo plays catch during Lake Mary Little League's opening day celebration last weekend.

# Seminole County deputies locate missing mother and her infant

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County deputy sheriffs this weekend located an infant and his mother who were reported as missing.

The mother, 41-year-old Elba Rosa Marrero, was arrested Sunday in the 3600 block of Lincoln Street in Midway area

of Sanford for possession of a controlled substance. Her son, 19-month-old Javier, was returned to his natural father Leo Marrero, who lives in the Fern Park area and is Elba Marrero's husband.

Elba Marrero was found by deputies in Midway in her mother's car along with another passenger. She told deputies she was waiting to purchase drugs,

according to the arrest report. After receiving permission from Marrero's mother to search the car, deputies found crack cocaine crushed into the fabric of the seats and floor carpeting, the report said.

The mother and infant had been missing since Tuesday of last week.

Leo Marrero called the Sheriff's Office on Sunday and

said his wife had returned the child and was heading to buy drugs in the Midway area. Javier was unharmed, said Steve Olson, a sheriff's spokesman.

Authorities said Elba Marrero is a Winter Garden resident with no permanent address who has a history of drug abuse.

Marrero's mother, Elba Corretjer of Maitland, had court-ordered, temporary custody of

Javier, but let Marrero take Javier for a time while she went to the hospital to be treated for chest pains Tuesday.

Marrero was in possession of her mother's tan, 1998 Ford Escort station wagon. She took her mother's car without permission, according to the arrest report. The car was released to

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# ACCU WEATHER® FORECAST FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY

## Florida Weather

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's low's and tomorrow's highs.



## Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

**Temperature**  
 High ..... 70°  
 Low ..... 50°  
 Normal High ..... 72°  
 Normal Low ..... 49°

**Precipitation**  
 Yesterday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.47"  
 Normal month to date ..... 2.49"  
 Year to date ..... 1.70"  
 Last year to date ..... 3.72"  
 Normal year to date ..... 5.20"

## National Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.	W.
Atlanta	64/47	pc	71/49
Baltimore	55/36	pc	59/42
Birmingham	58/36	pc	50/32
Boise	55/35	sh	48/32
Boston	51/39	pc	53/39
Charleston, SC	68/50	pc	73/52
Charleston, WV	67/47	pc	68/47
Chicago	58/41	sh	56/44
Cleveland	58/44	c	56/44
Daytona Beach	73/57	c	73/52
Detroit	62/35	c	69/39
Des Moines	64/39	r	67/45
Detroit	56/38	c	54/43
El Paso	70/44	c	72/44
Fairbanks	9/-11	pc	19/-8

Fort Myers / Cape Coral 88/77  
 Key West 87/76

## Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



## Regional Weather

**Florida:** A few light showers will be around the coast south of West Palm Beach tonight; otherwise, skies will be clear. Sunny and warm tomorrow.

**Georgia:** Clear skies and light winds will allow areas of fog tonight. Tomorrow will quickly turn out sunny and warm though.

**Mississippi:** Mainly clear tonight with some fog along the Gulf Coast. Nice and sunny tomorrow; there may be a thunderstorm or two tomorrow night.

**Alabama:** Skies will be clear tonight; some fog will form by daybreak. Morning fog will quickly lift as tomorrow turns out sunny and warm.

**South Carolina:** Clear and cool tonight with areas of fog. The fog will burn off tomorrow morning and the afternoon will be sunny and warm.

**Louisiana:** Other than some coastal fog, tonight will be mainly clear. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny with just a few thunderstorms to the far north.

## Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight ..... 6:20 p.m.  
 Sunrise Wednesday ..... 6:57 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 9:34 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 9:05 a.m.

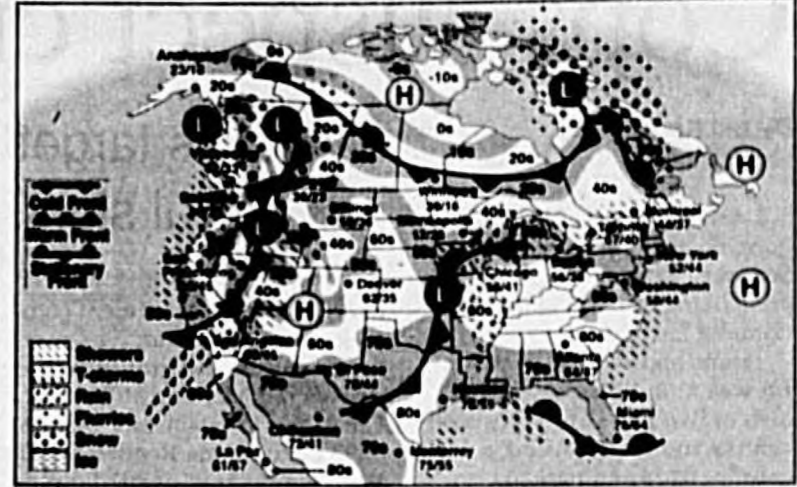
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## Tides

**Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Sunflower Pier**

Time	Height
Tomorrow 4:28 a.m.	-0.3 ft.
First High 10:40 a.m.	4.3 ft.
Second Low 4:45 p.m.	-0.1 ft.
First High 11:08 p.m.	4.2 ft.
Thursday 5:17 a.m.	0.2 ft.
First High 11:21 a.m.	4.0 ft.
Second Low 5:30 p.m.	0.2 ft.
Second High 11:52 p.m.	4.0 ft.

## Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 86° in Cotulla, TX Low -18° in Fraser, CO

## UV Index Tomorrow



## Regional Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.	W.
Sanford, GA	67/54	c	70/50
Atlanta, GA	64/47	pc	71/49
Bainbridge, GA	72/49	c	76/48
Carroll, GA	72/49	pc	76/48
Coral Springs	72/65	pc	75/56
Daytona Beach	73/57	c	73/52
Fort Myers	77/67	c	79/54
Gainesville	73/52	pc	76/52
Key West	76/58	c	76/56
Kissimmee	74/57	c	75/53
Lakeland	75/59	c	76/55
Leesburg	75/57	c	76/55
Melbourne	73/57	c	76/55
Orlando	75/58	c	76/54
Panama City	70/54	pc	76/53
Sanford	67/54	c	70/50
St. Augustine	73/55	c	76/52
St. Petersburg	77/68	c	78/54
Tallahassee	73/48	c	76/48
Tempa	74/57	c	76/54
Thomasville	73/48	c	76/48
Vadodota, GA	73/48	c	75/47
Vero Beach	74/50	c	74/56
W. Palm Bch.	74/64	c	76/59

## World Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.	W.
Atlanta	61/32	pc	64/32
Beijing	37/29	pc	42/32
Berlin	37/32	pc	45/37
Buenos Aires	84/70	pc	85/70
Caro	83/63	pc	82/64
Hong Kong	77/68	c	75/56
Jerusalem	49/32	pc	50/33
London	54/48	pc	54/43
Maria	90/72	pc	89/72
Mexico City	69/42	pc	68/43
Moscow	25/14	pc	22/13
Paris	46/39	c	53/41
Rome	50/36	pc	47/32
Seoul	42/31	pc	39/19
Sydney	80/68	pc	83/73
Tokyo	42/34	pc	49/43
Warsaw	36/23	pc	33/28
Zurich	39/30	c	45/38

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## Briefs

**Quilters Guild to meet on the 24th**  
 The Central Florida Quilters Guild will meet Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Senior Citizens wing of the Sanford Civic Center. Our speaker will be Bethany Reynolds, author of "Magic Stack-n-Whack Quilts" who will show many of her colorful quilts. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call Maureen White, 407-339-4606.

**Violence-Free March Saturday**  
 The Violence-Free March will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Seminole County Court House and will proceed to Fort Mellon Park. A ceremony and entertainment will be held at the park. Service providers will have booths to distribute information to the public. March is Violence Free Community Month. The event is coordinated by the Violence Free Community Committee, a sub-committee of the Safe and Drug Free Schools of the Seminole County school-district. For more information, contact Tony Coffie at 407-366-4853.

**Chili Fest**  
 Covenant Christian School's fourth annual Chili Fest will be held Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the school grounds, 4800 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park. Activities include a chili cook off, craft fair, entertainment, carnival rides, games, and more. Admission is free. For additional information, phone 407-678-9801.

**Tennis lessons**  
 The City of Altamonte Springs is offering youth and adult tennis lessons at Eastmonte and Westmonte parks. Classes are available for ages 3 and up for all ability levels. All classes are taught by U.S.P.T.A. certified teaching professionals. Classes will begin February 28. For additional information on Eastmonte Park, phone Bob Garnett, 407-830-3880. For Westmonte Park, phone Ryan Thompson at 407-869-2516.

**The Salvation Army will host breakfast**  
 The Salvation Army will host its Civic Appreciation Breakfast 8 a.m., Saturday, March 4 at Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, 5210 Markham Woods Road in Lake Mary. Volunteers will be honored at the breakfast and several guest speakers will give presentations.

# A tip to all ballplayers — always wear your caps straight

Real ballplayers shouldn't need batting gloves. They shouldn't wear earrings, either. Under no circumstances should they be allowed to wear their baseball caps backward — unless they are catchers. Wear your cap backward and you think that way, too.

Ballplayers used to be studs of the diamond. Now, they wear diamond studs. The game is being taken over by wusses. Before you know it, baseball players will be eating quiche. Frozen yogurt will replace Wheaties as the "Breakfast of Champions."

You know baseball was deteriorating when it allowed designated hitters. Real ballplayers don't require designated hitters. They hit for themselves.

Baseball needs a new Ty Cobb, a meat-and-potatoes guy. Mean, tough as leather. No batting gloves, no earrings, cap on straight. Ty was a guy. He didn't use lip balm. He didn't smoke low-tar cigarettes. He didn't go to a hair stylist. He didn't floss.

Leo Durmcher was an old-time ballplayer, a rough-and-ready guy who once played for the St. Louis Cardinals Gas House Gang. He was known as "Leo

the Lip." If he were around today, he'd be called "Leo the Lips." He'd probably do Revlon commercials.

Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Gibson was not laid back. He never told anyone he was going to Disneyland. He'd back his own mother away from the plate. He was as smart as he was strong. He threw complete games. He hit for himself. He didn't cry in his beer.

Once upon a time, ballplayers wore no underwear. Lou Gehrig didn't wear underwear or socks. He was called the Iron Horse. Ballplayers like Gehrig were secure enough to wear their labels inside their clothing. Gehrig wore his cap straight or took it off.

Ted Williams not only wore his cap straight, he refused to doff it for his admiring fans. Ted was the man John Wayne wished he could be. He served as a Navy pilot in World War II and was shot down in Korea. He hunted and fished. He swore like a sailor.

Kirk Gibson was one of the last of the breed of old-school ballplayer. He didn't shave. He busted up double plays. He limped to the plate to hit a World Series home run. He had to be good — everyone hated

him. A Los Angeles sportswriter called him the most despicable man he ever met. A latter day Ty Cobb. What a shame, Gibson's career.

Joe Pepitone — to be sure — caused baseball many problems. He was the first player to bring a hairdryer into the locker room. He primed while his Yankees teammates played pepper. He wore polyester to the Peppermint Lounge. He reeked of Aqua Velva.

Pepitone impersonators popped up in every clubhouse. Some guys spent more time at the mirror than they did at bat. Next came the designated hitter, earrings and jewelry.

Former Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn was so annoyed one year that he ordered pitcher Dock Ellis to quit wearing hair curlers in uniform. This prompted hate mail for both the commissioner and a pitcher who never shied away from a confrontation.

For years, the Cincinnati Reds didn't allow players to grow beards or mustaches. That's changed. Ken Griffey Jr., can wear just about anything he wants including a Big Red tutu. I don't know if Junior's worth all the fuss. He wears batting gloves, earrings and his cap backward. Old-timers would say that's three strikes against him.

Russ White's column appears daily in the Seminole Herald



Russ White



# Woman wonders how to turn office attraction into a date

DEAR ABBY: I never married, but I have a 5-year-old daughter. It has been two years since I moved from my hometown and I haven't had a single date here.

I started a new job last August, where I met a man I'll call "Tony." I have not stopped thinking about him since the day we met. Call me crazy, but I think he may be attracted to me as well. He has flirted with me on many occasions, and I see something in his eyes every time he looks at me. I am no fool, Abby. I know when a man is interested.

The problem is, he has not asked me out except for a few lunches. In the five months I've known him, he has been out of the country for 2 1/2 months. I am usually shy, but I confess I did flirt a little to let him know I was interested. However, I didn't want to appear desperate. He is very shy, too, but I feel deep in my heart that he cares. I have grown fond of him and would like to get to know him better. I know that I can't just ask him out, but I feel there is something special between us. What should I do?

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD IN ONTARIO: DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: Unless there is a company policy that forbids co-workers from dating, I see no reason why you shouldn't ask him to join you for lunch on a weekend or dinner one evening. It's leap year — so go for broke!

DEAR ABBY: Will you please answer a simple question? Why do grooms (husbands) always think it is the responsibility of the bride (wife) to write the thank-you notes? Moreover, why do they not know how to write thank-you notes?

I love my husband, but I'm about to wring his neck. By the way, he sees himself as a writing expert and a master of the English language, so it's not

because he's illiterate; he just seems lost when it comes to doing this chore. I have heard that this is the case with most men.

DEAR CURIOUS: There is absolutely no excuse for someone who is illiterate not to be able to write a simple thank-you note. Your husband may have been raised in a male-dominated household where writing thank-you notes was considered "women's work." However, this is the year 2000 and times have changed.

The responsibility does not belong solely on your shoulders. Divide the "chore" and have him write to your side of the family while you write to his. Consider it just another way to blend the families.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married this summer. She will graduate from college in May from a school in Texas. We live on the West Coast where the wedding will take place. Her fiancé lives in Arizona where they will make their home.

The problem is they don't have the money to ship gifts to Arizona. I was wondering if it would be proper to ask people to take a picture of the gift they intended to buy, and wrap it in a box along with a check so my daughter can purchase the item when she arrives in Arizona. Is that tacky? Please advise.

DEAR PLANNING: It would be improper to bring up the subject of monetary gifts, even if it is "prettied up" by requesting that the guests enclose a photo of the gift they had in mind. However, if you are asked what your daughter needs or prefers, you may respond by explaining that a check would be the most practical gift.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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# Crime victims seminar offered in March

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office periodically conducts seminars for senior citizens concerning available compensation if they are the victims of crime.

The next seminar for seniors takes place March 3 at the Lake Monroe Providence Church at 4561 Douglas Avenue in Sanford. State law provides that a

victim over 60 years old or a victim who is disabled can be compensated for crimes, which affect their quality of life. Reimbursement for property loss can be as much as \$500. The program also provides reimbursement for medical bills and replacement of such items as glasses, if they are lost or damaged in a crime. The job of the sheriff's

Victim Services Representative is to help victims overcome obstacles such as necessary forms to fill out, and to help senior apply for compensation. For more information and times, contact Victim Advocate Sherry McGrew at 407-665-6922. The program is being coordinated through Better Living for Seniors at 407-333-8877.

# Obituaries

**CURTIS C. DOTY, JR.**  
Curtis C. Doty, Jr., 75, E. First Street, Chuluota, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000. Born April 2, 1924 in Fort Wayne, Ind., he moved to Central Florida in 1958. He was a self-employed auto parts salesman. He belonged to Northside Baptist Church, Chuluota, and served in the U.S. Merchant Marines in World War II.

Survivors include wife, Mildred L.; son, Curtis C. III, Chuluota; daughter, Linda Vulgamore, Chuluota; brother, Boyd, Lake Wales; sister, Martha Orr, Crossville, TN; two grand-

children; four great-grandchildren.  
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, in charge of arrangements.

**LUCILLE L. "AUNT CIEL" JONES**  
Lucille L. "Aunt Ciel" Jones, 86, Old Cheney Highway, Orlando, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000. Born Oct. 13, 1913 in Lockhart, she was a lifelong Central Florida Resident. She was a member of Lockwood Missionary Baptist Church and a waitress at Ronnie's Restaurant.

Survivors include brothers, Preston M. Partin, Bronson, W.L. "Bud" Partin, Orlando; sisters, Judy Thurman, Jacksonville, Ala.; Wanda L. Miller, Lancaster, Pa.  
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Lotto (Feb. 19) 11-30-33-38-44-82  
Mega Money (Feb. 22) 2-5-18-22 - Megaball 7  
Feb. 22 Play 4 1-3-1-3 Cash 3 5-5-3

**Happy Birthday Mom!**  
Love, Khalid  
P.S. Happy 43rd Birthday Marion, Love, A Friend

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# Opinion

## Drawing from a well of kindness

I recognized Charles Schulz right away, though I couldn't remember having seen a photo of him in many years. It was the eyes, I think — these two little-kid eyes peering out from an old man's face. He stood up and smiled as I approached the table for our lunch date. I could barely spit out a greeting, an embarrassing condition that surfaces in the presence of giants.

The meeting at Schulz's Redwood Empire Ice Arena more than three years ago came about through Schulz's friend Jack

Rockwell, a longtime athletic trainer whom I had interviewed extensively for my book on young female gymnasts and skaters. Schulz professed to like the book and asked Jack to invite me to lunch.

Thus began a relationship that would enrich me abundantly and him not at all. Over chicken sandwiches and coleslaw at Schulz's regular table at the ice rink, he wanted to know everything: Where was I from? How had I begun writing sports? What was my family like? What did I like to read? Where did I get the ideas for my columns?

We talked about religion and the Bible. He rattled off a list of books he had recently read and thought I would enjoy. He asked, out of the blue, if I ever noticed that when

people follow up a comment with, "Having said that..." you're about to get clobbered. He found the phrase amusing and repeated it in different contexts, trying it out, laughing anew each time. (Many weeks later, it showed up in a strip coming out of the mouth of — who else? — Lucy.)

After lunch, we walked through a parking lot and past some public tennis courts to a redwood and stone building. Inside his large office stood the wooden drafting table on which he drew the most famous comic strip in the world. A patch in the center of the wood had been worn down from thousands and thousands of pen and pencil strokes.

That's when I first saw the driven competitor behind the humble gentleman. He pointed out, more than once, that he drew every character and wrote every line and didn't think too highly of those who didn't. He was gently dismissive of a good number of the popular strips, though he was friendly with many of the cartoonists who drew them.

The conversation lifted my spirits, though I'm not entirely clear why. Here was this icon, the greatest of all time, and he still saw himself battling for readers and respect. He still seemed to believe that, if he wasn't vigilant, someone might yank the football away.

I related completely to that brand of competitiveness, and it shaped our second lunch, about two years later. I had seen him between those two meetings at his holiday ice show, to which he invited my family every year. I'd bring him homemade Christmas cookies or a dozen golf balls, and he'd greet us like old friends and never fail to make some generous comment about my writing. He'd seat us at a cafe table at the edge of the rink, close enough to the ice to touch it, and we'd drink hot chocolate and spiced cider and eat lemon bars, eclairs and gingerbread cookies. After one show, we visited the amazing wardrobe room upstairs, which stretches the length of the building and houses every costume from every show over the years.

In the course of our second lunch, I mentioned that a columnist I knew had landed a syndication deal. My own attempts at syndication had gone nowhere. I was bitterly jealous. (This is a trait of which I am not proud and have yet to figure out if it's the result of a huge ego or low self-esteem or some unseemly combination.)

Here's the thing: I knew Mr. Schulz would understand. (I could never bring myself to call him Sparky.) He told me there was little money in syndication, though he knew, of course, this wasn't about money. It wasn't even about winning. It was, as I think on it now, about not losing.

Schulz understood losing, all those large and small defeats that are at the heart of his strip. The girl who won't give you the time of day. The failed book reports. The demoralizing trouncings on the baseball field. In his own life, he was battling tremors in his writing hand. Sometimes he'd have to hold one hand with the other so he could still write and draw clearly.

He told me he'd contact his syndicate. Months passed. Then I got the word. The syndicate was taking my column. The first person I called was Mr. Schulz, thanking him profusely. He seemed almost as pleased as I was — yes, a defeat thwarted! — but he deflected all credit. He let me believe that I had earned the contract on my own, a blessed delusion I hope to be in the position to pass on to someone else someday.

When I heard Charles Schulz had died, I called Jack. He told me that once Mr. Schulz had been diagnosed with cancer and could no longer draw the strip, he never stepped foot in his office again. He visited the rink every day he was able, but he never made the walk to the office where his drafting table stood.

"He lived for his strip," Jack said by phone, after returning from a private service Tuesday afternoon at the cemetery in Sebastopol, where Schulz's casket had been draped in an American flag. "That was the hardest thing for him, giving up his work. It was his life. Each of those little people were some part of his psyche."

Ours, too. "Peanuts" captured the doubts and anxieties of a modern culture, and also the tiny kindnesses that make them bearable. In Schulz's own life, despite unparalleled success, he seemed always to be reaping doubts and anxieties. But what he planted were tiny kindnesses.

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Joan Ryan



## Democratic meddling in Republican politics

I have never seen so many of my dyed-in-the-wool Democrat friends so stoked over a candidate. But it's not Al Gore or Bill Bradley for whom they have this political admiration. It's John McCain, the Republican presidential hopeful.



Joseph Perkins

Of course, my Democrats have absolutely no intention of voting for McCain come the November general election. But they sure as heck will cross over and vote for the GOP spoiler in states that hold open primaries, as they did in New Hampshire earlier this month, as they did in South Carolina last weekend, and as they plan to do here in California on March 7.

It's not that the Democrats think that McCain would make a tolerable president if their party's standard-bearer (which looks to be Gore at the moment) falls short of the White House. In fact, they abhor the Grand Canyon State's socially conservative views.

For instance, McCain is pro-life. And no less than liberal Democrat Barbara Boxer, California's junior senator, authored an opinion-page column in The San Diego Union-Tribune this week in which she direly warned her fellow Dems that "if any of the Republicans win the White House," including McCain, "he would try to outlaw abortion."

McCain is also unsympathetic to the gay "rights" agenda. He opposes same-sex marriages (as evidenced by his 1996 vote in favor of the "Defense of Marriage Act," which the American Civil Liberties Union described as a

"deplorable act of hostility") and gay adoptions. He also supports the "don't ask, don't tell" policy for gays in the military, which is anathema to the Democratic Party faithful.

So why then are so many Democrats casting votes for McCain in Republican primaries? Simple. Because they think that their party has a better chance of retaining the White House if McCain emerges as the GOP's presidential nominee rather than George W. Bush.

And even if the Democrats are unable to tilt enough open Republican primaries in McCain's favor to deliver him the GOP nomination, they will be delighted, nonetheless, if they force the Texas governor to punch himself out before he goes toe-to-toe with their nominee, presumably Gore, in the fall.

That's why even in states where primary voters must be registered in a party in order to have their vote count toward selecting delegates, Democrats are climbing aboard the McCain bandwagon.

In fact, The New York Times reported last week that election officials in Massachusetts have been flooded with calls from Democrats who want to change their party affiliation to vote for McCain in the commonwealth's Republican primary, to then re-register as Democrats immediately afterward.

William F. Galvin, secretary of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, apparently gets a kick out of these ballot-box shenanigans, which he referred to as a

## Berry's World



"TODAY'S TOP-TEN 'DO-DO' LIST IS THE SAME AS YESTERDAY'S: 1. RAISE MONEY FOR AL GORE, 2. RAISE MONEY FOR AL GORE, 3. RAISE MONEY FOR..."

"dance of the seven veils." The secretary said he would be distributing extra party registration cards for the Bay State's primary (held the same day as California's) for Democrats wanting to switch back.

"On their way out," said Galvin, "they can say, 'It was a nice visit to the Republican Party, but now I'm going home.'"

One would think that the political media would be up in arms about this cynical corruption of the party primary system. However, hardly any of the political reporters and correspondents covering the Republican primary race have written or uttered a discouraging word about these overly partisan machinations.

That's because most of these political reporters and correspondents, and their editors or producers, are Democrats or, as they like to masquerade these days, "Independents." So whatever helps the party of Gore (and Bradley) is just fine with them.

How else to explain, for instance, the front-page headlines Gary Bauer garnered this week upon his endorsement of McCain? As if it makes some kind of difference.

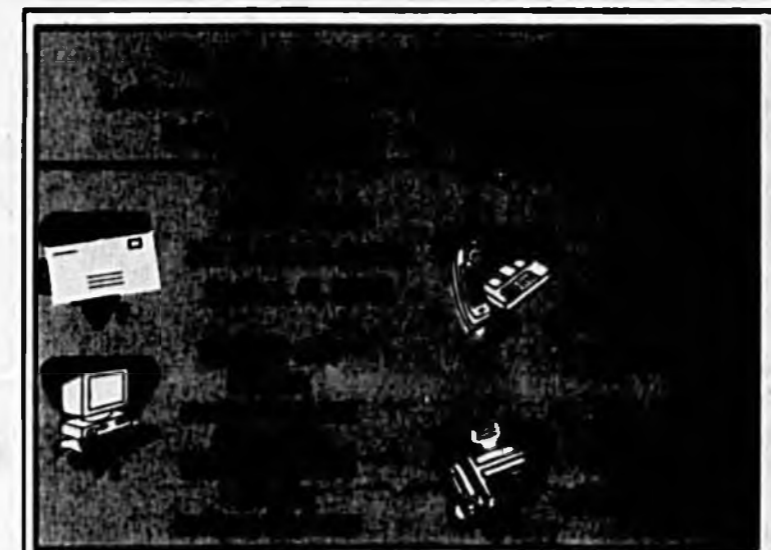
Steve Forbes' recent withdraw-


al from the Republican presidential race offers another case in point. When the magazine publisher folded his tent a week ago, he boasted 10 Republican delegates in his column. How many did McCain have at the time? Only one more, compared to Bush's 27 delegates.

You would think that Time or Newsweek (both of which have run fawning cover stories on McCain) or some other respected news organization would have taken note of that fact. But apparently they were too busy building up McCain (and softening up Bush) to notice.

When Democrats left their party to vote for Ronald Reagan in the 1980s, they did so because they truly felt he was the best man for the presidency. By contrast, the Democrats who are voting for McCain in this year's Republican primaries are doing so not because they really want him to win the presidency, but because they think the longer he holds on against front-running Bush, the better the prospect that a Democrat will be elected president in November.

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# Education

## Grand opening set for Goldsboro Kids Space Center

From staff reports

**SANFORD** — Kennedy Space Center has nothing on the Seminole County Public Schools. Young astronauts at Goldsboro Kids Space Center will be experiencing launches, landings and space travel at the only elementary school in the nation that includes its only Mission Control Center, Space Shuttle Area and Lunar Landscape.

The Mission Control Center is designed to look like the primary launch area at Cape Kennedy. Students will experience space shuttle launches brought to life through technology. They

will monitor and interact with a space station systems, the landing craft team and remote robots on the planet's surface.

The Space Shuttle Area will allow students to perform experiments, gather data and analyze their own work. In the sick bay area, the young astronauts will conduct studies to determine how humans are affected by space and planetary conditions.

Students will enter the landing craft through an "air lock" and will prepare to explore the planetary surface using remote robots and cameras. Actual landing simulations will be enhanced

through computerized sound and fog-making devices.

The Lunar Landscape will be replicated by painted wall murals, simulated planet surface and theatrical light, and will provide the exploration area for the mission.

Throughout the planetary explorer complex, advanced technology will provide students with the feeling of becoming actual astronauts. To the students at Goldsboro Elementary Math, Science, Technology Magnet School, space travel will be right in their own back yard.

Graduates of the Goldsboro KSC program will be able to try their hand in

landing an airplane in the Sanford Middle School Flight Simulator.

The Flight Simulation Lab includes a CAT II airplane cockpit that boasts realistic instruments and flight controls, with fully functional switches and virtual reality flight experience. Students at Sanford Middle School Magnet School will learn to take off, fly, and land a plane.

The Sanford International Space Station is a state-of-the-art facility. Students will be involved in replicating life aboard a space station. They will raise their own food through hydroponics and aquaculture. They will conduct research in the Internet and robotics

laboratories. They will track weather patterns worldwide in their global tracking facilities. They will also study the effects of space travel on the human body.

In effect, one day NASA may announce the next group of astronauts, giving Sanford as home towns of those who became involved in the local space center.

The VIP grand opening of the Space Station is Friday, Feb. 25, with NASA Astronaut Rick Searfoss as special guest. Advance reservations are requested as space is limited. For information, phone 407-320-0458.

### School Menus

Elementary school lunches in Seminole County cost \$1.60. Students in the reduced-price lunch program pay 40 cents. Three entrée choices are available: the daily entrée, listed below, a chef's salad or a big lunch that includes a sandwich.

Lunches at Seminole's middle schools are similar to those at elementary schools and cost \$1.75.

For the week beginning Feb. 28:

**Monday:** Pizza Hut Pizza, orange sections or juice, frosted brownie, choice of milk.

**Tuesday:** Hamburger/cheeseburger, baked beans, fruited gelatin, fresh fruit bowl, choice of milk.

**Wednesday:** Meatball or veggie sub, later tots, mixed fruit tray, chocolate/vanilla pudding, choice of milk.

**Thursday:** Ham slice with pineapple, sweet potato casserole, dinner roll, fruited gelatin, choice of milk.

**Friday:** Taco Bar (soft taco, ground beef, cheese, sour cream, lettuce, tomato), Mexican Corn, peach cup, choice of milk.

High school students pay \$2 for their choice of five "Maxi Meal" lunches each day: hamburger and french fries; pasta with marinara sauce and garlic bread; soup or salad and garlic bread sticks; chicken nuggets, roll and mashed potatoes; or pizza with french fries. Choices come with fresh fruit, milk, iced tea or lemonade.

### Seminole Herald's Teacher of the Week

Lisa Bakowski teaches in the Autistic Program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade at Wilson Elementary School in Sanford. She is in her fifth year as a teacher and her second year at Wilson Elementary.

Autism is a disability that affects one's ability to socialize and communicate.

"The challenge is to bring out their desire to communicate," Bakowski said.

Bakowski holds a master's degree in clinical teaching for emotionally handicapped from the University of West Florida. Her bachelor's degree is in social work from the University of West Florida.

She recently shared her views with staff writer Bill Kerns on a number of topics.

**Favorite part of teaching:** "Definitely my children, watching them grow and progress."

**Most memorable experience as a teacher:** "The first time that a child who had been unable to talk used an augmented device

to communicate. An augmented device is a miniature computer with pictures used by autistic children to aid communication. Before using the device, she hadn't said anything."

**Biggest challenge for teachers:** "Because every child is different, it's difficult to juggle everything you need to do to meet their challenges and needs. I'm lucky that I have two wonderful classroom assistants, so hopefully we can meet each child's needs."

**Advice for parents:** "Definitely read with them and celebrate the small accomplishments."

**Advice for students:** "To try and try again."

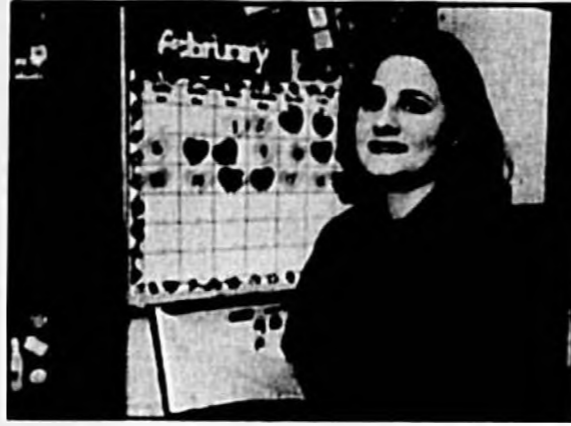
**Advice for new or prospective teachers:** "Get organized and know when to ask for help. There are lots of other teachers and staff members who have great ideas."

**Best advice you have ever received:** "Knowing that you might not be able to see the progress of students on a daily

basis, it's important to step back and look at the big picture. You can always find ways in which there has been some growth. Especially when you get frustrated, step back and look at the progress that has been made over the course of the year. That helps you get past the hurdles you face on a daily basis."

**Person(s) who have inspired you:** "My mother (Kathrine) has always been the model of patience and faith. She always believes both my sister and I could accomplish anything, and that's the same thing I believe about my students."

**Favorite book or inspirational message:** Dr. Seuss —



Lisa Bakowski

The Places You'll Go. I read it to them every year."

**Hobbies:** "Reading and cross-stitching. I also enjoy walking my dog and surfing the web for new ideas to use in the classroom."

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the Herald's Teacher of the Week, contact Herald Editor Dan Ping or Staff Writer Bill Kerns by fax, 407-323-9408; or E-mail, sheditor@aol.com.

### Briefs

**Dean's list**

Rebecca Hallman of Altamonte Springs and Sarah Certo of Longwood have made the dean's list at Furman University for the fall term of 1999. Furman's dean's list is comprised of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system. Furman University is located in Greenville, S.C.

**St. Peter's Preschool is holding registration**

St. Peter's Preschool and Kindergarten, 700 Rimelhart Road, Lake Mary, will open registration for the 2000-2001 school year on March 1 at 9:30 a.m. Children and their parents from throughout the community are invited to attend.

Classes begin in August, and will include: play settings for 2-year-olds; exploratory classes for 3-year-olds; readiness programs for 4-year-olds; and half-day Kindergarten. On-site visits are encouraged by the school.

For general and registration information, call Laurie Meator, School Director, at (407) 333-1707.

### Sims

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At that point the microphone in the death chamber was turned off, though Sims continued to look through the glass partition and mouth words to his Rabbi, David Kane, who was seated in the witness room.

The execution team began its procedures at 7:01 a.m. Sims remained still on the gurney, his mouth slightly open and his eye partially shut. Except for the slight movements of Warden Crosby, who

remained on the phone with the governor's office, no other movements occurred until about 7:09 a.m. when a physician's assistant came into the room to check for a pulse. A physician then came into the room and confirmed Sims had no pulse. At 7:10 a.m. Warden Crosby announced, "The sentence of the state of Florida against Terry Sims is carried out."

Leading up to the execution, Sims attorneys tried to delay the procedure, arguing that lethal injection was untested

in Florida and the possibility for errors would be high.

However, C.J. Drake, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections, said the execution went as planned.

"It was a textbook procedure," Drake said. "It was exactly the way we planned it, just like we thought it was going to be."

Drake said members of the execution team practiced at least a dozen times. He said the team's preparation included "practic(ing) on a staff member, doing everything but

sticking the needle into the body. This isn't brain surgery."

The lethal injection is comprised of six syringes: the first two are filled with sodium pentothal, a fast-acting anesthetic which is strong enough to kill; the second two syringes are filled with pancuronium bromide, a muscle relaxant that paralyzes the body and halts breathing; the final syringes are filled with potassium chloride, which has enough salt to stop the heart from beating. A saline solution is injected between each dose

of chemicals to flush the intravenous line.

Sims spent his last hours "calm and complacent" according to Drake. His last meal was grilled grouper, french fries, Chef salad with tomatoes and blue cheese dressing, Coke, and Boston Cream pie.

"He ate most of that meal, and shared the pie with the corrections officers who supervised him," Drake said. "He also gave a slice of pie to Anthony Bryan."

Bryan is schedule to be executed tomorrow for the murder of a 60-year-old security guard.

Sims was convicted of murdering Seminole County Sheriff's deputy George Pfeil during a robbery at the Longwood Village Pharmacy on Dec. 29, 1977. None of Pfeil's family attended the execution. Likewise, none of Sims family was in attendance.

"If Sims has any family, nobody visited him," Drake said. "He seems to have a lack of family members."

### Vandals

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knows me. I think these are just young kids trying to compete with other groups. But, law enforcement will catch up to them."

Shif said she has never before been bothered by similar vandalism at her business.

"I really don't think they know me," Shif said. "This is a very nice neighborhood."

Investigators believe that the same vandals responsible for the possible ethnic-driven graffiti at the Lake Emma Road location also struck at the Goodings Plaza at 110 International Parkway, where vandalism was also discovered Monday.

Vulgar phrases and symbols were found on shopping carts and along the front of seven dif-

ferent businesses on the property spray painted in red and black.

"As with the graffiti at the Lake Emma site, the graffiti there was also of anti-government and skinhead type," said sheriff's spokesman Steve Olson. "There were also vulgar words and some satanic references."

In addition, investigators are looking into a third case of vandalism that was also discovered Monday.

A Sanford police officer's assigned vehicle was vandalized while parked overnight in an apartment complex lot. As in the other cases, red and black spray paint was used.

Authorities believe the vehicle was targeted because it represented law enforcement.

### Missing

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Correter. Marrero was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on a \$3,000 bond.

During a dependency hearing in Seminole County Juvenile Court, Correter was awarded temporary custody of her daughter's three children. Javier is the youngest of the children. Marrero was limited to supervised visitation, according to the Sheriff's Office incident report.

Correter told investigators that Marrero transported her to the Florida Hospital Altamonte emergency room on Tuesday. Elba Marrero was in the compa-

ny of her husband, Leo Marrero.

According to Correter, while she was in the emergency room her daughter said that she had to transport Leo back to a Sanford rehabilitation center. Correter agreed to let her daughter take Javier with her with the understanding that she return with him immediately.

Leo Marrero told investigators that when his wife dropped her at the rehabilitation center, she told him that she intended to return to the hospital to pick up her mother. When he reported his wife as missing on Friday, he said that he has not seen his wife since Tuesday.

### 'Battle' registration deadline March 3

The City of Altamonte Springs is presenting its second annual high school Battle of the Bands, Saturday, April 1, at 12 noon, at Cranes Roost

Park. Registration deadline is March 3.

To sign up a high school band, contact Jason Marsick at 407-869-2526.

### Awards

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recognition. Each received \$250 and a \$250 donation was made to a charity of their choice.

"Better than the money," said hospital CEO Cheryl Deamer-Boykin, "is that Vivian and Alton get their own special parking spots. I know a lot of

you who would like that."

Lowe's associates said he frequently worked extra shifts to help meet the needs of the patients and co-workers. He encouraged them in their work and revitalized and increased the visibility of the Employee Assistance Committee.

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# Life Style

## Italian risotto not just for high-end eateries anymore

In "Risotto," published in 1987, Judith Barrett and Norma Wasserman wrote that the Italian rice dish was still relatively new to the United States. Maybe it was their book that did it, but risotto soon started appearing on menus everywhere, from chain-type Italian restaurants to high-end, fancy eateries. For those who have yet to encounter it, risotto is a creamy dish of rice and vegetables, meat, or seafood. It is traditionally made with Arborio rice, an Italian-grown rice that gives the dish its hallmark, velvety texture.



Marialisa Calta

But while restaurant chefs are turning out risotto like nobody's business, a lot of home cooks are afraid to try it. Somewhere along the line, risotto got the reputation of being a very tricky dish to make. It's not. And here are some recipes to prove it.

The first is from Andrew Martin, a student at the New England Culinary Institute. His recipe for Duck Confit Risotto sounds a little intimidating, but I urge you to think of it as two recipes in one: You can make a fancy version with duck confit (duck meat preserved in its own fat), Asiago cheese, shallots, duck stock and duck fat; or you can make a home-style version with turkey, Parmesan cheese, onions, vegetable broth and butter.

The second recipe is from my grandmother, Rose Calta, who, lacking access to Arborio rice when she came to this country before World War II, used Uncle Ben's instead. It is not as creamy as "authentic" risotto, but it is delicious.

The third recipe is a Spinach Risotto from Barrett and Wasserman's "Risotto."

If your first experiments turn out well, I recommend that you buy "Risotto," which is, happily, still in print. It will give you a more thorough understanding of the dish — not to mention more than 100 recipes — and will turn you into a champion risotto-maker.

2 tablespoons duck fat or butter, plus one additional tablespoon butter  
2 tablespoons minced shallot or onion  
1-1/2 cups Arborio rice  
2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves, or 1 tablespoon dried  
1/2 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese  
1 cup shredded duck confit or dark turkey meat  
fried parsnip or sweet-potato chips, for garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Rub the mushroom caps with red wine vinegar, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast, bottom sides up, for 7 minutes or until soft. Keep in a warm place.

Meanwhile, in a saucepan, bring the broth to a steady simmer. While broth is heating, melt the 2 tablespoons duck fat or butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan and saute the shallot over medium heat until light brown.

Add the rice and stir to coat the grains with the melted fat. Add the simmering broth in 1/2-cup increments, stirring frequently. When the first 1/2 cup is almost completely absorbed, add another. While you are adding broth, stir in the thyme and season with salt and pepper. Use all the broth except the last 1/4 cup.

After about 18 minutes, the grains of rice should have a velvety texture — tender, but still firm. Add the remaining 1/4 cup broth and stir vigorously. Remove from heat, add the cheese and the remaining tablespoon of butter and stir. When melted, stir in the duck confit or the turkey meat.

Serve with the roasted mushrooms (sliced), and, if desired, with fried parsnips or sweet-potato chips for crunch and color. Yield: 4 first-course servings.

— Recipe from Andrew Martin, student, New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

**ROSE CALTA'S RISOTTO**  
several pieces dried porcini mushrooms  
2-1/2 cups chicken stock  
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 chicken liver, skinned and very finely chopped  
2 teaspoons tomato paste

1 cup long-grain rice (such as Uncle Ben's)  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/3 to 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Soak the mushrooms in warm water for about half an hour. Drain and chop. You want about 2 tablespoons, chopped. Set aside.

Bring the broth to a boil. Meanwhile, in a heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat the oil. Sauté the onion a few minutes, until soft.

Add the liver and mushrooms and stir, cooking until liver is cooked through.

Add the tomato paste and rice. Stir until rice is coated.



Paul O. Boisvert for the New England Culinary Institute  
Duck Confit Risotto served on roasted portobello mushroom slices. This recipe can also be made with turkey, vegetable broth and butter rather than duck confit, duck stock and duck fat.

cheese and serve. Yield: 4 first-course servings.

— Recipe from my grandmother, the late Rose Calta, of West New York, N.J.

**SPINACH RISOTTO**  
10 ounces fresh spinach, or 1 box frozen  
5-1/2 cups chicken stock or canned broth  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/3 cup minced onion  
1-1/2 cups Arborio rice  
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

If using fresh spinach, remove the stems and rinse the leaves thoroughly. Place wet leaves in a large saucepan set over high heat and cook 3 to 5 minutes, or until wilted. If using frozen spinach, cook according to package directions. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup of the cooking liquid.

Place the cooked, drained spinach in the bowl of a food processor or blender along with the reserved cooking liquid. Puree and set aside.

In a saucepan, bring the broth to a steady simmer.

Meanwhile, melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan and saute the onion over medium heat until light brown.

Add the rice and stir to coat the grains.

Add the simmering broth in 1/2-cup increments, stirring frequently. When the first half-cup is almost completely absorbed, add another. Use all the broth except the last 1/4 cup.

After about 18 minutes, the grains of rice should have a velvety texture — tender, but still firm. Add the remaining 1/4 cup broth and stir vigorously. Remove from heat. Add the spinach puree, the cheese and the remaining tablespoon butter, and stir. Yield: 4 first-course servings.

— Recipe from "Risotto," by Judith Barrett and Norma Wasserman (MacMillan Publishing Co., 1987)

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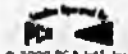


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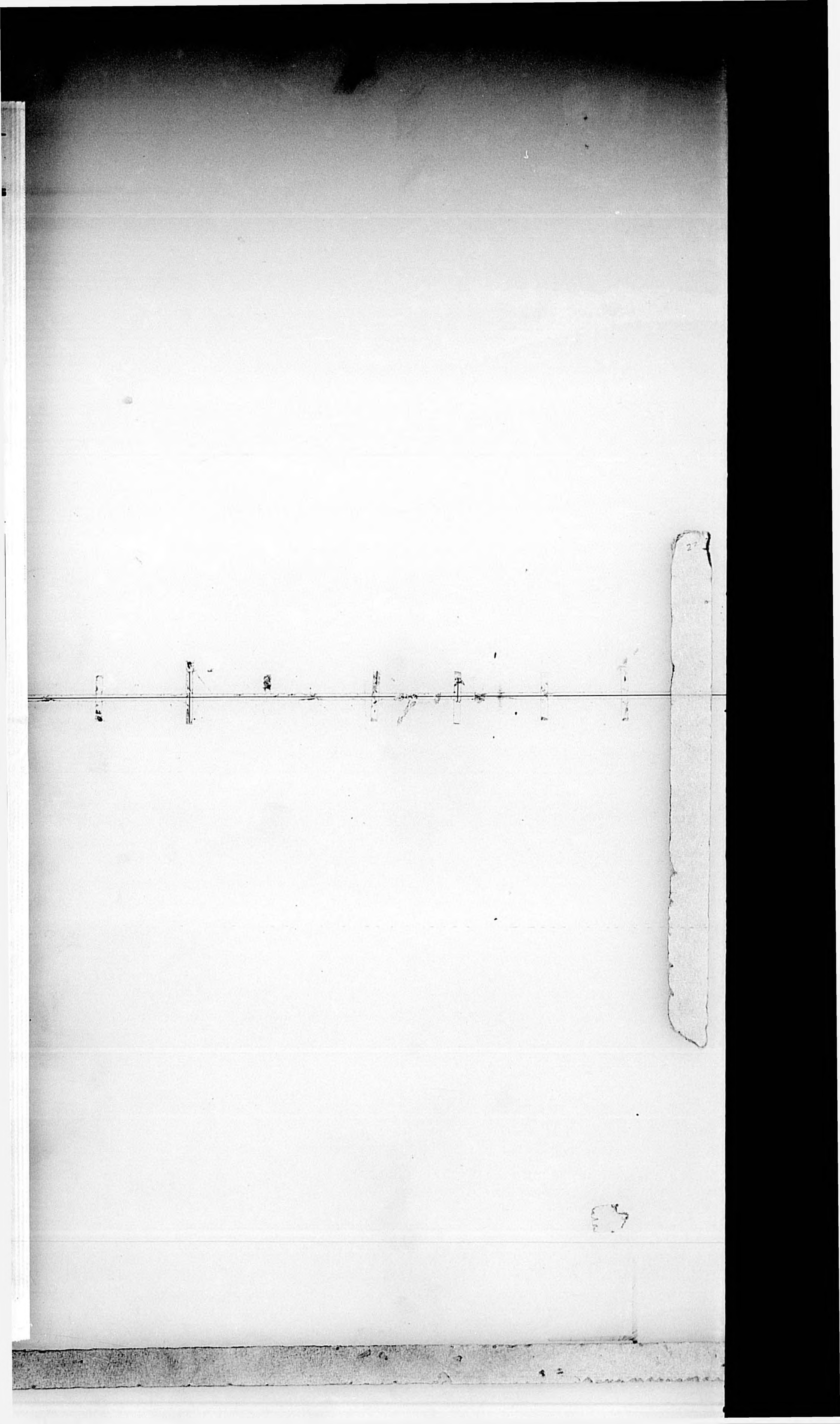
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## Summary of action by the FWC

**SANFORD** - Following are actions taken by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee (FWC) at its recent meeting held February 2-4.

1. Re-election of Julie Morris as chairman and Jamie Adams as vice chairman for 2000.
2. Recognition of retired law enforcement officer Ralph Horton for 12 years of service.
3. Consideration of the agency's financial report.
4. Consideration of status reports on the agency's legislative budget request and legislative update.
5. Conceptual approval of 2000-2001 wildlife regulations.
6. Conceptual approval of alligator regulations.
7. Conceptual approval of 2000-2001 freshwater fisheries regulations.
8. Consideration of a report concerning Lake Okechobee.
9. Review of manatee zones in Mullock Creek and North Estero Bay.
10. Consideration of Duval County manatee speed zones.
11. Consideration of a Wildlife Foundation of Florida report.
12. Approval of a tuition increase for the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.
13. Deletion of the Knox property from the agency's 2000 acquisition list.
14. Approval of establishment of a migratory flock of whooping cranes to winter at the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.
15. Establishment of the Fish-eating Creek Type I Wildlife Management Area (WMA).
16. Establishment of regulations for the Fish-eating Creek WMA.
17. Approval of a rule to prohibit importation of leopard tortoises and African spurred tortoises without a permit from the Commission.
18. Amendment of the black mullet recreational bag limit.
19. Adopted the definition of the terms to be used in connection with the stone crab trap reduction.
20. Approved numerous stone crab rule clarifications.
23. Approval of stone crab trap transfer procedures.
24. Approval of the extension of the current moratorium on stone crab endorsements until July 1, 2001.
25. Establishment of requirements and process for reducing stone crab traps, and establishment of a trap certificate advisory and appeals board for the program.
26. Establishment of a list of prohibited acts that will result in enhanced enforcement against molestation or theft of traps and misuse of trap tags.
27. Approval of a prohibition of the harvest of red porgy, now subject to an emergency harvest closure.
28. Approval of definitions of horseshoe crab and horseshoe crab harvest.
29. Approval of horseshoe crab harvest restrictions.
30. Review of a draft rule proposal concerning commercial permits to collect species for scientific, educational and exhibitional purposes.
31. Review of proposed rule options concerning spotted seatrout.
32. Consideration of a report concerning the feeding of sharks and other marine animals by divers.
33. Consideration of a report on legislation which allows certain persons to use tarp seine gear to harvest bait fish species in northwest Florida until July 1.
34. Review of proposed rule

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# Bears, Greyhounds stay alive



**Senior point guard Mary Lou Johnston continues to step up big for Winter Springs in the FHSAA State Playoffs as the Bears make a run at back-to-back state championships in two different classes.**

Johnston scored 14 points and hit three big three-pointers in a 23-point third quarter, and four for the game, as No. 2 state-ranked Winter Springs crushed Leon, 71-41, in the Class 6A-Regional Semifinals in Tallahassee Tuesday night.

The Bears, who improved to 29-3, will advance to the Regional Finals on Saturday to play Orange Park (30-2), which ousted Evans Tuesday.

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## Winter Springs, Lyman win in routs, Seminole falls in Regional Girls Basketball Semifinals

**By Dean Smith**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**LONGWOOD** - Two of the three Seminole Athletic Conference girls basketball teams left in the FHSAA Playoffs advanced to the Regional Finals in crushing fashion on Tuesday.

Host Lyman jumped on St. Cloud for a 16-4 lead after the first quarter and never looked back in whipping the Bulldogs (20-11), 69-33.

Celeste Hudson poured in 18 points and Jessica Florenza added 17 points as the Greyhounds improved to 26-5 and will now play George Jenkins from Lakeland on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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SEMIFINALS		Lakeland-George Jenkins 57, Seminole (22-7) 46	
FRIDAY 2/25		Lyman 69, St. Cloud (20-11) 33	
Boca Raton-Spanish River vs. Coral Gables, 1 p.m.		CLASS 6A-SEMIFINALS	
Lake Howell (25-6-2) vs. Valrico-Hoisingdale, 3 p.m.		TUESDAY 2/22	
		Winter Springs 71, Tallahassee-Leon (13-11) 41	
FINALS		CLASS 5A-FINALS	
SATURDAY 2/26		SATURDAY 2/26	
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## Spruce Creek ends SAC perfection in Raminole

**By Dean Smith**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SANFORD** - Turron hurried a four-hitter and Spruce Creek scored two runs in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie as the Hawks handed host Seminole a 3-1 setback in the Raminole Classic at Alumni Field on Tuesday, ending the Seminole Athletic Conference's perfect run in the tournament.

But that was the only blemish on the SAC's report card as Winter Springs scored seven runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat Seabreeze 10-7 at Seminole, while at Lake Mary, the Rams defeated New Smyrna Beach Barracudas 6-1 and Lyman scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to defeat Mainland, 5-2.

After two days in the tournament, the SAC stands 6-1 against its Volusia County foe.

Ryan Tretlein (2-0) picked up his second win scattering five hits over seven innings while striking out five and walking two as Lake Mary improved to 5-1 on the season.

The Rams offense was led by Matt Horwath's 3-for-3 performance.

Also contributing were Chad

Please see **Baseball**, Page 2B

## SCC softball sweeps conference lidlifter

**By Dean Smith**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SANFORD** - The Seminole Community College softball team got its Mid-Florida Conference schedule started on the right foot, sweeping St. Johns River Community College from Palatka, 13-2 and 1-0, at Lady Raider Field Tuesday.

"A nice way to start off conference play, going 2-0," said SCC head coach Courtney Miller. "I wish the second game hadn't been so close, but SJRCC did a nice job of coming up with big plays and their pitcher kept us off balance at the plate."

The Raiders got the M-FC season started with a bang, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first inning of the first game and then putting five runs on the board in the third inning to take a 13-0 lead before the Vikings scored two unearned runs in the fourth inning of the game stopped after five innings by the run rule.

Lyman's Miranda Schultz drove in four runs with only one hit, but it was a bases-loaded double, and Lake Mary's Jeanne Manz drove in three runs and scored three runs to highlight a 10-hit attack in the first game.

Manz finished the game 2-for-3 with a home run, while Lake Howell's Jen Gillespie was also 2-for-3, including a



Photo courtesy of Seminole Community College

Former Lyman star Miranda Schultz doubled and drove in four runs in the first game and went 2-for-3 with an RBI in the nightcap as the SCC softball team swept a doubleheader from St. Johns Tuesday.

## SFCC, Lytle defeat Raiders

**By Dean Smith**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**AVON PARK** - Seminole High School graduate Chaz Lytle scored the tying run and later drove in a run during a four-run sixth inning as host South Florida Community College rallied past Seminole Community College, 9-4, in Junior College baseball action Tuesday afternoon in Avon Park.

SCC took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Panthers came back with three runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The Raiders regained the lead in the top of the third inning with two more runs, but SFCC took the lead for good as Lytle singled and scored ahead of a home run by R. Handley in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Lytle, a left-handed hitting centerfielder, singled in a run and scored a run in the sixth inning that capped the scoring and evened the Panthers' record at 9-9.

SCC fell to 2-12.

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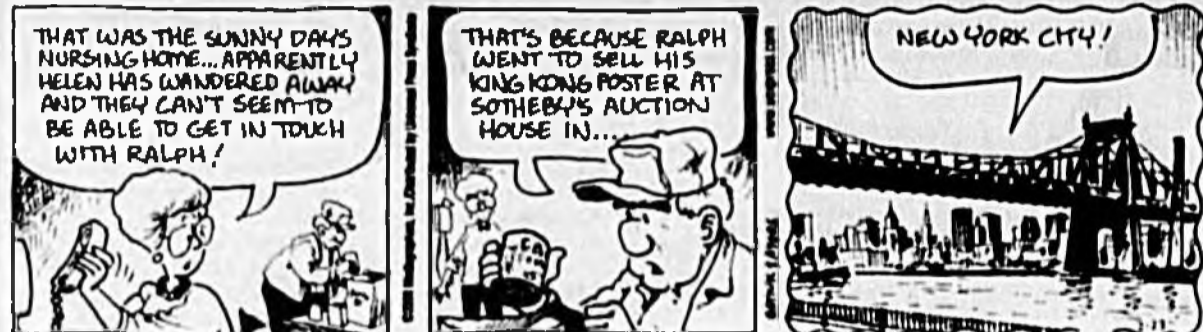
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### Your Birthday

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Improvements in your life are highly likely in the year ahead. However, they may come about after a few trials and tribulations point you in a new direction.  
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** In spite of everyone concurring on the advice they believe you should heed, you may opt to be rigid in your thinking. Be careful.

Stubbornness can be your worst enemy.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The worst thing you can do is to put your most difficult or distasteful jobs last on your list of what must get done today. Chances are you'll never get to them.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 23)** Even if your heart isn't in it, do your best to support an old friend in an issue where your pal is innocent or has a perfectly good reason for his or her actions. Don't be a coward.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't surrender to taking the easy way out by not trying to stop a domestic dispute that disrupts while out in public today. Help keep family issues private.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You should know better than to discuss something about which you feel enthusiastic with an associate who is notorious for his or her negative views.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Financial issues could be a problem for you today. This can come in all forms, from being short of cash to someone not paying you back a loan.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Rather than making waves today, you could yield to making some concession or commitment to something or someone your better judgment warns you against. Listen to your common sense.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Even if you don't lack the initiative or industriousness to accomplish your aims today, if you have planned poorly or do not have the correct tools, nothing will get done.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** The wrong types of associates can do wonders for destroying whatever optimism or good feelings you may start out with today. Choose your companions well.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Neither you nor your pals have the power to change the world, so avoid arguing with anyone whose views or opinions are contrary to yours. Be smart and stay clear of controversy.

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## Win at Bridge

### Fathers & daughters

Today's deal was written up by Alan Truscott, who has been the bridge correspondent for The New York Times for the last 36 years. His article about the deal was penned in 1962, just before his family moved to the United States. He doesn't name names, but we can draw the conclusion that he was playing with Fran, his 9-year-old daughter. Fran's jump to three spades was unusual. In England, it would have been treated as a strong jump shift. One feels Fran should have bid four spades. When her father doubled five clubs, Fran must have been nervous about overruling him by bidding five spades. Still, double-dummy, it takes a low-spade lead to net 800 points: spade to the queen, ace-king of hearts, heart ruff, diamond switch (or spade). As you can see, five spades doubled is easy to make because of the lovely

diamond position. West led a club. After winning with the jack, East made the strange switch to the heart four.



Phillip Alder Bridge

A reasonable line is to ruff, play a trump to the dummy, ruff another heart, return to dummy with a trump, and run the hearts from the top. When they split 4-4, declarer is home, not needing luck in diamonds. If they are 5-3, she can ruff a club to hand for a diamond lead toward dummy's king. Instead, Fran discarded a diamond at trick two, cashed dummy's top trumps, threw another diamond on the second top heart, ruffed a heart in hand, and led a diamond for plus 850. I hope Fran pointed out that with the king-queen of spades, Alan should have redoubled!

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♠ K Q			
♥ A K 10 7 3			
♦ K 6 5 3			
♣ 9 8			
West	East		
♠ J 3	♥ 4		
♥ J 6 5 2	♦ Q 8 8 4		
♦ A Q	♣ 9 8 4		
♣ 7 6 5 4 2	♠ A K Q J 3		
South			
♠ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 2			
♥ ---			
♦ J 10 7 2			
♣ 10			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
3 ♠	5 ♣	1 ♥	2 ♠
5 ♣	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
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## Doctor Gott

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a unique language and often in terrible handwriting, what happens to people who are sick or injured. Also, they are the legal property of the doctor or hospital, not of the patient. When a doctor releases her records to a patient, the physician is showing enormous respect and consideration, as well as revealing the doctor's very private mental processes that are vital for satisfactory diagnosis and treatment. The doctor is vulnerable when she shares this information, because — in some cases — it may be wrongly interpreted. The records of a patient with an emotional illness are particularly difficult for a non-medical person to assimilate. In addition, rehashing this material will invariably produce a welter of pain and anguish, the very antithesis of good medical care. Reviewing the record might unnecessarily open up wounds and undo valuable therapy that the patient has received. You would do better, I believe, by asking your physician for a verbal summary of your depression. This way, you can obtain the information you desire, and it can be an integral part

of your ongoing treatment.  
DEAR DR. GOTT: After going on a strict weight-reduction diet for six months, I became severely constipated. Now I'm hooked on laxatives and must take up to seven doses a day. What can I do?  
DEAR READER: Strict diets often deprive people of bulk and roughage, leading to constipation. Perhaps you can get back on track by adding non-caloric bulk to the foods you eat: either more fiber and vegetables or commercial preparations, such as Fibercon or Metamucil. In addition, dried fruits, such as prunes and apricots, will often relieve constipation, as well as supply bulk and various minerals to your diet. Finally, you should increase your fluid intake. Avoid taking daily laxatives — especially in large quantities — because they can cause vitamin deficiencies and your intestine may become dependent on them. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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 10158. Be sure to mention the title. Copyright 2000 NEA



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