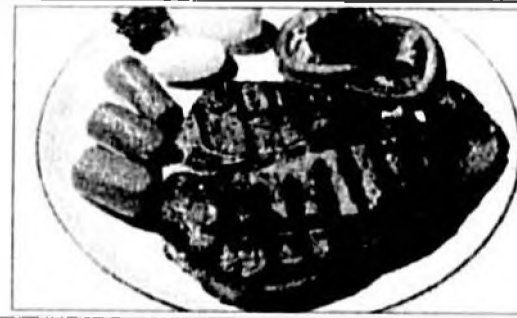


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## Development Dale pushes for Sanford site of Interstate-4 'Gateway'

By Nick Pfeiffauf  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - Over the past several months, establishment of an Interstate-4 "Gateway" has been the subject of many meetings. While some have been at the city level, most of them have been concentrated at the Metropolitan Orlando level.

The aim is to have a specific location designated as the I-4 Gateway, where possibly special landscaping will be installed along the right-of-way area and signage installed to welcome motorists approaching Central Florida from the north and east on I-4.

The city of Orlando has said on a number of occasions that they should be considered the core of Central Florida, and have the gateway designated near the approaches to that city.

Sanford however, believes that with the continuous developments adjacent to the interstate south from the Sanford area, that it should be declared as the official gateway.

Early last month, Mayor Larry Dale, acting on behalf of the city commission, submitted a letter to the Metropolitan Orlando Executive Director Harold W. Harley outlining Sanford concerns. Dale is a member of the board.

Dale asked to have the matter placed on the agenda.

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## Primera provides quality growth

By Debra Wood  
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

LAKE MARY - As demand for quality office space intensifies along Lake Mary's burgeoning Interstate 4 corridor, developers remain bullish about the community.

"That intersection of Lake Mary Boulevard and I-4 is one of the hottest office markets in the country and probably the hottest in Florida," said Sandy Acton, developer of Lake Mary's Primera for the North Carolina Department of Insurance, who acquired the property as part of a liquidation of assigned holdings. "Everyone that has built there has enhanced the value of the park."

All but 3.5 acres of the 188-acre Primera development have been sold. The project has been under development for about five years.

"Once we started selling, we sold out at a very brisk pace," Acton said.

Crescent Resources, Inc. is building an office complex on its 87 acres. Two hotels, a bank and two restaurants have also located at Primera. Acton expects the last parcel will become a restaurant. Fountains, lighting and a road, with a Rinehart Road entryway, have been completed.

"We believe this [access] will dramatically improve traffic flow in and around the Interstate 4-Lake Mary interchange," said Whit Duncan, Crescent Resources' marketing director.

Crescent Resources entered the Lake Mary market 18 months ago with construction of...

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Photo Courtesy Of Primera

### IN BRIEF

**Clinton coming**  
VOLUSIA COUNTY - Barring any unforeseen changes in Itinerary President Bill Clinton is scheduled to travel to Volusia County this Thursday to examine fire ravaged areas. The president is also slated to continue on to Miami for a yet undisclosed reason.

**Historic meeting**  
SANFORD - The Sanford Historic Preservation Board will hold its regular meeting Thursday, July 9, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the city commission chambers. Items on the agenda include commercial and residential applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, acknowledgments of minor reviews and board appointments.

Sanford City Hall is located at 300 N. Park Avenue.

**Qualifying time**  
LAKE MARY - The City of...

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**"A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent."**

-William Blake

## Check and double check any unexpected check from county

By Nick Pfeiffauf  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - Persons receiving unexpected checks in the mail from the office of the Seminole County Clerk of Circuit Court, should find out why. It's a situation where an ounce of safety and double checking could save a great deal of grief.

Checks with a letterhead which appeared to have been sent by Clerk Maryann Morse's office, have been reportedly mailed to an undetermined number of persons. Attempts to cash the checks from Seminole County were said to have been made in Volusia, Marion and Lake Counties.

Morse's Chief Deputy Bob

Lewis said that at the same time, checks appearing to be from the Hillsborough County were uncovered in Seminole County, which are leading police and the banks involved to believe the operation may involve a gang rather than one or two individuals.

It is not known at the present time how the checks were

falsified although Lewis said it would be relatively simple, by utilizing the check writing software available through computer stores.

DeLand police have thus far made two arrests in connection with the bad checks. They were identified as Cashunda Bacon, 25, of Orlando, and Sadanna Blackmon, 18, of 1605 Cedar

Creek Circle, Sanford. They were each charged with forgery. In addition, Blackmon was charged with resisting arrest without violence. The two were arrested in DeLand when they attempted to cash one of the fake checks.

While no arrests have been made in connection with the

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## Stroke of genius



Teachers at Idyllwilde Elementary School spent a day recently painting the school's cafeteria with the help of principal David Scott. Kindergarten teachers Jana Shear (front), Heather Colton (center) and Kathy Campbell, on ladder, were among those who are helping to spruce up the school for students who will be returning to class in less than a month.

## Emergency teams will help out in times of disaster

By Jeff Case  
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

LAKE MARY - Lake Mary residents will soon have a new defense against the destruction caused by hurricanes and other harsh Florida weather.

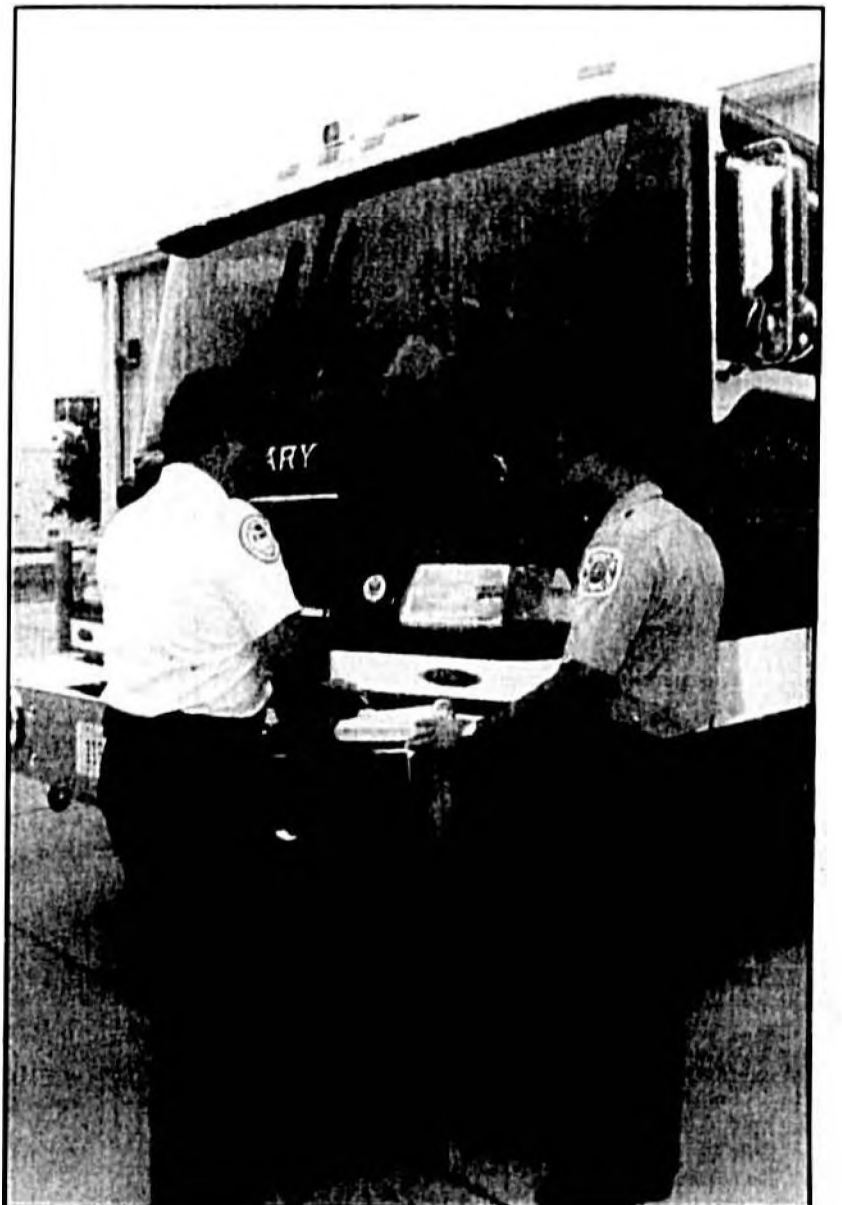
Their own communities.

In a new program planned by the Lake Mary Fire Department, communities will soon form Community Emergency Response Teams, or CERTs.

CERTs will be formed in several communities in Lake Mary and will be comprised of community members. Each CERT member will be trained by the LMF to help their neighbors and communities after natural disasters, Lake Mary Fire Chief Craig Haun said.

"They'll learn how to turn off the gas lines, how to help [the injured] before the EMS gets there," Haun said. "In the event of a disaster, where there are multiple events, we will train a subdivision basic things about taking care of

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Lake Mary Firefighter/EMT Toby Palmer and Lt. Ed Koch go over plans for the department's CERTs program.

## Briefs

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Lake Mary has announced the political qualifying time for three seats coming up for election this fall. Positions which will be open include those of mayor and city commission seats 1 and 3.

Qualifying will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1 and end at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11.

Persons presently occupying the seats include Mayor David Meador, and Commissioners Gary Brender and Thom Greene.

### Change for Cash

**SANFORD** - In an effort to improve the health and fitness of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Don Eshinger is formulating a special Wellness Program. Lieutenant Jack Cash, who has served as public information officer for the department, has been named in charge of the operation.

In his place, Deanna Brown has joined the sheriff's department to handle relationships with the media. Brown is a former reporter for WDBO Radio, and has a degree in Communications from Mesa College, Colo., as well diverse experience in public communications.

Regarding his new position, Cash said "I am excited about what the next few months will bring in this endeavor."

### P&Z meeting

**SANFORD** - The Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Thursday, July 9, beginning at 7 p.m., in the commission chambers of Sanford City Hall.

Items on the agenda include a request for a conditional use for property at 3551 W. First Street, to establish an office/warehouse.

There will also be consideration of the site plan for the warehouse, proposed for 30,240 square feet in size.

The property is basically vacant at the present time and includes slightly over 2.5 acres of land, adjacent to a private school.

### Budget talks continue

**SANFORD** - The Sanford City Commission is continuing meetings to discuss the fiscal 1998/99 city budget this afternoon. The meetings have

been held Monday and Tuesday afternoons, with today's meeting, beginning at 3:30 p.m., expected to be the final before City Manager Bill Simmons takes the results of the discussions and prepares the final tentative budget.

Thus far at the meetings, several requests for funding have been shortened and others denied. Various department heads have also presented requests for additional personnel, although each has attempted to keep financial requests down to what have been called "bare bones."

### Spiritual Energy

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Cost is \$5 per class. Wear loose fitting shorts or pants, and no jewelry. Handicapped is not a limitation, even in a wheelchair. For more information call Ashe at (407) 228-0585 or (407) 643-9188.

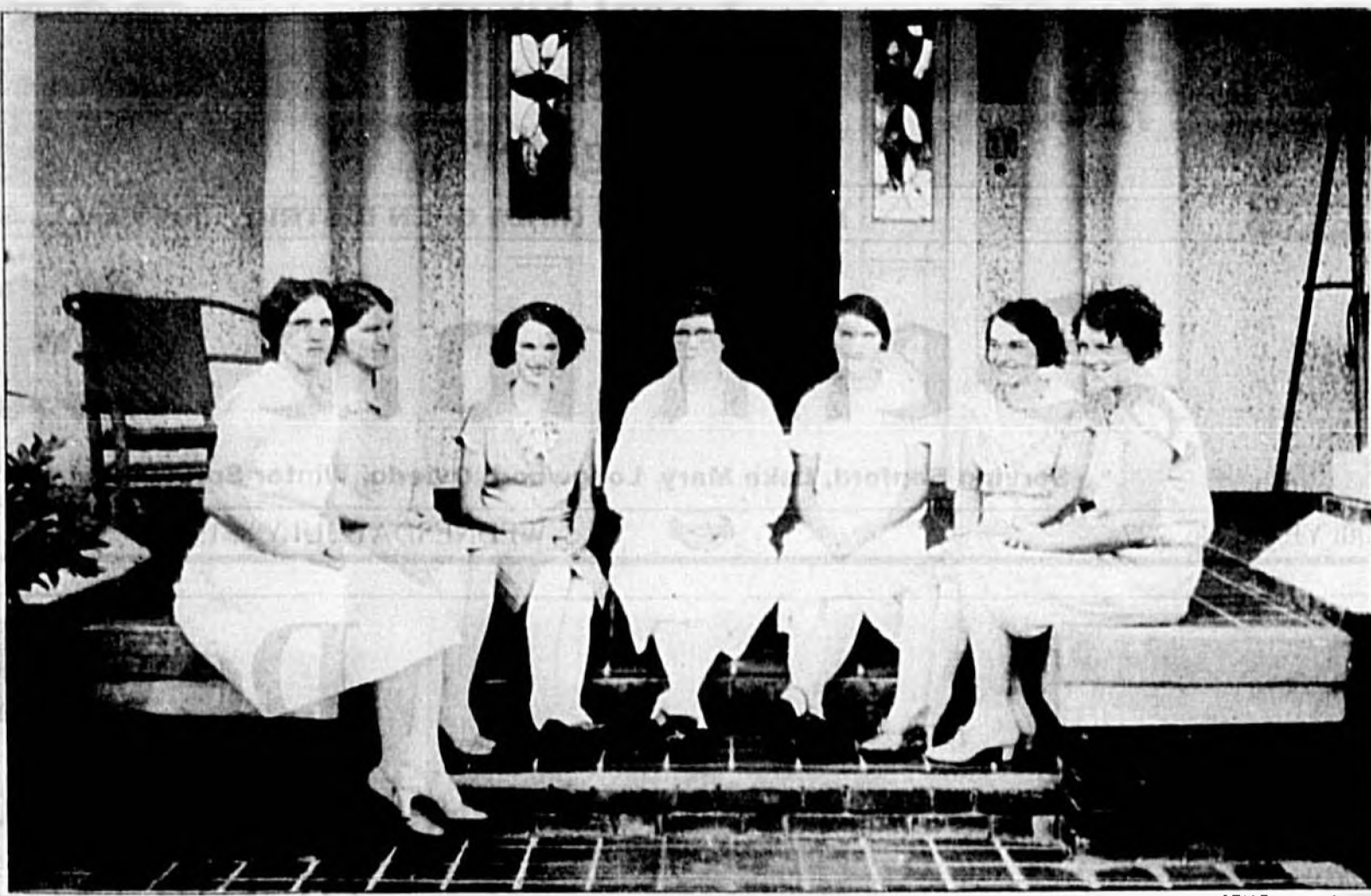
### For the deaf

**SANFORD** - The Central Florida Zoological Park will host an Animal Signing Tour of the zoo in basic sign language for members of the deaf community. The hour long tours will be presented on July 18 and Aug. 15, provided by the Safari Signers.

The group's focus is to learn techniques necessary to communicate with members of the deaf community, with an emphasis placed on animals and nature.

For additional information on the Animal Signing Tour or the Safari Signers program, contact Steve DeCreate at 323-4450, ext. 141.

Central Florida Zoological Park is located at 3755 N.W. Highway 17-92, just east of Interstate-4 exit 52.



### Vintage view

The Jesso Spurling family is an old time Sanford family; Jesse helped develop several subdivisions including Flora Heights named after his wife. Pictured are the six Spurling daughters with their mother taken on the front porch of their homeplace "The Oaks" on Mellonville Avenue in 1930. The daughters' husbands names are in parenthesis, from left:

Buelah (George Wells), Florence (Ed Montforton), Anabel (Ralph Cowan), Flora Spurling, Ola (Eddie Keeno), Blanca (Ivory Stringer), Thelma (Harold Danforth). Several descendants of the family continue to live in the area.

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## WEATHER

### LOCAL FORECAST

**Today:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. **Thursday:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. **Friday:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. **Saturday:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the upper-90s. Lows in the mid-70s.

### EXTENDED OUTLOOK

**WEDNESDAY THURSDAY**  
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**FRIDAY SATURDAY**  
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## LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:  
**Fantasy 5**  
3-8-12-19-22  
**Lotto (July 4)**  
9-19-21-28-36-39



Play 4  
1-1-3-6  
Cash 3  
6-1-2

### TIDES

**WEDNESDAY:**  
**SOLUNAR TABLE:** min. 4:45 a.m., maj. 10:50 a.m., min. 5:00 p.m., maj. 11:15 p.m.  
**TIDES:** Daytona Beach: high: 7:41 a.m., 8:18 p.m., low: 1:48 a.m., 1:42 p.m. New Smyrna Beach: high: 7:46 a.m., 8:21 p.m., low: 1:53 a.m., 1:47 p.m., Cocoa Beach: high: 8:01 a.m., 8:36 p.m., low: 2:08 a.m., 2:02 p.m.

### BEACH CONDITIONS

**Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach:** Seas are 2-3 feet with a moderate chop. Water temperature at Daytona is 85 degrees and at New Smyrna, 85 degrees. Winds are from the southwest at 10-15 m.p.h.

### STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 89 degrees and the overnight low was 74.  
Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Friday totaled 0.73 inch.  
•Sunrise.....6:34 a.m.  
•Sunset.....8:28 p.m.

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# Accepted on first reading

## The Declaration of Independence set tone for government documents of the future

Let's start today's column by going back in time 222 years, and imagining what it would be like to be an average citizen in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Contrary to what goes on these days with extensive newspaper and other media coverage of an event, very few citizens knew what was going on in 1776. (The musical hadn't come out yet). There it was...the Declaration of Independence. The Continental Congress had approved one of the most important documents ever a few days earlier, declaring freedom from British rule for the people in this new world. Yet no one knew what the document said.

On this day, July 8, in 1776, Army Col. John Nixon stood among a gathering throng in Philadelphia's Independence Square (they didn't call it that in 1776) and publicly read the entire document. Without press coverage, we don't know how the people reacted to the reading, and didn't have "man on the street" interviews to find out if they even understood the wording or intent.

Just imagine yourself standing in the square hearing Col. Nixon's voice as he read, "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism...". How many of the people knew what he was saying, much less what was going on? To be possibly sarcastic, we might even say that the Declaration of Independence not only gave us our freedom, but stood as an example of how to put complicated wording into a government document. (Try understanding some of our city and county ordinances these days). Oh well....



Today is...  
**NICK PFEIFFAUF**

### World events

Moving right along, there are many events celebrated in various places around the world today. England is having a literature festival in Devon. There is a music festival in Finland and Canada is celebrating a forestry and flora event.

### National events

Here in the United States, another event took place on this day in history, but hardly anyone remembers it, and few will hold any major observance. It was on July 8, 1911 when **Nan Jane Aspinwall** rode (on horseback) into New York City, to deliver a letter to the New York Mayor **William Jay Gaynor** from San Francisco Mayor **Patrick Henry McCarthy**. She thus became the first woman to ever cross the entire United States on horseback. She took slightly over 10 months (actually 301 days) to make the trip of 4,500 miles.

### State events

Today in Florida, there is a fishing tournament in Boca Grande. It's not the kind of tournament that people will be flocking to however. First of all, the tarpon fishing tournament is limited to 60 boats. Entry fee is \$3,500 per boat. Of course, first place for the largest tarpon pays \$100,000 which may make this the world's richest tournament.

### Happy birthday to you

Regarding birthdays, former band leader and singer **Billy Eckstela** was born July 8, 1914 (died Mar. 8, 1993). Former New York governor and U.S. Vice President under President Gerald Ford, **Nelson Rockefeller**, was born on this day in 1908 (died Jan. 26, 1979). Folks still with us include TV executive **Roscoe Airdge**, who turns 67 today, actress **Anjelica Huston** turns 47, and singer **Steve Lawrence** is 63.

## Seminole Scenes



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent



Photo Courtesy of Andrew Cordons

### Going home

Flagler County resident **Rana Thompson** (right photo) heads home after spending the night in the Lake Mary High School shelter. Thompson, and more than 100 other residents of the county, who stayed at the high school, were forced to evacuate their homes last weekend in the face of wild fire. Thousands of firefighters battled the blazes all over the Central Florida area. Many businesses, such as the Barn (left photo) in Sanford, have shown their appreciation for the firefighters' efforts.



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

### Employee of the month

Sanford City Manager **Bill Simmons** (left) presents Utility Department Project Administrator **Bill Marcous** with his 'Employee of the Month' certificate. Marcous was recommended by a fellow utilities department worker, **Arlene Ringstrand**, who said, "In my opinion Bill is an outstanding employee and a credit to the Utility Department and the city of Sanford. I have observed Bill at work in many areas of his job and I am amazed at his dedication to bringing the message of water usage and conservation to the attention of the public. Bill is always very thorough in all his work and a pleasure to work for, because he is considerate and patient, however I really

feel that his greatest strength lies in his dealing with other people. Bill can defuse an angry customer or employee in his very special way of discussing a matter and looking at all sides without causing additional upset. Even when he cannot do what the individual is requesting he is able to make the individual aware of all the facts and is able to come to a satisfactory conclusion without hostility on either side. Bill has a special gift for handling people which is very rare in the work place and also in society at large today. I enjoy working for Bill.' Marcous has been an employee of the city since January of 1990.

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# SEMINOLE Sports

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## LETTERS

### The referee gave them the game!!

By Dave A. Shrum  
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** Coaches use statistics as a metric of individual and team performance.

Certain aspects of every game's team and individual skills can be recorded and used as an indicator of strength and weaknesses.

An alert coach can use these statistics to design drills to improve weaknesses in individual and team skills. A good coach works diligently to improve these metrics.

Fans and spectators aren't so quantitative in their views of a game. The subtleties of individual and team performance are often lost in the hope that their team will win the game, or their favorite player does well in front of the crowd, or that their team performs well against a tough adversary.

Enter the referee.  
He is the wild card.

Coaches dread the whistle when the call is against his team. Coaches love the whistle when the call is in favor of his team. Fans hate the whistle when the call is against their team. Fans love the whistle.....

In a close game, the whistle is amplified as though it were the Santa Fe Express blowing its horn right behind you. In a close game, the whistle echoes in ears of the losing team, coach and fans after the game is over.

"The ref gave them the game."

I hold no hope of ever dissuading fans of this misguided view. But as a coach, I'd like to point out a few statistics regarding the reality of a referee's ability to "hand the game" to the other team.

I do this not in defense of the referee. I'm a coach! -- It's not in my nature to defend them. I do this because we have a responsibility to coach our kids on taking responsibility for their own actions, behaving in a sportsmanlike manner, and working toward continuous self-improvement.

Here are a few game statistics. Since I coach lacrosse, I'll use lacrosse statistics. As football, basketball, volleyball, et al coaches, you can substitute your own metrics for your sport and resolve the same conclusion. In all sports there are some statistics that are recorded and some that aren't.

In lacrosse, we record goals, assists, saves, shots, successful face-offs, successful attempts to clear the ball from defense to offense, successful attempts to prevent the other team from clearing the ball, penalty time, and penalty killing success.

These all go in the game records. Here are some that don't. Lacrosse is like basketball in game strategy and plays, so if you are unfamiliar to the sport, just picture basketball.

- Bad passes.
- Missed catches.
- Poorly placed pick or screen.
- Didn't see open man.
- Saw the open man, couldn't get the pass off.

- Failure to snag the loose ball.
- Left your jock on the floor.
- The other guy was faster.
- The other guy cleaned your clock (body checking is part of the game).
- Should have made a cut but didn't.

The list could go on. These are not recorded during the game. But what if they were?

Before I cover that, let's look at the referee. How many times does the whistle blow in your game to signal an infraction of the rules?

In lacrosse it is about 30 times. Thirty times the whistle has a chance to provide your opponent with an advantage. Wow! That's a lot!

But let's focus on what we control before taking the referee to task. Recorded statistics in a typical mythical lacrosse game for the losing team (they lost by one goal):

- Goals - 13
- Shots - 94
- Ground balls - 80
- Penalties - 5:30
- Face-offs - 58%
- Clears - 70%
- Penalty kills - six of eight

Now the referee in this game were H-O-R-E-S-E-L-I-B-I They gave them the game. The whistle blew 30 times. Since there were three refs, we'll give them 10 whistles each.

Two refs were really bad, but one was OK. Out of 30 whistles, 20 went against our

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## Girls go after the gold

### Oviedo hosting three District 14 Little League tourneys

By Jeff Bertolone  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

**OVIDEO** Same old, same old. Some things never change. Like the Oviedo senior softball team winning the District 14 Little League softball tournament.

For the past eight years, Oviedo has taken the crown and this year, things seem no different. Oviedo, made up of players aged 13-to-15, knocked off long-time rival Apopka last night, 11-3, to advance to the third round of the district tournament being played at Oviedo. Monday, Oviedo beat Sanford in the opening round

of the tournament to set up the match with Apopka which downed Winter Springs in the opener.

In the Loser's Bracket game last night, Winter Springs eliminated Sanford in convincing fashion, 19-2.

For Oviedo, it was more of the same. With four players from the Oviedo High School team which is always a threat in Seminole County, the team is loaded with pitching and defense, the two key elements to a good team.

Last night, despite a shaky first inning, Oviedo fought back with aggressive baserunning and some strong defense to go with the pitching

of Oviedo High's Katie Field and Michelle Grinage.

But coach Steve Field said there was more to the team than just pitching.

"They were all awesome tonight," Steve Field said. "They play well defensively and fundamentally."

That wasn't how it went in the first inning last night.

Oviedo led off, despite playing at home, and scored in the top of the first.

Katie Field led off with a double and scored to make it 1-0, but Apopka bounced back with

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## Leaders keep pace in Lake Mary softball

From Staff Reports

**LAKE MARY** It was business as usual for the top three teams in the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation Men's Spring Wednesday Night Slow Pitch Softball League at the Lake Mary Sports Complex.

All three, B'Bee's Home Cooking, Celeste Homes and Blue Haven Pools, cruised to easy victories as the league entered the home stretch.

Third place Blue Haven Pools broke a two-game losing streak, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning and eventually building an 11-1 lead before Jernigan Properties made the final score respectable by scoring five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to make the final 11-6.

Things started off better for Jernigan Properties in the second game as it scored two runs in the top of the first inning.

Unfortunately for Jernigan Properties, undefeated B'Bee's Home Cooking then got to bat, sending 13 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first inning and scoring eight runs on seven hits.

B'Bee's Home Cooking then took



Staff Photo by Arsh Bose

Greg Hardy was 2-for-3, scored one run and drove in two RBI as B'Bee's Home Cooking improved to 7-0 in the Lake Mary Spring Wednesday Night Men's Slow Pitch Softball League with a 14-4 victory over Jernigan Properties.

it easy on its opponents before putting Jernigan Properties away with a five-run fourth inning and closing out a 14-4 victory.

The late game started off as a pretty good battle as winless Seminole Power Sports and sec-

ond-place Celeste Homes traded the lead back-and-forth for half the contest.

Seminole Power Sports scored three runs in the top of the first inning, but Celeste Homes answered with a three-run top of the second. Please see Lake Mary, Page 28

## Bowling program offers privileges, discounts and other benefits

Special to the Herald

**ORLANDO** League bowling has long been known for the social rewards of bringing friends together and building team spirit.

Now, for a second year, AMF will give its league bowlers some rewards of their own by offering privileges, discounts and benefits through its exclusive League Bowlers Rewards program.

By participating in an AMF league, bowlers are automatically eligible for some of the most exciting perks the company has to offer.

The program's wide range of offerings is designed to benefit bowlers of all ages and skill levels and even includes a special program just for kids.

The whole program has been a big success with our league bowlers. Please see Bowling, Page 28

## SYFA schedules special events

Special to the Herald

**SANFORD** The Sanford Youth Football Association (SYFA), a part of Pop Warner Football, will be holding the following important events:

• Fund raising car wash/bucket brigade at KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) at the Walmart Plaza on 17-88 on Saturday, July 11th starting at 8 a.m.

• There will be an open monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 14th at the Seminole Community College Health and Physical Education Building at 7:30 p.m.

• Mid-Florida Coaches Certification Clinic in Orlando on Wednesday, July 16th (Call to reserve a seat).

• Physicals and registration at Seminole Community College Health and Physical Education Building on Saturday, July 18th, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

To register and take a physical you will need a parent present, a copy of Birth Certificate, copy of year ending report card, a school wallet sized picture and the SYFA dues/fee of \$70 (call Lisa Quinn at 321-2961 for a family fee if more than one are registering).

All sign-ups must be completed, and fees paid, by August 18th.

Call Marcus Kendrick at 323-7254 if you have any questions.

### MARINO COOKING IN ORLANDO



Photo courtesy of Tom Hines

**ORLANDO** "My knees are bad but my ribs are great," joked Miami Dolphins quarterback and all-time leading NFL passer Dan Marino as he worked the grill at his new restaurant, Dan Marino's Tavern.

Marino was in town in early June for the grand opening of his restaurant. Located at Pointe Orlando, Marino's offers fine dining in

a casual environment and an eclectic menu, featuring steaks, barbecue baby back ribs, and a variety of pastas and salads. Prices for entrees range from \$7 to \$23.

Marino's also features football themed booths and Dan Marino football memorabilia. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week.

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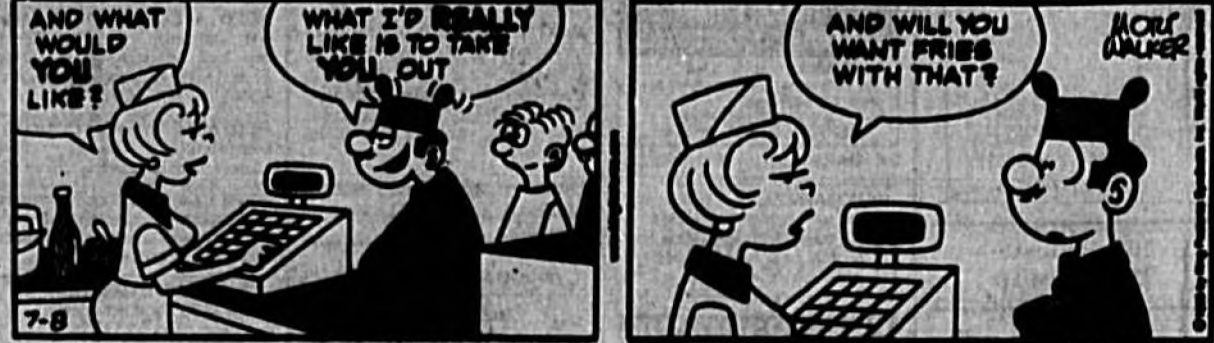
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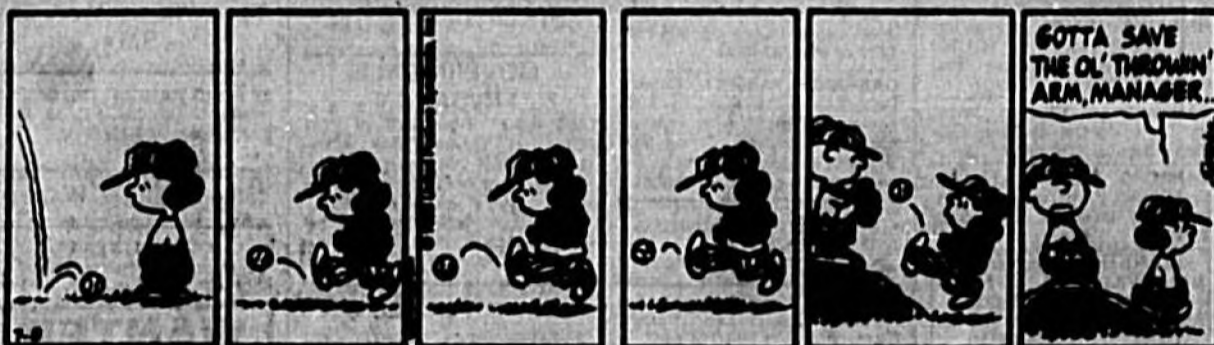
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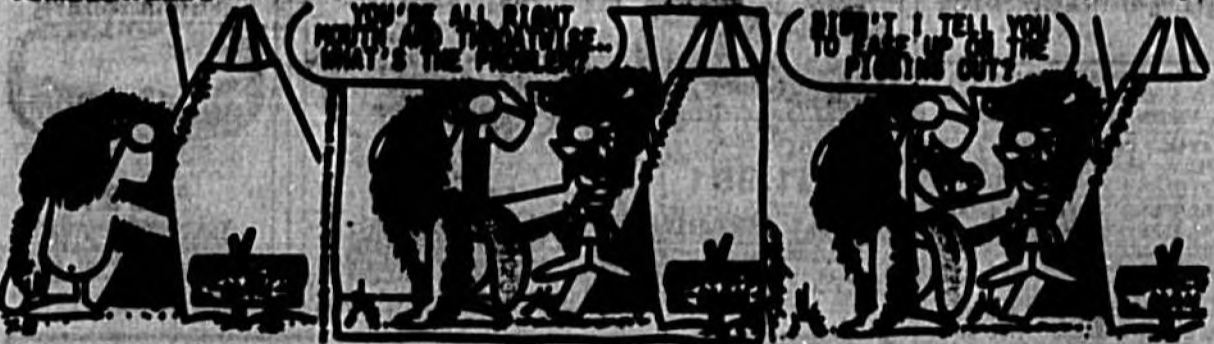
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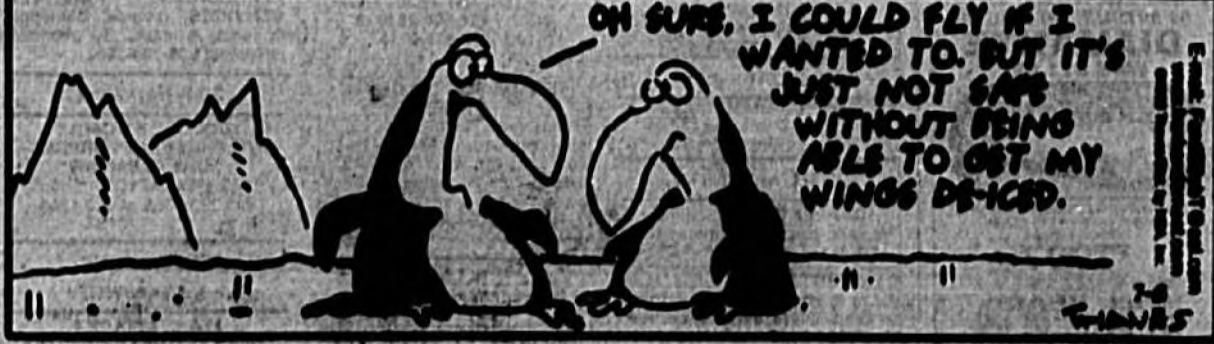
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Saying no to secondhand smoke

DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife is a three-pack-a-day smoker. For more than 25 years, I have been the unwilling "beneficiary" of her 60 daily cigarettes. I don't like her secondhand smoke. What can I do about it?

DEAR READER: I hesitate to jump into a serious family squabble that, it seems to me, ought to have been resolved years ago.

What do you think you ought to do? C'mon, be reasonable. Your options range from divorce to acceptance. Whatever my position, I'll lose. But I'm willing to take a stab at a compromise.

Your wife has an addiction to nicotine, so she must be treated as any other addict is. You need to assert your position, if you haven't done so already, in no uncertain terms. Decide what your limits are and spell them out. Are you willing to inhale secondhand smoke in the bedroom? While watching television? In the car? If not, set some limits. But be prepared to back them up.

For example, if your wife cares more about your health than her own, she may agree to smoke outdoors — or in some part of the house reserved for this purpose. If not, what are you going to do? You have to decide.

Similarly, she might agree to smoke no more than one cigarette an hour. Such rationing would automatically reduce her consumption to 16 cigarettes a day, assuming she sleeps eight hours a night. This is a reasonable restriction. But again, what will you do if she ignores it?

Finally, enlist your family physician's help. With the use of nicotine patches, nasal spray or chewing gum, your wife may be able to exert some control over her problem. But she has to want to try the products before they can be effective.

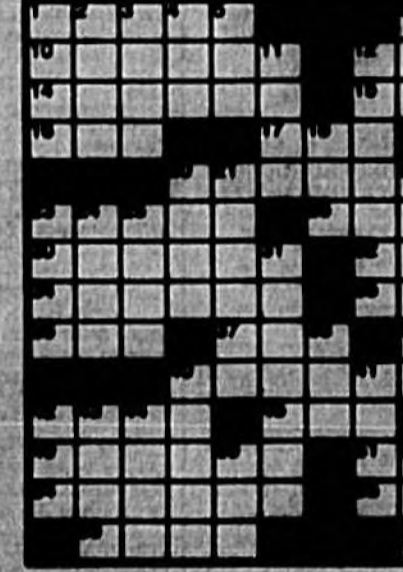
As you can see, your wife's addiction belongs to her; your reactions to it, however, are your responsibility. You cannot control her behavior, only your own. Thus, you have some decisions to make — which, after 25 years of marriage, could be painful. In my opinion, you don't need my advice as much as you need a thorough and honest appraisal of your own position vis-a-vis your wife's smoking. Obviously, such a resolution must begin with a frank dialogue between the two of you. These issues that cannot be resolved should, perhaps, be addressed by a counselor.

There are some readers who might argue that you have consistently acquiesced to your wife's wishes for 25 years. This makes you a spineless wimp, unable to get your life under control. I believe that the issue is more complex. However, you do need to take a stand. If you're unwilling to set limits, stop complaining.

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It isn't worth the risk

By Phillip Alder

In real life, the distribution of the deal permits many wrong plays to go unpenalized. However, in a class situation, the instructor can fiddle with the cards so that a mistake is fatal.

When I used this deal, there were only two variations; the third I had envisioned never occurred. Now would you play in four hearts? West leads his singleton diamond, striking gold. East wins with the king, cashes the diamond ace, and gives West a diamond ruff. East comes the club jack to your ace. What now?

When playing in a suit contract, you should spend a few moments counting your winners and losers. All right, so it takes minutes or hours, but you should still take that time. Let's start with hearts. You have already given up

three diamond tricks. And the third spade in your hand is a potential loser. And winners? Well, you have nine tricks: two spades, five hearts, one diamond and one club.

Some of my students nervously draw all the missing trumps. That they ended with these nice tricks, losing a spade to West at the end. The better players realized that they had to ruff the third spade in dummy for their 14th trick. So, after drawing two rounds of trumps with honors from dummy, they continued with a spade to hand's ace, a spade to their king, and a spade ruffed with dummy's heart jack. Back to hand with a club ruff, the last trump was drawn and the contract claimed.

To my surprise, no one mistook me for ruffing the third spade low and suffering a deadly overruff. Always ruff high when you can afford to do so.

Horoscope section with headings for North, West, South, East, and Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South. Includes zodiac signs and dates.

Clear Card Party

Two individuals to whom you've been very kind in the past will go out of their way to outperform in the year ahead. Their efforts will be in with your objectives. JANUARY (Jan. 21-July 20) It will be up to you today to display more initiative than your associates in a matter of great concern to everyone. Do the necessary thing. FEB. (Feb. 20-March 20) Because you are likely to be completely busy in areas where others fail to exert themselves, the lion's share of benefits could be yours. MARCH (March 21-May 20) In social gatherings with friends today, make an effort to put yourself out a little more than usual by playing the role of host or hostess. APRIL (April 21-May 20) There are positive indicators that you may reap material benefits today in two areas you do not normally depend on for financial success. MAY (May 21-June 20) It's time to stop talking about your intentions. Take action towards something constructive today before you run out of time and opportunity. JUNE (June 21-Aug. 20) This might be a fortunate revolving day for you, provided you are primed for productivity. Be prepared to earn what you get today. JULY (July 21-Sept. 20) You're a competent and capable person. But if something you can't manage comes up today, don't be too proud to let a surrogate with more know-how take over for you. AUGUST (Aug. 21-Oct. 20) It's okay

to delegate certain assignments to others today, but to be on the safe side, you'd be wise to do things involving critical details yourself. SEPTEMBER (Sept. 21-Nov. 20) Friends will be responsive to your requests today — they know you won't ask anything of them that you wouldn't ask of yourself. OCTOBER (Oct. 21-Nov. 20) Lessons you've learned from past experiences could provide you with advantages over your associates today. NOVEMBER (Nov. 21-Dec. 20) Your chances for promotion at your company are enhanced today if you proceed the step of a raise. Conversely, mistakes or erratic tactics could impede your progress. DECEMBER (Dec. 21-Jan. 20) You need to be successful in helping someone establish a business arrangement of his provide into something quite substantial.

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by Leonard Starr

