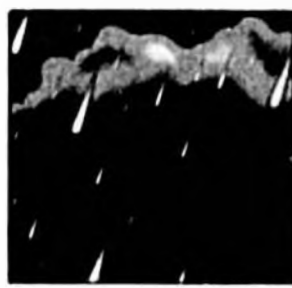




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Briefly

Planned burn

Weather permitting, a prescribed burn is planned for the southwest central part of the Eon River Wilderness area, on Old Lockwood Road in Oviedo. The burn is planned for today, Jan. 18. Officials have been alerted to the burn.

For additional information, contact Michael Wood at 407-665-7383.

I-4 Masterplan presentation

Planned improvements to Interstate-4, from south-west of Orlando through Seminole and Volusia Counties will be on display Jan. 25, at the Volusia County Fairgrounds on SR-44, east of DeLand. The open house starts at 5 p.m., with a special presentation at 7 p.m. for the 73 mile stretch of highway involved in the widening.

The plans include the proposed widening of the I-4 bridge over the St. Johns River. The event is open to the public and Department of Transportation officials will be on hand to answer questions and explain the proposals.

Today is ...

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000
Today is the 19th day of 2000
and the 29th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1853, Verdi's "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.
On this day in 1869, Susan B. Anthony was elected president of the American Equal Rights Association.

On this day in 1937, Howard Hughes flew across the United States in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds, establishing a new record.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Watt (1736-1819), inventor; Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Confederate general; Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), writer; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), painter; Jean Stapleton (1923-), actress, is 77; Phil Everly (1939-), singer, is 61; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), entertainer, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Nap Lajoie, Tris Speaker and Cy Young were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The day is coming when a single carrot, freshly observed, will set off a revolution."
Paul Cezanne

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Jan. 20).

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Work begins on airport ILS

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

New system will allow planes to approach runway from the east

SANFORD — Construction on the long-delayed Instrument Landing System at the Orlando Sanford Airport is progressing smoothly, according to airport officials.

The \$1.6-million project was delayed by disputes between the Airport Authority and contractors over fees being charged to perform the work.

Because of delays in beginning construction, the project is not expected to be finished until May. This represents a

delay in the project of 13 months.

The Instrument Landing System will provide navigational assistance for aircraft landing on the airport's main runway during poor weather.

More importantly, the system will allow aircraft to approach and land from the east. This will decrease aircraft noise in areas to the west of the airport, partic-

ularly in Lake Mary.

Construction on the first portion of the project will not exceed a cost of \$57,000. The airport authority is still negotiating the final cost with contractors, with authority's initial bid coming in at \$37,000.

"The contractor has been back to work on the project for several weeks," said

airport director Victor White. "The work continues, although the dispute over final fees is also ongoing. At least there will be no more delays in construction."

Meanwhile, the Sanford Airport Authority on Monday agreed to draft a letter to the United States Department of Transportation requesting that the airport's control towers not be privatized.

The Department of Transportation is See Airport, Page 6A

Terminal expansion underway

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Two injured in I-4 wreck



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Emergency personnel place Sherry Lynn Decker on a stretcher following a one-vehicle wreck on Interstate 4. The wreck occurred Tuesday about 1:45 p.m. a half mile east of Lake Mary Boulevard. According to Florida Highway Patrol Trooper C.H. Simpson, Michael F. Craig, the driver of the Geo Tracker, came up on slow traffic too quickly and lost control of his vehicle. The Geo left the interstate and rolled over, landing on its wheels. Decker, a passenger in the vehicle, and Craig, both of Orlando, were taken to area hospitals. Simpson said Craig will be charged with careless driving.

Look out, SCC brings in Mack the Knife

By Nick Pfeiffauf
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Ole Mack is back. Mack the Knife takes center stage next month at the Seminole Community College Fine Arts Theatre. The classic musical, actually known as the Threepenny Opera, will be presented Feb. 24, 25, 26, March 3 and 4 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Feb. 27 and March 5.

Written by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, the

Threepenny Opera is a musical satire about a society in decline. This particular SCC presentation is told with a twenty-first century twist however. Well known for decades, the production has entertained audiences in revivals around the world.

Mack, actually MacLeath, is remembered as the theatrical version of Jack the Ripper, who prowled through the streets of London England preying on the helpless years ago. The title song, See SCC, Page 6A

Longwood to compile a city policy handbook

Commissioners hope to make decisions more consistent

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — The Longwood City Commission on Monday passed a resolution to establish a Commission Policy Manual that compiles all commission policies.

The manual was proposed Jan. 3 by Mayor Paul Lovstrand because the city does not have a residential sewer policy.

Throughout the 1990's, Longwood installed commercial sewer hook-ups while most residents remained on septic systems.

"We have no residential sewer policy," said Mayor Paul Lovstrand. "It just comes and goes."

Not everyone in the city agrees that a residential sewer policy is needed. Many city residents have stable septic systems, and would object to pay-

ing fees to subsidize the hookup of residential sewer lines.

The commission on Jan. 3 unanimously passed a resolution to develop a water and sewer hookup and expansion policy, and to establish a residential sewer policy book.

However, commissioner Steve Miller said that he is among the city residents who are satisfied with using a septic system.

In order to form the policy, Longwood will need to resolve the question of how to pay for a residential sewer system. Private consultants are currently performing a rate study and a hydraulic study for the city.

Complicating matters is a five-year, \$3 million road paving program being performed city-wide.

Commissioners agreed that new sewer hookups cannot be placed in every road that receives new paving.

The city has a water-sewer enterprise fund which collects impact fees. However, residents not on city sewer cannot subsidize those who do have active sewer hookups.

Belfiore promoted to No. 2 spot

By Michelle Jeria
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Former Lake Mary Police Capt. Sam Belfiore knows change can be either good or bad. He also knows the most recent change in his life is definitely good.

Belfiore was given a promotion last month, becoming Lake Mary Police Department's first deputy chief. However, the job advancement wasn't a big surprise to the 20-year veteran.

"I have been working with the chief on this for awhile, so I was only somewhat surprised," Belfiore said. "And, I think the promotion enhances my career to a new level."

Belfiore's career in law enforcement began during college, although it wasn't his first choice in occupations.

"I wanted to be in law enforcement since I was real young," he said. "And, a lot of



Herald photo by Michelle Jeria

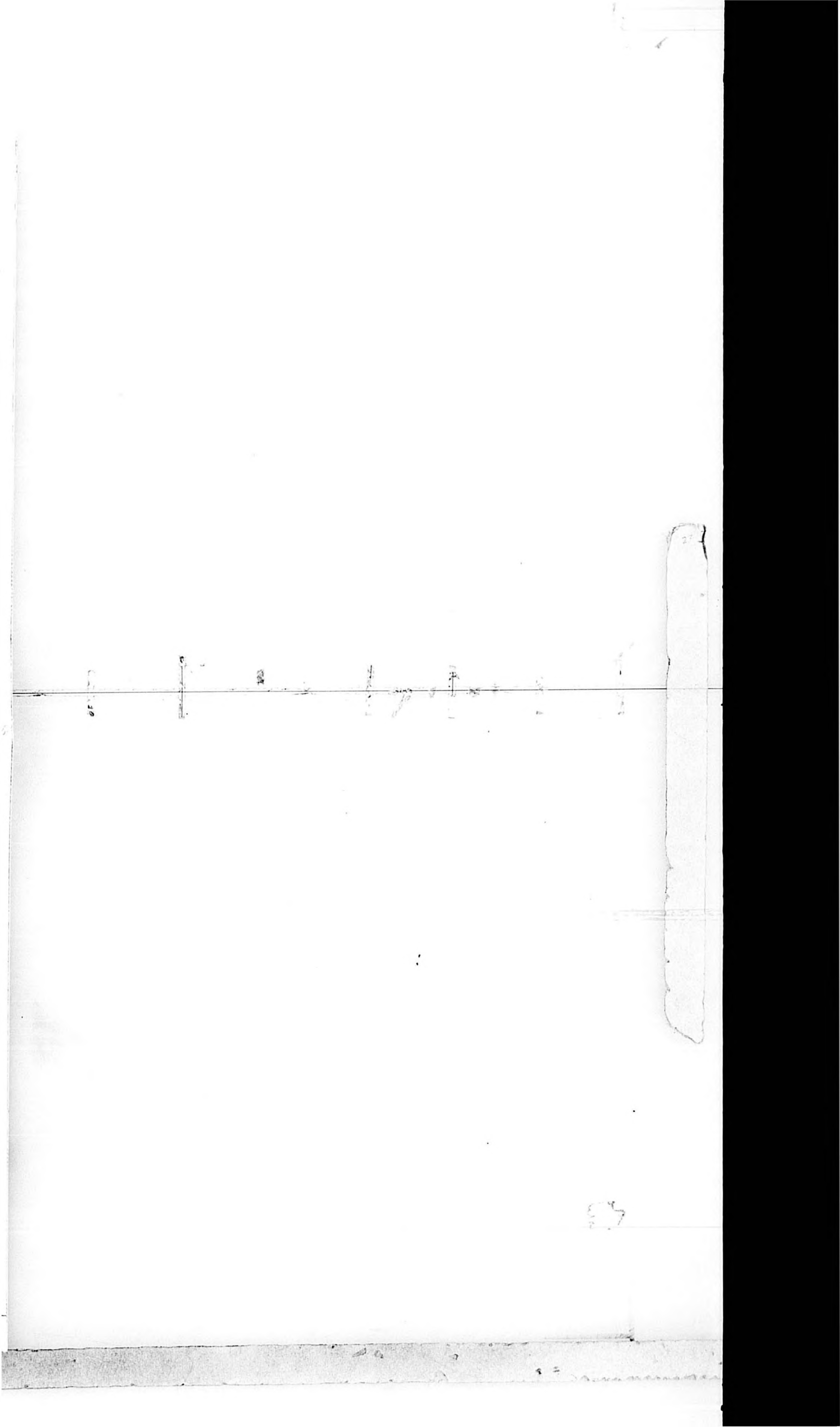
Lake Mary Police Department's first deputy chief Sam Belfiore, left, and Police Chief Richard Baery provide Lake Mary's police leadership.

family and friends are in law enforcement.

"But, when I entered college, I chose teaching, not criminal justice," he said.

Nevertheless, Belfiore realized he didn't want to spend the rest of his life teaching, and

he eventually changed his major. He now possesses an associate's degree from Seminole Community College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida, both in criminal justice. See Belfiore, Page 6A



Elsbeth Roda — driving the All-American way

For every big shot or bureaucrat trying to pretend he's God's gift to the community there is an Elsbeth Roda, who is such a gift.

Elsbeth, 84, is a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

She drives two routes a week in the Sanford area — on Mondays and Fridays. This means taking meals to 15 elderly persons.

"No one is friendlier and as efficient as Elsbeth," Cindy Collins said Tuesday. "I wish we had more volunteers like her."

Everyone loves Elsbeth. She doesn't just drop off a meal. She visits. She's like family."

Collins, Neighborhood Service Manager for Better Living for Seniors in Seminole County, said more drivers are needed for routes that take less than two hours to complete.

"The Sanford routes are the most difficult to fill," Collins said. "We like to be optimistic, that someone will call us. The Kiwanis Club has helped. Larry Carpenter, an attorney in Sanford, recently began a route a week. He's a busy man but he took the time."

Collins said that Elsbeth

Roda has been doing her two routes a week since June 1996.

"I was told they could use people — even sprightly old ones — to deliver meals,"

Elsbeth Roda said Tuesday. "They were desperate. I suppose."

Mrs. Roda said that she was born in Berlin, Germany, married an Englishman and came to America. The couple traveled a great deal but had no children. A widow for 10 years, Mrs. Roda spends one day a week at the museum in Orlando and two delivering meals.

"That way I keep sprightly," she said.

Voluntarism, of course, is a grand American tradition that began before the revolution. Betsy Ross sewed the nation's first flag as a volunteer. Clandestine volunteers taught slave children to read. All volunteers share a belief in serving others.

There's no problem-solving method today less costly than voluntary cooperation. Volunteers help deal with social problems such as drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and inadequate education. Elsbeth

Roda helps to comfort and feed elderly shut-ins. She and hundreds of area volunteers give thousands of hours of valuable time.

Matching the right person to the right opportunity is the key to making voluntarism work, say its advocates. Reading to children at a school library is an important contribution. So is coaching a sports team or volunteering at a hospital or food center.

Male responsibility programs have proven successful but in many communities there are few men who volunteer to guide, mentor, instruct and befriend male youths ages 13 to 19. Rose Davis of Brethren Reaching Out in Sanford said she desperately needs male mentors.

Those who supervise volunteer programs say that it makes no difference if volunteers are black or white, young or old, have doctorates or GED certificates. The best volunteers are people who are warm, empathetic and loving — people capable of real friendship.

Elsbeth Roda and other volunteers like to think of their time as someone else's future.

Thank you Mrs. Roda.

Roda's column appears Tuesday through Sunday in the Seminole Herald.



Russ White



Police Log

DUI

Longwood — Song Kil Choe, 41, 154 Springwood Court, Longwood, was stopped by Florida Highway Patrol Officers at 7:56 p.m. on January 16. He was charged with DUI.

Sanford — Joseph Dunbar, 39, 3154 Croton Avenue, Deltona, Florida, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 3:43 a.m. on January 16. He was charged with DUI.

Casselberry — Nemesio Gonzalez, 40, 801 Mark David Blvd., Casselberry, was stopped by Casselberry Police Officers at 1:50 a.m. on January 16. He was charged with DUI, Driving at Unlawful Speed.

Sanford — Michael Hinshaw, 29, 1470 Farrinndon Circle, Heathrow, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 4:30

a.m. on January 16. He was charged with DUI.

Altamonte Springs — Emmual Riner, 23, 606 Lee Road, Orlando, was stopped by Altamonte Springs Police Officers at 4:41 a.m. on January 16. He was charged with DUI.

Casselberry — Efrain Rodriguez, 42, 355 Concorde Drive, Casselberry, was stopped by Casselberry Police Officers at 3:22 p.m. on January 16. He was charged with DUI.

Katherine Servich, 41, 3919 Biscayne Drive, Winter Springs was stopped by Winter Springs Police Officers at 1:45 a.m. on January 16. She was charged with DUI.

Harassing Communications **Sanford** — Andrias Kish, 35, 181 Twin Coach Court, Sanford,

was arrested by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 7:10 p.m. on January 16. He was charged with harassing communications, domestic related telephone calls.

Drugs

Sanford — Michael True, Jr., 25, 1510 Sanford Ave, Sanford, was arrested by Sheriff's Office Deputies on January 16 at midnight. He was charged with possession of cannabis over 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Altamonte Springs — Theodus Canty, 106 Ford Ave. Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Sheriff's Office Deputies on January 16. He was charged with Possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, battery on law enforcement officer.

Briefs

Care givers needed

Community Care for the Elderly is seeking volunteers of all ages to assist frail elders in Seminole and Orange Counties. Volunteers enrich the lives of homebound elders by helping them live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Services such as transportation, socialization, companionship and respite are provided. Some volunteers may qualify for a stipend, a modest monetary allowance. Mileage and expenses are also reimbursed.

The next training meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 22, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. For additional information and the location of the next volunteer training meeting, phone 407-628-2884.

Business after hours

The Greater Lake Mary-Heathrow Chamber of Commerce and CNL Bank will host the January Business After Hours gathering on Jan. 27. CNL Bank, formerly Alliance Bank will be opening a new branch on Jan. 21 at the Shoppes at Oakmonte in Heathrow, which will be the site of the event, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact the chamber office at 407-333-4748.

Young talent
The public is invited to view

scientific displays by talented middle school and high school students, at the Seminole County Regional Science, Math and Engineering Fair. The event will be held at Seminole Towne Center mall in Sanford, hosting the function.

The exhibition will be on display at the mall during regular business hours, Saturday, Feb. 5. Over 250 student projects have been submitted in fields of Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering.

Students participating are in grades 6 through 12, from public, private and in-home schools in Seminole County. Area businesses, organizations and individuals have donated prizes to recognize the students' efforts. Awards will be presented on the day of the

viewing, at 6 p.m., in the mall center court.

Projects showing the most creativity and best scientific method will be selected to represent Seminole County at the 2000 State Science and Engineering Fair in April, to be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, from where the top students' works may go on to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit, to be held in May.

For additional information on the event, contact the Fair Co-director Michele Mingoli, in Oviedo, 407-869-2020.

Obituaries

SALLYE LEE BENTLEY

Sallye Lee Bentley, 89, W. 12th Street, Sanford, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. She was born Feb. 1, 1910 in Greensboro, Fl. She was a retired educator and a member of First Shiloh M.B. Church. She belonged to Florida State Teachers Association, National Education Association, and N.A.A.C.P.

Survivors include God-sons, Robert B. Thomas, Jr., Sanford, Gerald Cooper, Memphis, TN; God-daughters, Modestine Rachel, Victoria B. Smith, and Sylvia McKinney, all of Sanford, Doris Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.; cousins, Susie Fields, Jacksonville, Earnest Jones, Hempstead, N.Y., Olivia Ayers, Sanford, Adolphe Barber, New York City; sisters-in-law, Natherine Bentley and Altamease Bentley, both of Sanford.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., in charge of arrangements.

JOSE A. IFARRAGUERRI

Jose A. Ifarraguerri, 79, Dumas Drive, Deltona, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000 at Mariner Healthcare of Orange City, in DeBary. Born in Puerto Rico, he moved to Central Florida in 1986 from Miami. He was a retired Major in the U.S. Army, and was Catholic by faith.

Survivors include wife, Nery; son, Jose M., Deltona; daughter, Carmen Feijoo, Miami; sister, Hilda, Puerto Rico; two grandchildren.

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

VICTORIA "SHUG" LEE

Victoria "Shug" Lee, 92, Willow Ave., Sanford, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. She was born Feb. 23, 1907 in Panama City, Fl. She was a homemaker and a member of St. James A.M.E. Church.

Survivors include grandsons, Joe L. Jackson and Vernon L.

Jones, both of Sanford, Virgil I. Jones, Atlanta; granddaughter, Glorinda Dean Moore, New Haven, Ct.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CATHERINE J. McARDLE

Catherine J. McArdle, 74, Laredo Drive, Deltona, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000 at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City. Born in Valley Stream, L.I., New York, she moved to Central Florida in 1983 from Toledo, Ohio. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include husband, John H.; sons, Delmer Gresham and Brad Gresham, both of Toledo, John McArdle, Oceanside, N.Y., Larry McArdle, Valley Stream, N.Y. daughters, Kathy Pacynski and Virginia Shuckwiler, both of Deltona, Patricia Gresham, Medford, L.I. N.Y., Patricia O'Connell, Coram, N.Y., Kathy Mullen, Valley Stream, Alice Keefe, Lynbrook, N.Y.; 23 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

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

FLORENCE B. PETERSON

Florence B. Peterson, 79, Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000 at South Seminole Hospital. She was born May 17, 1920 in Dothan, Ala. She was a homemaker and a member of Grace Apostolic Temple.

Survivors include husband, William B., Sanford; sons, William B., Elizabeth, N.J., David Sr., Ronald Sr., Victor Sr., Robert Sr., all of Sanford, Frederick, Mt. Clair, N.J.; daughters, Marilyn Martin, Opalocka, Fl., Diane Peterson, Cynthia Bennett and Roslyn Campbell, all of Sanford; brother, Robert H. Brown, Ft. Lauderdale; sister, Mary Hayward, DeLand; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., in charge of arrangements.



DOLORES SHEPPARD-MEADOWS

Dolores Sheppard-Meadows, 77, Mt. Clemens, Mich., died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000 at Martha T. Berry Medical Facility. She was born Dec. 6, 1922 in Dunellon, Fl. She was a retired educator and a member of Tiedstone Baptist Church, Clinton, Mich., where she served on the missionary board and Christian Education Board.

Survivors include husband, Calvin Coolidge Meadows, Mt. Clemens, Mich.; son, Calvin Cedric Meadows, Pine Bluff, Ark.; daughter, Iwanna Meadows-Collins, Clermont, Fl.; brother, George W. Sheppard, St. Petersburg, Fl.; five grandchildren.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

MEADOWS, DOLORES SHEPPARD

A wake service will be held in the Chapel of Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary of Sanford, Florida on Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at 7 p.m., with funeral services on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000 at 11 a.m. Funeral line-up will be at 1411 Locust Avenue in Sanford. Burial in Mosley's Cemetery, Sanford, Florida.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., 1110 Pine Avenue, Sanford, Florida, 32772 (407) 322-5212.

Chamber to host developers lunch

Lake Mary — The Greater Lake Mary-Heathrow Chamber of Commerce will present its second annual I-4 Developers Luncheon, co-sponsored by the Pizzuti Co., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20.

Corporate tables, which seat 10, are available at a cost of \$400 for members and \$450 for non-members. Individual seats are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members.

The luncheon will be held at The Country Club at Heathrow, located at 1200 Bridgewater Road in Heathrow.

Reservations are requested for both events and can be made by calling Chamber Office Manager Debbie Lee at 407-333-4748.

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Opinion

Elian Gonzalez Libre

Six-year-old Elian Gonzalez' mother was tired, poor and part of a huddled mass yearning to breathe free. She gave her life so that her young son might grow up in freedom in America instead of repression in Cuba. For this heroic act, American authorities at the Immigration and Naturalization Service have turned off the lamp and locked the Golden Door. But Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) and Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) want the boy to stay in the United States.



Cal Thomas

Burton has subpoenaed Gonzalez to testify before Congress as to whether he wishes to return to his father in Cuba. Smith says Gonzalez told him he doesn't want to go back, but prefers to stay with relatives in South Florida. These are defensible delay tactics while the U.S. courts have an opportunity to fully consider the case.

For people who support strong families, this would normally be an easy call. A motherless child should be with his father, so long as he is not abusive and other circumstances are favorable. But the Cuban and American systems are not equal, and we know little about the father.

Several questions should be asked before the Gonzalez boy is deported. Friends of his mother should be interviewed, in Cuba if possible and in the United States for sure, so the courts might know why she left. What was the home situation like? What were the circumstances that led to the boy's parents divorcing? Was the father pressured into making statements calling for his son's return? At a minimum, the father should be interviewed in the United States so that it might be determined whether he is speaking freely.

Some with short memories may have forgotten what a classic Communist dictatorship looks like.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service Resource Information Center provides a helpful reminder. In a December 1998 report — titled "Cuba: Systematic Repression of Dissent" — author Douglas Payne writes that "Cuba is a one-party

Communist state, in which every Cuban is subject to a totalitarian system of political and social control ... Anyone deemed by the regime to be in opposition to (The Communist Party of Cuba — ICC) is regarded as a 'counterrevolutionary' and an 'enemy' and is therefore at risk of punishment. The judicial system is constitutionally subordinated to the executive and legislative branches and under the control of the ICC."

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights says, "There are no legal means for openly challenging the policies of the Government or Party, or competing as a group, movement or political party organization for the right to govern, to replace the Communist Party and its leaders by peaceful means, and to develop new and different policies ... It is impossible to make open and organized criticism of the policies of the Government and the Party that might hold top leaders accountable or make them susceptible to being removed from office."

The Castro regime, according to Payne's report, conducts electronic surveillance on its own people and blackmails or coerces "a widespread network of informers to spy on or forcibly intrude in the lives of any citizen for any reason, anytime, anywhere."

This is why we cannot know the true wishes of Elian Gonzalez' father and why his son must not be returned to this kind of life until they are known and the above questions are fully answered.

Does the Clinton-Gore administration want to be responsible for dooming an innocent child to a life of political incarceration? Does it wish to dishonor the memory of the child's mother who gave her life so that her son might have a future? President Clinton says politics should not be a consideration. Yes, it should, because it is all about politics: the politics of freedom and hope vs. the politics of repression and fear.

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Your View

Harris embarrassed by bickering over local soup kitchen

To the editor:

I am embarrassed by the actions taking place in our town. I apologize to the rest of Central Florida for the actions of these few people. These actions are opposite to the way people treated others back when Sanford was considered a friendly town where so many wanted to retire.

A recent copy of the Florida Living magazine had a very good article about Sanford Main Street. The article quoted their mission statement in part. Their mission is to make Sanford a friendly place for the people and business.

I find it ironic that the director of our Main Street Program (that we support in a large part with our taxes) is taking legal action against the city because three city commissioners, in a friendly move, allowed a restaurant that would feed those not as well off as many of us.

Some of the statements are an insult to those who need this help. The friendly thing to do would be to help out personally at

a social service agency. To get to know them and maybe use our expertise to help them have a better life. We may find out that they are a lot like us, not a bunch of drunken homeless bums we often make them out to be.

I am embarrassed for the city because of Mrs. Metts' inappropriate and I believe incorrect statement as reported in the press. I believe the Mayor and Commissioner Lessard are both good people, just short on knowledge of many of the needs of many of our citizens. The city does not end at 13th street. There are about ten times as many people in the city outside this area.

These last ordinances are needed; but were poorly thought out and should be reworked so there is fairness to all.

One last item. At every meeting that brings out the residents of the historic district, I hear statements claiming that proposals before the commission will make their home lose value. I have learned that some of these homes are for sale for one \$100,000 and up, and are nearly tax exempt because of home-
stead exemption. If this is true,

then the County Tax Assessor needs to check the value of these homes so they can begin to pay for the governmental services they demand.

Art Harris
Sanford

Locke writes verse about King's impact

To the editor:

Sometimes in life a name can really fit — just seems to sing!

That truly was the case with Dr. Martin Luther King.

A man with regal bearing — with the noble point of view, All are created equal — there should be no me and you.

Our lives instead should be lived with the point of view that we,

Should do our best to live our lives in perfect harmony.

The dream he had is now our dream, and we will truly strive,

To smile, to care for others, and to keep our dream alive!

Patricia J. Locke
Sanford

Neal takes issue with White's stance

To the editor:

I have never met Mr. Russ



White, but generally he is capable of writing a rather benign article which does not articulate a great deal. He may be helpful at times.

I was thoroughly disappointed in his stating that Elian — the pitiful pawn in the palms of perverted politicians — should remain in the United States.

Then to prove his point he uses the specious argument that the Castro regime has killed thousands of Cubans for various reasons. What kind of crystal ball does Mr. White have to look into Cuba's future? He states he does not know how long Castro will live and hints that future regimes may be worse.

Has Mr. White forgot that we wantonly murder thousands of unborn babies each year? Whatever right we may have had in determining how another country should raise their children, has been forfeited as long as we continue to murder the innocent, yet unborn babies.

I do not know anything about Mr. White's father. But this much I know: I would have rather been raised in a pit with my father than in a palace without him.

Rev. Fred L. Neal
Sanford

Voters think Bradley and McCain are the real deal

Every presidential election is a search for the cure.

In 1960, the malady was age. Voters still liked Ike, but the great World War II general was 70 and slowing down.

The Soviet launch of Sputnik and Castro's take-over in Cuba said the country was, too. Jack Kennedy, 43, loomed as the perfect elixir.

In 1976, it was the rot of Watergate. So we picked a guy who taught Sunday school, whose mantra was he'd hardly even been to Washington. In 1992, it was the economy that was bedridden. So we took a risk on a guy who couldn't remember getting drafted, but knew for a fact that people were going to vote their pocketbooks.

So here we are in 2000. The economy's gonzo. People who never had a job are catching the bus in the morning.

Kids are graduating from college with dreams of e-commerce dancing in their heads. The troops are safe. Each day the Cold War fades further from the national memory.

Our only ailment is the presence in the White House of a president so incorrigibly dishonest on the personal stuff that he can't turn in an honest golf card, so incorrigibly lucky on the political stuff — the booming economy — that he leaves his partisan rivals little to complain about.

This explains the focus in both parties on authenticity. It's not Clinton's performance but his character that makes the Republicans hopeful and the Democrats, including Vice President Al

Gore, keep their distance from him. The majority of voters want a president as lucky as Clinton, as smart as Clinton, but requiring less — far less — moral maintenance.



Chris Matthews

This explains the appeal of John McCain, Republican and Bill Bradley, Democrat. Both have the look of what the old-time, back-room, cigar-chomping political kingmakers called "the genuine article."

A new Washington Post-ABC poll out this week shows that three-fourths of likely Republican voters in the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary find McCain an "inspiring candidate." They believe he has the strength to "bring needed change to

Washington," the guts to tell the American people "even if it's not politically popular."

Bradley gets the same kind of response from Democratic voters in the first-in-the-nation primary state.

The reasons can be found in McCain's comments on "Meet the Press" Sunday. He mocked a Cuban government official for saying that people flee his country, risking their lives on small boats and rafts to cross 90 miles of dangerous seas, because the U.S. government has conspired to "confuse and manipulate" them.

"You took me on a trip down memory lane. It's been a long time since I've listened to that kind of Communist rhetoric, where wrong is right, black is white, and up is down."

McCain's years as a Communist

POW in Hanoi, a period in which he and his American prisoners were used as showcases by visiting Communist officials from Havana, gave his words an unusual authenticity.

The same was true in what Bill Bradley had to say on Martin Luther King Day, about how an NBA star he taught younger white players on the Knicks how to treat black players with respect.

The best speech writers and the best money can't buy that kind of experience — or the authenticity that comes with it.

(Chris Matthews, chief of the San Francisco Examiner's Washington Bureau, is host of "Hardball" on CNBC and MSNBC cable channels. The 1999 edition of "Hardball" has been recently published by Touchstone Books.)
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Education

'I Like Me' books distributed to students

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Staff from The Telephone Pioneers of America, who are working at Lucent Technologies, will be distributing personalized "I Like Me" books to first-grade students at eight Seminole County elementary schools

during a two-week period.

The Pioneers from Lucent will enter each first-grade classroom in the schools to distribute the books to each child. The schools include Wilson, Midway, Hamilton, Goldsboro, Lake Orienta, Idyllwilde, Wicklow, and Pine Crest elementary schools.

The book distribution will take place today as well as next Wednesday.

Designed to foster positive self-esteem, an early love of reading and interaction between parents, teachers, and children, the "I Like Me" books also communicate anti-drug and tolerance messages and illustrate gender sensitivity, cultural

diversity and the inclusion of physically-challenged individuals.

Each book mentions the name of its young owner 28 times and includes notations of each child's nickname, two friends, teacher, school, principal, home town and home state.

The Pioneers is a volunteer organiza-

tion comprised of 830,000 active and retired employees of the telecommunications industry. They have distributed personalized "I Like Me" books to 13,000 elementary students across the United States.

Lucent Pioneer members raised the money to purchase the books.

Briefs

Oviedo High School news

Oviedo High School is hosting a curriculum fair Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Commons. Parents of 8th graders and underclassmen are invited to attend.

Area departments will set up displays and be available to discuss various programs. A PTSA meeting will precede the fair, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Meanwhile, the Oviedo High School PTSA is selling Valentine's Day balloons which will be delivered during school, Monday, Feb. 14.

Prices will be reduced if ordered before Feb. 11. Orders may be placed by coming by the school store or sending payments to Oviedo High School, 601 King Street, Oviedo, Florida 32765.

Mark all orders Attention: PTSA/Valentines. Prices range from \$6 for a balloon bouquet to \$5 for a bean bag chair with one balloon.

For more information, contact the school at (407) 320-4050.

Academy of Finance Student Conference
Junior and Senior student members of Academy of Finance programs from Lake Brantley High School will attend the 2nd Annual Academy of Finance Student Conference at The Marriott in downtown Orlando on Feb. 1.

Other Central Florida schools with students participating in the conference include Boone, University and Osceola high schools.

The conference, focusing on the Future in Finance, will provide the 140 students with the opportunity to explore career opportunities and attend industry presentations ranging from professional imaging to interviewing skills.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Reggie Williams, former Cincinnati Bengal linebacker and 1986 National Football League Man of the Year who is presently vice president of Disney Sports Attractions.

The academies, from Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties, are member programs of the National Academy Foundation, which partners with partners with the private and public sector to provide education and work experiences for students.

Peer helping program at Tuskawilla Middle

The Peer Helping Program started last year at Tuskawilla Middle School, and 60 eighth grade students are currently participating.

The focus is on helping students with low academic ability or who are functioning below grade level. Peer Helpers are graded on their dependability and responsibility while in the classroom.

In addition, 50 student mentors from Tuskawilla Middle School will be assigned to two elementary schools this year to assist with the academic program within each school.

The program is in its third year.

National job shadow program scheduled

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

On Feb. 2, students in Seminole County and throughout the United States will spend part of their day in the workplace "shadowing" an employee through a normal day on the job.

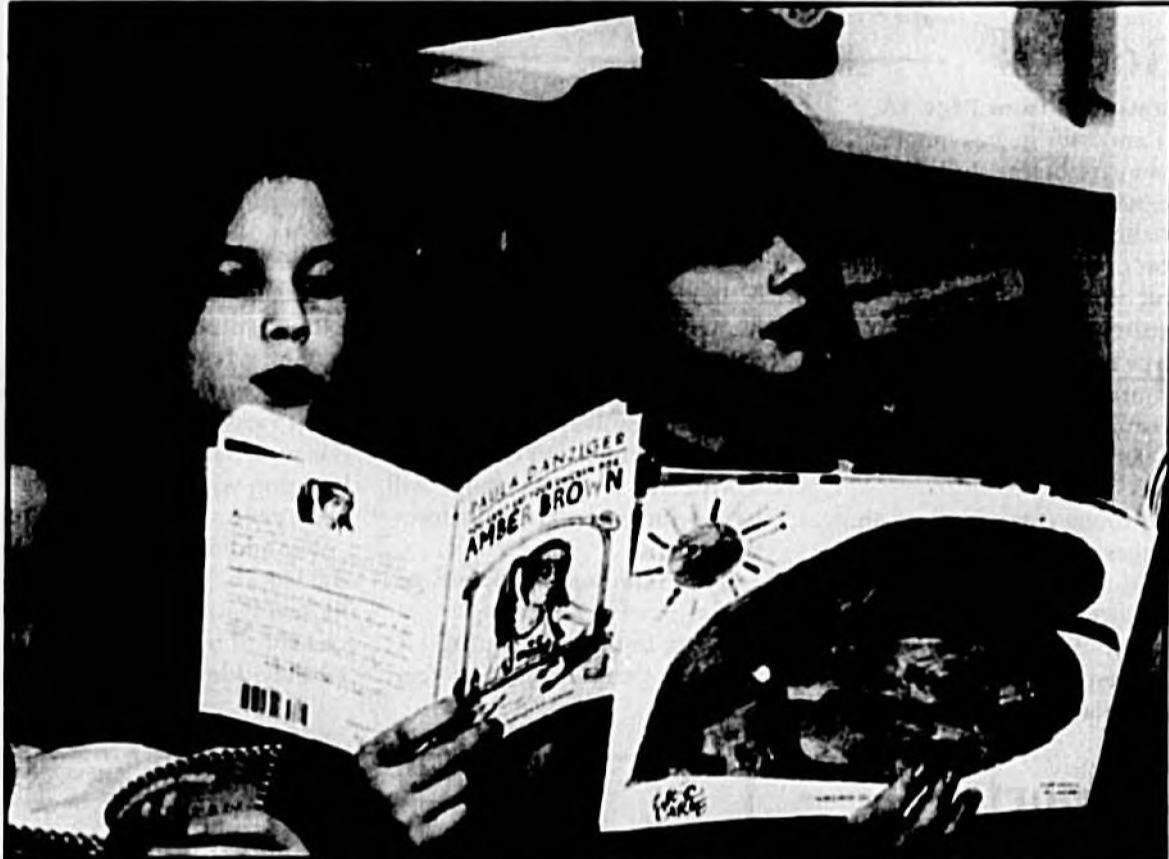
The students will be taking part in the third annual National Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Last year, 14,170 middle and high school students participated in programs, along with 4,690 public and

private sector businesses throughout Florida.

"This worthwhile event will encourage the continuing partnership of business and education and celebrate the importance of students experiencing the workplace firsthand," said Education Commissioner Tom Gallagher.

At the Jan. 25 Cabinet Meeting, Gallagher will sponsor a resolution to recognize Groundhog Job Shadow Day and Cabinet members who have agreed to participate in the program.

Reading is FUN



Herold photo by Tommy Vincent

Midway Elementary School third-graders Rachel Harris and Chelsea Adams read in a rocking chair during a recent Reading is FUNdamental program. Merry Moo from the Dairy Farmers Association was the special guest during the day and assisted Dividends and Seminole High volunteers in helping children select a book. The three-time a year program offers children the opportunity to expand their at-home library and discover the fun and joy of reading early in their lives.

Brain power



Herold photo by Tommy Vincent

Members of the Seminole High School brain bowl team consider a question during the sixth annual Seminole Community College Battle of the Brains held recently. Pictured are Ethan Taub, Kevin Chan, Will Liou and Michael Hypes.

Inheritance program offered

The Seminole County Extension Family and Community Education Volunteers are inviting the public to attend "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plaque" program on Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Seminole County Extension Service Auditorium, 250 West County Home Road, Sanford.

The program deals with personal property inheritance issues and will include poten-

tial transfer issues, owners of non-titled property determine what fair means, and worksheets to identify special objects to transfer.

The program is free and open to the public. To pre-register, call (407) 665-5559.

Persons needing special assistance to participate need to contact the Program Coordinator at least five working days prior to the program.

Special speaker



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Priscilla Parks, left, talks to a Goldsboro Elementary fifth-grade class while Shamaine Gordon listens.

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Belfiore

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After finishing school, he began a throughout job search of the area.

"I was like many of the people I graduated with," he said. "I sent my resume everywhere."

He received several job offers, and he decided to begin his career at the Lake Mary Police Department. It's where he has remained during his 20-year tenure in law enforcement.

Belfiore said he has seen a lot of changes since 1979.

"When I first started, there was a lot of diversity in my job duties," he said. "Because the department was so small, I had to learn it all. But, that gave me the opportunity to learn more

and do more."

Two decades later, Belfiore's job description is more defined and the size of the police department has grown more than six times its original number.

"When I first started, there were five other employees, including the chief of police," he said. "Now, there are 30 people who work within the department."

One of the additions to the department includes his wife, Sgt. Linda Belfiore.

He also has seen tremendous change in the city.

"When I first started, there were only three large commercial businesses in the city," he

said. "Where the police department currently is located on Rinehart Road was once just orange groves."

Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Beary has experienced many of the same changes as Belfiore, and he believes his fellow officer's promotion is well deserved.

"Sam has paid his dues," Beary said. "He has worked his way up in the ranks."

"He has been here during the good and bad times, and he never allowed politics to get in the way of his job," the chief added. "He has had several chances to leave in the past, but he hasn't. He has really shown his dedication to the city."

Terminal's \$25 million expansion begins this week

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Work is under way on a \$25 million expansion of the Orlando Sanford Airport's domestic terminal facilities.

Construction began this week on the project, which is expected to be complete in January 2001. A groundbreaking ceremony for the project will be held on Friday.

Victor White, director of the airport, said the first new gate is expected to open during the summer of 2000.

"Hopefully everything will continue to move smoothly," White said. "We are progressing on schedule."

Plans for the expanded terminal include second level boarding for up to seven flights at a time, and the capacity to handle up to three million passengers annually.

As part of the domestic terminal expansion, a ramp will be designed to give the airport greater flexibility in servicing a variety of planes. The ticketing, baggage claim, concession and retail areas will also be expanded.

By the end of the project, the airport is expected to have at least seven gates. The domestic terminal, which will also handle overflow international traffic, will be expanded to 120,000

square feet.

The airport handled 1 million passengers in 1999, primarily from British charter flights.

Airport officials are expanding the terminal in anticipation of growth in domestic service.

A \$350,000 expansion project is also planned to the international terminal facilities.

Pan American Airlines currently provides the airport with its first regularly scheduled domestic service with flights between Sanford and Portsmouth, N.H., as well as the Gary-Chicago Airport.

The airline is looking into future flights from Sanford that may include service to Atlanta, and San Juan, P.R. However, Pan Am's initial service to Atlanta will not include flights to Sanford.

Pan Am is also planning to begin charter service out of Sanford this year. The destinations under consideration include Fort Lauderdale, Key West, Fort Myers, and Tallahassee.

In August, the Board approved a memorandum of understanding to allow private management of the domestic air-line terminal facilities. The airport's domestic terminal facilities are now managed by TBI (US) Inc., parent company of Orlando Sanford International (OSI),

which manages the international terminal. The international passenger and cargo terminal has been managed by OSI, Inc. since May, 1997.

As part of the 30-year agreement, TBI will pay \$10 million against the \$24.5 million estimated cost of the domestic terminal expansion project.

The first \$7.5 million will be paid up front when the contract is finalized, and the remaining \$2.5 million will be spread evenly over the first five years of the agreement. TBI will also make gross revenue payments to the airport.

In addition, TBI will assume all operation and maintenance costs for the terminal facilities, and provide incentives for airline business attraction.

In return for funding toward the expansion project, the Airport Authority agreed to give TBI rights to parking lot fees and rental car revenues. Currently, the airport does not charge parking fees. White said that nationwide parking lots are often the leading source of income at airports.

TBI will also receive terminal related revenues such as food and beverage concession fees. Commercial ground transportation revenues will be split with the airport.

Gourds

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ter and four inches longer" than ever before. Judging will be in over 60 categories, some relating to the cultural perfection of the gourds themselves, and others relating to the artistry with which gourds have been crafted, through painting, carving, woodburning, weaving or other methods, to make decorative or utilitarian uses.

Among categories are, the longest gourd, ugliest gourd, most perfect dried gourd, most artistically decorated, and many others.

There will also be a free art workshop, and a sale. At pre-

sent, he said there are over 400 card-carrying "gourdheads" in the nation, although he didn't specifically say how many are Floridians or from here in the local area.

Show hours at the state meeting will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, at the Market of Marion, Highways 27/441, about two miles out of downtown Belleview. Workshops will be conducted on Friday before the shows.

Lyn Rehm seen in the photo above, lives in Keystone Heights, but travels approximately a thousand miles a year

to give art classes in gourds.

"Carving to me is the most perfect hobby," she said, "because it's so easy to put down and pick up again. No paint brushes to clean, no stitches to count, to figure where you left off knitting — just start in carving where you left off."

She says making bird houses is her favorite work, "because of the anticipated pleasure of bringing wildlife close in for observation."

For additional information on the Florida Y2000 Gourd Show in Belleview, contact the show's website at <http://grove.ufl.edu/ale-klewis/gourdshow.htm>

Airport

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looking into the privatization of non-radar control towers. The Sanford airport is a secondary radar tower to the Orlando International Airport.

"We do not feel there is any particular advantage for the airport to do it," White said. "We think there are too many unique characteristics of the air towers at this airport. We just see a change in management as a potential disaster."

The airport handled 1 million passengers in 1999, primarily on British charter flights.

The Department of Transportation is preparing a report regarding the privatization of non-radar control towers, which is due in the U.S. Congress in March.

SCC

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Mack the Knife, was made famous by Louis Armstrong, Bobby Darin and others.

Ticket prices are \$6 for general admission, and \$5 for senior citizens or students from other schools. Admission is free for SCC students, faculty and staff.

For additional information, contact the box office at 407-328-2040.

In April, the next production at the SCC Fine Arts Theatre will be The Herbal Bed, based on actual events involving Shakespeare's eldest daughter.

Through the end of January, the Orlando Theatre Project, in residence at SCC, is presenting Wrong for Each Other, a humorous tale by Norm Foster.

Local chamber hosts after hours event

The Greater Lake Mary-Heathrow Chamber of Commerce and CNL Bank will host the January Business After Hours gathering on Jan. 27. CNL Bank, formerly Alliance Bank will be opening a new branch on Jan. 21 at the Shoppes at Oakmonte in Heathrow, which will be the site of the event, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact the chamber office at 407-333-4748.

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Sports

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Lovett to take medical redshirt

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - University of Central Florida head men's basketball coach Kirk Spraw has announced that senior forward Mario Lovett (Tampa/Leto High School), who has battled an injury to his left foot since November, will take a medical redshirt for the 1999-2000 season and return next year for his final season.

"It's unfortunate that Mario has not been able to recover from the injury to his foot. As disappointing as it is for the team not to have him this year, his presence will greatly benefit next year's squad," said Spraw.

Lovett, who was UCF's leading rebounder a year ago, averaging 6.3 boards a game, had scar tissue removed from his left foot in late October and was expected to return early in the season.

However, he experienced a great deal of weakness in the foot after the surgery that eventually led to the development of tendonitis.

Lovett is expected to make a 100 percent recovery from the injury, and will be one of only two seniors returning to next year's squad.

Lovett made his only appearance this season on Dec. 3 during the South Florida game. He played 11 minutes, going 1-for-4 from the field and scoring two points. Lovett was named to the All-TAAC Tournament team, last season.

CADE SETS RECORD IN SEASON OPENER

GAINESVILLE - University of Central Florida senior Cortina Cade (Calumet Park, Illinois/Richards High School) opened the season with two top 10 finishes, including a record setting performance in the 55-Meter Hurdles as the Golden Knight women faced nationally ranked competitors at the University of Florida Indoor Intercollegiate track meet at Perry Track.

Cade ran 8.46 in the preliminary round of the 55-meter hurdles, securing her a spot in the finals and surpassing the University record of 8.50 set by Michelle Botke in 1998.

Cade finished eighth overall in that event and landed in seventh place in the Long Jump.

Newcomer Randi Chapman (Bahama, North Carolina/Northern High School) began her college career off on the right foot as she leapt to eighth place in the triple jump with a length of 38-feet, 10.50-inches.

Two-time TAAC shot put champion Katara Beard (Lyman High School) finished 10th after throwing a 38-foot, 10.50-inch shot.

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1,600 Meter Dash - 10. Anne Panagiotis, 10:35.58; 12. Melissa Norris, 10:51.11; 14. Brianna Harrington, 10:54.70

55 Meter Intermediate Hurdles - 5. Cortina Cade, 8.51

55 Meter Hurdles - 11. Jamie Perez, 9:00.55; 12. 13.3-meter

100 Meter Dash - 10. Shannon Ryan, 9:10.00; 11. 3.00-meter

Long Jump - 7. Cortina Cade, 18:08.00; 8. 7.70-meter; 18. Letricia Parby, 17:04.00; 19. 28-meter

Triple Jump - 8. Randi Chapman, 38:10.00; 9. 11.85-meter; 18. Cortina Cade, 36:01.50; 10. 11.01-meter

Shot Put - 10. Katara Beard, 40:08.00; 11. 13.43-meter; 12. Amber Teyssier, 38:08.28; 13. 11.79-meter

4 x 400 Relay - 19. UCF, 4:08.28

Gaining bragging rights

Pryce leads Lake Howell past rival Winter Park

From Staff Reports

WINTER PARK - They are arguably the best girls' soccer teams in Central Florida, and they also happen to be neighborhood rivals.

The Lake Howell Silver Hawks broke open a close game with a three-goal outburst in the second half to knock off the top-ranked Orange County team, the Winter Park Wildcats, 4-1 in a highly charged game of soccer match-up at Showalter Field Monday night.

Lake Howell and Winter Park, along with Seabreeze and Lake Mary, have been the powers of girls' soccer locally for the past two years and when the Silver Hawks and Wildcats get together, fireworks usually occur, because several of the players from the two squads live in the same neighborhoods and played youth soccer against one another when they were growing up.

Such was the case Monday

as by the conclusion of the game five yellow cards (warnings for rough play) were issued and Becky Richins of Lake Howell had sustained a serious knee injury.

The first goal of the contest was scored by a perfectly placed cross from Mary Tighe to Silver Hawks teammate Jill Rice.

The half ended with Lake Howell ahead only 1-0.

The Silver Hawks took control of the game in the second half as they scored on a pair of goals from senior star Nandi Pryce, on assists from Joanna Black and Jenny Mulvihill, and scored the final goal when Piper Seaman fed Nandi Holcomb for the score.

The defense of goalkeeper Kim Angel, sweeper Patty MacDowell, stopper Mulvihill and fullbacks Black and Brianna Callahan thwarted the Wildcats 13 shots on goal.

The victory over Winter Park comes on the heels of a shut-

out of another Metro Conference power last Friday, when Lake Howell blanked University, 2-0, and the Silver Hawks now stand 19-5-1 on the season.

Winter Park, which got its goal from Lambra on an assist from Bailey, fell to 14-4-2.

The Wildcats got a split in the evening's action, taking the junior varsity contest, 3-0.

Tonight at Richard L. Evans Field, Lake Howell will host Seminole Athletic Conference and district foe Lyman for Senior Night starting at 7:30 p.m.

The three graduating seniors for the Silver Hawks: Patty MacDowell-committed to UCF, Nandi Pryce-committed to the University of Virginia and Becky Richins-committed to Brigham Young University, will be honored.

Pryce and MacDowell, both members of different national teams, have been playing together on club and high school

teams since they were 10 years old, which is reflected in the success of the Lake Howell program.

In other local soccer action on a slim prep schedule because of the Martin Luther King Holiday, Lake Brantley tripped DeLand, 3-1, at Spec Martin Stadium and Oviedo whitewashed Winter Springs, 3-0, in another neighborhood war at Winter Springs High School and in a boys matchup, Seminole scored three second half goals to edge Colonial, 3-2, at Thomas E. Witham Stadium.

Lake Howell 4 (Pryce 2, Rice 1, Seaman 1) Winter Park 1 (Bailey) Shots on goal - Lake Howell 18, Winter Park 13. Records - Lake Howell 19-5-1; Winter Park 14-4-2. Junior varsity - Winter Park 3, Lake Howell 0.

GIRLS SILVER HAWKS 4, WILDCATS 1

Lake Howell	4	3	4
Winter Park	1	1	1

Goals - Lake Howell 4 (Pryce 2, Rice 1, Seaman 1) Winter Park 1 (Bailey) Shots on goal - Lake Howell 18, Winter Park 13. Records - Lake Howell 19-5-1; Winter Park 14-4-2. Junior varsity - Winter Park 3, Lake Howell 0.

Howell 0.

LIONS 3, BEARS 0

Oviedo	3	1	3
Winter Springs	0	0	0

Goals - Oviedo 3 (Brandt 1, A. Clark 1, Neptinger) Assists - Oviedo 3 (Bourque 2, A. Clark) Shots on goal - Oviedo 13, Winter Springs 2. Records - Oviedo 10-4-5; Winter Springs 8-10-1. Junior varsity - Oviedo 2, Winter Springs 0.

PATRIOTS 3, BULLDOGS 1

Lake Brantley	3	3	3
DeLand	1	1	1

Goals - Lake Brantley 3 (Briggs, McMillen) DeLand 1 (Vogler, own goal) Assists - Lake Brantley 3 (McMillen, Cook) Shots on goal - Lake Brantley 14, DeLand 8. Records - Lake Brantley 11-4-1; Junior varsity - Lake Brantley 1, DeLand 1.

BOYS FIGHTING SEMINOLES 3, GREYHOUNDS 2

Colonial	3	1	3
Seminole	0	1	1

Goals - Colonial 3 (McKinney, Veral) Seminole 3 (Grovever 2, Fisher) Assists - Seminole 1 (Fisher) Shots on goal - Colonial 25, Seminole 16. Records - Seminole 6-14; Junior varsity - Colonial 4, Seminole 0.



Lake Mary's Megan Zaudtke, left, shown waiting with friend Catherine Favre, for the next maneuver in gymnastics training, was a

three time regional All-Around champion last year and also earned a Gold Medal in the Vault in the State AAU Championships.

Lake Mary gymnastics champion

From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY - She's only a youngster, but Megan Zaudtke of Lake Mary, age 10, has already gained prominence in the field of gymnastics.

At three regional qualifying meets, she earned First All-Around in her division. Last year, at the State AAU Meet, she came in first on the vault in the nine year old elite division making her State Champion.

Megan has been involved in gymnastics since she was four years old. For the past two and a half years, she has been training at Fit Club in Orange City where it's little wonder she has been successful. Fit Club has captured a first place team title in the Florida AAU State Gymnastics Championships for four consecutive years.

In the latest competition, Fit Club gymnastic teams were among 800 athletes in St. Cloud's Gymnastics Center in Kissimmee, Dec. 18 and 19.

Megan says she does gymnastics because she likes competing, and perhaps it will lead to a scholarship. While Please see Gymnast, Page 28

AAA League kicks off softball season

By Dean Smith SPORTS EDITOR

LAKE MARY - The new millennium began at the Lake Mary Sports Complex last Wednesday evening with opening night action in the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation AAA Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League.

The first game proved to be a barn-burner and the best of the night as the Bombats rallied from a 9-2 deficit to Map Attack on the strength of a five-run fourth inning, then won the game 12-10 on Ross LeDuc's three-run, one out walk off home run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The middle game was shaping up to be a defensive struggle with Cross Bones and I.S. being tied at 1-1 after the top of the third inning.

But I.S. exploded for 14 runs over the final three innings to win 15-3.

The late game also featured a big turnaround as Liberty Mutual I and Liberty Mutual II were tied at 4-4 after two innings, but Liberty Mutual II would not score again as Liberty Mutual I came back for a 16-5 victory.

The league will be in action again tonight with a tripleheader at the Lake Mary Sports

Complex located on Rantoul Lane, north of the Country Club Road cutoff and south of Sr. 46-A, across from Mayfair Country Club.

At 8:30 p.m., I.S. takes on Liberty Mutual II; at 7:30 p.m., Map Attack challenges Liberty Mutual I; and at 6:30 p.m., Bombats faces Cross Bones.

The Bombats trailed Map Attack 10-8 going into the bottom of the fifth inning, but got a run closer on a triple by David Marchand and an RBI single by Paulette Peters.

After Map Attack left the bases loaded in then the top of the sixth inning, Jennifer Rengel and Dan Johannes led off the bottom of the frame with back-to-back singles. After a pop up, LeDuc then blasted his game-winning shot.

I.S. took the lead for good by scoring three runs in the bottom of the third inning, but it was a five-run fourth inning keyed by a two-run inside-the-park home run by McLeod Glass that broke the middle contest open.

Liberty Mutual I took control of its game in the third inning as eight of the first nine batters to the plate reached base, and five scored, in the frame. LMI then put the game out of reach by plating five more runs

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DOUBLEHEADER AT SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

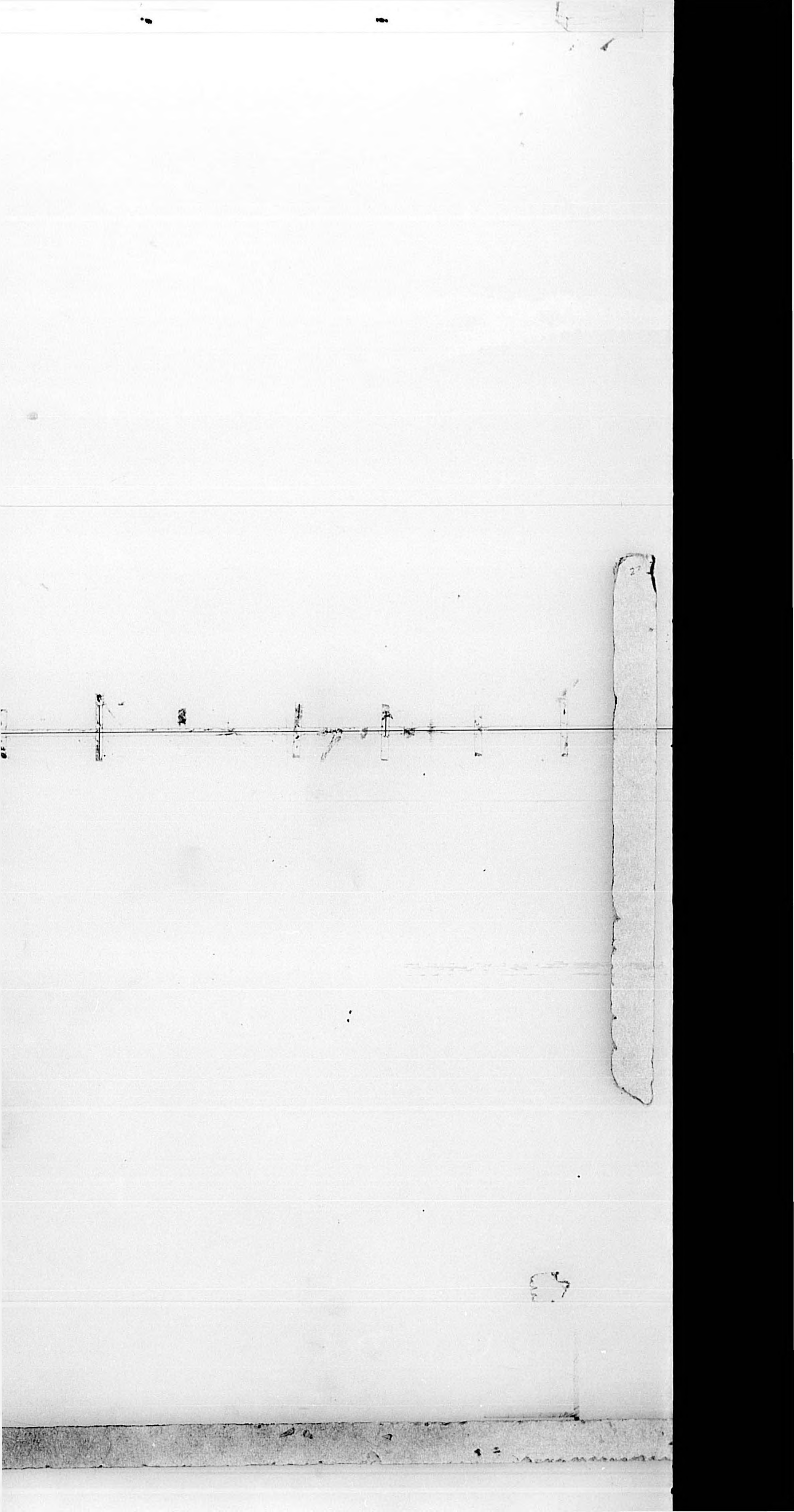


By Dean Smith SPORTS EDITOR

Would photo by Tom Vincent

SANFORD - The Seminole Community College Health and Physical Education Center will be the site of an important Mid-Florida Conference women's/men's basketball doubleheader between the Raiders and Florida Community College at Jacksonville tonight starting at 6 p.m.

The SCC women (20-3) will be looking for their first conference victory when they host the Stars (19-4, 1-1 in the M-FC) starting at 6 p.m., while the men (15-7) will be looking to improve to 2-1 in the M-FC when they host an always tough FCC-J squad at 8 p.m. Admission to all SCC home games is free.



Briefs

MCFAMILY & FRIENDS FOUR PACK OFFERED FOR MAGIC GAMES

ORLANDO - The Orlando Magic and McDonald's have teamed up to introduce the McFamily & Friends Four Pack, a value package offered at four Magic home games this season that includes four tickets, four McDonald's Extra Value Meals or Happy Meals, and four post-game lay-up line coupons.

This \$120 value will be available for \$84. The selected games are February 7 vs. Golden State, March 8 vs. Chicago, March 28 vs. Boston, and April 17 vs. Milwaukee. Packages are available at the Magic season ticket office, the Orlando Arena box office or by calling 407-89-MAGIC (Press 1).

HIT-A-THON FOR SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

SANFORD - The Seminole High School softball team will be holding a fund-raising Hit-A-Thon on Saturday, January 29th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The funds are needed to offset a budget of well over \$5,000, none of which is funded by the school board.

Players are seeking sponsors to see how far they can hit the ball (200 feet maximum). Contact coach Dave Rogers at Seminole High School for more information.

SEMINOLE PONY BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

FIVE POINTS - For boys and girls ages 5 through 14 living in Lake Mary, Sanford, Longwood, Casselberry, Winter Springs and Oviedo their will be registration this Wednesday (Jan. 19) from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday (1/22) from 10 a.m. to noon at the Seminole Pony Baseball Complex. For more information call 407-323-5570.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS TENNIS CLINIC

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The City of Altamonte Springs will be offering a free Tennis Clinic on February 19th.

Ages 8 - 15 will be welcome from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ages 16 + up will be welcome from noon - 2 p.m.

The Clinic will be held at Westmonte Park. For directions or questions please feel free to call Ryan Thompson at (407) 830-3880.

ALTAMONTE TENNIS

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The City of Altamonte Springs (Eastmonte Park) will temporarily be holding a free adult tennis clinic every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Space is limited, so please call Bob Garnett (USPTA) Professional at 407-830-3881 or 407-509-9286 for a reservation.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS RACQUETBALL

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - An Adult Racquetball League is forming for men's singles (Tuesday evenings) and women's singles (Saturday mornings) starting in January 2000 at Eastmonte Park.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes League T-shirt, 11 week schedule, tournament style playoff and trophies to 1st and 2nd place winners.

For more information, call David Wheeler at 407-830-3881 or see Park Supervisor. League is filling up fast as space is limited.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The City of Altamonte Springs Leisure Services will be conducting a weightlifting clinic for boys and

girls in middle school and high school on January 22nd from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and January 23rd from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Lake Brantley Sports Complex.

The clinic will be taught by Daniel Camargo, a three-time National Champion, a 1997 Gold Medalist in the North and South American Tournament and a Olympic 1 level certified coach.

Assisting him will be Travis Grimm, a three-time State Champion, a Silver medalist in the 1997 Nationals, a Olympic Training Team member for two years and a Olympic 1 level certified coach.

For more information call Adam Sosladar at 407-869-2522.

WINTER SPRINGS RECREATION WINTER PROGRAMS

WINTER SPRINGS - The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department will offer winter program classes beginning the 2nd week in January.

Classes include Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Tai-chi, Ballroom Dance, Yoga, Tennis and Jazzercise.

Classes will be held at the Winter Springs Civic Center, 400 North Edgemon except Cheerleading and Gymnastics, which will be at the Indian Trails Middle School cafeteria.

The above classes are held for eight weeks, times and dates are as follows:

* Gymnastics - youth on Mondays from 5 p.m.-to-6:30 p.m., cost is \$40 beginners and \$50 advanced.

* Cheerleading - youth on Wednesdays 5 p.m.-to-5:50 p.m., cost is \$40 beginners and \$50 advanced.

* Tai-chi - adults on Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-to-6:45 p.m., cost is \$48.

* Yoga - adults on Tuesdays from 5:15 p.m.-to-6 p.m., cost is \$48.

* Ballroom Dance Lessons - on Sundays from 6 p.m.-to-7 p.m., beginners and 7 p.m.-

to-8 p.m. intermediate, cost is \$56.

* Tennis - youth and adult, days and times to be determined.

* Jazzercise - adult, days and times to be determined.

Cost is per person and to register for class or more information call the Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-7110.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS FAMILY FOUR PACKS ON SALE!

ORLANDO - The Orlando Solar Bears of the International Hockey League (IHL) are offering Central Florida hockey fans a tremendous promotional opportunity four times during the 1999-2000 season.

The Solar Bears will be offering Family Four Packs this season, which include four lower bowl tickets, four sodas, four hot dogs, and four limited edition Solar Bears baseball caps for just \$59.00.

Solar Bears Family Four Packs can be purchased for the Orlando games against the defending Turner Cup champion Houston Aeros on Friday, February 4; and against the Utah Grizzlies on Friday, March 17.

For each of the four nights, there will a different color, limited edition Solar Bears baseball cap.

For more information on Family Four Packs, please call the Solar Bears ticket sales office at (407) 872-PUCK.

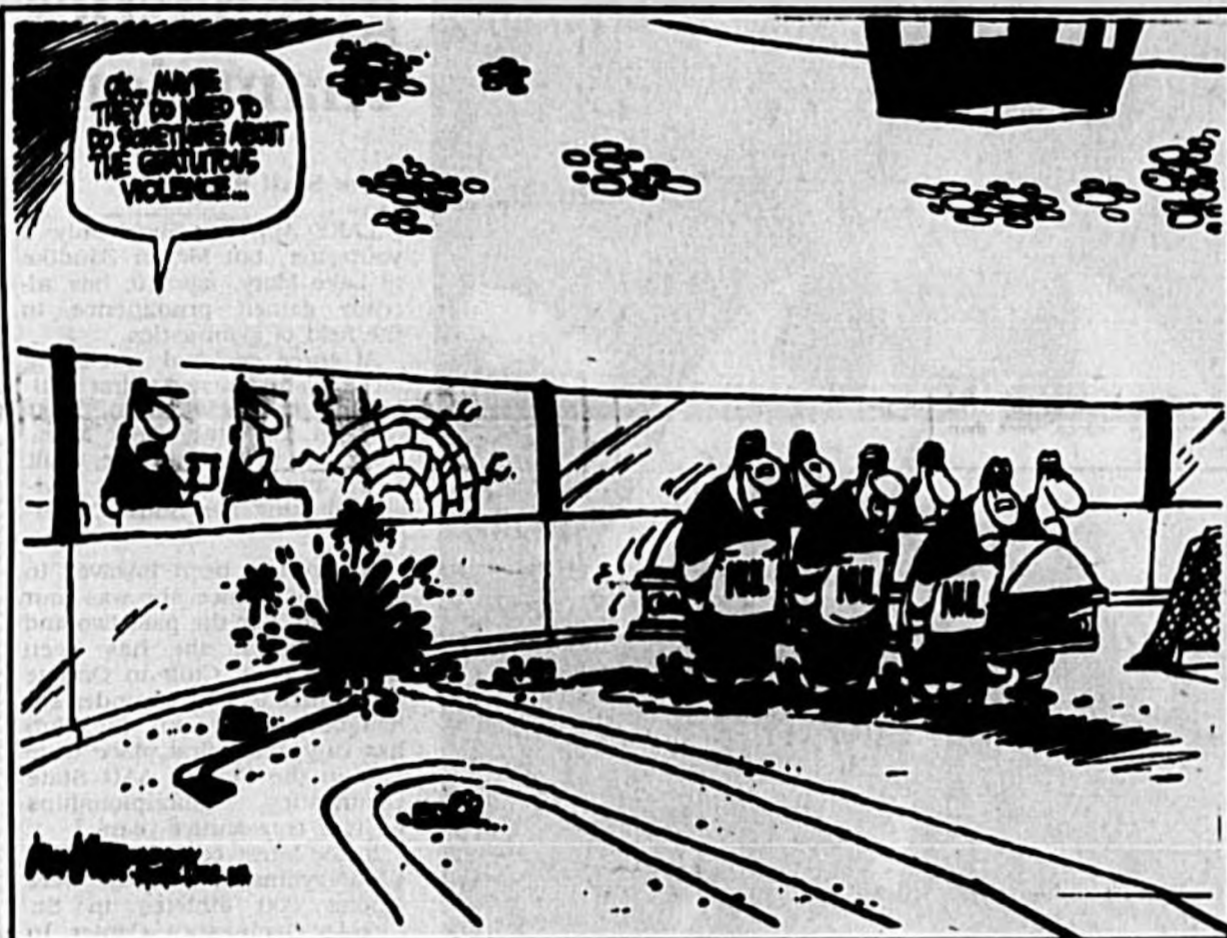
SANFORD ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

SANFORD - The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department is now forming an Adult Flag Football League to begin play in early January.

Games will be played on Saturdays at the open field across from Sanford Middle School on 17-92.

For additional information please contact Jim Schaefer at (407) 330-5697.

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Gymnast

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the training is at time difficult, she mostly thinks it is fun, and enjoys working with friends and learning new skills. She attributes her cousin Sarah as her inspiration.

Although she lives in Lake Mary, she attends school at Timbercrest Elementary School in Deltona, where her mother is a teacher. Her mother says she is impressed with how well Fit Club coaches prepared its gymnasts so they would have a successful experience at various meets.

Megan's biggest challenge? Not necessarily on the high bars or vault, but getting her homework done before practice. (She's a straight-A student).

According to Todd and Betty Ellis, owners of Fit Club, Three years ago, this young Lake Mary resident began learning basic gymnastics at Fit Club in Orange City, under the watchful eye of Coach Kevin Ellis. She progressed rapidly and in the spring of 1999 she became an Elite Scoring Level and Team Gymnast at the Fit Club. In May, she went on to cap-

ture Florida's AAU State title on Vault for 9-year-olds. Then in December, her work ethic allowed her to win the Silver Medal for Floor exercise at the Level 5 State Competition.

Megan says she loves gymnastics and her Fit Club coaches, and is training hard for Florida's 2000 Florida State Championships.

Opening in December of 1991 with 50 students, Fit Club, located at 198 N. Industrial Drive in Orange City, presently has over 700 students training in

gymnastics, dance, cheerleading and martial arts.

Considered Volusia County's largest training center, it is home for dozens of champions, with various youngsters tallying 13 Gold Medals, seven Silver Medals and six Bronze Medals in the state championships. Head coaches Kevin Ellis and Ken Pfeiffau say they are pleased with efforts of both team and individual gymnasts.

This spring, Boys Teams and Optional Girls Teams will be added to the competitive roster.

Location	Percentage
Glendive, Mont.	43.5%
Fairbanks, Alaska	41.4%
Mesaola, Mont.	40.8%
Marquette, Mich.	40.8%
Butte-Bozeman, Mont.	40.8%

GM test concludes at Daytona

Special to the Herald

DAYTONA BEACH - The pressure on a rookie driver to make the Daytona 500 is tremendous.

This year, rookies Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth, Mike Bliss, Dave Blaney and Scott Pruett will be feeling the heat when they arrive for Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway.

The pressure will be on to make the biggest race of the year on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit - the Daytona 500. If they're lucky, they'll find themselves in the same position as last year's Raybestos Rookie of the Year Tony Stewart.

Stewart found himself on the front row next to reigning Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon in last year's "Great American Race."

"It was an awesome feeling," said Stewart about his start in the 1999 Daytona 500. "Anytime you can come here in your rookie season and sit on the front row and have all the pressures taken off of you to try and make the race, you know that everything you do post qualifying is just practice."

"Being able to go on to the 125 and use that race as basically practice for the 500 was a big weight lifted from our shoulders."

Stewart was one of 30 drivers testing at Daytona International Speedway this week. His fastest lap Tuesday was 184.895 mph. Sterling Martin posted the fastest lap of the day in the No. 40A Chevrolet at 187.153 mph.

Stewart and his team were working hard to squeeze more RPMs out of the No. 20 Home Depot Pontiac. "We're still doing everything we can to find hundredths of a second here and there, but it's different from the standpoint that we have a whole different aero package than what we had last year."

The following are the top 10 fastest speeds posted in Tuesday's GM test at Daytona International Speedway:

1. (40A) Sterling Martin, Chevrolet, 187.153; 2. (4) Bobby Hamilton, Chevrolet, 186.908; 3. (31A) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet,

186.888; 4. (91) Andy Hillenburg, Chevrolet, 186.834; 5. (36M) Kenny Schrader, Pontiac, 186.784; 6. (7A) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 186.772; 7. (91) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 186.703; 8. (42) Kenny Irwin, Chevrolet, 186.628; 9. (8A) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 186.513; 10. (43A) John Andretti, Pontiac, 186.382.

Hillenburg's fastest time was posted in the morning test session. All other times were posted in the afternoon session.

The speeds were up dramatically from Monday when Ward Burton, piloting the No. 22 Pontiac, turned a fast lap of 185.789, the quickest of 51 cars taking time.

1. (23) Ward Burton, Pontiac, 185.789; 2. (91) Andy Hillenburg, Chevrolet, 186.381; 3. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 186.357; 4. (40A) Sterling Martin, Chevrolet, 186.067; 5. (31A) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 184.904; 6. (43A) John Andretti, Pontiac, 184.843; 7. (25) Jerry Nadeau, Chevrolet, 184.718; 8. (40) Sterling Martin, Chevrolet, 184.593; 9. (44) Kyle Petty, Pontiac, 184.570; 10. (20A) Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 184.449.

Rusty Wallace, Jeff Burton, Dale Jarrett, 1999 Winston Cup Champion Darrell Waltrip, Ricky Rudd, Jimmy Spencer, and Elliott Sadler are among the drivers scheduled to participate in Ford's testing for NASCAR Winston Cup at Daytona on Thursday and Friday.

Grandstand access is free and open to the public during testing, with entry through DAYTONA USA, the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction."

TRUCKS FLY DURING TEST

DAYTONA BEACH - Bobby Gill posted the fastest time among the 40 teams participating in the final day of testing for the Feb. 18 inaugural Daytona 250 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Daytona International Speedway. The top 10 fastest times posted during the Saturday afternoon drafting session were:

1. (15) Bobby Gill, Ford, 190.267; 2. (14) Rick Crawford, Ford, 190.203; 3. (3) Bryan Reither, Chevrolet, 189.982; 4. (60) Andy

Houston, Chevrolet, 189.930; 5. (16) Jimmy Hensley, Chevrolet, 189.825; 6. (24) Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 189.701; 7. (50) Greg Biffle, Ford, 188.506; 8. (18) Joe Rutiman, Dodge, 188.422; 9. (75) Marty Houston, Chevrolet, 188.407; 10. (90) Lance Norick, Chevrolet, 187.954.

Tickets for Speedweeks 2000 are available by calling the Speedway Ticket Office at (904) 253-7223 or online at www.daytonaintspeedway.com.

DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWEEDS 5000 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY TESTING
20-21 - Winston Cup Series - Ford.
22 - Ford rain date if needed.
24-25-26 - Busch Grand National Series.
27-28 - NASCAR Goody's Dash Series.

FEBRUARY

5-6 - 1 p.m., ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA Grand American Road Racing Association Championship Race.

12 - noon, BUD Pole Qualifying for the DAYTONA 500, NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race.

12 - 3 p.m., DISCOUNT AUTO PARTS 200, NASCAR Goody's Dash Series Race.

13 - 11 a.m., BUD SHOOTOUT AT DAYTONA Preliminary Race.

13 - noon, BUD SHOOTOUT AT DAYTONA.

13 - 1:15 p.m., PRO2CALL 200 Presented by ACDelco & Discount Auto Parts, ARCA Bando/Marhyde Series Race.

17 - 12:30 p.m., GATORADE TWIN 125 MILE QUALIFYING RACES for the DAYTONA 500.

18 - 11 a.m., INAUGURAL CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES 250 AT DAYTONA.

18 - 1:30 p.m., TRUE VALUE IROC XXIV Round One.

19 - noon, NAPA AUTO PARTS 300, NASCAR BUSCH Grand National Series Race.

20 - 12:15 p.m., DAYTONA 500, NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race.

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in the fourth inning.

Providing the offense were:

Bombata: three hits - Jason Hosalook (two doubles, three runs scored, two RBI), Dan Johannes (double, two runs scored, three RBI), David Marchand (three runs scored); two hits - Ross LeDuc (home run, double, run scored, three RBI), Paulette Peters (run scored, RBI), Jennifer Rengel (run scored); one hit - Allen Hall (two RBI), Nancy Woodard; one run scored - Larry Allen.

Map Attack: three hits - Cary Hays (double, two runs scored); two hits - Doyle Kirkland (triple, double, three runs scored, two RBI), Sandra Adkins (two runs scored, RBI), Todd Cronson (run scored), Mike Mouser and Tony Pagan (one RBI each), Geoff Baldwin; one hit - Brett Vanderbrink (run scored, RBI); one run scored, one RBI - Milla Belglie.

I.S.: three hits - McLeod Glass (home run, double, three runs scored, three RBI), Steve Donovan (two doubles, two RBI); two hits - Jesse Gaunts (home run, three runs scored, three RBI), Dave Noble (two doubles, two runs scored, three RBI), Wally Wiland (double, two runs scored, two RBI); one hit - Vic Pascucci (double, run scored, RBI), Don't Dease (run scored, RBI), Rick Fleach (run scored); one run scored - Laura Loudon, Colleen Lassiter.

Cross Bones: two hits - Rick Stock (run scored, RBI); one hit - Dave Stock (home run, run scored, two RBI), Eric Violland (triple), Nancy Odris, Jimmy Gonzalez; one run scored - Sheryl Stock.

Liberty Mutual I: three hits - Mike McClelland (home run, double, two runs scored, RBI),

Skip Bowen (two doubles, two runs scored, three RBI), Deon Daniels (double, three runs scored, two RBI); two hits - Mike Berry (triple, double, three runs scored, three RBI), Jason Proddan (two doubles, run scored, two RBI), Mark Thalling (two doubles, run scored, RBI), Errin Wilson (three RBI), Donytele Daniels (two runs scored); one run scored - Gail Fritter, Celeste Herrera.

Liberty Mutual II: two hits - Kevin Roche (triple, two runs scored, RBI), Eric Tawfall; one hit - Mark Boykin (double, run scored, RBI), Walter Vizzo (double, RBI), Damian Lizaoo (run scored, RBI), Kenny Fitzgerald, Monique Mathieu; one run scored - Jeff Jay; one RBI - Sam Copeland.

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Cross Bones: 188 00 - 0 0
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UCF

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distance of 40-feet, 9.00-

inches.

After missing the cross country season due to a lower leg injury, Anne Pannaggio (Bettendorf, Iowa High School) returned in peak performance mode, leading all UCF distance runners with a 10th place finish in the 3,000-Meter run after crossing the line at 10:30.28.

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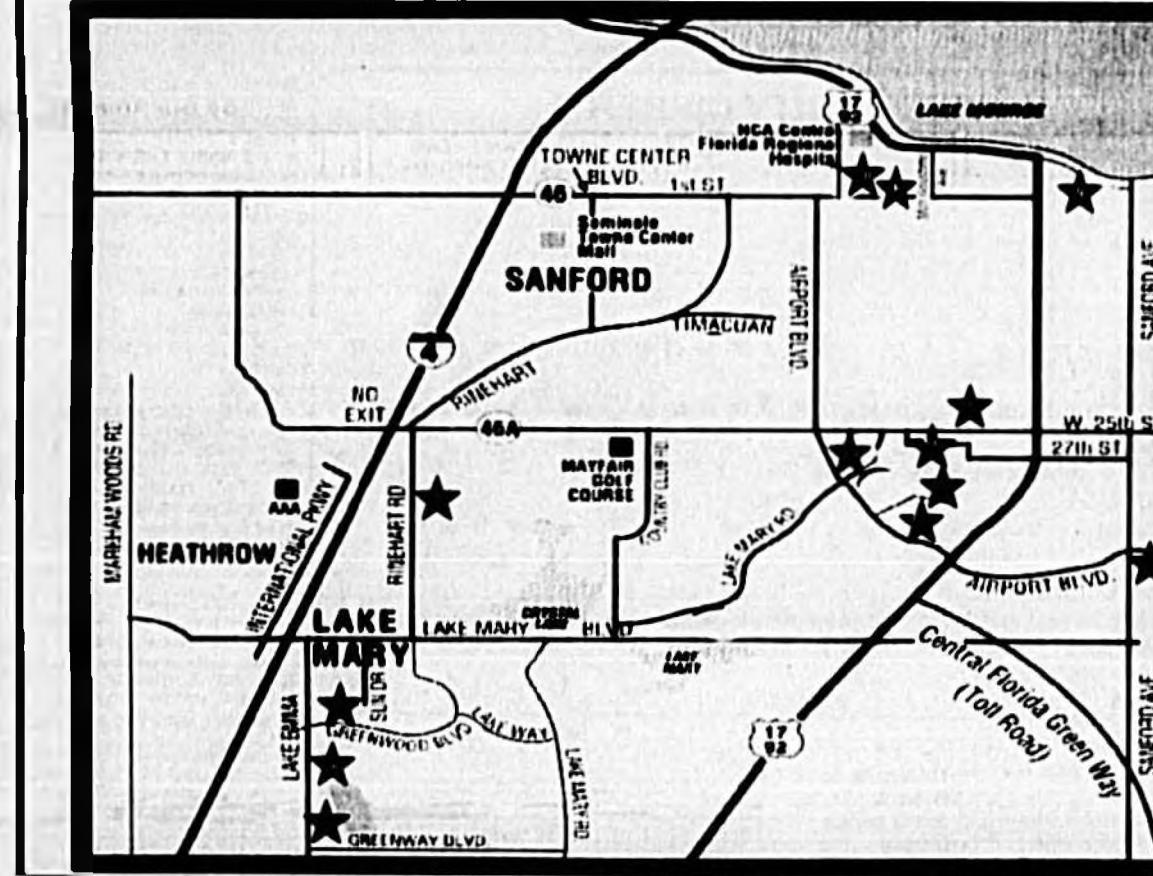
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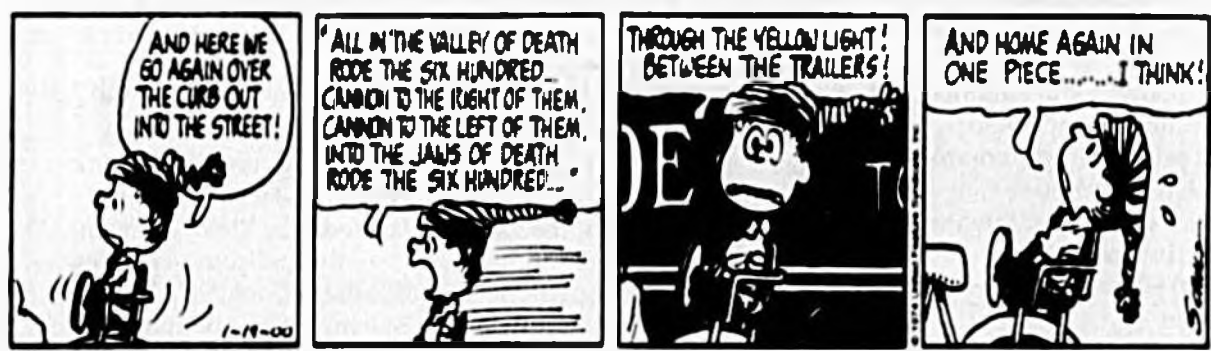
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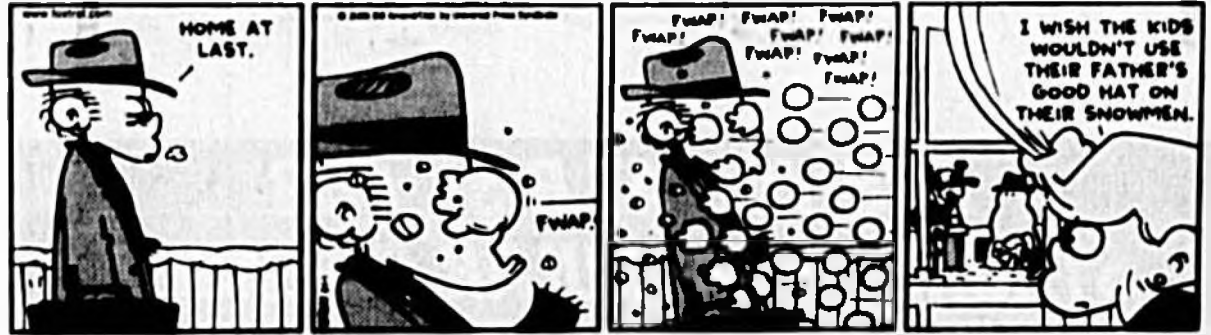
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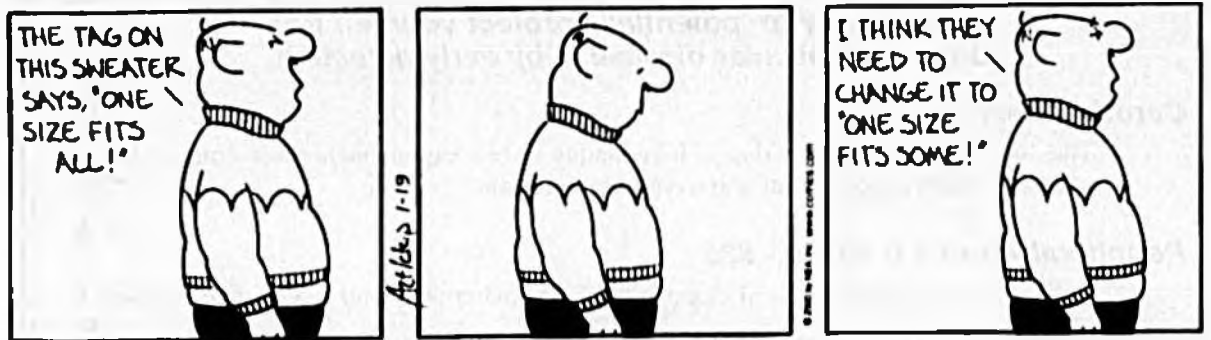
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Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000
 The more effort you apply and the harder you work, the greater your successes will be in the year ahead. Instead of this being drudgery, it will turn out to be exhilarating for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 Brushing aside matters that need tending could create a new series of problems for you that will serve to compound that which you neglect today. Keep up with your duties. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10150.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Because you could be a bit of a risk taker today, you must be careful not to allow yourself to be toted into participating in an activity that has very slim chances for success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 It's a rarity for you to ever be intimidated by another, yet today just because

you think you're expected to do something a certain way, you could act against your better judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Depending upon just how you attempt to get your points across today will depend upon whether they're well received or not. You might make your case, but create an enemy in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Unless you're careful today, a friend or an associate could drag you down a path where you might suffer a financial loss of some kind. Don't blindly follow your pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 In any competitive activity in which you engage today, to be on the safe side automatically assume your opposition is at least as capable as you are, if not better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)
 There's a good chance you might have to deal with a few responsibilities today that won't be to your liking. Grin and bear it, they can't be ignored.

VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)
 Be particularly careful with whom you pal around today. The wrong types could draw you into a situation not

of your making, but for which you can be held accountable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 Only virtuous intentions will stand up under today's aspects, so be honest with yourself as to what your true motives are when you go after something that affects others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 Watch what you say and when you say it today. If you speak out of turn or gossip about anybody, know that it will be played back and repeated to the party of the assault.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Adopting an attitude of expecting more from others than you're prepared to reciprocate in kind will be self-defeating today. This will be especially true concerning material matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Any agreements or contracts to which you commit yourself today must be carefully scrutinized, because there could be hidden fine points that go against your best interests.

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Win at Bridge

The bronze medal winner

By Phillip Alder
 We have learned that Iceland (320 per 1,000 inhabitants) and Finland (305) head the list of countries with the greatest percentage of Internet surfers. Which nation occupies the third spot? It is only one user per thousand behind Finland. This country has enjoyed considerable success on the international stage without gaining a world-team victory. Its best result was second in the 1993 Bermuda Bowl, losing in the final to the Netherlands. Its top pair, Geir Helgemo and Tor Heineas, won the side Maclean International Bridge Pairs Championship in 1998 and 1999. They were the only partnership to reach a grand slam in this deal from last year's event. With 4-4 in the minors, it is normal to open one diamond. Yet when you have such a strong hand, one club is better because it increases the chances of

finding a minor-suit fit. Four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood with diamonds agreed. Five diamonds showed one key card: either an ace or, as here, the deuce king. Five no-trump confirmed that all six key cards (four aces and the king-queen of diamonds) were held and that North had grand-slam aspirations. Knowing that North's heart losers would disappear on his spade winners, Helgemo had no hesitation in jumping to seven diamonds. (True, seven spades makes too, but seven diamonds is the better contract.)



Bridge Phillip Alder

For this performance, the pair from Norway was given the Romex Award by the International Bridge Press Association for the best-bid hands of the year.

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North		01:19:00	
♠ A 9 7			
♥ A 5			
♦ A Q 9 6			
♣ A J 10 5			
West		East	
♠ J 8	♠ 6 4 2	♥ K J 9 8 6 2	♥ 10
♥ Q 10 3	♥ 7 4	♦ K 8 7 5 3	♦ 6
♦ J 4 2	♦ K Q 10 5 3	♣ 7 4	♣ K 7 4
♣ Q 9 8 3 2	♣ 6		
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 3			

Doctor Gott

High cholesterol can be Inherited

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 45 year old healthy woman who is physically active, weighs 120 pounds, and consumes a low-fat diet. I was shocked when a recent serum cholesterol level was reported at 320. My doctor has prescribed a cholesterol-lowering drug. Why did this happen to me?
 DEAR READER: You appear to have inherited a genetic makeup that predisposes you to excess blood cholesterol. Your doctor was correct to prescribe drug therapy. In addition to dietary restrictions, because you are unable to metabolize excess cholesterol, and run the risk of arterial damage and heart attack, the medicine should help you. At your age, your cholesterol should be below 220 milligrams per deciliter. A proper dose of medicine should bring your levels into the normal range. As you've discovered, high chole-

sterol levels are not necessarily correlated with obesity. You are slim, yet have a problem that, fortunately, your doctor is addressing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I are now caring for my nephew, who has been diagnosed with olivopontocerebellar degeneration. What can we expect in the future?
 DEAR READER: Olivopontocerebellar degeneration is one of a rare group of neurological disorders, usually hereditary, that are marked by progressive and severe malfunction of portions of the brain and upper spinal tract. These diseases are marked by untreatable loss of nerve function, leading to difficulty coordinating and walking, blindness, problems with feeling and sensation, and, in some cases, mental deterioration. Your nephew has a grim prognosis. I'm afraid, and will require increasing assistance in carrying out even the most mundane of everyday activities. He certainly should be under the care of a neurologist.



Doctor Gott

who can advise you about future problems and coordinate the many resources you will need to administer home care.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently experienced a chill. When I took my temperature, it was only 96.2. Since then, I haven't felt well. My temperature has never risen above 99 and is usually around 97. What could cause this?
 DEAR READER: The first explanations that come to mind are a badly functioning thermometer or a problem with your technique. While we all feel chilly on occasion, an unexplained chill may indicate an infection or other illness. First purchase a new thermometer and make sure you are using it properly. Then, if your body temperature is indeed low — or if you continue to feel under the weather — check with your doctor for a complete examination.

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Doctor Peter Gott, a syndicated columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association, can be written to at P.O. Box 91389, Cleveland, OH 44101-3309

Life Style

Super Bowl time for football and wine stains

Okay, I'll be honest. I don't "do" the Super Bowl.

I have, on occasion, been called upon by my Wisconsin-born husband to support the Green Bay Packers when they've made it to the big game. I've learned to yell "Way to go, Favre!" at appropriate intervals and have even been known to don a cheese-head. But, generally speaking, I pay no attention.

Super Bowl Sunday, however, does happen to be a prime weekend for having friends over. Those of us who want to discuss metaphysics, literature, and how to get red wine stains out of your favorite white blouse can gather in one part of the house, and those who want to watch large men crash into each other, punctuated by state-of-the-art TV commercials, can gather at another.

It's guaranteed that we'll come together, at some point, to eat. And even though I'm not a fan of the Super Bowl, I am a fan of the kind of food served at Super Bowl parties. This is not minimalist cuisine. It generally involves large pots of spicy, tasty food, nachos, hot sauce and plenty of cold beer. (Even those of us who are busy discussing metaphysics are not above quaffing a few brewskies.)

For Super Bowl Sunday, I look in my Southern cookbooks for big, bold, spicy dishes. And I have yet to be disappointed. The recipes below come from my current favorite, "A Gracious Plenty," by John T. Edge; and from an older favorite, "The New

Southern Cook," by John Martin Taylor.

These recipes will cross the Great Divide, and unite those who don't know a first down from goose down with those who do.

In the meantime, does anyone know how to get wine stains out of a blouse?



Marialisa Calta

COUNTRY CAPTAIN CHICKEN

1-1/2 cups flour
1 salt
freshly ground black pepper
paprika
2 frying chickens,
cut into pieces

6 tablespoons unsalted margarine

6 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 large onions, peeled and chopped

1 cup chopped green bell pepper

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

1 tablespoon curry powder

2-1/2 cups fresh or canned stewed tomatoes (with juices)

1 cup golden raisins

4 cups steamed rice, for serving

1 cup chopped peanuts or 8 ounces toasted almonds, for serving

Combine the flour, salt, black pepper and paprika in a paper bag. Shake the chicken pieces in this flour mixture until they are well-coated. Shake off excess flour.

Combine the margarine and oil in a large skillet. Heat until sizzling. Brown the chicken on all sides over medium-high heat. Remove the chicken pieces, reduce the heat to medium-low, and allow the fat

to cool a little. Add the onion, bell pepper and garlic to the pan and stir until soft but not browned. Add the curry powder and tomatoes. Stir until blended. Return the chicken to the pan, cover and cook over low heat 25 to 30 minutes, or until the chicken is tender. Put the chicken pieces on a platter and keep warm. Turn the heat to high and reduce the liquid until thickened, stirring frequently. Taste and correct the seasoning. Stir in the raisins. Spoon the sauce over the chicken and serve with rice. Top with peanuts or toasted almonds. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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JAMBALAYA

1-1/2 pounds sausage or cubed beef

3 tablespoons bacon drippings (if beef is used)

3 tablespoons flour

2 medium onions, peeled and chopped

1 bunch green onions, trimmed and chopped

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

2 cups uncooked rice

2-1/2 cups water

2 teaspoons salt

black pepper, to taste

3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

If using sausage, heat a heavy pot until quite hot, then add the sausage (no oil or grease) and brown it. If beef is used, heat the bacon drippings and brown the beef in them.

Remove the meat with a slotted spoon. Add the flour to the pot and brown it until it is

the color of dark chocolate. Add the onions, green onions, parsley and garlic. Cook until soft, then add the rice, water, salt, black pepper, cayenne and browned meat. When the mixture comes to a boil, lower the heat as much as possible and cook, covered tightly, for about 1 hour. Remove the lid and let cook for a few minutes to allow the rice to dry a little. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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EASY SHRIMP GUMBO

For the roux:

1 cup melted or liquid fat (vegetable oil, melted lard, shortening, or duck fat)

1 cup flour

For the stock:

shells from 3 pounds shrimp

1 large or 2 small carrots

1 large onion, quartered

2 celery ribs

a handful of fresh herbs such as parsley, oregano, thyme and/or savory

1 bay leaf

1 gallon water

For the gumbo:

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper

1 pound okra, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

2 pounds fresh tomatoes, peeled and chopped, or 1 28-ounce can peeled tomatoes, with juices

2 fresh jalapeno or other chilies

3 pounds peeled shrimp

3 cups cooked long-grain white rice, for serving



Paul O. Bolavert for the New England Culinary Institute
Peanuts or almonds serve as the garnish for Country Captain Chicken, a medley of fried chicken, onions, green peppers, tomatoes and raisins.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

To make the roux, combine the fat with the flour in a baking pan and bake 10 minutes or so, until it reaches a mahogany color. Take about half out and freeze it, for later use, in 1/4-cup amounts. Let the rest remain in until it is the color of dark chocolate (almost black). Remove this. Save 1/4 cup for this recipe, and freeze the rest for other uses. (Rule of thumb: Use a dark roux for seafood and poultry dishes, and a lighter roux for meat dishes.)

Meanwhile, make the stock: Put the shrimp shells and the remaining stock ingredients in a large pot. Cook at a low boil for one hour. Strain and discard solids.

You should have about 3 quarts of stock.

Heat the 1/4-cup of dark roux in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, celery and bell pepper and cook until the onion becomes transparent, about 10 minutes. Add the okra and cook, stirring frequently, until the ropiness is gone, about 20 minutes. Add the tomatoes and simmer 10 minutes.

Add the chilies and the stock, stir, and simmer one hour.

About five minutes before serving, add the shelled shrimp and cook until pink. Serve in a large bowl over cooked rice. Yield: 8 servings.

— Recipe from "The New Southern Cook," by John Martin Taylor (Bantam Books, 1995)

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Unlike computer related pictures, photographs ensure memories last

DEAR ABBY: There is an explosion of computer-related activities in the photo industry. Between digital cameras, photo restorations and putting pictures onto CDs, business is good.

The downside is the public's lack of important information about printing pictures on their

Dear Abby

computers. Most of the customers I talk with don't realize that these are not photographs. They are simply ink printed on paper and will fade rapidly. (This includes the paper designed for computer photos.)

What sets real photographs apart is the fact that they go through developer, bleach-fix and stabilizer. This assures that your memories will be around to be handed down to your children, and their children.

Another problem is: Computers crash, and you can lose images forever. Memories of your wedding, children, family gatherings and vacations are priceless. So always shoot some film, or have negatives made from PC photos. We try to educate our customers, but more needs to be done to let the general public know this.

As a professional photographer, and as a dad, I know how important it is for photographs to last for generations.

THOMAS S. ROBERTSON, PRESIDENT, 1-HOUR PHOTO CORP., OLD BRIDGE, N.J.

DEAR THOMAS: Your letter is sure to be an eye-opener for many who have been lulled into thinking that the new technologies have made sharing pictures as easy as "point and click."

Caveat emptor: Let the buyer beware. A little extra work may be required for families who would like their computer photographs to last a lifetime or beyond. Having negatives made as a backup is a sensible precaution.

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DEAR ABBY: This is a long overdue thank-you. Nine years ago, I decided to go back to school to become a teacher. I didn't know if I really wanted to return to school at my age because I would be 40 upon graduating. Then I read a letter in your column about someone in a similar situation. After thinking about your answer to that question, I decided to enroll.

In no time at all, I completed my studies and went to work in a wonderful elementary school with a great staff and precious children. Now I actually enjoy going to work every day.

I'll be forever grateful, Abby, for that little "push" I needed to get me started. If you print this, please do not mention my name, city or state.

GRATEFUL IN THE GOLDEN WEST

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for an upper of a letter. The item you are referring to was published many years

ago — and for anyone who is unfamiliar with it, here it is! It is a letter that I'm proud to say has changed many lives for the better. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old college dropout whose lifelong ambition was to be a physician. I have a very good job selling pharmaceutical supplies, but my heart is still in the practice of medicine. I do volunteer work at the local hospital on my time off, and people tell me I would have made a wonderful doctor.

If I go back to college and get my degree, then go to medical school, do my internship and finally get into the actual practice of medicine, it will take me seven years! But, Abby, in seven years I will be 43 years old. What do you think?

UNFULFILLED IN PHILLY

DEAR UNFULFILLED: And how old will you be in seven years if you don't go to medical school?

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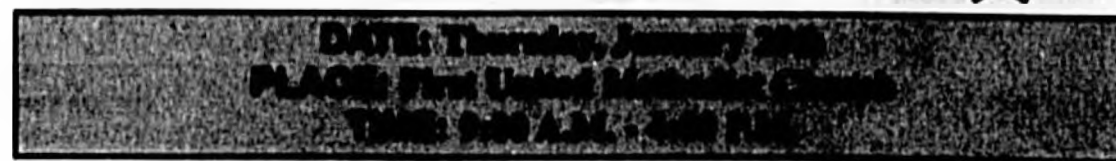
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