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Sports

Oviedo girls move on

OVIEDO — Oviedo made short work of Mandarin Tuesday night in the Class 6A Region 2 Girls' Volleyball Championship at Oviedo High School and will now host Middleburg Friday in the next round of the state playoffs.

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People

What's Cooking?

For generations, eastern black walnut trees have grown wild in mid-America. Their gift to the land is a rich, distinctive walnut enjoyed for years to eat out of hand and in cooking.

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BRIEFS

STOP meeting

LAKE MARY — A discussion of state sentencing guidelines is scheduled tonight at the Seminole County STOP chapter meeting. STOP stands for Stop Turning Out Prisoners. The meeting will be in Lake Mary City Hall, 100 North country Club Road, at 7 p.m.

The group is renewing its attempt to get a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot requiring prison inmates to serve 85 percent of their sentences. The wording of the first proposed amendment was struck down by the Florida Supreme Court. On Election Day, Nov. 8, STOP members throughout Florida will be gathering signatures at polling places supporting an amendment to be placed on the ballot in the next general election.

Fantasy night

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce 4th annual Fantasy Night will be held this Friday at the Market Square in Heathrow from 7 p.m. until midnight. The event consists of a silent and live auction, featuring unique items, a buffet, and live entertainment.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Suggested attire is black and white clothing. Free valet parking.

For tickets, call the chamber office at 333-4748.

Musicians wanted

CENTRAL FLORIDA — The Central Florida Community Orchestra is looking for musicians of all levels to participate. The orchestra is now forming.

The orchestra will consist of local music lovers who will meet to rehearse and perform free concerts throughout the area. Many have felt the lack of orchestral music since the departure of the Florida Symphony Orchestra, and this organization is touted as helping fill the cultural gap.

An organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, in one of the third-floor meeting rooms at the Orlando Public Library, from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.

No instruments are required at that time, and all interested persons are urged to attend. For additional information, phone 648-3271.

It's a boy

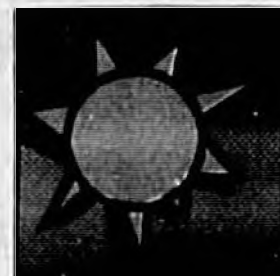
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Longwood City Commissioner Annamarie Vacca and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second son, Xavier Paul, early this morning at Florida Hospital North. The 8-pound, 10-ounce baby was born at 2:42 a.m. and measured 21-inches long. The Vaccas have a son, Zachary, who will be 5, Nov. 27.

Compiled from staff reports

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The weather you came here for



Today: Sunny. High in the mid to upper 70s. North wind 10 mph.

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Pockets of poverty

Sanford business leader: Support our schools

By VICKI DeBORNIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — One study concludes there's more poverty in Sanford than anywhere else in the county, and students living in poverty often suffer educationally. Bobby Douglas, chairman of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce's education committee, said

Parents, often single and working two or more jobs, have neither the time nor the resources to

donate to the schools their children attend. As a result, the schools are not thriving and the students' education does not flourish despite the best efforts of the teachers.

"It's very frustrating to the teachers," Douglas said. "We have to get the business community involved in the schools in order to make a difference in these schools."

Douglas, also a banker for SunBank in Sanford, said that the U.S. Census Bureau has identified 11 "pockets of poverty" in Seminole County.

Nine of those pockets are in Sanford.

"That stems from when Sanford was the 'Celery Capital of the World' earlier in the century," Douglas said. "The farm workers were very poor. When the celery industry died here, they stayed on. They remained very poor."

Decades later, the farm workers' descendants are still struggling in poverty, despite efforts by the banking industry to target their communities.

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Habitat for Humanity builds a better place to live

Television personality Willard Scott was in Sanford this morning to present the key to a new home to Vickie Dickerson and her children. The home, on Orange Avenue in Sanford, was built with volunteer labor by Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County. Dickerson has seven children who will be living with her in the house. Six of them were on hand this morning for the presentation. The Today weatherman, at the back, gives a bear hug to the family, from left to right, Jennifer Dickerson, Demetrius Buckner, Vickie Dickerson, Keisha Dickerson, Shelvon Dickerson, James Dickerson and Damon Dickerson. They will move into their house today. Habitat for Humanity helps low income families get no-interest loans on a home built with sweat equity by the homeowner and the volunteer assistance of other members of the community.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent



Senior athletes ready to compete

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — It's time once again for one of the biggest events of the year in Sanford. The 20th annual Sanford Golden Age Games will

begin Sunday.

This year, co-chairwomen are Chris Usry and Lisa Jones, prominent city staffers, who have been involved in the games for many years.

Registration started in June with

mail-outs to former participants.

In recent years, the events have brought 1,200 seniors from the area as well as throughout the nation to Sanford for periods of just a few days to over a week.

Jones commented that as of noon

yesterday, over 1,000 entries have been received. "And that's the number of people," she said. "not how many events each person will participate in."

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Herbert 'Whitley' Eckstein

No opposition for city commissioner

Eckstein to serve third term

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — City Commissioner Herbert 'Whitley' Eckstein today sails into his third term in office, unopposed in the past two elections.

Eckstein is automatically assured a continuation of his commission post since qualifying time for the city elections ended at noon yesterday. He was the only person running for the District 4 seat.

Although qualifying began Sept. 7, Eckstein waited until this past Friday morning to submit his qualifying papers for re-election.

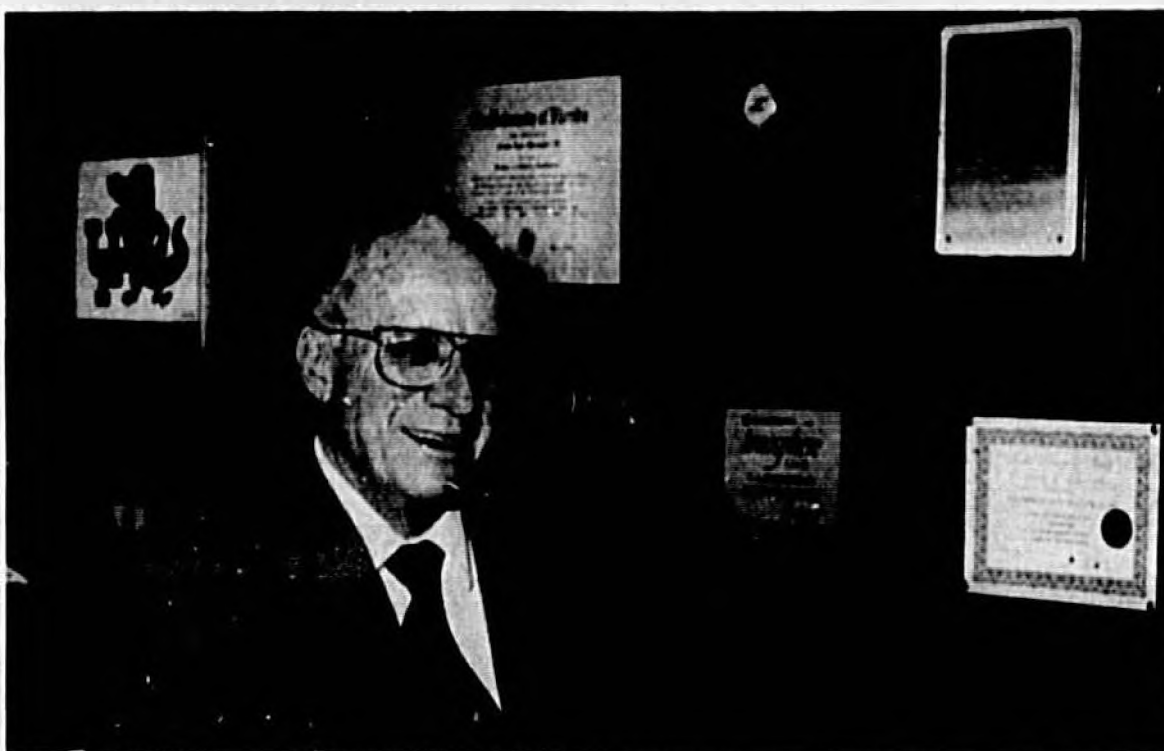
Two candidates are seeking the District 3 seat, Kerry Lyons, and

incumbent A.A. McClanahan, both of whom qualified early in the period.

Eckstein has now been re-elected without opposition for the second consecutive four-year term in office. His new term will be his third.

McClanahan however, has had opposition during the last election as he does this time. In 1990, he ran against challenger Martha Yancy. On the Dec. 3, 1990 election day, McClanahan pulled just slightly under 60 percent of the votes. In absentee voting, McClanahan received 40 of the 53 ballots cast.

The Sanford city election will be held December 6th.



A.K. Shoemaker Jr. was honored Tuesday by Sanford Airport Authority.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Airport terminal gets a name

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A.K. Shoemaker Jr. was surprised to learn Tuesday the new international arrivals terminal will be named in his honor.

The announcement came during the regular meeting of the Sanford Airport Authority. Shoemaker has served as chairman of the authority for the past 10 years.

"It was a complete surprise to me," Shoemaker said. "I had no idea this was being planned." The vote by the members of the authority to approve a resolution naming the building was unanimous.

"This is the kind of honor that means a great deal to me," he commented.

According to the wording of the resolution, Shoemaker was the first chairman of the authority, "having guided the authority through the critical transition from a military airport to a civilian airport, all without tax burden to the City of Sanford."

The resolution states "During his past 10 years

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POLICE BRIEFS

Arrest after holdup

William Ellis, 27, 2441 Church St., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday on charges related to the Oct. 8 holdup of the owner of B&G Ceramics on West 27th Street. Sanford police say Ellis entered the store at about 9:30 a.m., dragged the owner by the neck to the rear of the store where he took about \$45 from the cash register. Police say Ellis then took about \$50 from the woman's purse and left. Police identified Ellis from fingerprints left on the store telephone, which they say he disconnected before leaving.

Burglary charge

Robert Charles Scott, 28, West First Street, Sanford, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary to an occupied residence. Scott's sister reported seeing him enter her Franklin Arms apartment and emerging with a leather cap belonging to her boyfriend.

Domestic violence

•Clengy Dell Clark, 35, 1806-G Landings Drive, Sanford, was arrested Monday on a domestic violence charge. A woman reported Clark called her at her job and threatened to kill her.
•Kenneth William Murray, 44, 200 W. Berkshire, Longwood, was arrested Monday on a domestic violence charge. Murray's wife reported he twisted her arm, shoved her against a wall and threatened to break her jaw if she didn't leave.

Warrant arrests made

The following wanted persons were taken into custody:
•Jeffrey Scott Green, 31, 408 Mellonville Ave., Sanford, on a forgery probation violation charge.
•Jere Patrick Johnson, 22, 1815 W. 15th St., Sanford, on three burglary probation violation charges.
•Kevin Michael Bove, 19, 302 Rachele Ave., Sanford, on a violation of community control charge stemming from an aggravated assault conviction.

Crimes reported to deputies

Burglaries and thefts
•Payless Shoes, 4315 W. Lake Mary Blvd., near Lake Mary, reportedly entered sometime between 5:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday. Nothing appeared missing.
Other reports
•A Lake Mary girl reported finding a shard of glass in a box of strawberry-flavored "Nerds" after trick-or-treating Monday night. The girl reported she couldn't remember the location of the home where she received the candy but said it was located in the Sheffield subdivision.

Crimes reported to Sanford police

Burglaries and thefts
•Riverside Auto Sales, 317 W. First St., Sanford, reported entered sometime between 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday. Nothing appeared missing.
•Sanford Child Development, 1320 Hickory Ave., Sanford, portable stereo valued at \$30 reported taken sometime between 6:15 p.m. Friday and 6:30 a.m. Monday.
Other crimes
•An East Seventh Street woman reported being awakened by a barking dog at 10:50 p.m. Monday, and on investigating, finding a woman pouring a liquid around her house. She called her boyfriend, who confronted the woman before she fled. The man reported seeing matches in the woman's hand. The suspect was identified as the ex-girlfriend of the man.
•An estimated \$623 in jewelry was reportedly stolen Friday from an apartment in the 500 block of E. First Street.
•Fifteen pieces of helicopter blades, valued at \$4,200 were reportedly stolen Friday from a business in the 1600 block of Hangar Road at the Central Florida Regional Airport.
•A washing machine valued at \$500 was reportedly stolen Friday from a residence in the 1100 block of Sanford Avenue.
•An air compressor and other tools valued at \$650 were reportedly stolen Friday from a pickup truck in the 2500 block of Clairmont Avenue.
•Jewelry and various collectors items valued at over \$3,400 were reportedly stolen prior to Oct. 26, at a residence in the 2800 block of Gail Place. The thefts were not reported until Friday.
•A woman's purse and contents with a total value of \$100 were reportedly stolen Saturday from a residence in the 2500 block of Laurel Avenue.
•An estimated \$560 in items were reported stolen Sunday from a residence in the 100 block of Dresden Court.
•A miter saw valued at \$427 was reportedly stolen Sunday from a residence in the 200 block of Somerset Court.

The final debate Playful Chiles taunts serious Bush

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press Writer

TAMPA — Gov. Lawton Chiles' tongue got him in trouble during a debate with Republican Jeb Bush, but not for anything he said.

During a break in Tuesday night's raucous debate, Chiles stuck his tongue out at a heckler who had yelled, "Quit living in the past, governor."

The playful attitude of the 64-year-old incumbent was a sharp contrast to the serious approach of his 41-year-old challenger, who accused Chiles of failing Floridians on everything from taxes to schools to fighting crime.

The governor, known for his quirky campaign style and col-

orful Southernisms, tried hard to keep Bush off balance during the televised one-hour debate, crumpling paper and rattling ice in his glass.

"The old he-eeen walks just before the light of day," said the 35-year veteran politician, comparing himself to the Southern expression for the biggest, toughest raccoon, who preys on the brood from predators.

Chiles laughed about sticking out his tongue, and said he'd considered a more harsh gesture.

But not everyone was laughing. Bush complained about the governor's demeanor,

saying, "I'm not in this to play childish games. This is serious business. We're in decline."

The most recent polls show Chiles and Bush, the former president's oldest son, in a statistical tie.

Chiles passionately defended his record, and taunted Bush for his judgment on business deals and for choosing an inexperienced running mate criticized for his eccentric views, such as a bill to have Florida secede from the union.

The governor said he would broaden Florida's tax base by closing loopholes and rolling back property taxes — which he called unfair.

"We've tried it the old way for a long time and it doesn't work," Bush countered.

Bush said he wants to shrink government and build more prisons without raising taxes. He also wants voters to have the final say when taxes are increased. Chiles said going to the voters with every tax increase is an "abdication of leadership."

Bush also borrowed a theme Ronald Reagan used in 1980.

"Are we safer today than we were four years ago?" Bush asked. "Are our children better educated than they were four years ago? Is our welfare system working better today than in the past?"

Shooting at pawn shop was accidental

By NICK PPRIPAUP
Herald Staff Writer

FERN PARK — Two employees of the Cash America Pawn Shop, 7000 S. U.S. Highway 17/92 in Fern Park, were accidentally shot and wounded yesterday at their shop.

According to Seminole County sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough, the shooting occurred about 10:40 a.m. when 26-year-old John Lee Wells of Altamonte Springs, took a loaded 22-caliber semi-automatic handgun into the shop.

Wells had reportedly purchased the gun at that shop during the previous month.

McDonough said Wells told the clerks he was returning it because it was not working properly.

"He handed it to a store clerk, Morgan Kamp, who put the gun in his right hand," McDonough continued. "As Kamp was handing the weapon, it accidentally discharged, the bullet going in and out of his left hand, then striking another store clerk, 29-year-old Angela Rucker in the chest."

Rucker was reportedly behind Kamp at the time.

The bullet lodge in Rucker's chest just below the skin. Seminole County Fire Department paramedics treated both victims at the scene then took them to Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs. Neither was reported to be seriously injured.

McDonough said the shooting has been ruled accidental, and no charges will be filed.

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The St. Johns River Water Management District has received an application for Consumptive Water Use from:

CITY OF OVIEDO, ATTN: EUGENE WILLIFORD, 400 ALEXANDRIA BOULEVARD, OVIEDO, FL 32765, application # 2-117-0035ANGM3R2. The District proposes to allocate 3.13 million gallons per day of water for Public Supply use. The applicants previous permit granted 2.73 mgd of water for Public Supply use. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of ground water from the Floridan aquifer via SEVEN EXISTING WELLS in Seminole County located in the

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The Governing Board of the District will take action to grant or deny the application on November 9, 1994. Should you be interested in this application, you should contact the St. Johns River Water Management District at P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, Florida 32178-1429, or in person at its office on State Highway 100 West, Palatka, Florida, or by phoning 904-329-4401. Written objections to the application may be made, but should be received no later than November 9, 1994. Written objections should identify the objector by name and address, and fully describe the objection to the application. All timely filed written objections will be presented to the Board for its consideration in its deliberation on the application prior to the Board taking action on the application.

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EDITORIAL

County commission: Randall Morris

In the battle of the mayors for the District 2 Seminole County commission race, both offer innovative and thoughtful ideas to improve our community and fix problems. But one edges to the front in terms of accomplishments and the ability to bring together a consensus. Adrienne Perry offers intellectual thoughtfulness and a compassion for the little guy and small businessman she says is not represented on the present commission. She may be right. Randall Morris offers quick thinking and a thorough understanding of issues before forging ahead.

Both have much to admire and much to desire in a public representative.

But the mark of a political leader is the ability to accomplish change, change hopefully, which represents improvement. Here, the two former mayors follow markedly different paths. The *Sanford Herald* believes those paths demonstrate Morris will be the more effective commissioner of the two.

In Longwood, Perry offered up excellent plans to revitalize an undistinguishable downtown and beautifully drab sections of State Road 434. She failed to gather a consensus on either subject and blamed her opponents. Even as a member of the Charter Review Commission last year, Perry proposed a countywide growth management and environmental regulation commission meriting serious review. She was unable to inspire support or provide a convincing argument for the CRC to give it further discussion.

In Lake Mary, Morris mustered both commission and community support for streamlining business approvals to attract new jobs to the area. He led the drive for landscaping and strict development plans along Lake Mary Boulevard designed to increase property values, not destroy them as some short-sighted opponents of his contend. Yes, he even led the way to spend \$13 million in bonds to bury power lines along the boulevard, a controversial but we believe, ultimately profitable decision. In and out of office, Morris successfully led campaigns to reduce calling rates to Orlando and he gathered together reluctant landowners to donate their prime Interstate 4 property to build an interchange at County Road 46-A, an all but dead project. Morris, like Perry, has attracted vigilant opponents. But Morris has not allowed that opposition to prevent his forward-thinking accomplishments.

Perry has.
If elected, Perry would come on a board dominated by conservative Republicans and possibly, a conservative Democrat. She would have to offer convincing arguments to those spend-thrifts to motivate them to fund her programs. Perry has not demonstrated that skill.

Morris has.
The *Sanford Herald* recommends Randall Morris to the District 2 county commission seat.

LETTER

Social security

It has come to my attention that Mr. Dan Rostenkowski has been returned to a seat on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security without the knowledge of the suffering populace. Interesting, isn't it?

Our boy is an avowed thief, he was removed from office to go to trial or at least for a slap on the wrist but we never heard which. Now he is back eyeing the taxpayers money and planning for his future.

He is introducing a bill to extend the life of Social Security which will run out in about 30 years if measures are not taken. The original plan of investment and savings was of course an overwhelming temptation and much of the money has been siphoned away.

The plan is to raise the retirement age to 67 gradually and to raise taxes, give smaller benefits, but these measures will take place after the turn of the century when all will be forgotten and present office holders will not be blamed. Oh I forgot, he does want to cut about \$3 a month from current recipients in 1995; that should make a nice piece of change.

But how do we know that the deprivations will not continue? It just sounds like more criminal politics by a criminal politician.

A. Steffens
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

JOSEPH PERKINS

More health care at less cost?

"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'" That was among the more memorable lines uttered by Ronald Reagan during his two terms in the White House.

The former president's quip comes to mind as voters in his home state of California decide whether to approve a ballot measure that would place the state's health care system under control of government bureaucrats in Sacramento.

The sponsors of Proposition 186, the so-called "California Health Security Act," are hoping to persuade Californians that they can trust the government to do a better job of providing health care than the private sector.

"PROP. 186 IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE," their literature declares. We're here to help.

Specifically, the initiative promises basic health coverage for all 31 million California residents that not only is more generous than the state's low-income Medi-Cal program, but also most private insurance plans.

The benefits would include inpatient and outpatient treatment, mental health care, chiropractic care, long-term care, prescription drugs, vision care and dental care. About the

only coverage left out is voodoo treatments and faith healing (which might have appealed to some of California's New Age voters).

The most remarkable claim by sponsors of Proposition 186 is that its government-run health care system — which, again, would cover every man, woman and child in California (including the 5 million or so who presently are uninsured) — and which would provide better benefits than 90 percent of Californians now enjoy — would actually cost California less each year than what the state currently spends on health care.

More people. More benefits. Less cost. It

sounds too good to be true. It is.

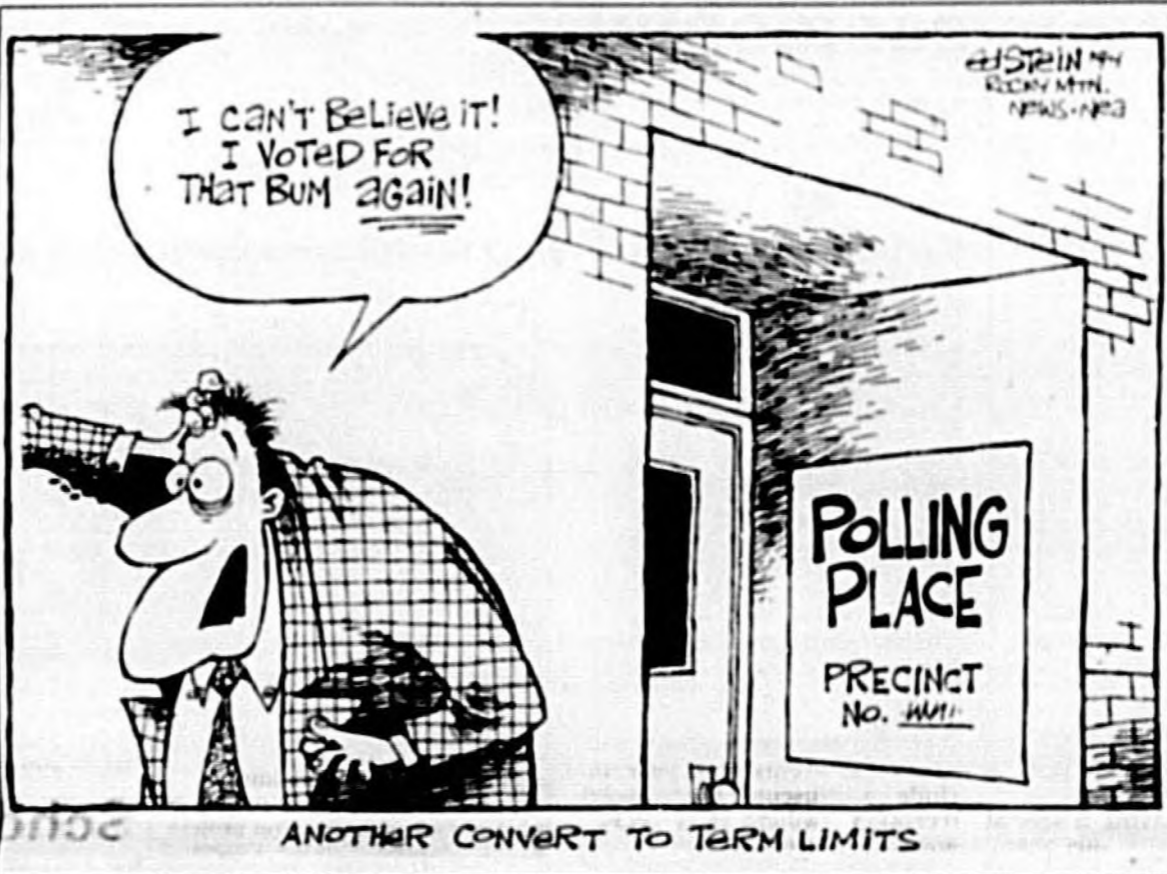
First, the sponsors of the health care initiative estimate the cost of covering all California residents at \$100.7 billion a year. But anyone acquainted with government social programs knows that actual costs almost always exceed original projections.

Back in 1935, for instance, Congress figured that the nascent Social Security program would cost the federal Treasury only \$3.5 billion by 1980. They miscalculated by a whopping 3,000 percent. Social Security spending actually came in at \$105 billion that year.

Similarly, in 1965, Congress projected that the embryonic Medicare program would cost the federal government \$8.8 billion by 1990. They were off by 750 percent. The taxpayers actually laid out \$68 billion that year. Just as the exponential growth in entitlement programs has led to higher federal spending, higher federal taxes and a mounting national debt, Proposition 186 will triple state spending in California, double state taxes and generate annual deficits that the state government might never overcome.



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ANOTHER CONVERT TO TERM LIMITS

ELLEN GOODMAN

Script doctors, heal thyself

WASHINGTON — I had a great weekend. Friday night, before a wonderful dinner at a favorite restaurant, my husband and I didn't go see "Pulp Fiction." It was wonderful, not discussing the rousing scene in which a gunshot sprays somebody's brains around a car interior, and not having our angel hair pasta remind us of it.

Saturday was great too. Since we didn't see "The Specialist," we didn't waste valuable time wondering why Sharon Stone's character chose to strip to a G-string and preen before an uncurtained window while taking a phone call. Because we never saw "Natural Born Killers," we didn't have a single flashback to Juliette Lewis having sex atop a car and then blowing her partner to smithereens.

Nothing like not seeing a good movie. That's odd, coming from me — a certified member of the Movie Nut Society, a former film student who loves movies so much that as a child, I once asked my mom if there was such a thing as a bad one. That I now purposely miss so many movies means something. Something that a call from my brother, Bruce — who'd phoned to say he'd just seen "Fiction" — revealed.

When I asked if he liked it, he hesitated. "It had really great moments," he said. "But after it was over, I was sitting in the dark, asking, 'Why am I learning so much about hit men and drug dealers?'"

(Not to mention moviedom's endless serial killers, sadists, hookers and mafiosi.)

"Why am I, Joe Average, being fed this?" he continued. "Do I know such people? No. Does it enrich me to delve into their psyches? ... Critics say, 'You have to see this!' But why is it so important to learn about depraved people?"

Bruce has a writer friend who recently asked him to read his screenplay, a pre-World War II adventure. Though initially wary — who savors the prospect of hating a pal's "masterpiece"? — Bruce, a musician, was pleasantly shocked. "You know how you can hear a piece of music and say, 'That's it. That's excellence,'" he asked. "It was so good, I felt, 'I can't believe I know him.'"

The screenplay, he says, has been rejected by agents all over Hollywood. Each told his friend, "It's great. We love this. But there's just not enough violence. ... Kids today won't buy it." Each ultimately asked, "Can you fix it?"

But what, exactly, is broken? A screenplay that, like those of such staggering recent hits as "The Lion King" and "Forrest Gump," eschews violence for humor, tenderness and adventure? The notion that what children and teenagers really want, must have, is violence — when blockbusters from "ET" to "Star Wars" to "The Fugitive" to the all-time winner, the cartoonish "Jurassic

Park" proved that high suspense, high jinks and high youth attendance can be had without gallons of crimson splashing the screen?

Script doctors, heal thyself.

Audiences too. I recently read that Oprah Winfrey walked out of a screening of the new film, "Interview With the Vampire," explaining that she no longer wished to let filmed depravity and negativity into her conscious mind.

At some point, I made a similar choice. My mind's decor is too valuable to be splattered and smeared with some Hollywood sicko's horrific images. So are the minds of my children.

My resolve isn't perfect. Occasionally, I slip, allowing my children — who pressure me after being pressured by friends who've seen whatever's "hot" — to see movies they shouldn't.

What worries me more are the millions of children whose parents don't even try. I suspect the children who need the most help distinguishing between the surreal, fictional actions of movie characters and what's acceptable in real life, get the least.

I discussed this with my friend, movie critic Jane Horwitz. Though she urged me to see "Pulp Fiction" for its "message of redemption" and "lowlife scumbags who talk so beautifully," she said children shouldn't see it and the hundred other R-rated movies they line up to see.

Standing in line for "Hard Target" — that "awful, horribly violent movie everyone called high art," she said, she saw four boys. "They were big, but clearly young suburban kids, 13 or 14 tops. ... The teen-age girl in the box office sold them the tickets. Everyone knows it happens."

Horwitz, who has a much higher tolerance for stylish mayhem than I, agrees. Only consumers — you, me and Oprahs everywhere — can influence the movie industry by just saying no to garbage. By making sure our children say no too. As Jane says, "Marketing — money — is the only thing Hollywood understands."

Okay. So, wanna get together soon and not see "Interview With the Vampire"?

Saturday's good for me too.



Nothing like not seeing a good movie

SARAH OVERSTREET

Accessibility laws: Drawing the line

You could call it the case of the reading pits held hostage, or "The Pit and the Preposterous."

Several of the popular "story pits" in Springfield, Mo., public elementary schools have been covered over with plywood. The pits, multi-level reading and story areas in the libraries, have been judged "inaccessible" in lower levels to students in wheelchairs by the federal Office of Civil Rights, and until they are made accessible, they're off limits to all students.

Children cried when learning that the areas where they loved to curl up with a book or choose their spots to listen to a teacher's story would be covered.

It's not that I disagree with federal accessibility laws, not at all. But in this case, the term "accessible" is murky at best.

One of the schools, which has a large population of disabled students, designed its pit specifically so that students in wheelchairs could sit on the top level where other children also sit. Because these kids are small enough to be easily carried, teachers often brought them down into the lower levels.

I had a lengthy discussion with Steve Stratton, acting regional director for the Office of Civil Rights, and we disagreed on terminology. He told me the school system had "voluntarily" come up with the idea of boarding off the pits until it could come up with a more inclusive solution. Yet if the school system hadn't acted, he said, the federal agency "would have had to resort to our administrative enforcement authority to terminate federal funding." In other words, use it or lose it. Lose federal funding for the entire system.

When I told Stratton it seemed to me as if the system had "voluntarily" acted much as I had responded to police car lights and pulled over when I was speeding, he asked me, "Ma'am, do you have a child in a wheelchair? If you did, you might understand how the child would feel in not being able to get to all areas of the library."

Well, he had me there. I don't have a child in a wheelchair. But for several years while I played "big sister" to a deaf child, I thought I took a sensible approach to her struggles. I was thankful for the law which mandated that the school system supply her with an interpreter for her classes and special tutoring help, yet I didn't insist that all children in her classes become fluent in sign language so she would be less excluded. I once angrily called a coach because she hadn't heard about a team party announced by verbal invitation, but I realized the steps the school was taking in her behalf and appreciated them.

I advocate that the school system take steps to make the story pits more inclusive, and officials are working on plans to retrofit the areas which they hope the Office of Civil Rights will accept. But to insist that a school cannot have a reading pit unless every child in a wheelchair can sit in every area of it seems as ridiculous as demanding that the school gymnasium or auditorium contain no areas that cannot be reached and used by children in wheelchairs — thereby no bleachers and no chair-back seats.

And why the either/or approach? School officials had to wait several months for the Office of Civil Rights to make a ruling on the pits recently, and expect to wait as long to hear if their new plans are accepted.

Even the new Americans With Disabilities Act, which was passed in 1990 and mandates accessibility in all public institutions, didn't insist on retrofitting overnight. Institutions and businesses were given from one to four years to become accessible, based on criteria such as number of employees.



Children cried when learning that the areas where they loved to curl up with a book would be covered

Serious school violence touches one city in four

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Violence has joined academic performance as a major concern in the nation's school districts, according to a study that found violence took place at school in one out of four cities over the past year.

"These findings reveal a situation that has become a widespread concern — not just a unique and unfortunate characteristic of a few troubled schools or cities," said Atlanta Councilwoman Carolyn Long Banks, first vice president of the National League of Cities.

Violence, she added, "has become as prominent an issue as academic performance or curriculum choices in many schools."

Of 700 cities that responded to a league survey on school violence in August and September, 38 percent cited a noticeable increase in school violence over the past five years, while just 17 percent said violence had declined or was not a problem.

And 25 percent reported student deaths or serious injuries within the previous year as a result of violence.

Reports of attacks, shootings, searches for weapons, gang activity and other incidents have created fear, anxiety and uncertainty about what's happening when kids go to school each day, the report said.

Just two weeks ago, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the homicide rate among young men ages 15 to 19 more than doubled between 1985 and 1991.

"When it comes to violence, in the past what may have led to fist fights now leads to gunfire," said Dr. David Satcher, director of the CDC.

The Council of the Great City Schools reported in September that large-city schools recorded 7.3 incidents involving weapons per 1,000 middle

school students over the past two years. The rate was lower in high schools at 3.8 per 1,000 students.

"Young people simply should not have to live in fear of young criminals who carry guns to school," President Clinton said Oct. 23 in signing an executive order that requires school districts to expel for at least one year any student who brings a gun to the classroom.

Among the measures being used to cope with the growing problem were patrols by city police, reported in 70 percent of communities, and the presence of metal detectors in schools in nearly one-fifth of all cities, according to the National League of Cities study.

Metal detectors were being used in 34 percent of the cities of 100,000 people or more, 18 percent in communities of 50,000 to 100,000 and 17 percent of smaller towns.

While 25 percent of the 700 cities surveyed reported violence leading to death or hospitalization within a year, the threat was greatest in the larger cities.

Forty-one percent of largest cities reported such cases, compared with 32 percent of middle-size and 19 percent of smaller towns.

And it was the largest cities where an increased level of violence over the last five years was most often reported — 55 percent. Rising violence was reported by 46 percent of the middle-size cities and 31 percent of smaller communities.

Small towns also reported problems. The study noted a town of under 6,000 people where two police officers have been assigned to school patrol full time.

The presence of city police in patrolling schools was relatively constant regardless of the city size — 73 percent of the biggest cities, 74 percent of the middle-size ones and 67 percent of smaller communities.

Testing of ground beef may stop

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON — The supermarket and meat industries want a federal judge to stop the Agriculture Department from testing raw meat for the rare but potentially deadly E. coli bacteria O157:H7.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Austin, Texas, said the testing won't protect consumers but exposes industry to costly recalls and prosecution.

It also contended that Michael R. Taylor, acting undersecretary for food safety and administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, began the program without giving the industry proper notice.

U.S. District Judge James Nowlin last year forced a delay in requirements for safe-handling labels for raw meat and poultry when he overturned the

original rules.

The National American Wholesale Grocers Association, representing distributors, was a plaintiff in last year's suit and again in the case filed Tuesday.

Taylor, who began his job in mid-August, announced in a speech to the industry Sept. 29 that the Agriculture Department would consider meat contaminated with the E. coli strain to be adulterated and subject to recall.

Taylor also said government inspectors would begin testing ground beef at processing plants and retail stores for contamination, taking 5,000 samples a year.

That is a small sample given the volume of ground beef sold and the difficulty of finding the bacteria, which the department estimates is found in less than 1 percent of all beef carcasses.

But Taylor had hoped the action would prompt the industry to take more aggressive

safety steps until the entire system could be overhauled.

The industry would have none of it. "We filed this suit for consumer protection," said Timothy M. Hammonds, president of the Food Marketing Institute, the industry group for supermarkets.

He said the policy would lull consumers into ignoring the government-mandated safe-handling labels for raw meat and poultry, which tell people to cook food thoroughly to kill harmful bacteria.

E. coli O157:H7 caused a deadly outbreak of food poisoning in the Pacific Northwest in January 1993. Other outbreaks have followed. Children are particularly vulnerable to the bacteria.

Many children who aren't killed by it still suffer permanent kidney and neurological damage.

The plaintiffs include the wholesalers, the Food Marketing

Institute, the American Meat Institute, National Grocers Association, Southwest Meat Association, Texas Food Industry Association, convenience stores and the Texas Retailers Association.

Taylor, in a statement, said he regretted the lawsuit. "Our position on E. coli O157:H7 reflects our resolve to act with the tools available to us today even as we work to build an improved system of meat and poultry inspection for the future," he said.

Taylor on Tuesday had announced some steps intended to make it possible for industry to use antimicrobial rinses and other techniques on meat without prior USDA approval.

Consumer groups were angered. "The industry is continuing their tactics of delay and litigation and delivering a contaminated, potentially deadly product to consumers," said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

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High blood cholesterol less threat in elderly

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — High cholesterol may be less dangerous to healthy people over age 70 than to middle-aged people, a new study has found.

The results could mean that doctors are needlessly prescribing cholesterol-lowering drugs for many older patients, said researchers not involved in the work.

"The most important thing about this [study] is it suggests that we need to be careful treating high cholesterol in older people, thinking we're going to prevent heart disease," said Dr. John D. Brunzell, a professor of medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle who was not involved in the study. "There's very little data to suggest that it'll work."

The study of 997 people from ages 71 to 104 found that those with elevated cholesterol levels suffered no more heart attacks or deaths than their counterparts with normal cholesterol.

"Cholesterol in older people may mean something very different than in younger people," said the study's lead author, Dr. Harlan M. Krumholz, an asst-

tant professor of medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. He emphasized that more research is needed.

One possibility is that an older person's cholesterol level may not reflect levels at a younger age. Another is that people who survive a long time with high cholesterol may be more resistant to its artery-clogging potential, the researchers said in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

An American Heart Association spokesman said previous research on cholesterol in elderly people has yielded confusing findings.

At least two large studies have found that high cholesterol increased the likelihood of heart problems, and at least four have found that it did not, Brunzell said.

He said the apparent conflict may be explained by the varying health of elderly people enrolled in the studies.

The studies in which cholesterol seemed harmful involved unusually healthy subjects, he said. For such people, heart disease may occur much later in life, and cholesterol may play a role, he said.

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Sanford Recreation Baton

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is offering Baton classes at the Sanford Gymnastics Assoc. Building, 601 E. 25th Place, every Thursday from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Participants in the program will march in the Christmas Parade.

The fee is \$10 per month and the class is taught by Joy Clore.

For more information, call 330-5697.

Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Registration for the initial spring season of the Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth Baseball League will be held this Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eastmonte Civic Center.

The program is open to ages 5-18. Registrants must bring birth certificate and proof of age.

Registration fee is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. All games will be played at the Eastmonte fields location.

For more info, call Message Line at 263-7910.

AROUND THE NATION

Bagwell, Thomas lead All-Stars

NEW YORK — Even though they play the same position, there was still room for MVPs Jeff Bagwell and Frank Thomas on one team.

Bagwell and Thomas both were picked Tuesday on the 1994 major league all-star team chosen by The Associated Press.

Bagwell beat out Thomas 30-25 at first base in voting by 58 sports writers and broadcasters. But the panel also wanted Thomas, and he was selected as the designated hitter even though he was a DH only 12 times this season.

Along with Bagwell of Houston and Thomas of the Chicago White Sox, the AP team included second baseman Carlos Baerga of Cleveland, shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. of Baltimore and third baseman Matt Williams of San Francisco.

The outfielders were Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle, Tony Gwynn of San Diego and Albert Belle of Cleveland and the catcher was Mike Piazza of Los Angeles.

Greg Maddux of Atlanta was chosen as the right-handed starting pitcher, Jimmy Key of the New York Yankees was the left-handed starter and Greg Maddux of Atlanta was chosen as the left-handed reliever.

Spurs suspend Rodman

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs, saying they will not tolerate Dennis Rodman's outbursts, suspended him without pay.

General manager Gregg Popovich said team officials will decide soon on the length of the suspension and that Rodman will miss Friday night's opener against Golden State.

Rodman was ejected from an exhibition against Charlotte after receiving two technical fouls. Spurs coach Bob Hill said Rodman threw a bag of ice toward him and one of the officials.

Jordan honored

CHICAGO — Thirteen months after his retirement, Michael Jordan was honored by the Chicago Bulls in a two-hour ceremony at United Center. An 11 1/2-foot bronze statue was unveiled outside the arena and Jordan's No. 23 was raised to the rafters.

NFL to adjust divisions

ROSEMONT, Ill. — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Jacksonville and Charlotte would be placed in divisions before the end of league meetings today.

If the owners fail to agree on realignment, Tagliabue can place the expansion teams in current four-team divisions, creating six five-team divisions. Owners also were to hear presentations from Miami and San Francisco before choosing the site of the 1999 Super Bowl.

AROUND THE WORLD

Valentine headed to Japan

TOKYO — Bobby Valentine became the first former major league manager to join a Japanese team, signing a reported three-year deal with the Chiba Lotte Marines for \$1 million.

Valentine, fired by Texas in 1992, reportedly has incentive clauses that could pay up to \$1.7 million a year. He managed the New York Mets' Norfolk affiliate last season.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

BOWLING

□ Seminole Athletic Conference League, position round, at Bowl America-Sanford, 3:30 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV

BOXING

□ 9 p.m. — ESPN, junior lightweights, Kevin Kelly (40-0-0) vs. Pete Tallafra (26-3-0), (1.)

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Lions gain sectionals

Oviedo takes care of Mandarin in two games

By TONY DUBORNIER
Herald Sports Editor

OVIDEO — Even on automatic pilot, the Oviedo Lions were too much for the Jacksonville-Mandarin Mustangs.

After racing out to a 14-2 lead in the first game, the Lions (25-3) coasted to a 15-8, 15-11 victory over the visiting Mustangs (13-10) in Tuesday night's 6A-Region II championship match.

Oviedo will host Middleburg (24-9) in the 6A-Section I championship match this Friday at a time to be announced. Middleburg advanced to sectional showdown by defeating Gonzalez-Tate 15-13, 15-0 for the 6A-Region I title Tuesday.

In the Florida High School Activities Association's playoff scheme, the sectionals are the equivalent of the state quarterfinals.

According to Oviedo coach Anita Carlson, the Lions ranked No. 7 in the final Florida Sports Writers Association's Class 6A state poll will have to be sharper when they meet Middleburg (which ended the season ranked No. 4).

"We played just great in the first game," said Carlson. "In the first game, the girls played like they knew what they were supposed to do. But in the second game, they just let down. It was a struggle the whole time."

Oviedo's letdown began after a kill

by Marissa Hall stopped the Lions at 14-2. Mandarin freshman then Lauren Fowler served five consecutive points to cut the deficit to 14-7.

Having seen their lead shrink to 14-8, the Lions finally came up with the game-winning point on their third attempt.

Oviedo's struggles — self-inflicted though they may have been — continued in the second game as the Lions fell behind 3-0 on a trio of errors.

When Shannon Munns ran off a four-point service run and Leah Harkiewicz followed with a three-point run for a 7-3 Oviedo lead, it looked like the Lions had righted themselves. But the Mustangs, aided considerably by Oviedo miscues, rallied to tie the score at 7-7 and 10-10.

Stephanie Nobeux (who had six kills and five blocks in the match) put the Lions ahead with a three-point service run that included kills from Kim Dreyfuss and Lisa Liljenquist.

Acas by Michelle Cutter and Liljenquist completed the Oviedo sweep.

The regional championship is Oviedo's first since 1990, when the Lions won the last of five consecutive regional titles. Oviedo's only sectional title came in 1988, when Lion assistant coach Anna Hollis was a senior playing for Carlson.



Kim Dreyfuss (left), Holly Dunsworth (No. 13) and the Oviedo Lions won the 6A-Region II title Tuesday with a two-game sweep of Jacksonville-Mandarin. Oviedo hosts Middleburg in the 6A-Section I championship match Friday.

Sheppard connects from long distance to rescue Raiders

From Staff Reports

NEWPORT NEWS — Michael Sheppard's 65-foot bomb shot, a 40-second caper, gave the Semble Community College Raiders an 84-81 opening-game victory over the host Pasco-Hernando Community College Conquistadors Tuesday night.

"We were tied at 81-81 with a second left on the clock," said SCC head coach Bernard Merthie. "When we came out of the huddle, Michael said he was going to make it."

Sheppard, a sophomore guard from Rochester, N.Y., finished with a game-high 33 points.

The Raiders won despite being outsize by the Conquistadors (9-1). And SCC got smaller still when Merthie decided to go to a three-guard lineup.

In the alignment, Winter Park High School graduate Akiva "K.K." Wilson (5 feet, 9 inches tall) came off the bench to play the point, Sheppard (6-0) moved to the shooting guard, and Don Tillman (6-1) played the small forward.

While giving away inches, the Raiders used their

□ See SCC, Page 2B

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Pasco-Hernando Community College	
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Halftime — PHCC 37, SCC 37. Three-point field goals — SCC 10 (Sheppard 7, Tillman 2, Thompson 1), PHCC 4 (Reile 1, Grooms 1, Steckline 1, S. Wilson 1). Rebounds — SCC 31 (Fitzgerald 10, Hall 10, Gaston 5), Assists — SCC 21 (Wilson 11, Sheppard 6). Total fouls — SCC 25, PHCC 23. Fouled out — PHCC, Grooms and Burden. Technicals — None. Referees — Seminole CC 10, Pasco-Hernando CC 9.	



Tuesday night's buzzer-beating heroics extended third-year Seminole Community College coach Bernard Merthie's perfect record in season-opening games.

Gress romps, gets romped at Pinehurst

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Gress Towing visited both the highs and the lows in the Sanford Recreation Women's Fall Slowpitch Softball League at Pinehurst Park Tuesday night.

In the opening game of the evening, Gress Towing pounded the ball for 14 hits and the defense held Oop's to five singles in a 13-0, six-inning mercy rule victory.

Wood, who ran in the second spot for the entire race, made several charges at Gosselin but couldn't reel him in.

"Mario was strong tonight," said Wood, the newly-crowned FASCAR Late Model points champion. "I gave it all that I had and it just wasn't enough."

Gosselin took the checkers about 10 car lengths ahead of Wood. They were followed by Bruce Everett, Jim Borden, and Darren Gould.

With an inside pass, Bobby Sears and Jared Allison got past early race leader R.J. Arnone on the fifth lap and took command of the Mini Stock feature event. Two laps later, Allison pulled along side of Sears and for the next seven laps, the lead duo raced side by side.

Five laps from the checkers, Allison finally moved around Sears for the lead. Allison and Sears continued their wheel-to-wheel racing, Allison claiming the winner's flag less than a car length in front of Sears.

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But in the nightcap, the circumstances turned around as league-leading Sunland Corporation broke open a 2-0 game with a 12 run fourth inning and Gress Towing

□ See Softball, Page 2B

Gosselin goes green flag to checkers to win tune-up

Rounding out the top five were, in order of finish, Richard Newton, Arnone, and Bob Goff.

Michael Williams, who recently led the Limited Late Model points crown, went green flag to checkers to win his feature event. Timmy Todd held off a late-race charge by Gary Schlichter to take second. They were followed by Bobby Sears (making his first Late Model appearance) and Jeff Moyer.

Ross Eldridge also led every lap to pick up his first ever Modified feature event win. In tow behind Eldridge were Kelly Jarrett, Shain Held, and Gary Salvatore.

Bobby Stevens came out on top in the Bomber main. He was followed by Bill Gibbons, Rick Schlimmer, Todd Sams, and Bobby Bell.

The top five finishers in the Sportsman finale were Jim Robinson, Barbara Pierce, David Gould, Dale Clouser, and Jeff Rule.

Darryl Erb won the Four-Cylinder Bomber event while Fred Peters was first to the flag in the Run-Around race.



Petite Pumpkin Patch

Cooking

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Ingredients:
 1/2 cup lemon juice
 1 cup light corn syrup
 1 tsp vanilla
 1 cup dark brown sugar
 2 1/2 cups black walnuts
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1 9-inch pie crust

Preheat oven to 350°F. Check the pie crust to be sure the edges are at least 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch above the rim of the pan to prevent the pie filling from bubbling over the edge.

Gently combine all ingredients, in order listed. Stir enough to begin dissolving the sugar, but not enough to incorporate air into the filling. Do not beat, or the pie will have air bubbles on the top, instead of black walnuts, spoiling the glossy look of the glazed nuts. Pour into the unbaked pie crust.

Bake on a cookie sheet one hour, or until the center of the pie is no longer loose and the black walnuts are browned.

Serve either hot or cold, but for the best appearance, allow the pie to reach room temperature before cutting.

Whipped cream or ice cream are a wonderful addition. For a gourmet treat, serve this pie hot, with black walnut ice cream.

This dessert is perfect for that special fall occasion and has been tested by Edy's Ice Cream kitchens.

PETITE PUMPKIN PATCH
Dessert ingredients:
 4 tiny pumpkins, about 3 inches in diameter
 1 quart pumpkin ice cream
 Ground cinnamon
 Warm caramel sauce or bourbon sauce (recipes below)

Dessert method:
 Pierce the bottoms of pumpkins with a knife in 3 or 4 places. Microwave on high (100 percent power) 6 to 7 minutes, just until pumpkins are tender when pierced or gently squeezed. Cool.

Slice off tops and scoop out seeds and pumpkin meat, leaving shells intact. Reserve tops.

Use dessert plates and arrange pumpkin shells in middle of plate. Place a large scoop of pumpkin ice cream in the center of each pumpkin.

Pour warm caramel or bourbon sauce over ice cream and around pumpkin on dessert plate. Dust with cinnamon and arrange pumpkin tops to the side of shells.

Serve immediately.

Warm caramel sauce ingredients:
 (Can substitute prepared caramel sauce)
 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 1/2 cup heavy cream

Caramel sauce method:
 In a 4-cup glass measure of deep microwavable bowl, microwave butter on high (100 percent power) 45 to 60 seconds to melt.

Add brown sugar and cream and whisk until blended.

Microwave 2 to 2 1/2 minutes more until bubbly and slightly thickened. Stir once during cooking.

Serve warm. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Bourbon sauce ingredients:
 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 3/8 cup sugar
 1 egg
 1/4 cup bourbon

Bourbon sauce method:
 In a 4-cup glass measure or deep microwavable bowl, microwave butter on high (100 percent power) 45 to 60 seconds to melt.

Stir in sugar and egg.

Microwave on 50 percent power until sugar dissolves and sauce thickens, about 2 to 3

minutes, stirring once during cooking.

Cool slightly, then stir in bourbon.

Serve warm. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Feta cheese with basil and tomato give this recipe added flavor.

SAUTE OF VEGETABLES WITH PASTA

A garden delight of tender-fragrant vegetables, this recipe can be prepared in the oven or on the grill alongside the kebabs or chicken. For extra flavor, use feta cheese flavored with basil and tomato.

Ingredients:
 1 cup (1/2-inch) green pepper strips
 1 cup (1/2-inch) zucchini slices
 1/2 cup (1/4-inch) onion rings
 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 tsp. dried oregano leaves, crushed
 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 1 cup tomato wedges
 1/4 cup (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Cook and stir pepper, zucchini, onion and oregano in oil in large skillet on medium-high heat until vegetables are tender.

Stir in tomato and cheese; cook 1 minute. Makes 3 cups or 6 servings.

Variations: Substitute feta cheese with basil and tomato for feta cheese.

Heat grill. Mix all ingredients. Wrap mixture in double thickness of aluminum foil. Grill over medium coals 10 minutes. Turn packet over; grill 8 minutes.

Prep time: 20 minutes; cooking time: 20 minutes.

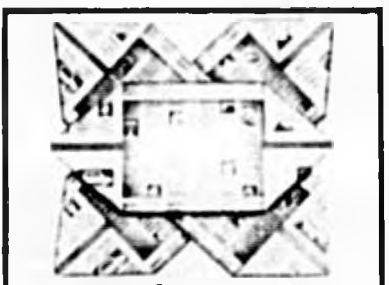
For those tailgate parties or other fall and winter functions, "Smoking" Wings fills the bill.

"SMOKING" WINGS
 16 chicken wings
 1/2 cup salad oil
 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 1/4 cup honey
 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
 2 Tbsp. cane syrup or dark corn syrup
 1 Tbsp. Tabasco pepper sauce
 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
 1 tsp. soy sauce
 1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 1/4 tsp. cayenne
 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

Cut off and discard the bony wing tips. Cut the remaining wings in half.

In a large bowl, combine the remaining ingredients and mix well. Marinate the wings in this mixture for 1 hour in the refrigerator, then grill for 15 to 20 minutes, turning frequently.

Makes 32 pieces.



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Granny wants 'a little bit of time'

DEAR READERS: A faithful reader for more than 30 years who requested anonymity wrote the following.

DEAR ARDY: Around holiday time, you print suggestions about useful gifts for seniors. May I add mine?

For Christmas, I don't want another crystal bud vase; I have four under my kitchen sink. Besides, nobody brings me flowers anyway. I don't want a sausage and cheese tray; that's too much cholesterol for this old lady. I don't want another music box to find a place for — I have too many now. I don't want a silk nightgown, perfumed soap, a fancy bed jacket, dusting powder or a bird feeder.

What do I want? Ask me, I'm not shy! I have told you before what I really want for Christmas, but I never got it. Maybe this time I will.

I want you to give me a few hours. Take me and my cumbersome wheelchair to the mall so I can see the lights and hear the music. I would also like to be driven around town to see the Christmas decorations — then maybe stop for hot cocoa.

I would like a book of postage stamps, a writing tablet with lines and some plain envelopes. I would appreciate a ballpoint pen that works, and some telephone coupons so I can make a few



ADVICE

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long distance calls to people I will probably never see again.

I would also appreciate a visit from you and other family members, especially my grand children who call and say, "Hi, Grandma. How are you? I love you. Gotta go. See you later. Bye!"

I would like someone to offer to pay my heating bill for one month (With five sons, six daughters and 42 grandchildren, that shouldn't be so hard to do.) And I sure wish someone would come over here and test my smoke alarm.

I dearly love all of you, that's why I can tell you what I really want for Christmas.

A 91-YEAR-OLD GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: I admire your honesty. Although it may seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas, immediately after Halloween, the pumpkins and witches have already been taken out of the merchants'

windows and been replaced by Santa, artificial snow, nativity scenes, and all the trappings of the holiday season.

DEAR ARDY: I read the letter signed "Boggled," who resented having to chip in every year for an expensive Christmas present for the big boss, who is probably a rich man and has more than he needs.

Why don't the employees get together and make a contribution to charity in the boss's name? It may even be tax-deductible.

CATHY C. IN BRADENTON, FLA.

DEAR CATHY: A great idea. Not only would your suggestion save the employees the hassle of coming up with a costly gift that the boss neither needs nor wants, it would provide food, shelter or clothing for the needy.

DEAR ARDY: My husband and I are going to an elegant evening wedding in Los Angeles. My husband is the best man. Is it OK if I wear black to the wedding, since the wedding is at 5 p.m.?

MAME WITHHELD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MAME WITHHELD: Ten or 15 years ago, I would have said no, but in recent years, the rules have become more

flexible. Today I say, black is permissible, but brighten up the outfit a bit with accessories in silver, gold or a lively color.

DEAR ARDY: Would you please do elderly people a favor and mention in your column that when people telephone they should please allow a little longer to answer?

If the television is on, the call can blend in with the program. When it dawns on the viewers that the telephone ringing is their own, they may have difficulty getting up. By the time they get to the phone and lift the receiver, the caller has hung up! This is very frustrating. Not only have I missed the key part of my program, I have been left wondering who is calling.

We are not sitting at desks, you know. Please give us elderly people a little more time to answer the telephone.

ELIZABETH HEATH, WAYCROSS, GA.

DEAR ELIZABETH: Your letter rings a bell with me. There can be many reasons why it's difficult to get to the phone — and age and infirmity are only two of them. Let it ring a minimum of 10 times!

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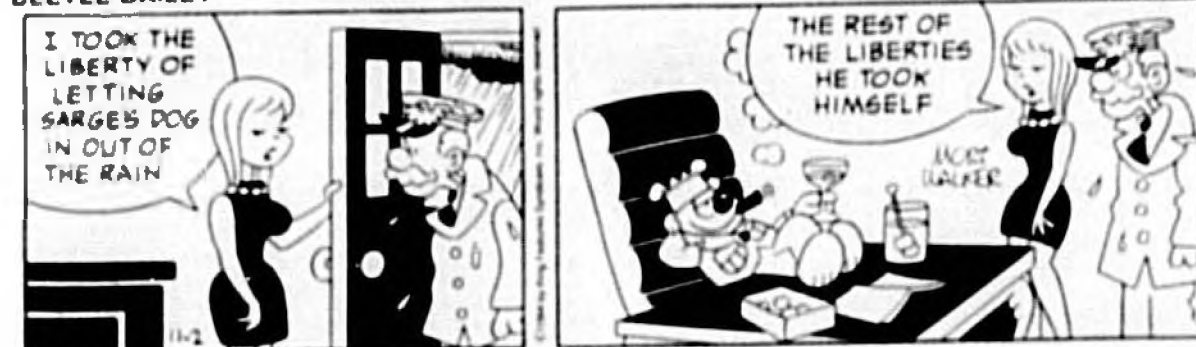
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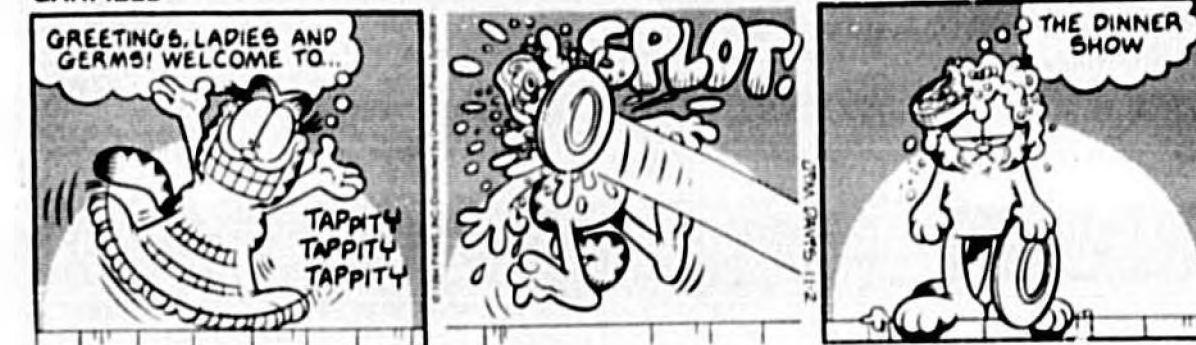
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Unhealthy diet causes symptoms

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've always suffered from hives, allergies and migraine headaches. I thought I would outgrow my childhood health problems, but now, at 68, I have incessant diarrhea, high blood pressure and the allergies. I have tried all diet plans in an attempt to lose weight, but because I cannot eat a balanced diet, I end up gaining weight. My HMO feels this weight gain is not a problem, but with a family history of diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease, this cannot continue. What's the solution?

DEAR READER: You seem to have a complex medical problem that is aggravated by an unhealthful diet. Without a doubt, you should be evaluated by a registered dietitian. Such a professional can design a diet that will suit you.

In particular, you need guidance in selecting nutritious foods that will not worsen your diarrhea, migraine, hypertension or allergies. At the same time, your diet must be properly balanced. Furthermore, you should address your problems of high blood pressure and diarrhea with your family doctor, because you may need medication in addition to modification of your diet.

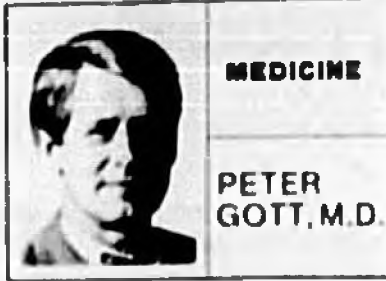
To give you more information on your weight gain, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I love to eat apples, peanut butter and orange juice. TV notices say that apples have pesticides, peanut butter has bad oils and orange juice contains contaminated water. Should I consume my favorite foods?

DEAR READER: For Heaven's sake, yes. Everything - and I mean everything - in life carries its own risks. It seems to me that

with all the other worries we have, concerns about trace amounts of pesticides, the hazards of peanut oil and the unlikely contamination of orange juice pale into insignificance.

Of course, you should first rinse your apples, moderate your consumption of peanut butter, and choose brand-name orange juice - but otherwise, enjoy your



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

favorite foods. If we believed everything we saw on TV, we'd be a nation of neurotics. We aren't yet, or are we?

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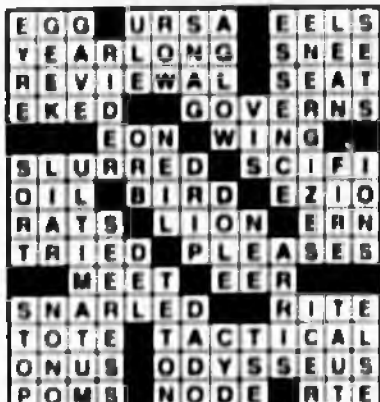
ACROSS

- 1 Fleet
- 8 Filing aids
- 13 Catholic beads
- 14 By the time - to Phoenix
- 15 Guido's high note
- 16 Elevator inventor
- 17 Gone with the Wind mansion
- 18 Listening organ
- 19 Ship-shaped clock
- 20 Fr. as - as Kansas in August
- 21 Without end (poet)
- 22 Credit (abbr.)
- 23 Overture
- 26 Science
- 31 Fruit pastry
- 32 One of the Three Stooges
- 33 Hawaiian rootstock
- 34 Diminutive

DOWN

- 1 Not costing anything
- 2 She gets what she wants
- 3 Gravel ridges
- 4 Symbol for tantalum
- 5 Pressed substance
- 6 Liquid
- 35 Noun suffix
- 36 Mr. Stravinsky
- 37 Female prophet
- 39 Incline
- 40 Seattle's sit
- 41 Appropriate
- 42 - - - - - crew
- 44 Small rug
- 47 Cheer
- 50 Biblical word
- 51 Stretched tight
- 52 Like (suff.)
- 53 Dye plant
- 54 Muffled
- 56 Grass-cloth source
- 57 Supplication

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- measure
- 7 - Ericson
- 8 Best of burden
- 9 Joseph Brod -
- 10 Seaweed substance
- 11 Swiss capital
- 12 Remain
- 20 Bob
- 21 Go in
- 22 Guitarist - Atkins
- 23 Southwestern Indians
- 24 Top of the head
- 25 Art deco
- 26 Singer Lily -
- 27 Long-legged bird
- 28 Character in Othello
- 29 Cut (hair) short
- 30 Painful
- 32 Tableland
- 36 Female sheep
- 38 Baby minder
- 41 Find - with (complain)
- 42 Mormon State
- 43 Eject of glass
- 44 Decorate
- 45 Aid
- 46 Water pipe
- 47 Costa -
- 48 Dilseed
- 49 Actress - Lamarr
- 51 Mac - tung
- 55 Neon symbol

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

We all know the expression about not sending a boy to do a man's job. But is it possible to send a boy to do a woman's job? Of course it is!

The bidding in today's deal was impressive. If slightly complex, South's two hearts was a transfer bid. When South continued with three diamonds, his second suit, North bid three hearts to show values in that suit and to suggest weak clubs. After South rebid his six-card suit, North cue bid the heart ace. And when South showed his first-round club control, North used the Grand Slam Force, asking partner to bid seven diamonds with two of the top three trump honors.

South ruffed the club-king lead and cashed the diamond ace, getting the bad news. Now it was a matter of establishing his spades. In case they were

divided 4-2, without losing trump control, Declarer unblocked dummy's top spades, ruffed a club to get back to hand and led the spade six. When West discarded, South knew it was safe to ruff with the boy-dummy's diamond six. But if he had, he would have fallen to defeat. After cashing dummy's diamond queen, South would have had to ruff a club to return to hand, leaving himself with only one trump to East's two.

Instead, South ruffed the third spade with dummy's diamond queen. Then he led a low trump to his nine, drew the remaining trumps and claimed.

Not bad to bid and make a grand slam with only a combined total of 26 high-card points. But a well-placed void may make a mockery of point-count.

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NORTH 11-204

- A K
- A K 5 6
- Q 6 5
- 8 7 6 3

WEST

- J 9
- 10 9 8 6 3
- 7
- K Q 9 6 5 2

EAST

- 10 8 5 2
- Q J
- 10 8 7 4
- A J 10

SOUTH

- Q 7 6 4 3
- 7 2
- A K J 9 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 NT	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osoi

YOUR BIRTHDAY
Nov. 3, 1994

You've learned a lot from experience and it isn't likely you'll repeat mistakes. What awaits you looks hopeful and exciting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a good judge of character, but today you will trust someone who might talk freely about your confidential matters. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you may be good at achieving your objectives, but the tactics you use won't win you any popularity contests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Sometimes, after obtaining something you tried hard to get, it becomes clear that it wasn't

worth the effort. This could be what you experience today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to be a good salesperson today, you'll have to make a good presentation. Be careful not to put your prospects to sleep explaining the offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You know how annoying it is when people disrupt your plans. Keep this in mind today and avoid changing the flow of events that affect others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In collective efforts today, the other members of your group may rely on you to instill a spirit of togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Success could elude you today if you lack focus on goals and objectives. Strive for steady progress instead of rolling for sevens and eights.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be patient with your procedures at work. If you begin to make changes simply because you're

bored, you could invite trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Find a middle ground with your mate today on topics where your views are diametrically opposed. If each retains his/her bias, a painful deadlock will result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your dedicated efforts aren't apt to go unrewarded today. However, you might have to work much harder than you originally thought.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your financial affairs today, you might display your brilliance and your incompetence. It could be a toss-up as to which leaves the longer impression.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An incident might occur today that could make you justifiably angry. However, if you remember you're bigger than what transpires, you'll forgive and forget.

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ANNIE



by Leonard Starr