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TODAY

Coming this weekend

SANFORD - Get ready neighbors, there are going to be major Seminole County road projects begun in the Sanford/Lake Mary/Heathrow corridor by the first of the year accompanying the long-awaited Interstate 4 interchange at County Road 46A.

In addition to the \$20 million I-4 ramp, work will commence to widen county road 46A, Rinehart and Grant Line roads.

The whole package has come together with the Florida Department of Transportation kicking in \$3.5 million for the Interstate 4 interchange. Seminole County has \$12 million going toward the project with another \$4.8 million coming from local government and private funding.

"Our development plan to increase the corporate tax base would have come to a standstill if the interchange didn't get built," Seminole County Commission Chairman Randy Morris said today. "We've won what has been a 10-year war."

A bevy of new commercial ventures - and apartment complexes - are expected to spring up in the Sanford-Lake Mary-Heathrow corridor. Sanford Mayor Larry Dale said the interchange refuels the city's economic development plan.

Twenty-three companies have come to the area in the past five years, and now there will be more. "We'll have three times the current Maitland Center amount of activity," Dale said.

Look for more on the plans this weekend in the *Sanford Herald*.

Airport info

SANFORD - Steve Cooke, Director of Aviation at the Orlando-Sanford Airport, will be guest speaker at this week's meeting of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce. Cooke is to speak on the growth and expansion of the international and domestic flight terminals as well as future flights.

The meeting, May 9, will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Marina Hotel's Lakeside Landings facility. The event is sponsored by Central Florida Terminals and Airport, the International Arrival Terminal.

Reservations are required by phoning the chamber office at 322-2212.

Construction to begin

HEATHROW - Construction is set to begin on two freestanding 3,000 square foot office buildings at Bay Tree Center in Lake Mary. The two buildings are the first of 25 planned for the 20 acre site, located on Lake Mary Blvd., one mile east of Interstate-4.

Stirling International Realty Partner Roger W. Soderstrom said construction should be completed within 90 days.

Half of the Bay Tree Center sites offer a lakefront setting. Ten sites were sold during site preparation.

Soderstrom said the campus-like setting was designed to accommodate a wide range of professional services including doctors' offices and similar health and medical care providers as well as others.

Groundbreaking

Health House '97, a project of the American Lung Association of Central Florida, will hold a groundbreaking ceremony this Thursday, May 8, at 10 a.m., at Lot 37 of Estates of Wintermere.

Health House is aimed at providing builders and consumers with choices about products, plans and technology that will provide for a comfortable, healthier home environment.

For additional information, phone 425-LUNG (5864).

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One never knows, do one

-Thomas "Fats" Waller

Pitching Sanford stadium

National tourney set, historic ballpark under renovation

By NICK PFERPAUF
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - Sixteen of the best slow-pitch softball teams in the United States will be coming to Sanford August 15 through 17 for the National Men's Super Tournament. Action is to take place at Sanford's Memorial Stadium.

In order to bring the stadium up to as good a condition as possible before the tournament, work is in full swing.

At the last Sanford City Commission meeting, the city approved the purchase of 414 new seats for the stadium. Tom Farnsworth with the city's recreation and parks department says it has now been determined there is space for 424, so the additional 10 seats will be brought up for approval at the next commission meeting.

The commission had a choice between normal chairs, or those with a historical appearance, which were approximately \$11 more in cost each. The city chose to go with the historical seats, at a cost of \$118.82 each.

The cost for those approved thus far, including installation, is approximately \$45,000.

In addition to the seats, Farnsworth said bleachers will be installed along the first and third base

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Sharing a secret



Clancy Tondorf and Sammy Jo King spend a quiet moment in *The Secret Garden*.

The Secret Garden debuts with veteran child actors in lead

By DAVID FRAZIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - In what is sure to be one of the most prominent productions for the Ritz Theater, *The Secret Garden* will open Friday, May 9th, at 8:00 p.m. This production will showcase two Central Florida youths that have extensive acting experience and both are not even teens yet.

Sammy Jo King and Clancy Tondorf will head the cast and what better leads could there be. King, 12, has been in numerous plays and a couple of television commercials. Residing in DeLand, King started her budding career in London participating in four plays at the Songtime Theater Company.

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Lake Mary residents see water rate hike

By NICK PFERPAUF
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY - Water and sewer rates are scheduled for an increase in the city of Lake Mary. The decision to increase the rates was made this past Thursday by the city commission, at the urging of St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). The matter was approved on first reading, with second reading still to be held.

The proposed increases have been the subject of numerous commission work sessions since March. Robert Ori, of the Public Resources Management Group has been serving as liaison between St. Johns and the city.

He explained that Lake Mary presently has 3,690 water users, and 982 homes with sewers attached plus 1,110 units not identified as separate dwellings. He indicated that the proposed rate increases would affect all of them.

The district had told the city it was not charging enough money to residents to allow for any surplus funds with which to handle maintenance, new installations or emergency situations.

St. Johns had also told the commission that Lake Mary residents were using more water than the average users in surrounding communities, and suggested the city urge residents to do whatever possible to reduce water consumption.

Under the proposed changes, the monthly charge to users of all classes of service for sewer charges will increase from \$2.46 to \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons.

The base fee for potable water will be going from \$1.98 to \$4.20. Charges for 0 to 3,000 gallons will be 75 cents per thousand. From 3,001 to 10,000 gallons, \$1.15, and from 10,001 to 20,000 gallons the rate would be \$1.55 per thousand

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Apartment complex pres. explains evictions to disgruntled neighbors

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD - Ken Dixon said he's just as embarrassed by the trash as his neighbors are. And he's going to do something about it.

Dixon, president of Leland Corporation, was displeased to hear that when residents are evicted from the Rosecliff Apartments which are owned by Leland their belongings are scattered across the neighboring area with some regularity.

According to state statutes the property of evicted residents is to be placed, after sufficient notice has been given to the owner, at the property line for 24 hours. During that time, the public is permitted to pick through the items and take what they want.

"Apparently while they are doing that, they just rip bags open and grab what they want and leave the rest to blow in the wind," Dixon said.

The apartments, which are at the intersection of Sir Lawrence Drive and Lake Mary Boulevard, cater to a lower economic group than some others in the area, Dixon said. Though they try to screen their residents carefully, Dixon said there is sometimes the need to evict one.

That occurs about one or two times a month at the most, the president said.

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Awareness of our animal friends



Evan Brender, who just earned his black belt in Tae Kwando, was the winner of the Central Florida Zoo coloring contest. Page 5A.

Men In Action to change Sanford

By **VICKI DeSORMIER**
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — They're taking their case to the streets in Sanford.

Men In Action (MIA) USA, Inc., a Lake Mary-based organization which supports "family values" as right choice both morally and economically, is planning a day of celebration in Sanford next month.

Celebrate Sanford Day will be at Ft. Mellon Park on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The event is planned to bring together the community and businesses who are of a like mind when it comes to traditional values, organizers said.

There will be free food, music, singing, job leads, business leads and various ministries all around the park.

The organizers believe that people who attend the event will benefit from having so many services and opportunities available to them in one location. Many of the

companies which will be taking part in the event are based in the Sanford and northern Seminole County area, though some are from Orlando and elsewhere.

The Men In Action organization said they intend to use the money they raise through business sponsorships of the event to "help aid MIA in the restoration process of this crime and drug infested city."

They hope the churches, businesses and government and the community will support one another in trying to make a change in the area.

"Together we could change this city's image morally, socially, spiritually, economically and physically," said Paul Benjamin of MIA.

Men In Action believes they can save the city, the nation and the world by saving the family.

The Celebrate Sanford Day, they said, is an attempt to unite people of all races and faiths to make a change in the world.

Disaster, fine music and paste-up



Today Is...
NICK PFEIFAUF
Staff Writer

History certainly had a lot of disasters, or is it that people who write about history dwell more on disaster than good news. Perhaps that's where TV newscasters got their concept of focusing more on tragedy to draw viewers. (I know, I've been there, done that!)

Yesterday we reported on the anniversary of the dirigible Hindenburg exploding. Today, the tragedy happened on May 7, 1915. The British passenger liner Lusitania, on a return trip from New York to Liverpool, was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland.

Of approximately 2,000 passengers and crew, 1,198 lost their lives. This was during the beginning days of World War I, and although President Woodrow Wilson protested to Germany, the United States wasn't in the war at that time, and was practically told to butt out. Germany said it had a right to attack the ship because it was carrying ammunition.

On a brighter note today is

the anniversary of Johannes Brahms, said to be one of the greatest composers of the 19th century. He was born in 1833.

Also on May 7, but nine years earlier in 1824, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (in D Minor, if anyone cares), was first performed publicly in Vienna, Austria. It was known as the Choral, or Ode to Joy. Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed it and it was said a soloist had to tug on his sleeve when the performance ended, so he could turn around and see whether the audience was applauding or not. (They were!)

And to call attention to Peggy Brenda and Cheryl of the *Sanford Herald* Staff, who hardly ever get the honors they rightly deserve, today is Paste Up Day.

to honor and bring attention to all paste-up artists who work for newspapers.

Today is National Tourist Appreciation Day. It is to emphasize the fact that tourism is the second largest employer in the United States (the largest here in Florida).

In historical birthdays, I've already mentioned Brahms. English poet Robert Browning was born May 7, 1812; actor Gary Cooper was born in 1901, and American poet Archibald MacLeish was born in 1892.

For today's birthdays, actor Darren McGavin turns 75; singer Theresa Brewer turns 66 and pro football Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas is 64.

And it's EADMBR

A banner day for Sanford Historic Trust



The Sanford Historic Trust handed out their annual banners for those houses in the historic district which best fit the Trust's ideal of a historic home. Above: Bert Padgett and Mayor Dale.

Dale joined Pat Hart, Mickey Manson and Cynthia Wolfe celebrate the district's many attributes.

Class of '34 looks back

There was certainly lots of reminiscing around the tables at the Colonial Room Restaurant recently when the Seminole High School Class of 1934 gathered for its 63rd year reunion. Remembered were favorite teachers and happenings in their classes, pranks pulled, former classmates and so much more.

A delicious meal of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. Later in the afternoon, the majority of the group continued their fellowship at the home of classmate Richard Packard in DeBary.

It was reported that classmates deceased since the last reunion in 1995 were Betty Colbert Tomlinson and Carolyn Cogburn Higgins.

Those on the planning committee were Mary Nickel Simpson, Lorraine Yarborough Whiting, Dorothy Marshall Courter and Richard Packard. Classmates attending from

Sanford and Seminole County were Caroline Biggers Hotzclaw, Gladys Garner Marks, Mary George, Elmer Johnson, Mary Nickel Simpson, Braxton Perkins, Dorothy Marshall Courter and Lorraine Yarborough Whiting.

Coming from out of town were Doris Battern Gadsden, Holly Hill, Virginia Gillon Smith, Palmetto, Naomi Greer Pott, Orlando, Alice Kasserman Powell, Sarasota, Claude Kelley and wife Frances, Jacksonville, Richard Packard, DeBary, John Senkark and wife Von, Gainesville, Carl Vause, Wildwood, and Rebecca Wilson Ponder, DeBary.

Guests were Paul and Audrey Biggers, class of 1932; Wynelle Faircloth Lamer, class of 1936; Lucille Fesler and Catherine Russell, widows of 1934 class members; Grace Marie Stinecpher, daughter of class sponsor (Marie Stinecpher); Charlotte Gustavson, Jane Phillips, and Carl Vause, Jr.

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Tonight: Lows in the mid 60s. Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s. Lows in the mid 60s. Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s. Lows in the upper 50s. Monday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the upper 50s.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and rough. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 78 degrees.
New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 feet and rough. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 75 degrees.

TIDES

THURSDAY SOLUNAR TABLE: min., 5:25 a.m., 5:40 p.m.; max., 11:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m.
TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 9:20 a.m., 9:30 p.m.; lows, 3:45 a.m., 3:50 p.m.;
New Smyrna Beach: highs, 9:25 a.m., 9:35 p.m.; lows, 3:50 a.m., 3:55 p.m.;
Cocoa Beach: highs, 9:40 a.m., 9:50 p.m.; lows, 4:05 a.m., 4:10 p.m.

FLORIDA TEMPS

City	Hi	Lo	Rain
Apalachicola	82	62	01
Daytona Beach	82	68	00
Fort Lauderdale	82	63	00
Fort Myers	86	67	00
Gainesville	85	65	11
Jacksonville	86	65	00
Key West	84	67	00
Miami	81	61	20
Pensacola	78	66	00
Sarasota	82	69	00
Tallahassee	82	68	00
Tampa	81	71	00
W. Palm Beach	81	69	00

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 85 degrees and the overnight low was 55 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 10 a.m. Wednesday, totalled 0 inches.
Sunset.....7:28 p.m.
Sunrise.....6:48 a.m.

SUN INDEX

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 7.
The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Tuesday in the Florida Lottery.

Fantasy 5
9-10-18-19-23

Cash 3
8-9-2
Pick 4
9-9-7-7



Mayor Dale congratulates John and Marilyn Koblasz on the award of a banner.



Ella Forbes is congratulated by the mayor for her work at her historic home.



Serena Fisher accepts a banner on behalf of the Student Museum and the school district.



Cindy Davis is proud to accept the banner she earned from the Historic Trust.



Bob and Mary Dale Jones are excited to be included among the district's best homes and to have been presented a banner.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Burglary

Sanford police arrested a man as John Doe, of 2411 Elm Avenue Sunday. Police were called regarding an incident at a residence in the 2400 block of Jefferson Court. They said a person reportedly threw two bricks through the front windows of the residence in an attempt to gain entry. The man was reportedly identified by the home owner, and located at his address. Because officers could not verify his true identity, he was arrested as John Doe. He was charged with burglary, battery, criminal mischief, and throwing a deadly missile into an occupied dwelling.

Drug arrests

Members of the Sanford police QUAD Squad conducted another anti-drug surveillance last Friday, near a food store in the 1500 block of W. 13th Street. Two persons were arrested as a result of the surveillance.

● Raymond L. Smith, 29, of 1900 W. 18th Street was arrested on charges of possession of crack cocaine, possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, and resisting an officer without violence.

● Annette D. Ford, of 169 Castle Brewer Court was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Retail thefts

● A man whose identity was not immediately verified, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday, as John Doe, 31, of 1602 W. 15th Street. He was arrested at a retail store in the 1500 block of S. French Avenue. Police said he attempted to take \$60.00 in property from the store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

● Paul Petty, 57, 813 E. Seventh Street, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a retail store in the 1900 block of S. French Avenue. Officers said he attempted to remove a \$2.98 bottle of vitamins from the store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

Traffic stops

● Gary Lee Shipley, 40, of Sunset Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday at 23rd Street and French Avenue. He was charged with driving with no headlights and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

● James W. Tomball, 44, of Orlando, was stopped by Sheriff's deputies Sunday near SR 41 and Airport Blvd. He was charged with driving under the influence.

Residential burglary

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the burglary of a residence Monday in the 1200 block of Waverly Way in the Rolling Hills subdivision near Longwood. Items said to have been stolen include computer equipment, a camcorder, jewelry, and other items. Furniture was also said to have been ransacked. The total estimated loss of property was listed as over \$8,000.

Battery

● Willie Trenchell, 33, 2540 S. Palmetto, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday as the result of a dispute with a female at a residence in the 2700 block of Ridgewood Avenue. He was located on Airport Blvd. and charged with burglary and battery.

● Richard Yokel, 46, of 900 Laurel Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Saturday following a reported family dispute. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Sanford police reports

● A number of toys and personal property were reported stolen Monday from a shed near a residence in the 2000 block of Hawthorn Avenue in Sanford.

● A stereo system and other items with a total value of \$1,227 were reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 1300 block of Stonebrook Drive.

● A white 1997 Oldsmobile with no license tag, was reported stolen Monday from the 1000 block of Poin Avenue in Sanford.

● A 875 A/C was reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 400 block of W. Sixth Street.

● A wrought iron chair valued at \$130 was reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 1100 block of S. Park Avenue.

● A VCR, camcorder and other items with a total value of \$1,000 were reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 2000 block of Maple Avenue in Sanford.

Gone fishin'

Eleven seniors from the Academy of Health Careers at Seminole High School helped take 11 residents from Health Care and Rehabilitation Center fishing on Lake Monroe recently. Each student from the high school pushed a resident in a wheelchair down Mellonville Avenue to enjoy a morning of fishing and relaxation by the lake. As one student stated, "We didn't catch any fish, but we had a good time trying." Pictured with residents (front row, l to r): Fanny Ballard, Elizabeth Hagan, and Eibel Rollins are students (back row, l to r): Kirilais Ortiz, Matthew Herrera, Yamilet Rodriguez and Dianne Bachard. Below: Center resident Ira Boomhower, whom students affectionately nicknamed Boom Boom, and student Laura Williams.



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Tomatoes go abroad

By Staff Reports

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford recently announced that Japan has opened its market for the first time to fresh tomatoes from the United States.

Crawford has been working aggressively to open the door for Florida tomatoes. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has had a trade representative in Japan this week to monitor the situation, and meetings with embassy officials will continue. The Department, along with the Florida Tomato Committee and the California Tomato Commission, have been working cooperatively with federal trade officials in recent months to open the Japanese market.

"This represents an enormous potential market for Florida tomato growers," Crawford said. "We will continue to work in coming months to meet the special needs and demands of this export market, which could total over \$150 million a year for U.S. tomatoes."

For years, Japan has banned imports of U.S. fresh tomatoes, fearing that they could harbor a blue mold that could infect Japan's tomato crop. However, U.S. researchers have conducted studies to demonstrate that tomatoes grown in the United States do not host the tomato blue mold pathogen.

The initial market for Florida tomatoes is expected to be Japan's rapidly expanding American-style, fast-food sector and other institutional buyers, which account for about one-third of Japanese fresh tomato production. Research will be needed to tap Japan's retail sector, since Japanese fresh-market tomato varieties are significantly different than those commonly grown commercially in Florida.

The peak shipping season for fresh Japanese tomatoes is May through August, while the slow season is November through February, which corresponds to a major production period in Florida. Trial ship-

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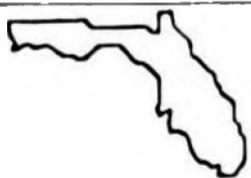
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FLORIDA BRIEFS



Fraud investigation

TALLAHASSEE — State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson last week issued an emergency order suspending the insurance licenses of a South Florida businessman, based on allegations that he masterminded a multi-million dollar fraud scheme.

Nelson announced he was immediately taking both the personal and corporate licenses of John Rayle Smith, who allegedly obtained \$28 million in about 10 months by financing hundreds of bogus workers' compensation insurance policies. It is one of the largest such cases in recent Department of Insurance history.

"Because of the significant sums of money and apparent serious disregard for the law, emergency action was warranted," Nelson said.

Nelson added that although Smith's license was revoked, an investigation would continue into how he managed to obtain financing for fake workers' compensation policies in the names of 244 employees, the bulk of whom are non-existent.

In unrelated cases, workers' compensation is the subject of intense scrutiny by Nelson, who on April 11th asked Statewide Prosecutor Melanie Ann Hines to impanel a special statewide grand jury to review matters involving several insolvent insurance companies and to hear cases of suspected workers' compensation fraud. Hines has forwarded the request to Gov. Lawton Chiles.

The case against Smith, 55, so far involved policies issued between April 1, 1996 and Feb. 13, 1997, and then financed through an out-of-state premium finance company. That company - Premium Service/Norwest Financial Coast Inc. (PSI) - filed its own complaint against Smith with Florida regulators in late February, after its auditors discovered apparent financial irregularities.

Investigators for the insurance department's Bureau of Agent and Agency Investigations reported that the financing scheme worked this way:

Smith created a total of 244 purported workers' compensation insurance policies using the name of Security Insurance Company of Hartford, which was not involved. Each contract was signed by Smith and listed an address as either one of two post office box numbers in Okeechobee.

Premium finance contracts for these policies were submitted to PSI in Columbia, South Carolina. All proceeds from the premium finance contracts were then sent by someone at PSI directly to Smith, paid by checks totaling the \$28 million figure. None of the money was sent to Security Insurance, and, no policies were ever issued, according to insurance department lawyers.

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EDITORIAL

Way we treat our children

OK, now we know where we stand in child well-being in the country - 47th. What a disgrace for Florida. We launch men to the moon, and frolic in a world of theme-park frivolity. We believe in Magic yet ignore the plight of the poor. How is it possible to have so much and care so little?

Too many Florida kids - up to as many as 20 percent - face a life of misery because of our ignorance and lack of compassion. Kids who have a greater risk of being sick and have no health care. Kids who won't complete school but who as teenagers will parent children.

Kids who may turn to drugs, be exposed to violence and be incarcerated before they are old enough to vote. We'll continue to fret and fume about juvenile crime, but keep on basking in the sunshine while another generation of kids begs for mercy.

We've got middle-schoolers who can't count to 100, high schoolers who don't know a noun from a verb, teenagers who have been arrested 30 or 40 times. We cheer for millionaires playing games inside the Orlando Arena while kids try to survive a block away - starved for food, education and love.

Child health, family security, and the well-being of our children seems to be the least of our priorities. Go ahead, eat, drink and be merry. Fly to the moon. Pretend everything here on earth is hunky-dory. And let someone else save the children.

Forty-seventh in the country - that's how much Florida cares about its children. How pathetic.

LETTERS

Our community

I wanted you to know how much your newspaper's publicity about our Kiwanis Club annual fund-raiser PANCAKE DAY helped us in attendance Saturday, March 22nd. It was not only our display advertisements but more importantly yours, Doris' and Nick's comments in your columns and your photographer's photo coverage before and during the event that helped us serve over 1,400 that Saturday morning.

We had a steady crowd flow of hungry people that morning. I was up to my ears in pancake mix with Ron Bishop of Bishop Pest Control and David Lanier, the CPA. I also flipped more than my fair share of pancakes on our new electric grills with Judge Wally Hall, realtor Ron Jernigan and Dick Forbes. Harvey Hale and G. Andrew Speer took care of the sausage cooking.

We almost ran out of seating and eating space. The main auditorium part of the civic center was full and we had to set up additional tables over in part of annex where they normally store extra chairs. We took the unsold celery, radishes and milk to Rescue Outreach Mission afterwards.

You cannot help but feel good and a sense of pride when your community understands and supports worthwhile organizations who care about our kids and the needy ones in our community. It is the combined support of local businesses, individuals and families who care and are willing to put out the personal effort to help that makes a difference in the quality of our community life.

I have always maintained that if you are not supporting your community where you make your living, then you are only a parasite to it, taking but not giving back. When we can give some of our personal time to help someone else, we always grow more in character and receive more personal benefits than we gave. Everything you have received, unless a gift, was because you provided a service FIRST, before you received the benefit.

Thanks again to all your staff in their support of our community, as well as Kiwanis. We appreciate your efforts.

Walter Smith
Sanford

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NAT HENTOFF

The new political correctness

I heard from Tom Jipping, a student at the University of Buffalo Law School. The faculty had imposed a speech code that was more contemptuous of the First Amendment than even most of the politically correct gag rules proliferating on campuses around the country. "Remarks," said the code, "directed at another's race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual preference" et al. would be severely punished. There was no further definition of "remarks." Also prohibited were "other remarks" -- not defined -- "based on prejudice and group stereotype." Any prejudice?

Unique to this law school code -- unanimously passed by the administration and faculty -- was a provision that the administration would provide the rap sheets of any guilty student to the character and fitness committees of any bar association to which the pariah were to apply.

Tom Jipping, though vilified by a prominent faculty member and other speech police, fought the code, sending news of it to the outside world. (I wrote about it in the Washington Post, and William Bennett spoke about it.)

Eventually, after Jipping was graduated, this embarrassment to the law school faded away. Jipping is now in Washington, where he di-



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rects the Judicial Selection Monitoring Project, an offspring of the Free Congress Foundation.

In his official role, Jipping sent a letter to all 100 senators, demanding they act to purge those "activist" federal judges who do not agree with Jipping's interpretations of the Constitution. On Feb. 4 a follow-up letter went to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

In the letter, Jipping reminded Leahy that the senator had previously received "a letter from the largest coalition in history to oppose judicial activism. ... Please find enclosed an opportunity to express your opinion on this

critical issue." He then quoted a resounding call for purges by Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee: "Those nominees who are or would be judicial activists should not be nominated by the president or confirmed by the Senate, and I will do my best to see to it that they are not."

Jipping went on to warn Sen. Leahy that if he did not sign the "Hatch Pledge" -- which Sen. Hatch will not sign because he doesn't sign pledges -- the forces of judicial correctness will be unleashed. They will let Leahy's perfidy be known to more than 200 national and state organizations and dozens of talk-show hosts in our growing coalition. The talk-show hosts can surely be depended on to assess Leahy's character and fitness.

Leahy must have enjoyed writing his answer to Jipping: "I do not take pledges demanded by special-interest groups on either the right or the left. Nor do I appreciate your thinly veiled threat that you will employ talk-show hosts and national organizations to pressure me into making such a pledge."

"These tactics to force others to adopt your narrow view of political correctness are wrong, and reminiscent of a dark period from our history."



JACK ANDERSON



What's left today is an eerie ecological disaster.

They have seen the enemy

NAURU--This equatorial island, which is the setting for our sad ecological tale, is merely a dot on the world map, found only with a magnifying glass. On most globes and maps, the line that denoted the equator; 28 miles north of here, is bigger than the island.

Geologists call the island a coral uplift, an above-the-sea rarity. Unlike other islands, it is not the top of some great under-sea mountain or volcano. It is simply a tall coral reef, a raised a toll, the edge of which drops off hundreds of feet to the ocean bottom. Nauru has sunk beneath the sea and risen several times over the cone.

During all that time, this island was the beneficiary of a unique gift from the gods-- or the birds, to be specific. They found this isolated island to be the greatest breeding season destination in the ocean. And over the millennia, they dumped so much guano on the island that, when mixed with marine debris, the droppings became the richest phosphate reserve on the planet.

As a base for fertilizer, phosphate was worth fighting over. The Germans first annexed this guano-laden island in 1900, and began to mine phosphate here in 1907, along with the Australians.

Nauruans were given a nominal royalty in return for their phosphate, which didn't become an issue until after the Second World War: That war--during which 1,200 islanders were detained by the Japanese as forced laborers--cost Nauru one-third of its population.

Those who survived were a different sort, hardy and determined. Answering to Australian administrators was no longer acceptable, and a political movement started by Sir Hammer DeRoburt, the late, revered "father of the country," finally achieved independence for the new republic in 1968. By that time, Nauru was exporting about 2 million tons of phosphate a year. Under the terms of their independence, they were required to continue at that rate for several years more.

But Nauru was so anxious for extra income that the islanders mined voraciously--far more than their minimum allotment. Prior to independence, the colonial powers had mined about one-third of the island's phosphate deposits, and in the 30 years since, the remaining two-thirds have been mined and shipped out of the country.

While the phosphate lasted, it provided a comfortable life for the Nauruans. For many years, the natives of this tiny island enjoyed the highest, per-capita income in the world.

What's left today, however, is an eerie ecological disaster; as observed by our associated Dale Van Atta. It conjures images of a science fiction apocalypse--a deforested lunar landscape spiked with hundreds of tall coral pinnacles up to 80 feet tall. Only the rim of the island is still habitable. Flying overhead, Nauru has the appearance of an overturned white dinner plate on a green dolly.

Phosphate mining has even cost this island its rain.

Most of the blame for the phosphate frenzy, Nauruan leaders privately recognize, rests with the islanders themselves who wanted to spend the money on Western goods and luxuries. Like the comic strip character Pogo, they have seen the enemy --and it is us.

DONNA BRITT

A woman's just got to have it

WASHINGTON--So there I was. A dazed, self-pitying heap, vainly trying to fight off the second--or was it the third?--disgusting disease I'd caught from my 18-month-old in three weeks. Then a newspaper headline grabbed my attention:

"63-Year-Old-Woman Gives Birth." I read on. A 63-year-old woman from California had lied about her age to get fertility treatments and used a donated egg to give birth to a healthy baby girl.

Certain that strep throat had rendered me delirious, I went downstairs where my mother and my Aunt Marian were baby-sitting--actually, chatting, appeasing and kowtowing to--my son, Sky. Mom and Auntie, who aren't much older than 63, had heard the news on TV.

"The woman has got to be crazy," said Mom, rubbing her arthritic knee.

"You have to wonder what she was on," added Aunt Marian, picking Cheerios out of her hair.

"And what about the kid?" Mom continued. "When she's 10, the last thing she's going to want is a 73-year-old mother. ... Skye. Don't eat the jello!"

I called my friend who at 41 is eight months pregnant and loved the story. Reading it, the shooting stomach pains that have plagued her for months ceased because she couldn't stop laughing.

"Great," she gasped, still laughing, "they'll both be in diapers--Mom in Depends and the baby in Huggies! When I read this 63-year-old mother was breast-feeding. I thought, isn't that a great image! What's she lactating--Ensure?"

Terrified that such uncontrolled hilarity could spark an early labor, we hung up. I headed upstairs--until I heard a local TV talk show discussing the news.

"I'd like to remind people that grandmothers have been raising children beautifully for years," intoned one man. A fax was read noting how no one squawks when men of 63 have babies with their younger trophy wives. Someone named Ralph said that if the elderly couple was healthy, the "let the diapers fly."

Then a grandmother, 64, raising her grandson, 4, called in. While she and her husband were doing a good job, she said, they really lacked the energy to raise a child today when there are "so many difficult issues."

A woman of 59 who rides her bike 13 miles daily, added: "A week-end" is the longest she can handle caring for her grandchild; most grandparents raising kids are forced to do so; many of them lack the stamina to be super tough on discipline--and we see the sad results at the mall every day.

I called my husband, an athletic 40-year-old



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who after several 3 am risings with Skye is as crotchety as any man of 63. He supported the woman's decision because "everyone has a right to do what they want, if it's legal."

I was reflecting on how most of the people touting this birth seemed to be men when my little man climbed in my lap. He demanded that Mama--not Grandma or Auntie--read "Young Joe" to him. And listen as he recited the names of everyone in the family portrait. And take him to the window to look at the "burr" chirping outside.

Babies don't understand. "Mommy's sick." They just want and need you. Even when you're ill. Even when you have work to do. Even. God help you, if you're 63.

I'd just made it to bed when my pregnant friend called back in a more serious mood.

"Wanting a child is not only about having some living demonstration of the love between you and husband," she said. "It's about sharing your life. How much will you be able to share if you're 63? ... Being pregnant at that age can be life-shortening. ... Sure, you can be 20 and not see your child grow up, but you have to question her motivation. Who are you doing this for?"

That night, I felt well enough to sing my son to sleep. Staring into that perfect face, I knew why any woman might crave a baby. I sympathized but kept thinking, "At 63?"

Then my bachelor brother--the one who wonders why society honors women's deep craving for babies but rejects men's deep craving for sex with dozens of women--called. Though he'd heard about the mom of 63, he was reciting from an interview he'd just seen with actress Valerie Bertinelli.

"She said her life was meaningless until she had a baby," he marveled. "Meaningless. It was like, 'forget my husband, life just kicked in when I had a baby.'"

Elder mom's act, he said, boded ill--"Now, a man who thinks he's out of the woods can marry a woman in her 50's and she'll look up at him and as, 'So when can we start our family?' ... You can't explain it or rationalize this."

"A woman's just got to have it."

Zoo's baby clouded leopards named Tomatoes

By VICKI DeBORJAN
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD - They're a little frisky still - jumping and squirting in people's arms like a couple of kittens.

One day soon, though, they will be a couple of powerful cats.

Teh Khwang and Jing are two of the newest residents at the Central Florida Zoo in Sanford.

The pair of clouded leopard cubs, born March 21 at the zoo, are among only a very few such cats born in captivity as part of the captive breeding program being done worldwide to try to aid the endangered felines.

On Saturday, in cooperation with the Orlando Museum of Art's mega-exhibition of the Great Tombs of China, the two were given traditional Chinese names by members of the public who had submitted suggestions as part of a contest.

Teh Khwang means "great strength" and Jing means "internal power."

The names were submitted by Michelle Barry Taylor and Debbie Choyce respectively. The selections were not made lightly.

Taylor, a spiritual advisor, said she consulted the I Ching, an ancient Chinese oracle, to find the name that was most appropriate.

She said that in consulting the I Ching, one throws coins



Teh Khwang and Jing, clouded leopard cubs, can now be called by name.

onto the ancient hexagram and reads the pattern arrangement to find the appropriate symbol and name.

"I have been doing this for years," she explained. "I thought it would be appropriate for this naming."

A coloring contest, sponsored for the event on Saturday produced a winner in Evan Brender, a 9-year-old veteran of coloring contests.

The clouded leopards are part of the Tropical China exhibit that has recently opened at the Central Florida Zoo.

Tropical Asian animals, including the leopards and several new additions to the herpetarium, are now a part of the permanent exhibit at the zoo.

The clouded leopard cubs will be available for petting for a very limited time on Saturdays from now until September.

Garden

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Since arriving in Central Florida, she has performed at several locations including Daytona Beach, Lake Helen, Ormond Beach and DeLand. She has been training in the performing arts since she was 3 years old. Her commercial spots include Gators Dockside

and Nickelodeon.

Tondorf, 11, has also had a rather lengthy career so far. He has been in several theater productions to date including *Oliver*, *Babes in Toyland* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Tondorf has also made a few television appearances on both WCPX, Channel 6, and WCEU, Channel 15. He has had four years of training so far in acting, voice and dance.

The first edition of the play will be highlighted by a "garden party" directly after the performance. Connie Williams and Cathy Bossert will create a garden setting with refreshments featuring delicacies usually served at Victorian teas.

And on Mother's Day, May 11, complimentary flowers will be passed out to all the mothers. The First Street Gallery, where performances will be held, is located at 207 Magnolia, in historic downtown Sanford, next door to the old Ritz Theater which is being restored. All proceeds will go to that effort. Tickets are \$10 for adults - 49 for seniors and children and can be purchased at DeLaha, Stairs Realty on First Street and Our House Book and Coffee Shop on Commercial Street.

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DEATHS

JAMES JOSEPH HACKETT

James Joseph Hackett, 39, Driftwood Lane, Sanford, died Monday, May 5, 1997 at Orlando Regional Medical Center. Born May 13, 1957 in Springfield, Mass., he moved to Central Florida in 1989. He was an engraver for Sanford Trophy Shop, a Catholic, and an honorary member of YTE Tribe of New Mexico. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include parents, James K. and Dolores K. Hackett, Sanford; sisters, Lynn and Brenda Hackett Olney, both

of Sanford, brothers, Mark, Sanford, Bryan, Deltona; grandfather, Charles, St. Petersburg.

All Faiths Cremation Service, Canselberry, in charge of arrangements.

R.Z. JOHNSON JR.

R.Z. Johnson Jr., 82, Stowe Drive, Sanford, died Monday, May 5, 1997. Born Nov. 12, 1914 in Pierson, he moved to Central Florida 1914. He was a yard master for the railroad and a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford. He belonged to

American Legion, 40 & B, Wildlife Association and Sportsman's Association. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include wife, Clara B.; stepmother, Sara Brown, Sanford; sons, Robert L. and Billy R., both of Sanford; daughter Marzee Pharis, Sanford; adopted son, Doick Worrell, LaGrande, Ga.; brother, Frank T., Palm Beach; sister, Roberta Rose, Sanford; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ANNA M. SMITH

Anna M. Smith, 93, Whitner Way, Sanford, died Monday, May 5, 1997 at her residence. Born Dec. 16, 1903 in Sanford, she was a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Sanford.

Survivors include grandson and wife, Kenneth & Janice Pritchard, Sanford; great-grandson, Clayton David Pritchard, Sanford; nephew, Raymond Mason, Havana, FL. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

HACKETT, JAMES JOSEPH
Memorial services for Mr. Hackett will be held Saturday, 5 p.m., May 10, 1997 at 184 S. Driftwood Lane, Sanford.

JOHNSON, R.Z.
Funeral services for Mr. Johnson will be Thursday, 10/8 at 10 a.m. in the Brisson Funeral Chapel with Tony Black, Sanford Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Webster. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 8 until 9 p.m. Brisson Funeral Home, 323-3131, Sanford, in charge of services.

SMITH, ANNA M.
Gravestone funeral services for Mrs. Anna M. Smith, 93, of Sanford, who died Monday will be 1 o'clock Friday afternoon at Evergreen Cemetery, with Rev. Vicky Reaco officiating. For those who wish, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, Sun Bank Bldg., 300 W. First St., P.O. Box 95, Sanford, FL 32778-0095. Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, 308 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, FL 32771 (407) 323-3131.

Stadium

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lines to allow for additional seating. The portable bleachers will be transferred from other facilities for the purpose of this tournament.

The old original stadium bleachers have been determined unsafe for use, and seating will not be allowed in that area.

Farnsworth said other projects which were outlined in preparation for the tournament are mostly under way. Work on new stadium lighting is almost completed. Regrassing is done, dugout drainage problems are being addressed, and limited improvements are being made in the concession area.

Painting the perimeter wall, establishing a 15-foot warning track around the outfield, and installation of four-foot tall fencing from the dugouts to the outfield fence still remain.

The combined total cost of the three projects is \$17,500, but Farnsworth said he believes the money can be obtained from state contracts, and not have to be provided by the city.

When the refurbishing of the Sanford Memorial Stadium was first suggested, almost a year ago, the total estimated cost was \$318,000. City Manager Bill Simmons said the amount has been reduced considerably because several major elements in the proposal have now been dropped.

export value of fruits and related products, and No. 7 in the value of vegetable exports. We need to continue to gain new market access to many other nations to expand our exports."

Crawford expressed appreciation to Gus Schumacher, head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, the Florida Tomato Committee, the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, and the California Tomato Commission, which have been working for a long time to open the Japanese tomato market.

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ments of tomatoes to Japan could begin as early as this June, with volume expected to increase as packers and shippers work out transportation and quality details.

"The Florida tomato industry is optimistic about the opportunity to ship tomatoes to Japan," said Stephanie Johnson, spokesperson for the Florida Tomato Committee, an industry trade group. "As the domestic market gets more and more competitive, new markets are especially important."

In the beginning, Florida's shipments will likely be limited, as the industry has much to learn about selling products in Japan. The most promise seems to be in selling tomatoes to the fast-food trade. American tomatoes are great companions for American-style hamburgers. We look forward to developing a long-term relationship, however, and expect volume will increase with experience over time.

"The opening of the Japanese tomato market is another step in our efforts to expand exports of Florida agricultural products, which now total more than \$1 billion a year," Crawford said. "Florida already ranks No. 2 nationally in the

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Water

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gallons.

Based on those figures, Lake Mary Finance Director Jackie Sova explained that a person using, for example, 3,000 gallons per month, would be billed a \$4.20 base fee plus 75 cents per 1,000 gallons, for a total of \$6.45.

Ori urged the city to consider an even larger increase to obtain more money to be used to maintain the facilities.

During a work session discussion earlier this month, Commissioner Gary Brender called for a listing to show costs for 5,000, 10,000, right up to 50,000 gallons of usage. "We need this exact example list so we can show our customers exactly where their bills will be going," he suggested.

Commissioner Thom Greene, alluding to the fact that the city doesn't have its own sewage treatment plant but uses the

county's facilities, questioned, "If the county comes up with any increase, does that mean we will have to have another increase ourselves?"

Ori responded that the answer was yes.

"For the city of Lake Mary, do you see any additional increases coming up in the near future for us?"

Ori responded, "That's hard to say. Over the long term, there is no way to tell so I simply cannot say at this point."

Sova explained that the entire billing process is very complex. She said information is presently being prepared by the city to explain it as much as possible. When completed, the information is to be sent to all Lake Mary sewer and water customers.

It approved on the final reading, the increases could begin as early as June 1, but a final decision remains to be determined.

Fishing is good these days



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

McConnell Towing and Recovery pulled a 1986 Plymouth Conquest out of Lake Monroe for Sanford police this morning. While the front of the vehicle was in the water, the rear was held onto the sea wall by a trailer hitch. The vehicle was located just off U.S. Highway 17-92 near Regatta Shores Apartments. Sanford police officer G.A. Smith investigated the incident and reported no driver was located. The Plymouth had an Orange County license tag. An investigation is continuing in the case.

Apartment

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"We really don't like to do evictions," he said. "It costs us money and time and we try to avoid doing that as much as possible."

Dixon said the problem is not with his employees placing the items on the property line, it is with those who go through the items.

"I don't like the way they do that," he said. "If it means we have to post a guard to stay with those things for the requisite amount of time, we'll do that. I don't want the neighborhood around our property trashed any more than they do."

Dixon has invited the neighbors to help devise some plans for keeping the trash to a minimum.

In addition to posting a security guard with the property, Dixon thought he might enforce a rule that bags could not be opened at the property.

"They'd have to take a whole bag at a time," he said. "It'd be a grab bag kind of thing."

Dixon said he wanted to apologize to the surrounding community for the trash that had made its way into their yards.

"I'm embarrassed," he said. "We are not going to let something like this happen again."

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Matthew L. Groninger, a 1997 magna cum laude graduate of Lake Mary High School, has agreed to attend Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He will study medicine and play baseball for the Eagles, currently ranked 10th in the nation in NCAA Div. II. Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Groninger of Longwood.

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Kelle Werner

Herald Staff Writer



Why do we have spring football?

SANFORD - I am a female. I will never understand what drives the opposite sex to kill themselves out in the sun...

With that out of the way, let me say that I love football...high school, professional, especially college.

However, another thing I will never understand, is spring football.

As if it isn't enough that before the school year even starts, the kids are hitting the weight room, sprinting up and down bleachers in the stadium...

When I went to school, there was no such thing as spring football. Try-outs for the football team were held two weeks before school started...

Now, there is a big to-do over playing football before school even ends.

This is how I see it.

Every kid who wants to play football goes out and kills themselves during the month of May...

Then they might get the chance to play in the football jamboree, held right before graduation...

After that, it's summer.

There are no regulated practices, no definite times to work out in the weight room, no set drills to go through.

But the coaches know who is running, who is hitting the weights, who is dedicating their summers to their chosen sport.

Football is a grueling endeavor and every kid who wants to play should know that ahead of time. But how grueling does it really need to be at the high school level?

Although I have no knowledge of the conditioning it takes to be an athlete on a football team, I question the tactic of driving a kid to the point that he has to stop working to throw up and then return immediately.

I also question the sense in getting the kids out there in the heat of May, working them into the ground, playing one scrimmage game and one jamboree, and then releasing them for the entire summer.

What do the students really gain from the month of spring football? If they are not disciplined enough to work on their own, which they should be to play football seriously, then nothing.

And what about injuries? Is it really worth risking a season or career ending injury to one of the star athletes for a spring jamboree? Once again, income comes before welfare and the students are the ones who suffer.

The coaches suffer too. Most coaches also teach school and try to juggle end of the year exams and term papers with yet another stretch of football. I'm sure they would never complain. After all, they became coaches to coach and spend time with the kids, certainly not for the huge salary boost.

I do not begrudge the football programs in the county their chance at extra practice time and more game experience. But why not push the football season back a few weeks and allow that time for practice and extra jamborees? I personally think it would benefit the kids more, take a little pressure off of the coaches, and lengthen a football season that many would like to see last all year.

Rams play give away

By DEAN SMITH

Herald Sports Editor

DELTONA - Lake Mary proved to be its own worst enemy on Tuesday.

Playing in the Class 6A Softball Regional Semifinals at Deltona High School, the Rams probably made more mistakes in one game than all season and it came back to bite them as Lauren Lond's two-out single in the bottom of the sixth inning scored Heather Toth with the winning run as the Wolves eliminated Lake Mary from the state playoffs 3-2.

Toth led off the bottom of the first inning with

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Turn out the lights SCC slam dunks men's basketball for a year

By RUSS WHITE

Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - There will be no men's basketball played at Seminole Community College this winter.

"The move," Athletic Director Larry Castle said Tuesday, "is designed to improve and strengthen SCC's athletic programs."

SCC has competed in men's basketball since 1965, but had little success recently. Head coach Bernard Merthie resigned before the start of the 1996-97 season. Henderson, a volunteer assistant, took over. The team went 7-23. Worse than this record was the class attendance and players' grades.

"The program was poorly structured, poorly organized," Castle said. "It has been that way for awhile - well before Roderick Henderson became coach. It's not one coach's fault. Players weren't going to class. It's as simple as that."

Henderson, 27, said he had hoped to have

more time, to recruit his own players - players who would abide by rules. "They gave me notice," he said. "I knew this was coming. I feel bad for the young men who were already here...and I feel bad that I wasn't given more opportunity."

A Seminole High School grad in 1987, Henderson played at Marist College and remains eager to coach in Florida. He worked for Merthie for three years without pay. He had some good players. Anthony Polite, from Savannah, Ga., broke the school scoring record with a 47-point game last year.

"If the kids were all like Anthony, there would have been no problems," Henderson said. "I never had to worry about where he was. Never had to look over my shoulder to see if he went to class."

Dr. James A. Sawyer, the executive vice president at the school, said more than likely SCC would initiate a national search for a men's basketball coach in August, and try to have its new coach working by January, 1998. Mean-

while, there would be an emphasis on intramural sports.

Castle said SCC's basketball program for men ran about \$75,000 for scholarships, coach's salary, equipment and travel. The same amount is spent on the more successful women's basketball program. As other schools try to meet state requirements for equal programs, SCC now has some catching up to do on the men's side.

"We'll have a men's team for the next season (1998-99)," Castle said. "We needed to reorganize. We've tried to help the players who were here to transfer to other schools. One asked to stay here, and we'll keep him on scholarship."

Castle said that SCC also would enhance its athletic programs by combining the offices of Student Activities and Athletics. Randy Pawlowski, the coordinator of Student Activities, and Castle will work to develop activities that will involve more of the diverse student population at the school.

Plans call for a part-time Intramural Coordinator to work as part of the team.



Chris Louwsma (No. 12) receives congratulations from his Seminole teammates after scoring the Tribe's fourth run of the first inning Tuesday night. The senior

shortstop got Seminole started on the right foot with a bases loaded triple in the first inning and the hosts went on to beat Flagler Palm Coast 8-6.

Tribe shines, then hangs on

By DEAN SMITH

Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD - Overconfidence very nearly cost the Seminole High School baseball team a victory Tuesday night.

The Fighting Seminoles looked like world beaters in racing to an 8-2 lead after four innings, then nearly gave it all away as the hosts survived 8-6 over Flagler Palm Coast High School from Bunnell in the Class 5A Baseball Regional Quarterfinals on Alumni Field at the Seminole High School Baseball Complex.

Seminole is now 23-10 and will take on George Jenkins High School from Lakeland on Friday. Jenkins, 26-4 and ranked third in Class 5A, advanced with a 2-1 victory over New Port Richey-River Ridge Tuesday night. Where and what time the game will be played will be decided today.

"We hung on by the skin of our teeth," said Seminole head coach Mike Powers. "Our pitching wasn't as good as usual, but it was good enough to win. Our fielding was good and made some big plays. (Greg, Brocksmith

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, R, H, E, and other stats. Includes names like Brocksmith, Louwsma, Williams, etc.

did a great job in relief for them and they sure hit the ball a lot better tonight than in the Big Blue Tournament."

Powers was referring to the second game of the Big Blue Bonanza back in late March in which the Tribe whipped the Bulldogs 11-1. That game seemed to be on the Seminole players' minds as they appeared to relax once they took the big lead in this game.

Surprise starter Josh Blanton (7-2) got some help from his defense in the top of the first inning as, with one out, Eric Bross singled and stole second. Brocksmith hit a grounder to third, but the Tribe's third baseman, Bill Johnson, whirled and threw to shortstop Chris Louwsma, who threw the ball back to

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Patriots rally to victory

By JEFF BEALMUCKE

Herald Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Any team should feel lucky to score on Lake Brantley pitcher Robbie Sitz. Score one run and pray you can hold on.

Scrape out four runs and celebrate. Get those runs in the first inning, turn the ball over to your ace and hope for the best.

That's what Ocala Forest tried to do last night at Patriot Field. The Wildcats jumped all over the Lake Brantley hurler and scored a 4-0 lead, then gave it all away as the Patriots rolled to a 6-4 win.

The win moves Lake Brantley, 25-5 and ranked No. 5 in this week's state poll, into the Class 6A Regional semifinals at Jacksonville Mandarin Friday night. Mandarin, 26-3 and ranked seventh in the state, advanced with a 2-1 victory over Pensacola High School Tuesday night.

Sitz (10-1) is one of four Lake Brantley pitchers who have been taking turns firing no-hitters all season, but last night, he lost the no-hitter and almost the game before the Patriots even stepped to the plate.

Sitz allowed a lead-off walk and, one out later, Forest followed with a run scoring single and a home run by opposing pitcher Pete Duprey.

Another run crossed the plate and Sitz was in a hole. He said he never lost control of the situation.

"I was thinking it was time to do better," Sitz said. "I had to start mixing it up because I knew I could do better."

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Oviedo falls in extra innings

By COURTNEY LEFFEW

Herald Correspondent

OVIDEO - Last night, the Oviedo Lions entered the Oviedo Sports Complex with happy hearts and dreams of winning in their minds.

But these hopes were crushed when the Forest High School Wildcats from Ocala beat the Lions, 5-4 in the Class 6A Softball Regional Semifinals.

Coach Anna Hollis said, "The mental state was just not there in defense and on offense. It takes mental focus and a clean ball game to win and that was not happening."

Forest started the first inning with a double by Rachel Edwards but she failed to score. Even though the game was slow at first, the crowd was not. Both team's spirit was very high with only winning thoughts.

The game slightly speeded up in the top of the third with Forest scoring the first run. Oviedo's Tanya Howard scored a run finishing

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DIAMOND REGIONALS

Schedule for Diamond Regionals including Class 6A North Region I and II Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Softball games.

Lion nine goes cold at Deltona

By TONY DeSORMIER

Herald correspondent

DELTONA - What began as a season of promise for the Oviedo Lions ended in a somnambulant stupor Tuesday evening at Deltona High School.

The Lions, who climbed as high as No. 9 in the Florida Sports Writers Association's Class 6A state rankings, saw their season end in a 3-0 loss to the Wolves in the first round of the Class 6A state tournament.

Oviedo finishes the year at 21-10, having lost two games in a row for the first time this season. The Lions suffered a 2-1 loss to Lake Brantley in the 6A-District 4 finals last Friday.

"We didn't hit," said Oviedo coach Kenny Brown after Tuesday's defeat. "We didn't play smart baseball, we didn't run the bases well... we didn't do a lot of things right today."

Deltona (17-12) struck in the bottom of the first inning parlaying an error, a double by Garrett

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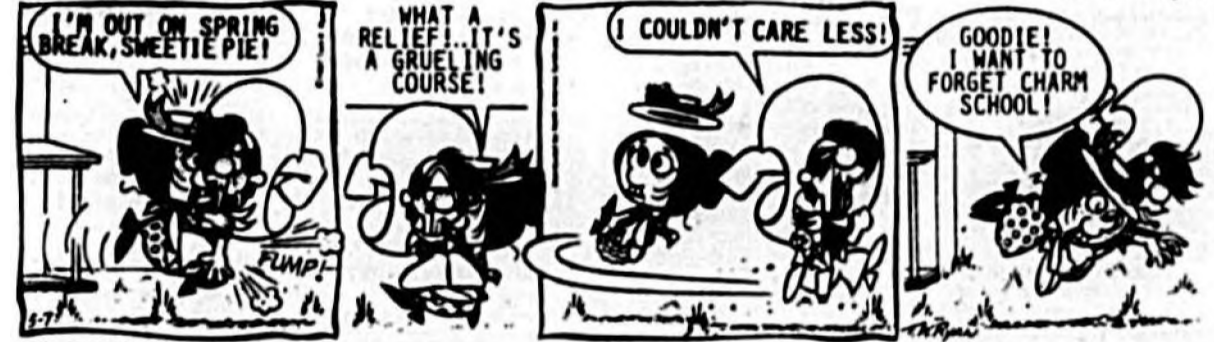
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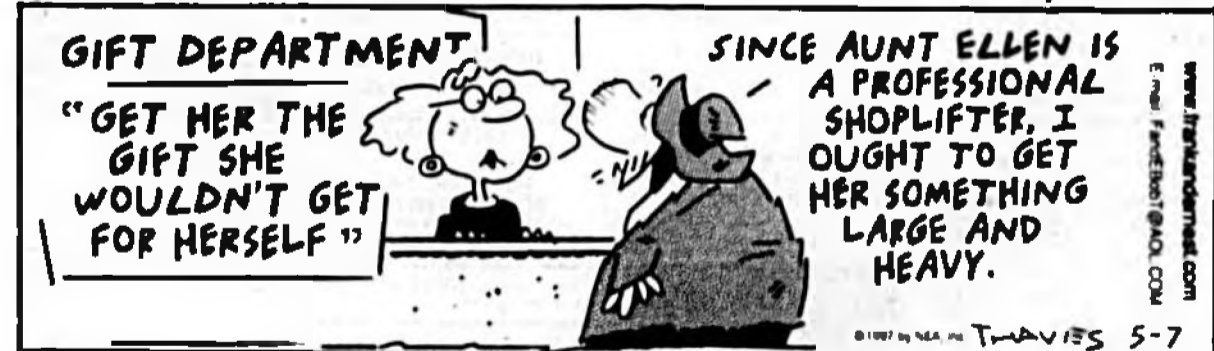
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Is Coumadin therapy advisable?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have atrial fibrillation and read in your recent column about the advisability of taking Coumadin, an anticoagulant. I'm on Lanoxin. Isn't this enough?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't. People with atrial fibrillation (uneven heartbeat) tend to form blood clots within the heart chambers. When pieces of these clots break free, they may be carried to the brain and cause stroke.

Lanoxin (digoxin), on the other hand, does not affect blood clotting. Among its many effects, the drug slows the pulse rate and, therefore, is useful in preventing an overly rapid pulse, which is often a complication of fibrillation.

In the view of most cardiologists, atrial fibrillation should be treated with Coumadin. The use of Lanoxin and other drugs is an individual matter, best judged on a case-by-case basis by the doctor.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every morning I wake up with swollen lips and itchy swellings on my face. This annoyance lasts several hours. I assume it is an allergic reaction but, despite the fact that I have moderated my diet, I still have the problem.

DEAR READER: You do, indeed, appear to be having an allergic reaction, but to what?

The human body can become sensitive to an extraordinary number of compounds in our environment. Most people are aware of allergies to pollen, dust, animal dander, and insect bites. Yet few realize that almost anything can cause a release of histamine in the skin, with resulting swelling and itching.

Various foods, as you mention, may cause such reactions. However, so can detergent residues, cosmetics, commercial coloring agents, medications — even toothpaste.

I suggest that you make an appointment with an allergist. Through an involved process of skin and blood testing, the specialist should be able to determine what it is you're reacting to. Perhaps it's something as simple as the detergent used to wash your pillow cases, in which case you may obtain relief by simply changing cleaning products.



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are — like yours — harmless nuisances, some can progress to cause asthma and other serious consequences. Therefore, an allergist would be your best resource.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I think you goofed in a recent column in which you said that Lozol is used to treat high cholesterol. Lozol is a diuretic prescribed for high blood pressure.

DEAR READER: I did worse than goof. I made a major error by confusing a fat-lowering drug, Lopid, with the diuretic Lozol. I appreciate having you and other readers write to point out my mistake. I have no excuses and hereby deeply apologize to readers who may have been misled.

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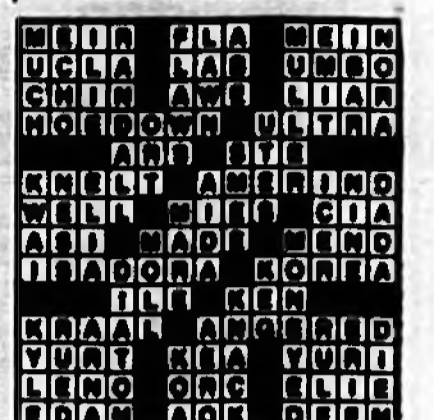
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WIN AT BRIDGE

Physical attributes for bridge

By Phillip Alder

The uglier a man's legs, the better his golf game. H.G. Wells observed. It's almost a law, he added. I wonder what the present day pros think about that.

As you are aware, the real difference between good players and the less able is the amount of counting done as a deal progresses. How would you plan the play in four spades in today's deal? West cashes two rounds of diamonds before exiting with a trump.

Despite the sterile 4-3-3-3 distribution, South is worth the bid, as he has three working honors in the suits partner promised with his double.

To make this contract, you must guess the club suit correctly. Always leave the key suit as late as possible. Also, when the dummy comes down following a competitive auction, count up the points. Here, dummy has 15 and you have nine. That leaves only 16 for the opponents.

After drawing trumps, find out who holds the heart ace. Surprisingly, it is East. So, for his opening bid, West must have 100 honors in diamonds and the club queen. You should cash the club king, then finesse through West to make the contract.

Here, declarer's play was guided by the point count. Defenders, taking their cue from the bidding, should also use point count to place the missing honors.

Bridge hand layout showing North, South, West, East cards and vulnerable dealer information.

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Your Birthday

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Your abilities could be substantially enhanced in the year ahead. As you strive to acquire more for the people you love, you'll also generate greater returns for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you must be careful you're not penny-wise and pound-foolish. You will be mindful of trivial expenses, but you may be oblivious to real extravagance. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will effectively manage rational matters today, but situations that have emotional content

could mar your judgment and cause you to behave poorly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) As long as companions are in accord with your ideas today, and everything is going your way, you'll be as pleasant as pie, but woe to him or her who crosses you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think twice before asking favors from friends today. If pals think they are being used, you won't get what you want. Let suggestions come from them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Timing is the critical factor today that can spell the difference between success and failure. Take care not to push when you should pull.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not take credit today for something in which you only played a small part. Losing the respect of your peers is poor compensation for momentary glory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be too hasty in negotiating a serious agreement today. What looks and sounds good at first may not be so, after further study.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might not prove wise today to tackle a mental task that demands your total concentration. If your focus wanders, errors are quite likely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A friend might seek advice from you today pertaining to a financial matter. Do not pretend to know something you do not, or big trouble may follow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Associates might find you a bit difficult to comprehend today. This may be because of your severe mood swings, so keep them under wraps.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Responsibilities that require your attention should be taken care of as early in the day as possible. Your sense of duty lessens by midday.

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