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NEWS DIGEST

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Sports

Basketball takes spotlight

SANFORD — Seminole High School and Seminole Community College will be the sites of basketball action tonight. See Page 1B.

People

Hot dog for two bits

Sanford Boy Scouts set up a hot dog stand outside Ace Hardware to help customers celebrate the store's anniversary. A hot dog and soda sold for 25 cents. Proceeds will buy camping equipment. See Photo Page 3B

Florida

Aging vets' health care lacking

State officials say the large population of aging veterans in Florida do not get proper medical care because of the way money for care is allocated. See Page 2A

BRIEFS

Diesel truck stalls traffic

SANFORD — A leaking diesel truck stalled in the westbound Interstate 4 lanes at the crest of the Lake Monroe bridge caused a three-mile back-up in westbound lanes during rush-hour this morning.

An unknown amount of diesel fuel spilled into the St. Johns River, said Florida Highway Patrol lieutenant Leonard Zimmerer. Environmental agencies were notified of the river contamination and hazardous materials teams from Volusia and Seminole County responded to soak up the fuel on the roadway.

Zimmerer said the truck driven by Elzean L. Vanmoorhan stalled due to a pressurized fuel leak at about 6:30 a.m. The scene was cleared by 8:30 a.m. No charges were filed.

Satellite problem prompts delay

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA abruptly called off tonight's launch of space shuttle Atlantis because of a problem with the satellite on board. Officials predicted a delay of five to seven days.

Mission managers scrubbed the flight about 10 a.m., or nine hours before the scheduled 6:51 p.m. EST liftoff. The cancellation took place a half-hour before fueling was to begin.

NASA spokesman Dick Young said the trouble was with a guidance unit on a rocket attached to the \$300 million missile-warning satellite. The rocket is needed to boost the satellite into the shuttle's orbit to 22,300 miles above Earth.

Atlantis' six astronauts still were asleep when the countdown was halted. The countdown had gone smoothly until late this morning; the only concern had been the threat of rain.

The astronauts' plans were uncertain, but they were expected to return to Johnson Space Center in Houston, probably later today.

Suspects nabbed in burglary

SANFORD — Three Jacksonville men were arrested by Sanford police behind a closed Orlando Drive restaurant this morning minutes after the burglary of a 25th Street convenience store.

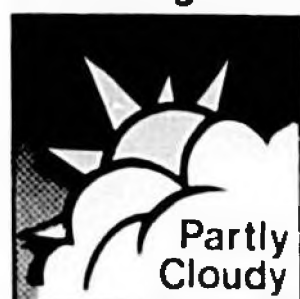
Sanford Police Chief Steven Harriett said the three men were found by a parked car behind the closed Holiday House restaurant, 4200 Orlando Drive, at about 4:40 a.m. An alarm at the Lil' Champ convenience store, 1119 E. 25th St., had alerted police 20 minutes before, Harriett said. Police found a front door of the closed convenience store had been smashed out by a large rock and cartons of cigarettes had been disturbed, Harriett said.

Officer Frank Hilton, who discovered the men while on routine patrol, searched the 1988 Buick and reported finding a bag of plastic trash bags and a screwdriver, which Harriett said could be used for a burglary. Also found was half of a concrete block, which Harriett said may have been used to smash the Lil' Champ door.

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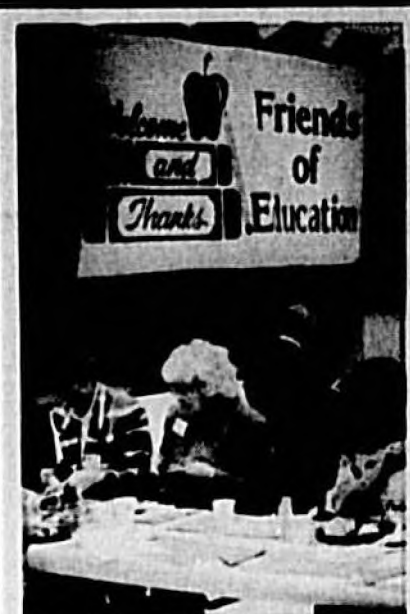
Skies begin to clear



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the low to mid 80s. Wind southeast 15 mph.

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In our schools



Breakfast this morning

13 friends of schools honored

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

GENEVA — At Geneva Elementary School this morning, the Foundation for the Advancement of our Community Through Schools (FACTS) hosted a breakfast to thank individuals who have contributed to the Seminole County public schools.

As a part of American Education Week, the breakfast was the group's way of thanking those who had contributed their resources, time or special talents to benefit either individual schools or the the district as a whole.

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Local PTAs involved in convention

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald staff Writer

Parent Teacher Associations in Florida expect to hold their largest annual convention in 30 years this week and Seminole County will be well represented.

Marianna Stronko, president of the Seminole County Council of PTAs said she did not have the final numbers on how many members would be representing Seminole County at the convention at this time.

"We'll have a lot," she said this morning.

About 345,000 Floridians are PTA members, making the association the country's sixth-largest. The PTA is gaining more clout, according to state Rep. Doug Jamerson, D-St.

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Downtown rallies to restore itself

Looking to past for continuity

NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Plans to improve the downtown Sanford area face several problems. They include to many separate groups, and the lack of continuing efforts.

The observations were presented by four members of the Sanford Development Corporation at this morning's meeting of the Sanford Historic Downtown Waterfront Association, SHDWA.

Cal Conklin, one of the leaders of the Corporation, explained how the organization was first formed in 1976, and has been operating since that time, at various levels of activity. "When we first organized," he said, "the people who started this put in their own money. They didn't always depend on the City to finance everything."

Another Corporation member, Sara Jacobson added, "We found that if we made our own efforts to improve the downtown area, the city would eventually help."

The other two members of the panel, John Mercer

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Chris Cranias at today's meeting.



Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett talks to downtown merchants during last night's meeting.

Police chief aids merchants

By NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Downtown crime was brought to the forefront last night. Local business owners discussed the problem with Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett.

Several dozen downtown merchants met with Harriett at the First Street Gallery, in a meeting called for by the downtown shop owners. The purpose, as perceived by Harriett was, "To get together and come up with a long term solution to the crime problem downtown."

Harriett admitted crime had recently increased. "The character of downtown Sanford has changed, and not necessarily for the good," he said. "We would like it to return to the old hometown image, but we cannot. Last year, crime was more frequent than ever before."

He explained the most common and recent crime is what he called, "Smash and grab, that is, where a burglar sees a desired item in a store window, breaks the window, grabs the item and flees within only seconds, a time much too quick for law enforcement to react in most cases."

Among the problems voiced by various downtown merchants were the following:

- The need for better downtown lighting. Harriett suggested, "It would certainly help reduce crime. I would be all in favor of an improved lighting system in the downtown area."

- Easily broken front windows. Harriett suggested several burglarproof front windows that could be used, but added, "The best protection would be improved lighting of the fronts of your stores, and taking out

See Chief, Page 2A

County P&Z veteran resigns

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The resignation of veteran Seminole County Planning and Zoning Commissioner Sue Lewis has brought joy to the heart of county commissioner Larry Furlong, who will name her replacement.

"As far as I'm concerned, that's the best piece of correspondence I've seen since I've been a commissioner," Furlong said.

Last week, county commission chairman Fred Streetman received the resignation notice of Lewis, dated Nov. 7, which stated it was effective immediately. The letter offered no explanation for her decision. Streetman said he had no knowledge of Lewis' resignation prior to the letter.

"If I can be of future service to the citizens of Seminole County, I stand ready to do so," Lewis wrote.

"Please accept my genuine appreciation for your personal friendship, support and goodwill over the years."

Lewis has served on the P&Z since Aug. 1980, when she was originally appointed by former commissioner Bob French and was subsequently reappointed by former



Furlong

commissioners Barbara Christensen and Sandra Glenn. Lewis' term did not expire before 1993 and commissioners could not remove her without cause, such as public drunkenness.

Lewis said this morning the Wednesday night P&Z meetings conflicted with an investment class she is attending on the same night. Lewis is owner of Sue Lewis Consultants Inc., a Matland development consulting firm.

"There were many, many times I thought about getting off the board, at least six times," Lewis said. "But each time, I thought I had too much time invested. I loved it. It was fun."

Furlong said he is considering individuals to fill what he sees as a philosophical vacancy on the P&Z.

"I think there's a void on the P&Z in the areas of the environment and in true homeowner representation," Furlong said. "The appointment will be somewhere in one of those areas."

Furlong said Lewis represented pro-development interests.

"She was development's champion," Furlong said. "She was very condescending to the average person. I had the honor to appear before her once before I was a commissioner on an apartment issue and she made me feel like I was intruding on her time. She wanted to know why I would have anything bad to say about this time, outstanding businessman who has since been brought up before the Code Enforcement Board on another project."

Lewis would not respond directly to Furlong's comments, but said she always believed strongly in property rights.

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Perry

Perry named new mayor

By NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Adrienne M. Perry was elected to serve as the new Mayor of Longwood last night. Perry was just re-elected Nov. 5 to her second 2-year term on the City Commission, having run unopposed.

The post of Mayor is selected each year, by a vote of the five member Commission during the first regular

See Longwood, Page 5A

Ordeal seen as nearly at an end

By BO BLANCHÉ
An AP News Analysis

DAMASCUS, Syria — Finally, the end of the Lebanon hostage ordeal may be in sight. Former British hostage Terry Waite said his Shiite Muslim captors told him the three remaining American hostages could be released by the end of the month. In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said the hostage-holders, Iran and Syria have offered the release of all Western captives by Christmas. The overwhelming impression from Monday's release of Waite and American Thomas Sutherland is that the U.N. effort to secure the hostages' freedom is gaining momentum. Six Westerners have been freed this year — the most in any year since Shiite extremists began their kidnapping spree in Lebanon in 1984. But more significantly, Waite, 52, and

Sutherland, 60, were freed by Islamic Jihad without the Israelis freeing Arab prisoners first. That raised speculation that U.N. negotiators have stitched together a deal with all involved in the complex affair: Iran, Syria, Israel and the Iranian-backed hostage groups. Monday's double release appeared to underscore the kidnappers' willingness to end the hostages' long nightmare — a trend that surfaced when they freed Briton John McCarthy in August with a letter to Perez de Cuellar offering to cut a deal. Initially, the kidnappers linked to the Hezbollah demanded freedom for about 300 Arabs, mainly Shites held by Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army militia. Sixty-six have been freed, but the prisoner the Shites want most, Hezbollah cleric Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obaid, remains in captivity. Monday's events suggested that the kidnappers may be prepared to settle only

for Obaid. A few hours after Waite and Sutherland were freed, the Qatar News Agency quoted an Islamic Jihad spokesman as saying that if Obaid were released "the case of the Western hostages would be resolved altogether." Obaid has become a rallying symbol among Lebanese Shites since he was kidnapped by Israeli paratroopers from his south Lebanon home on July 28, 1989. While welcoming Monday's releases, Israel gave no public hint that they plan to free any more Arab prisoners. But the disclosures by Waite and Perez de Cuellar pointed to a marked acceleration in the process to end hostage crises. The delicate and complex trading in human lives has in the past been derailed by other events in the volatile region. Muslim extremists' outcry against the U.S.-sponsored Arab-Israeli peace talks at one point appeared to threaten the U.N. effort to free the hostages.

No Black Monday, but economy still troubled

By MARTIN GRUTTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Although history did not repeat itself this time with another Black Monday stock market crash, Wall Street and the U.S. economy are still in for some troubled times, many analysts believe. They take sharp issue with President Bush, who contends that the economy's underlying fundamentals look sound and that there is no reason to be worried by last Friday's 120-point decline in the stock market. Instead, they see an economic recovery that has stalled, with the country very possibly headed back into recession. On Black Monday in October 1987, a 508-point sell-off followed a 108-point decline the previous Friday. This time around, the Dow Jones industrial average actually rose by 29.5 points on Monday. But many economists still believe the stock market will head lower in the days and weeks to come as worried investors are buffeted by

further gloomy economic news. "One of the most important determinants for stock prices is the state of the economy, and the fundamental fact remains that the economy is in bad shape," said Allen Sinal, chief economist of the Boston Co. Economists were split on how sharp the decline could be. The most pessimistic were forecasting that the Dow Jones average, which closed at 2,972.72 on Monday, could wind up dropping as low as 2,700 in coming weeks as signs of economic malaise mount. These analysts believe that the market will remain vulnerable to sharp sell-offs as long as various business barometers depict a faltering economy. Awaited today was a report showing whether the country's merchandise trade deficit worsened or improved in September compared with the \$6.8 billion imbalance the month before. In advance of the report, opinion was split.

Defeated Duke exploring a bid for the White House

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — David Duke is considering a Republican challenge to President Bush next year that could force the White House to fend off dual attacks from the right in the GOP primaries. Duke said Monday he had authorized supporters to explore

the possibility of him entering some GOP presidential primaries. The former Ku Klux Klan leader said if he runs, his goal will be to force Bush "to adhere to the principles of the party and stop the drifting to the left that we've had so long." Also mulling a challenge to Bush — and for much the same reason — is commentator Patrick J. Buchanan, a harsh

critic who says the president has abandoned the GOP's conservative base. Neither Buchanan nor Duke is likely to pose any serious threat to Bush's nomination, but they could disrupt White House plans to focus on the November general election while Democrats battle for their party's crown. "It's a free country, anybody can run," said GOP strategist

Charles Black, a member of the White House political team. Should Duke run, most believe his goal would be to pick up enough delegates in Republican primaries to be a presence at next summer's national convention. Most states award all their GOP convention delegates to the candidate who gets the most primary votes.

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Ceramic Fever is a full-service studio, specializing in Duncan and Fash-En-Hue products. Other brands are available upon request. There is a large Christmas selection for home decorating or gift giving. There are also finished products available for sale.
If you have never done ceramics before, now is the time to start. Ceramic Fever has no table charge, free instructions (excluding classes), a 10% senior discount and a 40% firing fee.
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How can you go wrong? Beat the mall rush, save money and start a satisfying hobby. If you are still not convinced that ceramics is the way to go this Christmas, Ceramic Fever also offers instruction in porcelain doll making with Betty Norwood. Handmade doll clothes are available at the shop. There are also classes in applique or painted shirts.
Ceramic Fever has some special events coming up in the next two months. On Saturday, November 23, at 9:30 AM, there will be a special class on stoneware painting. These old-fashioned stoneware have intricate scenes depicted on their sides and would be perfect as a collector's item gift for a husband or father. On Sunday, December 1, from 9:00 AM to 5 PM, Ceramic Fever will hold a ceramic show with lots of finished items for sale. For those interested in selling their work, Ceramic Fever will rent tables for \$10.
Ceramic Fever is located at 2499 Park Avenue, in the Promenade Shopping Center, behind Super Discount Drugs. For more information on ceramics or any of the special events, call Bella at 321-0828.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

"Mice" take playoff

CASSELBERRY — The Paddy McGee "Mice" women's softball team from Oviedo put together just enough offense Monday night to claim a 2-1, eight-inning playoff victory over Crickets to take home the championship laurels of the Seminole County Recreation Department Women's C League at Red Bug Park.

The team, made of players from Oviedo, Lake Mary and Sanford, had finished the regular season in a tie with Crickets with a 9-1 record. The two teams had split a pair of regular season meetings.

Crickets scored their only run in the top of the first inning when consecutive singles by Tammy Black and Eilene Thiebaugh preceded and RBI sacrifice fly by Seminole High graduate Lisa Hartman. Black scored the run.

The champs came back to tie the game in the bottom of the fourth inning when Mary Beth McCullough singled and advanced to third on a single by Debbie Leigh, barely beating Black's throw. Lake Mary's Jackie Suggs then lined a fly to left field. The throw had McCullough beat but her slide eluded the tag and the game was tied.

The "Mice" had a chance to win the game in the sixth when Terri Mann, who also plays in the Sanford leagues, reached third with two out. Leigh singled to left center but was thrown out at first base by Black on a controversial call.

The winning run scored in the bottom of the eighth inning when Denise Levinson, just two months a mother, pinch hit and reached on a dribbler to third base. April Lawrence followed with an infield single and Sanford's Teresa Walburger singled past third to load bases. Mann then lifted a sacrifice fly to left with Levinson scoring the winning run.

Sanford's Connie Thomas, Walburger's mother, was the winning pitcher, scattering eight hits and waling none over eight innings.

The defense was also superb with Mann, Suggs, Walburger and Karen Kobs patrolling the outfield and coming up with 12 put outs as well as cutting off several extra base hit tries.

The infield defense was just as good with McCullough at short stop, Jackie Janowiak at second base and Phyllis Baynes at first base having their usual steady games, combining for eight assists and turning and important double play in the sixth inning.

Softball league meeting set

SANFORD — An organizational meeting for the upcoming Sanford Recreation Department's adult softball leagues has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The meeting will be conducted at the recreation department's office on the first floor of City Hall, 300 N. Park Ave.

League play is expected to begin the week of Jan. 6.

For more information, call 330-5697.

Sailfest registration available

SANFORD — Registration for the 1991 Florida Citrus Sailfest sailing regatta, in which a record 650 boats are expected to compete, which will be conducted Dec. 6-8 on Lake Monroe is closed now until Dec. 6.

For those registering on Dec. 6 and 7, the registration fees are \$40 and \$45, respectively.

Registration forms are distributed in the Sailfest 1991 newspaper. Interested parties may also obtain information by calling (407) 425-0585 during the day, (407) 423-0468 at night or by faxing (407) 872-0879.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

■ Girls Basketball Jamboree at Seminole High School. Teams competing are Seminole, Lyman, Oviedo, Lake Mary, Lake Howell and Lake Brantley. Action starts at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

■ Hillsborough Community College at Seminole Community College, 5:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

■ St. Petersburg Junior College at Seminole Community College, 7:30 p.m.

Compiled from wire and staff reports



BEST BETS ON TV

BASKETBALL

11:30 p.m. — TNT, NBA, New York Knicks at Houston Rockets. (L)

TENNIS

11:00 p.m. — USA, Virginia Slims Championships. (L)

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Churches host tourney

Twelve teams to compete in single elimination event

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — Sanford Church of God of Prophecy will head a field of 12 teams this Saturday when the Sanford Church Softball League holds the first round of its Fall Tournament at Chase Park.

The first eight games of the single-elimination tournament will be held this Saturday, with the final

three games being played at Chase Park, Saturday, December 7.

Prophecy will be the top seeded team after posting a 9-1 regular season record and winning the A Division title. Seeded No. 2 is B Division titleist All Souls Catholic, with Central Baptist (runners-up in the B Division) seeded third and Sanford Church of God (the C Division champ) seeded fourth.

This Saturday's schedule has

been divided into two brackets.

In the morning bracket, First Baptist of Geneva will take on Markham Woods Presbyterian (D Division runner-up) at 8:30 a.m. and Grace Christian (D Division winner) will play Antioch Missionary Baptist of Oviedo at 9:30 a.m.

The 8:30 a.m. winner will then play Prophecy at 10:30 a.m. and the 9:30 a.m. winner will challenge Central Baptist at 11:30 a.m.

In the afternoon bracket, First United Methodist, the spring tournament champion, will face Sanford First Nazarene at 12:30 p.m. and St. Stephen Catholic of

Winter Springs (A Division runner-up) will host Holy Cross Lutheran of Lake Mary at 1:30 p.m.

The 12:30 p.m. winner will battle All Souls at 2:30 p.m. and the 1:30 p.m. winner will welcome Church of God at 3:30 p.m.

On December 7, the 10:30 a.m. winner from this Saturday will play the 11:30 a.m. winner at 11 a.m. and the 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. winners will square off at noon.

The championship game will be contested at 1:30 p.m. on the 7th.

The trophy presentation for the winners of the regular season will also be held this Saturday.



File Photo

Tribe hosts hoop jamboree

SANFORD — Seminole High School will host a girls' basketball jamboree tonight at the Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium. Action starts at 6:30 p.m. when Seminole plays Lyman. The other five quarters

are Oviedo vs. Lyman (6:55 p.m.), Oviedo vs. Lake Mary (7:20 p.m.), Lake Howell vs. Lake Mary (7:45 p.m.), Lake Howell vs. Lake Brantley (8:10 p.m.) and Seminole vs. Lake Brantley (8:35 p.m.).

SANFORD HERALD PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Editor's note: Seminole's Carlo White had 14 tackles (eight solo, six assists) to be named this week's Sanford Herald Player of the Week.

Other players considered were:
• Lake Mary's Jason Rasmussen, who completed 9 of 10 passes for 153 yards and one touchdown as the Rams clinched the district title.

• Lake Howell's Pat Jorgensen, who rushed for 143 yards and one touchdown as the Silver Hawks concluded the regular season with a six game win streak.

• Oviedo's Leon Lowman, who rushed for 29 yards, caught a pass for 10 and also filled in at quarterback.

• Lyman's Brian Grayson, who rushed for 54 yards and caught four passes for 37 yards.



Carlo White

Seminole's White rises to occasion at opportune time

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — Once again last Friday night it was the Seminole High School defense that rose to the occasion in a must win situation at Thomas E. Wingham Stadium.

And, as usual, it the Tribe's leader, senior nose guard Carlo White, that stood the tallest as the Seminole defense held Leesburg scoreless for almost 36 minutes in a 7-6 victory that put the Tribe into the 1A District 7 playoff next week.

White had eight solo tackles and six assists to lead a swarming group that smothered the Yellow Jackets' Oran Singleton, the state's leading rusher entering the game.

For his efforts, the 6-foot, 1-inch,

364-pound three sport star, is this week's Sanford Herald Player of the Week.

"Carlo had his best game in a long time," said Tribe head coach Emory Blake, who gave the credit for the win to defensive coach Bill Berry. "And deserves the award, no question about it, but the whole defense deserves credit for the win."

White's performance was just one of several outstanding ones turned in by the Tribe on this night as they held the powerful Leesburg offense to only 184 yards of total offense.

Also turning in strong performances were Emory Green, Johnny Golden, Anthony Roberts, Marlon Knight, Sam Becker and Matt Parker.

Junior College to host basketball doubleheader

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SANFORD — The SCC Health and Physical Education Center will be the site for exciting basketball action tonight when it hosts at Men/Women's doubleheader.

Coach Beatty Gallagher's women will play Hillsborough Community College starting at 5:30 p.m. with the men of coach Bill Payne taking the floor against St. Petersburg Junior College at 7:30 p.m.

The women, now 2-1 on the season, will start sophomores Michelle Kumpf and freshman

Elizabeth Mills (from Lake Howell at guards), sophomore's Brandy Friedman and Sanford's Pamela Williams at forwards and sophomore Carla Lebetter at center.

The men, now 3-2, are coming off a 92-56 victory at Broward last Saturday. The starting five will consist of freshman Mike Merritt from Lake Mary at the point guard position, sophomore Brian Nason and freshman Troy Brumming at the wings, and freshman Deon Gavin and sophomore Darnell Robinson at the forwards.

admission to all SCC basketball games is free.



Deon Gavin (left) and Michelle Kumpf will hope to lead their respective teams to victory tonight when Seminole Community College hosts a men/women's basketball doubleheader starting at 5:30 p.m. tonight



BLONDIE by Chic Young

AND WHY WOULD YOU DO IT? I DON'T WANT TO GO TO A PARTY!
 YOU WOULDNT? WHY NOT? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO WITHOUT YOU!
 I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO WITHOUT YOU!
 A DREAM... I'D LEAD A SOCIAL LIFE... I'D LEAD A SOCIAL LIFE...
 FOR WHICH AN... I'D LEAD A SOCIAL LIFE...
 HOW COME... I'D LEAD A SOCIAL LIFE...
 BECAUSE I'M... I'D LEAD A SOCIAL LIFE...

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

LOUISE, IF YOU ASK ME TO YOUR PLACE ONE MORE TIME I'LL GO STARK RAVING MAD!!
 I'LL MEET YOU HALFWAY AND YOU COULD JUST GO STARK

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sisson

MRS V. IS WITH RELATIVES AND I'LL BE ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAY, SO I'D LIKE TO SHARE THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY.
 GEE, CHIEF, WED BE FLATTERED! IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN BRING?
 PERHAPS YOU WERENT LISTENING...

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?
 IT'S A DANCE PROGRAM
 I LIKE TO WATCH PEOPLE HAVING A GOOD TIME..
 I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME..

EEK & MEEK by Howie Schneider

PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS A TAX CUT FOR THE RICH WILL CREATE JOBS
 IT PROBABLY WILL...
 HIS

TUMBLEWEEDS by T.K. Ryan

DID PAJAMAS GET HIS SHOTS, HON?
 YES, MA'AM, AND HE HAS A REAL SORE BOTTOM.
 WANT ME TO PUT SOMETHING ON IT, FELLA?
 A'NUKE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARIANS' BUMPER STICKER WOULD BE NICE.

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

My Family By Gene Day
 My Dad goes to work. My Mom goes to work.
 HELP ME OUT HERE, DAD!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

OKAY, ALL YOU PEOPLE IN THE REINCARNATION SOCIETY, BE SURE TO GET YOUR HAND STAMPED.
 HEAVEN ENTRANCE

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

I REMEMBER MY FIRST KISS
 EDNA RADSNICK... WE WERE ON HER FRONT PORCH. THE MOON WAS FULL... THE MOMENT HAD ARRIVED... WE EMBRACED...
 OUR BRACES LOCKER... SHE SCREAMED...
 THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
 I'M MAKING A ROBOT.
 YOU MEAN YOU'RE REPRODUCING RIGHT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BASEMENT??
 WELL... I'M JUST... UM...
 PAD, WHERE DO BABIES COME FROM?
 NOW YOU'VE GOT HIM DOING IT!
 I'LL ALERT MY GAZE.

Ask doctor about mother's seizure

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother had a seizure six months ago — the only one in her 61 years. I know she's been diagnosed with an arachnoid cyst in her left basal ganglion region, but she refuses to tell us more. What might the problem be?

DEAR READER: The problem may be that she had some bleeding from the cyst, which is deep in the brain: such cysts may bleed without warning. This could have initiated a seizure, for which the standard treatment is anti-convulsant medicine, such as Dilantin.

Since your mother seems to be a bit close-mouthed about her health, I think you have every right to contact her doctor for clarification. Every month or two, I can anticipate a few calls about my elderly patients. The inquiries usually come from concerned and well-meaning relatives who live out of town and are worried about Aunt Ella who seems too forgetful and is she getting the help she needs? and can she shop and cook her meals? and ... you know what I mean.

Loving family members need to know and the patient may be unwilling (or unable) to give information. So I do it, in a general way, being careful not to break any bonds of confidentiality.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My brother died several months ago from amyloidosis. What can you tell me about this disease?

DEAR READER: Amyloidosis is a chronic and progressive disease of unknown cause, marked by the presence of amyloid, a protein, in various body tissues, leading eventually to organ failure. Many cases of amyloidosis are related to underlying diseases: for example, cancer, infections, heart disease and autoimmune disorders (such as rheumatoid arthritis). Some forms are "primary," meaning that no concomitant disease can



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The diagnosis is made by biopsy. Treatment is first directed to any underlying diseases.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder
 Continuing our look at Eddie Kantar's bridge-lesson notes, we turn to the chapter entitled "Defense - Counting the Opponents' Tricks." (The books are available, at \$35 each or \$60 for the two, from P.O. Box 427, Venice, CA 90294.) Of all the errors that are made at the bridge table, that of not counting out the hand as it progresses is far and away the most common. In my view, anyone who counts all hands is already an expert — or soon will be.

Today's hand is of a type that almost all club players get wrong. If you wish to test yourself as East, cover the West and South hands. Against three no-trump, West leads the spade jack. Declarer puts up dummy's ace and leads the heart five. Which five tricks do you hope to collect?

At the table, unwarned, everyone plays low on the heart, hoping declarer is about to misguess a K-J combination. But when the dummy is tabled, and before you play to trick one, stop and count declarer's tricks. (If you are delaying the game, tell South that you are thinking about the hand, not about that trick.) From the lead and trick one, you know declarer has three spade tricks. (Partner can't have the K-J of spades because South would have run the lead to his queen.) And dummy's club suit is worth five tricks. That is eight, and if declarer wins a heart trick, he will sprint for home.

Your only chance is to put up the heart ace and switch to the diamond five, hoping you can run four tricks in the suit.

On paper, this defense is relatively easy to find, but would you have produced it at the table?

NORTH ♠ A 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 7
 ♦ K 10 9 8
 ♣ A Q 10 9 4

WEST ♠ J 10 9 8 4
 ♥ J 10 4 2
 ♦ A 10 4
 ♣ 8

EAST ♠ 7 6 3
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ K J 7 5
 ♣ 6 3 2

SOUTH ♠ K Q 5
 ♥ K Q 9 6
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ K J 7 5

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

South ♠ NT West ♣ Pass North ♠ NT East All pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osol
YOUR BIRTHDAY
 Nov. 20, 1991

You could be extremely lucky fulfilling your hopes and expectations in the year ahead. They may not be of a material nature, but they could be more valuable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) As long as companions are cooperative and make concessions, you'll be easy to get along with today. You're not apt to respond congenially, however, when contradicted. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Scorpio's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The probabilities for fulfilling your ambitious objectives are favorable today, provided you don't take on something you're ill-equipped to handle. Operate within your known capabilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think twice about attending a social involvement today where there may be people you dislike. It might turn out to be a waste of both time and money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's extremely important you reassess your objectives today. There is a possibility you might be striving for something that will not gratify you once it is achieved.

FISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't waste your valuable time today arguing with someone about an issue to which this individual has a closed mind. It could upset you emotionally and accomplish nothing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Temporarily set aside involvements today that distract you from your own interests and focus on the affairs of another. In order to succeed, you must be dedicated to personal goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be self-sufficient today instead of relying on the support of another. Even if it is forthcoming, you might be better off without it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to be successful today, you must be consistent. Guard against tendencies to slack off on your endeavors just when your objectives are within reach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Just because friends aren't totally in accord with your interests today doesn't mean they dislike you. Try not to let your emotions dictate your reasoning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Certain advantages that can be gained today could be lost or minimized — if you exert too much pressure. Know when to stop pushing and to start pleasing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep an open mind today and give associates credit for being at least as smart as you are. If you discount their views and suggestions, it could prove counterproductive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you allow the other party to propose the offer, you're likely to get better terms today. People might treat you more generously than you had anticipated.

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ANNIE by Leonard Starr

...WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, ANNIE? DO THOSE FOOTPRINTS LOOK ANYMORE LIKE ANIMAL MUST'VE MADE THEM?
 DID YOU, ER... SEE TH' ANIMALS, HUCKY?
 YE GODS!! WELL, LOOK AT 'EM, HUCKY! THEY LOOK AS IF THEY WERE GOIN' AWAY SOMEBODY!
 LISTEN — IF YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP BUSYING ME, I'LL DO MY EXPLORING ALONE! NO ONE WANTS YOU HERE ANYMORE!