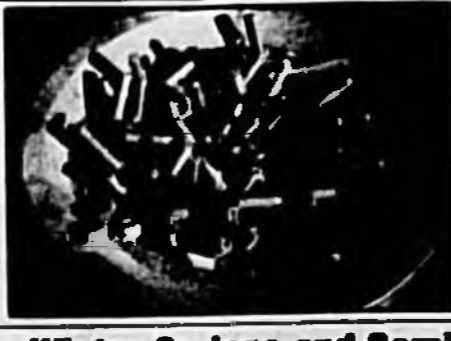




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SPD looking for 'comers'



RUSS WHITE

Who will be Sanford's next police chief? There's going to be a lot of talk about the selection for the next five or six months.

Joe Dillard is retiring Feb. 28, ending a turbulent two-years as Sanford's top cop.

"Joe ought to be proud of having been the chief," said Chief Deputy Steve Harriett, a former Sanford chief now with the Sheriff's Office. "It's an honor," Harriett said.

The city will initiate a nationwide search for someone else to be so honored. George Hubler, who did extensive studies of the SPD, has advised Sanford to call every law enforcement agency and ask about "comers." Hubler said.

The most recent chief's search in the county was conducted by Casselberry. Replies came from throughout the county but the job went to Marty LaBrusciano, a veteran with Sheriff's Department.

A good pick in Sanford would be Steve Harriett. But it isn't going to happen. His loyalty is to the sheriff.

The SPD has its own viable candidate - Cmdr. Ray Bronson, presently the acting chief.

Police chiefs - good and bad - don't stay on the same job as they did in the past.

Dillard's successor will need to rebuild the SPD, address its deficiencies, and put the heart back into it. The force has been demoralized because of the relentless criticism and uncertainties. Hubler called the SPD a "dysfunctional" agency.

The main task for any chief is service to the people. The city's top cop is much like the CEO of a big company. He's responsible for getting people organized and maintaining a budget.

He also has to devote ample time to the politicians and commissions. The city's elected officials will pick the new chief and then make demands.

At the turn of the century, Sanford is a small town with big city woes. Dillard was up and down its streets for 27 years. That alone wasn't enough for him to get beyond two years as chief. It may be advantageous for his successor to be an outsider who has never seen the streets on the city nor the inside of the SPD. It would help, too, if he had some p.r. skills.

Calling all comers.

Russ White writes about people, places and issues in Seminole County. If you have an idea for a column, please call 322-2611, write P.O. Box 1667, Sanford, 32772, or e-mail SHEditor@aol.com.

Woman burned by estranged husband

By Russ White
HERALD STAFF WRITER

CASSELBERRY - Stephen H. Smith, 49, is being held at the county jail after his estranged wife was shot and burned with hydrochloric acid when she went to his home Wednesday to pick up their 11-year-old daughter.

The 34-year-old woman underwent surgery and is in serious but stable condition at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Chief Deputy Steve Harriett said today that the woman suffered gun shot wounds in the shoulder and the hip and severe acid burns to her face.

"Doctors are concerned about her vision," Harriett said. A .38-caliber handgun was found at the scene.

Smith apparently was distraught over the breakup of his marriage. He had visiting rights with the daughter but the child's mother was concerned for the safety of the 11-year-old. Earlier Wednesday, the mother asked a sheriff's deputy to accompany her to Smith's residence at 2029 Sussex Road near Casselberry.

"At that time, everything was

OK," Harriett said, but soon afterwards the same deputy answered the call when the woman went back on her own," Harriett said. The daughter ran to a neighbor's house to ask for help when she observed her father grabbing her mother.

Smith was charged with attempted murder, aggravated battery and domestic battery.

Football players suspended

By Bill Kerns
HERALD STAFF WRITER

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Two Lake Brantley High School football players have been suspended from the team under the Seminole County School Board's citizenship policy following weekend arrests on underage drinking charges.

The weekend drinking by the athletes violates the citizenship policy regulating the behavior of students who participate in extracurricular activities. Students caught drinking, gambling, smoking, doing drugs, or having a fake ID can be suspended under the policy, even if incident took place off-campus.

"That's the policy," Larry Furlong, Chairman of the Seminole County School Board said. "They certainly should have been aware of the policy."

The Lake Brantley students were arrested Saturday night at 11:10 p.m., according to the arrest report. Residents in the area of Knobcreek Drive in the Sweetwater subdivision of Longwood complained of a noisy gathering.

"We responded three times," Seminole County Sheriff's Department Spokesperson Deanna Brown said of the deputies breaking up the party.

Football player Brian Eugene Harrelson, 18, of Altamonte Springs was charged. Please see Football, Page 3A

Lake project moves ahead

By Bill Kerns
HERALD STAFF WRITER

LONGWOOD - The Longwood city commission will pay \$170,000 for the Island Lake North restoration project on condition that the Acquatic Biologists company fulfill all contract obligations.

The Department of Environmental Protection presented a status report on restoration of the lake, located on Rangeline Road near State Road 434. Residents voiced concern about the project during public participation, with about 35 people in attendance.

"I think much of the concern is that there was a buffer zone created around the lake," Mayor Rusty Miles said. "What was accomplished is vastly improved over what was already there before this project. Whether it meets everyone's approval is another issue."

The contract was awarded primarily to clean up and restore the buffer zone around Island Lake North, city administrator Greg Manning said.

There were 12 eight-foot tall trees planted along the island in the buffer zone. Doug Charles of Acquatic Biologists said in the meeting. He said there is a monthly plan for 12 months covering spraying, removing weeds, and other maintenance.

John Brock of the city's Community Services Department said the water circulation has been increased, with all the "dead, invasive or exotic" plants in the area removed.

Commissioner Paul Lovstrand said he is not satisfied with the work that has been done on the lake.

"The first contract was to go 100 feet around the lake," Lovstrand said. "Now, they did the whole lake. They didn't pull up the grass. It was explained to me that the grasses were needed to purify the lake."

Brock said the grass around the edge of Island Lake North helps to purify the water, and reduce the cost of maintenance.

Resident Denise Clark said Island Lake North "just doesn't look like it's completed."

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

All Souls reaches out

Mother Blanche Weaver presents a plaque of appreciation for All Souls Catholic School's "Pennies from heaven" donation to the Outreach Mission in Sanford. More than \$1,000 was raised for the cause. Parishioners also contributed through the offerings from the school's morning Mass.

New school board chairman brings energy to the post

By Russ White
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SEMINOLE COUNTY - When the 1990s began, Larry Furlong was a freshman county commissioner. As the century winds down, he is the chairman of the School Board.

"The great irony," Furlong said Wednesday, "is that I'm the School Board chairman and Carlton Henley, a high school principal 31 years, is now the chairman of the County Commission."

For a couple of years (1993 and 1994) Furlong and Henley had adjacent offices when they were on the County Commission. Both were defeated for Commission seats in 1994. Furlong was elected to the School Board two years later, and Henley elected to the County Commission in September.

At 49, Furlong has an abundance of energy and enthusiasm that he intends to allot to the School Board and to his duties as Vice President/Major Accounts for Fidelity National Title Insurance Co.

"Our School System in a 'do no harm' type of situation," Furlong said. "We've got a great system and our focus is to keep it that way and make improvements whenever they are needed."

"People move to Seminole County so their children can go to our schools," Furlong said. "I can attest to that. Our daughters have been and are still in the system. We're glad we came here. And most everyone you talk to will say they're pleased, too."

It is an extra advantage for him, Furlong said, that he travels throughout the state in his

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Lake Mary's Finest

The Lake Mary Police Awards honored officers and staff this weekend at Seminole Community College. Chief Richard Beary congratulates Sgt. Ronnie Gregory, Officer of the Year. More on Page 4A.

Blue grass 'pick-in'

LONGWOOD - The monthly Blue Grass event in Historic Longwood is scheduled for Saturday from 5 until 9 p.m. This month only, the "Pick-in" will be held at Ryder Park because the Longwood Arts & Crafts Festival is going on in the Historic District. Ryder Park is located on the corner of Millwee and Warren, next to the fire department.

Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and move around to the different musical groups, or bring your own instrument and join in! Refreshments will be available. This monthly event, held every third Saturday, is sponsored by the Historic Longwood Business Association and the city of Longwood.

In Brief

Patient access program

SANFORD - A Patient Access Services Program will be offered by Central Florida Regional Hospital in January and February. This intensive eight-session introductory course is designed to provide general education needed to obtain entry level positions for today's admission process. The classes are given by professionals currently employed in the areas addressed. Courses include Basic Medical Terms, Insurance, Registration and Professional Skills. Participants must attend all course nights.

The course is free to CFRH associates

and participants of employment assistance programs. All others are \$50. For more information call (407) 321-4500, ext. 5607.

Holiday travelers

TAMPA - AAA Auto Club South estimates that a record 33.6 million Americans are expected to travel 100 miles or more from home during the holiday weekend. The volume is nearly 2 percent higher than the 33 million Americans who took a trip during Thanksgiving last year.

AAA Auto Club South estimates 27.7 million motorists plan to travel by auto-

mobile, light truck or recreational vehicle, up 2 percent over the 27.2 million motorists who took a trip last Thanksgiving. Another 5.9 million will travel by airplane, train or bus, also a 2 percent increase from 5.8 million last year.

The Southeast will generate the greatest number of auto travelers with 7.2 million.

Sixty-three percent of holiday travelers expect to stay with family and friends, while another 23 percent plan to stay overnight at a hotel or motel. Other lodging plans include: cabin/condo, 4 percent; camper/trailer/RV/tent, 3 percent; other, 1 percent; and don't know or no overnight stay, 6 percent.

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Providence sees to it that no man gets happiness out of crime.
-Victor Alford

Lake Mary recognizes its finest at ceremony

By Bill Kerns
HERALD STAFF WRITER

LAKE MARY - The Lake Mary Police Department paid homage to its finest officers and staff this Saturday in an Awards of Valor Ceremony at the Seminole Community College Fine Arts Building.

Sgt. Ronnie Gregory was named the Officer of the Year. The Medal of Valor Award, the high winners included patrolman first class Stephen Shea, officer Ed Rossi, Cpl. Joseph Hart, and Lt. Dave Guildford. Sgt. Linda Belfiore received a Special Award of Recognition for

Silver Medal in the Pistol shooting competition at the Police Olympics. Officer Christopher Taylor received a plaque for winning the National Gold in Karate Kick Boxing at the National Police Olympics. He also received a medal for competing in football at the Police Olympics.

Members of Squad 2 received Good Conduct and Police Department Ribbons, including Gregory, Shea, and officer Christopher Taylor.

Members from squad 3 receiving medals and ribbons included Sgt. John Woods, Cpl. Joseph Hart, Officer. Jahn Call, and Rossi.



Patrolman first class Stephen Shea and officer Edward Rossi receive Medal of Valor awards from Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Beary.



work in the DARE program.

The Good Conduct Ribbon was awarded to employees who have not received any discipline for the previous three years. Police Department ribbons were awarded to employees who have successfully completed their one-year probationary period.

Officers receiving the Good Conduct Ribbon and the Police Department Ribbon from Squad 1 included Sgt. Gregory Grayson, patrolman first class Larry Johnson, Officer Johnny Thomson, officer Curtis Hoffman, and officer Jane McLaughlin.

Detective Carmel Long received a medal for receiving the

Members of squad 4 receiving medals and ribbons included Sgt. David Preiser, Cpl. Virgil Picklesimer, officer Richard Pure, officer Richard Drummond, and officer Marcus Bullock.

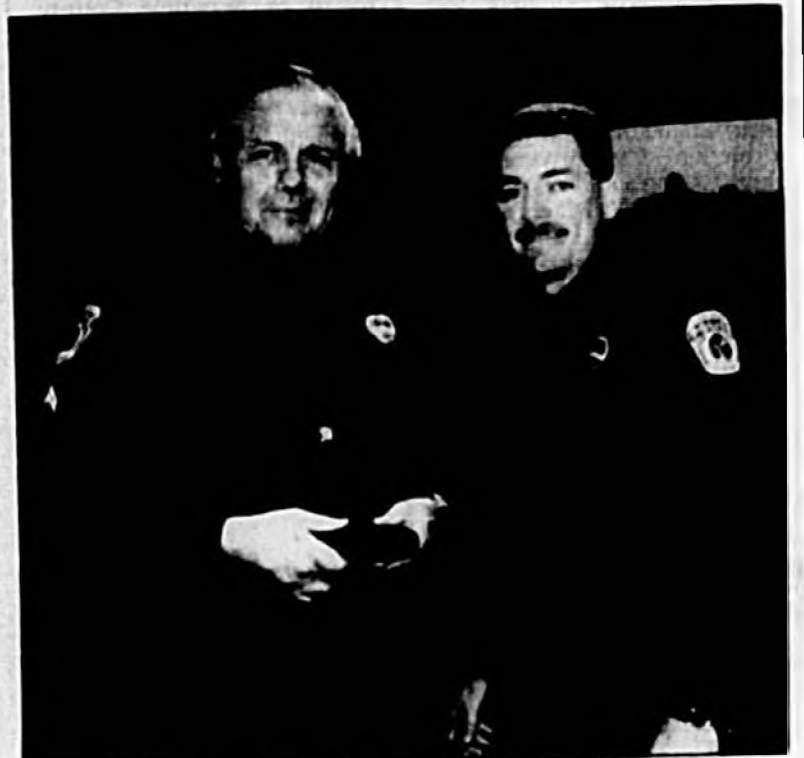
Members of the Criminal Investigations Division receiving medals and ribbons included Long, agent Leo Brunelle, Det. Patrick Skinner, and Det. Todd Modersohn.

Police administrative employees receiving awards included Capt. Samuel Belfiore, Guildford, and Sgt. Linda Belfiore.

Lowell Shambless received a plaque of appreciation for assistance in processing prints.



Cpl. Joseph Hart receives the Medal of Valor award from chief Richard Beary.



Lt. Dave Guildford receives a Medal of Valor award from chief Richard Beary.

School

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Fidelity National work. This affords him a closer look at both business and education systems in Florida. He shares this information with the others on the School Board.

"Larry's a meticulous, methodical kind of guy - a master of detail," said Bob Goff, Furlong's School Board adversary. "If he approaches this job as he did when he was a county commissioner, it's going to be fun to watch. Now and then, he showed the old Larry Furlong last year. Now, he has the chance to set policy."

It's Furlong's hopes to make a solid team of the School Board. He said the troubles that "one member" (Goff) initiated are hopefully over. "Healthy debate is fine, but it was more than that last year," Furlong said. "One member was creating problems."

Although he nominated Sandy Robinson to be the School Board Commissioner on Tuesday night, Goff voted for Furlong so the vote would be unanimous. Who's to predict how many 5-0 votes the board will have on other issues.

A political science major at the University of Mississippi who also served in the Navy, Furlong has initiated several programs that enhance the county's education system. He's pushed hard for television workshops and classes for all students. "The students conduct their own newscasts on closed circuit TV at our schools," he said.

As a county commissioner, Furlong began a partnership with Irish officials from Wicklow. The new Wicklow Elementary School is named for that county. "We have a lot in common and now we can share our visions," he said.

If residents were dissatisfied with the School Board, they did not indicate it in the recent elections. Sandy Robinson and Jennie Morris were reelected handily. Diane Bauer, who has strong ties to the board, won the vacated seat Barbara Kuhn.

"The community likes what we're doing and we're going to try to do it even better," Furlong said.

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HERALD ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR



The Jags are best in Florida

SANFORD - Any questions? If the Jacksonville Jaguars didn't point out the true identity of Florida's Team after winning the state championship with a win over Tampa Bay last weekend, people aren't paying attention.

Especially the over 70 percent of Central Floridians who called the local CBS affiliate to choose the Dolphins' game over the Jags two weeks in a rare sports situation where the fans actually got a chance to make a difference.

What's not to like about these Jaguars?

First, let's talk about what's not to like about Florida's other two teams.

First, Tampa Bay has Trent Dilfer while Jacksonville has Mark Brunell. Any questions? Dilfer has never, even in last year's playoff run, been a productive quarterback. He can't escape a rush and his only protection is to hand off to Warrick Dunn and Mike Alstott.

The Bucs' defense is one of the league's best, but except for Warren Sapp, it's made up of no-names who keep the score close and turn the ball over to Dilfer for relief.

In Miami, you have another pathetic offense. Dan Marino was, and still is, one of the best quarterbacks of all time. Coach Jimmy Johnson is too stubborn to turn the offense back over to Marino as he tries to establish a running game that doesn't exist.

His team can play defense, but, like the Bucs, that won't get you past the first round of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, Jacksonville offers the NFL's most exciting offense (okay, maybe Denver might argue that), a solid defense and a team that might give Florida its first Super Bowl appearance since Miami went in 1984.

Jacksonville still has a major roadblock and that is getting past Denver in the AFC playoffs. Since the miracle playoff win in 1996, the Jags are 0-2 in Denver, getting clobbered in both losses. The road leads through Denver, but the Jaguar rushing defense is one of the few that can hold Terrell Davis.

Jacksonville's biggest challenge right now is to lock up as many home playoff games as possible. Despite making the post-season the past two years, the Jaguars have never hosted a home playoff game and, despite help from Mother Nature during the past two seasons, they've never had to play in inclement weather.

If the season ended today, the Jags would be seeded second in the post-season tournament which would guarantee a first-round home game (against Oakland).

Denver may never lose, so the Jags just have to hold onto the second slot. They can make their lives a lot easier with a win over Pittsburgh on the road this weekend. They've never won at Three Rivers Stadium, and can solidify the Central Division title with a win.

Sure, there are a lot of old-time Dolphin and Bucs fans out there, but how can you beat Brunell, Smith, McCardell, Taylor, Smeenge, Brackens and the rest?

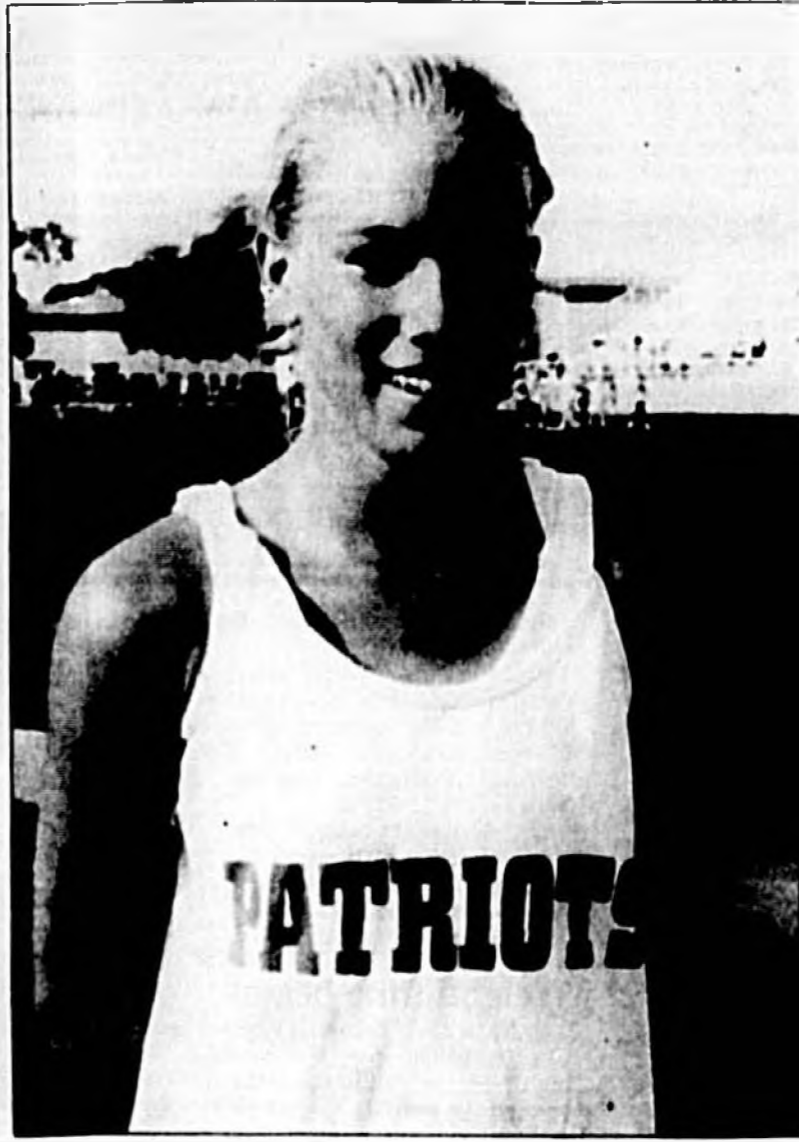
By the way, in case you forget, Jacksonville is located in Florida, not South Georgia.

Last Second Shot:
Great job, *Altaqua Country Club*, helping out the career club at Hamilton Elementary. A lot of other local clubs need to follow your lead.

Ready to run for the ring



Lake Mary's Nick Stuart (left), along with Lyman's Nate Adams, which placed fourth and third, respectively, in the Regional Meet last week, will be looking to win the Boys' Class 6A Individual Cross Country State Championship.



while Lake Brantley's Stephanie Cornell (right), who set a course record in the Regional, will be a prohibitive favorite in the girls' race this Saturday at Florida Community College's North Campus in Jacksonville.

SAC's elite to compete in cross country state meet

By Dean Smith
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The Seminole Athletic Conference will be well represented this weekend when the FIISAA (Florida High School Athletic Association) Cross Country State Championship Meet is held at Florida Community College's North Campus in Jacksonville.

Winter Springs High School ran to the Class 3A-Region 3 titles last Thursday, while seven teams will compete in the Class 6A Meet after qualifying in the 6A-North 1 Regional last Saturday morning at the Sperling Sports Complex in DeLand.

Lake Brantley's Stephanie Cornell continued her amazing senior season, setting a course record of 18:39 to lead the Patriots to the girls' regional championship.

Lake Brantley scored 36 points to far outdistance Ft. Walton Beach, Niceville, Oviedo, Lake Mary and Lyman, which claimed the other five places.

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SAC teams dominate district swimming meets

By Dean Smith
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Seminole Athletic Conference schools dominated the Class 6A-District 3 Swimming Championships last weekend at Lake Brantley High School.

SAC teams claimed the top four finishing positions in both the boys and girls meets, with the other two teams finishing sixth and seventh.

Meanwhile, Seminole fifth in the boys and fourth in the girls in the Class 5A-District 4 Meet at the YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando.

Lake Brantley was the big winner on the day, as both of the Patriots teams claimed district championships.

The boys bested Lake Mary, 403-389, with Oviedo and Lyman finishing third and fourth.

The girls' top four in finishing order was exactly the same with Lake Brantley topping Lake Mary, 617-419, and Oviedo and Lyman coming home third and fourth.

The FIISAA (Florida High School Activities Association) State Championships will be held today through Saturday in Orlando at the YMCA Aquatic Center on International Drive.

CLASS 6A-DISTRICT 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS at Lake Brantley High School GIRLS
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Seminole girls go to 2-0 in district

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DAYTONA BEACH - The Seminole girls' varsity basketball team made it two-for-two Wednesday night.

Playing their first road game of the season, the Fighting Seminoles traveled to Daytona Beach and defeated a perennially tough Mainland squad, 69-55, in Class 5A-District 5.

With the road win, Seminole not only upped its record to 2-0 overall, but both victories are over district foes.

The Fighting Seminoles held a 29-25 lead at the half, then took control in the second half.

"We made them play our game," said Seminole coach Sylvester Wynn of his team's second half performance.

In the victory, Jamala Mitchell stood out with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Laqueena Grayson added 12 points, and Martina Kendrick.

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FIGHTING SEMINOLES 69, BUCCANEERS 55

Seminole (69)
Gray 11, Kendrick 11, Fisher 6, Hurd 7, Grayson 12, J. Mitchell 18, Williams 3. Totals: 31 7-16 69.

Mainland (55)
Tucker 11, Brown 20, Patterson 10, Robinson 5, Furbett 4, Perry 5. Totals: 22 9-15 55.

Seminole 20 9 17 23 - 69
Mainland 14 11 14 18 - 55

Three-point field goals - Mainland 2 (Brown, Robinson). Team fouls - Seminole 13; Mainland 14. Fouled out - none. Technicals - none. Records - Seminole 2-0, 2-0 in 5A-5; Mainland 0-1, 0-1 in 5A-5. Junior varsity - Seminole 32, Mainland 18.

WELL DONE



SANFORD - The Optimist Club of Sanford recently honored Seminole High School's Clarence Latimer as its Athlete of the Week. Latimer, a sophomore fullback, led the Fighting Seminoles with 240 yards and

three touchdowns in a blowout victory over Class 5A-District 5 foe DeLtona. Latimer (center) receives his award from Optimist members Harley Vann (left) and Betty Vann (right).

Lake Mary girls romp in soccer opener

From Staff Reports

ORLANDO - The Lake Mary girls' soccer team picked up where it left off last season as the 1997 Class 6A State Champions opened defense of their crown with a 10-0 victory over Boone High School in Orlando Wednesday night.

RAMS 10, BRAVES 0

Lake Mary	7	3	0	10
Boone	0	0	0	0

Goals - Lake Mary 10 (Morris 4, Shaw 2, Kirkwood, Rojas, Homen, Kelgren), Assistants - Lake Mary 5 (Morris 2, Kirkwood, Weber, Rojas). Shots on goal - Lake Mary 21; Boone 1. Records - Lake Mary 1-0; Boone 1-1. Junior varsity - Lake Mary 10, Boone 0.

"It was a good game to get us started," said Lake Mary coach Bill Eisele.

At halftime, the Rams had already secured a lead of 7-0, and the Braves could manage only one shot on goal the entire night.

Elizabeth Morris lead Lake Mary with

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BLONDIE

by Chic Young



BEETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



THE BORN LOSER

by Art Sansom



PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schulz



ECK & MECK

by Howie Schneider



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ARLO AND JANIS

by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN

by Jim Meddick



Vasotec can cause violent coughing

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your column about the chronic cough caused by Vasotec and other ACE inhibitors saved my husband's life. For months, he would cough so hard and so frequently that he would lose his breath. The doctors called it heart failure. However, he read your column, then showed it to his doctor, who stopped his Vasotec and put him on a different drug for hypertension. Within three days, the cough stopped and my husband has been a different person ever since. Thank you.

DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEAR READER: You're welcome. ACE inhibitor cough can occur in up to 10 percent of patients on these drugs. The violence and chronicity of the cough can literally handicap a patient. The simple act of changing medicines can eliminate the cough and improve the quality of life, as your husband can attest.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." 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 10158. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My nephew is 4 years old. His testicles are not visible. When should the testicles appear?

DEAR READER: The testicles usually drop into the scrotum at about the time of birth, give or take a few weeks. I am sure that your nephew's pediatrician has checked him for undescended testicles, because this condition frequently requires correction. There is a higher risk of testicular cancer in testicles that do not properly descend into the scrotum.

You may be misled by normal anatomy. All males have a protective response called the cremasteric reflex. During appropriate stimulation, such as stroking or exposure to cold, the small cremaster muscles pull the testicles up from the scrotum into the body. In addition to having tight scrotums, male children tend to have active cremaster muscles. Therefore, in youngsters, the testicles may seem to be permanently drawn up. In most cases, this is entirely normal.

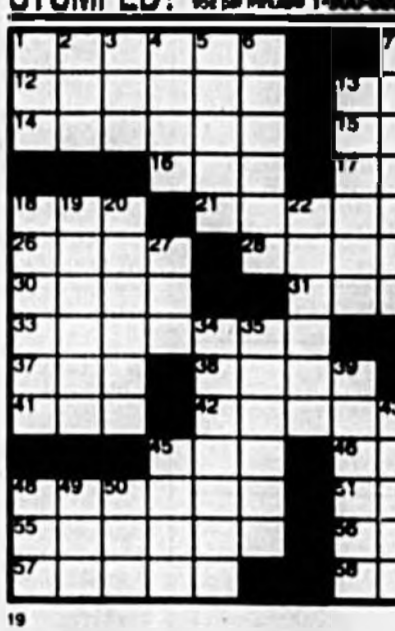
DEAR AUTODOCTOR: Last year we bought a '96 Corsica. We take the car in regularly for oil changes but don't fix it unless something breaks. What should be looked at or changed to get the most mileage out of the car?

DEAR READER: Although I suspect that your letter somehow got misrouted and ended up in my mailbox,

I'll take a crack at answering, because — hey! — with all the changes wrought by managed care, I may have to broaden my range of interests.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

Something new every day

By Phillip Alder

Nicolas-Sebastien Roch Chamfort, an 18th-century French writer, reportedly lived for years "by his wit, if not by his wit." Somewhat unkind, but Chamfort did write something with which I agree: "The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed."

Today's deal comes from "The Bridge Player Who Laughed" by Ron Klinger (Hutchinson, 1984). During a class, Klinger asked his students to play in seven diamonds, telling them to draw trumps before discarding their losers on dummy's clubs.

Sounds like good advice, right? Well, soon Klinger was called to a table and asked the score for seven diamonds two down vulnerable. How did that happen?

In this auction, North's four-club rebid shows a good hand for diamonds with strong clubs. Four no-trump is Roman Key Card Blackwood, the reply showing either two aces or, as here, one ace and the diamond king — a critical card for South. Five no-trump announces grand slam interest. North could show kings, but with his solid suit, he jumps to seven clubs — an excellent bid. Now South could convert to seven no-trump.

When Klinger arrived, the declarer said, "I drew the trumps, just as you said. Then I entered dummy and played the clubs. And on my high clubs, I threw all my low diamonds. But at the end, I still had to lose a spade and a heart."

Dummy piped up, commenting, "It's all right for the experts, but I knew it was far too dangerous to bid even a small slam on these cards."

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, West hands and a vulnerable dealer table.

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Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1998

Positive financial changes could be in the offing for you through the good auspices of a friend or social contact in the year ahead. What transpires could help your entire family as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial opportunities could begin to present themselves in rapid fashion today. However, they may be fleeting, so you'll need to take advantage of them quickly. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be prepared to react promptly on your inspirational thinking today. Your spontaneous

thoughts are likely to be superior to those you tend to ponder over excessively. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today might hold some type of reward for a past good deed you did for another. However, the remuneration is likely to come from a source other than the actual person you assisted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In your case, new could be better today. It appears your greatest successes are likely to stem from a recent venture or endeavor. It's your time to seek different opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When challenged by a unique development today, you might initially feel a trifle unsure of yourself. Oddly enough, it'll be this kind of activity you'll handle the best.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Since you now see the positive probabilities where you previously anticipated negative results, things in general should go more smoothly for you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a chance that you could gain a lot from a situation initiated by another today. Be especially alert for material opportunities. They could come into being quite unex-

pectedly. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An idea advanced by your mate might sound a trifle outlandish, but don't be so quick to discount it today. It could turn out to be very clever upon closer evaluation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't put any limitations on your thinking or experimentation today. If you've been toying with using a new method or system where your work is concerned, give it a try.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There are indications today that you could meet someone very interesting. Should a social invitation come your way, especially involving a newcomer, jump at the chance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something important that has not been going your way could take a sharp turn for the better today. What occurs will enable you to acquire the end results you desire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If someone has been prevalent in your thoughts lately, there may be good reasons for it. Get in touch with this person today, for a pleasant development might result from the contact.

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