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Selecting a Christmas tree

How do you select and care for a fresh Christmas tree? Tricia Thomas has all the answers in her gardening column today. See Page 3B.

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Police watch over toddler

SANFORD — Sanford Police continue to patrol the area surrounding the home of a Sanford toddler who was adopted by a local couple in Scotland and brought here.

According to Lt. Mike Rotundo, a police spokesman, the natural mother of the child has travelled from Scotland and is staying in the Sanford area. The adoptive parents have reason to believe the mother might attempt to kidnap the child, Rotundo said.

Rotundo said that the adoptive parents have all the necessary papers to prove that the adoption of the child was legal.

Rotundo said that the biological mother is, to the best of his knowledge, still in the Sanford area today, but she has made no moves toward the child or the adoptive parents since arriving here over the weekend.

Police will continue to patrol the area surrounding the home of the child and his parents as long as they feel it is necessary, Rotundo said.

Two share jackpot

TALLAHASSEE — The holders of a pair of lucky tickets will share last week's Lotto grand prize, estimated at \$20 million, lottery officials said.

One winning ticket was purchased in the Hillsborough County town of Dover, and the other was bought in Port Orange in Volusia County. Lottery Secretary Marla Mann said Sunday.

The jackpot had rolled over from the previous week's drawing, when no one got all six winning numbers. The Department of the Lottery has guaranteed minimum \$10 million weekly jackpots for December.

A total of 314 tickets were sold matching five of the winning numbers. Each brought a prize of \$4,307. Tickets matching four of the six correct numbers totaled 16,746, each worth \$118.

From staff and wire reports

SHARING IS THE BEST PART OF THE HOLIDAYS



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18 shopping days to Christmas

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Bright sun shincy day



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. High in the low 70s. Wind southwest at 10 to 15 mph. Rain chance 20 percent.

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Welcome center dedication

Sanford allocates \$10,000 for Mainstreet Program operation

By NICK PFEIFAUER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A welcome center will be dedicated Thursday at 101 W. First Street in downtown Sanford. The main purpose will be to get the Mainstreet Project underway.

The new center is being sponsored by the recently formed Historic Sanford Association which will be located at 101 W. First Street. When operational, it will be the headquarters for the Mainstreet Program, focusing on fund raising efforts which will get under early in the new year. The efforts will include applications for grants with which to handle a major downtown refurbishing project.

Andres Duany, had recommended the city become involved in the Mainstreet Program. His suggestion was made as part of the Duany project which deals mostly in recommendations for the revitalization of the historic residential district of the city.

The Historic Sanford Association is holding a workshop meeting at the new center tonight beginning at 6 p.m. to discuss future plans for the project.

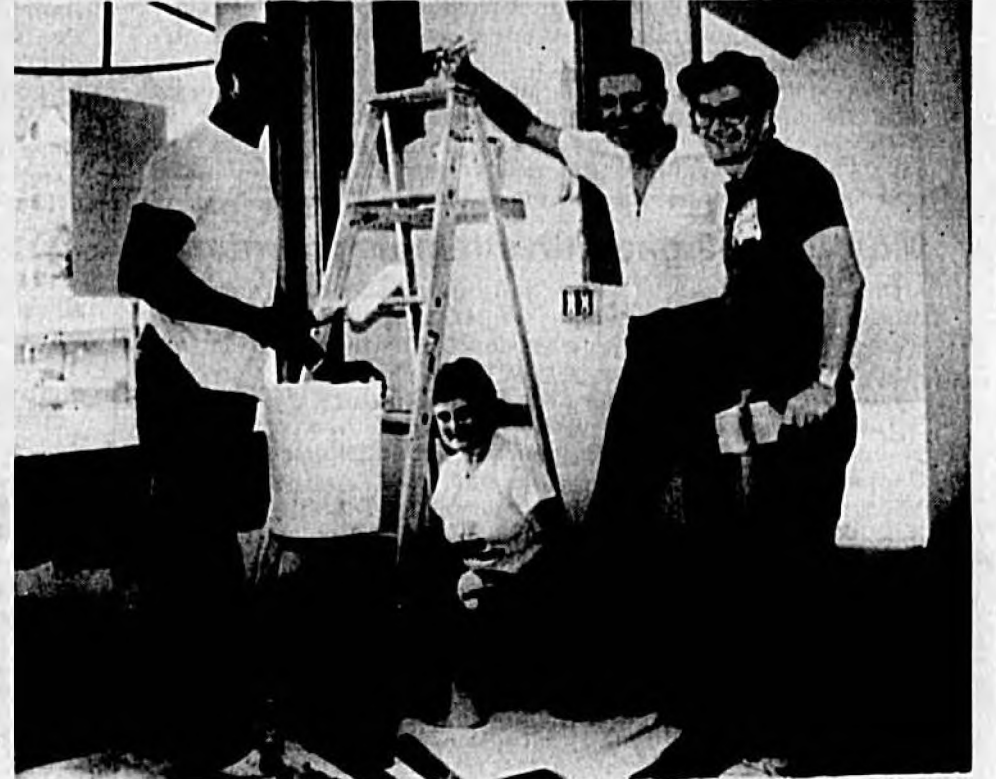
The City of Sanford has allocated \$10,000 in matching funds to be used for the operation of the Mainstreet Program.

Part of the matching amount is to be made through the donation of the office area at 101 W. First Street by Helen Stairs, co-chairman of the association, for a 3-year period.

At a recent meeting, the Sanford City Commission approved having information signs built and installed at various locations throughout the city. The request, submitted by City Manager Bill Simmons, was approved with very little discussion.

A total of 18 signs were recommended, at a cost of \$40 each. Simmons said the money could be taken from the local option gas tax fund.

Simmons recommended the signs "...be provided to guide
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Herald Photo by Ed Korgan

Volunteers helped refurbish an office building to be used for Sanford's new Welcome Center, at 101 W. First Street. The operation is being established by the Historic Sanford Association. In addition to the walls, some paint splashed on Sanford City Manager Bill Simmons, third from left.

Pearl Harbor attacked 51 years ago



Herald Photo by Deborah Yingling

James L. 'Mac' McWhorter shows some of his World War II memorabilia.

Sanford pilot remembers

McWhorter flew 103 missions during World War II

Editor's note: Today, 51 years ago, Japanese pilots bombed Pearl Harbor in a surprise attack on the Pacific Fleet, killing and wounding thousands. President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared World War II following the brutal attack.

By DEBORAH YINGLING
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — First Lt. James L. "Mac" McWhorter knew he had a problem when he felt the enemy

shells hit his P-47 Thunderbolt.

McWhorter looked back and saw black smoke billowing from his plane, the Haulin' Ass II. The sky was filled with the ominous dark residue of oil as the engine of his aircraft poured out its life blood somewhere over Cousances and La Haye Pensec, north of the Brest Peninsula in German-occupied France. The serious nature of his situation gave him only two options, both undesirable. He could either use his parachute and bail out of his plane or he

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Longwood water, sewer increases on agenda

By GEORGE DUNCAN
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Prior to the Longwood City Commission meeting tonight, commissioners will meet in a special work session to discuss, and probably complain about, Seminole County's recent water and sewer rate increase.

On Tuesday commissioners have a meeting scheduled with Seminole county commissioners to discuss the same issue.

However, last month commissioners wanted a work session with their city attorney and city administrator to discuss the issue before meeting with the county.

The commission will also hear the first reading of an ordinance amending the personnel policies and procedures of the city.

Last month, Mayor Paul Lovstrand and at least one commissioner had objections to some parts of the proposed new ordinance. Lovstrand objected to the increase in longevity pay for city employees. Commissioner Steve Miller also voiced some questions about the new ordinance.

Longevity pay was slated to be \$75 for each continuous year of city service to a maximum of \$1,000, an increase from a current maximum of \$750.

Personnel Director Jim Coleman said the personnel package was about the same as it was at the last Longwood commission meeting.

At that time, the ordinance was
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Lake Mary Sports Complex dedicated

By VICKI DeBORNIER
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The grass isn't completely grown in in the outfields of the new Lake Mary Sports Complex, but the 35 or so people who were on hand for Saturday morning's dedication ceremonies didn't seem to notice.

Shelia Sawyer of Lake Mary said she thought the complex, only about a third complete, is one of the most beautiful community sports facilities she has seen.

"I think this is a beautiful complex," she said. The black fences surrounding the fields contrast with the still-bright, white sidewalks that wind between the fields and to the parking lot.

There is still some landscaping to be done, but the land around the fields is spotlessly clean.

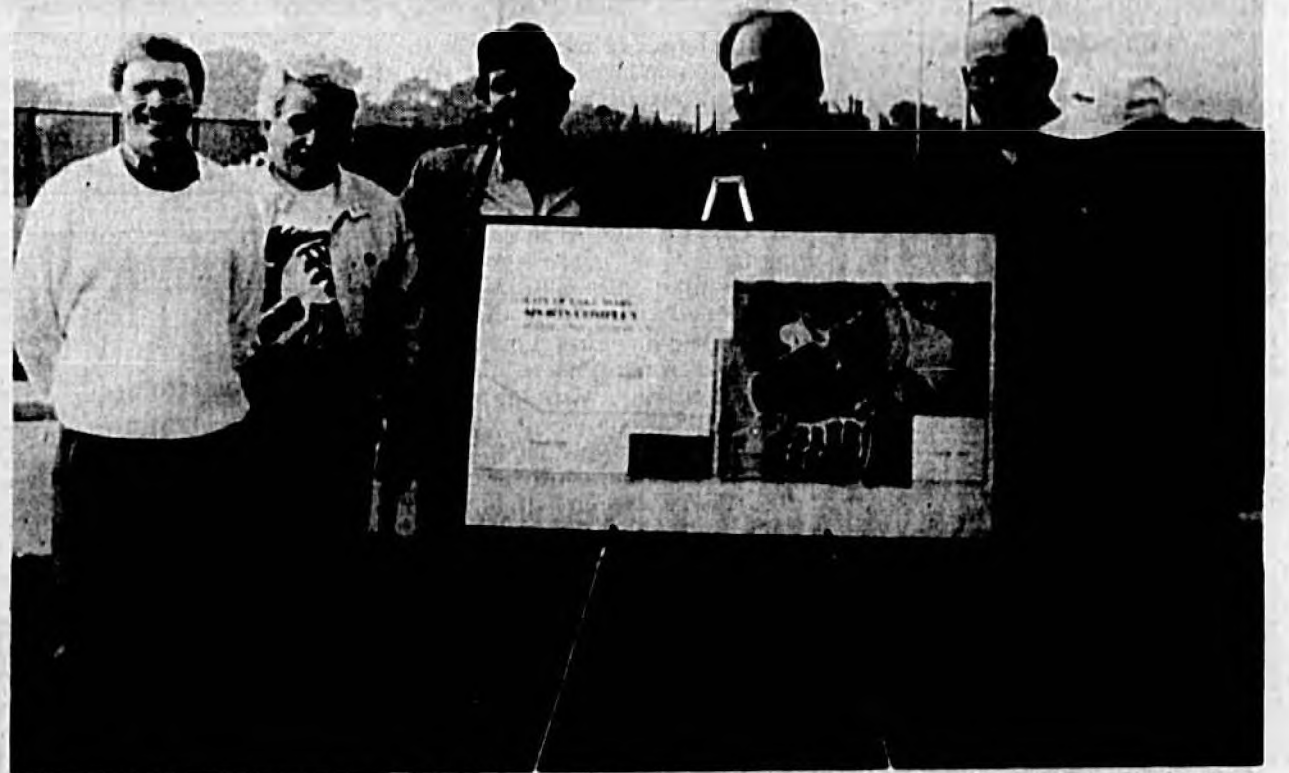
The sports complex, two years in the making, has cost the city nearly \$2 million so far, including the cost of the land.

The 45-acre site was purchased almost two years ago, though construction only began in July.

"There's been a lot of work done in the five months they've been working on this," outgoing mayor Randy Morris said.

John Holland, parks and recreation director for the city of Lake Mary, said that he believes the park will serve the city and its people well.

Morris said the park, which was dedicated to
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The entire Lake Mary City Commission turned out for the city's Sports Complex dedication Saturday. Left to right, Commissioners David Meador and George Duryea, Mayor Randy Morris, Commissioners Paul Tremel and A.R. "Doc" Jore, and City Manager John Litton. The event is the last official dedication for Meador and Morris, who did not seek reelection.

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Authorities retrace kidnap slayings

By Associated Press

KISSIMMEE — Three Kissimmee men traveled separate paths from a Polk County group police called "the Jack Boys" until a clash that led to a kidnapping and two slayings, investigators say.

On the night of Nov. 28, the two groups spent a night of drinking, hip-hop music and dancing at the Royal Palm bar in St. Cloud, say authorities piecing together the events.

Just an hour after leaving, two of the Kissimmee men, Anthony Clifton and Anthony Faiella, were dead. A third, Michael Rentas, had survived by luck, and Clifton's girlfriend, Tammy George, had been forced to witness his execution.

The others, two sets of cousins, said were members of a loose-knit Polk County gang called "The Jack Boys," were jailed on armed robbery and armed-kidnapping charges. One, Alf Catholic, was charged with murder.

Police say he, Gerard Booker, Leonore Henderson and Jermaine Foster were driving a maroon 1974 Ford pickup truck stolen at gunpoint earlier from three men who were robbed and forced to strip.

"I think you can classify them as a group of neighborhood boys who thought they were bad."

-Maj. Grady Judd

Booker and Catholic are second cousins; Henderson and Foster are first cousins.

Police think Catholic purposely rammed the pickup into a black Nissan Pathfinder driven by the Faiella.

Friends and relatives described Faiella and his friends as hard-working. He and Rentas had begun jobs at a grocery distributor in Poinciana; Clifton was about to be hired at a Gold's Gym, and George had a steady job at a nursing home.

Both groups partied Saturday night at the Royal Palm, a small brick building also known as "the Bottoms," police said.

Rentas and Faiella later agreed to drive Clifton and George to Clifton's house a few minutes away in St. Cloud. At a stop sign eight blocks from the house, Faiella felt a jolt.

As he got out to inspect the damage, two men got out of the pickup. "Is there a problem?" Rentas recalls Faiella asking. Police say one of the men pointed a pistol and said, "There is now."

Faiella and Rentas were told to get in the back of the Pathfinder. Two men from the truck got in, and one drove. About a mile south of Kissimmee, both vehicles turned off the highway and stopped in a pasture.

Police say one carjacker told the three men to strip and lie face down on the grass. Rentas and Clifton were naked except for their tennis shoes and white socks. Faiella had on only socks.

Merchants cautious of funny money

FORT WALTON BEACH — Some merchants in the Florida Panhandle have been casting a suspicious eye on new dollar bills, but federal officials say there's nothing funny about the money.

Most people probably wouldn't notice anything amiss, but subtle differences in the placement and type of code numbers and lettering on the bills triggered alarms in the minds of merchants on the lookout for counterfeit money.

"You wouldn't believe how many calls on those we've had," said Elaine Sagun, an investigative assistant for the Secret Service in Mobile, Ala.

"You've got a rumor floating around that a lot of counterfeit bills have been dumped in your area. That's just not true."

The odd-looking bills are reprints of the 1988 A-series, she said. They were printed with a new system that links both sides of the bills at once, but the process resulted in a few changes.

Motorist charged with attempted murder

DESTIN — A motorist who ran through a barricade, narrowly missing a overturned propane tanker and workers who were trying to clean up the wreckage, faces attempted murder and other charges.

Paul Wayne Rushing, 26, of DeFuniak Springs was arrested Saturday after police chased him in cars and then on foot after he pulled into a condominium parking lot and started running, Okaloosa County sheriff's deputies said.

"He missed the tanker by inches," said firefighter Gary Krushke of nearby Fort Walton Beach. "This guy was going so fast through it. He blew out some of the flame."

Three propane technicians were burning off the gas in an effort to prevent it from exploding when the truck was righted. A broken valve prevented them from transferring it to another tanker.

Rushing was charged with attempted second-degree murder, resisting arrest with force, reckless driving and fleeing and eluding an officer.

The chase early Saturday interrupted a 24-hour effort to clean up the tanker wreckage in downtown Destin. The accident Friday night on U.S. highway 98 forced the evacuation of a half-dozen homes and several businesses within 700 feet of the scene.

Pro football player shoots wife

MIAMI — A 28-year-old former pro football player shot his estranged wife to death, then critically wounded his former girlfriend before committing suicide, police said.

Jonathan L. Sawyer had gotten into an argument with his 26-year-old wife, Tangeia, at about 5:30 a.m. at her Coral City home and shot her, according to Metro-Dade police.

Sawyer then drove her car to the One-Locks apartment of Marie Darby and shot her in the head while kicking in her door, police and witnesses said. She was in critical condition late Sunday at Jackson Memorial Hospital, said hospital spokesman Mike Corrigan.

Sawyer later contacted relatives who tried to convince him to surrender as officers stood by, said police detective Patrick Brickman.

"It was best thought that the family members could approach him in the easiest way," Brickman said.

But Sawyer turned the gun on himself, police said.

Relatives of the women said both had gotten restraining orders against Sawyer in Miami-Dade County.

He was held on a temporary bond during the 1987 NFL strike.

MIAMI (AP) — Jonathan L. Sawyer, a former pro football player, shot his estranged wife to death and then critically wounded his former girlfriend before committing suicide.

Sawyer, 28, was arrested Saturday in Miami-Dade County after police found his car in the One-Locks apartment complex in Coral Gables.

Sawyer was charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder, attempted third-degree murder, attempted fourth-degree murder, attempted fifth-degree murder, attempted sixth-degree murder, attempted seventh-degree murder, attempted eighth-degree murder, attempted ninth-degree murder, attempted tenth-degree murder, attempted eleventh-degree murder, attempted twelfth-degree murder, attempted thirteenth-degree murder, attempted fourteenth-degree murder, attempted fifteenth-degree murder, attempted sixteenth-degree murder, attempted seventeenth-degree murder, attempted eighteenth-degree murder, attempted nineteenth-degree murder, attempted twentieth-degree murder, attempted twenty-first-degree murder, attempted twenty-second-degree murder, attempted twenty-third-degree murder, attempted twenty-fourth-degree murder, attempted twenty-fifth-degree murder, attempted twenty-sixth-degree murder, attempted twenty-seventh-degree murder, attempted twenty-eighth-degree murder, attempted twenty-ninth-degree murder, attempted thirtieth-degree murder, attempted thirty-first-degree murder, attempted thirty-second-degree murder, attempted thirty-third-degree murder, attempted thirty-fourth-degree murder, attempted thirty-fifth-degree murder, attempted thirty-sixth-degree murder, attempted thirty-seventh-degree murder, attempted thirty-eighth-degree murder, attempted thirty-ninth-degree murder, attempted fortieth-degree murder, attempted forty-first-degree murder, attempted forty-second-degree murder, attempted forty-third-degree murder, attempted forty-fourth-degree murder, attempted forty-fifth-degree murder, attempted forty-sixth-degree murder, attempted forty-seventh-degree murder, attempted forty-eighth-degree murder, attempted forty-ninth-degree murder, attempted fiftieth-degree murder, attempted fifty-first-degree murder, attempted fifty-second-degree murder, attempted fifty-third-degree murder, attempted fifty-fourth-degree murder, attempted fifty-fifth-degree murder, attempted fifty-sixth-degree murder, attempted fifty-seventh-degree murder, attempted fifty-eighth-degree murder, attempted fifty-ninth-degree murder, attempted sixtieth-degree murder, attempted sixty-first-degree murder, attempted sixty-second-degree murder, attempted sixty-third-degree murder, attempted sixty-fourth-degree murder, attempted sixty-fifth-degree murder, attempted sixty-sixth-degree murder, attempted sixty-seventh-degree murder, attempted sixty-eighth-degree murder, attempted sixty-ninth-degree murder, attempted seventieth-degree murder, attempted seventy-first-degree murder, attempted seventy-second-degree murder, attempted seventy-third-degree murder, attempted seventy-fourth-degree murder, attempted seventy-fifth-degree murder, attempted seventy-sixth-degree murder, attempted seventy-seventh-degree murder, attempted seventy-eighth-degree murder, attempted seventy-ninth-degree murder, attempted eightieth-degree murder, attempted eighty-first-degree murder, attempted eighty-second-degree murder, attempted eighty-third-degree murder, attempted eighty-fourth-degree murder, attempted eighty-fifth-degree murder, attempted eighty-sixth-degree murder, attempted eighty-seventh-degree murder, attempted eighty-eighth-degree murder, attempted eighty-ninth-degree murder, attempted ninetieth-degree murder, attempted ninety-first-degree murder, attempted ninety-second-degree murder, attempted ninety-third-degree murder, attempted ninety-fourth-degree murder, attempted ninety-fifth-degree murder, attempted ninety-sixth-degree murder, attempted ninety-seventh-degree murder, attempted ninety-eighth-degree murder, attempted ninety-ninth-degree murder, attempted one hundredth-degree murder.

The highest bid was \$1,275 for a "Two Virgins" album by John Lennon and Yoko Ono that had been signed by both artists.

"The signature is the only reason I got it," said Pensacola physician Tim Brooks. "That's the only thing that makes it valuable."

Most of the memorabilia once lined the walls of Yost's City Lights and Sports Page bars in Pensacola. The businesses were part of a collapsed real estate and entertainment empire once estimated to be worth at least \$50 million.

Yost, a native of Panama City, was a Horatio Alger success story in the 1980s. He also owned Mariner shopping centers, restaurants, apartments, condominiums and offices in Pensacola, Panama City, Fort Walton Beach and elsewhere in the Florida Panhandle.

From Associated Press reports

City ad names 57 prostitution Johns

By Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — Mayor Nancy Graham made good her promise to publicize the names of 57 men arrested for allegedly soliciting prostitutes, taking out a paid ad in the local newspaper.

The quarter-page ad, which ran Sunday in The Palm Beach Post, lists the suspect's name, age and hometown, with an introduction saying when they were arrested — in this case, Nov. 20.

"The City of West Palm Beach, its residents and its police officers will not tolerate violations of the law," the ad concluded. "We will continue to conduct these operations, and publish the names of individuals arrested for soliciting for prostitution, each and every time it occurs."

It bore the mayor's signature. "Other communities have of late named in newspapers. But we believe this is the first time a city has paid for an ad to publish the names."

The ad quickly generated a protest from one of the men listed, even though he had already told his wife, the man's lawyer said.

"We nor any other innocent

person, should suffer further humiliation, embarrassment and invasion of privacy," the man's attorney, Michael Small, wrote in a letter delivered Friday to the mayor and Post Publisher Tom Gluffrida.

But Graham has vowed to run ads listing the names of the men arrested in prostitution stings, the so-called Johns, until the problem is eliminated.

Graham acted without City Commission consent, ordering the \$1,017 ad to be paid from her office budget.

The mayor, a lawyer, sought legal advice from State Attorney-elect Barry Krischer, who said the ad would break no law. Graham's assistant Susan Olson said.

Even before it was published, the ad achieved its goal of drawing attention, the aide said.

The mayor's office has been deluged with calls from men hoping their names won't be on the list. Most say they're calling on behalf of a friend or relative who was wrongfully arrested, City Hall receptionist Patricia King said.

The Post's publisher said he has no problem running the ads.

"It's public record," Gluffrida said. "If the government wants to publish it, they've obtained to publish it."

Accused arsonist was molested by church member

By Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Investigators have shed new light on why the man accused of setting 17 church fires in Florida and four in Tennessee might have a grudge against places of worship.

Patrick Lee Frank was sexually molested as a child by a church member in East Ridge, Tenn., where he grew up and where some of the fires were set,

authorities say they were told.

Frank was arrested in November 1991. David Guy, arson investigator with the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office in Nashville, said Friday that sexual assaults may have triggered the church-burning spree.

"It didn't surprise me once the facts came to light," Guy told the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale. "It added up. He was abused in his childhood, and then many years later he



Deck the halls Carol Lindsay and Lindsay Berg turned the Park Avenue Antique Mall into a Christmas Wonderland during the Winter Antique and Art Festival of the mall on Saturday.

began to take it out spitefully on churches."

The Rev. John D. Gillespie, pastor of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Gainesville, said he and other church leaders long wondered why their churches were targets of an arsonist.

"Part of me was wanting him to be completely crazy in hopes there could be no rational reason for his attacking churches," Gillespie said.

when they talked with Frank's family and friends that someone connected to an East Ridge church had sexually assaulted Frank on several occasions.

Guy wouldn't say who molested Frank, how the person was connected to the church or whether it was one of the churches that Frank is accused of burning.

"It is unknown whether the assaults took place in the church," Guy said.

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Florida Lottery.
Lotto 11-10-92-99-47.
Cash 9 1-2-7
Play 6 6-6-6

THE WEATHER
Today: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. High in the lower 70s. Wind continued 10 to 15 mph. Rain chance 50 percent.
Tonight and Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Low in the mid to low 60s. High in the mid 70s. Wind southwest 10 mph Monday night.
Extended forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy. A chance of rain in the morning. Low in the 60s and the high in the mid 70s. Thursday: Variable cloudiness with a chance of showers. Low in the upper 50s. High in the mid 70s. Friday: Dominant cloudiness and steady rain in the morning. High in the mid 70s.
SUNSHINE TABLE
SUNSHINE: Min. 3:10 a.m., 3:25 p.m.; Max. 9:15 a.m., 9:45 p.m. TEMPS: Daytona Beach: high, 6:15 a.m., 8:30 p.m.; low, a.m., 12:54 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 6:30 a.m., 8:34 p.m.; low, a.m., 12:39 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 6:25 a.m., 8:40 p.m.; low, a.m., 12:54 p.m.
ST. AUGUSTINE (to Jupiter Inlet): Today and tonight: Wind southwest 15 to 20 mph. Sea 4 to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy. Widely scattered areas of light rain.

Table with columns for City, High, Low, Precip. and other weather data for various cities including Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Burlington, VT, Charlotte, N.C., Chicago, Cleveland, Colorado Springs, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Miss., Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York City, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Pittsburgh, Portland, Maine, Salt Lake City, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.

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EDITORIALS

Area economy could fly with Skybus

When the Skybus lifts off from the Sanford airport December 19 on a direct flight to Newark, local airport officials are optimistic the airlines will help the local economy take off, too.

Officials of the Fort Lauderdale-based company feel sure that the local flights will be profitable and beneficial, both to it and Sanford.

Last month saw the beginning of a helicopter transport from the local airport to Orlando International. Airport officials are negotiating with Southwest Airlines to set up a service here, too.

Seminole County has the population and the business interests to support such operations. The officials of Skybus were vice to include Sanford in their list of cities served by their planes.

In the days of heavy traffic and clogged highways, traveling by air is often the quickest and sometimes the cheapest way to go. And it remains a remarkably safe way to travel.

Officials of the firm have promised affordable fares and efficient service for all passengers. Keeping that promise will assure a growing passenger list.

The Skybus flights are an indication of the growing importance of the Sanford airport. Members of the Central Florida Regional Airport Authority have acted wisely and prudently in their administration of the airport, opening the way for such new firms as Skybus to come in.

Recent national economic indications are positive and show the economy may well be on the road to recovery. If that's the case, then both cities and counties should be preparing for a robust recovery.

The Skybus flights are one indication that, as the recovery comes, Sanford will be ready to take off with it.

Endorsements

To recap, the *Sanford Herald* has expressed approval of a Sanford mayoral candidate and a District 1 City Commission candidate. Voting for the two posts will be held tomorrow.

For mayor, we endorse Bettye Smith. The editorial in which our reasons were detailed appeared in the *Herald* November 29.

For District 1, we endorse Lon Howell. The original editorial appeared November 30.

LETTERS

No endorsement

After reading an article in Commissioner Lon Howell's campaign brochure, I am urged to write this letter so that the public and the voters will know the truth.

My wife, Juanita, and myself do not endorse nor support Commissioner Lon Howell's re-election. In fact, it was about two weeks ago he asked me for my support and I told him I would not because I am supporting Mr. Jordan Beckner.

It was a surprise to me to see Mr. Lon Howell use part of a letter I wrote for him during the year 1991, which he asked me to write after he was accused of purchasing drugs. Since then, I know things about Mr. Howell which gives me a bitter taste, as these things in my opinion are unbecoming an elected official.

This can be supported by an article in the *Sanford Herald*, "Judgment against city commissioner" dated Nov. 8, 1992, and his action in the Hopper Academy project. My wife, Juanita, and I will not ever again support Mr. Lon Howell for any office.

J.L. DeLattibaudiere
Sanford

Support for mayor

This is to indicate my strongest support for Mayor Bettye Smith. I find her to be a public servant of the highest integrity, courage and devoted to the improvement of the quality of life for all of the citizens of Sanford.

Rep. Also J. Reddick
Orlando

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

NAT HENTOFF

How kids learn about the Constitution

During the presidential campaign, I was in Columbus for a session of the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education. Sponsored by the state ACLU, the Bar Association, the attorney general's office and the state Supreme Court, the center has greatly quickened kids' interest in the rights and liberties they share with the rest of us — quiet as that sharing is kept in most schools.

For instance, youngsters in schools throughout Ohio now compete in mock trial competitions with at least the same passion as their schoolmates do in basketball tournaments.

While there, I looked through some of the books that textbook publishers — quick to move in on a growing market — have been pushing. In "The Living Constitution" (Glencoe/McGraw Hill), the students are introduced to the "strict guidelines" police must follow before they can search and seize. The Fourth Amendment, the kids are told, requires a search warrant — and probable cause to get that search warrant. The warrant, moreover, has to very specifically indicate what is to be searched for. And because of the exclusionary rule, "even illegal items found during an unauthorized search cannot be used as evidence in a trial."

I was glad to see that kids are being taught the exclusionary rule — without which the Fourth Amendment is a sham. Some reporter should

ask the new president what he thinks about that rule. His predecessor wanted to do away with it.

I mentioned during one of the sessions that a presidential campaign could be a valuable teaching instrument not only for kids but also for all of us whom the Constitution connects beneath our multicultural identities. But it didn't happen in this or any election year. The candidates spent hardly any time on the state of health of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment (equal protection under the law). For instance, I do not recall any serious discussion of affirmative action. Instead of preference being race-specific, would it not be more fair and

more constitutional to base affirmative action on class? That was the position of William O. Douglas, perhaps the most liberal Supreme Court justice in our history. If preference were given on the basis of poverty and on greatly unequal access to jobs and education, white kids in West Virginia would benefit along with black youngsters in Los Angeles.

Fortunately, programs like those brought into the schools by the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education are making students in some other states more involved in the unexpected delights of constitutional arguments, including those concerning affirmative action.

In those states, cities and towns, however, where there's little if any funding for making the Constitution come alive, there are other ways for the work of the Framers to become immediate and exciting. For instance, Dorothy Middleton, a Wyoming public school librarian, celebrated the Bicentennial of the Constitution in 1987 by orchestrating a series of brown-bag lunches. Judges came, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law professors, cops, mayors, legislators.

All the adults volunteered; the students brought their own lunches; and so the project did not cost the taxpayers a cent. For the students, it was also voluntary, but word went around, and the sessions were very well attended.



Youngsters compete in mock trials with the same passion as schoolmates do in basketball tournaments.



JACK ANDERSON

Air Force head too image-conscious

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Merrill A. "Tony" McPeak is a former fighter pilot who proved he had the right stuff when he flew 269 combat missions over the jungles of Vietnam. Now he is locked in a bureaucratic dogfight over his obsession with appearances, which he has been known to take to comic extremes.

The emphasis on style has not been lost on the Air Force rank-and-file, some of whom

have launched a bureaucratic-style guerrilla movement by using an underground press to poke fun at each step of McPeak's controversial reign.

In the second and most recent of what these secret scribbles call the "Brown Papers," McPeak is tweaked for his attempt to mold the Air Force in his own image — what critics derisively call the "manly man" look.

Both Brown Papers have especially made light of McPeak's decision to ban crew-neck T-shirts for open-necked uniforms, in favor of V-neck T-shirts. "The implication, of course, is that the more chest hair, the better," the first Brown Paper states.

"To be a true age of the manly man, we must develop a distinctive Air Force uniform," the second Brown Paper states, going on to list the three no-nos for the fashion-conscious fighter pilot. "The third worst thing is to wear the wrong kind of undergarments ... the manly man pays great attention to undergarments."

Indeed, many critics got their first glimpse of McPeak's leadership style when one of his first executive decisions was to change the Air Force uniforms. McPeak personally introduced the \$1.5 million prototype uniform on Halloween 1991, strutting it around the Pentagon's hallways. Air Force minions immediately began comparing the new uniform to something out of the television series "The Love Boat."

Shortly after the uniforms were unveiled, McPeak again had his sense of style insulted when a renegade graffiti artist drew a mustache on the general's official portrait with a felt-tip marker. The defaced oil painting hung on a Pentagon wall for a full day to the amusement of passersby in a busy hallway before it was taken down and repaired.

The "Brown Papers" appear to have sprung up partly as a result of anxiety among non-pilots in the Air Force, who fear they'll be the first ones eliminated when McPeak transforms the force into a leaner outfit geared more to fighter jocks than support personnel.

"Cries of so-called 'equal opportunity' are misplaced. The Air Force does provide equal opportunity for everyone within their genetic limitations. The problem has been that those without the genes to see like an eagle or to produce the proper neck-to-waist ratio actually think that they can compete with the manly men that do," reads the second Brown Paper, obtained by our associate Ed Henry.

While the rank-and-file enjoy a laugh at McPeak's expense, the general has employed a tactic most recently used by Ross Perot — an "infomercial" — where McPeak appears, pointer in hand, to explain the cutbacks and changes confronting the Air Force.

The video, which features a grim, sober-looking McPeak, was sent to all Air Force personnel. "This drawdown hurts. It hurts bad. The Air Force has been a family, and now we're hurting the family," McPeak says. "We shouldn't grumble (about future budget cuts), fight the problem or get mad about it." A stoic McPeak reminds his troops. "We're damn good now and we're going to get even better."

HODDING CARTER

What's important to Clinton?

Bill Clinton's transition has been a thing of efficiency and dispatch so far. His teams were put in place with a minimum of false starts, staffed for the most part by competent, experienced hands, and all outward signs point to purposeful work within. But the key to understanding what kind of government he intends to run is not to be found in the machinery of the transition. To find that, look to the people he selects to fill the most important jobs in his administration — and to the ones he does not.

If the past is any guide to the future, Bill Clinton will have started to show his hand when this is read. Early to mid-December has been the usual time for a new president to begin introducing his top appointments to the country. Speculation along the Potomac — non-stop speculation — about the new lords of the Washington universe is fueled by names, lists of names, old, famous names, unknown, young, even out-of-town names. This time, however, this president-elect's first decision in each case is not the identity of the appointee but the purpose he envisions for the job. That done, he seeks the individual.

Start with this proposition: If Bill Clinton is to achieve his goals, he will name the men or women closest to him to the jobs that he believes will be the most important to his administration's success. Conversely, those jobs to which people of great distinction but brief acquaintance with their benefactor are nominated will be ones that stand higher in public estimation than in the new chief executive's calculations.

This leads to some working assumptions. If the president names a longtime intimate as national security adviser and puts a person in charge of the State Department whose public service resume is longer than his connection to Bill Clinton is deep, then you can be sure that Bill Clinton intends to run foreign policy himself. He will be emphatically serving notice that the new government will concentrate on a handful of pressing issues and let the rest sort themselves out without close American attention.

Similarly, if the much touted idea of a domestic security council is implemented, it will say more about the reality of power in making economic policy than the identities of the new Treasury secretary, director of the Office of Management and Budget or chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. The new structure would create a new power center, most notably in the person of the domestic security adviser, which by the very nature of its newness would be the center of action. Conversely, if the idea were abandoned, it would vastly increase the likelihood that economic policy would be set more collegially. And, the jobs at OMB and Treasury would become far more meaningful.

Finally, if the president decides to break Democratic Party precedent and name a chief of staff, it will be another strong signal that this will be a highly centralized presidency in which creativity in the Cabinet is less important than tidiness in decision-making. If there is no chief of staff, Cabinet government may be given another chance. Rather than a rigid pyramid, the geometry of power will be better captured by the image of a slowly tapering cone set upon a broad rectangle.

The basic point is that all the charts in the world are irrelevant to the way that power actually flows. Bobby Kennedy would have been at the center of Jack Kennedy's decision-making process in 1961 whether he was placed at the Justice Department or in a basement office in the White House. On the other hand, all the neat graphs showing the State Department's central role in policy-making in the Carter administration were irrelevant when measured against one overriding fact: The national security adviser saw the president several times a day. The secretary of State saw him a few times a week — when he was lucky. Since neither man had previously been a Carter intimate, proximity became power.

But when George Bush named Jim Baker, his oldest and closest political friend, to run State, he simultaneously put real control of foreign policy in Baker's hands. Not even a national security adviser as skilled in Byzantine power plays as Henry Kissinger could have competed successfully with him. Lesser, less well-connected men sporadically tried and failed.

In the case of Bill Clinton, one important point stands out. This is a man who has networked America. Clintonites are everywhere. After a decade and a half in highly visible public life — young though he is — he has a large circle of friends and intimates to call upon. Where he decides to use them will be indicative of how and where the lines of power intersect and connect.

There has been much talk of Senator X for this job and Notable Y for another, talk based less on their relationships with the president than the impressive record of their careers.



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Survivor recalls fateful day

By Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Fifty-one years ago today, Ralph Henderson was given up for dead. His hometown newspaper in Sparta, Ill., announced that the 20-year-old gunner's mate had been killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Soon after, his family received the first \$2,000 installment of his military death benefit. But news of his passing was premature; Henderson is still alive and well. On Dec. 7, 1941, he said, he and seven other crewmen of the USS California were trapped for more than 10 hours after the battleship was hit during the fateful attack. But they were very much alive when a carpenter's mate — the late John Collier of Green Cove Springs — cut a lock on the door and opened it. "When John opened that door, we were out of there," Henderson, now 71, "John told me later that he never saw so many feet in his life, from those guys climbing out of that compartment. Some of those boys almost went batty down there. But we just kept praying and listening." A few weeks after the smoke cleared, Henderson was shocked to read an announcement of his death. "I didn't even realize I was killed until I read it there," he said with a laugh. "I wasn't the only one. Several of us sat around and compared obituaries." Henderson said he doesn't know why the Navy reported him dead. He thinks it was because he and others were so busy working after the attack that they didn't report to roll calls, if any were even taken. He immediately notified his relatives, who cheerfully returned money from the insurance check.

The notarized letter that accompanied the check is laminated in a large, black scrapbook in the Henderson living room. Also there in what Henderson calls his "death book" are the telegram announcing his death, newspaper clippings, sympathy cards and letters from Henderson to his family after the erroneous report. Today, he and his wife Kathleen will join other Pearl Harbor survivors for a memorial service at sea aboard a cruiser, the USS Philippine Sea. Survivors, their widows and other invited guests will attend the service honoring the 2,403 military personnel and civilians killed in the attack. At last count, there were 104 members of the Northeast Florida chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, said association President Frederick Couture.

Even though a pilot had the right to be sent home if he was shot down and evaded capture, McWhorter decided to stay with his unit. It was during his fifteenth mission he was shot down. "I was getting hit on every mission with flack and it seemed that everything always happened in multiples of five. On the fifth mission, I was shot all up and made it back to the strip. On the tenth mission I was shot up real bad again and landed in an advanced Canadian field when I ran out of gas. On the fifteenth mission I went down behind enemy lines. "On the twentieth mission I figured that was going to be it. I had some guys in the outfit that owed me money and they said, 'We're not going to pay you, son. You'll never live through the war.' Well, I couldn't push them too much because I didn't think I was going to either." Miraculously, he didn't get a scratch on his plane for the rest of the war after that mission. McWhorter flew 103 missions during the war. He described the strategy used by the Americans to combat the jet aircraft introduced at the end of the war by the Germans. The Hell Hawk fighters, unable to match the speed of the jet planes, would "box in" the German pilot. Taking the enemy aircraft by surprise, American pilots would position themselves, above, below, in front, behind and on either side of the enemy. The hapless German pilot would be unable to maneuver and was forced to fly in the box until his jet ran out of fuel and would then crash. This strategy allowed the Americans to take advantage of the much shorter range of the German jets. McWhorter shot down one

Pilot

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Measchermitt 109 and destroyed three others on the ground. Noting the superior technology introduced by the Germans, especially toward the end of the war, he says, "We won the war in spite of ourselves." "I don't think of myself as a hero," he says modestly. "The real heroes were the guys fighting the battle on the ground. We were just there to support them." But as any infantry soldier will tell you, many of them would not have survived without the help of the Hell Hawks and all of the squadrons like them. McWhorter faced personal tragedies and triumphs after the war. He raised his family after the death of his first wife by himself, even doing the cooking for his daughters. He was named Father of the Year in 1988 by the Sanford Herald because of his dedication to his family. He is happily remarried and is looking forward to visiting his five daughters during the upcoming Christmas holidays. McWhorter has not forgotten his fellow pilots and even organized an official Hell Hawks' reunion held in Orlando.

wake for him." It was further understood a pilot's complete uniform would be shipped home to the fallen pilot's loved ones and the rest of the clothing was distributed among the remaining squadron members. Fortunately, McWhorter was able to get his clothing back, including his underwear, after a week or so. "Clothes were hard to come by," he says. Even though a pilot had the right to be sent home if he was shot down and evaded capture, McWhorter decided to stay with his unit. It was during his fifteenth mission he was shot down. "I was getting hit on every mission with flack and it seemed that everything always happened in multiples of five. On the fifth mission, I was shot all up and made it back to the strip. On the tenth mission I was shot up real bad again and landed in an advanced Canadian field when I ran out of gas. On the fifteenth mission I went down behind enemy lines. "On the twentieth mission I figured that was going to be it. I had some guys in the outfit that owed me money and they said, 'We're not going to pay you, son. You'll never live through the war.' Well, I couldn't push them too much because I didn't think I was going to either." Miraculously, he didn't get a scratch on his plane for the rest of the war after that mission. McWhorter flew 103 missions during the war. He described the strategy used by the Americans to combat the jet aircraft introduced at the end of the war by the Germans. The Hell Hawk fighters, unable to match the speed of the jet planes, would "box in" the German pilot. Taking the enemy aircraft by surprise, American pilots would position themselves, above, below, in front, behind and on either side of the enemy. The hapless German pilot would be unable to maneuver and was forced to fly in the box until his jet ran out of fuel and would then crash. This strategy allowed the Americans to take advantage of the much shorter range of the German jets. McWhorter shot down one

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Lake Mary welcomes new leadership, Santa

LAKE MARY — A special called meeting of the Lake Mary City Commission will be held tonight. The event is a combination holiday dedication and swearing-in ceremony. The first event will begin at 6:30 this evening, in Central Park, immediately adjacent to the city hall. It will feature the official illumination of the city Christmas tree, entertainment, refreshments, and a special appearance by Santa Claus. The called meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the commission chambers, Seminole County Circuit Court Judge Alan Dickey will preside over the swearing-in ceremonies for newly elected Mayor Lowry Rockett and Seat 1 City Commissioner Gary Brender.

Also to be sworn in will be Seat 3 Commissioner David Meador, who has been serving on Seat 1, but was elected to the new seat during the November general election. Also scheduled during tonight's meeting will be the selection of a new Deputy Mayor. Paul Tremel, who did not seek re-election has served in that position for the past year. With Randy Morris no longer serving as mayor, his post on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will also have to be filled. A special presentation of Community Service Awards will be made tonight by Brian Loe, president of the Lake Mary Community Improvement Association.

Welcome

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traffic which may be coming into the city from any one of our four major arterial routes, as well as the Amtrak station and the airport. The addition signs would be installed within the city to direct visitors to the new center. The new facility will serve as the center for information and pamphlets to guide visitors through the area, and identify the location of various attractions such as the Central Florida Zoo. The welcome center operation however, will coincide with the operation of the Maintreet Program fun raising efforts. A full-time manager is to be hired to handle the compiling and submission of various applications for funds which to operate the program.

Increases

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labeled until the city administrator could provide a complete cost breakdown of the package. Several commissioners said they wanted the exact cost of the new package before they would approve it. At tonight's meeting, commissioners will also select a city auditor for the coming year and decide on cost-of-living increases for retirees.

Sports

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the young people of Lake Mary and to the spirit of competition, was unique in its construction with the ball fields built at different levels. "You can stand up here (on the higher level) and look out at the fields like you sitting in the stands at a stadium," he said. Morris, several city officials and even Los Angeles Dodger shortstop Dave Anderson, who lives in the Timacuan subdivision in Lake Mary, took to the softball field after the ceremonies were over and tried to hit a home run. None succeeded. Perhaps the first homer should be an honor reserved for one of the youngsters who will be playing there soon. Phase Two of the park is scheduled to be completed in two to three years. That part will include tennis courts and racquetball facilities. Soon, a multi-purpose field, designed primarily for soccer, is nearly complete. The lights have been installed, though the field is not quite ready for use. The Lake Mary Sports Complex will be available to all residents of the city, though it is will serve mostly the youth. "It's going to be a fun, family place," said Morris.

ROBERT E. ASHCRAFT

Robert E. Ashcraft, 81, of Bonita Road, Winter Springs, died Saturday, Dec. 5, at South Seminole Community Hospital, Longwood. Born Jan. 25, 1931, in Milan, Ind., he moved to Central Florida in 1968. He was a retired Army officer and Catholic. Mr. Ashcraft was a Korean War veteran.

Survivors include wife, Marie; mother, Caroline, Milan; sons, Robert C., La Orange, Ga., Gregg, Lake Mary; sister, Joan Winter, Milan; brother, Charles, Milan.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

JOHNNY BELL

Johnny Bell, 80, 16 William Clark Court, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 5 at Hillhaven Healthcare Center, Sanford. Born in Brunswick, Ga., on Aug. 12, 1912. Bell was a recreation manager. He moved to Central Florida in 1929 and was a Baptist. He had no survivors.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of the arrangements.

THOMAS H. COTTON

Thomas H. Cotton, 41, Seventh Street, Casselberry, died Friday, Dec. 4 at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando. Born on Aug. 12, 1951, in Orlando, he was a lifelong resident. He is survived by sons, Thomas III and Timothy Lee, both of Casselberry; father, Thomas H. Sr., of Boone, N.C.; stepmother, Leona B. of Boone; sister, Joyce Ann Hopkins of Gilbertsville, Pa. All Faiths Cremation Service, Casselberry, in charge of the arrangements.

GLADYS C. McDAVID

Gladys C. McDavid, 75, of Lake Destiny Road, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at Orlando Health Care Center. Born June 3, 1917, in Trinidad, she moved to Central Florida in 1969. She was a homemaker and Roman Catholic. She is survived by her husband, John McDavid, Altamonte Springs.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Forest City, in charge of arrangements.

WILMA DEE O'CONNOR

Wilma Dee O'Connor, 81, 1211 W. 19th Court, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 5 at her residence. Born on Sept. 10, 1931, in South Charleston, W.Va., she was a waitress who moved to Central Florida in 1968. She was a Protestant and a member of the Eagles and the Moose. She is survived by sons, James Mooney, of Sanford, and

Mike Mooney, of Longwood; brothers, Louie Wright of Charleston, W.Va., Stanley Wright and Rodney Wright both of Shoals, Ind.; sister, Joyce Lilly of Charleston, W.Va.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of the arrangements.

SETH J. ROOK

Seth J. Rook, 75, of West State Road 426, Oviedo, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at her residence. Born Oct. 21, 1917, in Niles, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1940. He was a retired shop superintendent for A. Duda & Sons and a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Mr. Rook was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include wife, Ann S.; sons, Seth D., Orlando, James K., Oviedo; daughters, Carol Ann Goad, Oviedo, Kathleen R. Yergler, Maitland; brother, Arthur, Niles; sister, Iria Elkins, Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

DAVID ARTHUR WASSUM

David Arthur Wassum, 46, of Robinhood Drive, Casselberry, died Saturday, Dec. 5, at his residence. Born Nov. 27, 1946, in Pennsylvania, he moved to Central Florida in 1963. He was a retired chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy and veteran of the Vietnam War. He was past

senior commander and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, Springfield, Ohio, and past president and vice president of Southwind Motorcycle Club.

Survivors include wife, Peggy C. Bearden Wassum, Sanford; daughters, Laura, Marcy, both of Orlando, Kelli Todenhagen; sons, Thomas Graham, Georgia, Gary Graham, Ohio, David Caldwell, California, Kenneth Todenhagen, Winter Park, Josh Holloway, Maitland; seven grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

TYRIS LEE WILLIAM

Tyrise Lee William, 78, 106 Deota Ave., Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, in her residence. Born Sept. 5, 1914, in Columbia County, she moved to Central Florida in 1943. She was a member of Williams Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She is survived by sons, Eugene of Trumbull, Conn., Walter, Russell and Fred, all of Orlando and Charles of Altamonte Springs; daughters, Alice Ziegler of Orlando and Margaret Nelson, Barbara Williams and Tena Bryant, all of Altamonte Springs; brothers, Lucious Perry, Caleb Jack Perry Jr. and Thomas Perry, all of Lake City; 37 grandchildren and 59 great-grandchildren.

Mitchell's Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of the arrangements.

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Lake Mary

IN BRIEF

Holiday boutique

Holiday Fantasia, sponsored by The Heathrow Women's Club, is a "boutique-like" atmosphere of holiday spirit involving local merchants to ease your holiday shopping while supporting the Heathrow Women's Club's charity, The Hacienda Girls Ranch.

The event will take place at Heathrow Market Place on Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Booth space is a six foot table under a tent without sides. You may bring your own props and decorate your space according to your needs. The cost is \$25, non-refundable check. There is a 10 percent minimum of sales as a donation to the Heathrow Women's Club charity. The club will be on site with their annual white sale and bake sale.

For further information and registration, call Connie Prebenda at (407) 323-4357.

Speakman hosted by martial arts studio

On Dec. 7, the actor and Karate expert Jeff Speakman who appeared in the movie "The Perfect Weapon" will be appearing live at the Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., for his special self-defense seminar.

For children the seminar will be from 5-6 p.m. at a cost of \$20, for adults it will be from 8-10 p.m. for \$30. Spectators will be charged \$10.

This seminar is being sponsored by the Kenpo Martial Arts Studio of Lake Mary.

For more information, call Ken Miller at 444-0506.

Camera club monthly meetings

The Seminole Lake Mary Camera Club meets the second Wednesday every month in Old Lake Mary City Hall, 158 N. Country Club Rd. at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Grace at 321-4723 or Sel at 323-8691.

Club takes the lead

L.E.A.D.s to Success, a newly formed club to share business connections, will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Pebble Creek Apartments clubhouse, 780 Creekwater Terrace, Lake Mary. One of the focal points of the meeting is to exchange business cards. Only one member of a particular type of business or profession is allowed to join.

For more information, contact Marcia Kurtz 646-0809.

Rotary meets early

Rotary Club of Lake Mary meets Thursday mornings, 8 to 9 a.m. at the Timacuan Country Club, on Rinehart Road. Contact Paul Osborne, president, at 321-4784.

Lake Mary Optimists meet weekly

The Optimist Club of Lake Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at 109 E. Crystal Lake Ave. (corner of Crystal Lake and Country Club Road). Visitors are welcome.

Woman's Club to meet

Lake Mary Woman's Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Contact Sheila Sawyer at 321-7947.

Historical Commission gathers

The Lake Mary Historical Commission meets Mondays at Old City Hall. Contact Mary Wolff at 321-5666 for more information.

Clogging group to have classes

Dixieland Cloggers hold classes from 7-8 p.m. each Monday at the old Lake Mary fire station, First Street and Wilbur Avenue.

Weight Watchers meet on Thursdays

A local chapter of Weight Watchers meets at the Lake Mary Community Building every Thursday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Youth Center open on Friday nights

Every Friday night, the Lake Mary Community Building is transformed in a Youth Center from 7-11 p.m. Area youth are welcome to participate in the fun.

Sunbelt Daylily Club to meet

Sunbelt Daylily Club meets the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. through April at the Old City Hall, Highway 15A near Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary.

The club educates members on daylily growing through slide shows, guest speakers and trips to daylily gardens. A May flower show and plant sale is planned. There are no club dues.

Call 886-3196 for more information.

Let us know what's going on

The Sanford Herald welcomes announcements about social activities and club news for publication in the Lake Mary pages each Monday. There is no charge.

1. All items should be typed or written legibly and include the name of a person who can be contacted and a daytime phone number.

2. The deadline is 11 a.m. Thursday before publication.

Chamber members network at Galleria

The Greater Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce held its "Business After Hours" at the Galleria Restaurant in the Lake Mary Centre on Nov. 19.

There was quite a crowd and everyone was enjoying both networking and the delicious buffet. There was pizza, Stroboli, Chicken Rollatini, shrimp and spinach dip, ricotta cheese with fresh basil and Prociutto ham, fried chicken wings, Fontini cheese and veggie platter and chicken liver wrapped in bacon strips.

The chef, Bill Marcello, is also owner of Galleria, he has been in Lake Mary Centre for five months.

Chef Marcello was formerly the chef at Michael's Restaurant on Colonial Drive in Orlando. He has been a member of the Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber for three months.

Friends succeed

Lindsey Hardin and Jennifer Reiner are good friends and neighbors in the Eagle Creek Subdivision. The 12-year-olds are students at Greenwood Lakes Middle School.

During the year Lindsey and Jennifer competed in local gymnastic meets for Brown's Central Gymnastics in Altamonte Springs. They qualified in these local meets to compete at the state meet held in Ft. Lauderdale on Nov. 22.

Under stiff competition for Level 5, age 12 and up, Lindsey captured third place with a 36.5 overall score and Jennifer won second place with a 36.6 overall score. They each left with four medals and a gift certificate from Toys R Us.

They have since advanced to level seven at Brown's with Mike McCabe and Paul McAloon as their coaches. Lindsey and Jennifer look forward to many years of gymnastics competition in the years ahead.

Local Welcome Wagons

To millions of Americans, the Welcome Wagon is a tradition of friendliness and helpfulness when moving to a new neighborhood, announcing an engagement, experience a baby's birth in the family, becoming a citizen or celebrating other special occasions.

Welcome Wagon representatives extend greetings from public officials and gifts from the many civic minded local commercial and professional businesses.

They provide information and literature about the community and what it has to offer in recreation and services.

For information, call Lake Mary representative Karol Binkley, 321-6860, or in Sanford, Sue Reiner, 323-5265.

Nemarc wins national

Congratulations to Bownwen Nemarc, a fifth grade student in Mrs. Wallace's class at Heathrow Elementary School.

Nemarc has been named a national winner of the UNICEF Children's Holiday Greeting Card contest. She was honored at the United Nations on Nov. 16, at a reception for the winners.

Nemarc received an original painting from renowned artist Peter Max.

Her card will be sent to Jimmy Carter, who serves as honorary co-chairman of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF.

To obtain a greeting card



Mark Bloom of Plushvend, Inc., Karen Starcher of Safeguard Business Systems and Jean Romanno of Suddath Van Lines network during Chamber meeting.



Lindsey Hardin and Jennifer Reiner brought home four medals each during the stiff competition in Ft. Lauderdale.

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Hawaiian, Haitian, Hispanic, etc." Their participation will be encouraged in these special activities.

AARP plans Christmas Party

The AARP Lake Mary Chapter Christmas Party and monthly meeting will be held at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Royal Oaks Restaurant in the Food Lion Shopping Center located at 345 W. Lake Mary Blvd. The cost for the Christmas Party including food and gratuity is \$7.50 per person. For additional information please call Ruth Dresser at 322-3760 or Delores Lash at 323-1142.

The Lake Mary Chapter of AARP meets every third Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Old Lake Mary City Hall, 158 N. Country Club Rd. Meetings are very informative and last approximately one hour. Excellent speakers are available on various subjects including living wills, taxes, trusts, investments, health reform, etc. Annual dues is \$3.

Human Rights Week

Heathrow students will celebrate Human Rights Week, Dec. 7-11.

During the week they will learn to appreciate different cultural backgrounds through a variety of activities including: sharing multi-ethnic foods, songs, artwork and games of other countries.

The highlight of the week will be "International Day" on Thursday. A display of items from different countries and cultures will be set up in the second and third grade resource room.

Parents are encouraged to share any special souvenirs from different countries on Dec. 8. For example, coins, clothing, art, tools etc. Please label them with the child's and teacher's names. They will be returned on Friday, Dec. 11.

"There are many nationalities represented in my classes," according to Mrs. Vizcarrondo, the ESOL teacher. "They include Indian, Korean, Puerto Rican,

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The Rev. Art Arsy, pastor of Christian Fellowship Church, and his wife, Lynn, became members of the Chamber in August. They enjoy a moment with Dr. Bruce Walton during the after hours event.

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Sports

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Rams boys win in soccer

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary High School boys soccer team ran its record to 3-1 on the season with a 6-1 triumph over Dr. Phillips at Don T. Reynolds Stadium Friday night.

Scott Myers and Kevin Murphy poured in two goals each, while Nathan Garcia and Tony Bazel added one score each. Laki Travlos made three saves in goal for the Rams.

Dr. Phillips claimed the junior varsity contest by a 2-0 score.

Lake Mary will host Lyman in tripleheader Wednesday with the freshmen starting at 4:30 p.m., the junior varsity taking the field at 5:45 p.m. and the varsity starting at 7:30 p.m.

AROUND THE STATE

Oviedo stung

MIAMI — The Miami High School Stingarees took advantage of Oviedo's inexperience to extract a measure of revenge for last year's loss in the state championship game, 91-64, in boys' basketball game at Miami-Dade Community College, North Saturday night.

The Lions trailed by 15 at half, but closed the gap to three points with three minutes left in the third quarter. Oviedo had to go to its young bench, however, and its inexperience showed against the veteran Miami squad, which put together a run and the game was over.

Seniors Devon Green (20 points), Randy Wright (16) and Chris Braxton (12) led the way for the Lions, but Miami's pressure defense forced 33 turnovers as Oviedo fell to 2-1. The point total was the lowest of the year for Miami, which improved to 3-0.

Bucs blow one

TAMPA — The Los Angeles Rams played giveaway for a half, then the Tampa Bay Buccaneers returned the favor.

Jim Everett threw three second-half touchdown passes and the Rams (5-8) took advantage of two third-quarter turnovers to overcome a 24-point halftime deficit and beat the hapless Bucs 31-27 Sunday night.

Tampa Bay (4-9) turned two L.A. fumbles into 10 points while building a 27-3 halftime lead. Its fortune turned for the worse, though, when they turned the ball over on their first two possessions of the second half.

Everett, who completed 25 of 38 passes for 342 yards, began the third quarter with a six-play, 70-yard drive that produced a 40-yard touchdown pass to Willie Anderson. Then he took advantage of the two Tampa Bay mistakes to pull the Rams within 27-24.

Miami women crush FAU

MIAMI — Freshman Holly Rillinger scored 19 points to lead Miami past Florida Atlantic 94-37 Sunday, giving the Hurricanes an easy season-opening victory.

No. 20 Miami (1-0) broke the game open early on, closing out the half with a 35-6 lead. The Hurricanes led 69-19 with 13:14 remaining when coach Ferné Labat pulled her starters.

The win gives Miami its 27th straight victory in regular season play. Miami finished 30-2 last year after winning 30 straight games.

AROUND THE NATION

Dolphins lose again

SAN FRANCISCO — Jerry Rice caught his 101st career scoring pass to become the league's all-time leader while helping the San Francisco 49ers to a 27-3 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

Miami (8-5) conceded after the Rice score, bringing on reserve quarterback Scott Mitchell.

San Francisco (11-2), which already has clinched a playoff berth, won its fifth straight as fullback Tom Rathman scored twice. Rookie running back Amp Lee, from FSU, also scored in his first NFL start.

Torretta nation's best

PHILADELPHIA — University of Miami quarterback Gino Torretta was named winner of the 56th Maxwell Award Sunday as the outstanding college football player this year.

Torretta received 312 first-place votes to outdistance runner-up Marshall Faulk, the San Diego State running back who had 165 first-place votes.

Garrison Hearst of Georgia had 102 first-place votes, Marvin Jones of Florida State 65 and Notre Dame's Reggie Brooks 49.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Boys' Soccer

Leesburg at Seminole. Junior varsity at 5:15 p.m. with varsity to follow.

BEST BETS ON TV

FOOTBALL

9 p.m. — WFTV 9, NFL, Chicago Bears at Houston Oilers. (L)

Complete listings on Page 28

FHSAA realignment lands Tribe in 4A-District 6

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — This year's dance has just ended and Seminole High School's dance card for next year is already filled.

On Sunday, the Florida High School Activities Association released the district alignments for the 1992-93 football season and, barring any unexpected litches, the Fighting Seminoles know exactly who they'll play next season.

To begin with, the Tribe will play their mandatory 4A-District 6 games against district opponents Leesburg, Orlando-Cypress Creek, Kissimmee-Gateway and St. Cloud.

This past season, Seminole competed in 4A-District 7 along with Leesburg, Orlando-

University and Orlando-Edgewater. Next year, University advances to play in 5A-District 9 while Edgewater steps up to play in 5A-District 5 as the 10 Orange County schools projected for Class 5A are split into two districts.

Besides their district games, Seminole will also play its usual schedule against the rest of the Seminole Athletic Conference: Lyman, Lake Brantley, Lake Howell, Oviedo, and Lake Mary in the annual Optimist Bowl.

Assuming Seminole continues its age-old rivalry with DeLand, the 10 available dates on the Tribe's calendar are filled.

Most of the other five Class 5A Seminole County schools will have a little more latitude.

FHSAA Director of Public Relations Jack Watford said on Sunday that it appears DeLona

will opt to play a district schedule, giving the five-county Class 5A schools eight district games and a conference game with Seminole, leaving one open date.

The only exception may be Lake Howell, which traditionally opens its season with neighborhood rival Winter Park.

Mainland, Spruce Creek and DeLand will return to join Lake Mary, Lyman, Lake Brantley, Oviedo, Lake Howell and Deltona in 5A-District 4 next season.

According to Watford, the new district alignments were approved the FHSAA tournament committee on Friday and approved by the FHSAA executive committee on Saturday. The FHSAA addresses realignment every two years.



With competition offered on 50 different classes, the Florida Citrus Sailfest appeals to young and old skippers alike. Peter Vasiliades of Ormond Beach (left)



finished first in the Hobie 16 competition while Ft. Myers' Derrick McQuern (right) was fourth in the IODA Green class. In all, 604 boats were raced this weekend.

A super Sailfest

Sailing tops weekend of activities

By TONY DeBORMIER

Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — When making plans for the annual Florida Citrus Sailfest, organizers are mindful of the tempestuous nature of the weather here during this time of year and try to make sure there are things to do if conditions aren't conducive to sailing.

"We plan a lot of activities like parties and clinics," explained Sailfest executive director John Gardiner Jr. "That's a big part of the weekend and what's special about this event. If there's no wind or there's rain or bitter cold, we still want people to say that they were glad they came."

"People come here for a fun weekend, for the family-oriented activities. Sailing is the reason we have this event, but it's not the full thrust of it. People can come and have a good time even if they don't get any sailing in."

But this year, the Sailfest was blessed with as close to ideal conditions as anyone dare hope. As a result, sailing was the prime activity for this year's event, almost all of the 52 classes of craft getting in at least four races.

"This weekend, the weather was unusual," said Gardiner. "It was almost perfect all weekend long. We were able to get some good sailing in."

"This is one of the best weekends we've had in a long time."

On top of the beautiful weather and all the sailing, this year's Sailfest will be remembered for the success

of the clinics, classes, parties and other extracurricular activities that began Friday afternoon and ran almost continuously through sundown Sunday night.

Gardiner said that a huge part of the success of this year's event were the volunteers, specifically the groups of recruits sent over to help from the Orlando Training Center.

"They save us," said Gardiner. "They were here all weekend, helping people put boats in the water and helping them take the boats out."

John Gardiner III, Gardiner's son, lauded the support and efforts of the City of Sanford and Seminole County that added to the success of this year's regatta.

"The city did a great job of getting the beach ready for us," said John Gardiner III. "It was just beautiful."

About the only negative to be found about this year's Sailfest concerned the attendance. Including 15 remote control boats, this year's fleet numbered 604, down from 654 a year ago. It's the first time in nearly a decade that attendance hasn't increased over the year before.

That didn't concern Gardiner.

"We're not worried about that at all," Gardiner said. "You know there has to be a point where attendance just isn't going to grow anymore. Sooner or later, it'll peak out."

"I'm sure the economy is a factor. Some people who wanted to be here just couldn't afford to make the trip. And there are other reasons. We're not concerned."

Even if they were, they couldn't have had a better weekend about which to boast and promote.

Struggling Raiders drop two at Shootout

From Staff Reports

TAMPA — The struggle continues.

While some questions were answered, the Seminole Community College men's basketball team still failed to dent the win column as it dropped a pair of games in the Great Florida JUCO Shootout at Hillsborough Community College.

The Raiders turned in a lackluster performance in dropping a 97-66 decision to the host Hawks of Hillsborough Community College Friday night, then played a much more inspired contest Saturday but still came up short in a high scoring affair, 112-95, to Florida College of Tampa.

"We cut down on our turnovers and played more as a team Saturday, but we're still making too many mistakes," said assistant coach Dean Smith, who coached the team Saturday after head coach Bernard Merithe developed a severe case of strep throat Friday night.

"We were only down six points at halftime to Florida College, but missed several layups and free throws early in the second half that let them get away. But I was proud of the guys. They

GREAT FLORIDA SHOOTOUT		SATURDAY	
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Halftime — Hillsborough 46, Seminole 34. Three point field goals — Seminole 3 12 (Bruening 2, Williams 1, Wiggins 0, Hamelin 0, Thomas 0, Hall 0); Hillsborough 4 11 (Akins 1, Houston 1, Gipson 1, Jackson 1, Garrett 0, Harmon 0, Ar. Clark 0, Woods 0). Team fouls — Seminole 21, Hillsborough 26. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none. Rebounds — Seminole 33 (Phillips 6, Hall 5); Hillsborough 47 (Trigg 9), Assists — Seminole 17 (Hamelin, Bruening 4); Hillsborough 28 (Houston 7). Records — Hillsborough 5 7.		Seminole Community College (95) Hamelin 4 8 5 7 16, Wiggins 1 2 0 0 0, Merrill 0 0 0 0 0, Williams 6 27 8 10 23, Bruening 7 16 1 2 8, Phillips 0 1 3 4 3, Hall 2 1 2 7, Poshard 4 11 1 2 11, Fossitt 0 1 2 1, Walker 0 0 0 0 0, Burch 4 15 0 1 12, Totals: 31 84 20 30 95.	

never gave up. We got down by 31 and cut the advantage to 13 late in the game. I think we're getting close to breaking back into the win column."

The losses were the eighth in SCC's nine games and dropped its record to 4-8. The Raiders will play their final home game before the

holiday break Tuesday night when they host Indian River Community College from Fort Pierce starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Health and Physical Education Center.

SCC will finish its pre-conference schedule this weekend at the Brevard Christmas Tournament. See Raiders, Page 28

STATS & STANDINGS

All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include New York, New Jersey, Orlando, Boston, Washington, Miami, Philadelphia.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Utah, Houston, Denver, San Antonio, Minnesota, Dallas.

Southern's Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include New York 111, Milwaukee 70, Indiana 111, Washington 70.

Sunday's College Basketball Scores

Table of college basketball scores categorized by EAST, SOUTH, and WEST. Includes scores for teams like Albany, Cornell, and Wake Forest.

Colonial Classic Championship

W. Connecticut 70, E. Connecticut 49. Perros (New Britain) Tournament Championship.

All Times EST AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Buffalo, Miami, Indiana, N.Y. Jets, New England.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Dallas, Washington, Philadelphia, N.Y. Giants, Pittsburgh.

Top 20

The Top Twenty Five teams in the American Football League based on average weekly points per game through six games.

All Times EST WALEY CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Pittsburgh, New York, NY Rangers, Philadelphia.

COMPELL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Minnesota, Chicago, Dallas, Tampa Bay.

Baseball

MINNESOTA TWINS - Traded David Weir, pitcher, to the Philadelphia Phillies for Michael Lumber, pitcher.

Final results, listing place, shiner, nomination and total points.

Large table of final results for various sports events, listing names and scores.

SHOOTING

Table of shooting results, listing names like John J. Jorgensen and scores.

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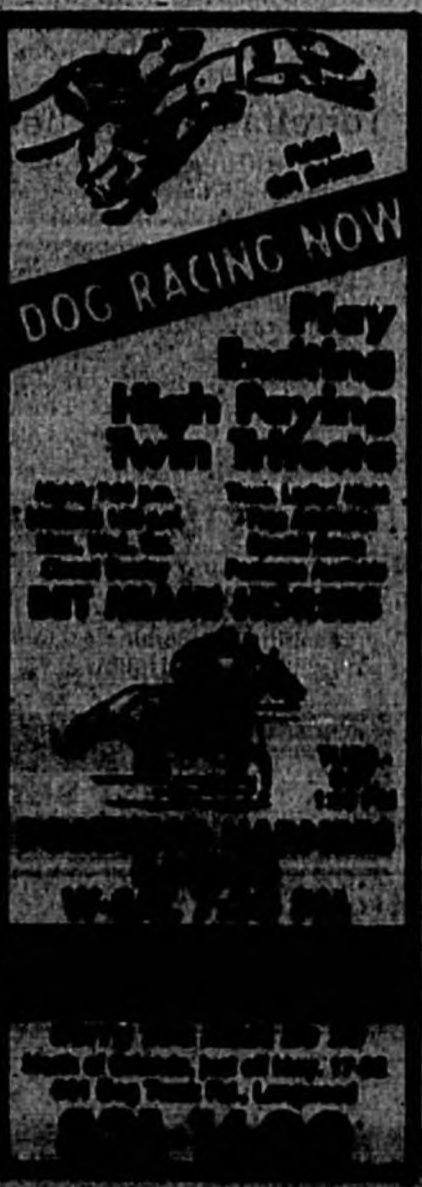
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Raiders

Sophomore shooting guard Troy Bruening and freshman forward Anthony Phillips were the only BCC players to find double figures scoring Friday.



People

IN BRIEF

Garden Club plans holiday lunch
 ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The Sweetwater Oaka Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas luncheon at the Maison et Jardin restaurant on Wymore Road in Altamonte Springs. The luncheon will be on Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m. The Lake Mary High School Choir will perform at the luncheon. For reservations, call Cindy at 882-7792 before Dec. 7.

Al-Anon group gathers
 Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. Call Flora at 349-5578 for more information.

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Sanford
 Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the House of Goodwill, 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

Help for gamblers offered
 Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon for family and friends, meet separately Monday and Friday (non-smokers) at 7:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 331 Lake Ave., Maitland. For more information, call 236-9206.

Cancer support group meets
 Support, Hope and Recovery, S.H.A.R., meets every Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Central Florida Regional Hospital in the far corner of the dining room. This is a self help support group for all cancer survivors, whether in treatment now or finished with it. Call 324-8737 or 322-7785 for more information.

Toastmasters meet at SCC
 Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #6581 will meet every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Seminole Community College. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-8284 for more information.

Weekly Lions Club meeting
 The Sanford Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion on South Sanford Avenue. For information, call 331-0700.

Lake Mary Optimists meet weekly
 The Optimist Club of Lake Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at 109 E. Crystal Lake Ave. (corner of Crystal Lake and Country Club Road). Visitors are welcome.

Take off pounds sensibly
 Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1807 Sanford Ave., Sanford. The group now has a private room to weigh people between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. Each week a different program on weight loss will be conducted. For more information about the club, call 323-7562 or 323-1664.

Panic Attack group to meet
 Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. at West Lake Hospital, 569 W. State Road 434, Longwood. The support group is for those who are afraid to go out of their house and be active in public.

Overeaters to gather
 A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Florida Power and Light, 301 Myrtle Ave., Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0657.

Nar-Anon to offer help
 Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 889-6364.

Bridge club to meet, play
 Sanford Duplicate Bridge Club meets at noon each Tuesday at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, 400 E. First St., Sanford.

Clogging classes formed
 The Old Hickory Stompers offer free beginner clogging classes. Intermediate and advanced lessons also available. Meetings are at the Deltona Civic Association on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 349-0529 for more information.

Choosing a Christmas tree

Select a fresh tree and keep it as fresh as possible

The Christmas tree originated in Western Germany several hundred years ago. German settlers introduced the custom into Pennsylvania in 1818 and by 1850 the Christmas tree had become a tradition in the eastern states. Today, the Christmas tree is one of the most popular and beautiful symbols of the Christmas holiday season.

When choosing a tree, it is important to select a fresh tree and to keep it fresh as long as possible so that your tree will look healthy throughout the holidays. First of all select a tree with good needle retention. Florida's warm weather causes trees to quickly wilt and drop their needles. This can be severe enough to completely defoliate a tree and possibly make it necessary to buy a second tree before Christmas.

The more recent the tree has been cut the better. Freshly cut trees will have better needle holding quality and will have more flame resistance. These points are



GARDENING
TRICIA THOMAS

extremely important to consider when buying a tree. Scotch, White Pine, Douglas Fir and Balsam Fir naturally have good needle holding qualities while Spruce trees tend to lose needles quickly.

Send the needles to determine the tree's freshness. The needles should be supple and springy. If the needles break, the tree is not fresh. Bounce the butt of the tree on the ground and see how many needles fall. If

more than a few fall, the tree is old and dry. Also feel the stump.

After you have selected your tree, follow these tips to maintain color and minimize needle drop.

Stand the tree in a large bucket of water in a cool shady place.

Just before moving the tree indoors, make a fresh cut across the trunk at least an inch or two above the old cut to allow the tree to absorb water. Place the tree in a suitable container which will hold an ample supply of water. In most homes a tree can absorb up to a quart of water a day so keep the reservoir filled.

A flower preservative, such as those used for flower arrangements, can be added to the water to help keep the tree fresh.

Take the time to properly select and care for your tree this Holiday Season and spend your money on gifts instead of a second tree.



Photo contest
 Members of the Seminole and Lake Mary Camera Club are getting ready for the next meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 9. The assigned subject for December is "Sanford at Night." A qualified judge from the Seminole County area will be on hand to critique the photographs. The winning photo will be published in the Sanford Herald in the near future. The club meets the second Wednesday every month in the Old Lake Mary City Hall, 158 N. Country Club Rd. at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Grace at 331-4723.

World Photo by Richard Hopkins

Reader challenges top blood donor

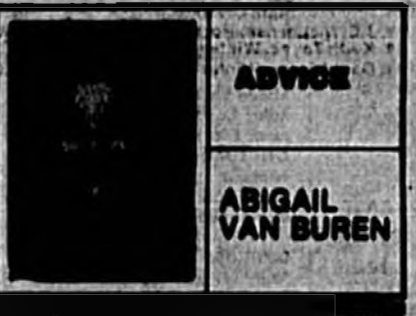
DEAR ABBY: Hugh Friedman of Palm Springs, Calif., wrote to say that Milton Saykan, also of Palm Springs, had donated a total of 18 gallons of blood to his local blood bank.

I don't mean to minimize Mr. Saykan's contribution, but my brother Gordon Ludwig of Pueblo, Colo., has been donating his blood for 40 years, and so far he has given a total of 212 pints—which is 26 1/4 gallons.

My brother started donating blood as a teen boy in Wisconsin in 1952, and he has donated blood from coast to coast ever since. He served in the Navy in California and lived in St. Paul, Minn., for 17 years, and everywhere he's lived, Gordon found a blood bank and contributed to it.

Gordon is a big booster of blood donations. He says that for a while people hesitated to give blood because they were afraid of getting AIDS, but he wants to assure people that there is absolutely no risk of infection from giving blood at a qualified blood bank.

He returned on disability pension in 1985 and can't give money to charities, but he says that blood is far more important



ADVICE
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

than money to a person who is bleeding to death.

I think with a total of 26 1/4 gallons, Gordon Ludwig may have set a record.

BY OBERESKAW SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

DEAR SHEELY: Anyone who reads this can top Gordon's record. I'm sure we'll hear from him or her.

DEAR ABBY: Just thought you'd like to know that on Nov. 17, the cookie bakers at Chipper by the Dozen donated a day of baking for Operation Dear Abby.

All the cookies baked that day were packaged and sent to the personnel in the armed services at the addresses you listed in your column on Nov. 2.

DIANE SEYMOUR McHENRY, ILL.

DEAR DEANE: On behalf of those serving abroad, my warm and generous thanks for your generosity.

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DEAR ABBY: With regard to the letter from the woman who was having a cocktail party and preferred her guests not wear fur: I am very tired of these anti-fur people.

I would ask her the following: Are your guests allowed to wear belts or shoes? May they drive to your home in a car with leather interiors? Do you have leather furniture in your home? And will you be serving meat of any kind? (Do you eat meat?)

When these anti-fur activists quit eating meat and using any by-products from the killing of animals, then and only then can they protest killing animals for their fur.

MONA ANCE COVINA, CALIF.

DEAR MONA: You are not alone. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Hundreds of thousands of animals are slaughtered daily to provide leather for shoes, boots, belts, purses, luggage, jackets, gloves, baseball gloves, basketballs, soccer balls and Lord knows what else, and not a word do you hear in protest.

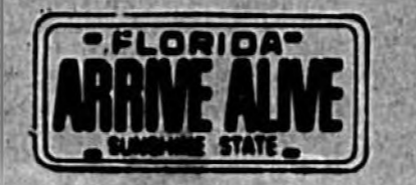
But let one woman show up in a fur coat and the voices of the outraged animal lovers are heard throughout the land!

Curious. Which animals are likeable and more serviceable to mankind: cows, sheep and pigs—or the nasty, ill tempered mink?

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by Chic Young

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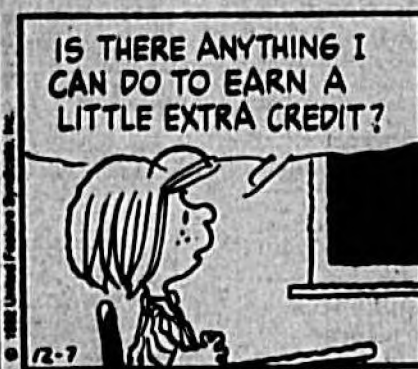
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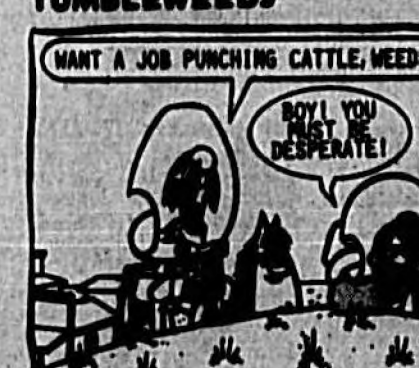
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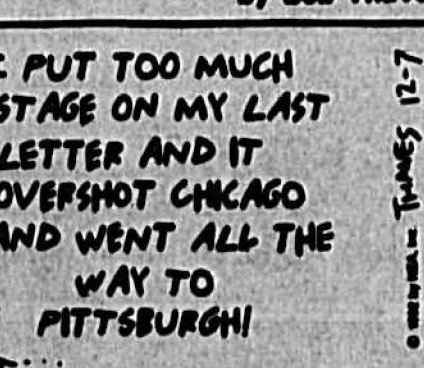
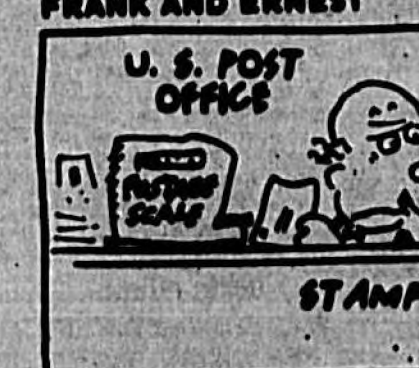
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by Jim Meddick

Calcinosis is a rare, inherited disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you have information on calcinosis circumscripta? I'm told it's a rare, inherited disease and I have it on all my fingers.

DEAR READER: Calcinosis circumscripta is the localized deposition of calcium in small nodules in tissues, particularly beneath the skin and in muscle. The disorder is rare but has been associated with two relatively common connective tissue diseases: scleroderma and dermatomyositis. In general, the calcinosis produces no symptoms; rather, the underlying disease itself usually causes problems.

For example, the two diseases I mentioned, which are diagnosed with blood tests, will lead to shiny and taut skin over the fingers, muscle weakness and inflammation of many of the body's organs. Treatment is directed toward relieving symptoms; the calcinosis is not usually a prime concern. Your family doctor can advise you.

To give you more information about diseases of connective tissue, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

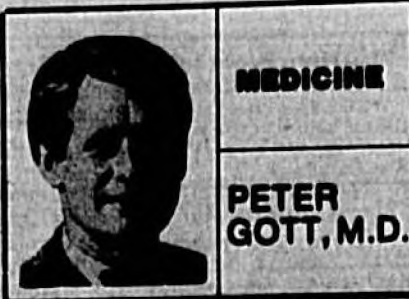
DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a problem with my hands staying cold and red year 'round. Since I'm a smoker, could this be a circulatory problem and would the condition resolve if I quit the habit?

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I read this item in a small local paper (The Baja Sun), and it's too important to go unnoticed:

"Our government is \$4 trillion in debt; that's approximately \$16,000 for each person in the USA. Richard A. Cook of Chula

Vista, Calif., wrote a letter that put \$1 trillion in perspective: If you opened a business on the

day Jesus Christ was born — and that business lost a million dollars every day, it would take another 747 years to lose \$1



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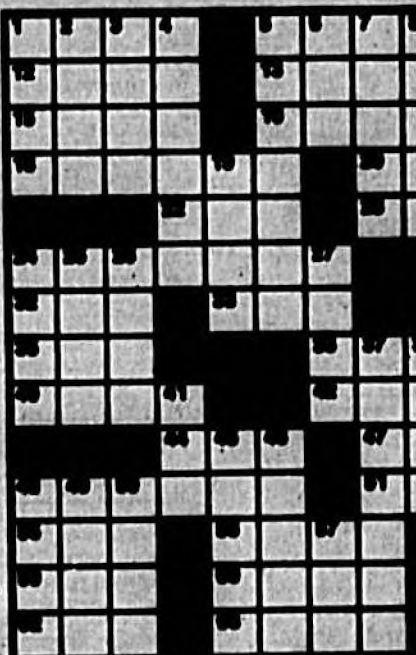
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trillion. **JOYCE C. IN SAN DIEGO**

ACROSS

- 1 City in Hawaii
- 8 Handle of a sword
- 9 12, Roman
- 12 Central line
- 13 Absent
- 14 Art, time
- 16 Small measurements
- 18 V in RVSP
- 17 Bezer Muhammad
- 19 Literary irony
- 20 Awaken
- 23 Entertainment
- 24 Social insect
- 25 Geometrical figure
- 28 Material fever
- 32 Annapolis
- 33 Start
- 34 Light

DOWN



Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 1 Second-rate actors
- 2 Corn city
- 3 Rhythmic movement
- 4 Change into bone
- 5 Four person
- 6 — Jim
- 7 Eye of —
- 8 Beer Mike
- 9 Dec. holiday
- 10 Emerald —
- 11 Your sweet
- 12 Male
- 13 Type of beard
- 14 Guard
- 15 Step —
- 16 Future
- 17 L.L.B., exam
- 18 Knots in cotton fiber
- 19 Year
- 20 Jacket
- 21 Take it —
- 22 Oval
- 23 Actor weight
- 24 Make a choice
- 25 Abuse
- 26 Unconvy
- 27 Lockout
- 28 Injure
- 29 Plains Indian
- 30 Part of the eye
- 31 Branch
- 32 Make a mistake
- 33 Technical unit.

By Phillip Alder

If you enjoy answering quizzes and would like to pick up bidding tips at the same time, read Mike Lawrence's book "The Uncontested Auction" (\$13.95, Lawrence & Leong, 800-274-2211).

In 280 pages, Lawrence gives you a full workout through the third round of the auction. But if you really want to test yourself, have a sheet a paper handy so that you can uncover the text line by line. Otherwise you will see the answer right below each question — in bold capitals to boot.

On today's deal, Lawrence approves of North's initial bid. Opposite a five-card-major opening, don't raise immediately to the two-level with three trumps and only six or seven total points. Instead, use the forcing one-no-trump response, planning to rebid two of the major. Here, though, South has

enough to jump straight to game.

West led a low diamond. Declarer won in hand and drove out the spade ace. West persevered with diamonds. Declarer won, drew trumps and finessed the club queen. However, East won with the king and the defenders cashed two red-suit tricks to defeat the contract.

South gave himself a 50-percent chance to make the contract, when he could have increased these odds by about another 26 percent. At trick two, declarer should take an immediate club finesse. When the queen loses to East's king and a diamond comes back, South wins and takes a second club finesse. If it loses, he is two down. But if it wins, he cashes the club ace and discards his diamond loser.

Try to maximize your chances of success.

NORTH 3-4-4

♠ 5 3 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 6 5 4

WEST

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

EAST

♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ Q 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 10 9 8 7

SOUTH

♠ A K Q
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ K 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South West North East
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

By Bernice Bode Cool
YOUR BIRTHDAY
Dec. 6, 1992

This might be a more active year for you socially than you've experienced for quite some time. If you happen to be an unattached Sagittarian, this could be especially true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Doing the best you can is a reward in itself, but any of today's jobs that you perform well could reap a bonus. Take pride in all your tasks, large or small. 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 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your leadership qualities will be evident to others today and this will work to your advantage. They won't resent directives from someone who knows what he or she is doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) **ANNIE**

Today you might be quite anxious to make things easier for people you love. This is a noble concern, but try to do so without simultaneously admonishing them for their mistakes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You tend to reflect the personalities of people you're with today, so make it a point to be with cheery types. Their company is your assurance of a pleasant day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Occasionally, in order to get what we want, we must first cast a little bread upon the water. A benign, thoughtful gesture to the right person could do the trick for you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Acknowledgment means a lot today. If someone recently provided you with helpful information, let this person know how well it all worked out for you and how much you appreciated the input.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's been said that when one is lucky materially they're usually not lucky in love. However, what

develops for you today could help dispel this theory.

CANCER (June 21-July 23) Something could provide you with the opening you've wanted to draw you closer to someone you really like but have never been able to reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) Situations that associate may find intimidating shouldn't prove arduous for you to manage. You have a gift for making the hard look easy today.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) You don't have to do special things today or be around certain people in order to enjoy yourself. The sunshine follows you wherever you go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A window of opportunity leading to prosperity might open for you today, but it could be of short duration. Act promptly after you see things up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) Your secret to success today is to do a little bit more for the other guy and show how cooperative you really are. The right example is a magic elixir.

by Leonard Starr

