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Only 100 more days to party like it's 1999

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Here we go - 100 days left until 2000.

Have flashlights?
Got milk?
Are you ready to party?
"It's the most exciting time in the history of the world," says Diane Parker, the sunshine lady of Lake Mary.

Forgive Diane. It's her first millennium, and she's already celebrating.

"If you're not having fun, change what you're doing," Diane said Tuesday.

David Ogden, of Sanford, also feels the spirit.

"If I felt any better I'd have to pay myself," Ogden said. "I don't know if the millennium has anything to do with it. I haven't given it much thought."

Andrea Farmer is already counting sheep for the millennium. Sheep. Leaping lizards. Elephants. Monkeys. Andrea is the publicist for the Central Florida Zoological Park. She's more excited about the zoo's 25th birthday (July 4) than a mere millennium.

Some folks say that everyone seems to be getting friendlier as the millennium countdown has reached 100 days. County commissioners Grant Maloy and Daryl McLain voted the same way Tuesday. That's harmony, dear friends.

Who knows, Longwood Mayor Paul Lovstrand may get down and dirty. Jean Metts may invite the historic district residents to her kitchen for a New Year's Eve Party. Brady Lesard may pick a Super Bowl winner. Lake Jesup may freeze over.

Have you heard that Sanford Mayor Larry Dale wants to change the name of Fort Mellon Park to Millennium Gardens? We're only kidding. There is a plan to move Big Senator to the park and call it Big Mayor. But, seriously.

The publisher of this newspaper — Doug "Fearless" Fetzer — welcomes millennium minutiae. He's so excited about the millennium he now laughs at mullet wrapper buffoonery. Please share your insights for the millennium with Fearless Fetzer.

Have enough canned goods?
Is the gas tank full?
Have cash?

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Board OKs funding for new school

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Having decided against turning Crooms Academy into an elementary school, the Seminole County School Board's decision Tuesday to construct a new elementary school in Northwest Seminole County seemed painless.

The Board unanimously approved using \$14 million in available funding to construct a new elementary school and a primary learning center in time

Plans include a new primary learning center and an elementary school

for the 2001 school year to meet rising elementary capacity needs in the Northwest portion of the county.

"It just seems to me that it's better to get ahead a little bit now, when we have the money available," said Board member Jeanne Morris.

The primary learning center is mini elementary school which houses kinder-

garten and first-grade students. The center will contain 14 classrooms, cost \$3.1 million to construct, and will be located at Lawton Elementary School.

However, the Board has yet to decide where the new elementary school will be constructed. Superintendent Paul Hagerty two weeks ago removed a proposal to convert Crooms into an ele-

mentary school after parents and members of the community objected to the proposal. Crooms will remain an alternative school for 400 students in grades 6 through 12.

The total cost of building a new elementary school is about \$10 million to \$10.5 million, said Dianne Kramer, director of facilities and planning.

There is property available for purchase in the Master's Cove area next to Millennium Middle School. However, Kramer said she is concerned that most

Brake problems on 17/92



Emergency personnel remove Nicholas Rogers of Deltona from his vehicle following a Tuesday afternoon wreck on Highway 17/92. According to officers on the scene, Nicholas was traveling northbound and said the brakes went out on his late-model Dodge, causing him to crash into the rear end of a Chevy Cavalier station wagon driven by Charlie Carlson, a long-time Sanford resident who now lives in Winter Springs. Rogers was taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital for treatment. Sanford officer Bill Cropps said an investigation into the crash is pending.

Oviedo, County ponder joint land-use agreement

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

OVIDEO — The Oviedo City Council on Monday approved an agreement with Seminole County that has Winter Springs commissioners concerned.

The agreement's purpose is to provide for joint land-use planning, and cooperation on urban service areas, natural resources, and other matters of common interest between Oviedo and Seminole County.

The Board of Seminole County Commissioners will consider approval of the agreement next Tuesday. Chairman Tom Hagood and City Manager Eugene Williford will represent Oviedo

at the meeting.

"We've been working toward this agreement for a long time," Hagood said.

Winter Springs and Oviedo have long clashed over annexation issues. In January 1998, Winter Springs annexed a 300-acre lot east of State Road 417 known as Battle Ridge, despite objections from Oviedo. The annexation started a year-long fight between the cities.

Oviedo did not drop its objections to the Battle Ridge development until December 1998, when the two cities signed an agreement on future annexations.

Oviedo, Winter Springs and Seminole County

Longwood hikes ambulance rates

Increase applies to city, and non-city residents

By Joe DeBentis
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — As part of Longwood's \$10.7 million fiscal budget for 1999-2000 approved following Monday night's public hearing, the board of commissioners approved a hike in ambulance fees.

The increase affects both city residents and out-of-city residents, and includes a mileage charge for ambulance transports

beyond Orange and Seminole Counties.

Beginning Oct. 1, Longwood residents will see the cost of an ambulance transport rise from \$211 to \$250. Residents outside the city limits will see an increase from \$250 to \$280 and there will be an additional charge of \$7.50 per mile for transports outside of Seminole and Orange Counties. The increase in fees is to help offset the purchase of a new ambulance for the city at a cost of \$190,000 and help the city respond to a dramatic increase in the number of ambulance calls over the past eight years.

At a previous budget workshop Longwood fire chief

Charlie Chapman told commissioners that in 1991 the city handled just under 2,000 ambulance calls per year. He said by the end of this year the city will break the 4,000 call mark.

After a lengthy debate to finalize the purchase of the ambulance and a 3-2 vote to do so, commissioner Rusty Miles made a motion to amend an ordinance dealing with ambulance transport, attempting to rally support from the board to drop, instead of raise transport rates for Longwood residents.

"We should give back something to the Longwood citizens. The bottom line is that everyone pays for medical services. I

Sheriff receives \$300,000 for additional cops

Justice Department grant will add four deputies

By Joe DeBentis
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Don Ealinger received good news this week from the Department of Justice.

Under the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) a presidential initiative designed to add 100,000 community policing officers on the street, the Sheriff's department has received a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to add four deputies to the Seminole County beat.

"We anticipate the money will offset the cost of four of the eight positions that have been allocated in the fiscal budget beginning October 1," said chief deputy

Steve Harriet.

"The grant will help us complete partial staffing from last year's budget."

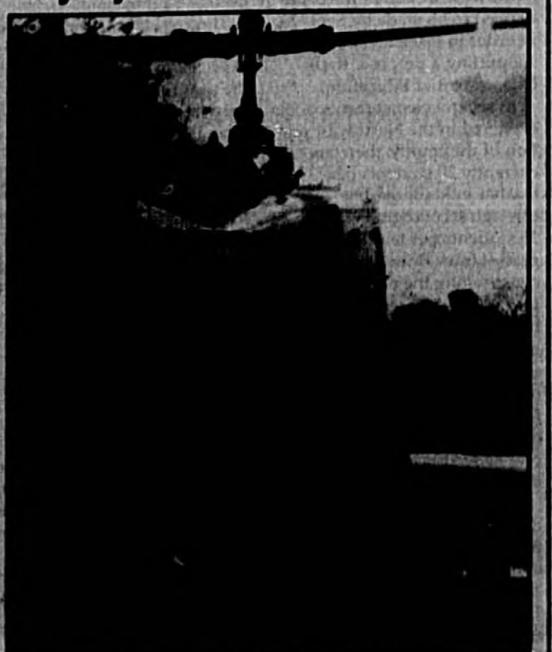
Harriet said the Sheriff's department will move on the grant money October 1 when the new fiscal budget year begins.

"The four new deputies will complete staffing at our Community Service Area," said Harriet. He indicated that two of the new deputies will be placed in District 6 in the East Altamonte Springs area, the other two most likely in the Lake Mary/Marion Woods service area.

The deputy chief said the Sheriff's department will soon scout the Civil Service eligibility list to see how many potential deputies have been tested, screened and ranked for hiring purposes.

"We've had good success with the COPS program and other grant areas," Harriet said. See Sheriff, Page 2A

Boy injured on forklift

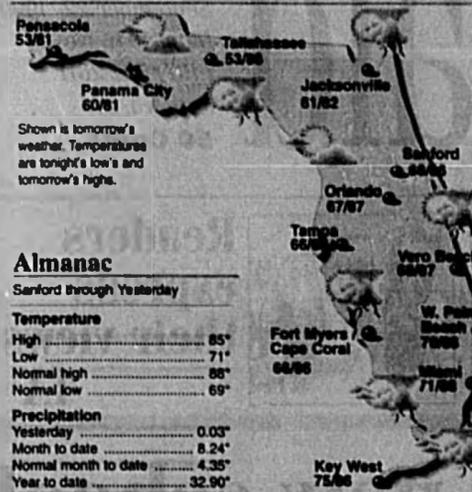


10-year old William Corner of Sanford was airlifted by the Seminole County Sheriff's Air Rescue 5 late Tuesday morning after receiving injuries while playing on a forklift on Cameron Street. He was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center and remains hospitalized with three small cracks in his hip bone. He is expected to be released in a cast in the next two days. Tuesday's crash marks the third time Air Rescue 5 has been activated for duty since Sept. 1.

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Florida Weather



Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature	85°
High	85°
Low	71°
Normal high	86°
Normal low	69°
Precipitation	0.03"
Yesterday	0.03"
Month to date	8.24"
Normal month to date	4.35"
Year to date	32.90"
Last year to date	43.03"
Normal year to date	38.46"

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford

Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mainly clear and cool. 68°	Sunshine; a slight chance of a t-storm. 86° 70°	Partly sunny; it may t-storm. 84° 70°	A mix of sun and clouds; t-storms possible. 86° 72°	Clouds and sun; a few storms in spots. 88° 74°

Regional Weather

Florida: Skies will be mainly clear across the state tonight. Clouds and showers will build from the south tomorrow.
Georgia: High pressure will allow for a clear and cool night tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow with a cool breeze.
Mississippi: It will get rather cool and breezy tonight. Sunny tomorrow with the humidity staying nice and low.
Alabama: Clear and cool tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow with a cool breeze and low humidity.
South Carolina: Turning out clear tonight with a northerly breeze. Mostly sunny tomorrow with low humidity.
Louisiana: A cool night tonight under clear skies. Sunshine will be widespread over the state tomorrow.

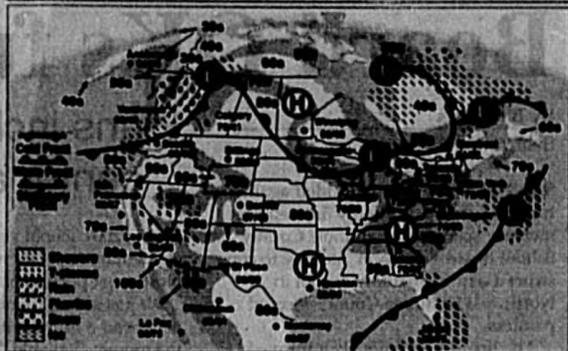
Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	7:22 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	7:14 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:30 p.m.
Moonset today	4:15 a.m.
Full	Oct 2
Last	Oct 8
New	Oct 17
First	Oct 23

Tides

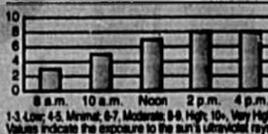
Today		Tomorrow	
First Low	12:53 a.m. -0.3 ft.	First Low	12:53 a.m. -0.3 ft.
First High	6:55 a.m. 3.8 ft.	First High	6:55 a.m. 3.8 ft.
Second Low	1:04 p.m. -0.4 ft.	Second Low	1:04 p.m. -0.4 ft.
Second High	7:28 p.m. 4.2 ft.	Second High	7:28 p.m. 4.2 ft.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 109° in Death Valley, CA Low 18° in Wadon, MT

UV Index Tomorrow



1-3 Low; 4-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Regional Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fri	W	
Albany, GA	81	58	s	85	58	s
Apalachicola	82	62	s	81	63	s
Atlanta, GA	79	57	s	79	57	s
Bainbridge, GA	84	57	s	84	58	s
Boca Raton	86	78	t	87	77	t
Cairo, GA	83	58	s	84	58	s
Coral Springs	87	78	t	88	78	t
Crestview	82	59	t	82	63	s
FL Lauderdale	87	78	t	87	78	t
Fort Myers	86	71	pc	87	71	t
Gainesville	82	62	pc	81	67	t
Key West	86	78	t	86	80	t
Kissimmee	86	69	pc	81	69	t
Lakeland	87	70	pc	82	69	t
Melbourne	84	74	pc	82	69	t
Naples	87	71	pc	87	71	t
Orlando	87	70	pc	88	69	t
Pensacola	81	59	s	81	63	s
Sarasota	83	68	pc	84	69	t
St. Augustine	83	65	pc	82	67	t
St. Petersburg	86	69	pc	84	69	t
Tallahassee	88	57	s	82	58	s
Tampa	86	68	pc	84	69	t
Thomasville	83	58	s	84	58	s
Wadon, GA	82	68	pc	82	73	t
Vero Beach	87	72	pc	88	73	t
W. Palm Bch.	88	73	t	88	76	t

World Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fri	W	
Athens	69	69	s	69	73	pc
Beijing	79	58	s	73	49	pc
Berlin	72	61	c	72	55	pc
Buenos Aires	82	61	c	87	67	pc
Cairo	82	65	pc	88	70	pc
Hong Kong	83	71	pc	86	75	sh
Jerusalem	81	58	s	80	62	pc
London	69	54	c	66	50	pc
Manila	87	74	c	87	79	pc
Mexico City	70	52	pc	71	63	pc
Moscow	61	48	pc	62	49	pc
Paris	68	54	c	66	48	pc
Rome	68	56	pc	68	71	pc
Seoul	77	61	pc	79	61	pc
Sydney	77	64	pc	78	61	pc
Tokyo	86	75	sh	81	67	pc
Wenau	73	58	pc	72	53	pc
Zurich	74	55	c	71	55	pc

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fri	W	
Atlanta	79	57	s	79	57	s
Baltimore	74	60	s	76	54	s
Birmingham	86	54	s	81	52	sh
Boise	88	52	s	83	51	s
Boston	79	59	pc	75	54	sh
Charleston, SC	79	59	pc	80	60	s
Charleston, WV	78	51	s	80	50	s
Chicago	76	50	s	77	57	s
Cleveland	74	53	s	74	55	s
Daytona Beach	85	69	sh	82	71	sh
Denver	87	48	s	85	52	s
Des Moines	80	50	s	81	57	s
Detroit	73	50	s	75	55	s
El Paso	90	59	t	91	59	s
Fairbanks	48	32	c	44	28	sn
Grand Rapids	74	50	pc	74	54	s
Hialeah	88	45	s	74	42	sh
Honolulu	82	71	s	88	74	pc
Houston	88	53	s	85	64	s
Indianapolis	78	62	s	77	54	s
Jacksonville	82	62	sh	81	64	pc
Kansas City	83	53	s	83	60	s
Las Vegas	95	70	t	95	69	s
Little Rock	79	55	s	81	54	s
Louisville	80	55	s	80	55	s
Memphis	78	59	s	81	58	s
Miami	88	75	t	85	77	t
Minneapolis	79	53	s	76	58	s
Missoula	76	44	s	81	55	s
Nashville	78	54	s	79	53	s
New Orleans	82	56	s	83	62	s
New York City	72	58	pc	76	60	pc
Oklahoma City	85	57	s	84	62	s
Omaha	84	51	s	80	58	s
Philadelphia	74	54	s	78	58	pc
Phoenix	87	77	t	104	79	t
Portland, OR	77	52	s	73	53	t
Providence	75	54	pc	76	52	pc
Raleigh-Durham	74	50	pc	81	53	s
Rapid City	87	48	s	83	51	s
Reno	85	48	t	85	45	s
St. Louis	82	59	s	80	63	s
San Jose	81	54	s	83	54	s
San Francisco	75	45	pc	82	50	t
St. Paul	80	40	sh	67	48	s
Seattle	66	52	sh	67	52	c
Topkapi	84	52	s	84	58	s
Tucson	84	69	t	97	67	t
Washington, DC	74	56	s	78	60	s

Sheriff

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"We've added several deputies with outside funding money over the past few years." Harriet explained that the COPS funding is to help offset costs in the Sheriff's fiscal budget and works on a gradual declining scale over a three-year period.

In the first year the COPS grant provides funding for 75 percent of the four deputies salary and benefits, in year two monies received cover half the salary and benefits, and in year three the COPS grant pays for 25-percent of the deputies compensation package, allowing the sheriff's department to slowly absorb the cost of full funding over a gradual period.

"Programs like this can have a dramatic impact in offsetting local taxes for law enforcement agencies," said the deputy chief.

Harriet said all police agencies must show a bonafide and realistic need in order to receive grant money from COPS and other

funding sources.

"We eye grant money as an opportunity to address and fulfill demonstrated needs and there has to be a documented and prudent use of the funding for it to continue," Harriet said.

The deputy chief credited the work of Barbara O'Hara and Joleene Schultzy in helping secure the latest COPS grant.

"Not only do we have great grant writers, we have great grant locations as well. Barbara and Joleene are true professionals and key members of the department team."

Harriet said he was aware that there has been some criticism of the COPS program on a national level because some police agencies have used grant money for computer equipment and other law enforcement materials.

"I can't comment on a national scope," Harriet said. "But I know that all the grant monies we receive of this nature are earmarked for personnel, which are

the backbone of all law enforcement. You can have all the equipment in the world but deputies on the street are the essence of community policing."

Harriet added that the four deputies will help the sheriff's department increase its availability, accessibility, and visibility in community service areas throughout Seminole County.

A total of 34 states including Florida received COPS funding grants this week under the Department of Justice. Other states receiving grant money include: Alaska, Arkansas, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Students will make up missed classes on Oct. 13

By Bill Kerns Staff Writer

SANFORD — Families in Seminole County with plans to travel Oct. 13 might want to make other arrangements.

The Seminole County School Board has approved holding school Oct. 13 as a make-up day for classes canceled Tuesday because of Tropical Depression Harvey.

However, classes missed Sept. 14 and 15 because of Hurricane Floyd will not be made-up. The Board on Tuesday approved requesting a waiver from the Commissioner of Education for the two days. So far, seven out of the nine school districts in Florida who canceled classes because of the hurricane have requested waivers.

Because Gov. Jeb Bush declared a statewide state of emergency, the Department of Education has authorized school boards in districts to reduce the length of the school term by up to three days for classes missed during the hurricane.

The make-up day for teachers, administrators, and other employees who had already planned to work Oct. 13, will be Dec. 21.

The make-up day for other 10-month employees, including food service workers, clinic assistants, bus drivers and monitors, and security officers, will be the same as for the students.

The Board considered extending the classes on Wednesdays or other days instead of asking for the waiver. For example, school days could have been extended one hour for 11 Wednesdays. Students could have also arrived 15 minutes early during the second nine-week period.

"It is my impression that the average parent will say, what the heck? Why not make up the days?" said Board member Diane Bauer.

Representatives from the Seminole Education Association said that extending classes would impact bargaining between the Board and the union, because it would mean extending the day of employees.

"It would have meant further discussion, let's put it that way," said Jeff Siskind, president of Seminole Education Association.

School

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of the Master's Cove properties have industrial zoning. District officials will look into building a school on other properties, in addition to the Master's Cove area.

Hagerty said that a decision on how to increase elementary school capacity in the Northwest section of the county need to be made by Sept. 28, in order to meet a deadline for submitting a proposal to the Department of Education.

In several elementary schools clustered in the Northwest portion of the county, there are currently 20 students per teacher in kindergarten through second grade, and 25 students per teacher in grades three through five. By constructing the new elementary school, the school board hopes to maintain low class sizes.

Kramer said the district needs three to five new elementary schools. The district is also expect to be able to fund a second elementary school during the next five years.

According to Department of Education estimates, the district needs 3,000 additional student stations. There are also 210 portables in the district.

"The biggest need right now, at this time, is at the elementary level," Kramer said.

In Northwestern Seminole County elementary schools, there are 14 portables at Idyllwilde, 12 portables at Wilson, and eight portables at Wicklow Elementary School.

"If you look at the number of portables, that's a much better projection of your classroom needs," Kramer said.

The growth rate for middle and high school students is expected to accelerate during the next five years, while the growth rate for elementary school students will decline.

"I don't think the elementary need is going to go away," Kramer said.

Seminole County's population has grown 8.4 percent over the last five years, from 324,130 in 1995 to 354,148 in 1999, according to county records.

The Board could also have funded several other primary learning centers, instead of building a new elementary school.

"The primary learning center concept is still a concept, as far as we're concerned," Chairman Larry Furlong said. "I think we should move ahead with the elementary school. We're dealing with something in primary learning centers that could have unintended consequences."

Funding for the new school and primary learning center is available in the Board's \$560 million budget for fiscal year 1999-2000, which begins in October. The budget, approved Tuesday, includes the levy of \$129.9 million on property tax revenue, down 3.8 percent from this year.

The Board will still face difficult choices concerning Crooms Academy, where there are 20 portables on campus that will not meet state portable standards taking effect in July of 2001.

Board members said they hope more Crooms Academy parents will join District and Crooms staff become active in a school improvement committee.

"The community needs to explore as many options as they can to come up with solutions that will work," Furlong said. "I don't want to put any parameters on them."

Parents attending town meetings to discuss the future of Crooms Academy said they want the alternative school to remain as it is, with the addition of vocational and technical training courses. Bob Goff and other Board members said they would like to see a technology training program at Crooms.

Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County plans 'All Women's Build'

Women, come join the fun of building a house for another woman.

Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County is building its second "All Women's Build." Women from all walks of life will be participating in the build.

Rose Harkey, Mary Arsenneau and Jane Miller are the construction supervisors at the job-site. The house is being built at 2437 S. Cedar Avenue in Sanford. This new home is being built for a single mom with four children.

Like the house that's being built, this single mother will be building a new life for herself and her children. She has completed her training sessions and the 500 "sweat equity" hours that are a requirement of Habitat for Humanity for all new homeowners. This woman not only worked her regular job, but whenever possible, worked on her sweat equity hours at the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store, special fund-raising events and on Saturdays helping to build a new home for another Habitat family.

If you feel you cannot do physical work at the job-site, there are other ways you can contribute. We need people to provide lunches for the hard-

working women at the job-site, to obtain donations for the "women's build" and to help make phone calls to enlist additional volunteers to become involved in this project.

Why not make it a family event and bring your spouse or boyfriend along to work at the "coed build" being constructed at 2433 S. Cedar Avenue, just two doors down from the "All Women's Build."

If you would like more information about this event, or Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County, call 328-9717. Remember, Habitat for Humanity gives people "A hand up, not a hand-out."

Longwood

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don't think a reduction of \$26 will be a hardship on the city coffers."

Mayor Paul Lovstrand said the hike would offset some of the additional expense of purchasing a new ambulance and that the city should charge more in line with the maximum ceilings allowable under Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"We should charge what we know the insurance companies will pay," said Lovstrand. "It doesn't make sense to drop our fees lower than anyone else in Seminole County."

Miles, who fought passage of the \$200,000 ambulance expen-

diture along with commissioner Annamarie Vacca, said, "If we can't reduce transport fees by \$26 for city residents then shame on us for moments ago agreeing to spend \$200,000 on a new ambulance. We've been repeatedly told that increased transports will mean additional revenues."

The board voted 4-1 on the transport fee increases with Miles casting the dissenting vote.

Miles labeled the increases, "just another tax on city residents. This whole project needs another look."

In other internal housekeeping measures Monday night,

the board voted unanimously to approve renewals of several non-exclusive franchise agreements under contract for city services.

Among the approved ordinances were: a three-year contract with Container Rental Company, Inc., for the collection of commercial solid waste; a three-year agreement with BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., for collection of commercial solid waste; and a three-year agreement with City Waste Systems, Inc., for collection of commercial solid waste. All contracts with the city impose certain terms, conditions, and requirements.

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WHERE THE LOCAL NEWS IS!

Feeling cramped at Polk Place

The residents at the county slammer have a new roof over their heads. Big D Roofing, Inc. from Ocala re-roofed the jail this summer for \$57,837. That ought to keep the county's captives safe and snug well into the new millennium.

The next home improvement project at John E. Polk Correction Facility could cost as much as \$2 million. The county wants to buy 10 acres of land located south of Bush Boulevard for jail expansion. Three commissioners gave the go-ahead for negotiations Tuesday. Two did not.

We certainly don't want anyone feeling cramped at Polk Place. Most of these inmates had to work hard to get behind the county's bars. They raped and robbed. They mauled and murdered. They broke the law and were caught. Now, they need their space. Every blue moon, commissioners Daryl McLain and Grant Maloy vote the same way. Tuesday's land acquisition was one of those times. McLain and Maloy refused to budge. "It's a large expenditure," Maloy said.

"I want to see other options." Overcrowding at Polk Place, Maloy said, is not everyman's priority. "People want to feel safe, they want their children to be educated and they want good roads. That's why they pay taxes. You don't hear many talking about overcrowding at the jail."



Russ White

Polk Place's population includes a number of federal prisoners, whose accommodations are paid for in part by the federal government. Janet Reno appreciates the fact Seminole County's jail is Florida's Natural Choice for federal prisoners.

Just as snow birds come to Florida to escape winter, jail birds come to rip-off the snow birds and all the others basking in the sun. This creates havoc at Polk Place, which is as hard to get into as it is to get out. Holiday Inn should do as much business.

This is why on Tuesday, the county commissioners listened to a proposal to purchase 10 acres known as the Shenandoah Property. In August, the county staff became aware that Central

Florida HANDS had acquired the property for \$1,750,000. It was the group's intention to rehabilitate the property for low-income housing.

Now, the group is interested in selling the property. County staff said it would be "prudent" to take action. If negotiations are positive, a funding solution also will be presented for Board approval.

Tuesday's 3-2 vote gave staff the go-ahead to negotiate. "It does not mean the entire Board will approve if a deal is forthcoming," Maloy said. "This Board has not given its approval to jail-house expansion. This is still to be resolved. This new item — the Shenandoah property purchase — came up out of the blue. I can't support it until I know more about it and hear other options."

Maloy said he was also intrigued that county staff had its eyes on an adjacent property (off U.S. Highway 17-92) to the 10-acres that is occupied by a bail bondsman. "He's sitting pretty, isn't he?" Maloy asked.

Much prettier than the residents at Polk Place.

Russ White's column appears Tuesday through Saturday in the Seminole Herald.

Obituaries

FRANKIE CARL REED
Frankie Carl Reed, 55, Cedar Creek Circle, Sanford, died Monday Sept. 20, 1999. He was formally of Attalla, Ala.

Survivors include wife, Lydia Logan Reed, Sanford. Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home, Gadsden, Ala., is in charge of arrangements.

CATHERINE V. STEIN
Catherine V. Stein, 74, Palm Valley Drive, Oviedo, died Monday Sept. 20, 1999. Mrs. Stein was an LPN for Orlando Regional Medical Center. Born July 8, 1925 in New York, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1961 from Dover Plains, N.Y. She was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Survivors include sons, Ross Stein, Oviedo, Bob Stein,

Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Tina Hennesey, Casselberry; three grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, is in charge of arrangements.

FRED WESTON
Fred Weston, 82, S. Pineridge Circle, Sanford, died Tuesday Sept. 21, 1999. Mr. Weston was a Postal employee, who served 27 years with the United States Navy. Born Nov. 18, 1916 in Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1965. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. He was a lifetime member of DAV, Fleet Reserve Association, Driver for the Meals on Wheels program, Cub Master and Little League Coach.

Survivors include wife,

Louise, Sanford; sons, Frederick D., Ormond Beach, John D., Tallahassee, Edward R., Ormond Beach, James A., DeLand; brother, William H., Valley Stream, N.Y.; six grand children; two great-grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, is in charge of arrangements.

Funerals

WESTON, FRED R.
Memorial Funeral Services for Fred R. Weston, 82, of Sanford who died Tuesday will be 11:00 O'Clock Saturday at the Grace United Methodist Church with Pastor David Liddell officiating. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Longwood caps title loan rates at 30 percent

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — The city of Longwood joined a number of Florida counties Monday night in capping the interest rate automobile title loan companies charge at a maximum of 30 percent annually.

Commissioners discussed board member Rusty Miles' proposal to drop it even lower, to 25 percent, before voting unanimously to adopt Ordinance 99-1484 limiting the interest rates.

"The title loan business is a blight on our society," said Miles. "It preys on people in unfortunate financial circumstances. We need to take a stand and lead instead of follow like sheep."

Last year the Florida House moved to restrict interest rates

title loan business charged but the measure failed in the Florida Senate, leaving regulation to Florida's 67 counties if they chose to do so. Some loan companies were charging as much as 264 percent annually, primarily to low wage workers in a need for quick cash.

"As far as I'm concerned if the drop to 25 percent forces the few title loan companies we have in Longwood, it's a plus for the city," said Miles.

Commissioner Annamaria Vacca supported the proposal to drop the maximum interest rate to 25 percent, but said she could support the original ordinance figure of 30 percent if that was what the remainder of the board desired.

Mayor Paul Lovestrand said he wasn't enamored with the title loan industry, but said he saw nothing wrong with joining

more than a dozen counties in Florida at setting the cap at 30 percent.

"There's nothing wrong with being the same as Seminole County at 30 percent," said Lovestrand. "The higher interest is commensurate with the type of higher risk loans that these are. The interest rate is practical at 30 percent."

The board approved the 30 percent cap by a unanimous vote.

In other commission action Monday, by a 3-2 vote, board members approved Ordinance 99-1505, establishing the eligibility for members of the Longwood City Commission to participate in benefit and deduction programs generally available to the city's regular employees. A public hearing on the matter has been set for Oct. 4.

Police Log

DUI Arrests
Sanford — September 21. Jack Gene Kaiser, 45, West 19th Street, Sanford, was stopped by Seminole County deputies at SR 600 at 13th Street, Sanford. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Drug Arrests
Sanford — September 17. Michael James Cortellessa, 42, East 28th Street, Sanford, was stopped by agents of the City/County Investigation Bureau following a search warrant on his residence. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sanford — September 17. Juanita Guerrero, 44, Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, was arrested after CCIB agents executed a search warrant at her address. She was charged with possession of crack cocaine, possession

of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Winter Springs — September 19. Terrance Covington, 19, Breckenridge Street, Altamonte Springs, was stopped by Winter Springs police at Fisher and Morton Streets. He was charged with possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Assault/Battery/Domestic Violence

Longwood — September 17. Jack Eugene Toothman, 42, Sabal Palm Court, Sanford, was arrested at Albright Drive, Longwood, by Seminole County deputies. He was charged with battery/domestic violence.

Oviedo — September 18. Jon A. Adkins, 58, Carlsbad Court, Oviedo, was arrested by Seminole County deputies fol-

lowing an incident at his residence. He was charged with assault/domestic violence.

Longwood — September 18. John Douglas Masten, 43, Raymond Avenue, Longwood, was arrested by Seminole County deputies following an incident at his residence. He was charged with battery/domestic violence.

Lake Mary — September 17. Carol Lee Battel, 53, Dorchester Square, Lake Mary, was arrested by Lake Mary police following an incident at his residence. He was charged with aggravated assault.

Sanford — September 19. Michael Ray Marley, 37, School Street, Sanford, was arrested at Sewell Road, Sanford, by Seminole County deputies. He was charged with aggravated battery and domestic violence.

Agreement

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have been discussing forming a tripartite agreement to address annexation disputes.

"The city commission has stated that we want a tripartite agreement," said Winter Springs Mayor Paul Partyka. "As long as you can continue to talk, there's a chance."

Partyka said that the Winter Springs City Commission will discuss how Oviedo's proposed agreement with Seminole County affects Winter Springs during the commission's meeting on Monday. He also said that the city may send representatives when the county commission reviews the proposed agreement.

"Without having seen the agreement yet, I don't know how it affects us," Partyka said. "I'm sure we will discuss it."

Under the agreement, county lands annexed into Oviedo will retain the zoning classification assigned to them by the county. Plan amendments or rezonings that are not consistent will undergo review by the county and city.

When comprehensive plans or amendments are being drafted by the county or city, both sides will transmit draft planning documents to the other for review.

In June, Winter Springs' annexation of 7.5 acres of property to be used for retail and office development threatened to shatter the tenuous settlement with Oviedo.

The property, located 2,500

feet east of the GreeneWay and north of State Road 434, is currently a vacant strip of land. Winter Springs Executive Park, Inc., the owners, want to create three retail office buildings on the land.

The Winter Springs City Commission approved the annexation June 14.

Oviedo Council chairman Tom Hagood presented a letter to the Winter Springs City Commission on June 14 objecting to the annexation.

Nearby residents from MacKinley's Mill also objected to the annexation, saying they were concerned about traffic that would be created by the proposed development.

Before annexing the property, the commission lowered its zoning density from commercial industrial to retail.

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Editorial & Opinion

Our View

What's the Hold Up

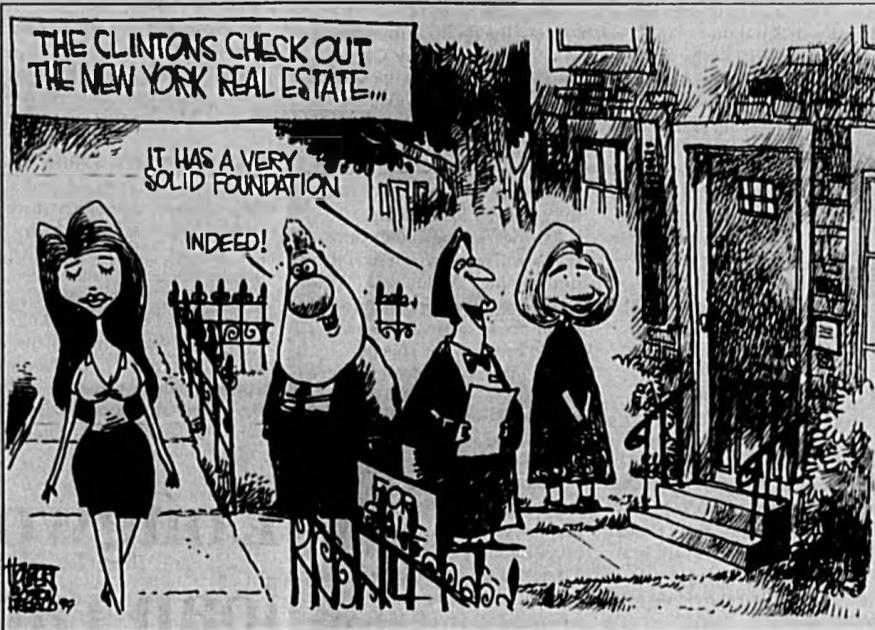
The recent announcement that PRA Development wants more time to study the feasibility of a hotel/conference center in downtown Sanford raises a troubling question: What has PRA been doing for the last 10 months?

Residents of Sanford approved a referendum for the project in November. While it's true that progress on the matter has been delayed while the city went to court with the Society for the Preservation of Fort Mellon Park, we see no reason why PRA could not complete its feasibility study in a timely manner.

We do not disagree with the need for a comprehensive study of development along the waterfront. Decisions made regarding this issue will impact Sanford for years to come, so we encourage our city leaders to carefully consider the matter.

However, a contract was signed with PRA to complete the study in 120 days. Now the company is asking for an extension of that timetable without citing any concrete reasons for the delay. Failure to complete work on time this early in the development stage sets a bad precedent for things to come. Should this project move forward, could we expect PRA to complete actual construction on time? Or will this be an example of the company's tendency for tardiness which could extend to missed completion deadlines and cost overruns?

The Seminole Herald has been vocal in its support for some type of downtown/waterfront development, namely Sanford Mayor Larry Dale's vision of a hotel conference center. However, it's time for Dale and Company to put up or shut up. We've waited long enough.



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Your View

Looking for local Carpenters who might be related

To the editor:

To all the Carpenters listed in the phone book: I'm making up my family tree. My mother's maiden name was Gloda Marie Carpenter; her parents were Bedford and Lidia Carpenter, all from Mooresville, Indiana, and also Capt. W.M. Carpenter. Any relation? Please call at 322-3581.

George Tador
Sanford

Be careful what you say to those telemarketers

To the editor:

Please remind the public that if they receive an unsolicited call from someone attempting to sell them a burglar alarm system for their home, to respond as follows: "I'm sorry but I already have a burglar alarm system."

Sure, some of these calls are

"on the up and up," but what a wonderful way for the criminals to learn which homes do not have a security system.

Thanks,
V.E. Cox
Sanford

Fann wants fees for stormwater run-off left alone

To the editor:

Please thank Bill Kerns for informing us that the "County Commission shops for employee insurance coverage."

Headline readers would have missed the stormwater issue covered in this report. I didn't. Unincorporated residents are hereby forewarned that a Stormwater Tax District is being considered again. This old can of worms has been reopened on the pretext that city residents who pay a Stormwater Fee into the county general fund are being "double taxed."

If there is a citizen anywhere in this county who thinks he is

not being double taxed, please let him stand up and take a bow. What we have here is a desire by some county commissioners to punish the many for the complaints of a few disgruntled city taxpayers. Current stormwater funding is fair and just and should stand.

I would wager that more stormwater flows downhill from cities to unincorporated areas than vice-versa. Roadway taxes pay for stormwater drainage systems where most of the water flows anyway. Let's get the state and federal government to help us handle and store their runoff from their roadways and leave the unincorporated taxpayers alone.

Donald M. Fann
Sanford

Locke reminds us to not forget our senior citizens

To the editor:

Quite recently I have discovered something that I wish I had

known all my life. We all possess the ability to make others lives better, and its so easy. It only takes a smile, or a kind word — what I call heart-to-heart contact.

So many people are being ignored, especially in their older years. It seems that young people today can't see "beyond the gray." With grandparents day approaching, I would like to share a story.

I regularly visit an elderly friend who lives on the eighth floor of a retirement complex. I had been visiting somewhat less frequently because of baby-sitting responsibilities, and I could tell she was saddened by this. The baby's mother wanted me to take some flowers to my friend, so I walked downtown the next morning to visit. I had barely knocked on her door when she opened it with tears in her eyes. "Oh, Pattil!" she said. "I was sitting beside my window, praying for my daughter's red car to pull up, and I saw you with flowers!"

Well, those sweet, sad words inspired a poem, which I'd like to see Letters, Page 5A

The (Mini) Meter

A weekend favorite makes a mid-week appearance, albeit in a shortened version. Who's hot and who's not — The (Mini) Meter knows.

- No school:** County school officials took no chances with Tropical Storm Harvey. No sense putting our kids in harm's way. Good call.
- No brainer:** County commissioners authorize a Clean-Up Contract with the State of Florida to initially cover 100 contaminated sites within the county. Now to get the other 200 known sites.
- Boo on Sanford:** City still hasn't gone to bat for native son Tim Raines by helping him and others defeat lupus.
- Blown away:** Like a White House intern, Tropical Storm Harvey was all huff and puff, but thankfully turned out to be nothing more than a lot of hot air. The Meter is ready for hurricane season to end.

Berry's World



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Here she comes, Ms. America?

Miss America pageant officials beat a hasty retreat from a decision to drop requirements that contestants never have been married or pregnant after it became known and produced an avalanche of criticism from state chapters, some of which threatened to defect from the annual event.

Robert L. Beck, CEO of the Miss America Organization, said the idea behind changing the rules was to bring the pageant into compliance with New Jersey's antidiscrimination laws. The pageant notified state chapters of the changes last month, telling them their representatives would have to sign the new contract in order to participate in Saturday's (Sept. 18) 79th annual Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

Some state chapters went to court to fight the edict. In an out-of-court settlement, the

pageant agreed not to require contestants to sign the new contract. In return, the National Association of Miss America State Pageants agreed to withdraw its request for an injunction against the national organization.



Cal Thomas

Beck indicated the matter hasn't been settled. He said that the pageant's board of directors has decided to table discussion of the matter until after this year's event and will then discuss it with state pageant directors. Given the general downward slide of such things as marriage, the military, politics, movies that chant the F-word as if it were a mantra, television (which is not just a prime-time but a most-of-the-time sewer) and even the Disney product, it's amazing Miss America has held out this long.

This year's hosts were Donny and Marie Osmond. If the revisions go through, next

year's host might be RuPaul. Drag queens and those who have had sex-change surgery might be eligible to compete. Why not, if there are no standards?

We are so rapidly defining decency down that what used to embarrass us is now accepted. What once was "your ideal" is now embarrassing to some. An ideal is defined as "a standard of perfection, beauty or excellence ... often taken as a model for imitation."

Virginity and self-control are now mocked in an era when Cosmopolitan magazine encourages young women to have sex anywhere, any time with anyone. What's wrong with one institution holding out for a standard that will not only benefit women who adopt it for their own lives, but whose winner can often be expected to proclaim it as beneficial for the general good?

Does anyone believe we have too few divorces and not enough abortions? Is there no room for an ideal, a standard to which

See Thomas, Page 5A

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Editorial & Opinion

Letters

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to share with you:

She sits beside her window, looking down in silent prayer, Every red car passing by she prays she'll see park there.

Perhaps her loved ones will get out. Perhaps they've come to call.

Perhaps she'll hear their footsteps echo in her empty hall.

The joy of hope lives on, although the footsteps never come.

Seems folks today try to forget the people they've come from.

The little people they once were lives on inside her soul, and seeing the new little ones would be her utmost goal.

Although her body's old, you see, her heart is good and kind.

Please let your heart remember and to her needs don't be blind.

For in the end such blindness will hurt you much more than she.

Regret instead of smiles will be yours eternally.

Patricia J. Locke

Thompson agrees that religion is best when shared

Sanford

To the editor:

I don't often write letters to newspapers, in fact, I've never written a letter to a newspaper.

Regarding your article on Friday, Sept. 3, "Religion works best when shared," I applaud you for writing it and Rev.

Wayne Harvey for getting it right. I am not a Baptist; however, I believe that when all religions come from the point of love, and giving love, everything else that is wrong would fade into the background.

Master Teacher Jesus taught only one commandment and that was love. How come sometimes we just don't get it? If we taught only this one thing in our schools, churches, temples, cathedrals, synagogues and mosques, we would align ourselves with the One great Truth.

Love is the only thing that we can give away constantly and never reduce our supply. For God is love (ponder that). There are too many people searching for love and not enough giving love. As to Dr. Kennedy Shultz wrote in "Building a Consciousness of Love," let us teach everyone that, "Love always returns to where it started, better off for where it has been and what it has done."

"God is love. If you want any loving, you have to go out and do it yourself. I don't know if love makes the world go 'round. But I do know that it is the only thing that makes the ride worth while."

Or consider this passage from "An Open Letter from God," by Anonymous (some credit Famous Amos):

"Do you think I care whether you call Me God, Yahweh, of Jehovah, Allah, Wakatonka, Brahma, Father, Mother, even

Void of Nirvana? Do you think I care which of My Special Children you fell closest to — Jesus, Mary, Buddha, Krishna, Mohammed or any of the others? You can call Me and My Special Ones any names you choose, if only you will go about My business of loving one another as I love you.

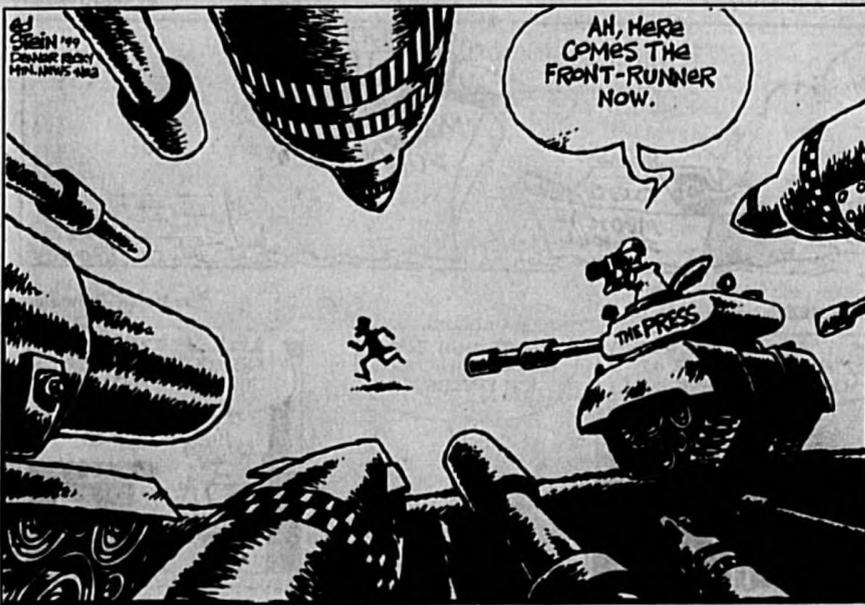
"How can you keep neglecting something so simple?"

"If you really want to help me celebrate the birthday of My Son Jesus, then commit yourselves to figuring out how to feed your hungry and clothe your naked, and protect your abused and shelter your poor. And just as important, make your life a shining example of kindness and good humor. I've given you all the resources you need, if only you would abandon your fear of each other and begin living, loving and laughing together."

In closing, I would like to quote from the Aborigines People. They are not pagan, they believe in God. I know it's the same God, since there is only one. When someone is born this is the first thing they hear, "I love you and I support you on your journey." (from "Mutant Message Down Under" by Marlo Morgan)

We will see this People disappear in our lifetime, because they see us killing each other and the planet, which means they cannot keep their promise. That's love!

Enough said,
Namaste.
Bob Thompson



Thomas

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young girls can aspire? Does the Miss America pageant want to send the message that there is no moral difference between virginity and promiscuity, and that marriage is just one of several relationship choices, but is not necessarily to be preferred to any other?

This year's Miss West Virginia, Lucy Ours, summed up the objection of those who want to keep the old rules: "The most important thing Miss America does is she's a role model. If she's been married and divorced by age 24, people might not look at her as a very good role model."

Ours doesn't understand the intent of the proposed revisions, which are not about ideals but

about making everyone feel good. Test scores are being adjusted so that people can't fail. Some have suggested that no score should be kept in athletic contests so that participants would never feel the sting of losing. Some teams get awards just for showing up, thus diminishing the value of the hard work it takes to win.

If the Miss America pageant insists on imposing its new rules starting next year, it will also have to change its name. "Miss

means "a young, unmarried female who is representative of the thing indicated." If divorce, out-of-wedlock pregnancy and

abortion are not only representative of America, but what we want America to be, then perhaps a more accurate title would be "Ms. America."

That sound you hear is Bert Parks spinning

"The most important thing Miss America does is she's a role model. If she's been married and divorced by age 24, people might not look at her as a very good role model."

Ronald Regan
U.S. President

in his grave.

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Thursday, Sept. 23, 1999

Even though it is fine that you might prefer partners in most everything you do, your greatest successes in the year ahead are likely to come from independent performances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Watch how you respond to others today, especially if you're tired or under a lot of stress. You could come off as rather tactless, and without regard for others, if you're careless in your comments. 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 10158.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Even if your heart is set on a particular person, now, be wary of any leads that need to be plugged up today, such as extravagance on nonessential expenditures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This might be one of those days when you can get your back up over a trivial matter. If you start snapping at the family, you can expect the same treatment in return.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should a companion's behavior irritate you today, find a way to resolve it rather than explode over it or hold in your anger. In either case, the loser would be you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) When it comes to getting involved in an agreement today that requires a cash outlay, be extremely cautious, even if your associates are socially related.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) If you want to make a deal, watch your step that you don't become so aggressive or come off too self-serving that you chase all your prospects away. Be cognizant of their interests as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because you might tend to be more idealistic than practical today, you could come up quite short in being able to execute your ideas and programs. Get your head out of the clouds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be on guard today of a competitor probing around to find out exactly what you're doing that she or he could fault you on or steal your thunder. Protect your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could easily be enticed to do something against your better judgment today if you do not stand up under pressure for what you know to be right and prudent. Stiffen your backbone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're right and up shouldering the entire load at work today in a project that requires teamwork because of the incompetence of another. Try not to let it upset you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although a cohort may merely be trying to protect his or her own interests today, the fallout could land on you. Be prepared to ward off being a patsy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't be the principle offender concerning disruptions on the home front today due to family members being unwilling to properly cooperate with one another. Pull together, not apart.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

On to Millennium Saturday

By Phillip Alder

This week, we have been looking at the Millennium Games, organized by the American Contract Bridge League. Two contests were held on June 4 and 5 at 800 sites across North America. More than \$16,000 was raised for the ACBL Education Foundation.

Saturday, North-South first place ended in a tie between Helen Johnston, from Ajax, Ontario, and Neil Holmes, from Oshawa, Ontario, and Paul Dennis, from Winter Springs, Fla., and John Long, from Casselberry, Fla. They scored 1,731 instant matchpoints, which is just over 73 percent. (After each deal, the pairs consulted the score sheet and immediately received their point scores, with 100 being the maximum.)

Holmes played this six-trump

contract very well. When you glance only at the North-South hands, there seem to be 13 easy tricks: two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs. Then you notice the bad diamond break.

West, with an unenviable choice of leads, opted for the heart five: three, queen, king. The diamond queen won trick two; then a diamond in dummy's 10 won, but East discarded a low spade. Holmes continued by cashing his four club tricks. West and dummy discarded a diamond, East the heart two. West was left with two spades, two hearts and two diamonds. Reading the end-position correctly, declarer took his ace-king of spades and dummy's heart ace before exiting with a heart. West had to win with the jack and lead a diamond away from his king-nine into dummy's ace-jack tenace.

This 990 was worth 86 matchpoints to North-South (and 15 to East-West).

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North	0-20-0		
▲ 74			
▲ A 73			
▲ A 71000			
▲ Q 74			
West	East		
▲ Q 6	▲ J 10032		
▲ J 95	▲ Q 642		
▲ K 9432	▲ 5		
▲ 1086	▲ 953		
South			
▲ A K 5			
▲ K 108			
▲ Q 7			
▲ A K J 2			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 5			

ASK DR. GOTT

Are we all sicker now?

DEAR DR. GOTT: In my community, it seems that people are getting sicker in the winter and staying sicker longer than was the case a few years ago. My husband, a pharmacist, has a theory: The popularity of drugs to lessen symptoms is weakening the body's natural immunity. Do you have any theories about this?

DEAR READER: Alas, all I have is theories. People are living longer and closer to one another and are more likely to ask for medical help than in the past. Years ago, many illnesses — such as diphtheria, measles, polio and hypertension — were more severe, untreatable and caused early death. Therefore, modern people are more likely to suffer immunological ailments, such as colds and sprains, along with an array of other afflictions that come with age. These folks are also more likely to ask a pharmacist for medicine than they would have decades ago, when many families depended upon folk remedies and home brews.

Your perception that more people are getting sick for longer periods may be incorrect. There are more people today; hence, more illness. Actually, we are all leading healthier, longer

lives than ever before in history.

Drugs unquestionably have the potential to alter the body's immunity. Perhaps, as you suggest, this is a factor. However, my impression is that most medicine is not the cause of the phenomenon you describe. I should add the obvious caveat: Drugs are not necessarily the answer to good health; we take too many and probably would be better off if we popped fewer pills.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips On Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$3 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 9917, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 14-year-old girl who is going to be a freshman in high school this year. As you may have heard, there is a lot of pressure on people my age to have sex. In order to avoid the risks of sex, many of my girlfriends masturbate instead. Can a female get pregnant from masturbating? My friend said that you can get pregnant by masturbating against a chair where a boy has been sitting.

DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.



Please help me.

DEAR READER: I sincerely hope that your high school offers a sex education course in your freshman year. You and your friends need it. Rather than steal the school's thunder, I'll cut to the chase. Women cannot get pregnant by masturbating unless they and their male partners engage in mutual masturbation, and someone gets carried away.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son got his front tooth knocked out by a baseball four months ago. The dentist put it back and it looks great. How long will we have to wait to see if it takes?

DEAR READER: Teeth knocked out by an injury can often be put back in place — and survive. If your son's tooth looks good at four months, I think that he is home free.

People

Let's wrap it up: a convenient way to pack a lunch

Calendar

Some people call them "strollers." Others call them "roll-ups" or "wraps." What I'm talking about here is a bunch of sandwich filling done up in tortilla-like flatbreads. Whatever you call them, they present a convenient, handy, tidy and tasty way to take along your lunch.

I had never made a wrap until recently, when I was inspired by a display of wrap breads to try my own. The result was a disaster: a tasty but very untidy pile of stuffing that fell out of its wrap and onto my lap. So I consulted with a wrap expert, Anita Bowes of Nini's Wrap Works in Montpelier, Vt. She gave me some valuable tips:

The first is to use the thinnest kind of wrap bread you can find. Some people use regular flour tortillas, but Ms. Bowes says (and I agree) that they are too thick and tough. Buy wraps specifically made for making sandwiches. They are sold in most grocery stores, and often come in flavors such as garlic and pesto, or sun-dried tomatoes and herbs.

The second is to use the largest wraps you can find. Being in the business, Ms. Bowes can get 12-inch ones. The largest I've been able to find in a grocery store are 9 inches in diameter.

The third and most important tip is to use something very gluey as the base layer for your wrap. Mayonnaise, Ms. Bowes' experience (and mine), does not work. Cream cheese does. Also hummus. A thin layer of either will help your wrap hold itself together.

The fourth tip is to put the fillings on the top third of the wrap, and begin rolling from the top, towards you. After the first roll, fold the ends in (as you would for an egg roll) and then keep rolling. When you're done, press the edges together, using a little more cream cheese "glue" if needed.

I've gotten pretty good at making wraps, and have experimented with many different combinations: ham and cheese, roast beef and roasted red pepper, rice and beans, grilled steak and salsa. I've tried breakfast wraps (scrambled eggs, cheese and bacon; smoked salmon, cream cheese and onions) and veggie wraps. I've found that wraps are a great way to use up leftover salad. Add a little grated cheese and a sprinkle of dressing, and you have lunch. Leftovers of all sorts — including Chinese take-out (if it's not too soupy) — can easily be wrapped.

Wraps invite creativity. It's A Wrap, a restaurant franchise in New York City, offers at least two dozen varieties daily, including a very tasty-sounding combo of curried lentils, fresh spinach, chick and caramelized onions; and one with chicken, grilled zucchini, smothered mushrooms, onions, lettuce, tomato and sauce.

Use the "recipe" below as guidelines. I tend to make my wraps fairly thin, because I am not an expert wrapper yet (Ms. Bowes' wraps are enormous). As you improve, you may want to increase the quantities of food in each wrap. Consider these "starter wraps." Let the good times roll!

ROAST BEEF AND ROASTED RED PEPPER WRAP

- 4 to 6 tablespoons soft cream cheese
- 2 radishes, trimmed and grated
- 4 9-inch sandwich wraps
- 2 1/2 pounds shaved roast beef prepared horseradish, to taste
- 5 ounces jarred, roasted red peppers, drained and sliced thin
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss or Cheddar cheese (optional)
- 1 cup shredded lettuce, preferably including some light greens like arugula and radicchio

Mix the cream cheese with the

It's not easy being perfect, as many wives well know

DEAR ABBY: I would like to direct my remarks to "Frustrated," the woman whose husband rated her very high on a scale of 10 — but who would never apologize. I had the same problem.

After 45 years of marriage, I have discovered that he knew very well when he did something wrong. He made him angry at himself, and to cover up his insecurity, he added insult to injury.

During the last year of his life, when he knew he could die any minute, he admitted his inability to apologize and thanked me for recognizing it at the beginning of our marriage. Instead of a smart-mouth remark, I would give him a loving smile as a little sign of forgiveness, letting him keep his "prideful man" dignity.

He took it to his grave six months ago.

"Frustrated," you are young. You can still learn. If your husband is as good as you stated in your letter, love him and let him believe that you think he is perfect. He knows he's not, but he doesn't like to admit



FOOD

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grated radishes. Spread thinly over one side of each wrap, using 1 to 1-1/2 tablespoons per wrap.

On the top third of each wrap, place 1/4 of the shaved roast beef. Brush thinly with horseradish. Add about 2 tablespoons of the peppers, 2 tablespoons of grated cheese, and about 1/4 cup of shredded lettuce.

Roll the wraps as directed above. Serve immediately or wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving. Yield: 4 servings.

PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM WRAP

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 large portobello mushrooms, trimmed and sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 large onion, peeled and sliced thin
- 4 to 5 tablespoons Bourbon chicken or herb cream cheese
- 4 9-inch wraps
- 8 ounces jarred, roasted red peppers, drained and sliced thin
- 2 tablespoons chives (soft green)
- 1 cup thinly shredded fresh spinach

In a saucepan or skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the sliced mushrooms and the garlic, and saute, stirring, until mushrooms start to soften. Cover and cook until quite limp, 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, in another small skillet, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Add the sliced onions and saute, stirring, until translucent and just beginning to color, about 10 minutes.

Spread each wrap with 1 to 1-1/2 tablespoons of the Bourbon or herb cream cheese.

On the top third of each wrap, place 1/4 of the mushrooms and onion, removing them from their shells with a slotted spoon. Top each with 2 tablespoons of the peppers, 2 tablespoons of the chives, about 1/4 cup of shredded spinach. Roll according to directions above. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 servings.

GOOSE SALAD WRAP

- 4 tablespoons soft cream cheese
- 4 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
- 4 9-inch wraps
- 12 strips bacon, fried crisp, drained and crumbled
- 2 1/2 pounds shaved cooked turkey
- 1 1/2 large ripe avocados, peeled and thinly sliced into 1/2 slices
- 1 large ripe tomato, thinly sliced
- 1 cup shredded romaine lettuce

Mix the cream cheese with the blue cheese. Spread about 2 tablespoons on each wrap.

On the top third of each wrap, sprinkle 1/4 of the crumbled bacon. Add 1/4 of the turkey, 3 slices avocado, several slices tomato and 1/4 cup shredded lettuce. Roll according to directions above. Serve immediately.

SUNSHINE WRAP

- For the dressing:
 - 1 cup sunflower oil
 - 2 large cloves garlic
 - 1/2 cup fresh parsley sprigs
 - 2 teaspoons dried oregano
 - 1 teaspoon dried chives
 - dash of freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon celery seed

- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- For the wrap:
 - 4 to 6 tablespoons tahini (sesame paste)
 - 4 9-inch sandwich wraps
 - 4 tablespoons hulled sunflower seeds
 - 1/2 cup shredded Colby or cheddar cheese
 - 1 to 2 cups shredded raw spinach
 - 1 cup alfalfa or clover sprouts

To make the dressing: Combine all the dressing ingredients except the oil in a blender. With the motor on, drizzle in the oil until an emulsion forms. Set aside.

Spread each wrap with 1 to 1-1/2 tablespoons tahini.

On the top third of each wrap, sprinkle 1 tablespoon hulled sunflower seeds. Next, sprinkle on the cheese, about 2 tablespoons per wrap. Add the spinach and sprouts, dividing them among the wraps. Sprinkle with dressing and roll, as directed above. Serve with a small bowl of dressing on the side to dip the wrap in as you eat.

Unused dressing may be kept, covered and refrigerated, for up to one week, and can be used on salads. Yield: 4 servings.

— Adapted from "Horn of the Moon Cookbook" (Harper & Row, 1987). By Ginny Callan.

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Wraps can be a tasty way to take your lunch with you; the secret is knowing how to roll them up securely. Pictured here: Roast Beef and Roasted Red Pepper Wrap.

Paul G. Bowert for the New England Culinary Institute

Fleet Reserve Bingo

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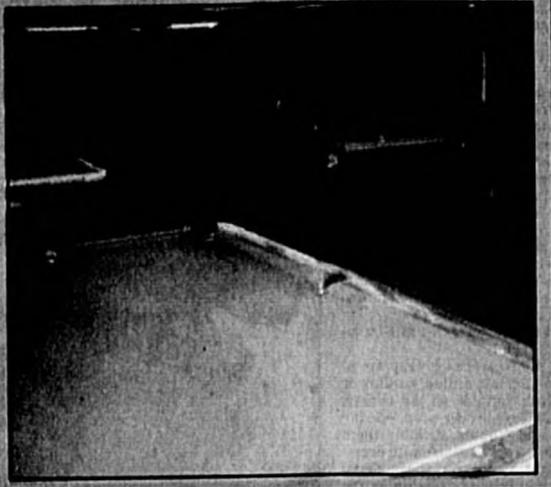
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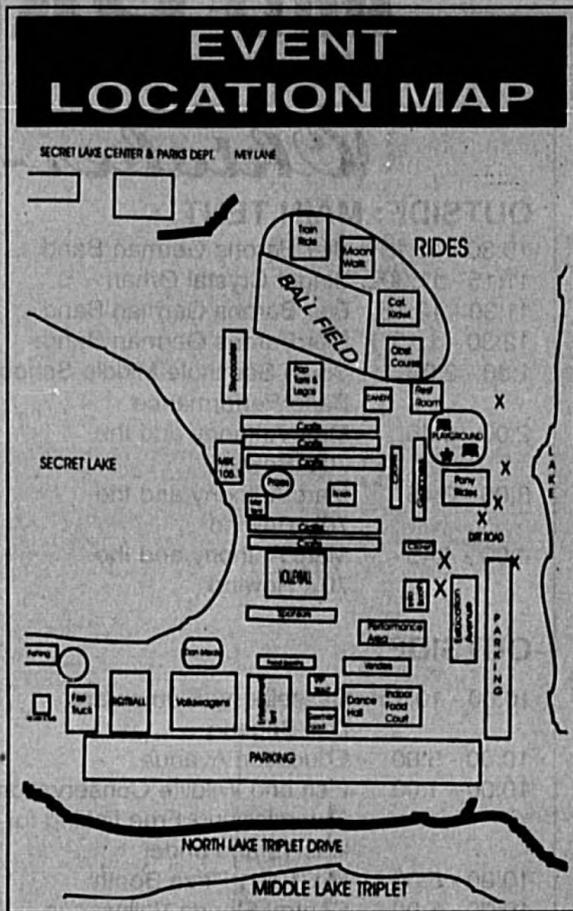
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Orlando's pro teams continue off-season changes

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - The Orlando Magic have signed Orlando native Chucky Atkins and center-forward John Amaechi, General Manager John Gabriel announced Monday.

Atkins (5-foot-11, 160-pounds) has spent the past two seasons playing in Croatia with Cibona, averaging 12.7 ppg, during the 1988-89 season, and 12.6 ppg, during the 1987-88 campaign. He helped lead Cibona to two consecutive league championships.

Atkins, 25, played with La Crosse of the Continental Basketball Association in 1986-87. He averaged 16.2 ppg, and 7.5 apg, with the Bobcats, earning CBA All-Rookie First Team honors.

Atkins finished third in the CBA in assists, fifth in three-point field goals, tied for 16th scoring and in the top 20 in steals. He led all CBA rookies in assists and three-point percentage.

A graduate of Evans High School, Atkins played four seasons at the University of South Florida. He finished his collegiate career as the Bulls' third all-time leading scorer with 1,619 points. Atkins is one of only two USF players to ever record more than 1,600 points and 500 assists.

Amaechi (6-foot-10) returns to the NBA after spending the last three seasons playing overseas, most recently with the Sheffield Sharks of the British Basketball League. He played in 38 regular season games with Cleveland during the 1988-89 season, averaging 2.8 points and 1.9 rebounds in 12.8 minutes per game.

SOLAR BEARS RE-SIGN LITTMAN, CUT OTHERS

ORLANDO - Orlando Solar Bears (IHL) General Manager John Wetzel announced the signing of veteran goaltender David Littman. Littman played with the Solar Bears during each of the last two seasons.

Littman, a native of Cranston, Rhode Island, appeared in 55 games for Orlando in 1988-89 and posted a 32-17-1 mark.

The 32-year-old netminder logged the second most minutes in Solar Bears history (3,980:53) and had the team's second-highest win total (33). Littman's 2.90 goals against average (GAA) ranked ninth among all International Hockey League (IHL) goaltenders. In 1987-88, the 6-foot-1, 175-pounder appeared in 44 games with Orlando and posted a 31-15-6 record with a 2.66 GAA.

Littman's 10-year professional career has also included stints with the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres and Tampa Bay Lightning, two American Hockey League (AHL) squads, and four other IHL clubs. An IHL All-Star in 1983, the 12th round (311th overall) Buffalo draft choice played collegiately at Boston College.

The Solar Bears on Sunday released six players from training camp: left wing Luke Curtis, defenseman Andrei Shevchuk, defenseman Neil Fawcett, defenseman Greg Colahan, defenseman Kevin Dickson, and goaltender Steve Plouffe.

Center Jeff Martin departed earlier during pre-season activities to join the Canadian National Team. With the weekend additions of left wing Todd Kruger and defenseman Scott Rice, Orlando's training camp roster now consists of

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Another good show

North Carolina team bests strong field at ASA/USA Softball National tournament

By Dana Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Evidently, Chase/Team Easton likes Florida weather.

For the second time in as many tournaments in the Sunshine State, the Wilmington, North Carolina-based squad came out on top, surviving a winner-take-all game with top-seeded Team TPS to claim the 1990 ASA/USA Softball Men's Super Slow Pitch National Championship Finals held at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium.

Chase/Team Easton had claimed the second leg of the Grand Slam (NSA, ISA, ASA, USSSA) by winning the ISA championship at Winter Haven.

R&D/Easton of Lima, Ohio had won the first leg of the Grand Slam, the NSA tournament, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

This was the third straight year that the ASA (Amateur Softball Association) had brought its World Series to Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium and the for the third straight year local fans were treated to some amazing feats by the best slow pitch softball players and teams in the world.

Over the 19 games played in the four day tournament there were 153 home runs hit out of the stadium, which has dimensions of 330-feet down the lines and 385-feet to dead centerfield.

The tournament opened with a couple of upsets as No. 1 seeded Team TPS, which won 11 of 13 tournaments in the regular season but had to settle for a pair of fourth place finishes in the ISA and NSA World Series, lost its opener to JWM/Herb's/Master Graphics/TPS, 13-11, and No. 2 seeded R&D/Easton fell to Paramount Builders/Easton, 12-11.

Those losses opened the door for Chase/Team Easton as it best Dan Smith/Wesell/Backstop/Worth, 30-14, JWM, 24-3 and Hague/Reamondo/TPS, 16-11 to advance to the Championship Round.

Team TPS, meanwhile, was battling back out of the Loser's Bracket, outscoring Dan Smith, 36-31 in 8-innings, Paramount Builders 22-6, R&D 25-23, and Hague/Reamondo 19-8, to earn its spot in the finals.

Team TPS then won its fifth game in a row, coming from behind to hand Team Easton its first loss, 20-19, when John Mello's lead-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning got away from the centerfielder and the three-base error allowed Mello to circle the bases with

the game-winning run.

But Team Easton bounced back in the winner-take-all game, taking a 10-1 lead after three innings before Team TPS rallied, eventually taking a 14-12 lead on the strength of seven-run bottom of the sixth inning.

In the top of the seventh, Team Easton got a home run from Darrell Beeler and Dan Schuck singled. After a pair of outs, winning pitcher Greg Harding singled and pinch-hitter J.C. Phelps reached on an error ahead of what proved to be a game-winning, two-run single by Jeff Hall.

Harding then pitched out of a two-on, one-out situation to clinch the victory.

ASA/USA SOFTBALL SUPER ALL-AMERICANS FIRST TEAM

Pitcher - Greg Harding, Team Easton.

Catcher - Hank Garris, Team TPS.

First Base - Dan Schuck, Team Easton.

Second Base - Tim Cocco, Hague/Reamondo/TPS.

Third Base - Dewayne Nevitt, Team TPS.

Shortstop - Todd Joerling, Team Easton.

Outfield - Doug Klesane, Team TPS; Jason Kendrick, Team Easton; John McCraw, Team Easton; Todd Martin, Team TPS.

Extra Hitter - Brett Helmer, Team Easton.

Utility - Jeff Hall, Team Easton; Ron Farnell, Team Easton; Jeff Wallace, Team TPS; John Mello, Team TPS.

SECOND TEAM

Pitcher - Phil Jobe, Team TPS.

Catcher - Keith Brockman, R&D/Easton.

First Base - Tim Linnon, Hague/Reamondo/TPS.

Second Base - Rod Hughes, R&D/Easton.

Third Base - David Hood, R&D/Easton.

Shortstop - Dennis Rull, JWM/Herb's/TPS.

Outfield - Derek Oliver, Paramount/TPS; Mark Cresson, Dan Smith/Worth; Dewayne Fritzell, Dan Smith/Worth; Robin Higginbotham, Team Easton.

Extra Hitter - Randy Kortok-rax, R&D/Easton.

Utility - Jerald Smith, Paramount/TPS; P.J. Jones, JWM/Herb's/TPS; Larry Frotieu, Team Easton; Randy Romagn, Paramount/TPS.

BEST VALUABLE PLAYER - Todd Joerling, Team Easton.

BATTERS CHAMPION - Brett Helmer, Team Easton.

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Chase/Team Easton of Wilmington, North Carolina (top) pose proudly with its plaque and banner after winning the 1990 ASA/USA Softball Men's Super Slow Pitch National Championship Finals. Also pictured are members of the ASA Super All-Americans team (center) and (from left to right, bottom photo) Tom Wills, Rich Lochrum and Alan Greene who finished second, first and third, respectively, in the pre-tournament Home Run Derby for local amateur players.

Vitale represents U.S. against Puerto Rico

Special to the Herald

SAN JUAN, P.R. - Tom Vitale of Greenwood Lakes Middle School recently returned from the ultimate road trip - seven days competing with the Roberto Clemente All-Stars against teams of Puerto Rico's toughest amateur teams.

After moving his All-Star teammates in San Juan on August 1, Vitale, 10, took part in a rigorous training and game schedule that included instruction from former major leaguers and top college coaches.

Vitale traveled to remote mountain villages, hunting cities, and seaside towns to test his skills against his Latin peers. He even got the opportunity to train at one of Puerto Rico's premier Amateur fields' Hiram Bithorn stadium.

The local competition was strong, yet Vitale's team, made up of 14 players from various

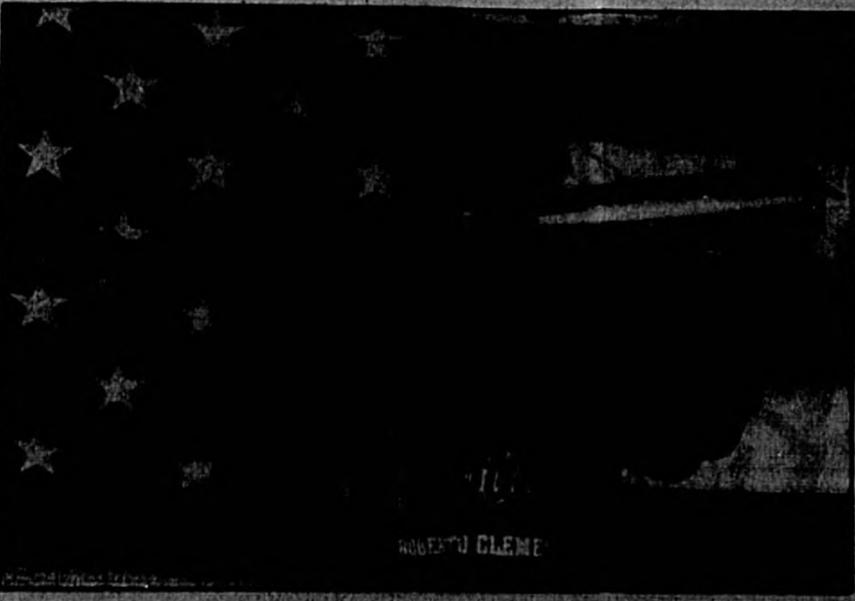
the U.S., went 2-3. Not bad considering that they played against squads whose alumni include Ivan Rodriguez, Bernie Williams and Juan Gonzalez.

During the week, Vitale received high praise from his coaches for his excellent contributions on the field.

After some games, the All-Star spent time with the local players and their families, an experience Vitale says was "very fun." One with Vitale and learned about the island's rich history and distinct culture.

When they weren't playing ball, the players toured famous sights like historic Old San Juan and 500 year old El Morro Fort, and participated in a variety of museum and goal-setting activities.

During the trip, the players learned about Clemente's life. Vitale had been awarded the Gold Glove and named the Most Valuable Player of the week.



Tom Vitale of Longwood, a student of Greenwood Lakes Middle School in Lake Mary, recently traveled to Puerto Rico for seven days with the Roberto Clemente All-Stars.

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