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Seminole High School wins twice

SANFORD — Seminole High School took two diamond wins from Lake Brantley Tuesday. The Tribe baseball team running its record to 18-0 while the softball team improved to 10-0.
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Winners in the Baptist Youth Blast games are named. Area youth enjoyed a pizza party at the revival that ends today.
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Noriega defense: Reopen case

Prosecution rebuttal witnesses have prompted Manuel Noriega's defense attorneys to ask the judge to reopen their case.
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Defendant decks defender

TAMPA — A man facing eight-year-old robbery charges asked that his trial be delayed. When the judge refused, the man decked his public defender.
"He just turned around with his left and gave him a good uppercut," court clerk Wanda Owens said of the attack Monday that left attorney Gary Welch with a cut chin, swollen nose and sore jaw.
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Woman breaks into jail

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — A homeless and hungry woman decided jail was a warm place with a full plate, so she marched to police headquarters and turned herself in for arrest.
Earlene Jones told officers she was wanted on an outstanding warrant, but they told her they couldn't arrest her because she had no identification. So she hurled a large rock through a 14-foot-tall pane of glass in City Hall.
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Toll-call fight looms

By NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Local governments will hire a lawyer to help win toll-free phone calls without a rate increase between North Seminole County and Orlando. Efforts got underway following a strategy meeting Tuesday.

The Seminole County Commission unanimously approved the spending of up to \$7,000 during a special meeting last night. The money is to be one third of what may be needed for legal fees.

Lake Mary is expected to discuss the legal expenses at the regular City Commission meeting tonight, and the Sanford City Commission is expected to discuss the matter at its regular meeting Monday night.

I consider this expense to be well worth it when you consider all our citizens stand to gain.

—Ron Rabun, Seminole County manager

Seminole County Manager Ron Rabun and County Commissioner Bob Sturm, and Dave Farr, executive director of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce.

Rabun was pleased with the County's decision. He commented, "I consider this expense to be well worth it when you consider all our citizens stand to gain if we can get these calling charges eliminated."

In Sanford, Simmons expects to bring the matter up for consideration at Monday night's Commission meeting. "It's not on the agenda," he said, "but I'll bring it up in some form during the meeting." He added, "There is a great deal of..."

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Symphony at the zoo



Joseph Scheer, first violin and concertmaster, soothes Sarval.

Symphony Safari is Saturday at the zoo

By NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — It's "Symphony Safari" day Saturday, at the Central Florida Zoological Park. The Florida Symphony Orchestra will be performing in a free concert.

The orchestra will conduct two performances at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., at the pavilion in the park in front of the zoo entrance area. Musical selections will have animal themes, with selections such as the Pink Panther Theme, and numbers from Jaws, Cats, Swan Lake and Carnival of Animals.

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The zoo's Marketing Coordinator Andrea Farmer said, "We hope to have possibly two to three thousand people on hand if the weather is good." She added, "If we have 3,000, it will be an all-time record for attendance."

In case of inclement weather, arrangements have been made to have the orchestra perform in the auditorium of the Sanford...
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Storm water fee vote Thursday

By NICK PFEIFAUF
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — A Storm water Management Utility ordinance will face its first vote by the City Commission this Thursday night. If approved, it will cost each home owner a minimum of \$36 per year.

The Storm water ordinance is based on a charge of \$3 per month, for each EDU, (equivalent drainage unit). The EDU is based on the amount of storm water that runs onto a piece of property. It also takes into consideration the amount of land covered by a structure and paved areas.

With the estimated number of land parcels in the City, the charge is expected to draw \$240,043 in total gross revenues. The amount includes slightly over \$126,000 obtained from residential units, and \$113 from Commercial properties.

Use of the money to be obtained by the City has been determined. An explanation of the ordinance says it is to "acquire, own, con-

struct, equip, operate and maintain open drainage ways, underground storm drains, treatment facilities, equipment and appurtenances necessary, useful or convenient for a complete storm water management system."

City Manager John Litton explained, "The money can only be used for take care of drainage and lake management."

The storm water utility program has been the subject of discussion for many months. It was brought up at the March 5th, City Commission meeting during discussion of the City's paving and drainage projects.

At that time, Commissioner Paul Tremel suggested the paving and drainage and storm water management project be part of a collective package. Commissioner George Duryea said, "We must look at the storm water utility project separate from the paving project."

The matter is on the agenda for this Thursday night's regular meeting of the Lake Mary City Commission, scheduled for 7 p.m., at the Lake Mary City Hall.

Retroreflectometer spots faded signs

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County traffic engineers hope a device with a long name will help reduce the \$155,000 annual price tag to replace signs throughout the county.

The \$3,665 device, called a "retroreflectometer," flashes light at a sign and measures the amount of light that returns to it, said Jon Brown, county sign and striping supervisor. The Florida Department of Transportation approved the grant for the county to buy the device two weeks ago. Brown said the county expects to receive the grant and buy the device by next month.

The device will take the guesswork out of determining whether a sign has become too faded in the Florida sunshine to be quickly readable at night, Brown said. The decision to replace a sign is purely a judgment call, he said. The replacement of a stop sign, for example, costs \$150, Brown said.

"Not too much thought goes into it," said Brown. "It either is or it's not. But if it's iffy, we change it. To replace an iffy call is a lot less expensive than the liability the county faces if there's an accident."

Sign replacement is a big-ticket item for the county. More than \$154,000 is spent yearly to replace up to 5,000 of the estimated 20,000 signs in the unincorporated areas of the county, Brown said. Signs are replaced when they become too faded, are stolen, vehicles run over them or they're vandalized.

About 3,000 of the signs are replaced each year because they have become too faded, Brown said. Signs with a potential for replacement are inspected during daylight and nighttime hours using headlights to determine if they are quickly visible.

Brown said the aluminum signs can last up to 10 years, but the adhesive sign face typically lasts no more than four years if it faces south or southwest. The county does "recycle" faded signs by stripping the face off them and repainting them, Brown said. Recycled signs are typically used in high-traffic and high-incident areas.

Cuts threaten best federal subsidy

Block grants near \$2 million

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County officials are keeping a close watch on the success of the proposal by President George Bush to cut community development block grant distributions to counties and cities by nearly 15 percent.

"It causes quite a bit of concern," Bob Sturm, chairman of the Seminole County Commission, said Tuesday. "Even in the best of times, we don't have enough money to go for all of the projects."

Buddy Balaglia, county community development planner, said the county recently received notice

from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs that the county would be eligible to receive nearly a \$1.97 million CDBG this year. That amount represents nearly a 9 percent increase above the \$1.8 million received this year.

Balaglia said the \$1.8 million represents the highest amount the county has received to date in the six years since the county started receiving the grants in 1986.

"We're not too worried about it right now," Balaglia said.

Matt Stewart, spokesman for the regional HUD office in Jacksonville, said the president's proposed reduction won't affect the \$1.97 million this year, Stewart said. Congress wants to increase the CDBG spending, so Bush's proposed cuts won't be made without a battle.
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22 area projects seeking money

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A total of 22 proposed projects amounting to \$5 million will vie for less than \$2 million in community development block grants this year.

Among the proposals, the city of Lake Mary is seeking \$612,850 to pave and drain four streets. Sanford is seeking \$200,000 to continue its housing rehabilitation program and Longwood is seeking \$75,000 to begin a housing upgrade program.

The \$1.97 million Seminole County expects to receive represents the highest amount it has received it has received during the

last six years it has participated in the federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The county received about \$1.8 million for this year. Seminole County has received about \$9.3 million since 1987.

A committee of representatives from each city and low-income area will hear the proposals next Thursday. The committee will prepare their list of recommendations April 23.

Paving and drainage projects for low-income neighborhoods continues to dominate the CDBG proposal list. The county has granted more than 52 percent of all CDBG monies to paving and drainage projects in low-income areas. This year, a total of \$3.7 million of the \$5 million in grant requests are for the

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Becoming mostly cloudy with a high near 80. Wind south at 10-15 mph.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Truck stolen

A 1972 Chevrolet pickup truck was reported stolen from 910 1/2 Park Avenue, Saturday. The truck is owned by Joseph DeFreeuw, 2202 North Lake Drive in Sanford. The vehicle's license number is listed as JUK-65-J.

Wallet taken

A wallet was taken from Michael Dantel, of 611 Park Avenue, late Friday night, near the intersection of 4th Street and Magnolia Avenue. After taking the wallet, the burglar reportedly ran from the area.

Man charged in theft

Louis William Schatt, 29, 5931 Forest Ave., Sanford, was charged with burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property by Seminole County deputies Tuesday morning.

Schatt was arrested for the Jan. 8 burglary of a Sanford home on Temple Drive according to arrest reports.

Domestic violence charged

Otis Whitaker, 2242 Water St., Midway, was charged with two counts of domestic violence Monday.

According to arrest reports, a woman told Seminole County deputies Whitaker pushed her and choked her during an argument Sunday. Another woman tried to intervene and Whitaker choked her, reports state.

Woman charged with leaving scene

Carol Lee Stevens, 33, 562 Highland St., Longwood, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident by Longwood police Monday.

According to arrest reports, a man entered a store on Charles Street and when he returned, he found his vehicle had been damaged. Following an investigation, Stevens was arrested near Orange Avenue and Grant Street.

Traffic stop yields additional charges

Mack Christopher Simpson, 25, 100 Archer's Point, Longwood, was charged with driving with a suspended license by Longwood police Monday.

Police report stopping Simpson as he drove on South Grant Street for having unsafe equipment on his auto.

Reported to Sanford police

The following crimes were reported to Sanford police Monday:

• a toolbox and a large number of tools was reported taken from a home in the 1100 block of South Park Avenue. Police reports state the burglary occurred sometime between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday.

• a television and a video tape recorder were reported taken from a Shenandoah Village apartment sometime between 12:30 and 2:55 p.m. Monday.

• a television, a microwave oven and car keys were reported taken from an apartment in the 2400 block of Cedar Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. Monday.

• a six-pack of beer and a bottle of cola were reported taken from a home in the 1200 block of Crescent Street sometime between March 1 and March 16.

• property valued in excess of \$300 was reported taken from a home in the 800 block of Scott Avenue sometime 2:30 and 4 p.m. Monday.

• an unknown amount of property was taken from a home in the 200 block of McVay Drive Monday sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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P&Z Commission to consider rezonings

By **NICK PPRIPAUF**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a meeting this Thursday night. Only three major matters are on the agenda, including two rezoning requests and consideration of a site plan. They include the following:

• 1108 W. 25th St. Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone the property from Multiple-Family Residential, MR-3, to Multiple Family Residential-Office-Institutional. The items was tabled at the March 5 meeting due to a lack of representation.
• 3530 S. Sanford Ave. Public Hearing to consider a rezoning request from Agricultural, AG, to Multiple Family Residential, MR-1. Although formal agreements with a developer have not been finalized, the 17-acre site is tentatively planned for the development of possibly 15 single family detached homes. The City Planner has recommended approval of the rezoning request.

• 730 Upsala Road. Site plan consideration for a new church building for the Sanford Christian Church. The property is presently zoned Agriculture, AG. The request was tabled during the March 5 meeting due to a lack of representation.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., in the commission chambers of the Sanford City Hall.

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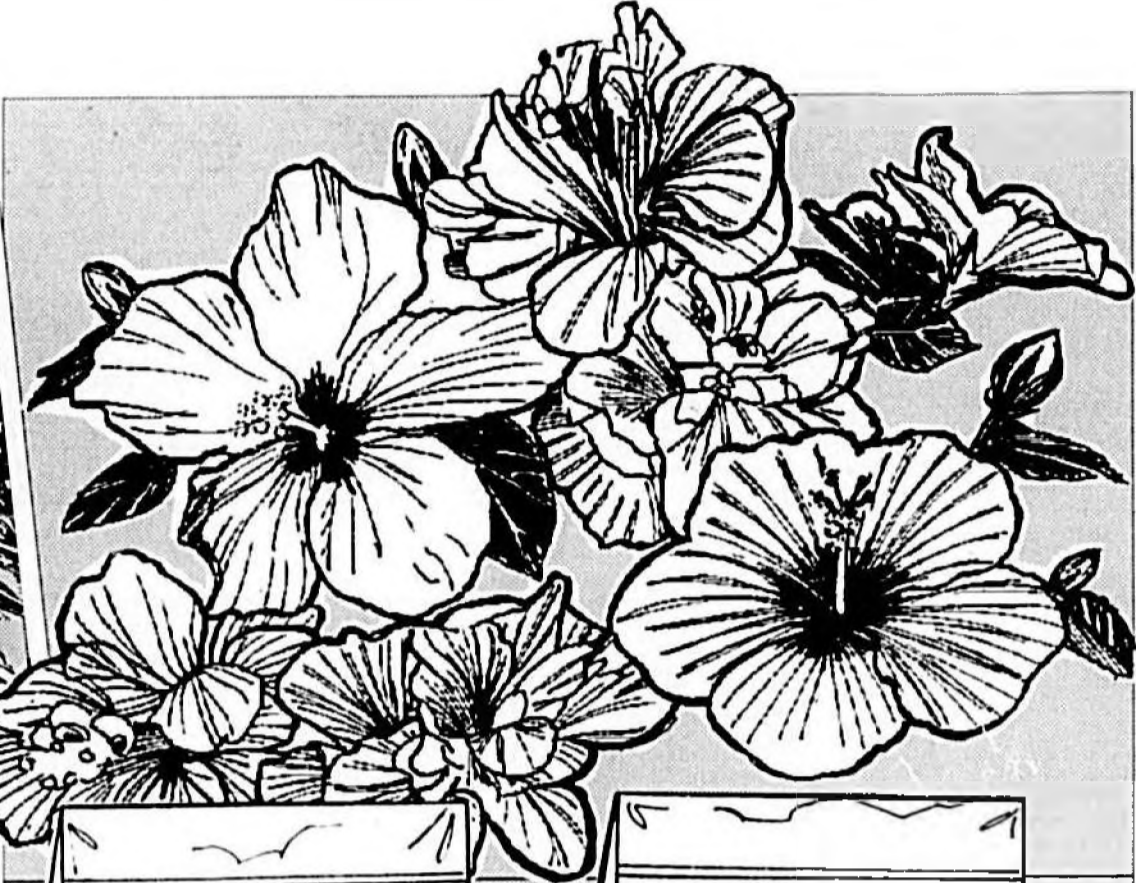


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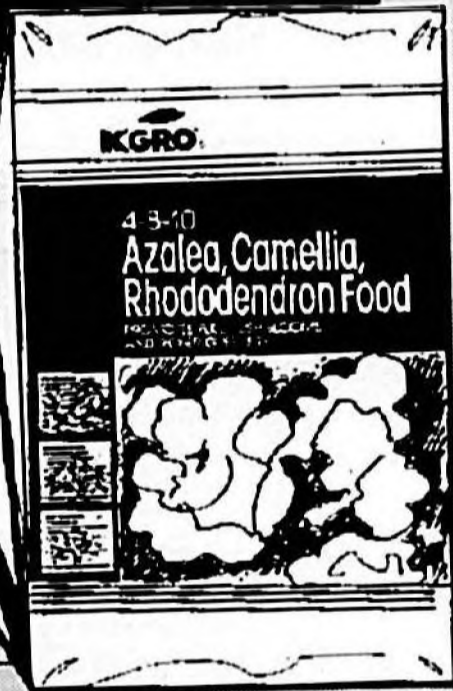
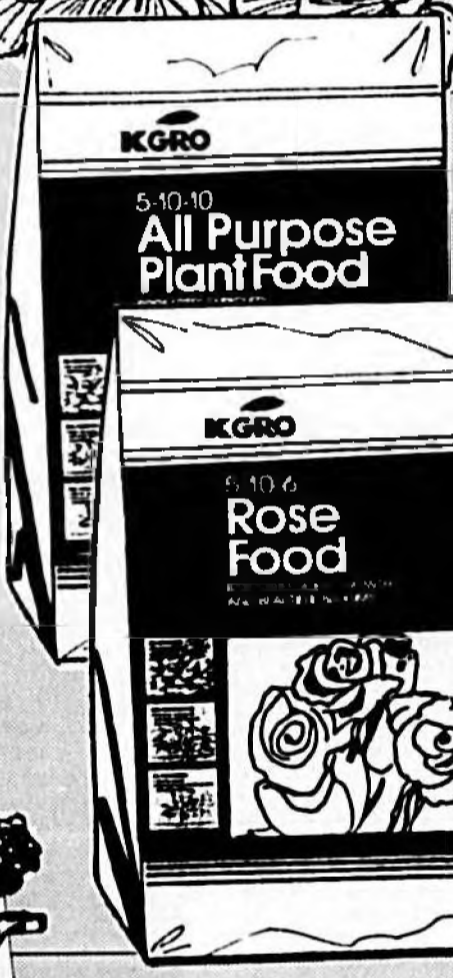
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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Knights beat Cornell

ORLANDO — Junior left-hander Jules Van Landuyt improved his personal record to 6-0 as he pitched the University of Central Florida (20-5) past Cornell 4-2 Tuesday night at the UCF Baseball Complex.
Van Landuyt allowed four hits while striking out seven. Cornell's Jamie Blattstein hit a two-run home run with one out in the first inning to account for the visitors' only runs.
UCF rightfielder Chad Mottola had three RBI, including a two-run single in the third inning. Knight relief ace Brian Huie retired the side in the ninth for his fourth save of the year.
The Knights host Massachusetts Wednesday at 7 p.m.

OCS Rams win trimatch

WINTER SPRINGS — Led by Andy Braddock's 3-over-par 39, the Orangewood Christian School Rams scored a trimatch golf victory over Trinity Preparatory and Oak Ridge Tuesday afternoon at Tusawilla Country Club.
The Rams compiled a team score of 167, three shots ahead of Trinity Prep's 169. Oak Ridge totaled a 176.
Joining Braddock were Kevin Ripaldi (40), Matt Kuchar (42) and Scott Armstrong (46). Joey Clayton (48) also competed for the Rams.
For Trinity Prep, Bill Torrey and Matt Brown both carded a 39 while Herbert Jolly shot a 45 and Nick Tiwart came in with a 46. Francois Jolly (54) also represented Trinity.
Oak Ridge's David Robinson completed the day's best round, shooting a 37. Rounding out the Pioneers' team score were Daniel Myatt (41), Mike Buchanan (49) and Eric Richards (51). Chris Hebert shot a 58 for Oak Ridge.
Orangewood Christian, 8-5, plays again on Thursday at Monastery Country Club in Orange City against DeLand and Maitland.

Knicks ran away from Magic

ORLANDO — Patrick Ewing scored 25 points and New York used a 17-6 run in the final three minutes to beat Orlando 99-86 Tuesday night.
The Knicks built a 22-point lead early in the third quarter, but allowed Orlando to battle back to 82-80 on a 3-pointer by Chris Corchiani with 5:28 remaining.
New York then scored the next nine points, including five on a 3-pointer and two free throws by Mark Jackson, during a 17-second stretch.
Anthony Bowie led the Magic with 18.

Shoot-out-tourney coming up

LONGWOOD — Applebee's of Longwood will be the site of the second annual Sport Court/Advantage Realty 3-man Shoot-out Basketball Tournament to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
The tournament will be played April 11 and 12. The entry fee is \$60, which includes an official tournament T-shirt for each player.
A shoot-off party will be held on Friday, April 10, beginning at 6 p.m. The Magic Girls are scheduled to perform and Florida's 2 WESH-TV will play MIX 105.1 FM in a media challenge. There will also be raffles, prizes and shooting contests open to the public.
For more information, contact the MDA at (407) 677-6665.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Baseball**
 Oviedo at Lake Mary, 7 p.m.
 Lake Howell at Lyman, 7 p.m.
- Junior Varsity Baseball**
 Lake Brantley at Seminole, 3:30 p.m.
- Softball**
 Lake Mary at Clermont, 4:30 p.m.
 Oviedo at Spruce Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Junior Varsity Softball**
 Eustis at Lake Mary, 4:30 p.m.
- Boys' Golf**
 Lake Brantley vs. Lake Highland Prep at Sweetwater Country Club, 3:30 p.m.
 Lyman, Lake Brantley at Dr. Phillips, 6:30 p.m.
- Boys' Tennis**
 Lyman Invitational at Lyman High School.
 Colonial at Lake Howell, 3:30 p.m.
 Lake Brantley at Boone, 2 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis**
 Lyman Invitational at Lyman High School.
 Boone at Lake Brantley, 2 p.m.
- Weightlifting**
 Seminole at Lake Howell, 3:15 p.m.
 Lake Mary at Maitland, 4 p.m.
 Lake Brantley at Oviedo, 3:30 p.m.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

BEST BETS ON TV

BASKETBALL
 7:30 p.m. — WKCF 18, Orlando Magic at Atlanta Hawks, (L)

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Tribe tops Pats twice

Baseball: Seminole wins 18th

By **BILL KERNS**
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — As one person asked Seminole High School baseball coach Mike Powers, "So, does this mean you're for real now?"

Seminole, 18-0 and ranked No. 3 in the Class 3A state poll, passed what Powers had called "the big tell-tale game" Tuesday afternoon at Seminole Field, blanking tradition-rich Lake Brantley 6-0 to complete a first half sweep of its

Seminole Athletic Conference schedule.

"We're for real," answered Powers. "We had a lot of pressure to go 5-0 in the conference. (Winning pitcher Jeremy) Churnat did a great job. The kids came up and hit well. It's fun. This is pretty exciting. The kids are excited, but they don't seem like they're getting a lot of attention. They don't show it."

Lake Brantley, now 8-5 and 2-2 in the conference, mounted only two true threats. The first two hitters reached base on an error and a walk

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Herald Photo by E. Mark Spear
Seminole High School senior Carlo White set a meet record in the shot put at the Seminole Relays Tuesday night with a throw of 35 feet, 3 3/4 inches.

'Noles take Relays by storm

By **TONY DeSORMIER**
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — Neither sleet nor snow nor rain nor gloom of night, it seems, can keep the Seminole High School boys' track team from its self-appointed rounds. It just may take them a few days to get to them.

On Tuesday night at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium, the Tribe romped through the Seminole Relays meet that had been postponed from Friday, March 6, the night that the now-legendary freak thunderstorm tore through Seminole County.

Winning 11 of 14 events, the Seminoles outscored runner-up Lake Howell 158-99. They were followed by Lyman (87), Lake Brantley (70 1/2), Oviedo (69), Oak Ridge (57) and Lake Mary (23 1/2).

New Smyrna Beach won the girls' team title with a score of 115, finishing ahead of Lake Mary (110), Seminole (104), Oviedo (93), Lyman (73) and Lake Brantley (58).

"We ran really well," said Seminole boys' coach Ken Brauman. "It's good preparation for this Saturday (when Seminole will go to Jacksonville for the Bob Hayes Invitational)."

"We won every relay we entered, which is the first time we've done

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent
Jack Niles was SCC's only player to get two hits Tuesday in a loss to St. John's.

Softball: Seminoles score upset

By **DEAN SMITH**
Herald Sports Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Everything was against Lake Brantley. On a day when Lake Howell and Oviedo had already lost home games, the Patriots had to host a much improved Seminole High School softball team wearing brand new White Sox-style black shirts on a night when there was a full moon.

And the Tribe took full advantage of the odds, scoring six runs in the

sixth inning and holding off a late charge to defeat Lake Brantley 7-5 in a Seminole Athletic Conference contest Tuesday night.

"It was the shirts," said Seminole head coach Greg Register. "We surprised the girls with them. They didn't know anything about them until tonight. But really this is a just a good group of girls. They are super to work with. This is a great win for us. It has to be the school's first win over Brantley in at least seven years."

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Herald Photo by E. Mark Spear
Seminole won 11 of 14 events Tuesday night. One of the three events not won by the Seminoles was the high jump, where the Tribe's Jesse Jones finished second.

St. John's adds to SCC's frustration

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Seminole Community College head baseball coach Jack Pantellas must be wondering what it takes to win a ball game.

Tuesday afternoon at Raider Field, SCC had a 2-0 lead as Lake Mary graduate Curt Prom had allowed only two hits and five base runners through seven innings.

But visiting St. John's River Community College came up with two runs on three hits in the eighth inning and then used a double, a sacrifice bunt and a ground out in the ninth inning against Prom and Lake Howell graduate Dwayne Clark to defeat the Raiders 3-2 in a Mid-Florida Conference contest.

"I'm tired of losing," said Pantellas. "We haven't played a game this year that the other team was better than us. We can pitch and play defense with anyone, but for some reason, we're just not scoring any runs."

SCC's only runs came in the fourth when Jack Niles

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Lake Mary, Lyman lead SAC at halfway point

Deeb, Rams blank Lions

By **TONY DeSORMIER**
Herald Sports Editor

OVIDO — Playing efficiently if somewhat unemotionally, the Lake Mary Rams posted a business-like 1-0 victory over the Oviedo Lions in a Seminole Athletic Conference varsity softball contest played Tuesday afternoon at Red Bug Lake Park.

Winning pitcher Tiffany Deeb gave up just two hits, only one of which left the infield, and walked

one batter in shutting out the Lions as Lake Mary improved to 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Oviedo drops to 3-9, 1-4.

Now midway through the SAC schedule, Lake Mary and Lyman are tied for first with 4-1 marks while Lake Howell is third at 3-2. That trio is followed by Lake Brantley (2-3), Oviedo and Seminole (0-5 in the SAC).

The only run in Tuesday's game scored on a pair of Lion miscues.

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Greyhounds edge Hawks

By **DEAN SMITH**
Herald Sports Writer

WINTER PARK — Lyman High School is quickly proving itself to be a threat for the Seminole Athletic Conference softball championship this year.

Tuesday afternoon at Eunice Smith Field, the Greyhounds set the tone for the game right away as Carrie Scranton ripped a three-run home run in the top of the first inning and then withstood a furious

seventh inning comeback effort by Lake Howell to post an 8-7 victory.

The win raised Lyman's record to 7-3 overall, 4-1 in the conference, good for a share of the lead with Lake Mary halfway through the SAC schedule.

The loss drops the Silver Hawks to 8-3, 3-2 in the SAC.

"This was big win for us," said an elated Lyman head coach Christy

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WEDNESDAY'S PRIME TIME

Table with TV listings for various channels (2, 5, 9, 10, 23, 35, 37, 38, 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100) and times (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30).

For 24-hour TV listings, see LEISURE magazine of Friday, Mar. 13.

Woman's head, heart do battle over married man

DEAR ABBY: I am 21, and my boyfriend is 40 and married. I am trying to decide what to do about this relationship. The age difference is not the problem. My mother and others close to me tell me that this is an unhealthy relationship ("once a cheater, always a cheater"), and I should break it off. Half of the time, I think they're right because being in love with a married man has me sneaking around like a criminal. Then there are times when our love is so beautiful, it's worth all the pain I go through, and all the thoughts of breaking up go right out the window.



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He tells me he loves me and he will marry me once he gets everything straightened out? Should I keep on seeing him and hoping for the best, or break it off now and tell him to get in touch with me when he can make a commitment? I realize that only I can make that decision, but your advice would help me immensely. IN LOVE, BUT CONFUSED DEAR IN LOVE: You have answered your own question: Break it off now and tell him to get in touch with you if and when he is able to make a commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I recently spent four days with my daughter, son-in-law and baby granddaughter, 11 months old, who live in another state. Maybe I'm behind the times, but I would like your opinion of the follow-

ing: My son-in-law works until 11 each night, and my daughter feels that the baby should be kept up until Daddy comes home so they can have some "quality time together." Translated, I believe that means that they want to sleep late mornings and not be awakened by a hungry baby at 6 or 7 a.m.

The baby wakes up about 8:30 a.m., is given a bottle and put back in her crib until 10 or 11 a.m. She is then bathed, dressed and fed breakfast at noon. She has a little afternoon nap. Lunch is fed to her around 5:30 or 6 p.m. She then takes a nap until 8:30 or 9 p.m. She is then awakened, fed supper, plays until her daddy comes home, and is put to bed for the night between 11 p.m. and midnight.

The baby also suffers from non-stop colds. Other than this situation, I can't find any criticism. She is adored by both parents and I'm sure will never be abused. However, I don't believe her present eat-

ing/sleeping pattern is healthy for her. How do you feel about this? My feelings will not be hurt if you tell me it's none of my business. Please be honest. NERVOUS NANA

DEAR NERVOUS NANA: Thank you for telling me that your feelings will not be hurt if I tell you it's none of your business — because it isn't. However, the night schedule may be convenient now, but the baby may have some trouble adjusting to a day schedule when it's time for pre-school or kindergarten.

DEAR ABBY: I own a retail service business. Lately, I have noticed that many elderly people who call us to order merchandise won't give their credit card number over the telephone.

Abby, they have confused this credit card fraud issue. Will you please remind them that if they call the merchant, it is all right to give their credit card number over the phone, but if a stranger calls them soliciting business and asks for their credit card number, they should not give it. A RETAILER, MEDINA, OHIO

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Tart gives new meaning to cleaning dinner plate

By AILEEN CLAIR NEA Food Editor

Eating one's dinner plate, as some Japanese inventors say is on the horizon, seems startling and amusing to us in the 1990s.

However, like so many trendy "innovations," this will be nothing new. At one time in France, families would eat their dinner and then their dinner plate, which was made of bread or dinner rolls. Later, their "tarte" or "tart" plates were made especially to be filled with custard, fruit, meat, fish, poultry or vegetables and served as tarts or tartlets. Usually, they were minus a top crust.

An easy tart to make combines several cheeses and is topped with tomatoes, a la pizza-style in look and flavor. It dresses up parties for all ages and will get cheers from the youngsters.

- CHEESY TOMATO TART 1 cup ricotta 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded 1 cup mozzarella, shredded 2 eggs, beaten well 1 teaspoon dried basil 1 teaspoon dried oregano 1/2 teaspoon onion powder 1 clove garlic, crushed 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 ready-crust graham cracker

plecium 2 medium ripe tomatoes, sliced 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

In a mixing bowl, combine first 10 ingredients. Spoon half the cheese mixture into the pie shell. Top with half the tomato slices. Repeat with remaining cheese and tomatoes. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake in a pre-

heated 350-degree oven 30-35 minutes, or until set. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 8 servings.

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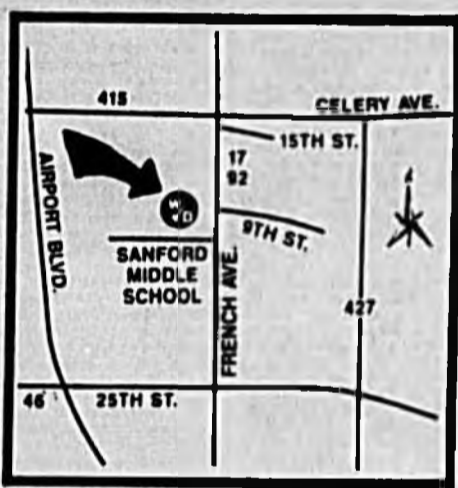


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Leslie Key shows off entranceway of the home she and Rick Maryanski are remodeling in Old Sanford. See story, Page 2.

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Remodeling their 'labor of love'

By LACY DOMEN
Herald People Editor

SANFORD — Buying an old house to remodel in the Historic District of Sanford is like having a baby, proponents will say. It's a labor of love. You really have to want one. It hurts. It's costly and takes time to do it right. It's part of you. There's nothing like it. It's a very moving experience.

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," Rick Maryanski and Leslie Key say of their stately mansion at 1900 Magnolia Ave.

"I always wanted an older house, but I'll admit, I thought we'd be done with all the work in 60 days," Maryanski says. The couple bought the 3,500 square foot home almost a year ago. They've been restoring ever since, doing some of the work themselves and contracting for some of the work. Maryanski estimates they have spent about \$150,000 in renovations alone so far, about half of what he predicts will be spent.

Does he think he and Key can recoup their original investment?

"Not in this lifetime. Maybe my grandkids will break even," he jokes.

Like most historic home dwellers, Maryanski and Key aren't in it for the profit.

They're in it because many new homes and condominiums are functional but a little bland. An old home is usually full of character.

"When you find a home like this it's like a gem in the rough. You polish it and it becomes beautiful right before

your eyes," Key explains.

Maryanski, former city planner for Beverly Hills who now owns an interior landscaping company, and Key, former owner of a marketing agency and now a model and actress, have redone the kitchen and bathrooms, installing marble throughout. They have turned a storage area into a butler's residence, in which their full-time butler, Peter Daniels, from Trinidad, now lives.

"It's wonderful to be able to have him around to take care of us," Key says. "He's even helping with the renovation."

They have pried loose layers of linoleum stuck with gooey glue to quarry tile floors.

"We tried all sorts of things to get the glue off the tiles without ruining them. That was a job!" Key says.

Oak floors with mahogany inlays have been stripped and polished until they once again gleam.

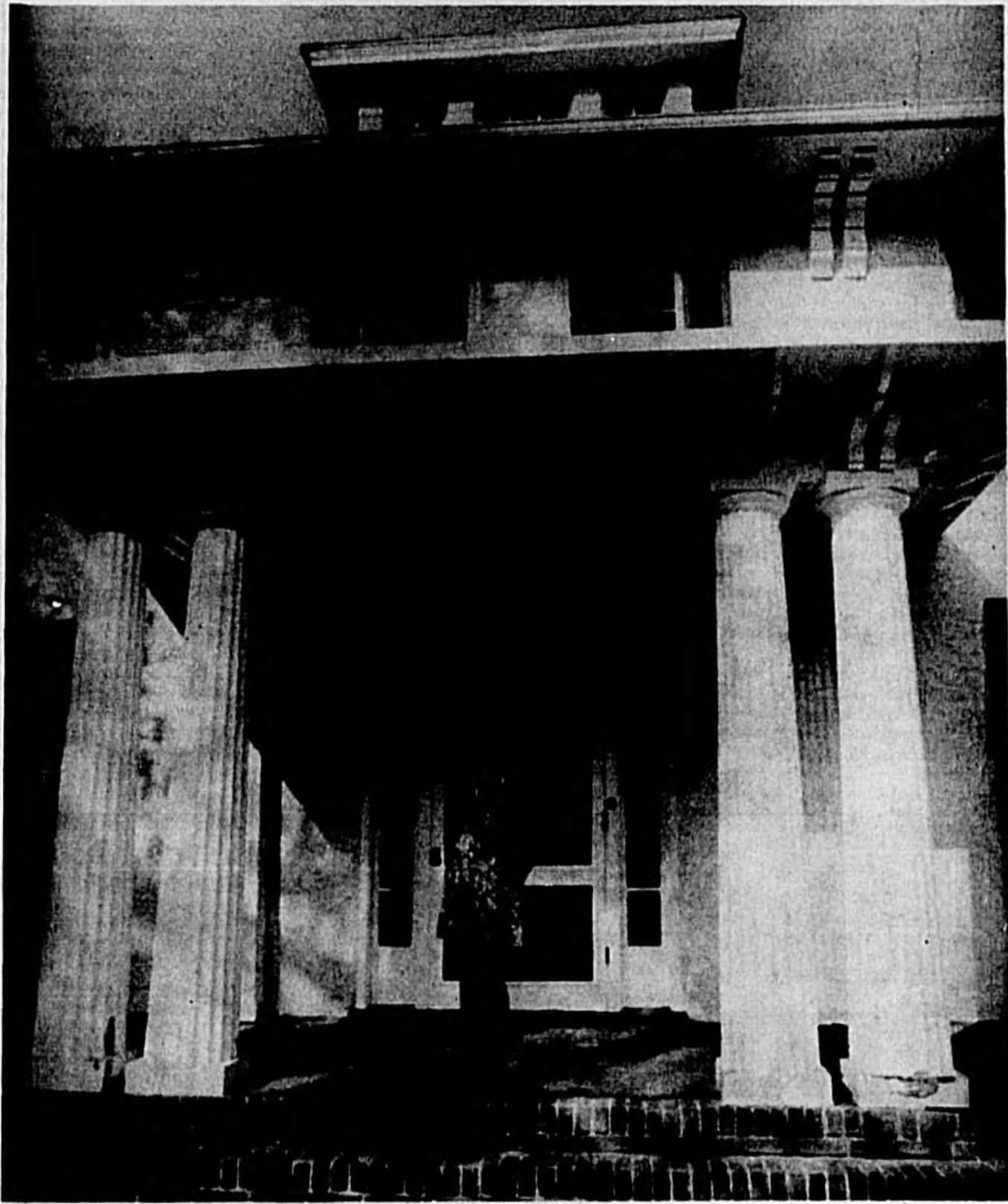
Pocket doors glide effortlessly into walls a foot thick.

"Structurally this house is made very well," Key says.

A pool, fish pond and exotic landscaping have been added.

The pink stucco home was built in 1924 by the Hills, who were lumber barons. Maryanski, a widower, says his family is only the second family to own the property. He and Key, along with Maryanski's children, Laura, 19, and Erik, 21, searched for an old house in Winter Park, College Park, DeLand and downtown Orlando, but for the value, they chose

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Leslie Key outside the entrance to the home in Old Sanford that is taking a while to remodel.

Beginners: start with enthusiasm and build experience

By BARBARA MAYER
Ap Newsfeatures

There's no substitute for experience with do-it-yourself remodeling projects. Still, everyone has to start somewhere, and with enthusiasm and some courage, a novice can tackle many projects.

"If you can swing a hammer, you can do framing, roofing and put in windows," says Roger Bennett, an architect who rebuilt a house from the ground up. "You're not only saving money, you're also getting involved and getting into

shape. I regained muscles that I thought had disappeared in a year of building my own house."

Most people can paint and handle landscaping projects. If they can't or don't want to do physical labor, they can shop for the best prices and products, he adds.

Smaller jobs are well within the ability of people with the inclination, says Michael Morris, editor of Home Mechanix magazine, who built his own house.

"There are lots of pretty good books on the

market that provide information. If you read several, you'll get the picture. I worked from professional books, such as a carpentry textbook for apprentice carpenters. It goes through all the steps of construction in a straightforward way. I have a couple of books that give advice on how to be your own contractor and how to work with codes."

You don't have to be a skilled practitioner to take on some or all your own work and to act as your own contractor, but you have to understand

the plumber's and electrician's questions, both say.

"Most of the people who are successful at building their own houses are people with some background in house construction to begin with. The job requires your attention every single day, and there are always snags. You can begin to feel very tired and defeated by some of these problems which most people who build with a contractor don't see."

Those who want to build their own house,

but not entirely alone, can hire a construction manager, adds Morris. The construction manager is on-site as the owner's agent, supervising on a day-to-day basis. His degree of responsibility is less than a contractor's and he typically earns 15 percent profit to the contractor's 25 percent. These days many contractors will provide the service at a lower cost.

Even if you're hiring a construction manager or a contractor, you can take on some tasks that will make the job a better

one. Do basic research on what products and techniques are available.

"Research is anything from asking others what they have used in the circumstances to making on-site comparisons at lumber yards and building centers. Magazines such as my own regularly show and describe good new products and techniques," says Morris.



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Tips on how you can save money

By **BARBARA MAYER**
AP Newsfeatures

Like any building skill, saving money on home remodeling projects is a technique that improves with practice. Here are some tips from Roger Bennett and Michael Morris, both experienced do-it-yourselfers:

● Shop around for the best prices.

"My wife didn't swing a hammer, but she spent many hours shopping around for materials, which added up to considerable financial benefits for us," says Bennett.

"Prices for most building materials fluctuate from month to month, so you have to be alert to cut the best deal," says Morris. People have

learned to get three bids when seeking a contractor. "It's the same thing when it comes to buying materials."

Lately, he adds, materials prices have been fluctuating downward because of a building recession. Don't wait to see an ad for a good price. You may, but if you don't, telephone or go in person.

● In a down economy, watch for going-out-of-business sales.

Morris profited when a local lumberyard went out of business by buying and stockpiling lumber at very good price. When you do find a good price, try to lock it in even if you aren't ready to take delivery. He used this ploy to get his roof shingles.

● Negotiate better deals with sup-

pliers and contractors.

After you've gotten an estimate from a contractor, ask what you can do yourself to cut the price. By taking on the time-consuming process of securing permits, as the Morris did, you may be able to lower the cost.

● Shop around for bank financing.

Even in hard times, a bank is in business to make loans, says Morris. Bank terms vary, so shop around.

● Buy used components for your project.

"So much second-hand material is still good. New doors are selling for \$50 to \$150. I bought old ones for \$15 at a house wrecker's. I've got six-panel, two-panel and four-panel doors but it doesn't matter. They don't seem

to clash," says Bennett.

Construction steel, hardware and plumbing fixtures are also available used at great savings, he adds. A steel I-beam cost \$50 used, instead of hundreds of dollars new. Some fixtures, however, have been improved recently, so new ones are preferable. Toilet design has improved considerably and they aren't that expensive, he says.

● Look for problems sites.

These days, the land may be one of the most costly expenses for a new house. "I suggest sites that are rocky or wet. Both are problems for builders and so are often left over after the more buildable parcels are taken.

Look before you leap into a pool-building venture

By **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — A swimming pool can add pleasure and value to your home, but don't just dive in.

Be realistic about how you'll use the pool before making this major investment, advises the National Spa and Pool Institute. Do you want to have a place to entertain? For children to play? For

an exercise regimen? The organization has advice on picking the right kind of pool:

● Frolicking. For splashing a playing in shallow water, you need only a minimum depth of 3 feet for your pool, but the average depth will run between a uniform 4 or 5 feet.

● Lap swimming. Serious swimmers need a depth of at least 3½ to 4

feet so they don't touch bottom while swimming and can safely turn at each end. This type of pool will have parallel ends and be straight and long. Width is less critical; some pools are wide enough for only one swimmer.

● Diving. Your pool must have adequate depth, width and length for safe diving. A pool professional can help you

figure the proper dimensions based on NSPI standards. Strictly prohibit diving in your pool if it doesn't meet these standards.

● Exercising. One alternative to lap swimming if your space is limited is a jetted pool, 8 to 12 feet long. Jets produce currents to let you swim in place. Callisthenics or water exercises usually require


water 3 to 5 feet deep. — How many? Besides your family members, who else will be using the pool? Consider parties, neighbors and other visitors in planning the uses, size and accessories for the pool.

● Size. Figure about 40 square feet of surface for each swimmer, and 100 square feet for the diver. NSPI says that a pool measuring at least 16 by

32 feet, with a deep end for diving, is needed for a full range of swimming. That pool will provide comfortable space for 11 or 12 swimmers. If you also want a play area as well, consider an L-shaped design.

● Energy use. The larger the pool, the greater the energy demands from operating equipment.

● Cost.





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Here's how to avoid the gardening pains

Hours of gardening often leave muscles backs and arms stiff and sore. There are, however, many things gardeners can do to minimize the aches and pains of gardening.

One way is to use the appropriate tools to do the job. If you're planting large quantities of plants, use a shovel or spade. If you're planting only a few bulbs, a trowel will do. Don't use a heavy sprayer if you have only a few bushes or plants to spray. A small container with a hand trigger will do.

Reading seed catalogs during the winter months is informative but it won't keep you in shape for gardening. Walking, swimming and other sports are recommended to keep you fit all year round. When spring finally arrives, get back into gardening slowly. Don't try to put in a full day right off.

Knee pads can be helpful to prevent aching knees caused by too much kneeling. These can be purchased or made at home from scrap foam rubber. Raised flowerbeds or hanging gardens can also help eliminate this problem.

Garden centers and garden supply catalogs offer adaptive tools that make gardening possible for the elderly and handicapped. Wood or aluminum handles can extend the length of standard shovels, hoes or cultivators. Low folding chairs and stools enable gardeners to sit while weeding or hoeing.

A good attitude toward gardening may also contribute to pain or painlessness. To keep a positive attitude, only take on chores you can complete, then go on to something else.

Flowers improve a home

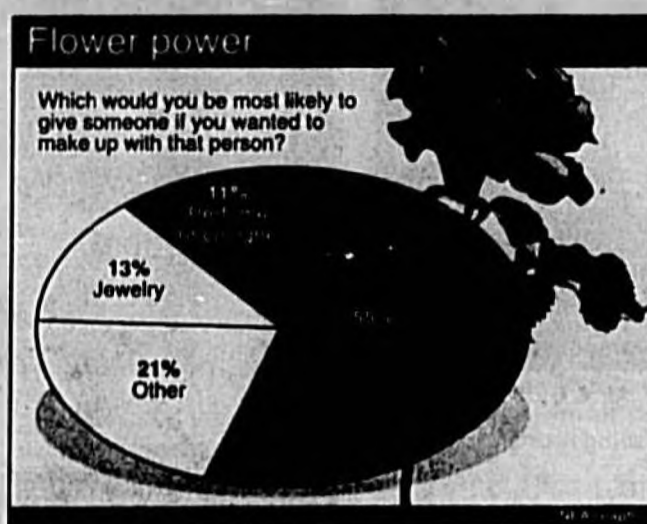
There are three elements necessary to ensure you have the best-looking flowers on your block. The first is to choose the annuals or perennials that thrive in the conditions you have, whether it's shade or sun, moist or dry soil.

The second is your planting technique. Take great care at planting time because properly planted flowers perform much better than those that are set in the ground incorrectly. Some tips on proper planting are:

- Water your seedlings thoroughly several hours before setting them into their permanent locations. The ground should be damp but not wet. The best way to achieve this is to water the area the day before planting.

- Gently squeeze the bottoms of plastic cell packs to remove the seedling. Or, if you're using flats pull the plants apart carefully.

- Space the plants as recommended on the label. Crowded plants don't usually grow well, and they are also more subject to disease —



Roses may have thorns, but most people believe flowers have the power to heal wounds: Over half of those surveyed said they would give flowers if they wanted to make up with someone. Jewelry ran a distant second.

especially fungi. Proper spacing doesn't mean your plants have to be placed in perfectly straight rows. Be creative.

- The plants will adapt to their home more quickly if they are replanted at the same level they were grown before. You should then firm the soil around the stem and water gently but thoroughly.

- If you have time to plant in the evening or on an overcast day, your

plants will benefit from doing so. This gives the plants a chance to adjust to their new homes without being forced to face the drying sun.

- If the weather is too warm, you should provide some shading from the sun for the first few days. You'll also need to water lightly every day because the root systems are still immature and require moisture quite frequently.

- Mulching the flowers with about two inches

of organic matter after planting helps to eliminate most weeds and also keeps moisture in the soil.

The third key element in growing successful flowers is water and food. Water and food can mean the difference between good flowers and great flowers. Water weekly if rainfall falls below an inch accumulation. Always water at ground level since some plants (such as dahlias and zinnias) develop mildew on the foliage when wet.

Fertilizer can also help make your flowers more beautiful. Work some granular fertilizer into the soil before planting. Then feed your annuals once or twice a month from then on. Commercial fertilizer which is sold in a bag or box lasts longer in the soil than liquid fertilizers. Liquids, however, are easier to use.

If you do choose to use a liquid fertilizer, apply it every two weeks. Granular fertilizer should be applied at soil level once a month.

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"We like to travel and I just didn't want to put all my eggs in one basket by paying more for a home that wasn't any nicer," Maryanski says.

The couple will combine antiques from both families as they begin decorating in a traditional theme.

Wall treatment, curtains and furniture are the next major expenditures, and Key is excited.

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The home contains a dressing room.

heart and soul into when remodeling. It will be home for a long time," Key says.



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Do-it-yourselfers should remember three basic rules if they are thinking about refinishing a piece of furniture — sanding, sanding and sanding.

"Most, if not all do-it-yourselfers want to showcase their finished piece of furniture," said Susan Black, merchandise manager of the consumer products division of Norton Co. "To arrive at this craftsman-like look takes time, patience, conscientious attention to detail — and a lot of sanding."

Paramount in the process for most refinishing projects is removing the existing surface material to properly prepare the wood for a new finish, she said.

"Removal of old paint

layers will prevent chipping of the new finish and will enhance any detail work on the furniture," said Black. "Of course, removal of all the existing surface material is a must if the furniture is going to be varnished, stained or lacquered."

In addition, she said, all scratch patterns or swirl marks have to be smoothed out, since lacquer, varnish, stain and polyurethane finishes can magnify imperfections.

Black also advised sanding between applications of varnish, stain and lacquer as well as between coats of paint for better adhesion of one layer to the other and for a smoother, richer finish:

To achieve the best results, sanding should always be done in the direction of the grain in long, straight, narrow, smooth strokes. Short rotational or jerky strokes can cause scratch patterns and swirl marks.

When sanding end grain, or when it's impossible to avoid sanding against the grain, use sandpaper that is one grit finer than usual if stain is to be applied.

For maximum use of an abrasive sheet in hand sanding, wrap it around a rubber sanding block or straight-edge wood block.

Sanding by hand will better retain detail work and contours but on flat surfaces, power sanding is faster and less tiring.

The power tool should be light and easy to control, such as an oscillating sander, palm sander, small portable belt sander or disc sander.

A firm rather than heavy hand is needed for power sanding. Leaning into the machine or applying excess pressure can result in deep depressions in the wood.

Flexing the sandpaper before using it will allow creases to be made in the paper for sanding into grooves, carvings or other sharp recesses. This is done by pulling the paper, grain side up, once or twice over a sharp edge.

A strip of sandpaper folded over the edge of a chisel or screwdriver will help in sanding hard-to-reach areas.

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Remodelers savor higher value

By LACY DOMEN
Herald People Editor

LAKE MARY — Homeowners in Lake Mary don't think twice when adding rooms, digging pools or adding hot tubs. They know they'll get their investment back because Lake Mary property value continues to rise.

"No doubt about it. We'll more than get the value of the family room," Web Halvorsen said of the home in which he and his wife, Marion Kolb, live.

Work is still being done on the 14 by 10-foot family room the couple decided to add to their manufactured home in the Forest. Kolb bought the home six years ago. She and Halvorsen were married just two years ago. The couple found that what was cozy for one was a little small for two people. They enclosed a carport to make the family room. Estimated value on the building permit is \$8,600. A contractor is

"My property has already gone up in value since I finished this last project."

-Don Wheatley

completing the job.

"We needed more room. I didn't want to do it," Halvorsen joked, admitting that major construction can be a little inconvenient when it surrounds you.

But he and Kolb are pleased with the outcome.

"It's nice. The place is bigger," he said. "It was definitely worth it."

And the couple's investment is secure in a stable market, Lake Mary.

Don Wheatley agrees.

"My property has already gone up in value since I finished this last project," he said.

Wheatley and his son Russell help each other with remodeling projects on their respective

site-built homes. The senior Wheatley's most recent addition is an enclosed carport with sliding glass doors, bay windows and a hot tub.

"I sat the hot tub in the carport and decided to build around it. We closed it in and built a new carport. My son and I did it all, every bit," Wheatley proudly said. "It was a job!"

Wheatley said Russell, who owns an older home in Lake Mary, has done extensive renovation to his property.

"My son has already built one big room on his house and added a screened porch," Wheatley explained.

"I'm not done. I have lots of projects!" Russell said.

One interesting wall treatment Russell has used is based on the idea of paneling. But instead of sheets of fiberboard printed to look like wood, Russell used the real thing.

"He made a paneled wall with two-by-fours."

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Don Wheatley enclosed his home's carport with help from son Russell.

Sweat equity makes it worthwhile

ATLANTA — "When somebody says something can't be done, I want to do it," says homeowner Richard Zollars.

Although he says his home renovation skills were elementary in 1989, when he bought a large three-story "handyman's special" in Atlanta, he didn't hesitate to tackle most of the renovations himself.

The house needed a new roof, rewiring, replumbing and kitchen remodeling, among other things, but its location, view and architectural charm sold him.

"This house was on the market for \$289,000 in a neighborhood of houses that sell routinely for \$300,000 to \$400,000 and up," he recalls. "I knew that even though it needed a lot of work, it was a worthwhile investment."

He started by getting estimates on the house which were "frightening." One he vividly recalls was for \$150,000. He recently estimated he has spent an additional \$31,000, plus his time and labor on the 4,400-square foot house.

Now, three years later, the outside of the house

doesn't look too different from the past, but the inside has been totally reworked.

Today, the main floor includes an entrance hall and foyer, a 32-foot living room, the kitchen, a family room which he will soon convert into a dining room, and a bedroom which he plans to make into a den. On the top floor, there are now three bedrooms, a large bath and a deck. The bottom level contains an apartment which accommodates guests.

Over the years, Zollars has repaired structural beams, put on a new roof, gutted rooms and rebuilt them, installed plumbing fixtures, laid new ceramic tile, hung cabinets, painted, and put in a prefabricated fireplace. He has also added a 2,200-square foot deck, including a hot tub and a custom railing of his own design. He even created and installed his own stained glass window for the kitchen.

Though a novice, his approach was methodical. After buying the house, he spent more than a year planning his first project on paper and getting estimates and

samples of materials. By the time he began demolition, he knew exactly what he was going to do and selected all his materials.

"The first time I tore out a wall, I had visions of the whole house falling down," he says. "I no longer have the fear and kind of look forward to ripping things out."

He used home decorating and building magazines for ideas and also visited new homes to see what types of materials were being used.

"I started with the kitchen, which was the biggest eyesore. The water pressure was bad and the appliances beyond repair."

After completing that project, he turned the unfinished basement into a one-bedroom apartment and moved into the finished space while he redid the rest of the house. It wasn't the most comfortable arrangement, but it made the best use of his limited time, since he continued his full-time work as a developer of software for travel agencies and corporate travel departments.

For plumbing and electrical work, he hired

licensed professionals and worked along with them to learn what they were doing.

He attended two ceramic tiling workshops at a branch of the Home Depot chain. He selected tiles that would be relatively easy to install and worked slowly, being careful to quit before he got too tired.

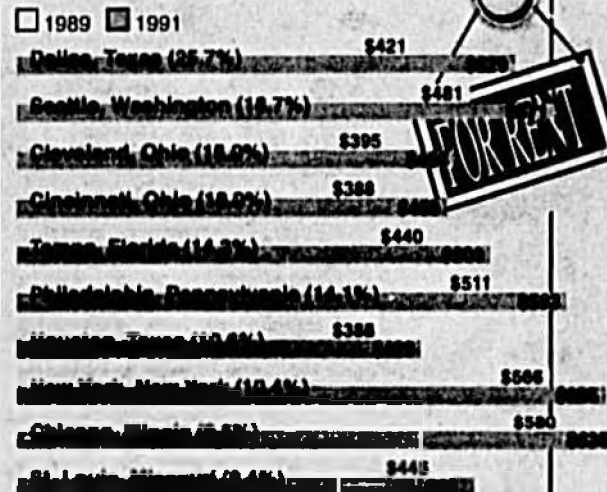
"I found out that with the right tools and a little patience I could do it," he says. "I bought myself the standard household tools like hammers and drills when I got started. As I got more involved, I bought a small table saw to cut dimensional lumber, waiting until it went on sale."

Zollars gained confidence as he went along, and with the help of friends tackled jobs that might seem beyond the amateur.

For example, when he ripped off the existing roof he found a lot of structural members had rotted. "I talked to the people at Home Depot about what to do, bought the structural beams, and friends helped me replace the rotten ones. Then we put on shingles."

Rents on the rise

Fair-market* rents for two-bedroom units, for 10 metropolitan areas, 1989 and 1991. (Percent change)



* Fair-market rent is the rental price for an adequate two-bedroom apartment in a city as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rent or buy: check water

If you're buying a new home or moving into a new apartment to rent, it helps if the walls and carpet suit your taste, but today's consumers are looking beyond furnishings to some features that can affect their health — like water quality.

A recent report by the National Wildlife Federation found that 101,000 violations by public water systems

occurred in one year. As a result, many consumers are taking a hard look at what they can do to ensure clean drinking water.

If the purity of the water comes into question, you should have the tap water analyzed by a reputable laboratory to learn whether contaminants are present and what can be done about them.

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He polished the boards down and varnished them. It's something I've never seen," Wheatley said.

Wheatley said something he has seen is the increased value derived from improving property. Fifteen years ago, he said, he paid \$36,000 for his home. A recent professional appraisal valued the home at over \$90,000.

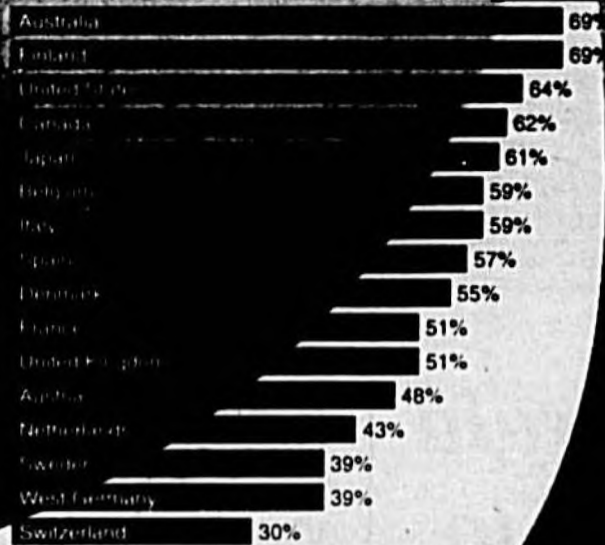
"I'm very pleased. The appreciation almost pays my mortgage payment," he said.

In fact, Wheatley is so pleased with his home improvement projects and with Lake Mary as a location, he recently pulled his home off the market.

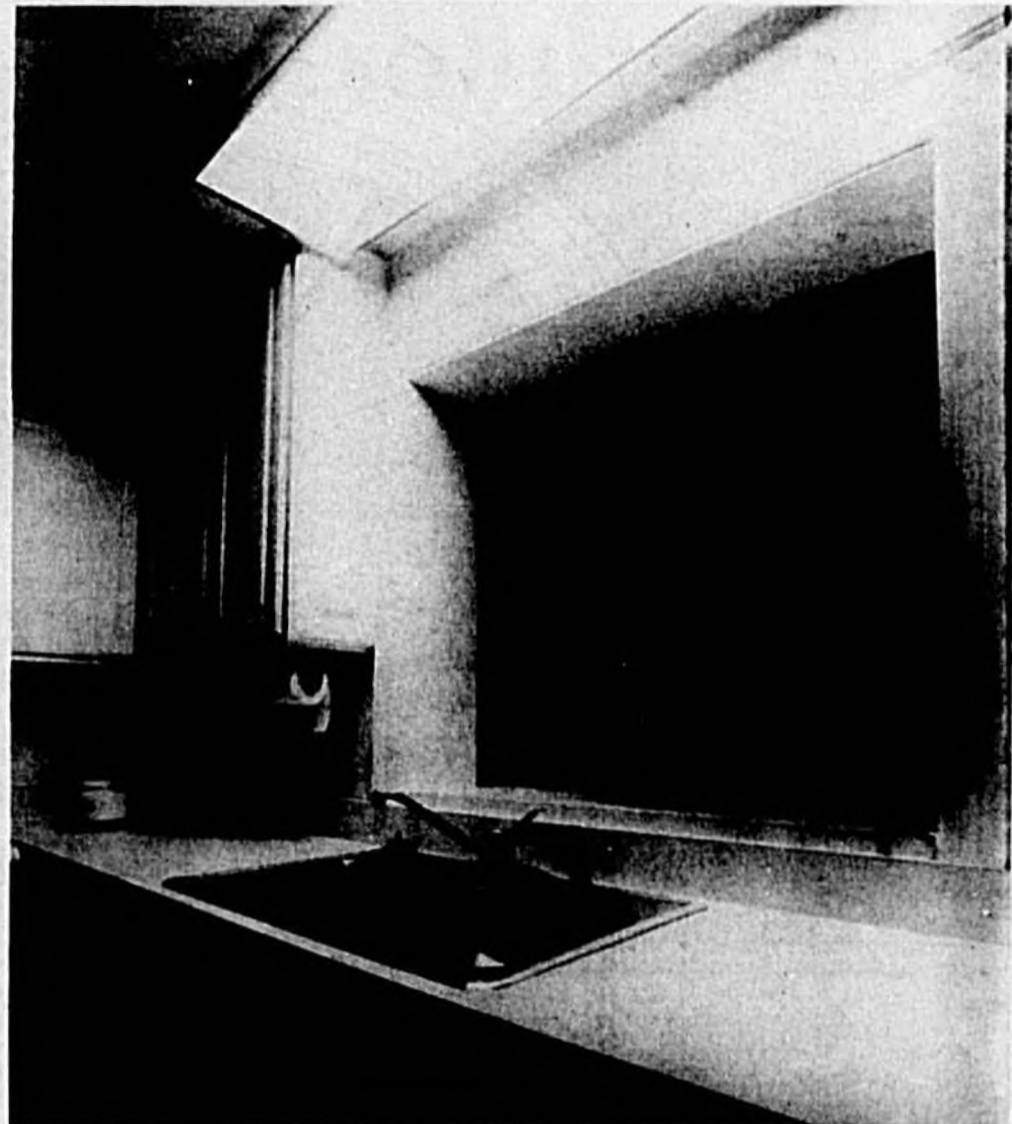
"I decided not to sell. I decided to stay," he said.

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Percentage of households that own their own homes in selected industrialized countries.



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Don's son Russell remodeled his own home, too, with his Dad's help.

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Insulation facts better than myths

Homeowners who want to save money and increase their home's energy efficiency need to know the facts — not the myths — about home insulation, an industry expert says.

"To get maximum cost and comfort benefits, it is important that homeowners have a good sense of the facts before they begin," said Frank Glover, of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., a manufacturer of insulation material.

Glover cited the 10 most common myths about home insulation:

1. "When insulating an attic, it is necessary to insulate the attic floor, roof and walls."

It is only necessary to insulate the walls and roof if you are working with a finished attic that is going to be used for a living space, said Glover. If you're not planning to use the area for living space, it is only necessary to insulate the floor, which will reduce heat loss in the winter.

2. "A vapor barrier is all that's needed to prevent condensation in the attic."

Proper ventilation also is essential to prevent condensation, said Glover. Eave vents — openings at the roof overhang — combined with a ridge vent or roof vents are effective in creating air movement out of the attic.

3. "Insulation effectiveness is measured in inches."

Different types of insulation require dif-

ferent thicknesses, but their effectiveness is measured in R-values, or resistance to heat flow. Tiny air pockets trapped in insulating material resist the passage of heat — heat gain in summer, heat loss in colder seasons.

4. "Insulation is only needed in the attic."

Other areas of the home should be insulated as well to maximize energy efficiency: basement walls, floors above unheated crawl spaces, masonry walls in heated crawl spaces and walls between heated and unheated areas, such as a garage wall or un-insulated exterior wall.

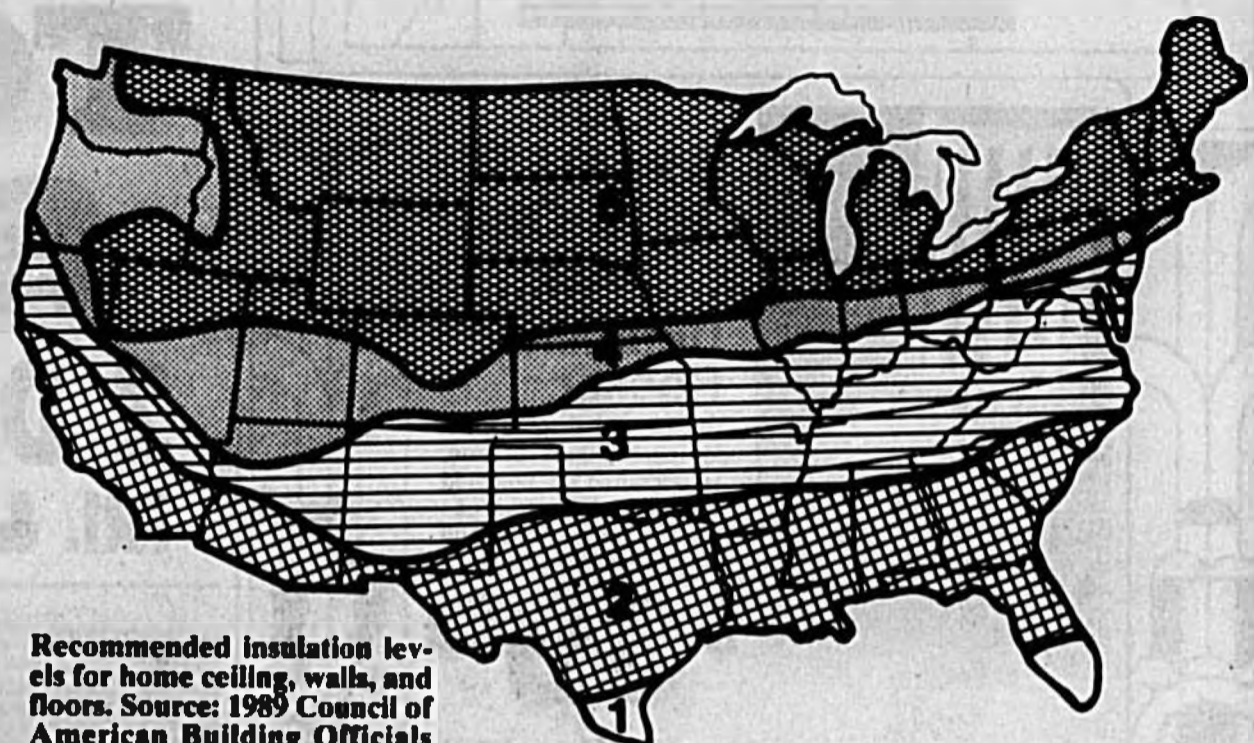
5. "Insulation is effective only in winter."

Insulation is effective in reducing heating bills, but it can be just as effective in reducing air conditioning costs. The main concern is heat: Whenever there is a temperature difference between the inside and the outside, there will be heat flow.

Insulation keeps summer heat from entering which helps the inside stay cool; it keeps the house warm in winter by reducing the escape of interior heat.

6. "There are no longer any government financial incentives to make energy-saving home improvements."

Even though government incentives have ended, utility companies in at least 16 states offer rebates,



Recommended insulation levels for home ceiling, walls, and floors. Source: 1989 Council of American Building Officials Model Energy Code.

Zone	Ceiling Insulation R-Value	Wall Insulation R-Value	Floor Insulation R-Value
1	R-19	R-11	R-11
2	R-30	R-19	R-11
3	R-38	R-19	R-13
4	R-38	R-19	R-19
5	R-49	R-19	R-25

cash grants or low- or no-interest consumer loans for home energy improvements. Many utilities also conduct free or low-cost home energy audits and help pay for recommended changes.

7. "All homes today are energy efficient."

Americans spend an estimated \$100 billion annually on household energy, or \$1,100 per household. The Department of Energy estimates that 50 percent to 70 percent

of this energy is for heating and cooling. But most existing homes are not insulated to recommended levels.

8. "Insulation has very few other applications, aside from keeping a house warm in winter and cool in summer."

Properly installed insulation in interior walls and ceilings also can help reduce noise levels.

9. "Radiant barriers

are more energy efficient than fiber glass insulation."

Radiant barriers can save energy in the summer, but studies show they will not help much in the winter. A recent government study found that under the best conditions, radiant barriers have an equivalent R-value of R-2 to R-3.5 in the winter.

Actual performances of radiant barriers varies, depending on

weather, location, ventilation, dust and other factors.

10. "It is difficult and expensive to re-insulate an attic."

Adding a layer of R-25 Attic Blanket, for example, to a 1,000-square-foot attic costs about \$300-\$350 when you do it yourself, said Glover. It is relatively easy to do and usually requires one day of work.

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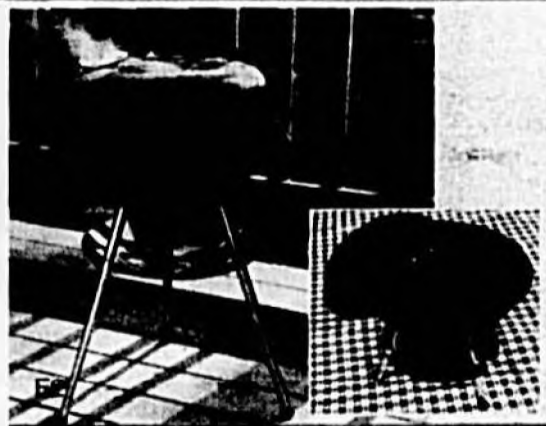


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