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## Briefly

### Police arrest golf cart thieves

From Staff Reports

**SANFORD** — Seminole County deputy sheriffs arrested two people Monday in connection with the theft of golf carts from a Sanford business.

The theft was reported Friday, Feb. 11 at Yamaha Golf Carts, 650 Hickman Circle. On Monday, investigators arranged an undercover buy of one of the stolen carts with the suspects.

Marc Kolarik, 26, of 152 E. Landmark Street in DeLand is accused of burglary and dealing in stolen property. Angela Jackson, 19, of 211 Turner Road in Pierson is also accused of dealing in stolen property.

Deputies and suspects arranged a meeting in Sanford, \$1,600 was exchanged for the purchase, and the two were arrested.

Kolarik told deputies they could find an additional two golf carts at his home in DeLand, which they did, said Steve Olson, a spokesman for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Both Kolarik and Jackson were booked into the Seminole County Jail on \$4,000 bond.

## Today is ...

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000  
Today is the 47th day of 2000  
and the 57th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1937, Dr. Wallace Carothers patented nylon. On this day in 1941, Duke Ellington recorded "Take the A Train." On this day in 1959, Fidel Castro appointed himself premier of Cuba.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Henry Brooks Adams (1838-1918), historian; George Macaulay Trevelyan (1876-1962), historian; Edgar Bergen (1903-1978), ventriloquist; George F. Kennan (1904-), U.S. diplomat-historian, is 96; Patty Andrews (1920-), singer, is 80; Sonny Bono (1935-1998), singer-politician; John McEnroe (1959-), tennis player, is 41.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1988, Australian pastry chef Craig Logan won the 11th Annual Empire State Building Run-Up by running up 102 flights of stairs in New York City's Empire State Building in 11 minutes, 29 seconds.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Modern politics is, at bottom, a struggle not of men but of forces."  
Henry Brooks Adams

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Feb. 12) and full moon (Feb. 19).

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# Authority to consider taxi service

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

## However, Board believes on-demand cabs may cause trouble for airport

**SANFORD** — Passengers arriving on domestic flights at the Orlando Sanford Airport are unable to hail taxicabs if they fail to pre-arrange for transportation.

This leaves some passengers scrambling to find transportation if they are unable to pay for a rental car. The situation may soon change, as the Sanford Airport Authority Board on Tuesday agreed to consider allowing on-demand taxicab service for domestic customers.

"There is a demand among people who have not made pre-arrangements

for ground transportation," said Larry Gouldthorpe, president of the airport's domestic and international terminal operator, Orlando Sanford International.

However, Board members are concerned that the attempt to ease the headaches of passengers may create

trouble for the airport.

Rental car companies and other airport tenants would be concerned that taxicabs may take away customers, said Victor White, director of the airport.

"The fact that we're even talking about this will create some objections and concerns," White said.

The Board did not reach a consensus on the matter on Tuesday, and will resume the discussion in March.

Rules would be in place to prohibit taxicabs from soliciting passengers before taxicabs are allowed on-demand service of customers at the airport, White said.

"It can get ugly," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale, the city's liaison to the airport.

In addition, enforcement measures would need to be spelled out to protect exclusive operating agreements in place with companies that already provide

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## State Road 46 wreck



A Toyota Tercel driven by Israel Garcia of Deltona was hit Tuesday by another car when Garcia ran a red light on West State Road 46. The other driver was not injured in the accident. The Jaws of Life were used to extricate Garcia from the car, and he was taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital. Garcia was charged with running a red light.

# Paradise Park once again main focus of Lake Mary meeting

By Michelle Jorta  
Managing Editor

**LAKE MARY** — City Commissioners want to hear why Paradise Park might not be paradise for some city residents.

A work session is scheduled for Thursday to discuss plans and concerns regarding the proposed park. According to Lake Mary City Manager John Litton, the public will be permitted to comment during the meeting.

Earlier this month, community members living in the area of the proposed Preservation 2000 park voiced their opposition to the city's plan for their neighborhood. However, the city's Parks and Recreation Board, which held the public forum, voted 4-2 to continue plans for the 11.2 acre conservation area located on the south side of Lake Mary Boulevard adjacent to Big Lake Mary. Several Board members said they felt the park's benefit to the entire Lake Mary community outweighs its opposition.

Plans for the park began last June when the city submitted two grant applications to the

Florida Communities Trust's Preservation 2000 Program. The grants are commonly used to acquire land for natural resource conservation, outdoor recreation and urban green space.

The grant application for property located on the east side of Longwood-Lake Mary Road was denied, but the application for Paradise Park requesting funding for more than \$400,000 was approved earlier this year.

According to the application, the city plans on creating a passive park, and it will include a nature trail and a picnic area. Swimming or boating will not be permitted.

Residents living within the park's vicinity are concerned about their privacy and safety if the city continues with its plans. A petition of 70 signatures was given to the city protesting Paradise Park.

Several citizens also said they are worried the park may not remain passive in the future and it will become a public

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# Plans under way for Lake Mary festival

## Seventh annual historical event set for March 4

By Michelle Jorta  
Managing Editor

**LAKE MARY** — The Lake Mary Historical Commission, in coordination with the city, wants people to come out for a day of history, entertainment, food and fun.

The seventh annual Olde Lake Mary Days Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, and will include historical demonstrations and displays, a variety of arts and crafts and numerous children's activities.

Food and drink vendors will be on hand to offer an array of refreshments throughout the day.

"Anyone who wants to have a nice, pleasant day out is invited to come and join us," said event coordinator Dew Gracey. "It's going to be a lot of fun, and everyone is welcome."

The city festival began seven years ago to preserve the history of Lake Mary, said Mary Jane Duryea, who is also coordinating the event. However, it also focuses on the city's present and future by including civic and church organizations from throughout the community.

This year's entertainment includes the Seminole Community College Orchestra,

the Joyful Noise Choir from Lake Mary's First Presbyterian Church, art shows, Civil War reenactments and an old Florida "cracker" village display. Reenactors will also focus on the original "Towne Square" with historical presentations and demonstrations in Central Park and in the Frank Evans Center.

To open the day, a flag ceremony will be held at 9:45 a.m. and will include a cannon shot and the singing of "America the Beautiful."

The Community Improvement Association will sponsor a "Kid's Corner," which will include a petting zoo and other activities for children.

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# Sheriff's Office website helps fight crime

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — The face of the man offering to work on a Seminole County couple's home looked familiar. They knew they had seen his face before.

They checked the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Web site (www.seminolesheriff.org), and the man who was wanting to gain entrance to the couple's home was on the list of registered felons. So, he was asked to leave their property.

All 1,800 registered felons, sexual offenders and sexual predators are listed on the Web site. They are referenced by zip

code, street address and zip code, with a listing of their criminal history.

However, identifying registered felons is just one of the services offered by the site, said Peter Robinson, special projects coordinator for the Sheriff's Office.

"The best way to fight crime is to prevent it," Robinson said. "We're trying to provide as much information as we can to the residents of Seminole County."

An on-line newsletter of the City-County Auto Theft Task Force is available on the Web site, with details on auto theft suspects arrested in Seminole

County and comparisons with arrests among various police agencies.

One of the most enticing portions of the Web site, the Task Force newsletter also provides details about Sanford's 13-member Hot Boys gang which swept across Central Florida, often leaving stolen vehicles in the same neighborhood where they lived.

The site contains the story of the gang's rise and fall. All 13 members of the gang are now in prison.

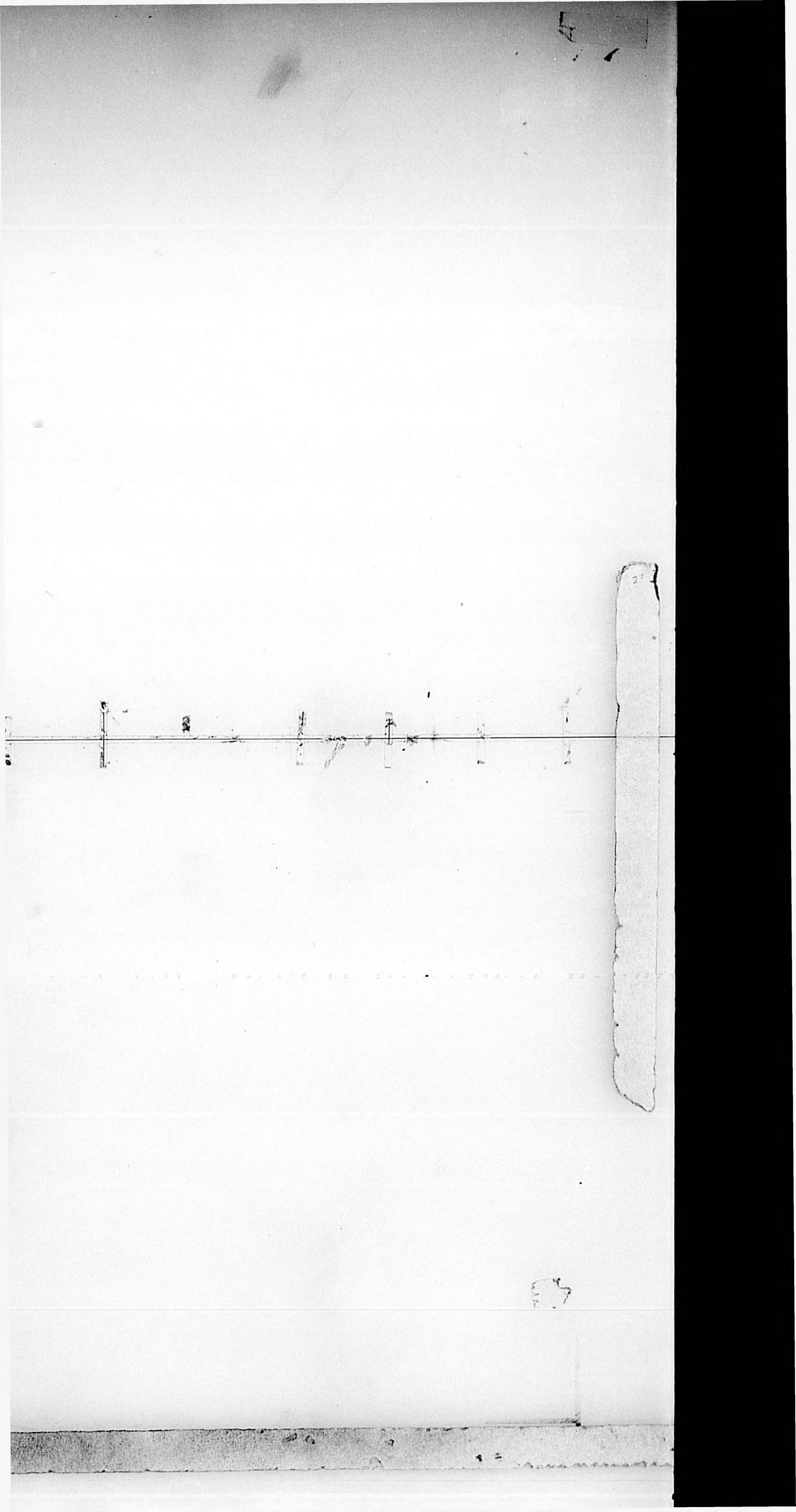
Since April 1997, the Web site has had 116,156 hits, for an

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## Wonderful visit



Jessica Lumsden, left, and Samantha Champion, first-grade students at Woodlands Elementary School, pet Ellie the Wonder Dog. Ellie is used in child abuse investigations to put children at ease and open up. Ellie's Tuesday visit was made possible by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.





# 'Goldie' provides a jingle in our hearts and pockets

For years, people have insisted that money talks. That's why many of us are so interested in a newly minted coin dollar named "Goldie."

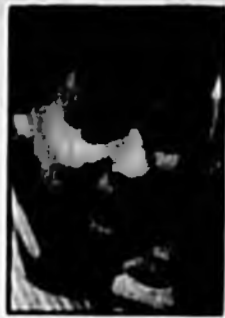
Chances are you've met her at Wal-Mart. That's where Goldie is circulating these days. Wal-Mart cut a deal with the U.S. Treasury to market the new coin. Wal-Mart shoppers can receive as many as four of the new gold dollars in change for a purchase.

Goldie's a beauty and plenty confident. "I'm not only cute," she told a Delaware Quarter, "I'm practical."

The last thing America needed was another dollar coin that no one wanted. The Susan B. Anthony Silver Dollar was a bust. Even folks who love money, refused to take a shine to Susan B.

Alas, Goldie's arrival is putting a jingle in our hearts and our pockets. Marilyn

Monroe never caused this kind of sensation. Not even Shania Twain.



**Russ White**

Goldie is so cute that many people are reluctant to let go of her. She has been in one fellow's pocket for nearly a week. He sneaks a look at her and shows her off to friends. At night, she sleeps on the night stand next to his bed. Naturally, Goldie wants to cash in on some fun.

"I want to be a commodity not an oddity," she told her new friend, Penny. "I want someone to show me a good time. Take me to the race track, to a nice restaurant, to the theater. I don't want to spend the rest of my life in some guy's pocket, you know."

Goldie said she almost wishes she were a Paper Dollar. That way she'd get around. Paper Dollars get spent in a hurry. There isn't a man or woman who can keep a Paper

Dollar more than half a day. It's as if Paper Dollars grew on trees.

But when you're a freshly minted Golden Girl, that's different. You're the Woman of the Year 2000. You're one-hundred Pennies from Heaven. You're the Mint. You're the Mona Lisa. Why, you even feel like a woman.

America can't help but fall in love with you, Goldie. Wal-Mart knew that when it cut a deal to get you circulated. Wal-Mart wouldn't endorse a loser. They chased Sheryl Crowe but they're shooting the works for you. You're a gold mine, Dollar Jill.

Just keep your wits about you, Goldie. A dollar needs to be up to its cents and senses. Stay away from guys who are dime a dozen. Watch out for wooden nickels and penny pinchers. They may say a dollar doesn't go as far as it used to — you show them they're wrong.

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

## Briefs

**Local winner**  
Of the 13 winners in Tuesday night's Fantasy 5 drawing of the Florida lottery, one winner was listed as having purchased a ticket in Lake Mary. Each of the 13 will receive a cash prize of \$14,073.11. In addition to the first prize winners, more than 23,000 other players won cash prizes.

**Tennis clinic**  
The City of Altamonte Springs is offering free tennis clinics Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. for children ages 8 to 15. From noon until 2 p.m., the clinic will be offered for youngsters age 16 and older.

**Depression glass**  
Thursday, Feb. 17, Millie Downey of Millie's Glass and China will be offering a presentation and lecture on the "Art of Collection Depression Glass," beginning at 7 p.m. at the Maitland Art Center. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations in advance are recommended. The cost is \$3 for non-members, \$2 for members and \$1 for seniors and students.

**Ad Litem volunteers**  
The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children in a court proceeding.

To become a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer you must be 21 years old, possess good judgment, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis. You must present favorable references, consent to have your background checked and complete 24 hours of training.

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center, 190 Bush Blvd., Sanford on March 3, March 4 and March 10. If you are interested in attending or wish more information, call Myrna at (407) 665-4370.

**Power Wheelchairs available**  
The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to senior citizens 65 and older, and the permanently disabled, at no cost, if they qualify. Power wheelchairs may be provided to persons who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet additional guide-

lines of the program. No deposit is required. Individuals in need of a power wheelchair for use in the home should phone Leon Johnson for additional information and qualification requirements. 1-800-246-6010.

**Genealogical Society**  
The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society meets the first Saturday, February through June, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. For more information, call Loretta Dabbs at 407-850-0767, or Laura Chapman at 407-737-9943.

**Oviedo Chamber**  
The Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be Thursday, Feb. 17, at 11:45 a.m. at Tusawilla Country Club. Featured speaker is Oddny Brun of Norteam Inc., who will discuss ways of cutting overhead without cutting customer service or staff. The luncheon is sponsored by Seminole Community College and is open to members as well as non-members of the chamber. Reservations are required. Call the Chamber at 407-365-6500.

**Widow Support Group**  
An eight-week Senior Widowed Support Group will be meeting every Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30, beginning Feb. 18 in the Educational Building of United Church of Christ, 825 E. Altamonte Drive (SR-436), in Altamonte Springs. The seminar is for the recently widowed and will offer fellowship, grief education, community resource information and hope in the rebuilding process.

The event is sponsored by Baldwin-Fairchild Cemeteries & Funeral Homes. The seminars are free but pre-registration is required. Contact Sally Kopke at 407-894-0507, ext. 205.

**Dress ball**  
Fleet Reserve Association, B. Duke Woody Branch 147 will hold its annual Uniform Dinner Dance, Saturday, Feb. 19. The dinner starts at 6 p.m., with dancing to follow at 7 p.m. For additional information, phone 407-330-1706.

**The Sweetwater Oaks**  
The Sweetwater Oak Garden Club, Inc. has begun the new century with many wonderful monthly programs designed for learning as well as for enjoyment.

The club meets at the Sweetwater Oaks Community Center on Fox Valley Drive on the second Monday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments are served at each monthly meeting except on field trip days.

For information on joining, call Joan at (407)814-1069.

**Red Cross meeting**  
The American Red Cross will hold an Advisory Board meeting, Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 a.m., at the Seminole Service Center, 705-C West SR-434 in Longwood. For additional information, phone 407-332-8200.

**Art Association**  
Members of the Sanford-Seminole Art Association will exhibit their artwork from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20. The show will be held at the Bettey Smith Cultural Arts Building, 5th and Oak, Sanford. Works of local artists will be auctioned off at 2:30 p.m. There will also be a raffle of donated items. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5 and will be available at the show.

**Job Fair**  
Central Florida's job hunters are invited to take part in the Central Florida Employment Council's "New Millennium Job Fair," Feb. 21, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Adams Mark Hotel, (Florida Mall). Free admission and free parking. CFEC, home based in Casselberry, said there are hundreds of jobs that need to be filled at the present time. For additional information, phone 407-834-4223.

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## Obituaries

**DOUGLAS HARTSHORN**  
Douglas Hartshorn, 57, S. Brooks Ave., DeLand, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000 at Memorial Hospital West Volusia, DeLand. Born in Mount Kisco, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1994. He was a retired owner/operator of Nova Contracting, Phoenix, Az. He was Methodist.

Survivors include wife, Ute; sons, Douglas R., Orange City, Ernest W., Phoenix, Timothy J., Oneonta, N.Y.; daughter, Christina M. Assad, Deltona; brother, Kenneth, I.k. Carmel, N.Y.; sister, Janet Finney, Mahopac, N.Y.; six grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAM LEE MATTHEWS**  
William Lee Matthews, 84, E. Normandy Blvd., Deltona, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000 at Sewickly Pennsylvania Hospital. Born in Staten Island, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1974. He was a retired dockmaster for the City of New York, a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic

Church, Knights of Columbus, Staten Island, Elks, Deltona Moose Lodge, DeBary Southridge Country Club.

Survivors include sons, William, Rockville, Md., Robert, Sussex, N.J.; daughter, Marian Mallon, Moon Twp. Pa.; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

### A. CLARENCE "RUSTY" ROTUNDO

A. Clarence "Rusty" Rotundo, 88, Grove Drive, Sanford, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000. Born Dec. 19, 1912 in Sanford, he was a lifelong resident. He was a gas delivery driver, a member of All Souls Catholic Church, and a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Survivors include wife, Rosa M.; brother, Louis, Sanford; several nieces and nephews. Brison Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### RICHARD P. TAYLOR

Richard P. Taylor, 84, Marker Street, Altamonte Springs, died

Monday, Feb. 7, 2000. Born in Tallahassee, he moved to Central Florida in 1931. He was a retired government truck driver. He was a member of St. Peters Baptist Church, Tallahassee, and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include daughter, Olivia O'Connor, North Port, Fl. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Apopka, in charge of arrangements.

## FUNERALS

### ROTUNDO, A. CLARENCE "RUSTY"

Funeral services for "Rusty" Rotundo will be Friday, Feb. 18, 2000 at 1 p.m. in the Brison Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Fr. Richard Trout officiating. Interment will follow in All Souls Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 5 until 7 p.m. Brison Funeral Home, 407-322-2131, Sanford, in charge of services.

### TAYLOR, RICHARD P.

Funeral services for Mr. Richard P. Taylor will be held Saturday, Feb. 19, at 11 a.m., at the Zanders Chapel. Public viewing will be Friday, Feb. 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the chapel.

## Police Log

**Drugs**  
Sanford — Jerry Lee Sasser, 26, 1603 W. 11th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 2:41 p.m. on February 9. He was charged with Possession of Crack Cocaine with Intent to Sell.  
Sanford — Eddie Smith, 43, 23 William Clark Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 12:10 a.m. on February 10. He was charged with Possession of Cannabis. Less than 20 grams.

**Domestic Violence**  
Sanford — Barbara Merritt, 66, 27 Gatehouse Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 12:38 a.m. on February 10. She was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.  
Sanford — Leon Ellzy, 28, 95 Lake Monroe Terrace, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 3:46 a.m. on February

10. He was charged with Aggravated Battery/Intent to Cause Bodily Harm.  
Sanford — Yasir Abusamn, 22, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 11:28 p.m. on February 10. He was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.

**DUI**  
Chuluota — Michael Fitzgerald, 45, 324 4th Street,

Chuluota, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 10:21 p.m. on February 7. He was charged with DUI.

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# Opinion

## Our View Time to Talk

In October, the Sanford Chamber of Commerce hosted a Millennium Summit, ostensibly to talk about the city's future. While there was some discussion about the future, the most profound insight pointed to the past and the source of many of Sanford's problems.

"We're not talking to each other," Thelma Mike told more than a hundred city leaders who attended Summit.

"A spirit of fear," said the director of the Good Samaritan Home, has left Sanford in gridlock. "We're afraid to say anything or do anything for fear of being attacked. There's so much diversity but too much division. We say we want to get together but how can we when we're not talking to each other?"

Mrs. Mike was right, too many individuals and groups in Sanford are more concerned about protecting their turf or perceived power than communicating with their fellow citizens and working for the community good. A good example of this is occurred this past weekend on our editorial page.

In a letter to the editor, the writer closed with a catty attack on another member in the community. The names aren't important — many of you are already well aware of the situation to begin with — and neither really are the allegations because it's a scene that has played itself out many times before. Two factions, both sincerely working to make Sanford a better place, disagree about how to accomplish that goal. Rather than communicating with each other to work out a possible solution, the factions engage in petty bickering and name calling, all in the name of "protecting their turf."

Problem is, there's no turf to protect, at least not if Sanford is to become a progressive city. Instead of bickering, we need to heed Thelma Mike's advice, start talking with one another, and put some substance in the "City Substantial." It's not as hard as it seems. We've got to start talking with each other, rather than at each other. Does that mean we will all agree? Absolutely not. But disagreeing doesn't mean we have to lower ourselves to the name-calling antics of professional wrestling.

We've said it numerous times before, and it's worth repeating: Sanford is a town on the move, and it sits on the brink of accomplishing many exciting things. What many of those things will be is unknown. This much is certain, though: Our community will never know what can be accomplished until we can talk and disagree with each other without fear of being ridiculed.



## Who wants it more: McCain or Bush?

Richard Nixon observed there are two reasons why people run for high office in America: "those who want to do big things and those who want to be big people."

Sen. John McCain clearly wants to do big things. Like it or not, his agenda includes destroying the political establishment as we've known it. He thinks big money hurts politics, contributes to the general cynicism and nonparticipation among many citizens — and he is unafraid to run on a platform of honesty and integrity, however hypocritical that might seem as he solicits contributions and airplane rides from the very lobbyists he denounces.

McCain is drawing large and enthusiastic crowds in South Carolina because they're hungry for red meat, not the tepid oatmeal dished out after focus grouping, and he's not afraid to give it to them.

He's announced that Colin Powell and William Bennett will be Cabinet members in a McCain administration, though he hasn't said whether they've been asked, and he brags, "I can beat Al Gore like a drum. I eagerly look forward to the combat. The old fighter pilot in me is coming out." McCain understands that politics is blood sport.

He appears unafraid of being called harsh or mean-spirited, two words that have sent other Republican "leaders" running behind the political equivalent of their mother's skirts. Referring to attacks by Gore on Sen. Bill Bradley, McCain vowed to immediately retaliate against any shots from Gore: "If he said we're trying to hurt minorities, we'll fire back with every barrel we have. I won't stand for that ... Smile, relax, attack. That's his M.O. If I'm the nominee, we're going to have to be fully prepared. There's going to be blood all over the place."

Now that's real politics, and it shows an

understanding of what Republicans face if they mean to retake the White House. Democrats will do anything to maintain their hold on the presidency. McCain gets it. Does George W. Bush?

You can blame the press for pumping up McCain, but Bush must show he can defeat McCain in order to bolster his party's confidence that he can beat Gore. In fact, McCain is a much better sparring partner for Bush than Bradley is for Gore. If Bush continues to demonstrate weakness against McCain, it becomes increasingly apparent he won't be able to prevail over Gore in head-on debates.

Former Texas Gov. John Connally said that you must have "fire in the belly" to successfully run for president. It is increasingly apparent that McCain has that fire. It is not yet apparent whether any combustible material lies in

McCain speaks constantly about integrity and how he will appoint people with maximum amounts of that scarce commodity should he become president. The pledge speaks for itself. People know the Clinton White House couldn't get arrested on charges of integrity because they don't possess even a gram of that substance.

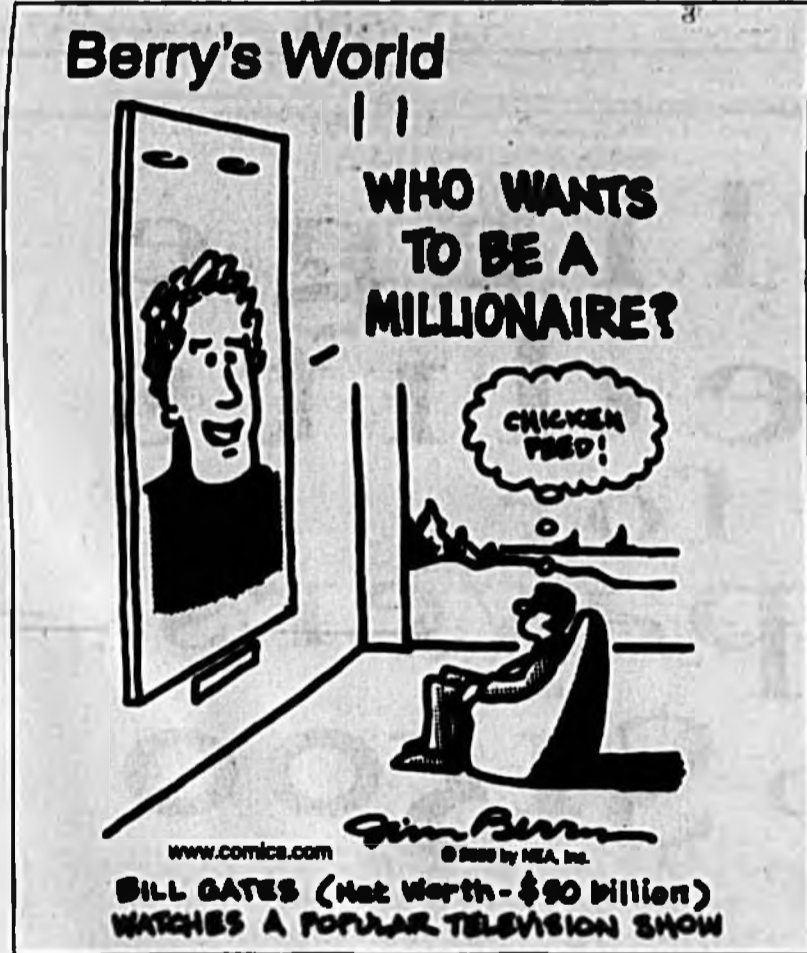
The Bush people are regrouping. They thought their money was enough to guarantee a lock on the nomination. Another Texan, Sen. Phil Gramm, was similarly self-deluded when he ran for president in 1996. Gramm had \$25 million in the bank, but was clobbered by Pat Buchanan in a Louisiana contest in which Gramm expected to capture all 21 delegates. He won only eight. Eight days later in Iowa, Gramm finished fifth. Two days after that he withdrew from the race.

The trumpeted inevitability of George Bush now faces a similar test. If he's up to it, he can probably be trusted to beat Gore. If he's not up to it, he won't beat

Gore, even if he manages to win the nomination. The momentum is shifting to McCain. Let's see if Bush has the smarts and the steel to stop him in South

Carolina. Both men say they want to be president. The question is, who wants it more?

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Cal Thomas

McCain's stomach. The McCain crowds are boisterous, excited and large. South Carolina Democrats — those "Reagan Democrats" — are starting to come McCain's way. At a rally in Florence, The State newspaper reported several former Democratic office holders showed up, announcing they felt disenfranchised as Democrats and planned to vote for McCain in the Feb. 19 primary.



## Black America must work to increase its economic clout

As usual, civil rights activist Jesse Jackson is busy with multiple causes. In Decatur, Ill., he rallies around black students expelled from school for fighting. In South Carolina, he protests the Confederate battle flag. In Hollywood, he lambastes network executives for failing to include more characters of color in television dramas.

But his most important crusade has drawn less attention. He and his son Jesse Jr., an Illinois congressman, have collaborated on a book that teaches African-Americans how to accumulate wealth. It's clunky but strategic title is, "It's About the Money: How You Can Get Out of Debt, Build Wealth and Achieve Your Financial Dreams."

Jackson ought to drop the rest of his causes and spend every spare moment spreading the message to black America about the importance of wealth-building. Neither the lunatic rantings of John Rocker nor the missing black friends on "Friends" nor the odious Confederate symbol is as important as this.

are judged not by the color of their skin or the content of their character, but by the size of their bank accounts. This culture values not charity or kindness, or hard work or honesty, or even intellect, but rather money.

Wealth confers power and prestige and buys political influence. It is even linked to longer life spans. About 27 percent of black America still lives in poverty. While that is the lowest number in history, it is still substantial. But the more telling figure may be this: As of 1995, the most recent year for which figures are available, 4 percent of white households had a net worth of more than \$500,000, but only 0.4 percent of black households did.

If black America is to achieve genuine equality, we have to overcome the wealth gap. And we have precious little time in which to do it. The chasm separating rich and poor is growing — and, as it grows, it becomes harder to overcome.

Besides, conditions favoring black economic opportunity may be short-lived. If African-Americans don't acquire substantial assets now, most may remain forever locked outside the corridors of power.

Already, affirmative action is under fire around the country. The state of Florida seems poised to join California in outlawing affirmative action in all publicly funded programs, including college admissions. Such programs — whether public or private — have played a significant role in the growth of a substantial black middle class. That includes college admissions efforts to enroll African-American students

at prestigious universities such as Harvard and Stanford, which confer on their students a status that virtually guarantees high earnings.

Clearly, affirmative-action programs cannot be counted on to last. As memories dim of the vicious racism that gave birth to the civil rights move-

ment, so will support for programs meant to overcome the legacy of that racism. Already, younger whites — as well as younger blacks — seem to have no idea of the conditions that existed in this country before 1965.

Many corporations will continue to support programs that promote a diverse work force, but their efforts will focus on Hispanic-Americans, who will be the largest minority group in the country by the year 2005. As their numbers grow, so will their economic clout. The growth of Hispanics will also eclipse the political power of blacks, whose voting strength will no longer be as important to Democrats.

Even those few Republicans now trying to court minority voters, such as George W. Bush and his brother, Jeb, seek out Hispanics more often than blacks. In a future not so far

away, then, African-Americans will no longer find the black/white struggle the central issue whenever the subject of diversity comes up.

**At the dawn of a new century, America is a country in which people are judged not by the color of their skin or the content of their character, but by the size of their bank account.**

As the century opens, the economy is zipping along like a bullet train. Black America is being pulled along but is still stuck at the back — the caboose. Before the train slows, as it inevitably will, African-Americans need to make the extra push to get to the front — tearing up credit cards, saving money

and making solid investments, even if that means turning away from the conspicuous consumption that is America's favorite sport. As always, black Americans will need to make sacrifices to overcome the legacy of racism.

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# Education

## School Notes

**Seminole High School**  
Twenty-eight Seminole High School Compact students will be getting real-world experience when they job shadow with area businesses today.

The annual event involves the Compact students selecting the career of their choice. The Sanford/Seminole Chamber of Commerce then recruits businesses in that career area, such as Hunt Concrete or Barnes Heating and Air Conditioning, who invite the students to job shadow.

The Job Shadow Day begins with breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Chamber. The students and businesses will meet at this time.

is also a luncheon sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at the Marina Hotel at 12 p.m.

For information on how businesses can get involved in future job shadows, call (407) 320-0178.

### Lyman High School

For the second consecutive year, Lyman's Automotive Technology class has won the Central Florida Auto Dealers Association Competition at Seminole Community College.

The team of Craig Smith and Joe Kirby will represent Central Florida in New York City for the National Auto Dealers Competition in April.

### Safe and Drug Free Schools

The Safe and Drug Free Schools Office has completed two in-service sessions on "Signs and Symptoms of Teen Drug Use" for elementary, middle and high school personnel.

One additional in-service is scheduled for April 6.

The annual Violence Free Month in-service was held on Feb. 1.

The activity assisted schools in planning lessons and activities for March's violence free community month.

## School Menus

Elementary school lunches in Seminole County cost \$1.80. Students in the reduced-price lunch program pay 40 cents. Three entrée choices are available: the daily entrée, listed below, a chef's salad or a bag lunch that includes a sandwich.

Lunches at Seminole's middle schools are similar to those at elementary schools and cost \$1.75. Portion sizes are adjusted, and occasionally the form of the food may change. For example, a breaded chicken patty may be served instead of chicken nuggets.

For the week beginning Feb. 22:

- Monday: No school.
- Tuesday: Grilled cheese on Texas toast, Campbell's tomato soup, pretzels, fruit and milk.
- Wednesday: Pasta primavera with garlic bread sticks, fruit, Italian ice and milk.
- Thursday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, peas, peach cup and milk.
- Friday: Baked potato bar with chili, cheese and broccoli, cinnamon roll, mixed-fruit tray and milk.

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

## Engineering program planned for Lyman

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**LONGWOOD** — A new engineering magnet program will begin at Lyman High School in August.

The Institute of Engineering Technology magnet program will be established for students interested in science, math and computer applications. The program will have two tiers, one for students who intend to study engineering in college and the other for students who do not wish to be engineers, but desire careers in high-tech fields.

The program will begin with freshmen and add classes yearly.

Lyman and Lake Howell are the two smallest high schools in Seminole County, with student populations of 2,100. The program is intended to ease concerns

regarding the school's enrollment.

The target enrollment for next year is 100 students in the program, said Lyman High School Principal Sam Momary.

Areas of specialization available in the program will include architectural engineering, electrical engineering, network engineering, civil engineering, and graphic design.

Other available programs include architectural design, interior design, electronics, computer repair, computer programming, network construction and management, landscape agriscience, television production, and computer animation and graphics.

The program will be open only to ninth graders during the first year. It will open to additional students during the second and third years.

"One of the programs that is new to the

district is the network management program," Momary said. "You can graduate from the program and receive certification to manage the hardware and software of a network. A salary in the 30s and 40s isn't bad for an 18-year old kid fresh out of high school."

Incoming ninth-graders interested in the program will be required to have at least a 2.5 grade point average. Applications will be accepted during the spring 2000-2001 registration period. The program is open to students throughout the Seminole County school district.

In addition to meeting standard graduation requirements, students in the program will be required to take a minimum of four credits each of math and science, as well as complete a senior internship and project.

Students must maintain at least a 2.75

grade point average without "D" or "F" grades and take a seven-credit schedule to remain in the program. A course sequence will be designed for each student's area of specialization.

Transportation will be provided for students living more than two miles from the school.

Students will take core academic courses linked to engineering and computer technologies. Dual enrollment opportunities will be available at Seminole Community College and the University of Central Florida.

Participants will take an Introduction to Engineering course their freshman year to orient them to the different types of engineering programs available.

New classrooms will be built this summer for the program as part of a \$22.5 million expansion project at the school.

## Herald Teacher of the Week

Ms. Olanthia Stallworth teaches fourth grade at Pine Crest Elementary School in Sanford. She is in her fourth year as a teacher, all at Pine Crest.

She knew she wanted to pursue a teaching career from the time she was in the fifth grade.

"I always knew I wanted to be a teacher," Stallworth said. "I enjoyed school growing up, and I had some really good teachers."

She holds a bachelors degree in Education from the University of Central Florida.

Ms. Stallworth shared her views with staff writer Bill Kerns on a number of topics:  
**Favorite part of teaching:** "The kids. It's very rewarding to see them show improvement in a skill."

**Most memorable experience as a teacher:** "One of my students who was in my class during my second year came back and still wanted to keep in touch. You just know that you made a difference when the child wants to keep in touch."

**Biggest challenge for teachers:** "To make sure all the kids learn the material. So many

kids learn at different rates."

**Advice for parents:** "Reinforce what is going on in school. Stay involved with your kids in all areas of their schooling."

**Advice for students:** "To always do their best in anything they attempt."

**Advice for new or prospective teachers:** "Always go that extra mile. Reach out to teach every child, and don't give up. Even if the child doesn't pay attention, keep trying to get through. Make sure your heart is in it."

**Best advice you have ever received:** "Never to give up and always work hard for the things you want the most."

**Persons who have inspired you:** "My family. My mom and my sisters have always given me good advice



Olanthia Stallworth

and encouragement to just work hard to reach my goals."

**Favorite book or inspirational message:** "If at first you don't succeed, try try again."

**Hobbies:** "I like bicycling, reading, and working on the computer. I also enjoy shopping and just relaxing."

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

## Registration for kindergarten, first grade held in February

Seminole County Elementary schools will be conducting individual school kindergarten registrations for children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000. Registration continues throughout February.

As each elementary school will determine its own registration dates, parents should call the school for dates and times. Kindergarten is mandatory in Florida.

Children who have completed kindergarten in a private program and who will be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000, may also register for first grade at the local elementary schools on the selected dates.

Families with kindergarten or first grade students entering the district for the first time and living in the following school zones should contact the Cluster Attendance Zone at 407-320-0458. The Northwest Cluster is a single attendance zone, and students living in that area may choose between Wilson, Wicklow and Idyllwilde elementary schools, pending available space. The Northeast Cluster is a single attendance zone and students living in that area may choose between Pine Crest,

Midway and Hamilton elementary schools.

The state lottery funded **PreK Early Intervention program**, which serves economically-disadvantaged 4 year olds of working parents (children must be four on or before Sept. 1, 2000) will be taking applications at one of the two community events at Eastmonte Civic Center in Altamonte Springs on Feb. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., or American Legion Hall, 2874 S. Sanford Avenue, Sanford, March 9 from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The **PreK Disabilities program** provides services to children ages 3 to 5 with medical needs, disabilities and handicapped conditions. Screening for these services is conducted through the PreK Screening Clinic, 1722 W. Airport Blvd., Sanford. For more information, contact Angie Lopez at 407-320-7758.

**Head Start**, which provides services to income eligible three and four year olds, is operated by Community Coordinated Care for Children Inc. (4-C) and will be conducting a separate registration. For more information on the Head Start program phone 407-322-2524.

## 'Dazzling' tournament



Herald photo by Tammy Vincent

Seminole High School's Dazzler dance team and Expressions color guard are hosting their first golf tournament on Monday, Feb. 21, at DeBary Plantation Golf and Country Club. Proceeds will help the teams purchase costumes and props as well as funding for their competition and choreography. The tournament is hosted by Waste Management Divisional Manager George Getelso and Seminole County Commissioner Daryl McLain.

## Program offered

Applications will be accepted Feb. 25 and March 9 for the Pre-Kindergarten Early Intervention Program, which serves economically disadvantaged 4-year-olds in Seminole County.

Parents or guardians can fill out applications for the program from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at Eastmonte Civic Center, 830 Magnolia Drive, Altamonte Springs and March 9 at the American Legion Hall, 2874 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. Parents should bring proof of residency, along with the child's birth certificate, physical and shot records and Social Security number.

For details, call 407-320-0232 or 407-320-0414. Information can be obtained in Spanish at 407-320-0415.

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# Life Style

## Master chef Rufus Estes' legend lives on through cookbook

"I was born in Murray County, Tennessee, in 1857, a slave. I was given the name of my master, D.J. Estes, who owned my mother's family."

And so begins a remarkable book, "Good Things to Eat, As Suggested By Rufus," written by a remarkable man, Rufus Estes, thought to be the first African-American chef to publish a cookbook.

It was the good fortune of an Oklahoma woman, who works under the pseudonym D.J. Frenz, to inherit her great-grandmother's weathered, battered and fragile copy of Estes' book, which was originally published in 1911.

Last year, Frenz — who runs a small publishing company — decided to publish a facsimile edition of the Estes' work. Students of food and history should be glad she did.

Rufus Estes, born a slave, was to become a noted chef with the Pullman Car Company. He was a private attendant in the railroad car that hosted presidents (Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison) and other 19th-century celebrities, including the explorer Sir Henry Morton Stanley, singer Adelina Patti, pianist Ignace Jan Paderewski and Princess Eulalie of Spain, a guest of the "Columbian Exposition" (a.k.a. Chicago World's Fair) in 1893.

bear the burdens." "At the age of five I had to carry water from the spring about a quarter of a mile from the house, drive the cows to and from the pastures, mind the calves, gather chips, etc."

He writes that he attended "one term of school" after his mother moved to Nashville in 1867. But when her health failed — due, Estes says, to the death of two of his brothers in the war — "I thought I could be of better service to her and prolong her life by getting work." He worked on various farms and then in a Nashville restaurant. In 1881 he moved to Chicago, and two years later he entered the Pullman service. He writes with pride that he was "selected to handle all special parties." He remained in the employ of the railroads until 1907, and then took work as a chef for a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation in Chicago.

As the publisher writes, Estes omits much. The ugliness of the Pullman Strike in the 1890s is not mentioned (Frenz believes that the chef was traveling in Japan in the private employ of a railroad magnate at the time). Neither is his marriage, or the dangerous working conditions of the early railroads. But by researching census data, railroad archives and other historical documents, Frenz has pulled together as many facts as she could to round out our knowledge of the chef's life. A newspaper clipping from the May 6, 1911, edition of "The Chicago Defender," titled "Rufus Estes Now An Author" says that the autographed first copy of the



Paul O. Rosevert for the New England Culinary Institute  
Rufus Estes may have served his Baked Bananas, Porto (sic) Rican Fashion for 19th-century celebrity guests of the Pullman Car Company.

book was auctioned for the then-lordly sum of \$11. According to the article, Estes worked on the book for 10 years. Frenz says Estes took care of his mother for the remainder of her life, that he married early and briefly, and that he left no known heirs. The date of his death is unknown.

According to Frenz's research, Estes is the first African-American chef to write and publish a cookbook. Prior to "Good Things to Eat," the only other recipes published by a black American were in a small collection dictated by a cook named Abby Fisher, titled "What Mrs. Fisher Knew About Old Southern Cooking."

We should be thankful to

Frenz for her research. But even without the additional information, Estes has left a remarkable account of his life and times through his 591 recipes, which run the gamut from the humble (Baked Ham, Bananas and Oatmeal) to the elaborate (Stuffed Suckling Pig, Crystallized Cowslips, Truffles in Champagne). They are old-fashioned in their presentation, most, for example, do not specify the amounts of ingredients to be used. Thus they require a little bit of work and imagination by today's home cook. But imagination is what cooking is all about, and Estes clearly had the gift. I present here both an original

recipe — for "Baked Bananas, Porto (sic) Rican Style" — along with an adaptation for today's cooks done by Paul Hildner, a student at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vt.

"Rufus said to add a lot of butter" said Hildner. "I added the rum sauce to go along with the Puerto Rican style."

"Good Things to Eat" is available from Howling at the Moon Press (P.O. Box 606, Jenks, OK 74037) for \$19.95 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. Call toll-free (877) 946-9546. The Web site is www.howling1.com.

### BAKED BANANAS, PORTO (SIC) RICAN FASHION

Select rather green bananas, put them, without removing the skins, into hot ashes or a very hot oven and bake until the skins burst open. Send to the table in a folded napkin. The skins help hold in the heat and are not to be removed until the moment of eating. Serve plenty of butter with them.

— From "Good Things to Eat, As Suggested by Rufus" (Howling at the Moon Press, 1999)

### BAKED BANANAS, AN ADAPTION

1 and 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1/2 cup water

1/2 cup heavy cream, at room temperature  
1/4 cup dark rum  
4 bananas  
1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)  
1 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan and place over medium heat, whisking constantly. The sugar will dissolve and the mixture will begin to turn golden brown. As soon as it begins to become golden, remove it from heat and slowly add the cream, in small amounts. (Be careful, the mixture may splatter.) Stir in the rum.

Meanwhile, put the bananas, with the skins still on, on a baking sheet and bake until they split open (about 25 minutes.) Remove from oven.

Serve with a pool of the warm rum sauce. Sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg, if desired.

Yield: 4 servings.

— Recipe adaptation by Paul Hildner, New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

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## Wife would like to cut short husband's visit to hairdresser

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 34 years. We are both 53. For the last few years, our marriage has been strained, but we have never cheated on each other that I'm aware of.

Now my husband is doing something I'm afraid spells trouble. A few months ago he started "helping" his female hairdresser learn how to use her computer at her house, which is close to ours. Then he decided he should "help her" buy a printer by taking the weekly sales ads from the Sunday paper to her house every Monday night. I knew nothing about it for the first couple of months. It just "slipped out" one night.

I thought he was working a lot of overtime on Mondays, and now he's consistently two hours late — but only on Monday nights.

When I told my husband I thought seeing her could lead to something more than business, he agreed. But he swears he only wants to help her because he admires her for raising her 10-year-old son alone, and she needs his help. He estimates it might take one and a half to two years to find her the right printer.

I say that's hogwash. I doubt that she's even looking — for a printer, that is. I think she's looking for a man, because she has no boyfriend and is very short on money.

I don't want to push him into doing anything if this is innocent, but I also don't want to be a fool and get dumped in the end. I

have stuck with this marriage through a lot of turmoil, and I think I deserve some loyalty. What do you think I should do?

FAITHFUL IN WASHINGTON

DEAR FAITHFUL: Pay attention to your intuition. Finding a reliable, reasonably priced printer is as easy as visiting the library and checking out Consumer Reports. At most, it should take a couple of hours. That's a far cry from a year and a half.

I urge you to do the following: Seek the advice of an attorney who specializes in family law. It's important that you know what the laws are in your state that affect the division of family assets. If your husband is in business for himself, you may also need the advice of an accountant. If he's having an affair — and I'm willing to bet he is — he may have already started hiding money that belongs to both of you.

If you don't have your own credit rating, establish one now. You may need it. Begin upgrading your job skills and prepare a resume in case you have to find a job.

Then give your husband an ultimatum — because you do deserve some loyalty, and you shouldn't have to share your husband with his hairdresser or any other woman.

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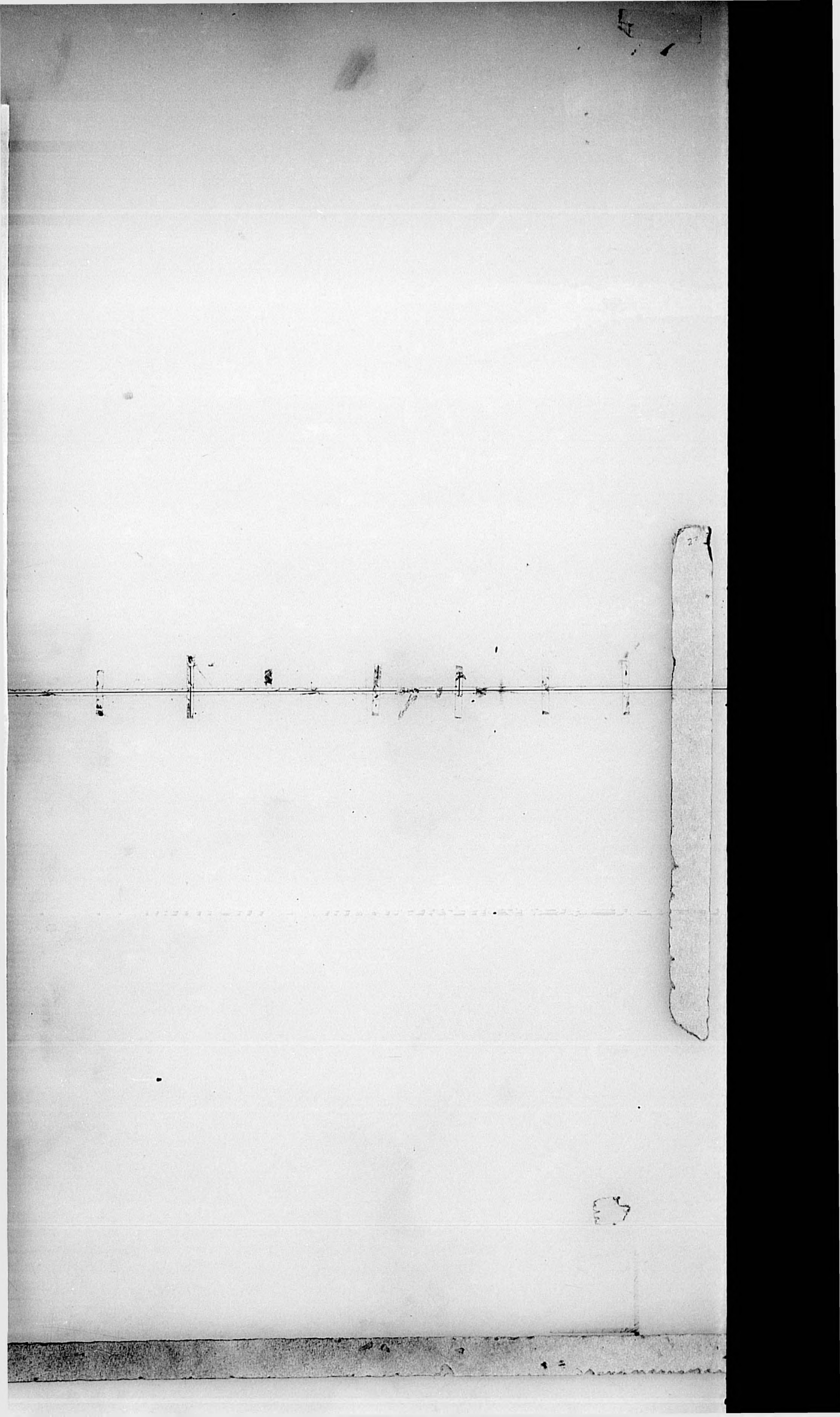
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by Aaron McGruder



## HOROSCOPES

**Your Birthday**  
**Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000**  
 A number of constructive changes could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. As several old, unproductive habits are broken, your chances for success will be greatly enhanced.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Things that are for the good of the group are what will bring harmony into play today, while divisiveness invites dissension, so let the majority rule. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Tasks you normally handle with relative ease could turn into real headaches today if you allow your attitude to become negative. Don't make things tougher on yourself than they already are.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It's always wise to be discriminating about one's associates, but today

this is especially important for you, because the wrong types could have a bad effect on your reputation.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Let your common sense and logic take precedence over your feelings today. Should your emotions become too dominant, it could cause you to behave in an unattractive manner.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Take time to assess critical situations from all angles today, because your first thoughts might not be your best ones. Jumping to conclusions could cause problems.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Prudent management might be required today in order to keep your financial affairs in good order. Any extravagant inclinations you get could lead you astray.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you hope to get others to support your efforts today, you must lead with the proper example. If you look lazy to them, no one is going to step forward and help you out.  
**VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** This is one of those days where it's especially important to keep what you

know to yourself. Even if you accidentally betray a trust, it will be hard for others to trust you again.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Generally, you always take into consideration the desires of others before attempting to ask anything of them, but today you might fail to notice their needs.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** In order to achieve your objectives today, you may need the support and cooperation of others, so don't do anything rash that could deprive you of their back-up.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't even think about becoming a mediator between two dissenting friends today. There's nothing in it for you. Expect to catch it from both ends.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** What you'll gain today is hostility from companions if you attempt to alter the group's plans to placate your needs without any consideration for their desires.

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## Win at Bridge

### The second win has passed on

Arguably the best natural bidders in the world were twins Bob and Jim Sharples. Jim died in 1985, but Bob lived until last September, dying at the age of 91. They were identical twins who never married. They lived together in their family's house south of London. They dressed alike, worked at the same bank, and never learned how to drive. Bob Sharples declared this deal many years ago. The auction is typical of the point-and-shoot style used before bidding became "scientific." Still, one wonders why West didn't sacrifice in four spades at the prevailing vulnerability. It would have cost only 500. West led the spade jack: three, queen, ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's jack and East's ace. Back came the heart king. Bob paused to take stock. He needed

to bring in the clubs. And finessing through West would, in normal circumstances, be normal. However, there were abnormal clues available. From his unblock of the spade queen at trick one, East must have begun with only one or two spades. This made his takeout double dangerous. To compensate for the spade shortage, East had to have full high-card values. So, Bob placed him with the club queen. After winning with dummy's heart ace, declarer called for dummy's club jack. East played low, as did Bob. The successful backward finesse generated five club tricks and the contract (with one or two overtricks; the report doesn't specify). East's short-spade double isn't recommended. Most modern-day experts would overcall one heart, getting into the auction safely and indicating a good lead.



Phillip Alder  
**Bridge**

				North	02-16-00
				♠ 7 3	
				♥ A 9 2	
				♦ Q J 5	
				♣ A J 9 8 5	
West		East			
♠ J 10 9 5 4 2		♠ Q 6			
♥ 8 7 3		♥ K Q J 6			
♦ 9 6		♦ A 10 7 3			
♣ 10 2		♣ Q 4 3			
				South	
				♠ A K 8	
				♥ 10 5 4	
				♦ K 8 4 2	
				♣ K 8 7	
				Vulnerable: North-South	
				Dealer: North	
South	West	North	East		
3 NT	Pass	1 ♣	Dbl		
				Pass	Pass
				Opening lead: ♠ J	

## Doctor Gott

### Daughter needs an examination

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My 12-year-old daughter has problems at home and in school. She exhibits bizarre behavior and inappropriate remarks. Could she have Tourette's syndrome? **DEAR READER:** Possibly. The syndrome is a poorly understood genetic disorder that begins in childhood and is marked by random tics (muscular movements), compulsive utterances (often of foul words) and various behavioral abnormalities. Although your daughter could have Tourette's syndrome, she might have other diseases, such as an emotional ailment, a seizure disorder or a mental disease. I urge you to have her examined by a physician. Once a diagnosis has been established, she can be treated. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy

of my Health Report "Tourette's Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title. **DEAR DR. GOTT:** My wife has recently suffered temporary visual loss in one eye. The attacks last about an hour, during which she can see only half the object she's looking at. Doctors mutter "optic nerve" but that's as far as it goes. Can she be helped? **DEAR READER:** The loss of half a visual field is usually due to a circulatory problem. For example, a blood clot in a retinal artery may affect only half the retina. Arterial spasm acts the same way: Some patients with migraine will temporarily lose part of their vision because of the spasm.

If your wife's episodic blindness is caused by emboli (fragments of blood clot carried in the blood stream), she should be examined to find the source of the clots. Ultrasound testing of the carotid arteries in the neck is such an examination. If the tests reveal arterial clots, she may have to take anticoagulant medication — or even undergo surgery to clean the arterial linings. On the other hand, if her problem is a migraine equivalent, the treatment would be non-surgical: beta-blockers may prevent migraine. Imtilrex may abort an attack. Your wife needs a diagnosis. This should be made possible through the combined efforts of an eye specialist and an internist, a physician trained in diagnosis.



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