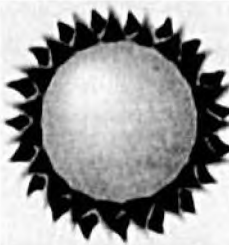




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Inside Comics

Briefly

Seminole High students perform 3-act comedy

SANFORD — Strange things happen in restaurants. Just ask any teenager who earns money by waiting tables. A group of Seminole High School students in the drama program are preparing to present a three-act comedy during April about the lives of waiters and waitresses in restaurants. "You Have To Serve Somebody" will be performed at 7 p.m. April 5 and 6 in the Seminole High School Auditorium. Students have been rehearsing for the play since early February.

The play is set in three restaurants, including the Mexican restaurant Taco Circus, an American restaurant called Waves of Grain, and the French restaurant Epice.

Tickets for the play are on sale through the Seminole High School drama department at \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students.

The eight-member cast includes Z.Z. Ramirez, Morgan McKenzie, Ryan Frye, Greg Cowell, Heather Morrison, Zack Ritz, Eve Williams, and Christina Woodley.

Today Is ...

Sunday, March 26, 2000
Today is the 86th day of 2000 and the seventh day of spring

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, the first savings bank in the United States, the Bank for Savings, was chartered in New York City. On this day in 1937, at the second annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas, a monument to the comic-strip character Popeye was unveiled. On this day in 1979, Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt signed the Camp David Peace Accords at a White House ceremony.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Frost (1874-1963), poet; Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), playwright; Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 70; Leonard Nimoy (1931-), actor, is 69; Erica Jong (1942-), writer, is 58; Bob Woodward (1943-), journalist, is 56; Diana Ross (1944-), singer-actress, is 56; Marcus Allen (1960-), football player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, Leo Bentley bowled three consecutive perfect games in Lorain, Ohio.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The greatest thing in family life is to take a hint when a hint is intended — and not to take a hint when a hint isn't intended."
Robert Frost

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (March 27).

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Commission ponders courthouse parking

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Finding a parking space near the Seminole County Courthouse is becoming increasingly difficult.

Growth in downtown Sanford has brought increased traffic to the area in recent years. As a result, a parking problem at the courthouse that was once merely an annoyance is now a more serious dilemma.

The Sanford City Commission on Monday during a 3:30 p.m. workshop will discuss implementing a paid parking system in municipal and city hall parking lots

near the courthouse to earn additional revenue and ease crowded parking in the area.

"I am undecided about whether we should charge for parking," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale. "Some parts of me say let's do it, and other parts say to be cautious. We don't want to jeopardize our

downtown. We need to look at all the options."

Visitors and employees of the Seminole County Courthouse utilize the Sanford municipal and city hall parking lots. Both lots are currently free, and in the municipal lot there are no limits on who can park there and for how long.

City staff reports few operational problems, except for temporary capacity limitations on Mondays when people are screened for jury duty.

The goals in charging for parking would be to raise revenue, while minimizing capital and operating costs. At the same time, the parking needs of courthouse employees, jurors and other visitors would need to be met.

Should the city begin charging fees, there are several options available. A variety of revenue collection methods exist, including exit cashing, centralized park-

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Visitors, employees may have to pay for parking

Where are we going?

A lot of places if you consider the number of transportation projects planned for Seminole County

Editor's note: In Section D of today's paper, readers will find the third of a three-part series. The first part of the series was published in January and focuses on the history of Seminole County. February's installment, titled "Where We Are," looked at what issues are currently important in our community and how these issues are affecting our lives. Today's installment, titled "Where are We going?," looks at what the future holds for Seminole County.

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Ready or not, increased traffic and residents are on the way for Sanford.

A wide array of major transportation projects will be under way during the next five years, changing the face of Sanford. While temporarily disruptive during construction, the projects also promise to provide a

transportation system to support the city's growth and economic development.

"We've got over \$600 million in funding for transportation projects in Central Florida that will impact Sanford," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale. "That will bring a big change. I've said it before and I'll say it again, if you don't like growth you're really going to hate it."

Much of the growth Sanford is expected to experience will occur on the west side of Sanford, triggered by projects along the corridors of Interstate 4 and State Road 46.

The Amtrak Auto Train International Terminal is relocating from Persimmon Avenue to Rand Yard, located just north of SR 46 near Lake Monroe. Subject to Congressional funding, a \$30 million bus and rail

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Lake Mary develops long-term strategic plan

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — City Commissioners and staff are planning their strategy for the future.

Lake Mary officials and employees sat down Friday afternoon with Barry R. Schreiber, Summit Consulting Group president, to discuss five major issues currently facing the city. The topics were chosen by the four city commissioners and Lake Mary Mayor David Meador through a

selection process led by Schreiber.

"The tone of this meeting is 'Things are good in the city, but we want to make them better,'" Schreiber said. "We want to focus on the issues, bring out the issues and then decide how to move forward with action."

The five topics included the Downtown District development, infrastructure, conservation, natural resources and parks, annexation, and people and performance issues.

Deciding a plan of action is

needed for Downtown development, and City Commissioners and staff agreed an outside expert should be involved in the process. The group discussed using an expert from Sanford who helped with the Mainstreet development.

"Let's bring someone in here who might give us a realistic overview," Meador said. Commissioner Al Crump also suggested creating a timeline for the development.

"There is no definitive target or deadline right now," Crump

said. "We should set some kind of completion date and say, for example, it will be finished in 2010."

Lake Mary Director of Community Development John Deamud was selected to coordinate and facilitate future discussion and action concerning the Downtown's development.

Discussion on infrastructure focused mainly on the city's emergency service, including the purchase of a rescue ambulance and ladder truck and the

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Home totaled in fire

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — A late afternoon house fire rapidly moved through an Altamonte Springs rental home on Friday, burning it to the ground.

When fire department units arrived at the home located at 309 Station St. they found smoke and flames devouring the structure. Neighbors met them and reported that the resident, Richard Maxwell, was not at home and no one was inside, said Alan Harris, spokesman for the Altamonte Springs Fire Department.

Firefighters deployed hoses and put out the fire. In addition to the house fire, a small brush fire had to be contained before it reached other homes in the area.

Maxwell was at work during the fire. He arrived at his residence to find firefighters running in and out of his house, trying to control the blaze. He spent the night with family members, Harris said.

Fire investigators are searching for the cause of the fire, which began at about 3 p.m. No one was injured.

"One neighbor reported seeing persons around the house before the fire started," Harris said. "Investigators are looking into this, electrical causes, and other possibilities to find the

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Schools concerned about funding for special education

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County officials are concerned about potential reductions that could be made in funding for special education programs during this spring's Legislative session in Tallahassee.

The state House of Representatives is considering a bill that would put all Exceptional Student Education funding into a block grant and send it directly to local school districts to be spent on any special education program.

Last school year, based upon new requirements outlined in the state's Matrix of Services, school districts received \$127 less funding for special educa-

tion programs than they had been anticipating.

Sandra Robinson, chair of the Seminole County School Board, said she is concerned that the state's matrix will continue to translate into lower funding levels.

"Usually a block grant is something positive because we have some choice in how to spend the funding," Robinson said. "But, we cannot agree to greater flexibility if it means fewer dollars."

School Board member Larry Furlong is also concerned about the decrease in funding brought by the state's matrix.

"At first I thought this was a good plan until it turned out that the money was being taken away," Furlong said.

According to the Department of Education, the funding model was designed to provide more flexibility in the use of instructional strategies.

There are several key changes to the matrix from previous models used to determine special education funding. The revised model uses five cost factors related to the services the student receives. In addition, a student generates funding for the district based on a single cost factor for the full school week.

The revised funding model bases funding on the level of services the student receives as documented on the Matrix of Services form. In the matrix,

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Driving the truck

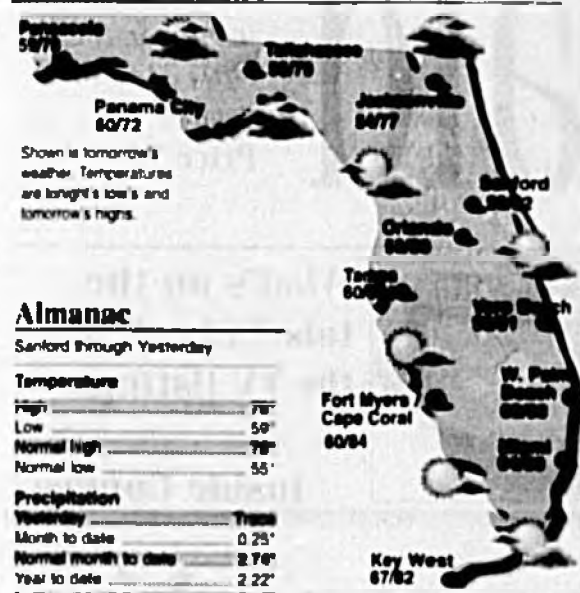


Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
David McBroom III takes a seat behind the wheel of a fire truck as Lake Mary fire fighter and EMT Toby Palmer looks on. McBroom and his classmates from Kids Together Child Care Center participated in Transportation Day activities, during which several different modes of transportation were brought to the center for the children to look at.

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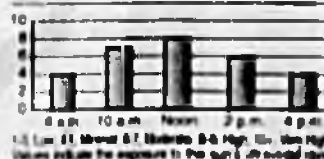
Florida Weather



Five-Day Forecast for Sanford

Tonight Mainly clear 58	Sunday Partly sunny 82 / 58	Monday Times of clouds and sunshine 47 / 58	Tuesday Some sunshine, warm 84 / 60	Wednesday Partly sunny 84 / 64
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UV Index Tomorrow



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Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature	
High	76°
Low	59°
Normal high	78°
Normal low	55°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	Trace
Month to date	0.25"
Normal month to date	2.74"
Year to date	2.22"
Last year to date	5.06"
Normal year to date	8.90"

Regional Weather

Florida: Clear to partly cloudy skies tonight. More clouds than sun in the north tomorrow, more sun than clouds across the peninsula.

Georgia: Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a few showers and thunderstorms.

Mississippi: Showers and thunderstorms will affect many locales tonight and tomorrow.

Alabama: Showers and thunderstorms will move across the state tonight and tomorrow. Conditions will improve Monday.

South Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight. Clouds will limit sunshine tomorrow, a few spots could get a shower.

Louisiana: A few thunderstorms in the north tonight into tomorrow, otherwise, clouds and some sunshine tomorrow.

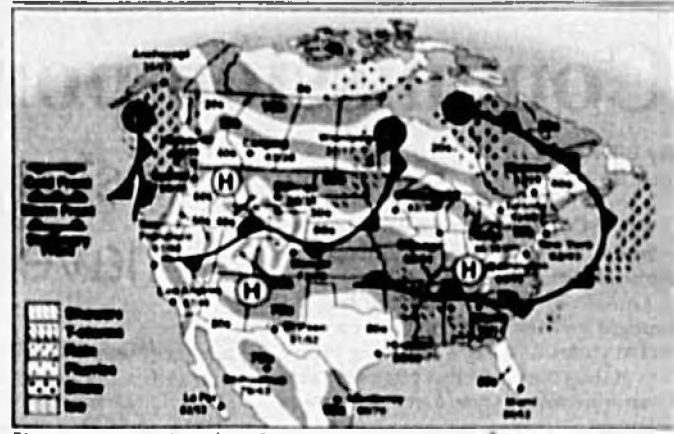
Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	6:38 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday	6:27 a.m.
Moonset today	11:06 p.m.
Moonset today	10:04 a.m.
Last	Mar 27
New	Apr 4
Full	Apr 11
First	Apr 18

Tides

Tomorrow	0:00 R
First Low	6:27 a.m.
First High	12:08 p.m.
Second Low	6:18 p.m.
Second High	none
Monday	0:00 R
First Low	7:16 a.m.
First High	12:41 a.m.
Second Low	7:17 p.m.
Second High	12:56 p.m.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature forecasts are high/low for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 90° in Gila Bend, AZ; Low 81° in West Yellowstone, MT.

Regional Cities

City	Temp.	Hum.
Athens, GA	78/66	67
Atlanta, GA	78/58	67
Aurora, IL	78/54	61
Birmingham, AL	78/55	61
Chattanooga, TN	78/58	61
Columbus, GA	78/58	61
Dayton, OH	77/56	61
Fort Worth, TX	77/56	61
Indianapolis, IN	77/56	61
Jacksonville, FL	77/56	61
Kansas City, MO	77/56	61
Las Vegas, NV	77/56	61
Little Rock, AR	77/56	61
Los Angeles, CA	77/56	61
Memphis, TN	77/56	61
Miami, FL	77/56	61
Minneapolis, MN	77/56	61
Morgantown, WV	77/56	61
Nashville, TN	77/56	61
New Orleans, LA	77/56	61
New York City, NY	77/56	61

World Cities

City	Temp.	Hum.
Athens	67/59	67
Berlin	71/51	61
Buenos Aires	61/50	61
Geneva	70/50	61
Hong Kong	79/60	61
London	61/43	61
Los Angeles	68/58	61
Mexico City	76/68	61
Moscow	70/77	61
Paris	64/54	61
Rome	68/60	61
Sao Paulo	54/63	61
Seoul	75/64	61
Sydney	65/50	61
Tokyo	64/50	61
Zurich	65/40	61

National Cities

City	Temp.	Hum.
Alexandria	78/68	67
Baltimore	63/40	64
Birmingham	78/68	61
Boston	61/39	65
Charleston, SC	78/56	67
Chattanooga, TN	78/56	67
Chicago	60/44	68
Cleveland	59/39	62
Dayton, OH	60/56	67
Dallas	79/58	68
Daytona Beach	70/46	64
Denver	58/38	58
El Paso	61/42	67
Fall River	63/48	68
Grand Rapids	61/40	68
Honolulu	78/66	64
Houston	80/66	64
Indianapolis	77/56	61
Jacksonville	77/56	61
Kansas City	74/52	69
Las Vegas	77/53	71
Little Rock	77/53	71
Los Angeles	74/47	69
Memphis	78/56	67
Miami	80/63	63
Minneapolis	68/44	63
Morgantown	62/38	63
Nashville	76/48	67
New Orleans	77/60	68
New York City	62/40	68
Omaha	61/37	68
Omaha	75/41	64
Philadelphia	61/41	64
Phoenix	87/40	74
Portland, OR	64/41	67
Providence	62/38	68
Raleigh-Durham	76/46	67
Rapid City	60/29	67
Reno	68/58	67
St. Louis	73/58	67
San Jose	65/40	68
San Francisco	70/32	64
Seattle	62/30	68
Seattle	68/40	63
Tampa	71/50	68
Tucson	65/52	68
Washington, DC	68/48	67

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, ss-snow. Precipitation (P): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, ss-snow.

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I'm not tickled pink about this — tires, in my opinion, ought to be black.

When you're on a roll, it's best to leave things alone. The black tire is as much a part of America as the red, white and blue on its flag.

We've been propagandized to react to colors. We stop on red, go on green. We regard a best friend as true blue. We think of cowards as yellow.

Elvis wore blue suede shoes. Pat Boone's bucks were white.

Johnny Cash is the man in black, the Good Humor Man the one in white.

No one's ever going to change the fact that angry people see red or that sad people feel blue. Happy faces are yellow. The Jolly Green Giant is green.

Newspapers used to be black and white and read all over. Now, look at them.

Real golfers play with white golf balls, real race drivers race with black racing tires. If Dale Earnhardt is required to use lime green tires, it'll make his brown eyes blue.

The color of something shouldn't be all that important — unless it comes to tires. Tires shouldn't be any of the colors of the rainbow. They should be black. Otherwise, someone surely will mistake their new tires for giant lifesavers and eat them.



Russ White

Remember the stir when Ted Turner and his reel tinters began to colorize the old movie classics? Well, how do you expect real men will feel about orange tires?

A number of professional sports teams have changed their colors in recent years. The Houston Astros used to wear a Tequila Sunrise costume that must have made the players feel as if they should have stayed in bed. The old Baltimore Bullets used to look as if they were boxes of Tide.

Teams like the New York Yankees do not change colors. Hockey's great warrior Gordie Howe expressed his regret — and anger — when a book publisher changed a color on the cover of his biography. Howe's name was supposed to be in red. Instead, it was published in yellow.

"Don't send them out that way," Howe demanded. "Gordie Howe is not yellow."

Russ White's column appears daily in the Seminole Herald.

Third annual Scottish Tartan Day scheduled for April 6

Thursday, April 6, has been declared by the U.S. Senate as Scottish Tartan Day.

This, the third annual observance, is being celebrated with a Scottish dinner and ceilidh to be

held at the American Legion Post No. 19, 2101 Lee Road, Orlando, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. The observance of Tartan Day is to commemorate Scottish history and culture and the great contribu-

tions that Scots and Scottish Americans have made to the history and development of the United States.

Reservations are required by April 2.

For more information, phone 407-422-4226. Send your check for reservations to Orlando Scottish Heritage Group (OSHG), P.O. Box 2444, Orlando, Fla. 32812.

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Obituaries

MARY HILLERY BROWN
Mary Hillery Brown, 91, 950 Mellonville Avenue, Sanford, died Thursday, March 24, 2000 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. She was born Sept. 18, 1908 in Monticello. Mrs. Brown was a homemaker. She was a member of Progress M.B. Church.

Survivors include niece, Eartha Anderson, Sanford; nephew, Alvin Anderson.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Sanford, is in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT TILGHMANN PETERS
Robert Tilghmann Peters, 85, Landover Place, Longwood, died Friday, March 24, 2000. Born in Hazelton, Pa., he moved to Central Florida in 1980. Mr. Peters was a retired FAA Administrator. He was

Catholic. He attained the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award for adult leadership in Boy Scouts.

Survivors include wife, Doris H. Peters, Longwood; son, Douglas T. Peters, Rochester, N.Y.; daughter, Leslie Reilly, Lake Mary; five grandchildren.

Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, is in charge of arrangements.

Police Log

DUI
Casselberry — Robert Toile, 34, 371 San Roque Street, Sanford, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 10:23 p.m. on March 22. He was charged with DUI.
Casselberry — Carl Casdia, 49, 1569 Malden Court Loop, Oviedo, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 2:43 a.m. on March 23. He was charged with DUI.
Casselberry — William Solis, 20, 1460 Gladiolas Drive,

Winter Park, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 2:10 a.m. on March 23. He was charged with DUI.

Casselberry — Susan Gabel, 53, Endeby Place, Chuluota, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 7:48 p.m. on March 22. She was charged with DUI.

Oviedo — Vincent Edwards, 21, 4724 Lake Trudy Drive, St. Cloud, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 2 a.m. on March 23. He was charged with DUI.

Altamonte Springs — Marco Monnanni, 37, 2200 Peninsula Blvd., Longwood, was stopped by Altamonte Springs Police Officers at 12:25 a.m. on March 23. He was charged with DUI.

Domestic Battery
Casselberry — Martin Mattox, 33, 376 Hidden Pines, Casselberry, was arrested by Casselberry Police Officers at 4:39 p.m. on March 22. He was charged with Domestic Battery.

Briefs

Space Show
A Science Fiction show is being presented through Sunday, March 26, at the Orlando North Hilton, 350 South Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs. On hand will be Apollo Astronaut Ed Mitchell, Space Shuttle Astronaut Richard Searfoss, as well as actors and actresses from television series Babylon 5, and Star Trek: Deep Space 9. The celebrities will be at the show this weekend to meet guests and sign autographs. There will also be talks and a charity auction.

For tickets or additional information phone (800) 479-8735.

Talent showcase
The Young Men of Distinction, a local organization working to build a better community, will present a "Positive Cultural Showcase of Talent" Sunday, March 26, at the

Sanford Civic Center. The program begins at 6 p.m. For tickets or additional information phone 407-324-9123.

Scholarships
March 31 is the deadline for accepting applications for the Woman's Club of Sanford NEED-BASED Scholarships to be awarded on May 3. The \$500 scholarships are for females, 25 or older who have completed one year of college, maintained a 3.0 or better average, a resident of Seminole County and not affiliated with the Woman's Club of Sanford.

For information or applications, contact Anne VanDerworp at the Financial Aid Dept. of Seminole Community College, 407-321-6467.

Econ hike
The Florida Trail Association will lead a leisurely hike at the

Little-Big Econ on Saturday, April 1. The group will meet at the Oviedo Shopping Center at 9 a.m. The public is invited to join the group as it hikes four to six miles along the river, possibly all the way to Chuluota. Participants should bring a packed lunch and plenty of water.

For more information phone activity leader John Puhel at 407-409-1143.

Battle of the bands
The City of Altamonte Springs is presenting its second annual high school Battle of the Bands, Saturday, April 1, at 12 noon, at Cranes Roast Park. For additional information, contact Jason Marsick at 407-869-2526.

Garden concert
Pianist George Grace will be joined by a number of other musicians in concert, Sunday, April 2, at the Maitland Art Center. Others include flutist Donna Wissinger, violinist Sabina Micarelli, cellist Norma Huff and pianist Joanne Frederick. Musical selections will be by Bach, Brahms, Grieg, Haydn, Schubert, and others. The Orlando Concert Chorale under the direction of Trey Jacobs will also perform.

Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic lunch. The event starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance (\$5 for students), and \$15 at the gate if available. Beverages will be available for purchase.

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Opinion

Is it fair to call it a fair?

Carnival's name misleading

Now that it's over for this year, and anything said here won't deter from attendance, it's time to consider the Seminole County Fair. An event by that name was held March 3 through March 12 at Seminole Towne Center in Sanford and featured rides and carnival events from Strates Shows.

Both Strates Shows and the Seminole Towne Center are outstanding organizations. Strates Shows presentations are equal to the finest in carnivals in the entire nation. Persons attending the event, especially the children, enjoyed themselves.

The point here is in regard to the naming of the event. According to Webster's New World Dictionary, a Fair is "a competitive exhibition of farm, household and manufactured products with various amusements and educational displays."

Except for the amusements, what we had did not fill that description.

Years ago, when the annual Seminole County Fair was presented, everyone turned out. Farmers displayed their products, craftsmen showed off their wares, there were enactments and recreations, even contests such as pie-eating and cake baking.

Then, as the number of farms diminished, there was less agricultural activity. Nonetheless, there were such showings as antique tractors and farm equipment, still a few farm type animals, mostly for the youngsters to see, and wonderful displays.

Most of the recent such events were put on through the Seminole County Historical Society at the Seminole County Museum. They are to be commended for holding those gatherings and hope they will continue to do so in future years.

How this recent event became known as the "Seminole County" Fair is uncertain. County Commissioner Randy Morris said he was unaware of how it transpired, and while he had been pushing to restrict the name's use without commission approval, had been unsuccessful thus far.

Morris said he was also upset over the misnomer.

We don't want what we had this year to go away or get upset over these comments. We hope Strates Shows will return again next March at the Seminole Towne Center parking lot. Only next time, we hope they will call it what it is — a Carnival.

Then, we want to see a return to the annual fall event, the real Seminole County Fair with all of its traditional activities and events.

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Your View

DeSantis sees contradiction in writer's columns

To the editor:

Seminole Herald columnist Russ White once again displayed his inconsistency of logic and penchant for hypocrisy with his March 22 column entitled, "For whom the toll must be paid."

His half-baked approach in advancing the concerns about the negative construction impact of the "Missing Link" on homeowners in the Chase Groves subdivision perfectly illustrates that Mr. White, without credible research or journalistic objectivity, is happy to champion virtually any cause until it comes to rest in his own back yard. (To the Seminole Herald's credit, it identified Mr. White as a resident of Chase Groves.)

Perhaps he should pre-heat his rhetorical oven before addressing the keyboard. Through his columns over the past year, he has consistently advanced the cause of Jean Metts' soup kitchen in Sanford's Historic District. This, despite the negative impact on wage-earning, law-abiding, tax-paying property owners who reside here.

Indulge me, and allow me to

re-write a portion of White's column of March 22 as close to verbatim as possible, substituting his claims of highway construction injustice perpetuated on homeowners in Chase Groves, versus soup kitchen injustice on homeowners in Sanford's Historic District. Perhaps this approach will illustrate Mr. White's level of hypocrisy.

The good people of Sanford's Historic District now know what hell looks like. It looks much like a soup kitchen deposited in the middle of their residential section.

There used to be fewer vagrants, drug dealers, prostitutes and crime here. The transformation is due chiefly to the interest, efforts and sweat equity that property owners have invested here over the past several years in chasing out the criminals and crack dealers.

This feat was accomplished through the collaborative efforts of law-abiding, employed, tax-paying home buyers, who, in a joint effort with local law enforcement officials, reclaimed the Historic District as a viable neighborhood.

The "soup kitchen," an unwanted addition to Sanford's Historic District, gives those who live here an atmosphere of residing in the "village of the damned."

"We've been misled and

betrayed," cried one Historic District resident, "when three city commissioners saw fit to abdicate their fiduciary responsibilities to the local electorate."

Some in the Historic District are making plans to sell. Drive through the Historic District and witness how many properties are currently on the market — but who will buy?

Most of the residents of Sanford's Historic District work their butts off to live here — despite the highest property taxes of any municipality in Seminole County. We are not millionaires (despite Mr. White's previous contentions that we are hoity-toity-rich folk). We do not own one-acre lots (the average lot in the Historic District is 60 x 120 feet). For those in the Historic District, the soup kitchen is a road we wish three city commissioners had the wisdom to abandon.

Had Mr. White done any research into readily available public records, he may have been shocked and amazed to discover the assessed property tax values in the Historic District over the past five years.

Despite his contentions about our collective affluence, a simple drive through the neighborhood would rightfully alert Mr. White that our houses, are close to each other — just like his — our dogs bark at all hours, and

our children play as safely together as they can in any neighborhood. Perhaps that is too much to ask of a local columnist, perched at a desk just blocks away, who appears reluctant to actually see first-hand what he purports to advocate or criticize. He sure seems willing to climb on his soap box now that an adverse development issue has visited his own backyard.

To borrow again from Mr. White's March 22 column: "We're the ones paying the toll."

And isn't it a shame that in addition to paying city taxes, public safety taxes, and school board taxes, we have to dig deep into our own pockets and bring out against our elected officials, forcing them to enforce the very laws they themselves have approved?

Joe DeSantis
Sanford

Reader urges people to take part in 'gas out'

To the editor:

The price of gas today is out of hand. Regular unleaded can cost over \$1.50 per gallon. This is ridiculous! Despite the rising price of gas,

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Berry's World



Jim Berry
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Is Israel's apocalypse getting closer?

Which is the greater threat: George W. Bush meeting with Bob Jones IV, or President Bill Clinton meeting with Syrian dictator Hafez al-Assad in Geneva to further grease the slope leading to Israel's ultimate demise?

State Department spokesman James Rubin betrayed the indefensibly flawed and fatal (for Israelis) philosophy behind resumption of the "permanent status negotiations" between Israeli and Palestinian delegates when he said on March 17, "The Palestinian issue represents the core of the conflict."

No, it doesn't — and it never has. The

core of the conflict is the rejectionist policies of Israel's enemies to the very existence of the Jewish state, which preceded even the 1948 reconstitution of Israel. A largely ignored article in U.N. Resolution 242 requires of the Arabs "termination of all claims and states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force"



Cal Thomas

There has been no such termination.

The Jerusalem Post, on Feb. 11, ran a picture of a small Palestinian child dressed as a suicide bomber taking part in a rally in Nablus observing the 12th anniversary of the terrorist group Hamas. The Post reported theatrical shows that included blowing up cardboard Israeli buses and setting mock Jewish settlements on fire. Do people who desire peace behave like this?

Is Assad a peacemaker? According to the Ariel Center for Policy Research, which published an ad in the Feb. 8 issue of the Israeli newspaper HaIaretz, President Assad provides safe haven to international terrorists and to Nazi war criminals, including Alois Brunner, one of

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Opinion

Thomas

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 the Adolf Eichmann's senior henchmen. Assad is also a leading Holocaust denier. On Jan. 31, the editor of Assad's official newspaper, Tishrin, wrote: "Israel invented the legend of the Holocaust so as to blackmail the world and wield terror among intellectuals and politicians." This is a strategy of peace?

There's plenty of anti-Jewish sentiment in the Middle East, but Assad's brand is particularly venomous.

On Nov. 27, 1999, the Syrian weekly al-Osbua al-Arabi ran this: "the Passover Matza is soaked with the blood of Iraqis, Lebanese and Palestinians... the Talmud is drenched with hatred... the hostility toward humanity is

imprinted on the Jewish soul... the Jewish Shylock spreads throughout the world and acts under American sponsorship."

Since seizing power 30 years ago, Assad has maintained his position by treating his opponents to execution, torture, imprisonment without trial and kidnapping. Assad has used various means to deter the Sunni majority, including poison gas, which he employed to murder 20,000 residents of the city of Hama. One out of 240 Syrians is employed in "security" organizations, their main purpose to keep Assad in power.

Syria is still defined by the United States as a terrorist state and is the axis around which much of the world's terrorism revolves. Iran, Sudan, North Korea and Cuba

are among those that maintain terrorist ties to Syria. Assad has not been a peacemaker with his own Muslim neighbors. He supports and harbors anti-Turkish PKK Kurdish terrorism, claiming Syrian sovereignty over southeastern Turkey. He continues the 13-centuries-old conflict with Iraq.

He occupies Lebanon, which he has turned into the world's largest terrorist camp, and is now ready to inflict even more death and destruction on Israel as it withdraws soldiers from the "buffer zone" between the two nations.

Syria is also one of the most active proliferators of weapons of mass destruction, especially the chemical and biological variety.

Nothing that Israel or the United States may do will deter Syria or Israel's other implacable enemies from their appointed and, they believe, divinely mandated objective to eliminate from the region Israel as a nation and all Jews as a people.

How can differences be bridged if terrorists and terrorist states hold steadfastly to this objective?

There is no evidence that they are prepared to change. There is plenty of evidence they will use the leftist government of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and the strong-arm tactics of the Clinton administration to hasten Israel's apocalypse and realize Hitler's dream.

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"MY GOAL IS TO BE EXTREMELY RICH AND TO BECOME KNOWN AS 'MR. WRETCHED EXCESS.'"

Letters

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 the latest estimates by the United States government say the world, excluding the United States, has 20 percent more oil than it was thought to have last year. True the price of oil per barrel is rising, but that too seems to be contradicting. If more oil exists, why is the price of oil per barrel rising?

The issue of rising gas prices is so widespread across the United States that a website has even been established. "http://www.gasoutintspace.com" proposes a national gas boycott. It states that no one should buy gas on the days of April 7 through April 9. A gas-out day was held last year in California and seemed to ease the high gas prices. E-mails are being forwarded around the Internet in support of this national gas-out day. If a majority of gas consumers joined together and boycotted the sale of gas for these three days, something might be able to be done about the rising gas prices. This boycott could make a statement to the government that people are not happy about having to pay higher prices for gas, and that they are willing to join together to try to figure out a way to change it.

Lauren Kinney

Visitor doesn't want city to demolish park

To the editor:

On Friday, I arrived here in Sanford to visit with my grandmother, and today she and I walked down to Fort Mellonville Park and along the lakefront.

I was shocked and dismayed when she told me that some people want to demolish that lovely park and put up a big hotel. There's just nothing like walking among the pretty, lush greens of grass and trees beside a shimmering lake — it's my favorite thing to do.

It was a perfect Saturday. I had not relaxed and let myself be in weeks... and there is no better place to simply "be" than at a lakeside park. Where else do you get kids, older people, chugging bikes, wheeling birds, rippling lake, rattling

palms all together?

To try to change this peaceful town, so charming and unique and comforting, into just another crass and dirty tourist trap full of huge structures that obscure natural beauty. Why?

So many nice pieces of pleasant small-town life are gone from this world already, please don't take this simple joy from us, too.

Kathryn E. Finger
 Charlotte, N.C.

Wierzbowski believes White meant chapeau

To the editor:

I'd like to thank Russ White for mentioning the Rocky and Bullwinkle show in his tribute article about Durward Kirby. I remember them both, however, if my memory serves me well, the Kirby Derby was

indeed, a chapeau over which Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale lusted with Bullwinkle Moose and Rocket J. Squirrel — not a character just my two cents.

Thanks for the great article on an exemplary American.
 Michael J. Wierzbowski
 Lake Mary

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Business

Gas prices expected to continue rising

By Bill Korne
Staff Writer

Gasoline prices appear to be leveling off for now, following months of steep increases.

However, industry analysts are warning of possible shortages and prices at the pump reaching \$2 per gallon during the peak driving season this summer.

Florida motorists have seen gas prices stabilize, according to a fuel gauge report released this week by AAA auto club. Self-Serve Regular Unleaded gasoline prices are up six-tenths of a cent to a statewide average of \$1.583 per gallon.

In the Orlando area, from March 14 to March 21 the price of regular, mid-grade and premium unleaded gasoline dropped, according to the AAA report.

Regular unleaded dropped from

\$1.591 per gallon to \$1.575 per gallon. Mid-grade unleaded gasoline decreased from \$1.689 per gallon to \$1.678 per gallon. In addition, premium unleaded gasoline fell from \$1.761 per gallon to \$1.749 per gallon.

However, the U.S. Energy Department forecasts that additional oil supplies from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will not make it to the U.S. market in time to avoid gasoline prices hitting all time highs for the summer, said Yolie Bass, director of traffic safety for AAA Auto Club South.

Many local businesses are taking precautions against rising gasoline prices. For example, the Longwood City Commission this week approved a request by Florida Recycling Services to raise the collection rates for solid waste services.

The company said the rate hike is

necessary because of increased fuel costs.

Florida Recycling will increase the rate for collection services by 35 cents to \$10.87 per household per month, effective May 5. In addition, the rate for rear door pickup service for those who are not handicapped will be increased 20 cents to \$3.95 per household per month.

"We felt that the cost increase to the customer was a very modest representation of the increased fuel costs we are facing," said Sid Vihlen Jr., a representative of Florida Recycling Services.

Major oil producers have been meeting with U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. The U.S. is pressuring OPEC to relax year-old production quotas that have caused prices for crude and refined products such as gasoline to skyrocket.

As a result, next week OPEC is

expected to reach an agreement that would boost petroleum supplies.

However, it remains to be seen whether OPEC countries will pump crude oil in sufficient quantities to ease oil prices down from the highest levels since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The nationwide average price for unleaded gasoline is \$1.54 per gallon, an increase of 57.3 cents since last March, according to a recent survey conducted for AAA.

OIL ministers for the 11 OPEC countries will meet Monday in Vienna, Austria, for their semiannual review of global oil markets. Saudi Arabia, OPEC's No. 1 exporter, has expressed interest in stabilizing prices to avoid causing hardship for economies that purchase their oil.

If high oil prices cause economies to decline, demand for oil would plummet, and OPEC revenue from crude oil sales could shrink.

Industry analysts are predicting that OPEC will raise its daily output by about one million barrels. This increase would not be enough to meet seasonal needs for gasoline and lower prices and the pump.

OPEC produces more than 26 million barrels of crude each day, or about 35 percent of the world's supply.

Meanwhile, in Orlando area gas stations, the cost of gasoline remained steady this week. According to the OPIS Energy Group, the average price of regular unleaded gasoline was \$1.54 per gallon as of midnight Wednesday, a mark that was unchanged from the previous day.

Mid-grade unleaded gasoline also remained unchanged at \$1.64 per gallon. Premium gasoline even decreased slightly in price by .01 percent to \$1.71 per gallon. Diesel fuel remained unchanged at \$1.64 per gallon.

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Martin promoted to lead company


Longwood-based S.I. Goldman Company, owned by Comfort Systems USA, recently announced the promotion of John C. Martin to president.

Martin, most recently senior vice president of operations, steps up to the position formerly held by Ronald J. Burkett. Burkett remains as chief executive officer, turning over the daily operation of the \$50 million a year mechanical contracting business to Martin. The company has a staff of 300.


Martin is a state certified contractor in Florida and other Southeastern states with more than 24 years' experience in heating, ventilating, air-conditioning (HVAC), process piping, and plumbing for large, complex commercial, institutional and municipal construction projects.

His management experience includes serving at every position within the company.

Cops and lobsters



Sanford Officer Ed Morales talks about the importance of the Special Olympics to Sanford Red Lobster customers Cain Rodriguez and Teresa Keebler. The Sanford Police Department helped raise money for the organization by earning tips for their talents as servers.



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Business

Briefs

New Lake Mary medical office

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The Primera Office Park will have 3,000 square feet for medical offices, with the rest of the building to be set aside as speculative space.

The company, which employs six people, has built 11 small offices at the Bay Tree Center in Lake Mary and constructed the Community National Bank of Mid-Florida in Lake Mary.

Southeast secures school contract

Southeast Fire Sprinklers, Inc., a Sanford-based fire protection contractor, secured a contract with Aviation Construction, Inc. to provide services for renovations of Sea Breeze High School in Daytona Beach.

The Volusia County Public Schools project includes a pair of two-story buildings, totaling 84,000 square feet of space. Southeast will install 600 sprinkler heads with zone valves on each story. The contractor will also install 470 linear feet of underground pipe line to support the two new buildings.

Founded in 1979, Southeast provides fire protection design, installation, inspection and service to projects statewide. Southeast has annual sales of \$8 million.

Business expo on Tuesday

The Seminole County-Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will have a business expo Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The expo, called Network 2000 Business Expo, will have more than 70 exhibitors.

It will be held at Shrine Auditorium, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Maitland, and will include food from Seminole County restaurants and caterers.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 407-834-4404.

Centex Homes launches second phase

From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY — Fueled by a pre-construction sales push that has hit the \$30 million mark, Centex Homes has launched the second phase of 81 homesites at Magnolia Plantation in Lake Mary.

The new section includes 36 homesites on Magnolia Plantation's new 18-hole championship golf course that is slated to open this fall, said Joel Deines, director of sales and marketing for Centex Homes' Orlando division, which is based in Altamonte Springs.

Home construction in the new section will begin in April.

Planned for 498 homes in the burgeoning Markham Woods Road corridor just north of Lake Mary Boulevard, Magnolia Plantation represents one of the largest and most successful undertakings to date by Centex Homes. The first model homes will be finished in May.

Since the start of pre-construction sales last August, Magnolia Plantation's three builders — Centex Homes,

Carmen Dominguez Custom Homes and Beazer Homes — have tallied a total of 83 sales worth more than \$30 million, an average sales price of \$365,000.

Centex Homes, which has two inventory homes under construction, has garnered 45 sales for \$13.5 million.

Home prices in the new community range from the low \$200s to more than \$1 million, with many of the homesites fronting either the golf course, water or conservation areas. Living areas start at 2,200 square feet.

Log raising



Herold photo by Nick Slaton
Clint Farrell and family get the room by room tour of a log cabin from Casual Country Log Homes owners Mary and Brandon Lowe. The company held an open house recently.

BusinessFest 2000 set for April 26

The Central Florida Zoological Park will host BusinessFest 2000 "Safari in Seminole and the grand opening of the Hyacinth Macaw exhibit on Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at a charge of \$5 per person.

The networking event will feature food, beverages, live music, and prizes. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the zoo.

The event is presented by the Embassy Suites Orlando North in cooperation with the Lake Mary-Heathrow, Greater Oviedo, Greater Sanford/Seminole County and Greater Seminole County Chambers of Commerce.

For more information, contact Lisa Blackwelder at (407) 834-4404.



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- (1) Represents an average cost to residential customers within unincorporated Seminole County for solid waste collection service.
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- (3) Represents an approximate average cost per residential unit within unincorporated Seminole County for recycling efforts including indirect costs funded from State of Florida grants administered through the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (4) Seminole County did not regulate non-residential collection or recycling rates for the year reported.
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Transportation

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facility is proposed. The Interstate-4 corridor will be a key source of growth. The expansion to six lanes of I-4 between Lake Mary Blvd. and U.S. Highway 17-92 will begin in 2001, at an estimated cost of \$63 million. In addition, the interchange of I-4 and State Road 46 has been placed on a priority list for National Highway System funds, with new construction scheduled for 2004-2005. The engineering costs of the project are \$3.1 million.

Starting next year, the highly crowded St. Johns River Bridge and U.S. 17-92 interchange will be replaced. The project will be complete in 2003, at an estimated cost of \$126 million.

In the meantime, the interchange between I-4 and County Road 46A was completed this year.

Also along the corridor, several key projects are planned in the area west of Airport Boulevard. County Road 15 will be expanded to four lanes between SR 46 and U.S. 17-92, scheduled to begin in 2003, and be complete in 2005.

The widening of CR 46A from I-4 to Old Lake Mary Road to four lanes begins this year, and is scheduled for completion in 2003 at a cost of \$26 million.

In addition, construction on the St. Johns Parkway and East-West connector between Rindhart Road and Airport Boulevard begins this year, and completion is scheduled for 2002. The project costs \$38 million.

Work on the missing link for the Central Florida GreenWay began last year. The project will provide a four-lane toll road between Airport Boulevard and I-4. The \$265 million project is scheduled for completion in 2003.

The Orlando Sanford Airport is a key source of growth, highlighted by 1 million annual passengers and a \$255 million expansion of the domestic terminal facilities scheduled for completion in January 2001. Several transportation projects are also planned to accompany growth in the area of the airport.

State Road 46 East will be expanded to four lanes from Sanford Avenue to the Volusia County line. The project is No. 5 on a Metropolitan Orlando transportation improvement program prioritized list.

Turn lanes will be added to Sanford Avenue this year as a safety project, from 29th Street to Wylie Avenue, at a cost of \$894,000.

East Lake Mary Boulevard will receive an expansion to four lanes between U.S. 17-92 and Ohio Avenue, near the airport.

Fire

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origin of the fire." Grady Weeks was washing his car when he noticed smoke in the area and turned around to find his neighbor's home engulfed in flames. Immediately, he ran inside of his home and called 911, said Harris.

Units from Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, and Seminole County responded to the call for help. As units drew close to the fire, at 309 Station Street, a large column of smoke was spotted. Because of the smoke, additional units were called for assistance.

Plan

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construction of a new fire station or sub-station.

Currently, the city contracts with Seminole County for the use of a rescue ambulance. However, due to the increase in population in both municipalities, a majority of the officials agreed the city needs its own transport unit.

"But, right now, there has not been one complaint from the citizens on the city's level of emergency services," Meador said.

The group also discussed putting a bond issue for a new fire station on the November 2001 ballot.

Concerning conservation and park issues, the group determined it was the city's responsibility to maintain parks within its boundaries and to offer diversity in its recreational opportunities. Parks and Recreation Director Bill Carrico also suggested making an inventory of the city's parks.

Moving to annexation, sever-

Parking

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including exit cashiers, centralized parking meters and individual parking meters.

The possible form of management varies from lease arrangements with private parking management firms, contracted management, or self-management by the city.

A review of revenue collection methods performed by the city shows that in Florida courthouses, only those counties with parking garages currently charge for parking. These counties self-manage their own garage and use exit cashiers to collect revenue.

All other courthouses have parking lots or on-street parking, which is provided without charge. Regardless of the method of revenue collection selected, several additional issues are associated with the conversion to pay parking in the municipal and city hall parking lots, according to a courthouse parking study. For example, those parking may avoid paying for what was previously free and choose instead to use on-street parking.

"We have a real shortage of parking spaces in downtown Sanford," Dale said. "This becomes more and more of a problem all the time."

If people increase use on-street parking, then parking enforcement may become more costly and cumbersome, and changing parking patterns may discourage continued retail development in downtown Sanford, said Jay Mander, director of engineering and planning for the city.

Mander said that when choosing among the alternatives for pay parking in the municipal parking lot, the centralized parking meter is the best choice based on its low capital and operating costs and ease of use.

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The Way We Were: Memories from the 30s and 40s

Briefs

While looking through a folder of notes, I came across parts of two old columns that had been cut and not published because of lack of room. So as not to deprive you of this information, I'm presenting it to you today.

The information on the Seminole High School Class of 1934 was cut from a column published in 1997 at the time of this class' 63rd reunion which was held at the Colonial Room and at Richard Packard's home in Debarry. My sources were a 1934 Creley Feel and The Encyclopedia of Facts and Dates.

My reminiscing on wartime vacations was cut from one of a series of columns I wrote during the fall of 1995 on Sanford during World War II.

SHS Orchestra in 1934
The SHS Orchestra played every Thursday morning as the students entered and left the assembly. They also had played

at several PTA meetings during the year and presented three selections at Geneva's "Carnival of the Nations" the previous week.

This group practiced for an hour every Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school; their director was Miss Clifford Shindler.

Members of the orchestra were John Dighton, James Henry Dyson, Sam Dighton, Joe Thompson, Doris Rockley, Frances Roumiliat, Robert Wilson, Eva Mathieux, Carroll Culpepper, Lewis Wright, John Hinkemister, and Earl

Summersill.

SHS Faculty
Members of the SHS faculty in 1933-34 who were graduates of Seminole High were Mrs. Gladys Williams, 1916; Mrs. Winifred Moseley and Mrs. Gladys Smith, 1920; Mr. Rodman Lehman, Coach Leonard McClucas, Mrs. Marie Stinecpher, Miss Helen Verney, 1923; Miss Ruth Hand, 1925; Miss Clifford Shindler, 1926; and Mr. Earl Kipp, 1931.

Historical Events of 1934
The New Deal was in its second year with Republicans questioning the constitutionality of some of its more radical provisions. But conditions were gradually improving so voters increased the Democratic majority in Congress. Only 58 banks had failed in 1934; 901 had been the annual average since 1921. Unemployment had dropped, as had business failures.

Henry Ford restored the \$5 per day minimum wage to the

majority of his workers.

Scientists extended the periodic table and also predicted that man would soon harness atomic energy.

Nylon was first produced by Dr. Wallace H. Carothers in the DuPont Laboratories.

John Dillinger was shot in Chicago by FBI agents. Billy Sunday, 70, held an intensive two week revival in New York City.

Books published this year were "The Thin Man", "Goodbye Mr. Chips", and "Tender is the Night".

Outstanding motion picture of 1932-33 was "Cavalcade"; Charles Laughton was best actor and Kathryn Hepburn, best actress. Walt Disney won for the cartoon "Three Little Pigs".

The first annual Masters Golf Tournament was held in Augusta, Ga. and was won by Horton Smith. The 60th annual Kentucky Derby was won by "Cavalcade" whose jockey was Mack Garner. Max Baer won the heavy weight boxing championship over Primo Carnara and the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Detroit Tigers to win the World Series.

Wartime Vacation Memories

My family and I vacationed at New Smyrna Beach at least two weeks every summer during the war. Surprisingly, three of the places in which we stayed are still standing. I'm sure you know the spiral staircase apartment on South Atlantic Avenue and also the garage apartment just north of it. We stayed in both of them. There is a piece of another apartment building left standing behind Coronado Towers at Crawford Road. I remember using black out curtains every night, especially at the beginning of the war. I

believe I remember hearing that there were Japanese or German submarines out there at some point.

When I was in the third grade, I was quite sickly with intestinal problems and the doctor prescribed ocean air; a stay at the beach. So around April 15 of 1945, my mother and I went to New Smyrna Beach and stayed there through Labor Day. My dad came on weekends. We stayed in a green house on Crawford Road that is still there, though it is now white. I remember my dad complaining that it cost \$75 per month and it was three blocks from the beach!

We were in New Smyrna for VE Day; my grandmother's death in June, and the end of war. I was almost nine years old.

We were there eating supper in a restaurant on U.S. 1 on our way to Daytona Beach when the announcement of the war's end came and the sirens blew. My parents decided to go on to Daytona, which we did. When we parked on the street and got out, a sailor grabbed my mother and kissed her!! She received several other hugs and kisses by service men during the evening. We milled around with the huge crowd which included several in the military. There were sirens and other noise makers and all sorts of merrymaking. It was indeed a joyous time! Finally, to get away from the noise for awhile, we went into a movie. While there, someone came running in saying "Don't you know the war's over?" It was an exciting evening, one I will never forget. I'm sure that all of you have your own special memories of the end of the war.

Scottish Tartan Day
Thursday, April 6, has been declared by the U.S. Senate as Scottish Tartan Day.

This, the third annual observance, is being celebrated with a Scottish dinner and ceilidh to be held at the American Legion Post No. 19, 2101 Lee Road, Orlando, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. The observance of Tartan Day is to commemorate Scottish history and culture and the great contributions that Scots and Scottish Americans have made in the history and development of the United States.

The ceilidh is informal so come and bring your talent (or non-talent) with you. There will be bagpipers, Highland dancers, whisky raising (7 to 7:30 p.m.), baggies, singers, the Wyndbreakers, banners, shopping and more.

Reservations are required by April 2.
For more information, phone 407-422-8226.

Bye Bye Birdie

Lake Mary High School - Players of the Arts will be ending their 1999-2000 season with their spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie" on April 5, 6, 7, and 8, at 7:30 each evening. Admission is \$3, and everyone is welcome.

The musical will be presented in the Lake Mary High School auditorium. For tickets or information contact Bill Erwele at Lake Mary, at 407-320-9672.

AARP driver courses

The AARP 55-Alive Mature Driving Program will be held at three locations in Seminole County during the month of April. The eight-hour course is designed for motorists age 50 and older, and addresses the physical changes that can affect older drivers. Tuition is \$10 to be paid at the first class.

Scheduled are April 4 and 5 at Winter Springs Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon; April 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at South Seminole Hospital and Florida Rehab.

For additional information, phone 407-351-0932.

Oviedo Carnival

The Oviedo High School Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual Spring Carnival from Thursday, April 6, through Sunday, April 9. All money raised from the carnival will go to help the various athletics at Oviedo High School.

Featured will be midway rides, games, entertainment, food, and fun for all. The event will be held on the high school grounds. Tickets will be on sale at the gate, but advance ticket purchases can be arranged at half price, at the ticket booth in front of the school, which will operate until April 6.

Celebrity Auction

Members of the fifth grade at Sternstrom Elementary School have written to local celebrities asking them to donate memorabilia for a Celebrity Auction, to be held from 1 until 6 p.m., Saturday, April 8. There will be celebrity auctioneers as well as members of the media on hand.

Money raised will be used for technology used at the school.

The event will be held in the multi-purpose room at Sternstrom Elementary School, 1800 Alafaya Woods Blvd. in Oviedo.

General Dynamics Reunion
A Dynatronics-General Dynamics reunion is planned for Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15.

All former employees of the Longwood and Lake Mary plants are invited to the reunion. Site location is the Marina Hotel on Sanford's lakefront.

To register for the reunion or to request more information, call Pat Dental at 407-814-8680.

Wilderness hike

The Florida Trail Association will lead a leisurely hike at the Geneva Wilderness on Friday, April 21. The group will meet at the Geneva Wilderness, about seven miles outside Oviedo, on the way to Geneva, at 6 p.m. The hike is approximately three miles. Following the hike the group will head to Jerry's Restaurant for dinner.

Participants should bring a flashlight and plenty of water, but no pets.

For detailed directions and information phone activity leader Joan Norris at 407-365-6036.

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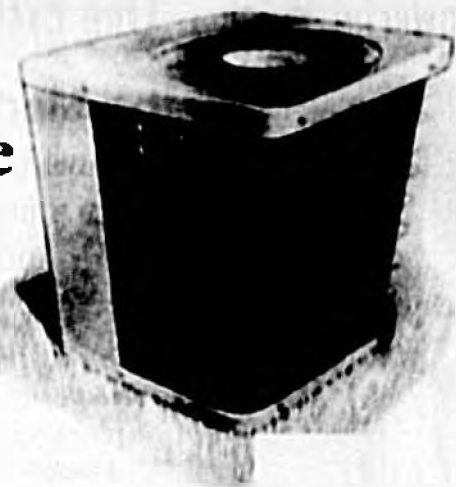
As of May 1, 2000, after 46 years of practicing medicine, I will retire from active practice.

It has been my pleasure to serve the public during these 46 years and I have been additionally blessed with a most pleasant group of patients. I have thoroughly enjoyed my professional journey through life.

There will be someone available in the office until July 1, 2000, for any inquiries about records. After that date correspondence should be directed to 2425 S. Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771.

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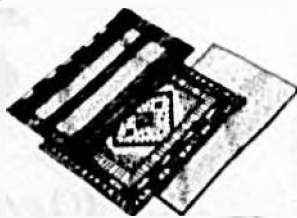
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 - 1992 "Unforgiven"
 - 1993 "Schindler's List"
 - 1994 "Forrest Gump"
 - 1995 "Braveheart"
 - 1996 "The English Patient"
 - 1997 "Titanic"
 - 1998 "Shakespeare in Love"



- BEST PICTURE**
- "American Beauty"
 - "The Cider House Rules"
 - "The Green Mile"
 - "The Insider"
 - "The Sixth Sense"



"American Beauty"

- BEST ACTOR**
- Russell Crowe "The Insider"
 - Richard Farnsworth "The Straight Story"
 - Sean Penn "Sweet and Lowdown"
 - Kevin Spacey "American Beauty"
 - Denzel Washington "The Hurricane"

- BEST ACTRESS**
- Annette Bening "American Beauty"
 - Janet McTeer "Tumbleweeds"
 - Julianne Moore "The End of the Affair"
 - Meryl Streep "Music of the Heart"
 - Hilary Swank "Boys Don't Cry"

- BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**
- Michael Caine "The Cider House Rules"
 - Tom Cruise "Magnolia"
 - Michael Clarke Duncan "The Green Mile"
 - Jude Law "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
 - Haley Joel Osment "The Sixth Sense"

- BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**
- Toni Collette "The Sixth Sense"
 - Angelina Jolie "Girl, Interrupted"
 - Catherine Keener "Being John Malkovich"
 - Samantha Morton "Sweet and Lowdown"
 - Chloe Sevigny "Boys Don't Cry"

- BEST DIRECTOR**
- Lasse Hallstrom "The Cider House Rules"
 - Spike Jonze "Being John Malkovich"
 - Michael Mann "The Insider"
 - Sam Mendes "American Beauty"
 - M. Night Shyamalan "The Sixth Sense"



"The Cider House Rules"



"The Green Mile"



"The Insider"



"The Sixth Sense"

Too close to call

Picking the winners in this year's Academy Awards is tough

By Dick and Chick Kleiner
Special to the Herald

HOLLYWOOD — There are five nominees for Best Picture at this year's Academy Awards, and there are five films that have a good chance of getting the victory. That's how close this year's competition is.

"American Beauty" and "The Cider House Rules" have a slightly better chance than the other three — "The Green Mile," "The Insider" and "The Sixth Sense" — but it would not be a big surprise if any one of the five walked off with the Best Picture award.

We liked "The Cider House Rules" and "The Green Mile" best of the five. "American Beauty" was too dark for our tastes. "The Cider House Rules" is really the classiest of the nominees, and we think it will win. It is a magnificent film, full of uplifting moments and good direction and performances.

We expect the winner of the Best Picture award to garner the Best Director award, too, thus, if "The Cider House Rules" wins for Best Picture, then expect Lasse Hallstrom to be Best Director; if "American Beauty" is victorious, look for Sam Mendes to get the nod. The Best Actor category

appears to be a chance for Kevin Spacey to break through and win his first Oscar in that category. While we didn't care for "American Beauty," we both thought Spacey did a magnificent job carrying that film. There were other great performances — Russell Crowe in "The Insider," Richard Farnsworth in "The Straight Story," Sean Penn in "Sweet and Lowdown" and Denzel Washington in "The Hurricane" — but Spacey was the cream of the crop.

If there is an upset here, it will probably be scored by Washington for his excellent portrayal of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter in "The Hurricane." The other three are long shots.

The Best Actress award is a toss-up. Five performances, five with a good shot at winning. If "American Beauty" wins for Best Picture, it could carry Annette Bening along. She did a stunning job and deserves a win, but so do the other four — Janet McTeer in "Tumbleweeds," Julianne Moore in "The End of the Affair," Meryl Streep in "Music of the Heart" and Hilary Swank in "Boys Don't Cry."

Never count Ms. Streep out, and there is a lot of talk about Hilary Swank in "Boys Don't Cry." Janet McTeer has her supporters, too, and Julianne Moore was glorious in "The End of the Affair." But we liked the job Annette Bening did in "American Beauty"; look for her to win.

In the Best Supporting Actor category, we expect a win for

Michael Caine for "The Cider House Rules." Chick has never been a Caine fan — his crotchety accent bothers her — but in this film, he's lost the accent, and he gives a stirring performance that should notch a victory. Besides, he is the sentimental favorite.

The other nominees were all reasonably good. Michael Clarke Duncan was, literally, head and shoulders above the rest of the cast in "The Green Mile," but sheer size is no guarantee of a win. Tom Cruise is always good, and he was his usual efficient self in "Magnolia," and Jude Law made a big impression in "The Talented Mr. Ripley." Haley Joel Osment's performance was a revelatory in "The Sixth Sense," but this doesn't seem to be the year of the child star.

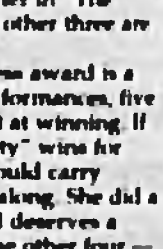
There is one nominee who stands a better chance than her colleagues to win the Best Supporting Actress award: Angelina Jolie, for her work in "Girl, Interrupted." She was truly superb. The other four — Toni Collette for "The Sixth Sense," Catherine Keener for "Being John Malkovich," Chloe Sevigny for "Boys Don't Cry" and Samantha Morton for "Sweet and Lowdown" — are distinct outsiders in this category.

That's the way the Oscar races look to us. But don't be surprised if there's an upset. That's what makes the Academy Awards good fun — the unexpected is always to be expected.

(Dick and Chick Kleiner cover stories appear in their biweekly "Ask Dick Kleiner" column in THE SEMINOLE HERALD INTERPRET AMN.)



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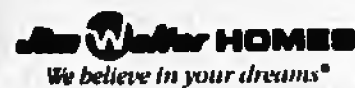


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Sports

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Former soccer All-American alumni to play UCF

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - Former All-Americans Michelle Akers (1984-88) and Mary Varas (1981-84) will lead a squad of 18 University of Central Florida alumni against the Golden Knights' 1999 NCAA finalist women's soccer team Sunday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at the UCF practice fields.

Akers, a two-time national player of the year, was named to the 1984, '86, '87 and '88 All-Southeast Region teams. She earned 134 points while at UCF, the most of any player before or after her. The two-time World Cup Champion also ranks second on UCF's career high lists in goals, with 52, and assists, with 30. She is the only player in UCF history to have her number (10) retired.

Varas, now Reese, led the 1982 squad to the national championship finals, taking home runner-up honors. UCF's highest finish in history. In addition to her All-American status, Varas was named to the 1983 All-Southeast Region team.

Four more All-Southeast Region selections, Alyson Barnes (1986-89), Kelly Kochevar (1981-84), Karen Kopp (1991-92) and Leslie Golden (1992-96), will also return to the field to face the reigning Trans America Athletic Conference champions.

Kochevar's 53 career goals is the most of any Golden Knight and her 20 game-winning goals also tops the list of UCF's career leaders. Kochevar knocked in five goals against Stetson in 1980, the most for any UCF player in a single game.

Sunshine Network will film portions of the game, as well as interviews with Akers and Golden Knight coach Amanda Cromwell, as part of a segment on women's soccer heroes on its new show, "At the Top of Her Game." The show, which airs Monday's at 6 p.m. and Tuesday's at 11:30 a.m., features talented female athletes who speak candidly about the obstacles, sacrifices, and keys to success that make it possible for them to excel in sports. The importance of mentoring and positive role models is stressed, along with a message of determination and hope for young girls to keep the desire to rise "to the top of their game."

At The Top Of Her Game examines the athletes from their earliest aspirations.

UCF ATHLETES NAMED TO GTE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

ORLANDO - University of Central Florida cross country and track team member Sarah Kureshi (Okeechobee High School) and men's soccer team captain Rami Vehmas have been selected to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District III first teams.

As members of the All-District first teams, Kureshi and Vehmas are now eligible to be named to the national All-America teams which will be announced in several weeks.

Kureshi, a junior pre-med major, has been twice honored as the team's scholar athlete and has been an Academic All-Trans America Athletic Conference selection for three years running. A member of the TAAC 1999 Cross Country Championship team, Kureshi also holds the team's season-best times in the 1,500 and See UCF, Page 2B

Knapp knocks out Lassiter

Outfielder's two home runs carry Oviedo past 1999 National Champs

By Tony DeBorja
HERALD CORRESPONDENT



OVIEDO - Mention the last name "Knapp" in conjunction with Oviedo High School baseball and normally the response would be to consider Ben Knapp, the 1988 OHS graduate who was a high draft choice by the Baltimore Orioles and currently pitches in their minor league system.

But on Friday night, younger brother Jeff stepped out of his big brother's shadow in a big way.

Jeff Knapp launched a pair of home runs - the second, a three-run game-winner in the bottom of the 10th inning - to give the Oviedo Lions a 9-6 come-from-behind win in 10 innings over the Marietta-Lassiter (GA) Trojans at Paul Miller Field.

"He made a name for himself tonight," said a jubilant Harold Hitt, head coach of the Oviedo Lions. "This was a great win for us against a very good team."

Last year, USA Today crowned Marietta-Lassiter its mythical high school national champion.

The Trojans (11-5) had leads of 2-0, 4-0, and 6-4 over the Lions but were unable to close out their hosts. Oviedo scored solo runs in the fourth and fifth before a two-run rally in the bottom of the sixth tied the game at 4-4. Another two-run rally in the eighth reknotted the game at 6-6.

The two teams combined for seven home runs (two by Lassiter and five by the Lions) in the 10-inning contest. Other than Knapp's game-winner, the most critical - and most con-

tentious - circuit clout was Brett Murphy's inside-the-park home run that tied the game at 6-6 in the bottom of the eighth.

After Lassiter had taken a 6-4 lead in the top of the inning, Oviedo got one run back on Knapp's solo homer. A strikeout later, Murphy slashed a drive to the right-center field gap that Trojan right fielder Matt Nelson attempted to snare with a diving catch against the fence.

As Nelson lay against the base of the fence, center fielder Brad Smith signaled that Nelson had made the catch. But neither umpire signaled a catch and, as the Trojans protested their case, Murphy circled the bases.

"It was a heads-up effort by Murph," said Hitt. "He just kept running until the umpires told him to stop, just like every coach teaches every player at every level."

The score stayed knotted at six until the bottom of the 10th. Blaine Schulte (who hit a solo home run in the sixth) slapped a searing eye single into shallow right field for a single. Kenny Stirling put down a two-strike sacrifice bunt that was dropped at first base, allowing him to reach safely.

After working the count full, Knapp homered to left field.

The three-run shot made a winner of Justin Holmes (1-0), who came in to pitch in the top of the eighth in relief of starter Jered Goodwin. Holmes struck out seven and walked one during his 2 2/3 inning stint. He walked one batter and hit another.

Jerred Goodwin, Oviedo's star. See Preps, Page 3B



FILE PHOTOS

Oviedo junior outfielder Jeff Knapp (above and left) hit a pair of home runs, including a walk-off, game-winning three-run shot in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the host Lions a come-from-behind 9-6 victory over Lassiter High School from Marietta, Georgia, the defending USA Today National Champions, at Miller Field Friday night.

In addition to his two home runs, Knapp also singled in another run and also scored a run to finish the evening 3-for-4, with the runs scored and five RBI.

Lassiter was to move over to Lake Mary to take on the Rams at noon on Saturday.

Raiders softball upsets Daytona

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The Seminole Community College softball team got a much-needed shot in the arm Thursday, sweeping a Mid-Florida Conference doubleheader from Daytona Beach Community College at Lady Rutter Field.

SCC scored single runs in the first and fourth innings and held the Scots to a single run in the sixth inning to claim the first game, 2-1.

The nightcap was just as exciting, if not more so, as the Raiders scratched out the game's only run in the bottom of the See SCC, Page 2B

Armstrong wins Family First Ambassador Award

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - Orlando Magic guard Darrell Armstrong (right) received the 2000 Family First Ambassador Award on Thursday at the Family First Challenges and Champions dinner and awards ceremony at Church Street Station.

The award is given to the person who exhibits a commitment to strengthening the family while promoting Judeo-Christian values in a significant way through the media or other public forum.

"I never knew my own father. In fact, I have never met him," Armstrong said. "I want my daughters to know their daddy. I want them to know I had to overcome hardships and defeats to get where I am."

In April of 1989, Armstrong joined the Family First Fatherhood campaign team by becoming the spokesman for the Central Florida area. Darrell

was featured on radio and television and on 50 billboards around Orlando promoting the importance of family and being a dad.

Family First is an independent, non-profit research and communications organization dedicated to bringing an awareness to Florida and beyond of the vital importance of families in our society. Established in 1991 and based in Tampa, Family First promotes ideas, issues and principles that strengthen the family.

RDV Sports, named for chairman Rich DeVos, is the parent company of the Orlando Magic of the National Basketball Association, Orlando Solar Bears of the International Hockey League, Orlando Miracle of the Women's National Basketball Association, the RDV Sportsplex, and Magic Carpet Aviation.

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Herald Photo by Arsh Booth

Arthur Barnes (left), manager of Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, the regular season and tournament champions on Wednesday night, and Dennis Roman, manager of the Church tournament champion Knights of Columbus squad, received their trophies on Monday.

Upset forces playoff for Thursday softball crown

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Mike Miller's one-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Kyle Brubaker with the winning run as Brian's Lawn Maintenance upset Stenstrom Realty Incorporated in City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Men's Thursday Night Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League action at Pinehurst Park.

Thursday's game was a make-up from a rain out last week.

Stenstrom Realty Incorporated took a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Brian's Lawn Maintenance came back with six runs in the bottom of the second inning to take the lead and the battle was on.

Stenstrom Realty Incorporated regained the lead

with a three-run third inning, but Brian's Lawn Maintenance tied the game in the bottom of the frame.

Stenstrom Realty Incorporated took the lead again in the fourth inning before Brian's Lawn Maintenance plated five runs in the fifth inning to grab a 13-9 advantage.

Brian's Lawn Maintenance could not hold onto the lead, however, as Stenstrom Realty Incorporated came back with three runs in the sixth inning and a single run in the top of the seventh inning to tie the game at 13-13.

Brian's Lawn Maintenance was not about to play extra innings on this evening though.

With one out, Kyle Brubaker singled and Jerry Camus reached on an error, setting up Miller for the game-winning hit.

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Non-Fiction

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2. THE ROCK SAYS . . . , by the Rock with Joe Layden. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$26.) A memoir by a professional wrestler.
3. THE MILLIONAIRE MIND, by Thomas J. Stanley. (Andrews McMeel, \$26.95.) An analysis of the people who make up America's financial elite.
4. 'TIS, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$26.) An Irish immigrant gets used to life in America: a memoir.
5. FAITH OF MY FATHERS, by John McCain with Mark Salter. (Random House, \$25.) The United States senator (and former P.O.W.) remembers his life in the Navy and that of his father and grandfather.
6. HAVE A NICE DAY! by Mick Foley. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$25.) A pro wrestler's autobiography.
7. A HEART-BREAKING WORK OF STAGGERING GENIUS, by Dave Eggers. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.) A young man's account of raising his 8-year-old brother after their parents died just weeks apart.
8. PEANUTS: A Golden Celebration, by Charles M. Schulz, edited by David Larkin. (HarperCollins, \$45.) A history of the comic, with more than 1,000 strips.
9. THE GREATEST GENERATION, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House, \$24.95.) The lives of men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II.
10. THE ART OF HAPPINESS, by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler. (Riverhead, \$22.95.) What Buddhism and common sense tell us about everyday problems.

Fiction

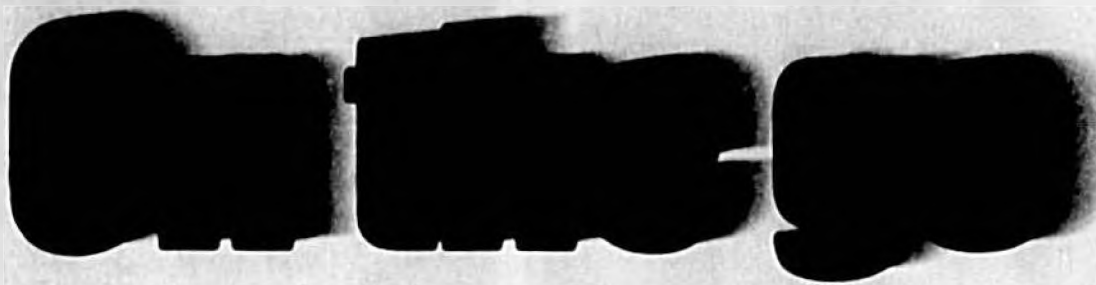
1. THE BRETHERN, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) Three former judges, doing time at a federal prison in Florida, concoct a lucrative mail scam that goes awry.
2. HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$17.95.) A British boy finds trouble when he returns to a witchcraft school.
3. HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$19.95.) A British boy's life at a school for witchcraft is threatened.
4. DAUGHTER OF FORTUNE, by Isabel Allende. (HarperCollins, \$26.) A young woman from a British colony in Chile joins the 1849 California gold rush.
5. GAP CREEK, by Robert Morgan. (Algonquin, \$22.95.) The fortunes of a struggling young couple in Appalachia during the final years of the 19th century.
6. HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$18.95.) A British boy finds his fortune attending a school for witchcraft.
7. BRIDGET JONES: The Edge of Reason, by Helen Fielding. (Viking, \$24.95.) Another year in the life of a single woman in London.
8. THE LION'S GAME, by Nelson DeMille. (Warner, \$26.95.) A former New York homicide detective helps federal agents as they pursue a Libyan terrorist.
9. TOUGH COOKIE, by Diane Mott Davidson. (Bantam, \$23.95.) A chef investigates the suspicious death of her ex-boyfriend, chairman of the Colorado parole board.
10. DAY OF RECKONING, by Jack Higgins. (Putnam, \$25.95.) The head of a secret White House department sets out to destroy an international crime boss.

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There's always something happening at Sanford's Senior Center

By Nick Plattouf
Staff Writer

"We're one of the most active senior center organizations in Central Florida," said Lonnie Mott, director of the Sanford Senior Center.

And, it's no wonder judging by the enthusiasm Mott displays — not only to the general public but to seniors who attend the various events.

"This is one of the best places to come to meet new friends and become involved in activities that are entertaining, informative and healthful," Mott said.

One of the health related events takes place at the Seminole Towne Center mall. At 7:30 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, between 40 and 50 people gather at the main food court area and go on a planned walk through the mall. Some people upon completing certain numbers of walks and covering specific distances receive awards, such as 50 or 100 miles.

Seniors walking 100 miles? "Yes," Mott said. "You'd be surprised what they can do."

One of the projects at the Senior Center this month and going into next month is free income tax help

through the assistance of AARP Representatives are on hand at the Senior Center every Tuesday from 9 a.m. Mott stressed this assistance is free of charge.

"We have two big trips planned in the near future," she said. On April 6, Seniors will visit the historic Ponce Inlet Lighthouse built in 1807 then enjoy lunch at Down the Hatch, followed by a river cruise on the North Halifax River. On May 18, it's a trip to St. Augustine with a trolley tour through the historic city, lunch at the famous Conch House Restaurant, and new Belz Outlet, one of the major outlet store areas in Central Florida.

To join the seniors in these events, phone 407-302-1010.

"Almost all of our programs are free of charge," Mott explained. "The only time charges are made are in cases where there are special instructors or other persons involved who require financial remuneration, such as ballroom dancing classes or country & western dance classes. In these cases, the instructors are paid."

Another program which has already been under way is through the auspices of the University of Central Florida. Nursing students preparing to graduate perform public service by teaching various forms of health related items to local seniors.

There is, indeed, something for everyone.

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A taste of what's offered

The Sanford Senior Center offers a variety of activities and services. From entertaining to educational, we have something for every senior. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions for new events. The following is our current schedule.

Monday, March 27
7:30 a.m. Seniors Exercise
9 a.m. Arts & Crafts and Activities
10 a.m. Meal, program, Bridge and Friends

Tuesday, March 28
9 a.m. AARP Tax Help
10:00 a.m. Star 88 Club Meeting
9 a.m. Singing with the Stars
10 a.m. Singing with the Stars
11:00 a.m. Singing with the Stars

Wednesday, March 29
7:30 a.m. Seniors Exercise
9 a.m. Activities
10 a.m. Seniors Exercise and Activities

Thursday, March 30
9 a.m. The Stars
10 a.m. Singing with the Stars and Singing

Friday, March 31
7:30 a.m. Seniors Exercise
9 a.m. AARP Tax Help and Activities
10 a.m. Live Show



Far right, Cecil Thompson and his wife, Valerie, walk through the city of Lake Mary. The pair are part of Sanford Senior Center's monthly outings. Thompson, who is 40, recently passed the 100-mile mark. And, she has no plans of slowing anytime soon. The couple's next goal is to walk a mile at the shopping mall. For more information, call 607-600-1010.



'Take me out to the ball game' Thompson's pride in community becomes asset for city

Cecil Thompson loves sports. The Greenville, Tenn., native is even naming his next child, due next month, Peyton — no doubt after Peyton Manning, the former quarterback for the University of Tennessee Volunteers. Peyton will be Thompson's fourth child with his wife of 20 years, Valerie. The couple has two sons, 14-year-old Ryan and 12-year-old Joshua, and one daughter, 16-year-old Christine. Thompson said he moved from his native state of Tennessee to Lake Mary as a result of his job. He is currently the national account executive for Old Dominion Freight Lines. He is also the president of the Hills of Lake Mary Home Owners Association and treasurer of Lake Mary Little League. But, just because he is a proud member of the Lake Mary community doesn't mean he roots for Florida when they play Tennessee. "I am definitely still a Vols fan," Herald Managing Editor Michelle Jerla sat down with Thompson to learn more about why he takes such pride in his community.

Q. Why did you decide to lease property from the City of Lake Mary and build a concession stand and batting cages in the city's sports complex?

A. It was a matter of convenience. I was taking my kids to the nearest batting cages, which were in Winter Springs. I also have a great sense of pride for the city, and I want to see it continue to grow strong. If there is any-

thing I can do for the city, I will do it, which includes building batting cages and the concession stand.

Q. Do you coach Little League?

A. Not right now, but I coach football. The kids I coach range in age from 9 to 13.

Q. Do you find it difficult to coach kids in their early teens?

A. No. Most kids are very good — they want to listen and learn so they can be proud of what they do. And, I think playing sports as a kid builds character. What they learn now they will use when they are 40.

Q. How did you become

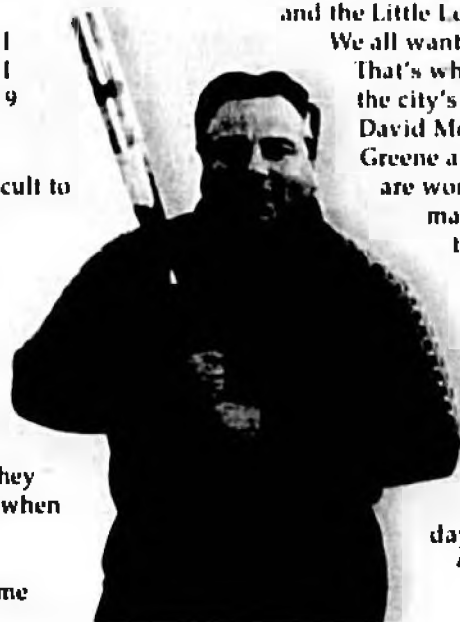
the treasurer of Lake Mary Little League?

A. Some of the board members asked me to join the board. I then became its treasurer. Basically what I do is manage the money and update reports. I also work at merging the city and the Little League so they work together.

We all want to do what's best for our kids. That's what is happening now. All of the city's officials, including Mayor David Meador, Deputy Mayor Thom Greene and City Manager John Litton are working with the Little League to make the city's sports complex the best park it can be. They all care about the youth, and that's why the sports complex is one of the nicest parks around.

Q. Cincinnati Reds ball player Dante Bichette recently attended Lake Mary Little League's opening day. What is Dante like?

A. Dante works out here dur-



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Tommy Vincent's Faces Around Seminole County



Donald Proctor (left) and James Dyson enjoy the sixth annual Southern Riders Motorcycle Club of Sanford Heat Week Cook Out. The two men are members of Black Brothers Motorcycle Club based out of Washington, D.C.



Cindy Dupree is third keeper of the Central Florida Zoological Park. Health care of the park's residents. Marketing with Dupree is Andrea Farmer, the park's director of marketing and public relations.



Seminole County Recreational Department Senior Supervisor Roni Mott (left) and Seminole County Recreational Department Supervisor Lisa Jones are seen at the scene of the Seminole High School City Pool dedication.



Ron Nathan has a son with Capt. Cornelius of a recent Seminole County, Fla. and is a member of the... (caption partially obscured)

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How to make drain cleaner

DIARANSI AND NAN
Please put a good housewifely touch on your drains.

RALPH TOMLINSON
Portage, Ind.



Ask **AMIE & NAN**

DEAR RALPH: For a clogged drain, first try a plunger. But if that doesn't work, here's a recipe for drain cleaner that is very much like the "vodka" ones our kids used to make.

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1 cup salt
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1 kettle boiling water

Pour the baking soda, salt and vinegar into the drain. Wait 15 to 20 minutes to give the ingredients a chance to work. Then pour boiling water into the drain to flush out the gunk.

To prevent clogged drains in the future, don't wash grease, fat, coffee grounds or hair down the drain. A couple of times a week empty a tea kettle full of boiling water down your drain and add a little salt.

FEEDBACK: BUS CANDY BARS AND OTHER TREATS FROM OUR YOU-IE

Bus candy bars are a popular treat for many people. They are made with a variety of ingredients and are often flavored with different tastes. Some popular flavors include chocolate, vanilla, and fruit. These treats are easy to make and are a great way to share with friends and family.

DEAR ABBY

Dear Abby, I have a question about my dog. He is a 10-year-old Labrador Retriever and he has been acting a little strange lately. He seems to be afraid of people and he is barking a lot more than usual. I have tried to talk to him and he seems to understand, but he just doesn't seem to listen. Can you help me with this?

- Carnellows
- 1 bag Kraft caramels
- 1 cup powdered condensed milk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 bag marshmallows
- 1 box Rice Krispies

Put the marshmallows, milk and butter in a double boiler and melt them. Dip the marshmallows in the caramel sauce and roll in the Rice Krispies. Use tongs for the dipping. It is very sticky.

IDEA OF THE WEEK

Sheila Powers of Farmington, Me., wrote to tell us about another use for hair spray. Sheila used to work at a paint and wallpaper store where an older painter told her to spray grease stains with hair spray. She writes, "I tried the suggestions away. Ten years later, we bought an older home and every time we painted the kitchen it was a long before grease stains came right through. I remembered what the painter had said, and I tried it. I bought the cheapest hair spray that I could, and for about two weeks whenever I thought about it I sprayed the walls with it. It has been three years and many washings, and the grease stains have not come back through."

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Everyone wears red at Black Women's Congress event

Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress held their eighth annual session.

More than 100 women dressed in red gathered to the following day. Entering the New Millennium, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and professionally, we have experienced the International Black Women's Congress (IBWC) Region IV Northern Chapter. IBWC provided an opportunity for an event of 5 days.

Letting embracing and inspiring themselves through social and economic empowerment.

This year, indeed a day of grace and joyful wonderment as the session opened with Dr. Geneva Linn presiding over the session. The national board was well represented and a welcome committee from Dr. Delores Aldridge. The local IBWC women's group presented a song, "I'm a Black Woman," by Stella Onit.



Martha Hawkins

Top program was presented by Dr. Delores Aldridge. The event was sponsored by the local chapter of the IBWC.

Participants were challenged to embrace their own empowerment through social and economic empowerment.

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The Women of Faith and Service met recently at the home of Rosa Jacobson with Betty Halbeck and Bettye Smith.

Mountain Dew as contraceptive is contrary to the facts

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Marijorie Sallzman

DEAR MARIJORIE: Your letter is a first. Years ago a rumor circulated that drinking with Coca-Cola after sex would prevent pregnancy.

That rumor was mostly as wrong as the "prevention" pill rumor discovered to their dismay.

Let me go on record as stating that Mountain Dew, although a refreshing and enjoyable beverage, is NOT A CONTRACEPTIVE. It may give the drinker a "buzz" because of its sugar and caffeine content, but it will do NOTHING to lower the sperm count. And to allege that it will is incorrect and irresponsible.

section and a "yikes" page for teens with urgent issues.

Now I have a riddle for you: What do you, all young men who drink Mountain Dew because they think it's a contraceptive? Answer: All together now: FATHERS!

JOHN GLASS STUDIO CITY CALIF

DEAR JOHN: Thanks for the help. I remember seeing a similar demonstration many years ago. It was targeted at young people who had not yet started to smoke, and one look was a convincing deterrent because of the amount of tar that appeared on the handkerchief. It took no imagination to see what smoking does to the bronchial tubes and lungs.

Bookworms



The Literary Group of the Sanford Woman's Club met recently at the home of Rosa Jacobson with Betty Halbeck and Bettye Smith. The group was organized to select a book to be read to the Seminole County Library System in memory of Charlotte Marie Smith Siskind.

Births

- Feb. 23, 2000**
 - Daniela Antonella Alvarez, daughter of Luz Pardo of Sanford, was born.
 - Jackson Edward Luther, son of Charcy Ann and Derrick Luther of Deltona, was born.
 - Nicola Kristalina Metcalfe, daughter of Terri Hessler and Jeremiah Metcalfe of Deltona, was born.
 - Brooke Elizabeth Jeffrey, daughter of Amy and Johnny Jeffrey of Lake Mary, was born.
 - Louis Mackenzie Hale, daughter of Pauline and Louy Hale of Sanford, was born.
 - Kyla Rosanello Snow, daughter of Kara Rosanello and Stephen Snow of Apopka, was born.
 - Patrick William Cassidy, son of Heather Langille and Patrick Cassidy of Orlando, was born.
 - Michael Henry Rock, son of Fhsa and Andrew Rock of Longwood, was born.
- Feb. 24, 2000**
 - Angel Destiny Mayans, daughter of Delores and Wilbert Mayans of Sanford, was born.
 - Jansen Michael Newbold, son of Jennifer and Chad Newbold of Winter Park, was born.
 - Ethan Noel Rivera, son of Paula Bencher and Hector Rivera of Oviedo, was born.
 - William Aldin Kilmer, son of
- Feb. 25, 2000**
 - George Adam Speck, son of Donna and George Speck of Apopka, was born.
 - Taylor Nicole Robinson, daughter of Jennifer and Christopher Robinson of Heathrow, was born.
 - Nicholas Parks Harrison, son of Jennifer and Donald Burns of Clermont, was born.
 - Natalie Samantha Burns, daughter of Jennifer and Donald Burns of Clermont, was born.
 - Nathan Anthony Smith, son of Susan and Herbert Smith III of Deltona, was born.
- Feb. 26, 2000**
 - Iman Nayeli Barrett, daughter of Vickie McMillan and Terman Barrett of Sanford, was born.
 - Riley Elizabeth Katz, daughter of Stefanie and Steven Katz of Lake Mary, was born.
 - Keva Shantel Hayes, daughter of Oueltha Brown and Peter Hayes of Apopka, was born.

Three Greenwood Odyssey teams triumph at competition

There was "Magic" in the air Saturday, March 18, as seven teams from Lake Mary competed in the 11th Annual Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament. Magic Center is the regional name for Seminole, Alachua, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola and Sumter counties. Six teams from Greenwood Lakes Middle School and one team from Lake Mary Elementary School competed with other teams from all over the region.



Dear Abby

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a worldwide creative problem solving competition for children. Founded in 1979, Odyssey of the Mind didn't find its way into Florida until 1983. Florida now ranks within the top 15 OM Associations in the total number of participating schools. There are 12 regions in 48 school districts throughout the state. Each region holds its own competition, then regional winners participate in state competition. At competition, there are two problems — spontaneous and long-term. No one knows what their spontaneous problem will be until they are actual-

ly in the room competing. Long-term problems are given in advance and "solved" by the teams ahead of time, then presented at the competition. Teams consist of a coach and no more than seven students. A coach's job is to help answer questions about the problem, but the coach cannot give suggestions. The students must do everything. They must build their own sets, make their own costumes, and even write their own music if that's part of their presentation.

Each year, there are five long-term "problems" that must be solved. Each team chooses which problem they will work on. One Greenwood team chose "King Arthur," one chose "Fest-aside," two chose "The Genie" and two chose "Elasti-Pumper." In "King Arthur," the team had to present one of the legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and then present the way the legend would have evolved without King Arthur. The team had to make an original tapestry, coat of arms and flag. While the official coach of this team was Ron

Bradley, Ron gives credit for the actual coaching to student Jacob Homer.

Jacob's other team members were Nicole Bent, Monaco Ingots, Nick Krampeth, Tracy Latimer, Briana Duffy and Jessica Chiu. This team took second place in their category and will be going to the state competition. Jacob, Jessica, Monaco and Nick were part of last year's team that made it all the way to the world competition, Greenwood's first team to do so.

For "The Genie," teams had to imagine that genies really do exist. Then, imagine what would happen if they met a genie that granted them three wishes that backfired. Limits were also placed on the type of wishes the genie could grant. Tammy and Greg Staggs coached Greenwood's "genie" Team A. Team members were David Staggs, Meera Sherooy, Sarah Rosenberg, Michael Verity, Camy Schulz, Justin Refi and Stephanie Crews. Team A took second place and will also be going to state competition. Team B, coached by Karen Arnon, included David Bush, Shailee Patel, Kristen Walsh, Kristyn Waters, Angela Arnon and Stephanie Crews.

There were also two Elasti-

Pumper teams. For this problem, the teams had to design, build and drive a vehicle powered by elastic materials and an up and down pumping motion made by its driver. At some point in its journey, the vehicle also had to pick up a trailer. While both teams are disappointed they won't be going to state, they did something phenomenal that almost no other team did. Both teams scored 100 in the spontaneous competition, the highest possible score. Jeremy Moore coached "Elasti-Pumper" Team A. The team members were Amber Liebovitch, Nicole Judge, Kelly Sweet, Casey Henderson, Martine Nemerick and Michelle Ballaguer. Scott Moser and Ron Bradley coached team B. Team members were Nikki Coffee, Melissa Corrao, Nathan Rodgers, Chris Rodgers, Brent Moser, Chris Nieto and Marie Gordon.

Last, but certainly not least for the Greenwood Teams, was the "Fest-aside" team. For this problem, teams had to create a device to catch or scare away a team-created pest. The pest strikes back, but the humans prevail in the end. Tracy Larenzie coached the "Fest-aside" team. Team members were Paige Wilson, Patricia

Cheung, Chinda Hemmavanh, Alyssa Larenzie, Tiffany Tso and Kelly Donoughue. This team took first place in their division and will get to compete again at state.

While Greenwood Lakes has been competing for nine years, this was the first year Lake Mary Elementary had an OM team. Lake Mary's Team chose the "genie" problem, as did almost half of the elementary schools that competed. Lake Mary's "genie" team was coached by Pam Judge and Andie Welch. The team members were Nate Seymour, Jacob Chaires, Corey Judge, John Welch, Evan Wagner, Brian Crater and Chelsea Rowell. The team didn't make it to the state competition, but they did have one of the most impressive animals of all the "genie" teams. It was a 6-foot cardboard bear, covered in moss for fur. The bear's face was a picture of Nate Seymour. Nate worked with the team all year long, but a scheduling conflict prevented him from being at the tournament. So, his picture was there for him.

At this year's competition, there were also two primary teams. Primary teams consist of children 8 and under with just one long-term problem to chose

from. The primary teams had to design their own animals for their "Make-Believe Zoo" and explain how the animals fit into the environment. For the primary teams, it is not a competition, but an exhibition. But it does let them see what competing will be like when they're old enough.

At the end of the daylong tournament, the awards ceremony was held. While the audience was waiting for the final scores to be tallied, there was a little competition for all the coaches. The coaches were all divided into teams. They were each given several sheets of paper and 6 feet of masking tape. Their "problem" was to build the tallest structure they could that would stand without human assistance. Karen Arnon, one of Greenwood's coaches, was on the winning team. Although many say it was a loophole in the rules that let them win, it was truly creative how they won. They attached their tape to the basketball hoop and then stuck paper rings to the tape.

If you're looking for some fun and excitement on April 29th, the state finals are open to the public. This year's state competition will be held at the University of Central Florida.



Greenwood's Fest-aside team included Paige Wilson, Patricia Cheung, Chinda Hemmavanh, Tiffany Tso and Kelly Donoughue.



Greenwood's Genie Team A included David Staggs, Michael Verity, Justin Refi, Meera Sherooy, Camy Schulz, Stephanie Crews and Sarah Rosenberg.



Greenwood's King Arthur team included Nicole Bennett, Monica Ingalls, Nick Krampeth, Jacob Hoyer, Tracy Latimer, Briana Duffy and Jessica Chiu.

Meredith, Karper wedding set for May 27

Patricia Louise Meredith of Sanford, and Earl David Karper Sr. of Harrisburg, Pa., are announcing their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Oren R. and Ethel V. Meredith. The future bridegroom is the son of David O. and Mildred J. Karper of Baltimore. Born in Sanford, Ms. Meredith is a 1972 graduate of Seminole High School where she was active in music activities. She graduated from Seminole Community College in 1974

where she also participated in music activities. She is employed as secretary in the Fine and Performing Arts Department at SCC. Karper, born at Baltimore, is a 1974 graduate of Cardinal Gibbons High School, Baltimore, and attended Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, Md. He is employed as a railroad engineer. The wedding will be an event of May 27, at 7 p.m., at Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, Lake Mary.



Patricia Louise Meredith and Earl David Karper Sr.

Thompson Center

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ing the off season. He is the greatest when it comes to working with kids. He will do anything to help them. And, he said he loves Lake Mary.

Q. Since you spend a lot of time with the Little League, you probably have seen some funny sports moments. What's the funniest?
A. There was a kid who knew he had to run the bases after he hit the ball. But, the thing was, he didn't stop running. He just kept running and running until someone told him to stop.

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According to the calendar of events of March, classes, courses and events planned include Contract Bridge, line dancing, Sitterdize, Jazzercise, Latin dancing, arts and crafts, blood pressure screening, tap dancing, euche, buchre, and many others.
The center is also preparing to get involved with a Scrabble Association in a competitive event.
Naturally, the Senior Center is also the headquarters for the annual Golden Age Games, which draw thousands of participants and visitors to Sanford each year.
"What we offer," she said,

"is a series of events for both the brain and the body."
While the indication of "senior" denotes only people of advanced age, there are a number of events which have no age limitations, including the Seminole Strollers.
Mott as supervisor of the center, works for the City of Sanford Parks and Recreation Department.
For information on some of the planned trips, gatherings or courses, phone the Sanford Senior Center at 407-302-1010, or stop by the facility at the intersection of North Sanford Avenue and Seminole Boulevard along the Lake Monroe lakelront.

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Where Are We Going?

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What's Inside

The future of Seminole skies

One thing seems certain about the future of the Orlando Sanford Airport — the number of passengers will continue to increase.

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Future is NOW for 'tech' kids

Seminole County Commissioner Grant Maloy says he has had some talks with his five-year-old son Shane about what kind of skills he needs to develop for a secure future.

"Shane has talked about being a pediatrician," Maloy said.

Chances are, however, that he may follow his in his family's nursery business (Gabriella Growers).

Whatever the choice, Maloy said Shane is going to need hi-tech skills, able to use computers and the Internet. **Page 8D**

Is it NIMBY for high-speed rail?

For a decade now, there has been talk of a rapid, high-speed, or commuter rail line running through the state. Actually, people have been giving it some thought since 1984 when the Florida Legislature passed the High Speed Rail Transportation Commission Act. That plan would have connected Tampa/Orlando and Miami.

Then, the concept switched to Central Florida. Many government leaders predicted this would be the only solution to solving the traffic problems on Interstate 4. **Page 2D**

What's in store for Sanford?

Everyone has heard of what happens to the best laid plans of mice and men. It's difficult to determine what Sanford and the surrounding area might be in years ahead.

In a talk to the Sanford Rotary Breakfast Club in the 1960s, an official of the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce told Sanfordites that some day, Orlando would absorb Sanford, that Orlando would extend north to Lake Monroe. **Page 6D**



Looking into Seminole's future

During the last three months, the *Seminole Herald* has presented a series of special sections focusing on the past, present and future of Seminole County.

In the last of a three-part series, the *Herald* offers insight on what the future holds for our community.

From what our children may be when they grow up to how Seminole Countians will get around, the newspaper looks at different aspects of how our community is growing and what the results will be in the upcoming years.

Highlighted are some of the major events occurring now that will help answer the question, "Where Are We Going?"

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Rapid Rail

Is it a NIMBY situation for Central Florida?



By Nick Pflaum
Staff Writer

SANFORD — For a decade now, there has been talk of a rapid, high-speed, or commuter rail line running through the state. Actually, people have been giving it some thought since 1984 when the Florida Legislature passed the High Speed Rail Transportation Commission Act. That plan would have connected Tampa/Orlando and Miami.

Then, the concept switched to Central Florida. Many government leaders predicted this would be the only solution to solving the traffic problems on Interstate 4. Others however, believe it would be a futile effort and not worth the millions or billions of dollars it would cost.

In mid-1995, the state agreed to pay an average of \$70 million a year over 30 years, to help finance a rail system that was expected to cost \$5 billion. At that time, State Transportation Secretary Ben Watts estimated the rail line would be operational in seven to 10 years. Now that five of those years have slipped by with nothing accomplished, it would take some fast

construction to bring Watts' prediction into reality.

The locations have varied with just about every new plan announced. At one time rapid rail was projected from Sanford to the Orlando area. Volusia County entered into the picture by putting rapid rail from Deland southward, and starting it in Daytona Beach was even considered.

Other plans say the system should run from the Tampa/St. Petersburg area to the Orlando attractions. Still others believe a good start would be from downtown Orlando to the attractions, with further expansion a few decades down the road.

If ever built, it would be fast. Companies which were attempting to gain the contract estimated their operations would run from 120 to 300 miles per hour. Without any stops at 200 miles per hour, it would take approximately six minutes to go from Sanford to downtown Orlando.

At first, the various cities through which the rapid rail would run appeared to be enthusiastic over the concept. Then, one by one they backed down.

"Having a train run 300 miles through our city would be a safety hazard," some said. "We have enough noise now, we don't need more," others commented. The general consensus appeared to be a case of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard). People still want rapid rail to help alleviate traffic, but not in their cities.

Public meetings have been held on the rapid rail concept. Most of them have had citizens voice both positive and negative feelings. No doubt more meetings will be held in the future. But as there is less and less governmental support for the project, the few who are still pushing for it are fighting a difficult battle.

Will we have commuter or rapid rail — especially between Sanford and Orlando — it's a question which has been, is now, and perhaps will be unresolved, for many years. Earlier this month, the city of Casselberry formally approved involvement in commuter rail in cooperation with other counties and cities. It is one of the few municipalities however, which has actually come out with an outright endorsement. The Maitland City Commission has

also indicated support for the commuter rail plans.

Recently, Congressman John Mica announced that Amtrak has proposed a \$30 million expansion on the north side of SR-46 in the western section of the city. It would house not only railroad facilities, but bus service and an airport shuttle. This might be one of many steps needed toward bringing improved rail service to the area, but at present, Amtrak runs only from Sanford to Lawton, Va., and would not help alleviate traffic between Volusia County and Orlando, as projected for rapid rail.

It will be interesting to see what happens on a similar venture along the east coast where Amtrak is discussing possible passenger service, which would add to what we have in Central Florida. Will there be people there complaining about the noise? The east coast used to have almost all of the passenger service, but lately it's been freight. Now what's going to happen? Will someone also propose commuter rail for that area? Will it have any effect on what we might or might not have in Central Florida? It's anyone's guess.



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Agricultural town no more; Sanford now booms with industry

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford was once an agricultural town with an economy tied to crops such as celery and citrus.

Today, growth in Sanford is tied to a booming regional airport, a vibrant manufacturing industry and transportation routes that make the city key to the north Orlando corridor.

More change appears to be on the way for Sanford, spurred on by the city's proximity to the Interstate-4 corridor and its high-tech businesses.

It is no coincidence that a business incubation center based in the Port of Sanford continues to grow, featuring a new Seminole Technology Incubation Center that can

hold up to 30 start-up companies specializing in high-tech fields such as software development and fiber optics.

This is the second incubation center based in the Port of Sanford, located just west of Interstate-4. The Central Florida Business Incubation Center, designed primarily to nurture manufacturing businesses, opened in 1997. It has more than a dozen tenants, generating 150 jobs.

The center is operated by Seminole Community College, the Seminole County Port Authority and the Seminole County Commission.

"When we first started talking about economic development, we never expected anything like this to develop," said Carlton Henley, chairman of the Board of Seminole

County Commissioners. "All you have to do is drive along the I-4 corridor to see what happens when government and business work together."

Already, officials are quietly discussing possible expansion plans.

Hardy said that in about five years the community college hopes to operate five targeted incubation facilities.

In addition to high-tech businesses, the community college is also looking into establishing a foreign trade incubator and an incubator to nurture businesses within industries that have not been part of Central Florida's economic boom. The foreign trade incubation facility could be located at the Orlando Sanford Airport.

The airport provides a cata-

lyst for growth, with one million passengers passing through the facilities in 1999. The majority of passengers arrive on British charter flights, although Pan American Airways is expected to spur increased domestic service.

Meanwhile, the airport is not the only source of growth in Sanford.

Just west of Sanford, manufacturing facilities are also looking into opening up new businesses in Rand Yard, on the north end of State Road 46.

Along the Interstate-4 corridor, developers are seeking rezoning for several key sites in Sanford.

The proposed developments include an 800-unit Seminole Trace apartment complex and a 40-unit Arbor Lakes housing

development would be located on Oregon Avenue. In addition, the Plantation Lakes apartment complex on County Road 46A is planning to add 285 units in the second phase of its development.

Sanford's population has

grown from 32,000 in 1990 to 37,000 in 1997. Meanwhile, Seminole County's population has grown 8.4 percent over the last five years, from 324,130 in 1995 to 354,148 in 1999.

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Pizzuti announces plans for more growth in Lake Mary

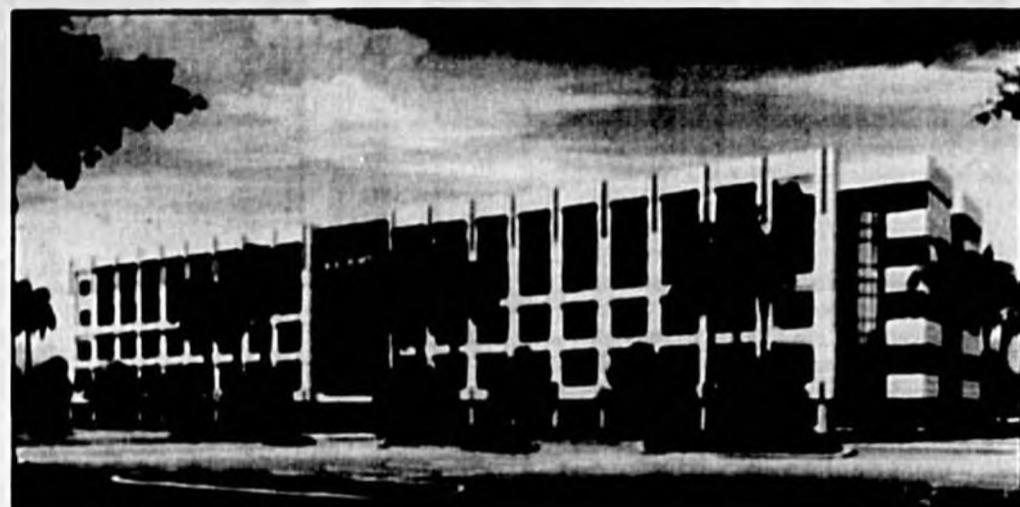
LAKE MARY — The Pizzuti Companies, developer of Heathrow International Business Center (HIBC), rolled out its newest office building, which will be located at 1001 Heathrow Park Lane, at the Lake Mary commerce park.

The building, designed by Hunton Brady Pryor Maso Architects, P.A., is the first planned for the development's third phase.

The new speculative office building's design will serve as a transition from earlier HIBC architecture.

"This building is subtle departure from its predecessors," said Principal In Charge of Design Clyde Brady.

Compared to early HIBC architecture, the building has



An artist's rendition of The Pizzuti Companies newest office building

warmer tones, multi-color precast panels, bent planes of reflective glass, emphasized

by two parallel walls, define the entrance and break the building's horizontal line. The

round columns and light-toned reflective glass mimic the park's previous buildings purposely "making a thoughtful passage" from one section

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Future bright for Seminole's friendly skies

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — One thing seems certain about the future of the Orlando Sanford Airport — the number of passengers will continue to increase.

Sanford's airport handled an estimated 1 million passengers in 1999. The airport has experienced rapid growth during the last five years. In 1994, 226,794 total passengers passed through the airport. In 1996, the first year that British charter service began, the number of passengers increased to 636,360.

British charter flights provide the bulk of the airport's passengers. However, that may change as domestic service increases.

Pan American Airways provides the airport with its first regularly scheduled domestic service. The airline currently connects Sanford with the Chicago-Gary Airport and with Portsmouth, N.H., which is located 50 miles outside of Boston.

Pan Am plans to add jet service to at least four new destinations this year, and charter service to several cities within the state. Flights to Atlanta will start in the spring, according to company officials.

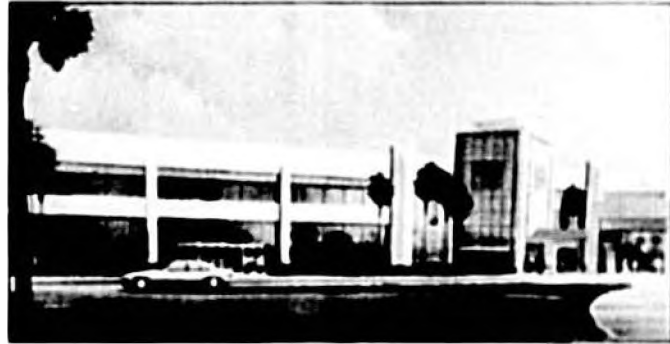
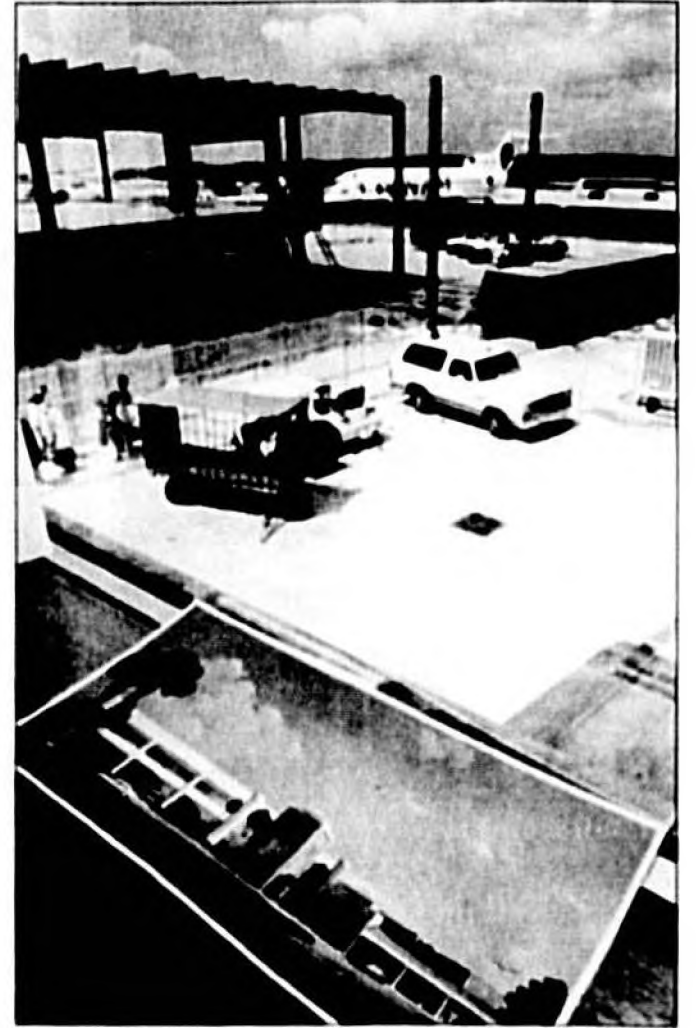
The first 19-seat Pan Am charter flights out of Sanford will likely be destined for Key West or Fort Myers, said Dan Fortnam, director of marketing for Pan Am.

Cities within Florida that the airport is hoping to serve in 2000 by attracting commuter and regional airlines include Tallahassee, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, and Key West.

Sanford Mayor Larry Dale believes that within two years, the number of international passengers at the airport will dou-



Pictured above, passengers and waiting friends and family members walk through or stand in line in the domestic terminal at the Orlando Sanford Airport. At right, construction continues on the new gates at the airport.



An artist rendering shows what the airport's expansion will look like once the construction and renovation is finished.

ble. In three years, Dale believes the airport will have as many domestic passengers as international passengers.

"I think the Year 2000 will start a period of tremendous growth at the airport," Dale said. "The domestic terminal expansion will be exciting, and Pan Am's service is looking good."

Meanwhile, airport officials are hoping to attract additional domestic and charter carriers. Sanford's airport is competing with the Orlando International Airport for the service of JetBlue Airways, headquartered in New York's JFK International Airport.

In February, JetBlue began service from New York City to Buffalo, N.Y. and Fort Lauderdale. The company plans to serve 11 cities with 10 aircraft by the end of its first year of operations.

White said the key to attracting the airline and other carriers lies in improving the domestic terminal facilities at Sanford's airport. The domestic terminal

currently lags behind what other airports can offer in amenities and service. However, that will soon change because of a \$25 million, seven-gate expansion of the domestic terminal. The project is expected to be complete by January 2001.

The airport's terminal management partner, London-based IBI Plc., is contributing \$7.5 million to the domestic terminal expansion project, which cuts down on the construction costs

to the airport.

The airport provides a cornerstone for the Sanford's economic growth, and area leaders are increasingly recognizing its regional importance.

Sanford is experiencing steady growth, particularly near the airport and along State Road 46. As the airport continues to grow, and transportation systems in the city improve, the city's economy is expected to

continue to expand.

Meanwhile, the Sanford Airport Authority is applying to the Department of Commerce to forge partnerships through a Foreign Trade Zone.


Approval could take eight to 12 months.


The Airport Authority is proposing that 17 sites be included in the zone, with a total of 2,181.85 acres. The sites are all industrial parks, plus

land to the airport itself. Some of the land is vacant, while some of the land has already been developed.

Companies such as Siemens, Rockwell, and Pylon Technologies have expressed their support for the zone.

The airport authority is working with the Seminole County Economic Development Department. The airport authority will be the grantee of the zone. The Foreign Trade Zone is a joint project between Seminole County and the airport.






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Repowering Seminole



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Florida Power & Light Company recently selected Black & Veatch Engineering as the lead contractor for the repowering of the Sanford power plant. The repowering project is expected to be complete in 2002. The combined cycle technology being added to the site will run on natural gas instead of oil, resulting in a substantial decrease in air emissions and the need to transport fuel from Jacksonville along the St. Johns River. The repowered plant will serve about 400,000 homes and businesses, doubling its current capacity to serve customers.

Center means growth for Seminole

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD—A business incubation center based in the Port of Sanford continues to grow.

Grand opening ceremonies were held recently for a facility in the incubation center designed to nurture emerging high technology businesses.

The new Seminole Technology Incubation Center is a 10,500 square-foot facility that can hold up to 30 start-up companies specializing in high tech fields such as software development and fiber optics.

This is the second incubation center based in the Port of Sanford, located just west of Interstate 4. The Central Florida Business Incubation Center, designed primarily to nurture manufacturing businesses, opened in 1997. It has more than a dozen tenants, generating 150 jobs.

The center is operated by Seminole Community College, the Seminole County Port Authority and the Seminole County Commission.

"When we first started talking about economic development, we never expected anything like this to develop," said Carlton Henley, chairman of the Board of Seminole County Commissioners. "All you have to do is drive along the I-4 corridor to see what happens when government and busi-

ness work together."

Overall, 56 tenants are located in business development facilities based in the Port of Sanford since 1975.

"We expect the facility to have an outstanding impact," said Wayne Hardy, coordinator of small business development for SCLC. "It should mirror the success of the Central Florida Business Incubator, which we opened three short years ago."

In addition to providing work space, the incubator has a business development center, where tenants and other small businesses in the county can seek advice on topics such as planning for expansion.

The Technological Research and Development Authority has also selected Seminole Community College as one of only five new sites in the state to participate in the NASA network of high technology busi-

ness centers.

Already, officials are quietly discussing possible expansion plans.



Seminole County Port Authority Administrator Dennis Dolgier stands in front of the new Seminole Technology Incubation Center.

Hardy said that in about five years the community college hopes to operate five targeted incubation facilities.

In addition to high tech businesses, the community college is also looking into establishing a foreign trade incubator and an incubator to nurture businesses within industries that have not been part of Central

Florida's economic boom. The foreign trade incubation facil-

ity could be located at the Orlando Sanford Airport, Hardy said.

Dennis Dolgier, administrator of the Seminole County Port Authority, said he would like to see an additional high tech incubator be placed on a four-acre portion of the Port, where expansion is still possible.

A second high tech incubation facility could open as early as 2002.

"This is a test case for the market to see whether it will really sustain high tech action," Dolgier said. "It will take a few months to see how successful this will be. We see this as a window to the future."

The community college is expected to receive more than \$400,000 from county and state grants during the next three years for the center. The college already has received \$125,000 in grants.

Several leases have been signed with three tenants for the new incubator.

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What's going to happen to Sanford?

Major development makes city's future look good

By Nick Pfeiffel
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Everyone has heard of what happens to the best laid plans of mice and men. It's difficult to determine what Sanford and the surrounding area might be in years ahead.

In a talk to the Sanford Rotary Breakfast Club in the 1990s, an official of the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce told Sanfordites that some day Orlando would absorb Sanford, that Orlando would extend north to Lake Monroe.

At the time, U.S. Highway 17-92 between the two cities contained mostly wooded areas. Neither Lake Mary nor Longwood had advanced their city limits to 17-92. Many Rotarians scoffed at the proposal. Yet look at U.S. Highway 17-92 today. It's virtually developed for the entire distance except for a wooded area south of Lake Pointe. In fact, it's so grown the highway is undergoing widening to handle more traffic. The Chamber man had a good crystal ball.

These days, we have many plans for Sanford's improvement. If all of these came to fruition, and (most importantly) if we were able to pay for them, there would be many changes.

For the past 15 years, there have been ideas kicked about regarding building another bridge across the St. Johns. This one, slightly over two miles long, would go from Sanford to Deltona. We can just imagine the traffic we would see on that during morning and evening rush hour. Yet it could certainly alleviate traffic on CR 415 and I-4 during those hours.

The Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee will have sidewalks along the waterfront, from Mellonville Avenue in the east to the I-4 overpass in the west. There would be benches for people to sit when they tire of walking, and perhaps a bicycle path in the same area, a move being undertaken in many communities in Florida these days.

This may come sooner than thought as the Sanford City Commission, in late February, approved construction of such a walkway, expected some time in the year 2003.

Speaking of I-4, the Department of Transportation would have (finally) widened the bridge to possibly six lanes, and eliminated the narrow area between the roadway and bridge-retainer wall to help avoid vehicular accidents.

In the immediate future, we don't expect to see

a major convention center or hotel in the present Fort Mellon Park area, but city officials are still working on it. Other folks are suggesting such facilities be built possibly along the waterfront but west of French Avenue. It would require a great deal of landfill work with numerous permits to be obtained, but it appears to be the only way the flap between the city and citizens can be resolved amicably.

Then, too, the Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee has suggested the area might be developed between city hall and Sailpoint condominium, calling for the closure of Myrtle Avenue. This also may be a logical solution.

One of the new major developments forthcoming will be in the area of the extended greenway project, which will go from the Sanford-Lake Mary area around the western side of Orlando. We can expect to see major hotels and complexes near the present area of W. 290 Street, CR 46 and Interstate 4. This perhaps will be one of the most booming areas in the next few years.

Volusia County has already been discussing full grade, one of which would involve Seminole County and be a highway from the greenway near S. Sanford Avenue around the southern side of the airport, meeting Highway 415 and going to the Osteen area to help traffic between the greenway and the Osteen/Deltona area.

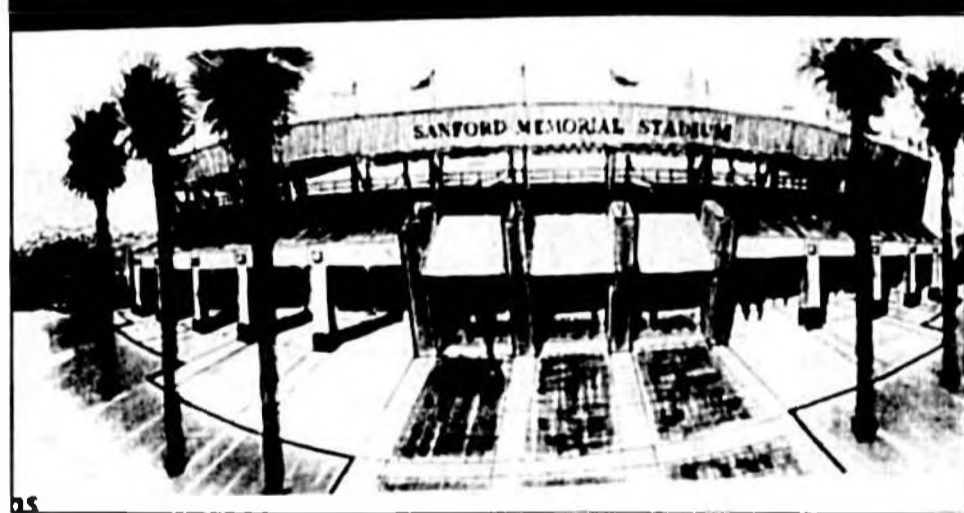
Also in the mill, and awaiting a major developer, is the concept of expanding the waterfront marina area. The University of Florida Department of Architecture Student Group has already drawn plans suggesting beautiful structures which could be added to various areas, allowing for expanded businesses and recreational opportunities.

If PanAm Airlines continues to prosper with the concept of flying to smaller airports near major cities, we can expect to see domestic air travel increase at the Orlando-Sanford airport. Perhaps the overseas flights into and out of Sanford may also expand to allow local passengers to fly to European cities.

Government officials, members of the Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee, developers, and those with vision agree the Sanford area and surrounding neighborhoods can only grow and expand in the future. It had its ups and downs in the past, and according to them, this century, can expect to see mostly ups

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A+ plan stirs heated debate

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD Members of the Seminole County School Board say that a battle is being waged for the way students will be educated statewide.

Governor Jeb Bush's contrast versus A+ Plan has stirred heated debate statewide, and in Seminole County.

The plan calls for schools to receive letter grades based on factors such as suspension rates, attendance, high school graduation rates and student scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), which measures reading, writing and math skills.

Meanwhile, the centerpiece of the A+ Plan is vouchers to private schools. Under the plan, parents receive private school vouchers if their children are assigned to a school that has received a rating grade of two or lower.

At the same time, Florida's public schools are being reorganized into three systems, said Seminole County School Board member Eric Finkley. "There is a fundamental change in the education system."

"Starting in 2007, the process of how we educate will be fundamentally different from what we have done in the past," Finkley said.

The plan has drawn fire from education unions, which are concerned about the impact on the state's public schools.

A school board member said he believed that the A+ Plan is being presented "without regard for the impact on the education system."

Students are being shifted to different schools every year, and the plan is being implemented in a piecemeal fashion.

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Students explore space at Mission Control

From staff reports

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The future is NOW ... at least for young people with technology skills

By Russ White
Staff Writer

Seminole County Commissioner Grant Maloy says he has had some talks with his 5-year-old son Shane about what kind of skills he needs to develop for a secure future.

"Shane has talked about being a pediatrician," Maloy said.

Chances are, however, that he may follow his in his family's nursery business (Gabriella Growers).

Whatever the choice, Maloy said Shane is going to need hi-tech skills, able to use computers and the Internet.

The agriculture field is probably behind most other industries, Maloy said. "Some companies are now on line — ours isn't as of now."

Shane is being educated on computers, beginning with games approved by his parents.

"It's essential that all our children be well-rounded," Maloy said.

At the beginning of the third millennium, young people about to become part of a global high-tech workforce are having to develop multiple skills in two or more fields. They are also realizing that to get the best jobs they need to speak two or more languages.

A recent television study revealed that women were slow to enter technical fields that required computer and Internet abilities. The tables are beginning to turn, however. High-tech jobs are no longer being offered only to males. Much of this has to do with the training both boys and girls are getting from kindergarten through senior year in public or private high schools.

Although there is no less emphasis on reading, writing and arithmetic, today's stu-

dents follow a course of math, science and technology. Seminole County schools deliver a curriculum that incorporates the use of technology in all areas.

Al Hill, the brains behind the county's conquest of any Y2K bugs, said he is very impressed with the young people who have served as interns in the county's Geographic Information Services. Hill is the GIS Program Manager.

"These kids we get are very bright, extremely computer literate," Hill said. "They catch on very quickly. We give them an assignment and instruct them and they zip through everything."

"We've reached the point where there are technological haves and have-nots," Hill said. "The children who have access to the World Wide Web have a definite advantage. They have better resource material to prepare reports."

Their reports can be printed out, too. Teachers are bound to like what they see.

Because of his field, Hill said that knowing geography is a must.

"We are in a world market. We need to interact in electronic commerce. We need to know

computer languages.

Whatever a young person's field, Hill said, communications skills — oral and written — are vital.

"We've got to communicate no matter what the job. Businesses are constantly changing. Products that we used to have are not needed anymore. The need to communicate is all the more important."

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according to county and census bureau estimates.

"We are living in the apex of the growth corridor," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale.

The proposed hotel and conference center to be located at Fort Mellon Park along Lake Monroe provides the catalyst for debate concerning the city's growth.

In a feasibility study for the city, Hunter Interests Inc. of Annapolis, Md., said that the proposed 300-room full-service hotel and conference center is financially feasible at the site. However, the consultant also suggested that a 200-room European-style boutique hotel is more feasible because it would require less public assistance, and it may yield higher levels of ground rent revenue to the city.

The study said that the project would need an estimated 12.8 million in public financial support for construction, site improvements, and additional waterfront amenities.

The hotel and conference center would provide an estimated 300 employees, and \$30 million in initial capital investments for construction, the consultant said.

The consultant estimates that it will take six months to one year for the city to solicit for developers and gain a commitment. After that, site plans and financing for a hotel generally take one year to develop before construction can begin. Construction tends to take 18 to 24 months.

The proposed hotel would be placed on 7.9 acres of Fort Mellon Park.

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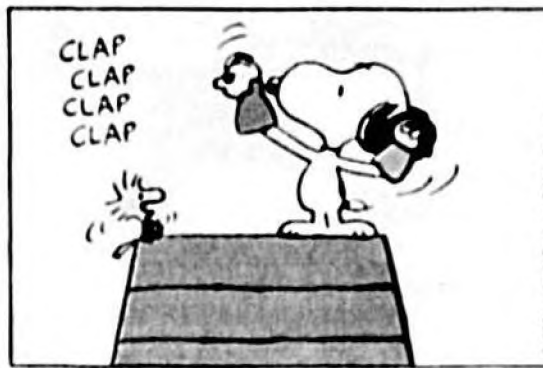
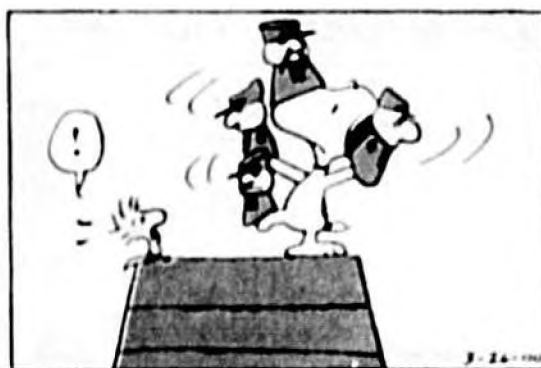
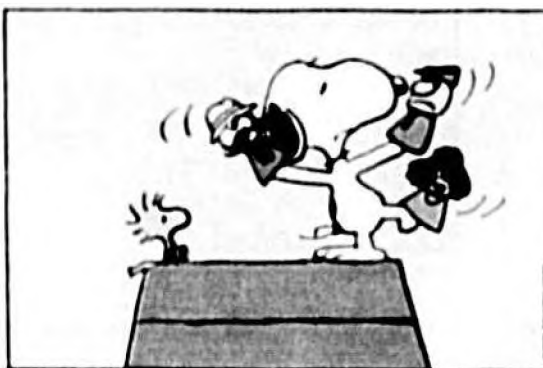
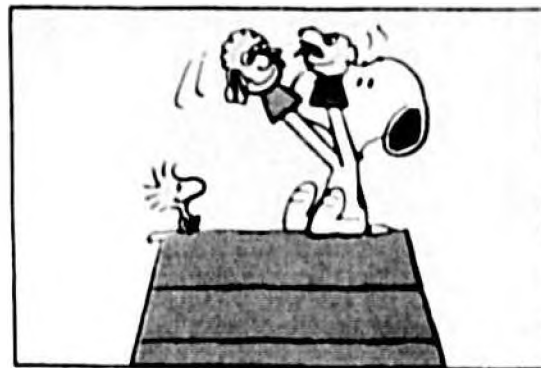
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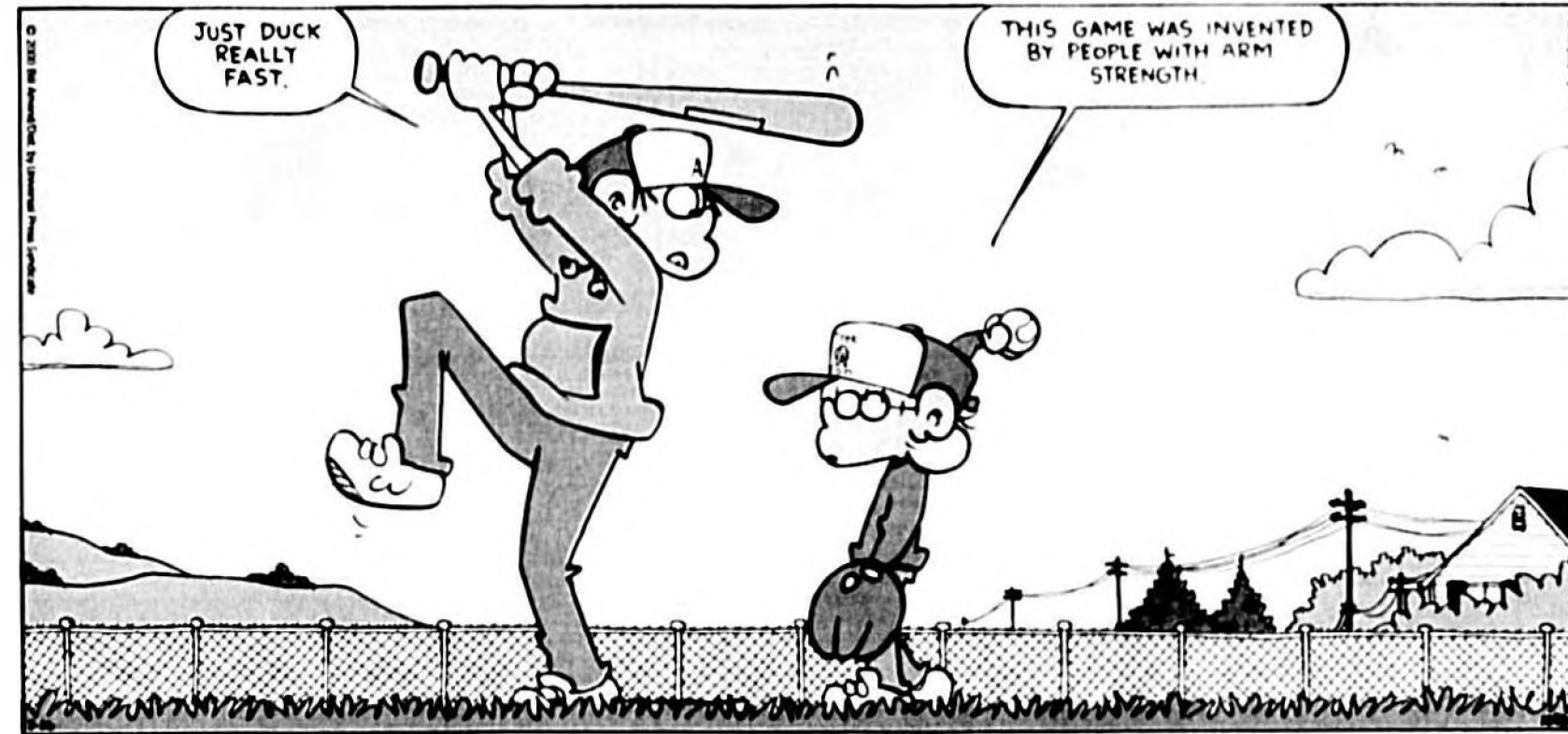
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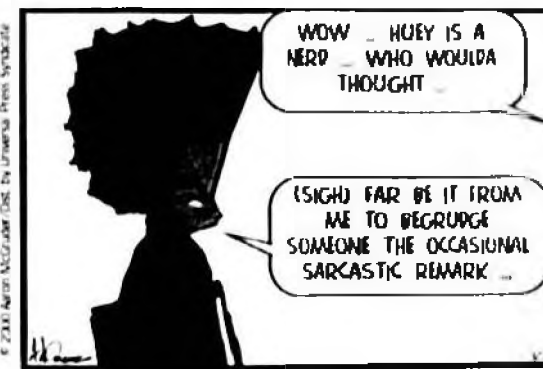
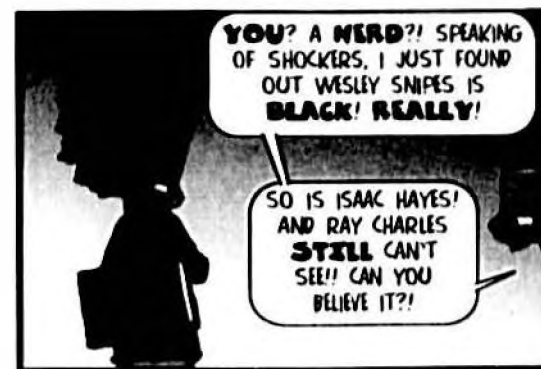
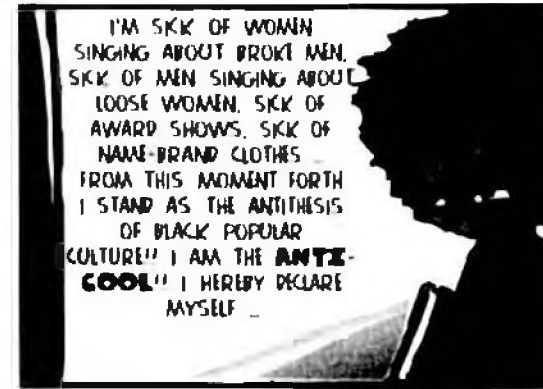
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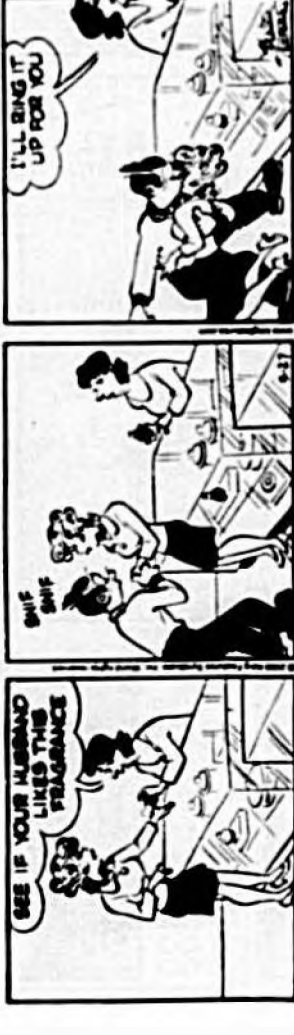
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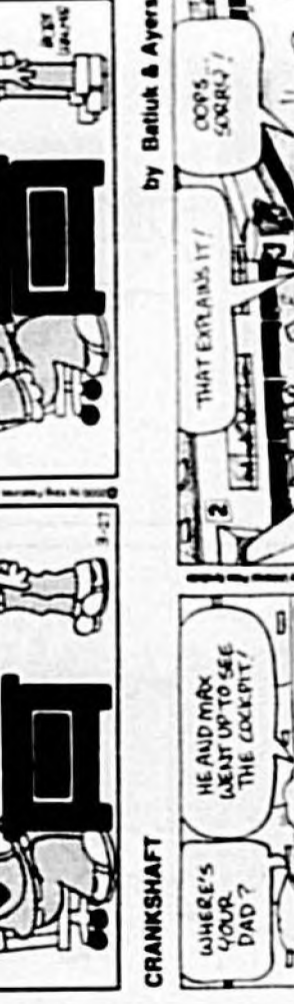
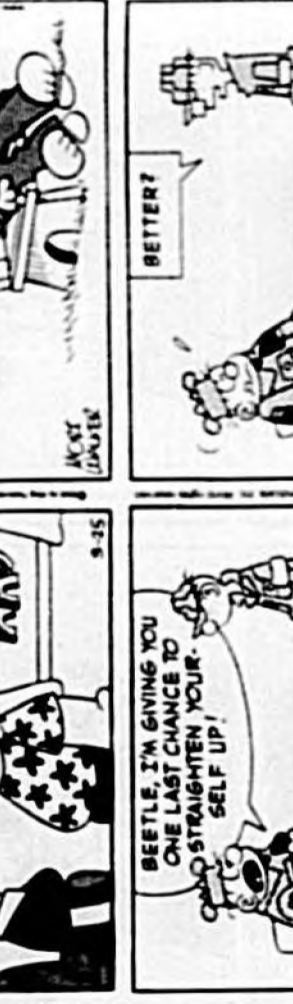
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SATURDAY PRIME TIME

March 26, 2000

Time	Program	Channel
6:00	Cartoon Network	33
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SUNDAY PRIME TIME

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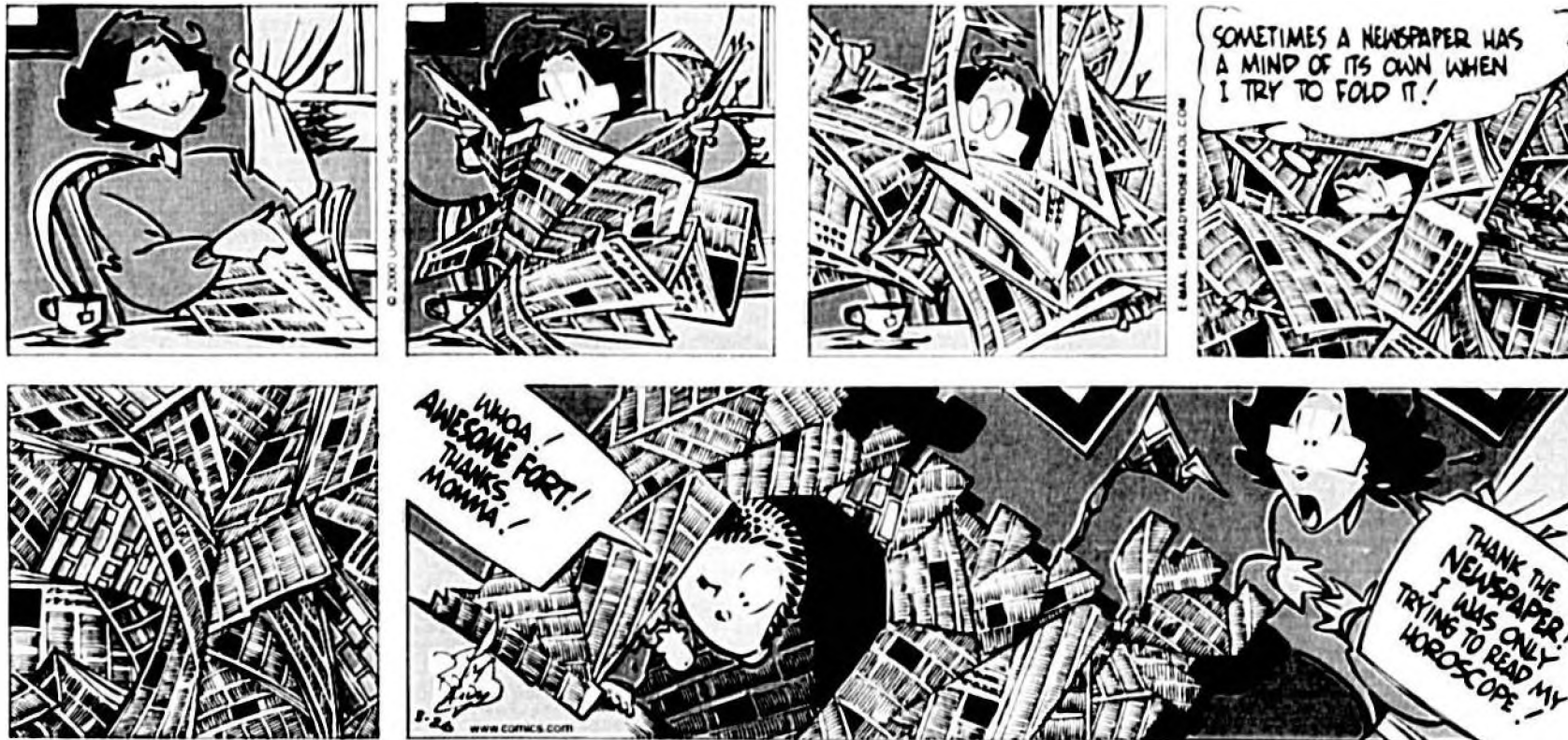
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March 21 - April 19

Your Birthday
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You will be in a favorable creative and imaginative growth pattern in the year ahead, so be sure to make the most of it both through study and with innovative ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It's imperative today that you don't restrict your thinking, or it could hamper your chances for success. Keep an open mind, not just with your ideas, but about the thoughts of others, as well. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1738, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10116. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Should someone want to make some changes involving an endeavor you're both working on, go along with the change, even if it is authored by another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
In your relationships with others today, what will help you the most is your cooperative spirit. What you're willing to do for them, they, in turn, will be willing to do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Especially if you've been under a lot of pressure or stress lately, try to find time today to work on your favorite hobby or interest. Constructive relaxation comes out of gratification.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
If you find that you have a need to express your urges today in ways that stimulate your personality, involve yourself in social activities where and with whom you know you shine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Focus in on the type of end results you desire to achieve in a matter that's uppermost in your mind. Once you fix in on a target, the results will follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Use this day to clear up any old correspondence and make those phone calls you've been putting off. You'll find the mental exercise very stimulating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
The types of bargains for which you're looking are out there today, so if there is anything in particular you've been wanting to purchase, now might be the time to go shopping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Personal freedom and mobility are always of paramount importance to you, but today this will be especially true. Avoid activities and people who stifle your independence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Avoid thinking only about yourself or what you need to get done today. What will give you feelings of fulfillment and worth will be that which you do for others. You'll get by giving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Try something new today where you can meet and make new friends. The change in scenery and mingling with people with fresh thoughts will do much to replenish your juices.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Don't be surprised if even people who you feel are a bit standoffish orbit around your flame today. Your popularity is now at a high point.
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