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Santa's namesake

DALLAS — Not until he went into the Navy in 1966 did Santa Claus start using his real name. And even then he didn't want to. "When I got to boot camp, they went through the whole alphabet without calling me," Claus recalled, chuckling. "The guy calling the roster for our company asked if there was anyone he had missed, and when I raised my hand, he said, 'Well, you must be the clown who signed up as Santa Claus.'" "I thought I was in a whole bunch of trouble, but he turned out to be a pretty good guy." Life has gotten easier for Santa Michael Claus, 44, a technician with Southwestern Bell in Dallas. In his youth, Claus shied away from his name, red suits, beards and children carrying wish lists. That's all changed. "I enjoy it. It's fun to be a little bit of a name this time of year," said Claus, who explains to curious children that he isn't the real Santa, just his namesake. "I have four daughters. That's the way we explained it to them, too."

Hospital reports rash of boys

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Maybe parents in this rural area near Canada wrote to Santa Claus to bring them a boy for Christmas. All 16 newborns in seven days at Canton-Potsdam Hospital were boys. That was almost double the normal birth rate for the 70-bed hospital, said Patricia Stein, a head nurse. And the chance of having 16 consecutive births of the same sex is about one in 65,000. "I guess these little boys just wanted to be here for Christmas," Stein said. First Adam was born on Dec. 15. Then came Sanford, Dennis, James, Jacob, Ryan, Taylor Austin, Joshua, McKenzie, Richard, Andrew, Taylor Michael, Raymond, Cody, Michael, and then Daniel on Dec. 21. Since Christmas Eve, however, a maternity-ward nurse said there were five newborns, all girls.

Weekly jobless claims down

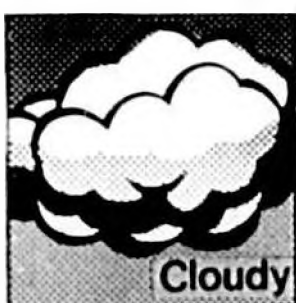
WASHINGTON — Jobless claims fell 20,000 during the second week of December, the government said today. But it was a smaller drop than expected by economists and left the number of Americans filing for first-time unemployment benefits near the half million mark. The Labor Department said a seasonally adjusted 473,000 Americans applied for benefits during the week ended Dec. 14, compared with 493,000 during the week ended Dec. 7, which was up by 79,000 from Thanksgiving week. Analysts caution against reading too much into week-to-week fluctuations in the claims numbers, which are very volatile. Still, they were disappointed.

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Rain in the forecast



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. High in the low 70s with a northwesterly wind at 10-15 mph.

Cloudy

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Future looks brighter

Developer has plans for Midway community housing and services

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

MIDWAY — A Winter Park affordable housing developer has drafted an apartment and water and sewer improvement proposal that could herald the start of the redevelopment of this community long suffering from crime, poverty and a poor reputation. "I think there's going to be a reconstruction and a facelift of the whole community," said Midway activist Johnell Jackson. "People will be

glad to move here." Frank Shunock and Ron Gray, partners in the Fountainhead Corp., Winter Park, have been working together with the Midway Ministerial Alliance Association since March to formulate the proposal to the county.

Seminole County commissioner Jennifer Kelley brought Jackson, and ultimately the ministerial association, together with Shunock to explore an affordable housing development in the community. After several months of discussions, Shunock

submitted a generalized proposal to Seminole County Dec. 13 to build multi-family housing on an as-yet unselected site. Shunock said approximately 200 apartments might be built, along with paving roads the apartments.

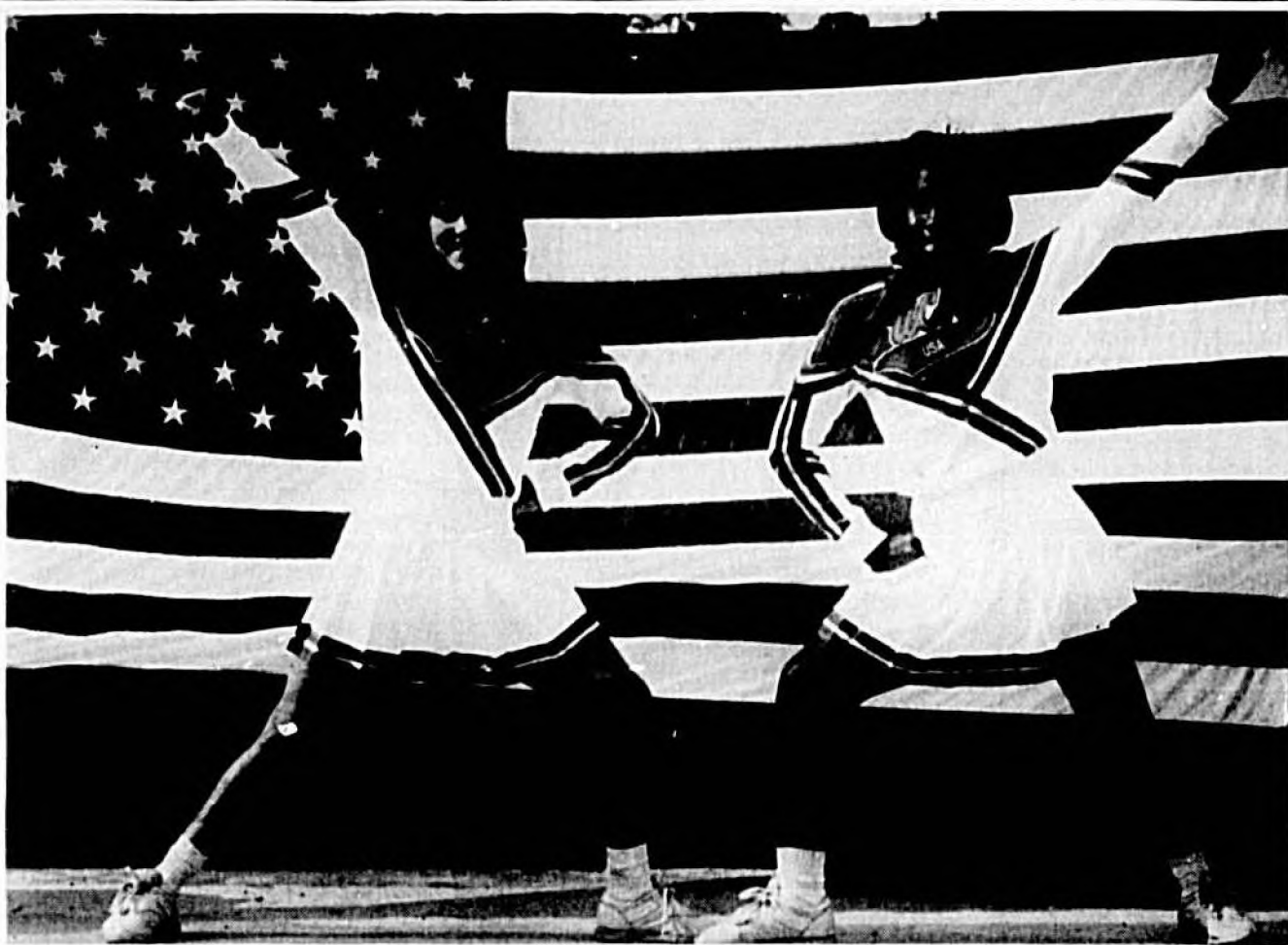
Shunock said apartments cost an average of \$40,000 to \$41,000 per apartment to build, meaning the proposal could cost about \$8 million.

But to qualify for federal and state affordable housing loans that will be needed to finance the construction, sewer lines will have to be extended to Midway, which is solely served by septic tanks, Shunock said.

And sewers could attract new homes and businesses to the area.

"We think this will stimulate single-family housing," Shunock said. See Midway, Page 5A

All Star students



Seminole High School cheerleaders Dori Sapp and Demetria Petty will be performing in the Lord Mayor's Westminister Parade in London on New Year's Eve. They'll be part of an elite squad.

2 Seminole High cheerleaders headed to London for parade

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole High School cheerleaders Demetria Petty and Dori Sapp will be spending New Year's Eve in a very different way.

Each year in London, the Lord Mayor's Westminister Parade makes its way through the streets of the British capital. As part of the All-Stars cheerleading squad, Sapp and Petty will join more than 100 other cheerleaders from around the United States in performing in the internationally-acclaimed event.

"This is an elite squad," Debbie Carl, the cheerleading sponsor at Seminole High School said. "It is an honor to have one of your cheerleaders named to the All-Stars, but we've had two girls named to the squad."

Each girl had to pay her own \$1,700 bill to travel to London.

"I've just saved my money from work and gone through my family," Petty said.

Sapp has saved every penny from assorted odd jobs to make the trip.

"I was afraid for a while that they wouldn't be able to make the trip because of the money," Carl said, "but they've worked hard and they're going."

The pair leaves Dec. 26 to join the other cheerleaders in London.

Carl said that, like all her students, both Sapp and Petty are good students.

"We require that all our cheerleaders have a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Most of the girls have a 3.0 though."

Petty, who will attend Hampton College in Virginia, plans to major in either engineering or pre-medicine.

Sapp, who is hoping to win a cheerleading scholarship, wants to attend the University of Central Florida and major in journalism.

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Doctors seeking exemption

Associated Press

TAMPA — Members of the Florida Medical Association hope to exempt themselves from a proposed law that would keep doctors from referring patients to clinics owned by the doctors. Other than that, they say they're willing to support the law.

Diagnostic tests and treatments offered in physician-owned clinics can cost patients twice as much as independent facilities, according to a state study released earlier this year.

Usually, the FMA balks at any effort to limit the practice of physicians referring patients to laboratories, clinics and diagnostic centers they own.

But in an informal meeting last week, FMA executive See Exempt, Page 5A

Free holiday meals a success

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Possibly as many as 1,000 needy persons in the Sanford area had a good Christmas dinner yesterday. Free meals were being served at three separate locations.

The food was purchased, prepared and served through generous donations to each of the organizations, with volunteers who gave of their time during the holiday to help others.

One of the larger turnouts was for the "Third annual Christmas Feast for the Needy" at the Sanford Civic Center. The event was sponsored by the Central Florida Services for the Disadvantaged. Joyce Dalzell, co-founder and director of the organization said, "We estimated 284 chicken dinners were actually served at the Civic Center, but we also took many meals out to persons who needed our assistance in a number of trailer parks in the area." She estimated, "We probably served more than 300 meals this year here in Seminole County."

The CFSF also serves areas of Orange and Osceola Counties. "We

"We were so pleased with the miracles that happened,"

-Leona Orcutt,
Holy Cross Episcopal Church

served about 300 persons at various nursing homes in Osceola County," Dalzell said, "and many more in Orange. Overall, we probably provided food for over a thousand people in the three-county area."

Another 200 meals were prepared earlier in the day at the Civic Center, for distribution to seniors in the area through the Meals on Wheels organization.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 410 Magnolia Avenue, offered dinners at the event, Leona Orcutt, said. "It was a huge success, and one of the most inspiring days I've ever seen." She estimated over 160 meals were served in the hall, with another 90 or more bagged and distributed to other people.

"We were so pleased with the

Lake Mary park plans developing

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The next Neighbors for Neighborhoods project has been set up. Lake Mary will combine it with a cemetery restoration effort.

The small parks program was initiated several months ago, with the goal of cleaning and improving the various small parks scattered throughout the city. The first effort was in November, with the refurbishing of what has been referred to as Donald Duck park. The only part of that project that remains is a "name the park" plan the City Staff has been working on.

In addition to the cemetery area, the new project will include a parcel of land immediately adjacent to the western side of the cemetery. The refurbishing will be undertaken through the combined efforts of the Lake Mary Cemetery Association, the Community Improvement Association, (CIA), and the City. One of the steps will be to construct a gazebo, for which the CIA has tentatively granted \$5,000.

In addition to the gazebo, other work at the cemetery would include entrance plantings, benches, walkways, hedges, and random group plantings in various areas of the cemetery. An irrigation system had been installed last year by the City.

The proposed budget for the city's portion of the project is estimated at \$5,000. It would be used to pay for the planting. The Cemetery Association has tentatively agreed to provide additional money for that aspect if it is available.

Lake Mary City Planner Matt West said, "We have proposed the date of Saturday, Jan. 18 for this project. That is when we would like to have volunteers come in and help us on this." He added, "The heavy work and site preparation will have already been done by the City before that time."

The restoration list has already been prepared. It includes a list of four benches, a walkway of shell, and plants which include viburnum, oak trees, ligustrum.

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miracles that happened," Orcutt said. "A man who had recently lost his business, came by Saturday, and gave us \$100 with which to buy toys. He said he had seen the poor people in the area, and wanted to do whatever he could to help."

She also commended persons who helped in the event. "We had three or four other churches who sent people to help us with the meal. And some people, after they received the meal, offered to help us clean up and wash dishes," she said. "All of us involved in this were greatly moved by the experience."

The Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, at 1701 W. 13th Street also served free meals for those who might otherwise be without. According to Mother Blanch Weaver, director of the mission, "We served lunch to about 250 persons yesterday." She explained, "That was just for what we considered the special Christmas lunch." The mission provides several meals each day to the needy on a continuing basis. "We served many more yesterday evening too," she said, "as well as taking about 60 meals out for the

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FLORIDA BRIEFS

Subsidized Dade day-care centers fined

MIAMI — Federally subsidized day-care centers in Dade County, which are paid to take in poor children, are more than twice as likely to be fined for substandard conditions, records show.

Nearly 5,800 children of low-income families are enrolled in 164 subsidized centers throughout Dade County.

But some subsidized centers violate basic state minimum standards, according to state records. While some facilities have been found to have dirty rooms, broken equipment, overcrowding and too few teachers, they still pass the twice-a-year reviews by the county agency that doles out \$23 million a year in federal child-care money.

"The county is not doing a very good job in monitoring, and we're going to do a better job," Metro Commissioner Larry Hawkins told The Miami Herald for a story in today's edition. "There are no excuses."

"The kids who need the best care possible are getting the worst," said Karen Kerr, co-director of the Family Center in Kendall, which takes in some subsidized children.

In Dade County, state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services workers inspect all day-care centers. Centers that do get federal subsidies also are regulated by Metro-Dade, which hands out the federal money.

Man plans to give away fortune

WEST PALM BEACH — A 77-year-old retired government worker who amassed a fortune over the years says he'll give it away if the economy improves and there is peace in the Middle East by next summer.

Leo Seligson, a West Palm Beach man who gave more than \$3,600 to the people eating at the Salvation Army rescue mission here on Christmas Day, says that if Congress and President Bush meet his challenge by June 30, he'll donate \$1 million each to the Democratic and Republican parties.

"I came with nothing and I'll leave with nothing," he said. Seligson, who this week gave \$100,000 to the United Ways of Palm Beach County-South Palm Beach County, said he hopes his goals can be met by the deadline.

The economy must be growing and Israel must have signed a peace treaty that does not require it to give up any land before he donates the \$2 million, Seligson said.

"There's no reason why that can't be done," he told The Palm Beach Post for a story in today's edition.

Divers asked to help study reefs

FORT LAUDERDALE — More recreational scuba divers are being asked to become part-time researchers in an effort to better study artificial reefs.

Each year, state and local agencies and private groups spend many hours and thousands of dollars sinking junked freighters and concrete rubble from construction sites to form artificial reefs.

Many biologists think such reefs are beneficial, but no one knows for certain if they always enhance the marine environment or in some ways are actually detrimental.

Data collected by sports divers volunteering part of their time under water may some day help decide that. The divers would be especially valuable because they could collect information more frequently than government scientists.

"Nobody can afford to monitor, and this kind of solves that problem," Ken Banks, coordinator for Broward County's artificial reef program, told The Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel in an article published Wednesday.

Eighty-seven Haitians rescued

MIAMI — Eighty-seven Haitians were rescued at sea on Christmas Day, the first to be picked up in 10 days and taken to the camp at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Haitians were spotted in a 40-foot sail boat off the coast of Haiti about 9 a.m. Wednesday and picked up by the Coast Guard Cutter Harriet Lane, officials said.

Since the Sept. 30 military coup, the Coast Guard has picked up 7,821 Haitians in the Windward Passage between Haiti and Cuba.

Yacht to become artificial reef

FORT LAUDERDALE — A 118-foot yacht built shortly after World War II will become the newest artificial reef off the shores of Fort Lauderdale, with the help of some volunteer scuba divers.

The Our House III, built in 1947, will be towed from Key West today, weather permitting, said Ken Banks, artificial reef coordinator for Broward's Office of Natural Resource Protection.

It will take two or three days for a towing firm to bring the steel-hulled vessel to Port Everglades. Once there, volunteers from the South Florida Divers Club will prepare it for its final voyage.

"It's cleaned up now, but the divers will probably clean it up some more and cut some holes in it and get it ready for sinking," Banks said.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Feeding kids for healthy start

Grocers push nutrition for children

By DIANE BOSTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — J.B. Pratt Jr. makes a living off what is sold at his Oklahoma grocery stores, but he's often appalled at what people buy from him — particularly what they buy for their kids.

Carbonated soda, salty snacks, fatty foods.

"I could see all this garbage that people were buying and giving to their children without thinking," he said.

Pratt is no ordinary grocer. He was trained to be a medical doctor. Although he dropped out of a medical residency in 1973 to work in the family business, he's trying to incorporate what he learned about the body with what he knows about food, especially for children.

He's not alone. Pratt Foods is one of 50 supermarket companies nationwide participating in the Food Marketing Institute's new "Healthy Start" campaign for children ages 2 to 6, designed in cooperation with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Dietetic Association.

Paul Bernish, at Kroger's corporate headquarters in Cincinnati who helped create the FMI program, said the interest in child nutrition grew out of the industry's involvement with food banks and services for the poor.

"We realized there wasn't a lot of information available for people interested in providing healthy meals for kids," he said.

Cherry Bell at Safeway's corporate headquarters in Oakland, said her company was convinced of customer interest by the popularity of an issue of the giveaway Safeway magazine devoted to child nutrition.

Pratt says parents of 2-year-olds should grab the opportunity to establish nutritious eating habits. "When they get about 7 or 8, we have a problem," he said.

Before FMI unveiled its campaign last spring, Pratt already was offering especially healthy box-lunches-for-toddlers, grade schoolers and young teens.

Since then, his stores have added health food samples for kids, brochures on nutrition and juice machines for customers who like to sip and shop.

"I came out with my own shopping list that I attach to the brochures which a mother can carry around with her in her pocket," he said.

He also has a children's playroom with activity books that show the basic food groups. He's been promoting the program with local pediatricians, dietitians and schools. Next month, he'll start publishing a newsletter on nutrition for children.

Pratt says the reality of the grocery business is that to attract customers, the salty, fatty, sweet snacks and beverages must be on the shelves. "We are addicted to these foods," he said. "But if I'm going to continue to sell Fruit Loops, I can point out the whole grains."

Sue Borra of FMI says flavor is still the top reason consumers give for buying particular foods, but more and more marketing will be directed at health and nutrition.

It was not until recently that the health professionals agreed on what comprised a healthy diet: basically, less fat and more grains, vegetables and fruits.

Traditionally, Pratt said, medical schools don't teach much about nutrition.

Study: Many Florida youth malnourished

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Many children in Florida are not getting adequate nutrition, and resources to solve that problem are getting more limited, according to a federally funded study.

Malnourishment can cause a variety of problems for the children, including difficulties in school, neurological problems, and a higher incidence of infections. The children also face social problems in the home that may have caused the problems.

Florida was one of four states chosen to take part in a three-year Surveillance of Severe Pediatric Undernutrition study, funded through the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Mississippi also conducted studies.

The Florida study, which focused on Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dade, Dixie, Gilchrist,

Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee and Union counties, discovered 874 cases of severe undernutrition. Sixteen percent of those targeted said they or some member of their family went to bed hungry.

The rural portion of the study, conducted by University of Florida researchers and including all but Dade County, found 266 cases. The University of Miami conducted the urban portion of the study and focused on the Dade County area.

Now that the children have been identified and the problem recognized, the question of what to do about it remains.

Although the CDC will take the report before Congress during the coming year, there are no quick solutions, said Janet Allen, nutrition supervisor and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) coordinator for the North Central Florida Maternal and Infant Care Project. The project operates out of UF's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"With the financial status of both the state and the country, it's hard to say what comes next," she said. "As far as the WIC program goes, it means we are really going to attempt to look out a lot more for these kids and make sure they get the services they need."

"The state WIC office sent copies of the report to all the food stamp and welfare offices and hopes they'll look at it seriously to see if there is something they can do," she added.

"That was the sad part of the study. We identified the kids with the intent to follow up, but because of limited resources we haven't really been able to do it."

Even if additional support was available, it would be difficult to find and reach every child in need.

"There are a lot of hungry kids out there," Ms. Allen said. "We looked at children under age 6. One reason the Florida study found more cases than the other states was because we went out and looked for the kids. We stopped at rural post offices and asked directions to the house."

Congress initiated the study after hearing reports from big city hospitals about malnourished children.

"We have food stamps, we have WIC, we have all these programs. They wanted to know why we were still having malnutrition cases. They wanted to find out to what extent it was still in the United States and why," Ms. Allen said.

Kids' Eating Tips

Recommended Daily Allowance for each year of the child's age:

- 1-2 years: 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup fruit, 1/2 cup vegetables, 1/2 cup grains, 1/2 cup protein.
- 3-4 years: 1 cup milk, 1 cup fruit, 1 cup vegetables, 1 cup grains, 1 cup protein.
- 5-6 years: 1 1/2 cups milk, 1 1/2 cups fruit, 1 1/2 cups vegetables, 1 1/2 cups grains, 1 1/2 cups protein.
- 7-8 years: 2 cups milk, 2 cups fruit, 2 cups vegetables, 2 cups grains, 2 cups protein.
- 9-10 years: 2 1/2 cups milk, 2 1/2 cups fruit, 2 1/2 cups vegetables, 2 1/2 cups grains, 2 1/2 cups protein.
- 11-12 years: 3 cups milk, 3 cups fruit, 3 cups vegetables, 3 cups grains, 3 cups protein.

From the book "Feeding Children from the Food Marketing Institute" published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Dietetic Association:

- Buy only the foods you want the child to eat.
- Follow the government's recommended dietary guidelines.
- Don't worry if a child doesn't eat a meal. Children are the best judges of how much they should eat.
- Let the child eat what he or she wants even if it is the same thing every meal, as long as it is wholesome. The child eventually will learn variety.
- Have fruits, nuts or fruit available at each meal so there are choices that the child likes.
- Keep encouraging the child to eat new foods. Attention to eating habits is important.
- Children like to try new and interesting new foods over time.
- Children who don't eat well eat out. He or she will eat for many if not most meals.
- Children who don't eat well, try a breakfast shake of banana, low-fat milk, nuts and oat, a frozen yogurt bar, peanut butter on crackers, or even frozen pizza or spaghetti.
- For snacks, try fresh fruit, cereal with low fat milk, bagels, graham crackers, raw vegetable sticks, string cheese, turkey slices, vegetable soup.
- Make mealtimes pleasant. Don't allow television watching.

Health resolutions shouldn't trim wallet

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — After weeks of holiday eating, many New Year's resolutions will include pledges to pursue fitness and serious weight loss.

But if you're determined enough to join a health club, you need to make sure it's your weight and not your wallet that gets trimmed, says Bob Crawford, Florida agriculture and consumer services commissioner.

Joining a health club usually involves signing a membership contract and paying dues and fees.

At the outset, customers should carefully examine the documents, and not let salespeople pressure them into signing

anything, Crawford said. Florida law gives consumers certain rights when dealing with health clubs, he said.

Health clubs are required to register with the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and post bonds. Only certain facilities, such as nonprofit centers, are exempt.

The department maintains a list of the registered clubs. Before joining a club, consumers can call 1-800-435-7352 (1-800-HELPFLA) to find out if any complaints have been filed against it, Crawford said.

If a complaint is filed it becomes part of the department's record on the club and the information can be provided to callers.

Also, by requiring the bonds, the department can provide some financial protection for members. If a health club goes out of business, the bond money can be used to provide compensation for those who bought long-term contracts, Crawford said.

Only health clubs that have been in business for more than five years, or additional locations of an existing club, are exempt from the bond requirement. And they still must be registered.

The law also requires health clubs to:

- Tell customers a bond has been posted.
- Notify customers of any change in ownership.
- Give their certificate of registration number in all contracts and advertisements.

LOTTERY

There were no lottery drawings Wednesday, Christmas Day, according to the Florida Department of the Lottery.



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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent of showers. High in the low to mid 70s. Wind northeast at 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Low in the upper 50s and lower 60s. Wind variable 5 to 10 mph. Rain chance 30 percent.

Friday: Cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely. High in the lower to mid 70s. Wind variable 5 to 10 mph. Rain chance 60 percent.

Extended forecast: Cloudy with a chance of rain Saturday and Sunday. Mostly fair Monday. Lows in the lower 50s to near 60.

FLORIDA TEMPS

City	Hi	Lo	Pct
Apalachicola	62	43	00
Daytona Beach	73	49	00
Fl. Land Beach	77	47	00
Fort Myers	78	42	00
Gainesville	68	43	00
Homeshead	78	44	00
Jacksonville	65	43	00
Key West	75	48	19
Lakeland	73	55	00
Miami	81	65	00
Pensacola	59	37	00
Sarasota	76	51	00
Tallahassee	67	41	00
Tampa	71	50	00
Vero Beach	78	57	00
W. Palm Beach	80	61	00

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Maly cldy 70-80	Maly cldy 70-80	Maly cldy 70-80	Maly cldy 70-80	Maly cldy 70-80

MOON PHASES

NEW Dec. 6	FIRST Dec. 14
FULL Dec. 21	LAST Dec. 28

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 1/2 feet and semi glassy. Current is slightly to the south with a water temperature of 62 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 3 feet and choppy. Current is to the south, with a water temperature of 62 degrees.

TIDES

FRIDAY:
SOLAR TABLE: Min. 10:30 a.m., 11:00 p.m.; Maj. 4:20 a.m., 4:45 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 12:19 a.m., 12:39 p.m.; lows, 6:37 a.m., 7:06 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 12:24 a.m., 12:44 p.m.; lows, 6:42 p.m., 7:11 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 12:39 a.m., 12:59 p.m.; lows, 6:57 a.m., 7:26 p.m.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet
Tonight: Wind east 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Widely scattered showers.

Friday: Wind east to southeast 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Scattered showers or thunderstorms.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 74 degrees and the overnight low was 58 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Thursday, totalled 0 inches.

The temperature at 9 a.m. today was 62 degrees and Wednesday's early morning low was 51, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.

Other Weather Service data:

- Wednesday's high.....75
- Barometric pressure.....30.15
- Relative Humidity.....97 pct
- Winds.....North 8 mph
- Rainfall.....0 in.
- Today's sunset.....5:36 p.m.
- Tomorrow's sunrise.....7:18

NATIONAL TEMPS

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Oth
Anchorage	29	22	04	sn
Atlanta	53	32	00	cdy
Atlantic City	47	21	00	cir
Baltimore	43	25	00	cdy
Billings	45	28	00	cdy
Birmingham	57	25	00	cdy
Bismarck	44	15	00	cir
Boise	39	17	00	cdy
Boston	31	16	00	cdy
Burlington, Vt.	14	02	00	cir
Charleston, S.C.	55	44	00	cdy
Charleston, W.Va.	42	27	00	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	55	31	00	cdy
Chicago	47	17	00	cir
Chicago	42	17	00	cir
Cleveland	39	29	00	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	58	30	00	cdy
Concord, N.H.	51	30	00	cdy
Dallas, Ft. Worth	57	27	00	cdy
Denver	48	18	00	cir
Des Moines	47	24	00	cdy
Detroit	40	24	00	cdy
Honolulu	80	69	01	cir
Houston	76	37	00	cdy
Indianapolis	44	23	00	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	47	27	00	cdy
Kansas City	56	25	00	cdy
Las Vegas	58	32	00	cdy
Little Rock	51	31	00	cdy
Los Angeles	64	46	00	cdy
Memphis	53	32	00	cdy
Milwaukee	40	22	00	cir
Mpls-St Paul	36	14	00	cir
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New Orleans	54	42	00	rn
New York City	40	28	00	cdy
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Pittsburgh	37	29	00	cir
Portland, Maine	24	06	00	cdy
St. Louis	49	24	00	cdy
Salt Lake City	29	24	00	cdy
Seattle	52	42	06	cdy
Washington, D.C.	48	31	00	cdy

Boat equipment thefts reported

Two separate incidents of boat equipment thefts were reported to the Seminole County Sheriff's office Monday. Sometime during the weekend, deputies report a trailer, two outdrive Mercruiser engines valued at \$3,800, and a 14 1/2 foot fiberglass bass boat were taken from the locked storage area at Chain of Lakes Marina, 4421 Schulte Way, near Sanford. According to the police report, marina owner Peter Lynch said entry had been made by cutting the chain locking the fenced in area.

The other incident reported Monday, is believed by officers to have taken place Sunday morning, at the Port of Sanford, 4370 Carraway Place. Two 208 horsepower V-6 engines were taken from a boat in the parking lot area. The boat is the property of Judith Ruthann Rauch of Kissimmee. She reported to deputies that the value of the engines totaled \$3,500.

Although sheriff's officers reported no connection between the two incidents, investigations are underway in each of the cases.

Multiple charges made in burglary

Sanford police have placed a number of charges against Dana Michael Little, 2812-B Palmetto Avenue in Sanford. Little was arrested in connection with a break-in at Harper Associates Services, 203 E. 3rd St., reported on Monday afternoon.

According to the police report, items taken include a microwave oven, AM/FM radio, and tools used on computers. The total value of items taken was estimated at \$465.

Police said that the business had actually been broken into on two separate occasions, Nov. 27 and Dec. 2.

The police report said that while Little was in the interview room of the Sanford Police headquarters, an officer noticed him smoking. Upon asking Little about the cigarette, the report states "Little replied he had hidden it behind his ear, and taken a drag off of it." A test of the hand rolled cigarette proved positive, and he was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Other charges included burglary, grand theft, forgery, and uttering a forged instrument.

Police also arrested a woman who they reported as connected with the case. Nancy Sue Bauder, 27, of 2617 Mohawk Ave., Sanford, was charged with burglary and grand theft.

Lake Mary home burglarized

The Seminole County Sheriff's department is investigating a burglary and grand theft case at the home of Andrew Polansky, 1004 High Point Loop, near Lake Mary. The case was reported shortly before noon Monday.

The deputy's report indicated entry was gained by forcing open a bathroom window. Among items said to have been taken were a VCR, speakers, a clock, telephone, camera, and an Oriental rug. The total value was estimated at slightly over \$2,500.

Office equipment stolen

Seminole County sheriff's deputies are investigating a burglary and grand theft that occurred during the past few days, at Boral Bricks, Inc., 2175 W. 8th Street, near Sanford. Entry was reportedly made by forcing open an office door. A typewriter and facsimile machine were among items reported as having been taken.

Exercise equipment missing

Barbara Broadway, resident manager of Pebble Creek Apartments, 780 Creekwater Terrace, Lake Mary, has reported a theft at the weight room of the complex Sunday or Monday. Sheriff's deputies reported the room was locked, but many residents knew of the door combination. They said no forced entry was indicated. Equipment taken was valued by Broadway at \$875.

Warrant arrests

The following persons have been arrested on outstanding warrants:

Stephen Allan Ridge, 19, of 2848 Gale Place, Sanford, was arrested Monday at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was being held on a separate charge. Ridge was wanted on a warrant charging him with grand theft of a motor vehicle. No other information on the case was immediately available.

Homer Joseph Wells, whose address was not reported, turned himself in at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Monday, the day before his 22nd birthday. He was wanted on separate warrants charging him with violation of parole on a conviction of possession of cannabis over 20 grams, and violation of parole for battery on a law enforcement officer.

Power stays on, roads are quiet in Seminole county

From staff, wire reports

While many Florida residents suffered momentary lapses of electrical power to their homes on Christmas Day due to the foggy weather, most residents of Seminole County had a bright Christmas.

"We had quiet day in Seminole County," said Kent Ryan, a spokesman for the Florida Power and Light Company which serves Sanford. "There were no power outages for any FPL customers in the Central Florida area."

Beth Pittenger, a spokesman for the Florida Power Corporation which serves Lake Mary and parts of Sanford, said there had been some brief outages on Christmas which cut off power to 172 customers in far western Seminole County, near Apopka. "Seminole fared well for Christmas," she noted.

A thick mist settled over much of Florida, causing momentary power outages along the East Coast and forcing at least one airport to divert incoming planes to other airports.

Florida Power & Light fielded customer complaints of electrical failures from as far north as Daytona Beach and as far south as Miami, according to company account manager Caesar Seijas.

While most of the power outages were brief, often lasting less than a second, they did mess up the timing mechanisms on many customers' videocassette recorders and digital clocks.

Seijas said. As Seijas was explaining the problem in a telephone interview, the power shut off momentarily at The Associated

Press office, disconnecting the phone.

The fog caused the electrical trouble, Seijas said.

Under normal conditions, ceramic insulators connect the high-voltage lines with the poles, preventing the electricity from traveling down the pole to the ground.

A windy dry spell followed by Wednesday morning's moisture caused conductive particles to settle on the ceramic insulators, he said. As a result, the insulators "worked more like a conductor than an insulator," Seijas said.

Bolts of electricity traveled down the poles to the ground, causing FPL's computer to automatically shut down and immediately restart the power surges, he said.

That caused what Seijas termed "instantaneous blinks" of power failures in many areas.

The electrical disturbances continued until about 1 p.m. when the sun had burned through the clouds and dried up the power lines, Seijas said.

Several planes scheduled to land at Miami International Airport between 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. were diverted to Palm Beach International and others were delayed because of the fog, said Anna Herrera, public affairs assistant at Miami International.

The Florida Highway Patrol in Miami reported no increase in traffic problems as a result of the fog.

Sgt. D. Paskewitz, of the Florida Highway Patrol station in Deland, said Christmas Day 1991 was quiet in Seminole County.

Rabun suggests a new name for HRS

From staff, wire reports

SANFORD — Seminole County Manager Ron Rabun has joined more than 30 other people from across the state in offering up a proposed new name for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Rabun offered "Department of Family and Children's Services" in response to Gov. Lawton Chiles call last month for a new name for the 23-year-old agency. The governor asked for ideas for a new name last month when he unveiled his plan to revamp the mammoth department with its more than 40,000 employees. The plan would transfer many licensing and regulatory functions to other agencies.

Chiles ranks the HRS reorganization as one of his top priorities for the legislative session starting Jan. 14.

When it was established in

1969, the agency administered social service programs, state prisons and vocational rehabilitation. A 1975 reorganization gave the prison system to a new Department of Corrections. In 1987, vocational rehabilitation went to the Department of Labor and Employment Security.

"That essentially rendered the word 'rehabilitative' obsolete," spokeswoman Lynda Russell said.

The governor gave one hint to those who would come up with a name: he likes a mention of family. HRS has received more than 30 suggestions.

William N. Leonard of Tampa suggested "The Department of Family Affairs."

A Fort Pierce entrant anticipated that any name would be shortened to an acronym, like HRS. His suggestion: "Human Urbanization Betterment And Habitat Utilization Balance Alternatives."

Shortened, that would be HUB-A-HUB-A.

Missing car of dead Daytona man found

Associated Press

OCALA — A missing car belonging to a Daytona Beach man found floating in a canal with cement blocks tied to his ankles was found Christmas day parked under a tree, police said.

"This is the car of the man found in Withlacoochee," said Sgt. Ken Sumner of the Ocala Police Department. Sumner discovered the 1985 Cadillac Eldorado at 2:30 p.m.

"We don't know how long it had been here," he said.

Carl Roger Beard, 49, of Daytona Beach Shores was reported missing by his brother on Dec. 19. Beard's body was found on Sunday.

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Your health

The nation's governors agree there is a growing crisis in the cost and availability of health care. They also agree there should be a sweeping overhaul of the American health care system to make medical coverage affordable and available for all.

But that was the easy part. What they could not agree on at a meeting of the National Governors' Association was a deadline for putting reforms in place; precisely what changes are needed; and how they should be paid for.

The governors did declare in a policy statement that Medicaid, the federal-state program that provides health coverage for the poor, is "broken" and has become "rigid and overly complex." They called for a new program to provide health insurance for the working poor and other low-income Americans. They also suggested that the federal Medicare program for the elderly be broadened to cover long-term care.

These are not novel proposals. Similar ideas have been kicking around Capitol Hill for most of this session. But they have gone nowhere because there is no national consensus on a comprehensive solution.

One of the main sticking points is who should pay for the reforms. The states want Washington to pick up the tab. The Democratic leadership in Congress would put most of the burden on employers. The White House still has not even offered a plan.

Perhaps the best suggestion to come from the governors' conference is for the federal government to allow the states greater leeway to experiment with ways of providing health care. Many of the governors stressed that states could pave the way toward a solution through a variety of experimental approaches.

Gov. Bill Clinton, D-Ark., now an officially-declared candidate for President, struck a fiscally conservative, politically prudent note. Rather than adopting a "tax-and-spend" approach to health care reform, he said, "we think there should be some structural reform, and we think the states should lead the way." He pointed out, moreover, that it is doubtful a national solution will be forthcoming soon.

States could be a proving ground for promising ideas to make health care affordable and accessible to all. If an experiment is successful, it could be replicated on the national level. To encourage this process, the federal government should revise its rules on Medicaid and other health care programs to afford states as much latitude as possible to experiment.

The sky-shrinker retires

In 1954, when there were Studebakers and Ramblers on U.S. roads and more radios than televisions in American homes the first prototype of the 707 jetliner rolled out of a Boeing Co. factory. Now, 357 aircraft later, Boeing has announced it will build no more of the four-engine swept-wing aircraft. The plane that shrank the world will slowly pass into history.

Before the 707 entered service in 1958, a transcontinental or transoceanic flight was both a luxury and an inconvenience. It meant a long day cooped in a propeller-driven aircraft, a machine whose vibrations could loosen fillings and whose noise could instill a touch of madness in the most serene person.

The 707, a remarkable and enduring design, changed all that. It reduced flight times, in effect cutting in half the distance between Los Angeles and New York. And until airlines began pushing seats only a thigh-length apart, the 707 made air travel almost comfortable. Passengers could sleep, read and even talk as the deserts and plains streaked by 30,000 feet below.

On domestic flights, the 707 has mostly given way to newer and more modern aircraft. But there are hundreds of 707s in service around the world, as passenger aircraft, military tankers and airborne communications centers. By the time the last of them is retired decades from now, the 707 may rank with the Model T as a machine that transformed how we lived.

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WILLIAM A. RUSHER

What the world needs now is SDI

A window of diplomatic opportunity has just opened which may not stay open for long and which the United States should take advantage of immediately.

It will be recalled that, under the ABM treaty, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to adopt a policy of deterrence based on "mutual assured destruction." Deterrence was to be achieved, so the theory went, because each superpower, while not resisting a fatal first strike by the other, could and would be able, before giving up the ghost, to inflict an equally fatal retaliation.

Granted, it was a pretty grisly arrangement, and to make matters worse there is little evidence that the Soviet Union, in the Brezhnev era, ever tried very seriously to live up to it, preferring to attempt to attain strategic superiority over the United States if it could. Luckily for us, Moscow never achieved that goal, so the scheme worked, more or less.

But Mr. Reagan never liked the concept very much himself, and when in 1983 the advance of technology offered a chance for a saner system of defense, he seized it with both hands. By putting in earth orbit purely defensive satellites capable of destroying nuclear missiles with laser beams shortly after they emerged from their silos, we

could defend America without harming a hair on anybody's head. "Wouldn't it be better," Mr. Reagan asked, "to save lives rather than avenge them?"

Of course it would, but, politics being what it is, the Democrats couldn't bear to see Ronald Reagan get the credit. So they fought the Strategic Defense Initiative tooth and claw, and are still battling it today.

One argument against SDI is that deploying, or even researching and testing, defensive military satellites would violate the terms of the ABM treaty. Actually, the words of the treaty on the subject are highly ambiguous — not surprisingly, since when the treaty was

signed such satellites weren't technologically feasible. In the U.S. Senate, therefore, a sharp debate broke out over "broad" and "narrow" interpretations of the treaty's terms, and continues to this day.

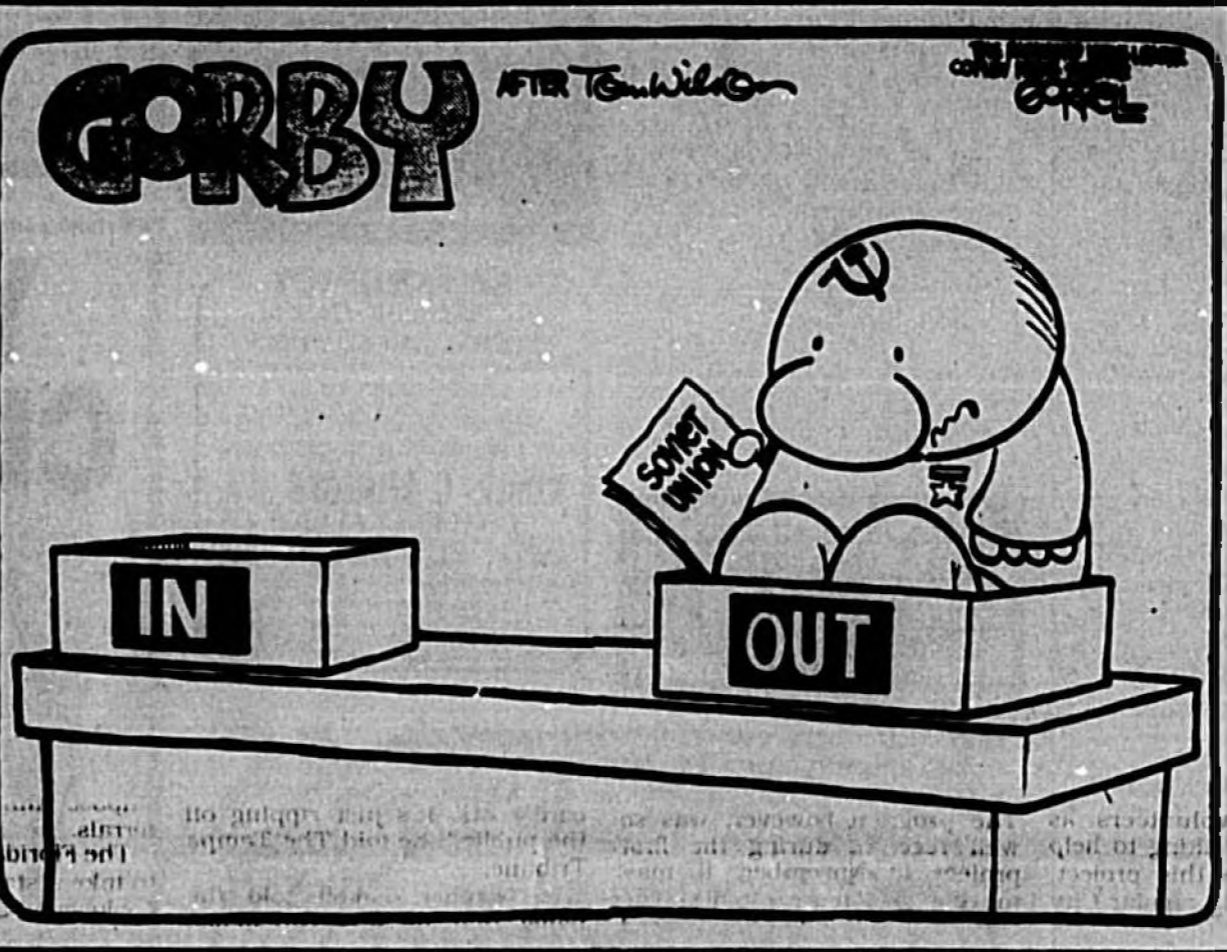
Here, surely, is a golden opportunity for the United States to throw off the shackles of the ABM treaty and proceed at flank speed with the development of SDI.

In the first place, the treaty's useful life, such as it was, is over. One of the two signatories no longer even exists. Moreover, the whole concept of "mutual assured destruction" is as dead as the Soviet Union. Does anybody seriously believe that Boris Yeltsin and his Russian Republic, or the powers that be in Kazakhstan, would object if the United States proceeded to put in orbit a purely defensive series of satellites that would have the effect of depriving them of the ability to destroy us?

But time may be short. SDI's Democratic opponents badly need the treaty argument, and will soon be contending that somebody — probably Russia — deserves to "inherit" the ABM treaty. The State Department should scotch that idea, fast.



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MARTIN SCHRAM

Did Bush's vote defeat Cuomo?

Mario Cuomo is pondering a proposition: that the first vote of the 1992 New Hampshire Democratic Presidential Primary may have already been cast — by absentee, from 1800 Pennsylvania Ave.

George Bush may have, in effect, just voted no to Mario Cuomo — entirely within the rules laid out by Cuomo himself. Anyone who blocked a budget deal in New York state would simultaneously stop a Cuomo run for the presidency at the starting gate.

Did you just let Bush defeat you with a single vote, governor?

"That notion of Bush casting a vote to, in effect, block me from running — that did trouble me, troubled me a lot," Cuomo said of the proposition I put before him. We spoke just after the press conference in which he announced his decision to "just say no" to the distasteful ordeal of running for president as his state collapsed in fiscal chaos. He said he could not see himself out there in Illinois asking people to support him for president "while back home, The New York Times headlines are saying our state bonds have fallen to one level above junk."

So he set in motion the crazy circumstances that made New Hampshire's primary fling date a deadline for New York's budget process — and empowered his enemies to decide whether or not he could run against them. "That notion of Bush casting the first vote — I think there's no question that he didn't want to run against me. I don't think it was political. I think it was visceral."

On that, Cuomo got it about right. The Bush high command was of two minds on the matter of Mario Cuomo. Some very much wanted Cuomo to be the Democratic nominee because they figure they're experts in defeating Northern liberals with traditional Democratic instincts. Bush no doubt shares their strategic view and was ready with his stump theme: "He'll do for America what he did for New York."

But I believe Bush, deep down, will feel comfortable walking into a debate with any of the new generation of Democratic prospects — but not Cuomo. I think our president views Bill Clinton, Bob Kerrey, et al, as bright, formidable-but-hardly-frightening debate opponents. But I'm convinced Bush would be unnerved — maybe even unglued — at the

prospect of debating Cuomo as we wallow in a recession he long ago assured us was fixed.

After years of studied disinterest, Cuomo let it slip in October that he might run for president, but that he couldn't run — "in good conscience" — unless he got agreement on a state budget. It is hard to back down after you've made something a matter of "good conscience." No surprise, Bush's Republican faithful in the New York Senate erected a roadblock. New York Republicans swear their state Senate's GOP Majority Leader, Ralph Marino, was never told by the Bush team to block Cuomo's road to New Hampshire. But as one of Bush's closest confidants told me: "Marino and the New York Republicans don't need instructions from George Bush on how to be obstructionist."

Still, they got some hard-to-miss cues from Sen. Al D'Amato, R-N.Y., Marino's mentor of sorts, who materialized in Albany and warned with the subtlety of an air-raid siren that it was awful for Cuomo to run for president amid state fiscal disarray. Then, state Senate Republicans started passing their own budget bills — the ultimate non-starter both for Cuomo's full-court bid for a budget compromise and his half-hearted bid for the presidency.

Still, Cuomo said he'd considered one alternate plan: run for president unconventionally, shuttling to New Hampshire for major campaign speeches, but eschewing the hand-shaking and kaffeeklatsches, to return to Albany to fight for a state budget. "But in the end, I just didn't think it would be right to go to the people of New Hampshire with a half-hearted campaign," Cuomo said. And in words that can be understood by all in Manhattan and Manchester and Macon and Memphis and Missoula, Cuomo concluded:

"The way I see it, if you want to be president, you should go out there and schlep with the other guys."



It is hard to back down after you've made something a matter of 'good conscience.'

JACK ANDERSON

Customs, NBC could blow bust

WASHINGTON — A deal between the U.S. Customs Service and NBC is threatening to jeopardize the biggest heroin bust in U.S. history — a bust in which a federal judge said Customs used NBC as an agent for the government.

The drugs — more than half a ton of heroin — were discovered last May in Oakland, Calif., and five people were arrested in June. Today, the close cooperation between Customs and NBC, which filmed the operation, threatens to derail the case.

Defense lawyer John Runfola says that the arrangement violated his client's constitutional rights. "Not only was the nature of the case, the details of the investigation and the personal lives of the defendants exposed, but the defendants' faces were beamed into every home watching the NBC Nightly News," Runfola protested in legal documents.

A federal judge in San Francisco has demanded that the government turn over all of NBC's tapes to the defense by Jan. 8, or the whole indictment will be thrown out of court. But Customs doesn't have the tapes, and court records indicate that NBC will not release them voluntarily. That would take a subpoena, an act that would require the approval of the U.S. attorney general and would spark a First Amendment fight over NBC's right to protect its tapes.

How did the government get itself into this bind? Court records show that on May 20, Customs inspectors in Oakland discovered the container of heroin, but didn't announce the discovery because the investigation was ongoing. Two days later, NBC called Customs Assistant Commissioner John Hensley and said they knew about the huge drug find and were planning to run the story immediately.

Hensley talked them out of it because the case was not yet solved and the arrests had not been made. NBC agreed to wait, but struck a deal that Customs would grant the network early coverage of the arrests.

In an affidavit obtained by our associate Dean Boyd, Hensley later defended his decision: "Compared with the clear harm that would result from immediate exposure, the option of granting NBC early access to information on the seizure seemed by far the best available choice."

But Customs had been bitten by the publicity bug, and the pact went downhill from there. Instead of simply giving NBC a heads-up on the drug bust, Customs officials picked up the NBC crew at the airport and escorted them to the warehouse where the arrests were later made. The crew set up a virtual surveillance post, and eventually shot footage of the defendants and the warehouse.

Customs wised up at one point and moved the TV crew away so they didn't compromise the investigation. But later a Customs agent, after consulting with his superiors in Washington, agreed to take an NBC camera and shoot the actual bust himself. He took some test film of other agents standing around making small talk and then gave the camera back after his superiors thought better of the idea. NBC was notified when the arrests were made and was allowed to film that with their own crews.

The footage was originally scheduled to be used at length on the now-defunct show "Expose," but NBC ended up using only a short segment on the NBC Nightly News on June 21.

Neither Customs nor NBC would comment on the pickle they are in. If NBC refuses to turn over its tapes on First Amendment grounds, the judge's ruling could set the stage for a rare showdown between the Justice Department and one of the big three networks.



The arrangement violated his client's constitutional rights.

Quayle makes a conservative mark in Bush Administration

By RITA BRANNON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dan Quayle was sympathetic. Incinerator owners were burned up over a government proposal that would force them to recycle 25 percent of their trash. Could the White House do anything?

The incinerator owners, as well as cities and counties, thought the Environmental Protection Agency proposal was wrongheaded: needless government regulation. It was unworkable, unscientific, costly, counterproductive, inappropriate.

Turned away by EPA, the lobby turned to the White House. There, "clearer minds prevailed," said Jonathan Kiser, manager of incineration and recycling at the National Solid Waste Management Association.

Quayle had heard from two Cabinet members unhappy with the proposed EPA rule, and his staff had received complaints from other agencies. So the vice president convened a meeting of the Council on Competitiveness — Quayle's most potent voice.

The EPA proposal was "a perfect example of regulation run amuck," and a case of rule making that should have been left to local authorities, said Quayle spokesman David Beckwith.

The writing was on the wall for EPA Administrator William Reilly. At the persistent nudging

of the council, Reilly dropped the recycling rule.

Quayle's chairmanship of the council — which President Bush commissioned to cut regulatory burden and solve regulatory disputes between agencies — has put the vice president in the forefront of several controversies, ranging from wetlands to new drug approval.

With few constitutional duties, Quayle has used the council as an outlet for action while striving to rise above the decision that greeted Bush's selection of the fresh-faced Indiana senator as his running mate in 1988.

An active behind-the-scenes worker, a steady public presence at the boss' side during times of crisis, a popular speaker at GOP fund-raisers, Quayle has defied predictions that he would self-destruct as the 44th vice president.

Quayle has traveled the nation to raise more than \$23 million for GOP candidates; visited 42 countries as Bush's emissary; used his congressional contacts to lobby for administration causes and gather intelligence for the White House; and taken an activist role as chairman of the president's Space Council.

Yet, despite his best efforts, Quayle has been unable to turn around his public image.

"Few voters appear to take Quayle seriously as a contender for the nation's top job," says Gallup Poll analyst Larry Huggick. Tough news for a man prepping for 1996.

In Gallup's last poll on Quayle, taken in August, 52 percent of those surveyed said Bush should replace Quayle on the ticket, compared to 49 percent in March 1990.

Fifty-four percent said Quayle is not qualified to be president, compared to 40 percent in August 1988, when Bush chose Quayle as his running mate.

Few believe that Bush, who puts a premium on loyalty, would dump Quayle in 1992. In fact, Quayle works hard as Bush's surrogate on the campaign trail, tending the same fields that ultimately proved so bountiful to Bush when he was vice president.

"He has operated on the theory that he tries to do the best possible job he can for George Bush. I think he believes that that helped George Bush when he was in this role for Ronald Reagan," said Spence, Abraham, a former Michigan GOP chairman who served briefly as an aide to Quayle and now chairs the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

"There's always been a feeling that he's not going to make it as president someday. That's beginning to be dispelled," said conservative activist Gary Bauer.

At a recent convention of conservatives in Virginia, "there was a lot of talk about how he might have the inside track in '96," said Bauer.



American Legion Post 53, in Sanford, handed out food and toys on Christmas Eve. The food had filled six large baskets. Preparing to distribute the gifts, left to right: Legion officers, Walt Belometester, Lt. Doug Bishop and Bill Austing.

Meals

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elderly who couldn't come to the mission yesterday.

The Rescue Outreach Mission also gave away 60 bikes to children in the area. Many of them were donated by the Seminole County Sheriff's office earlier this month, with others collected through mission supporters.

"Saturday, we gave away possibly 1,000 toys to the children," Mother Weaver added. "We had them all on display at the fellowship hall of the church, and it looked like a department store." She said the toys had been collected at the mission during the past year, as well as donated by volunteer groups and friends. "We also

gave out many food boxes too," she added.

Organizers of each of the functions all plan to continue the free meals next year, as well as toys to come. Mother Weaver summed it up. "The good Lord tells us we will always have the poor and needy with us, so I guess they will always continue to need our help."

Midway

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affordable housing there once you bring sewer and water to Midway," said Gray. "We're not interested in just building a big apartment complex, we hope to see more affordable houses built there."

"The way Frank has it laid out, it's going to do a lot for Midway," Jackson said.

To pay for the water and sewer Fountainhead has proposed creating a tax increment finance district similar to the one that will be created to pay for roads for the Seminole Town Center. Under a TIF proposal, the taxes created by new development are diverted to pay for bonds which will be sold to finance the water and sewer improvements.

County planners have reviewed the proposal and asked for more specific details of the project. Shunock said he hopes to meet with county commissioners in January to discuss the TIF proposal with them. Although the site of the proposed apartments haven't been identified, one option may be to acquire an 11-acre parcel be-

tween Brisson Avenue and Granby Street from the county. Fountainhead's engineers, Lochrane Engineering Inc., estimated the cost to install water and sewer lines to a portion of Midway to serve the proposed apartments at \$1.8 million. To eventually replace the all of the water lines and install sewer lines throughout the community, which is proposed, will cost an estimated \$12.5 million.

"If not for the water and sewer, this would not be a difficult project to do," Shunock said. "We want very much to do it though. We believe it's possible."

Shunock said he and other partners have developed similar affordable apartment developments in other Florida cities, including Delray Beach, but none that required such a large water and service program.

Parks

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cedar trees, azaleas and juniper. Most of the planting will be done to beautify the newly obtained area next to the cemetery.

Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Director John Holland, has suggested that volunteers as well as persons wishing to help in any way with this project, contact him during regular City Hall operating hours, at 324-3063. "We would like to know about volunteers," Holland said. "But we will be happy if any person wishing to volunteer a

few hours of outdoor work, just come out and join us on that day."

When the project was first initiated by Mayor Randy Morris in July of this year, he suggested the park plan should consider revitalization of a neighborhood park at least every other month. The program however, was so well received during the first project in November, it may move ahead more rapidly. The City has already announced another Neighbors for Neighborhoods projects in the planning stages for the month of February.

Exempt

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committee members decided they're willing to support the self-referral regulation if it doesn't apply to facilities already open, said John Thrasher, general counsel for the FMA.

Such a compromise will create a toothless law, said Michael Iakoff, a Titusville radiologist who testified in Tallahassee in October before a U.S. Congressional panel about the clinic referrals.

"It does nothing to help the community or contain health-care costs. It's just ripping off the public," he told The Tampa Tribune.

In October, Iakoff told the panel that he was threatened and forced out of business by a group of doctors involved in joint ownership of a radiation therapy center.

Meanwhile, national support for limiting self-referrals seems to be growing. For instance, the American Medical Association earlier this month passed a resolution against its members making such referrals.

At the AMA's semiannual meeting in Las Vegas on Dec. 4, one of the topics of discussion was a report by Florida's Health Care Cost Containment Board that showed patients undergo four times as many tests and pay two times more in the centers their doctors own.

Afterward, the organization's house of delegates voted to impose limits on physician referrals.

The Florida association has yet to take a stand on that decision, spokesman Gerry Soud said.

"The FMA is in the process of reviewing that decision imposing limits. For the time being, we stand on our current position," he said. "We do understand

there are some problems with them, but we have taken care of those. We continue to believe there is a valid and legitimate need for them in Florida."

Meanwhile, members of the FMA executive committee are trying to convince Rep. Charlie Roberts, D-Titusville, to exclude existing facilities in his proposed legislation.

"What we're looking for is for them to be grandfathered in permanently — for as long as they stay in business," said Thrasher. "We think physicians entered into these agreements in good faith ... and they ought to be protected."

Roberts isn't likely to do that, said his spokesman, Dave Teek.

"I don't think grandfathering all of the existing joint ventures will accomplish that much in terms of reforms," Teek said. "People aren't going to be willing to wait for the existing doctors to die off or retire."

DEATHS

ILA G. BOYKIN

Ila G. Boykin, 66, 2810 Enterprise Road, DeBary, died Monday at Regency Park Nursing Center, DeBary. Born Jan. 12, 1925, in Wilson, N.C., she moved to DeBary in 1991 from Sanford. She was a homemaker and a Lutheran.

Survivors include son, James, Lake Mary; brother, Fred Garris, Lynchburg, Va.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

MAYE BRASFIELD

Maye Brasfield, 80, 218 Newburyport Ave., Altamonte Springs, died Sunday at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born March 21, 1911, in Malesus, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida in 1961. She was a beautician and a member of Calvary Assembly of Winter Park.

Survivors include sons, Thomas L. Jackson, Longwood, Robert Y. Threadgill, Tampa; brother, Thomas N. York, Winter Park; three grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

MARY LYNDA GOVER

Mary Lynda Gover, 77, 201 W. 19th St., Sanford, died Tuesday at her residence. Born March 25, 1914, in Chicago, she moved to Sanford in 1980. She was a retired administrative assistant of the biochemistry department at the University of Miami Medical School and a member of All Souls Catholic Church, Sanford.

Survivors include daughter, Marianna P. Terrell, Sanford; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

IRVIN ARDINE RACKARD

Irvin Ardine Rackard, 79, 9418 Aldemarie Road, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday at his residence. Born Aug. 26, 1919, in Eatonville, he moved to Altamonte Springs in 1982. He was a retired brick mason and a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Rochester, N.Y. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include son, Irvin A., Jr., Rochester; daughters, Irvina Renea, Rochester, Sandra Mosley, Eatonville; brothers, Jonathan C., Augusta, Ga., Donald C., Lacey J., both of Altamonte Springs; sisters, Dollie R. Sims, Orlando, Lenora Bristol, Eatonville, Willie Leola Austin, Mount Vernon, Ga.; three grandchildren.

Mitchell's Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

AGNES I. SHUGARTS

Agnes I. Shugarts, 85, 824 Mimosa Drive, Altamonte Springs, died Friday at Florida Living Center, Apopka. Born Aug. 23, 1906, in Pennsylvania, she moved to Altamonte Springs in 1963. She was a retired cook in a retirement home and a Lutheran.

Survivors include sisters, Eugenia Ingla, Rhinebeck, N.Y., Pauline Hedglin, Sanford.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

JESSIE SMITH SR.

Jessie Smith Sr., 62, Avenue B, Oviedo, died Thursday in Orlando. Born Sept. 2, 1929, in Chipley, he moved to Oviedo in 1939. He was a citrus buyer/

harvester and a member of House of God Saints in Christ. He was an active member of the NAACP, Citizens in Action, and a member of the Board of Directors of Edward Waters College.

Golden's Funeral Home Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

WALKER, GARFIELD

Funeral services for Mr. Garfield Walker, 67, of Sanford, who died Monday, will be 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Church of God with Rev. Troy Bennett officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may call at Gramkow Funeral Home this evening (Thursday) from 6-9 p.m. Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford.



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Cheers

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Several weeks ago, without telling anyone, Sapp entered the state contest of the National Cheerleaders of America cheering scholarship competition in Orlando. She was chosen as one of the four finalists from Florida and will compete in March for \$25,000 in scholarship money.

Carl said the two, who also perform with the Dazzlers and Pizzazz musical and dance groups at the school, have been sent video tapes of their routines for the London parade and have been working hard on their dances.

"I just wish we could all go to London to watch them," she said.



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Recognition complicates U.S. policy

Soviets prompt new diplomacy

By BARRY SCHWED
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. diplomatic recognition of a handful of onetime Soviet republics — and ultimately a half-dozen others — ushers in a period of complex foreign policy as the Bush administration tries to cope with the heirs to the 69-year-old Soviet Union.

There are now 11 or 12 separate nations, where since 1933 the United States has dealt with a single government. The presence of more than 100 ethnic groups spread over more than 8 million square miles will make the task both difficult and dangerous.

The advent of nuclear weapons at the end of World War II and then the Cold War required clever and cautious diplomacy, but it was conducted directly with the Kremlin. Problems involving the diverse republics — Russia, Ukraine and the others that made up the largest country in the world — were regarded as the Soviet Union's domestic concerns except when disasters prompted U.S. relief efforts.

But President Bush now becomes the first president since Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the Soviet Union in 1933 to have to consider separate approaches to the various governments and people who have gained their independence.

In a speech Wednesday night in which he eulogized Mikhail Gorbachev and extended diplomatic recognition to six of the republics, Bush said despite the "potential for instability and chaos," the transformation of the Soviet Union is in the national interest of the United States.

"We will move quickly to establish diplomatic relations with these states and build new ties to them," Bush said. "We will sponsor membership in the United Nations for those not already members."

He said the other six republics would receive recognition when the United States is satisfied "that they have made commitments to responsible security policies and democratic principles."

The commonwealth formed last weekend in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, is not considered a union in any real sense by Secretary of State James A. Baker III and other U.S. policy-makers. It might provide for a common defense. But otherwise, the administration will deal with independent, sovereign nations — and with their varied approaches to international issues.

One important difference already has emerged. Leaders of three of the four republics with nuclear weapons on their territory — Ukraine, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan — are committed to becoming nuclear-free zones.

But the fourth, Russia, where 17,505 of the 24,773 nuclear warheads are stockpiled, is making no such commitment although President Boris Yeltsin promised Baker it will sign international accords to guard against proliferation of weapons and technology to other countries.

Gorbachev has given Yeltsin most controls over launching nuclear weapons, but the leaders of Ukraine, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan are expected to work out a system of sharing control of the weapons.

Russia, the most powerful of all the republics, will get most of the Bush administration's diplomatic attention. Robert S. Strauss, the U.S. ambassador to Moscow, will deal immediately with Yeltsin's government and so will other U.S. officials at the U.S. Embassy.

On the international scene, Russia is considered by the administration to be the successor to the Soviet Union. Russia's claim to the Soviet seat on the U.N. Security Council, for instance, has U.S. support.

But the administration also will have to devise a foreign policy for each of the 11 republics that formed a new commonwealth as well as one to try to stimulate a peaceful settlement in Georgia, the sole holdout. Fighting rages there between the local government and opposition forces.



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NATIONAL BRIEFS



X-rays trigger breast cancer

BOSTON — X-rays — even in "appallingly low" doses — appear to trigger breast cancer in people who carry a particular gene that is present in more than 1 million American women, scientists said today.

"People who carry this gene are at increased risk of breast cancer from ordinary diagnostic procedures," said the study's director, Dr. Michael Swift of the University of North Carolina.

Since most carriers of the gene don't know they have it, the researchers suggested that doctors cover all women's breasts with lead shields during X-rays and use non-X-ray tests

whenever possible.

Until now, only relatively high doses of radiation have been clearly associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. But Swift said the amount that appeared to trigger cancer in the gene carriers was "appallingly low."

Retailers expected to offer sales

NEW YORK — Retailers trying to salvage a disappointing season offered bigger-than-usual discounts and early-bird savings today in hopes of getting day-after Christmas shoppers to open their wallets a little wider.

In newspaper ads on Christmas, R.H. Macy and Co. promised special prices for shoppers who made a purchase by this morning. Sears, Roebuck and Co. said it planned aggressive advertising and special sales through Jan. 4.

Candidates use PACs anyway

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Four Democratic presidential candidates are trumpeting their distaste for political action committees, but all have gobbled up PAC money in the past.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, former California Gov. Jerry Brown and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas have sworn off PAC contributions. They say PACs give excessive influence to special interest groups at the expense of the individual voter.

Death with dignity group formed

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — One year after Nancy Cruzan's death ended a landmark legal battle, her family has formed a foundation to advise others trying to decide whether to allow a loved one "death with dignity."

The Nancy Cruzan Foundation was named for the 33-year-old woman whose case made millions of Americans aware of the need to plan ahead for critical medical decisions.

She died Dec. 26, 1990, 12 days after the feeding tube that had kept her alive was removed at her family's request. Six months earlier, the case resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court's first right-to-die ruling.

From Associated Press reports

Greeting cards for older folks

By JOE RUFF
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Tom Colligan designs greeting cards with large print, simple designs and carefully worded messages.

"You want to be upbeat," he says. "You also have to be careful because not all of these people are in fantastic health so you have to be careful about wishing them a happy 90th birthday and a lot more, for instance."

When customers at his parents' card shop couldn't find cards with biblical messages geared toward elderly relatives and friends, Colligan's parents urged him to design a special line.

The elderly market also has been recognized by greeting card giants Hallmark and American Greetings, which now are marking birthdays up to 100 and joking about retired husbands hanging around the house.

"The baby boomers are in their early to mid-40s and getting older by the day," said Kathy Bernetch of American Greetings in Cleveland.

The company test-marketed a line of cards called "Aging to Perfection" last year and introduced it last month.

"We've always done milestone birthdays, but never quite that high before," Ms. Bernetch said. "Because people are watching their health, they're pretty spunky even on up there."

Hallmark Cards in 1988 began "The Best Years" cards aimed at people over 50. It started the line with 68 cards; now there are more than 100.

The company has kept in mind the market it will be facing in coming years. "By the year 2000 one out of five people in America will be over 55 with a life expectancy of another 20 years," Hallmark spokeswoman Renee Hershey said.

American Greetings' cards include a humorous look at having the retired husband around the house and the importance of long-held friends.

"Now that our hubbies are retired, let's get together for lunch!" says one card showing a woman talking on the phone. The kicker: "... And leave them at home!"

The creator of American Greetings' line, Joan Kerber, said she wants to combat the stereotypes of old age just as the women's movement and the civil rights movement combated stereotypes about women and race.

"I don't care what anyone says ... we're still too young to be this old!" one card says.

"Most of the people I know are very lively," said Ms. Kerber, 65. "They're not walking around with canes or anything."

In Wisner, a town of 1,300, located 71 miles northwest of Omaha, Marlene and Bob Colligan asked their son to help develop Christian greeting cards for older people.

Tom Colligan drew the cards, and the family wrote the captions together. They began shipping the cards to Christian card and book stores in the Midwest earlier this year.

One card says "Glowing Strong at 80" with a picture of an oil lamp on the cover. Inside, a verse reads: "You are the world's light, a city on the hill, glowing in the night for all to see." from the Gospel of Matthew.

"Our statistics tell us there are 27 million people in our country over 75," Mrs. Colligan said. "Maybe we're just not realizing how many active senior citizens we have in our country."

Gene Sherman of The Abbey Inc., a Norfolk card shop, said the Colligans' cards were selling well.

The cards under the logo "Rays of Sunshine" also are being sold in Sterling, Colo., Langdon, N.D. and Bozeman, Mont. Mrs. Colligan said sales might branch out farther if things go well, she said.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Players, coaches still sought

SANFORD — Players and coaches are still being sought to participate in the Sanford Recreation Department's girls basketball leagues which are scheduled to begin play in January.

All games will be played on Saturday's at Lakeview Middle School.

While tryouts have already been conducted anyone registering will still make a team.

Registration fee is \$8 with non-Sanford City residents also having to pay the \$10 yearly non-resident fee.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 15 can sign up either by contacting the recreation department at 330-5697 or coming by the Downtown Recreation Department, lower level of Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

Also, anyone who is able to volunteer their time to help coach one of the teams, either as a head coach or as an assistant, should contact the rec department.

Basketball at Crooms

SANFORD — The City of Sanford Recreation Department is offering basketball at the Crooms School of Choice Gymnasium from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for teens and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for adults Monday through Friday.

The program is a supervised open gym format and all interested parties are invited to attend.

The school is located on the corner of Persimmon and Albright Avenues across from the West Sanford Boys and Girls Club. The gym entrance is on Albright.

For more information, call 330-5697 during normal business hours.

AROUND THE STATE

Bucs want Parcels . . . now

TAMPA — Bill Parcels, who won two Super Bowls before leaving the New York Giants for the broadcast booth this year, reportedly has been offered the job of trying to rescue the floundering Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Two newspapers reported Wednesday that Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse is willing to pay Parcels more than \$1 million a year to return to coaching and that he wants an answer from the former Giants coach by this weekend.

The Tampa Tribune, quoting an unidentified "source," said Parcels has been offered "a multi-year contract worth \$1.5 million annually, a deal that would make him the highest paid coach in the NFL."

The Orlando Sentinel said Parcels met with Culverhouse in New Jersey on Monday for the second time in two weeks. The Bucs offer is for five years and Parcels has been given assurances of having complete responsibility for personnel decisions, the newspaper said.

Parcels reportedly is also under consideration for the Green Bay Packers coaching job that opened when Lindy Infante was fired.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Boys' Basketball

■ Team Logos Kingdom U.S.A. Tournament: Oviedo vs. Gainesville-Buchholz at Ocala-Vanguard High School, 1 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

■ Polk County Holiday Classic: Seminole vs. Lake Wales at Lakeland-Kathleen Junior High School, 5 p.m.

■ Ocala-Forest Lady Wildcat Invitational: Lyman vs. Keystone Heights at Ocala-Forest High School, 4 p.m.

■ Lake Howell Christmas Invitational, teams and pairings TBA.

Boys' Soccer

■ Pizza Hut Invitational: at Bishop Moore - Lake Mary vs. Evans, 11 a.m.; Lake Brantley vs. Clearwater Central Catholic, 1 p.m.; Deltona vs. Clearwater-Countryside, 3 p.m.; Bishop Moore vs. Winter Park, 5 p.m.; at Boone High School - Lyman vs. Dr. Phillips, noon; Lake Howell vs. Tampa-Leto, 2 p.m.; Boone vs. New Port Richey-Gulf, 4 p.m.; Oviedo vs. Miami-Killian, 6 p.m.



BEST BETS ON TV

BASKETBALL

■ 7:30 p.m. — SUN, Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic, (L)

■ 8 p.m. — TNT, San Antonio Spurs at New York Knicks, (L)

Complete listings on Page 2B

13th Pizza Hut kicks off

Rams, 'Hounds, Lions, Hawks, Patriots in field

By TONY DESORMIER
 Herald Sports Editor

ORLANDO — Questions, questions, questions.

One-third of the way through the high school boys' soccer season and the teams representing the five Seminole County Class 4A schools — Lake Mary, Lake Brantley, Lake Howell, Oviedo and Lyman — all have questions to be answered.

And they're hoping that the 13th annual Pizza Hut Invitational, which gets underway today at Boone and Bishop Moore high schools, will provide some of the answers.

For starters, are the Lake Mary Rams as good as their 9-1 start implies? Coach Larry McCorkle says this is one of the best and deepest teams he's had. The Pizza Hut field, which includes two defending state champions, should be a good test for that claim.

Coach Ray Sandridge is looking for a little consistency from his 6-2-2 Lyman Greyhounds. In the finals of the Golden Rotary Tournament that opened the season, Lyman took Lake Mary to overtime. Later, during a five-day stretch, the 'Hounds struggled to beat winless Seminole 2-0, tied Gainesville 3-3 and lost to

Lake Brantley 2-1. At Lake Howell, Coach Anatole Popovich is hoping things are turning around for the 3-6 Silver Hawks. At one point, Lake Howell lost three matches in a row and five of its first six. But the Silver Hawks have won two of their last three, including a 5-0 rout of Seminole last Friday.

The 5-3 Oviedo Lions have been a team of streaks this season. After losing the Lions lost their first two games in the Goldenrod Rotary Cup tournament, Coach Dave Jekanoski overhauled the lineup. Oviedo then went on a five-game win streak that was broken by Lyman last Friday.

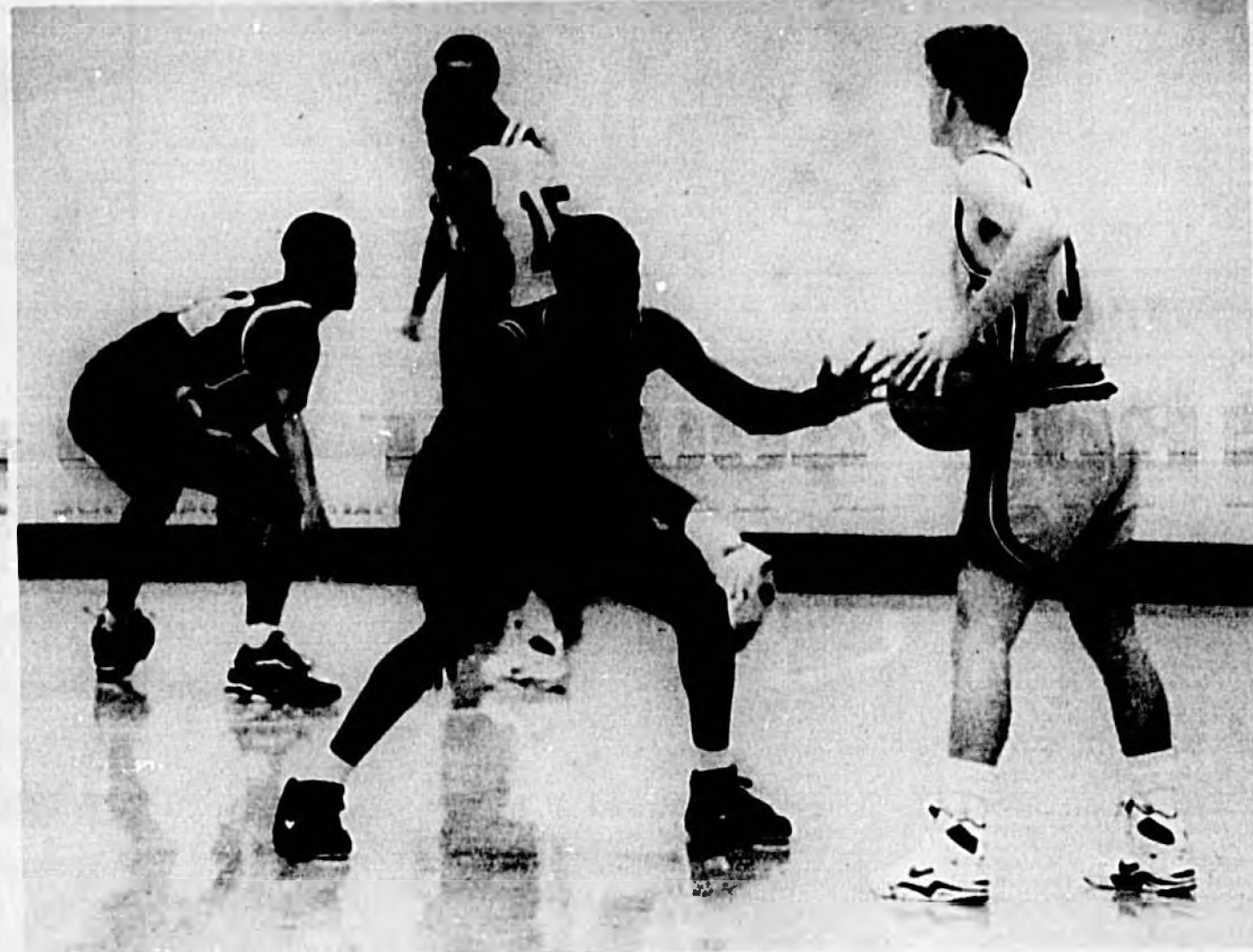
Lake Brantley, 4-4-2, also has had spells of inconsistency. After nearly upsetting Lake Mary on Dec. 12, the Patriots topped Gainesville 2-1 on the 14th and beat Lyman 2-1 on the 16th. But on the 18th, Coach Jim Brody's squad had to settle for a 0-0 tie with Seminole.

Also competing in this year's Pizza Hut Invitational are defending Class 4A state champion Clearwater-Countryside and Class 2A state champion Clearwater Central Catholic.

Rounding out the field are Metro Conference schools Dr. Phillips, Boone, Evans and Winter Park. **See Soccer, Page 3B**



Senior defender Eric Davis (No. 6) and the Lake Mary Rams began play in the 13th annual Pizza Hut Invitational with an 11 a.m. game this morning against the Evans Trojans at Bishop Moore High School.



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

After showing what they could do against local competition by winning the Central Florida Classic, Leon Lowman (No. 23) and the Oviedo Lions will see

what they can accomplish against some of the country's top teams when they play in the Kingdom U.S.A. tourney starting today at Ocala-Vanguard High School.

Lions to run with some of nation's best

By DEAN SMITH
 Herald Sports Writer

OCALA — Today Central Florida, tomorrow the nation?

After proving they are probably the top team in Central Florida, the Oviedo High School boys basketball team will see where it stands nationally when it appears in the Team Logos/Kingdom USA Tournament starting today in Ocala.

After starting the season unranked, the Lions have climbed to No. 9 in the Florida Sports Writers Association poll after regular season wins over Lake Howell and Dr. Phillips. And that was before winning the championship in the Central Florida Classic at Seminole Community College last week.

Oviedo, 10-0, will open play in the tournament against Gainesville-Buchholz starting at 1 p.m. at the Vanguard High School gymnasium. The Boats are led by 6-foot, 6-inch Derek Czarny and are coached by Rick Swain, who has compiled a 229-95 record at the Gainesville school.

Among the other entries in the tournament, which will run through next Tuesday, are Christ the King from Middle Village, New York, Elizabeth from

Elizabeth, New Jersey, Pleasure Ridge Park from Louisville, Kentucky and Bayonne Marist from Bayonne, New Jersey.

Christ the King was the No. 11-ranked team in Street & Smith Magazine's preseason Prep basketball poll after going 19-7 last year. The team boasts two of the top seniors and two of the top juniors in the country.

Elizabeth was preseason No. 19 nationally. Pleasure Ridge is the top-rated team in basketball tradition-rich Kentucky and Marist is getting special mention in the national polls.

Other out-of-state teams are Louisville-Valley and New Orleans-St. Augustine.

Among the Florida schools are host Vanguard, St. Petersburg-Dixie Hollins, Lake City-Columbia, Hudson, Fort Walton Beach-Choctawhatchee, Miami-Northwestern, Neptune Beach-Fletcher and Miami-Carol City.

Despite their success, the Lions are a young team with only five seniors on the roster and three junior starters. So close is the talent level among the Lions that the team was chosen the Most Valuable Player in the Central Florida Classic.

See Boys, Page 3B

Brown's Level IV girls win team silver medal at state meet

From Staff Reports

TAMPA — Second one more time.

For the third time this year, a girls' team from Brown's Gymnastics Central of Altamonte Springs placed second in a state championship.

The Level VI girls fell 2.5 points short of earning the state title and joined their sister teams at Levels IV and V with silver medal finishes.

The event was held at Northwest YMCA in Tampa the weekend of Dec. 7-8 and was hosted by LaFleurs Gymnastics of Tampa.

The American Twisters from Pompano Beach were the state champions with 186.65 points,

just ahead of Brown's Central, which accumulated 184.15 points. Rounding out the top five were: Galtmore's Gymnastics from Tallahassee (182.10), Palm Beach Gymnastics from West Palm Beach (182.03) and Gemini Gymnastics from Oldsmar (181.25).

Finishing sixth through 10th were: Apollo Gymnastics from Clearwater (176.85), Tallahassee Gymnastics Center from Tallahassee (176.80), LaFleurs Gymnastics-Tampa (176.35), Baymeadows Gymnastics from Jacksonville (171.65) and Betha Ebsen from Orlando (170.55).

Individually, Laura Pratt of Brown's was the state champion of the 12-14 age group, edging

teammate Vanessa Serrano by .05 points (36.65-36.60). Shanna Steinberg finished fourth, Mikara Steinberg ninth and Linnea Spears 12th.

Also competing in the 12-14 age group were Sarah Certo, Michelle Southall, Janel Clark and Reyna Gilbert.

In the 8-11 age group, Jessica Smith had the best finish with a 12th. Also in the 8-11 group were Rebecca Campbell and Lam Higgins.

The last competition of the year for the Brown's Central girls was the Level IV and V Team Championships in Lake Worth Dec. 14-15. The Boys' teams will start their competitions in January.

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Wednesday night		
First game		
1 Cole-Saravali	15.00	4.80 3.30
2 Tim-Rawlings	6.40	11.20
4 Ego-Joe	5.30	
Second game		
1 Ego	10.30	3.80 3.30
2 Rawlings	2.60	2.80
7 Azuc	12.80	
Third game		
1 Angelito-Lorenzo	10.40	5.30 6.60
5 Pita-Cald	4.80	4.80
4 Marcel-Guano	3.40	
Fourth game		
1 Cole	15.00	4.80 4.30
4 Joe	9.60	4.60
1 Azuc	4.30	
Fifth game		
1 Ego-Calza	10.80	5.40 5.30
5 Angelito-Andy	4.80	4.80
4 Pita-Lorenzo	3.30	
Sixth game		
1 Cole	15.00	4.80 4.30
4 Joe	9.60	4.60
1 Azuc	4.30	
Seventh game		
1 Ego-Calza	10.80	5.40 5.30
5 Angelito-Andy	4.80	4.80
4 Pita-Lorenzo	3.30	
Eighth game		
1 Cole	15.00	4.80 4.30
4 Joe	9.60	4.60
1 Azuc	4.30	
Ninth game		
1 Ego-Calza	10.80	5.40 5.30
5 Angelito-Andy	4.80	4.80
4 Pita-Lorenzo	3.30	
Tenth game		
1 Cole	15.00	4.80 4.30
4 Joe	9.60	4.60
1 Azuc	4.30	

NBA STANDINGS

All Times EST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	17	7	.708
Boston	17	9	.454
Miami	14	13	.519
Philadelphia	12	16	.429
Washington	9	17	.346
New Jersey	8	18	.300
Orlando	6	19	.240
Central Division			
Chicago	21	4	.840
Cleveland	19	6	.760
Minneapolis	13	12	.520
Detroit	13	14	.481
Atlanta	12	16	.429
Indiana	12	15	.441
Charlotte	8	21	.276
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	15	9	.625
Golden State	14	10	.583
San Antonio	14	10	.583
Portland	14	10	.583
Seattle	14	10	.583
LA Clippers	13	11	.545
Denver	10	15	.400
Minnesota	9	16	.360
Pacific Division			
Golden State	16	8	.667
LA Lakers	17	10	.630
Phoenix	16	11	.595
Portland	16	11	.595
Seattle	14	12	.538
LA Clippers	13	13	.500
Sacramento	7	19	.269

Tuesday, Dec. 27			
John Hancock Bowl			
At Ft. Worth, Texas			
Illinois (6-5) vs. UCLA (8-3)	1:30 p.m.	(CBS)	
Copper Bowl			
At Tucson, Ariz.			
BYU (6-2) vs. Indiana (6-4)	8 p.m.	(WTBS)	
Wednesday, Jan. 1			
Peach Bowl			
At Atlanta			
East Carolina (10-1) vs. North Carolina State (9-2)	11:30 a.m.	(ESPN)	
Holt of Fame Bowl			
At Tampa			
Syracuse (9-2) vs. Ohio State (8-3)	1 p.m.	(NBC)	
Civus Bowl			
At Orlando			
California (9-2) vs. Clemson (9-1)	1:30 p.m.	(ABC)	
Cotton Bowl			
At Dallas			
Florida State (10-2) vs. Texas A&M (10-1)	1:30 p.m.	(CBS)	
Fiesta Bowl			
At Tempe, Ariz.			
Penn State (10-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2)	4:30 p.m.	(NBC)	
Rose Bowl			
At Pasadena, Calif.			
Washington (11-0) vs. Michigan (10-1)	5 p.m.	(ABC)	
Orange Bowl			
At Miami			
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (9-1)	8 p.m.	(NBC)	
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Sugar Bowl			
At New Orleans			
Nebraska (10-2) vs. Florida (10-1)	8:30 p.m.	(ABC)	

Gymnastics

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

LEVEL VI

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NORTHWEST YMCA TAMPA

DECEMBER 7-8, 1991

AGES 8-11

Vault — Jessica Smith, 9.10; Lani Higgins, 8.80; Rebecca Campbell, 8.70.

Uneven Bars — 8. Rebecca Campbell, 9.10; Jessica Smith, 8.80; Lani Higgins, 8.45.

Balance Beam — Rebecca Campbell, 8.80; Lani Higgins, 8.75; Jessica Smith, 8.60.

Floor Exercise — 6. Jessica Smith, 9.40; 10. Lani Higgins, 9.30; Rebecca Campbell, 8.70.

All-Around — 12. Jessica Smith, 35.90; (tie), Lani Higgins and Rebecca Campbell, 35.30.

AGES 12-14

Vault — 1. Mikara Steinberg, 9.60; 3. Shanna Steinberg, 9.55; 5. Vanessa Serrano, 9.50; 6. Laura Pratt, 9.40; 9. Sarah Certo, 9.30; Reyna Gilbert, 9.20; Janel Clark, 9.10; Linnea Spears, 8.55; Michelle Southall, 8.25.

Uneven Bars — 2. Mikara Steinberg, 9.30; 4. Laura Pratt, 9.20; 9. Shanna Steinberg, 9.05; 12. Vanessa Serrano, 8.90; 15. Janel Clark, 8.80; Linnea Spears, 8.75; Reyna Gilbert, 8.65; Michelle Southall, 8.40; Sarah Certo, 8.25.

TEAM RESULTS

1. American Twisters, Pompano Beach, 186.65.

2. Brown's Gymnastics Central, Altamont Springs, 184.15.

3. Gallimore's Gymnastics, Tallahassee, 182.10.

4. Palm Beach Gymnastics, West Palm Beach, 182.05.

5. Gemini Gymnastics, Oldsmar, 181.25.

6. Apollo Gymnastics, Clearwater, 176.85.

PREP LEADERSHIP

JACKSONVILLE — Here is the 1991 Florida Sports Writers Association All-State Class 1A high school football team.

CLASS 1A

Quarterback (1): Dan Kanell, Fort Lauderdale Westminster, 6-5, 205, Sr.

Running backs (3): James Smith, Greenburg, 6-2, 170, Jr.; Mike Gilbane, Tallahassee North Florida Christian, 6-8, 215, Sr.; Nick Butler, Fort Lauderdale Westminster, 5-4, 145, So.

Receivers (2): Willie Mills, Wynona Career, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Alex Goss, Miami LaPraille, 6-3, 200, Sr.

Offensive Line (8): Larry Wright, Jacksonville University Christian, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Matt Davern, Tallahassee North Florida Christian, 6-5, 275, Sr.; John Franklin, Graceville, 6-8, 260, Sr.; Bill Jordan, Vero Beach St. Edward's, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Jonathan McCray, Mayo Lafayette, 6-5, 235, Sr.

Defensive Line (3): Elijah Brown, Jacksonville University Christian, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Eric Ryan, Lake Highland Prep, 6-11, 260, Sr.; Brian Harrell, North Palm Beach Benjamin, 6-2, 260, Sr.

Linebackers (4): Scott Van Horn, Panama City Christian, 5-11, 190, Sr.; John Higginbotham, Hilliard, 5-10, 210, Sr.; Kevin Koch, Mayo Lafayette, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Brian Kovach, Fort Lauderdale Westminster, 5-10, 201, Sr.

Defensive backs (4): Lloyd Williams, Frostproof, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Rodney Deary, Jacksonville University Christian, 5-8, 185, Sr.; Jorey Diamond, Jay, 6-1, 160, Sr.; Blaine Peddy, Bristol Liberty, 5-11, 165, Sr.

Utility (1): Trampas Canady, Hilliard, 5-9, 165, Jr.

Second team

Quarterback (1): Joe Williams, Wynona Career, 5-9, 165, Jr.

Running backs (3): Keith Brentley, Vernon, 5-8, 170, Sr.; Pedro Arruz, West Palm Beach King's, 5-5, 180, Sr.; Sam Madison, Tallahassee FAMU, 6-1, 180, Sr.

Receivers (2): Gabe Garcia, Belle Glade Christian Day, 5-9, 160, Sr.; Ryan Krause, St. Petersburg Northside, 6-6, 160, Sr.

Offensive Line (5): Richard Currie, Tallahassee North Florida Christian, 5-10, 250, Sr.; Chris Wey, Lakeland Santa Fe, 6-4, 190, Sr.; Rashad Thompson, Tallahassee FAMU, 6-1, 270, Sr.; Matt Massey, Mayo Lafayette, 6-0, 215, Sr.; Tony Bennett, Jacksonville University Christian, 6-3, 205, Sr.

Kicker (1): Eric Lanctot, St. Petersburg Shorecrest, 5-8, 160, Sr.

Defensive Line (3): Brian McLelland, Baker, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Terrance Gordon, Jacksonville University Christian, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Reggie McGrew, Mayo Lafayette, 6-2, 235, Fr.

Linebackers (4): Antwaine Elvine, Miami Palmer Trinity, 6-11, 193, So.; Trey Youngblood, Quincy Munroe, 5-11, 175, So.; Leonard Ingo, Tallahassee FAMU, 5-11, 215, Sr.; Wes Putnal, Carrabelle, 6-5, 170, Jr.

Defensive backs (4): Antonio Greene, Dade Christian, 5-10, 165, Jr.; David Chitty, Quincy Munroe, 5-10, 160, Jr.; Akiva McClain, Fort Lauderdale Westminster, 5-8, 165, Sr.; Louie Herron, Hollywood Christian, 4-3, 220, Sr.

Kicker (1): Kamari Charlton, Melbourne Florida Air, 6-3, 215, Sr.

Third team

Quarterback (1): Kenny Locke, St. Petersburg Northside, 5-11, 175, Sr.

Running backs (3): Richard Pittman, Cofftondale, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Jason Cooper, Vero Beach St. Edward's, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Sidney Johnson, Bristol Liberty, 5-11, 190, Sr.

Receivers (2): Ryan Hess, Tampa Temple Heights, 6-1, 170, Jr.; Bobby Jackson, Father Lopez, 5-11, 175, Jr.

Offensive Line (5): Calvin Bowers, Belle Glade Christian Day, 6-1, 195, Jr.; Aurelio Nicolini, Miami Palmer Trinity, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Todd Wheatley, Bristol Liberty, 6-1, 215, Sr.; Troy Pearson, Mayo Lafayette, 6-2, 245, So.; Robert Greenley, Trinity Prep, 6-2, 216, Sr.

Kicker (1): Mike Kriese, Dade Christian, 6-10, 190, Jr.

Defensive Line (3): Eddie Conn, Dade Christian, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Bill Geiger, Tallahassee North Florida Christian, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Tim Ritch, St. Petersburg Shorecrest, 6-1, 189, Sr.

Linebackers (4): Scott Gillem, Lake Highland Prep, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Jeff Malec, Vero Beach St. Edward's, 6-10, 190, Sr.; David

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA individual scoring, field goal percentage, rebounding and assist leaders through Dec. 23:

Player	Team	PTS	FG	FT	Pct.	REB	AST
Jordan, Chi.	CHI	24	27.2	146	791	29.2	25.7
Wilkins, Atl.	ATL	24	28.0	158	745	28.7	25.7
K. Malone, Utah	UTA	20	24.0	131	731	26.8	25.7
Mullin, G.S.	G.S.	24	23.0	111	635	26.5	25.7
Drexler, Port.	POR	26	25.4	122	679	26.1	25.7
Driscoll, N.Y.	N.Y.	24	24.6	93	583	24.3	25.7
Robinson, S.A.	S.A.	25	22.0	146	686	24.2	25.7
Richmond, G.S.	G.S.	22	21.5	84	546	23.7	25.7
Hardaway, S.C.	S.C.	24	22.0	95	599	23.7	25.7
Barkley, Phil.	PHI	20	18.0	117	460	23.0	25.7
Pierce, Sea.	SEA	25	21.3	123	570	22.8	25.7
Adams, Wash.	WAS	22	16.2	124	551	22.8	25.7
Miller, Ind.	IND	27	17.0	164	656	22.4	25.7
Daugherty, Cle.	CLE	25	20.1	152	554	22.2	25.7
Bird, Bos.	BOS	24	20.6	88	325	21.9	25.7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

All Times EST			
Wednesday, Dec. 27			
Blue-Gray Classic			
At Montgomery, Ala.			
Gray 20, Blue 12			
At Nashville			
Georgia Tech 18, Stanford 17			
Saturday, Dec. 28			
Blackboard Bowl			
At Miami			
Alabama (10-1) vs. Colorado (8-2)	11 a.m.	(CBS)	
Sunday, Dec. 29			
Independence Bowl			
At Shreveport, La.			
Georgia (8-3) vs. Arkansas (6-5)	2:30 p.m.	(ABC)	
Liberty Bowl			
At Memphis, Tenn.			
Air Force (9-3) vs. Mississippi State (7-4)	8 p.m.	(ESPN)	
Gator Bowl			
At Jacksonville			
Virginia (8-2) vs. Oklahoma (8-3)	8 p.m.	(TBS)	
Monday, Dec. 30			
Holiday Bowl			
At San Diego			
Iowa (10-1) vs. Brigham Young (8-3)	8 p.m.	(ESPN)	
Freedom Bowl			
At Anaheim, Calif.			
Tulsa (9-2) vs. San Diego State (8-3)	9 p.m.	(Raycom)	

TRANSACCIONS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Activated Dave Huggan, center. Placed Jayson Williams, forward, on the injured list.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Fired Dick Motta, coach. Named Rex Hughes interim head coach and Mike Bratz assistant coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Fired Sam Wyche, coach.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS — Placed Gary Lewis, cornerback, on injured reserve. Activated Tahuan Lewis, cornerback, from the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed Linzy Collins, wide receiver, and Darrell Malone, cornerback. In the practice squad.

TENNIS

BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — SUN, NBA Magic Tonight

7:30 p.m. — SUN, NBA, Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic, (L), also at 10 p.m.

8 p.m. — TNT, NBA, San Antonio Spurs at New York Knicks, (L)

BOXING

9 p.m. — ESPN, Jeff Mayweather vs. Luis Rodriguez, lightweight, (L)

HOCKEY

8:30 p.m. — SC, NHL, Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues, (L)

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BASKETBALL

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Soccer

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co-host Bishop Moore, Deltona, Miami-Killian, New Port Richey-Gulf and Tampa-Leto.

The tournament will be played at Boone and Bishop Moore today and tomorrow before moving over to Boone for Saturday's and Monday's games. The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30.

Lake Mary and Lake Brantley will be in the bracket playing at Bishop Moore while Lyman, Lake Howell and Oviedo will play at Boone.

In today's first round, Lake Mary opened the tournament against Evans at 11 a.m. at Bishop Moore. Lake Brantley is scheduled to play Clearwater Central Catholic at 1 p.m. before Deltona takes on Clearwater-Countryside at 3 p.m. and Bishop Moore faces Winter Park at 5 p.m.

At Boone High School, Lyman was to play Dr. Phillips at noon. At 2 p.m., Lake Howell plays Tampa-Leto before Boone plays New Port Richey-Gulf at 4 p.m. and Oviedo tackles Miami-Killian at 6 p.m.

Girls

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Through Seminole's first six games, Washington averaged 17.5 points, 14.5 rebounds, 7.8 assists, 7 blocked shots and 6.8 steals per game. She missed the Tribe's win over Lake Brantley on Dec. 17, then came back and contributed 10 points and 14 rebounds in limited action during a win over Lake Howell.

Kayla Alexander has added an average of 9 points and 8.2 rebounds a game while KayKay Mullins has averaged 4.8 points and 10.4 rebounds. A nice surprise for the Seminoles has been the quick development of freshman point guard Tenneshia Eason, who has chipped in with 4.2 points, 3.2 assists and 3.2 steals per game.

LYMAN ON THE ROAD

OCALA - The young Lyman Greyhounds will attempt to gain some experience in a hurry this weekend when they play in the Lady Wildcat Invitational at Ocala-Forest High School.

Lyman, 6-5, will play Keystone Heights today at 2 p.m. in the first round of the tournament.

Co-captains Melissa Lewis and Shima Clark are the only seniors playing for the Greyhounds this season. In their most recent victory, a 54-25 rout of Oviedo, the key contributors were sophomores Felicia Kiep (6 feet, 2 inches), Carrie Seranton (6 feet) and Sara Wood (5 feet, 5 inches).

Boys

Continued from 1B

Oviedo is led by center Simon Harper, a 6-foot, 7-inch senior who is one of two returning starters from last season, when he led the team in scoring (20.0) and rebounding (9.0).

The other returning starter from last season's 17-10 team is guard Leon Lowman, a 6-foot, 3-inch junior who has taken on a different role this season. After being known for his scoring in the past (he averaged 10.8 last year), Lowman turned away many scoring opportunities in the Classic to set up teammates for easy scores with great passes.

But even with the talents of Harper and Lowman, it was the introduction of a pair of transfers this summer that has turned the Lions into state contenders.

Brothers Bernard and Devon Green, the nephews of NBA star Sidney Green, moved into the Oviedo district from New York this summer and have made an immediate impact.

Bernard, a 6-foot, 2-inch senior point guard, is a very good defensive player who has shown also shown better than average outside shooting ability. In the Classic, he averaged a team-leading 15.3 points per game. Devon, a 6-foot, 3-inch junior guard/forward, is also a good defensive player who is a terror on the backboards and can score (13.8 points per game in the Classic).

While the big four get most of the notice, the fifth starter is the team's most consistent scorer, Randy Wright, a 6-foot, 5-inch junior forward, scored the winning basket with a last second shot against Spruce Creek in the CFC final game.

When Bolton decides to go to the bench the Lions seldom miss a beat. Senior guards Ian Forrest and Ken Kroog give the team extra outside shooting ability and tenacity on defense while junior forward Donita Jenerette give Oviedo another strong rebounder and inside scoring threat.

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People

CALENDAR

East-West Kiwanis to gather

East-West Sanford Kiwanis Club meets Thursday at 8 p.m. at Friendship Lodge, Seventh and Locust.

City sponsors aerobics

The Sanford Recreation Department offers aerobics classes at the Downtown Youth Center, lower level of city hall, 300 North Park Ave. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Cost is \$2 per class. Exercise mats will be furnished. For more information call 330-5897. All non-Sanford residents will be required to pay an annual \$10 fee.

Sweet Adelines to rehearse

Sound of Sunshine Sweet Adelines women's barbershop singing group rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Prairie Lake Baptist Church, 415 Ridge Road, Fern Park.

Champagne brunch tops the holidays

By Alison Claire
NEA Food Editor

Although the enthusiasm and amount of effort expended may be waning, holiday entertaining will continue.

A special way to entertain a small group of friends is with a simple brunch. Seasonal decorations are in order as guests serve themselves from a buffet or the dishes are passed "family style." The idea is to create a relaxed atmosphere, much needed after the hassles of holiday shopping.

Champagne or other sparkling wines add a special festive air and these are available in a wide price range.

When opening a bottle of champagne, do so carefully. Remove the foil and wire hood, keeping a thumb on the cork. Then tilt the bottle at a 45-degree angle, holding the cork firmly with one hand and the base of the bottle with the other. Point the bottle away from people, mirrors or a window —

in case the cork flies. Although many believe champagne should give a loud pop, it should open with a "sigh." Slowly twist the bottle, not the cork and slide the cork out gently.

For the perfect brunch beverage, mix champagne with orange juice, apricot juice or cranberry juice.

SHRIMP PIE

- 3 1/2-ounce cans small shrimp, drained well
 - 1/2 cup onion rings (1 medium onion cut into 1/8-inch slices)
 - 2 tablespoons veg-table oil
 - 1 can cream of celery soup
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 2-ounce package sliced almonds, browned in butter and drained
 - 1 4-ounce can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
 - 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/2 tablespoon parsley, chopped
 - 1/2 tablespoon paprika
- See Brunch, Page 58

Finger foods perfect for guests

Holidays offer many opportunities for serving snack-type foods. While visiting with family and friends, bring out an assortment of finger foods and beverages.

Mushrooms in any form are favorites with our family. These have a creamy spinach filling.

SPINACH-STUFFED MUSHROOMS

Half a 10 oz. package frozen chopped spinach
1/4 cup sour cream
2 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
18 oz. fresh mushrooms
Pimento strips, optional

Wrap half of spinach package tightly with foil and microwave 3-3 1/2 minutes or until thawed. Remove thawed portion and return frozen portion to freezer. Drain spinach well, squeezing out excess liquid. Mix in sour cream, Parmesan cheese and garlic salt. Set aside.

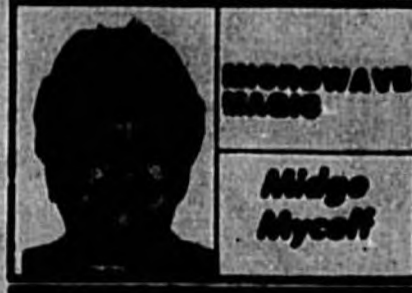
Scrub mushrooms to clean. Twist stems and remove; set aside for another use. Place mushrooms stem-side-down on paper towel-lined plate. Cover with paper towel. Microwave on 100 percent power 2 1/2-3 minutes or until partially cooked. Turn mushrooms right side up. Spoon filling into each cavity, mounding up mixture. Garnish with pimento strip.

Microwave on 100 percent power, uncovered, 1 1/2-2 minutes or until filling is heated. Transfer to clean serving platter. Makes about 24 mushrooms.

Rows of spicy nuts are always welcome. The toasting is easy in the microwave oven.

SPICY HOT NUTS

- 1 clove garlic, quartered
 - 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
 - 1/4 tsp. Tabasco sauce
 - 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
 - 1 Tbsp. vinegar
 - 1 Tbsp. soy sauce
 - 18 ozs.: almonds, pecans, filberts, Brazil nuts or peanuts
- Combine garlic and oil in 1-qt. butter bowl. Microwave on 100 percent power, uncovered, 2-2 1/2 minutes or until oil is flavored



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with garlic. Carefully remove garlic and discard. Stir in Tabasco, brown sugar, vinegar and soy sauce. Add nuts and mix until coated. Microwave (100 percent), uncovered, 7-8 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and nuts are toasted, stirring 3 or 4 times. Transfer to cookie sheet to cool; let stand a couple hours until no longer sticky. Store in covered container.

About 4 cups nuts
*Use untoasted nuts, selecting a combination of your favorites.

For a quick really Christmas looking appetizer, try these.

CHEESE AND PEPPERS

- 1 small green pepper
 - 1 small red pepper
 - 2 oz. Monterey Jack cheese
- Cut pepper into 1-inch wide strips. Remove membrane and seeds. Spray microwave-safe serving plate lightly with non-stick spray. Place strips on plate with inner-side up. Cut cheese in slices and then in sticks, one for each pepper strip. Place cheese sticks on pepper.
- Microwave (100 percent) uncovered, 1 1/4-1 1/2 minutes or until cheese is softened. Let stand a few minutes. Cut each strip into 3 pieces. If necessary, spoon melted cheese back onto pepper piece.
- About 24 snacks

These pretty beverages can be served from a punch bowl for special festivities.

CAPE COD SIPPER

- 1 qt. cranberry juice
- 8 oz. can frozen orange juice
- 8 oz. can water
- 1/4 cup cinnamon red hots



STUFFED MUSHROOMS are year-round favorites but especially suit holiday entertaining.

Combine ingredients in a 2-qt. container. Microwave on 100 percent power 5-8 minutes, or until the red hots dissolve. Stir every 3 minutes. Sweeten with sugar if desired.

*If you wish to serve this COLD, add 7-Up and pour over ice. Call it a Cape Cod Cooler!

SPICED CRANBERRY TEA

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) fresh cranberries
 - 2 qts. water
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 3 bags black tea
 - 2 cinnamon sticks
 - 2 cups orange juice
- Wash and sort the cranberries. Combine the berries in a 3 qt. microwave-safe casserole. Cover. Microwave on 100 percent power 18-20 minutes, or until boiling. (The berries should pop open.) Stir several times during this timing. Strain mixture to remove the pulp and seeds. Extract all the juice. Drain pulp. Return juice to 3 qt. container. Add tea bags and cinnamon sticks.

Cover. Microwave on 100 percent power 4-6 minutes, or until boiling. Allow to stand 2-3 hours. Remove tea bags and cinnamon sticks.

To serve, microwave on 100 percent power, covered, 10-12 minutes, or until steaming hot. Stir in orange juice. Garnish with orange slices.

(Midge Mycott is a certified home economist and coordinator of the Single Parent Displaced Homemakers Program at Seminole Community College. Phone: 323-1460, ext. 300.)



Herald Photo by Herman Schroeder

Tops at keeping holiday pounds off

Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly didn't let the holiday festivities go to their waists. They gathered recently for a low-calorie celebration at the home of Sally and George Sawczuk. From left: Johnnie Futrell, Sally Sawczuk, Call Turner, Tara Chamberlain, Judy Harrison and Ruth Bennett.

Dog's dishwashing duty is frowned upon by vet

DEAR ABBY: This concerns "Name Withheld," who wrote: "I invited my sister-in-law over for dinner. She came and brought her dog. After dinner, she took a plate of leftovers, set it on the floor, and let her dog lick the plate clean. I was appalled!"

You, too, were obviously "appalled" because you suggested that "Name Withheld" should buy her sister-in-law a couple of doggie dishes.

Abby, a dog's saliva is antiseptic — that's why dogs instinctively lick their wounds. I would much rather have my dog lick my spoon than take a taste off a spoon that has been in a human mouth.

Aren't dogs wonderful?
JAN IN ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR JAN: Dogs are indeed wonderful, but Dr. Erwin David, my veterinary expert, says: "Dog saliva is by no means antiseptic. Several species of bacteria have been found in the



ADVICE
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

saliva of clinically healthy dogs; so for hygienic reasons, I would advise Jan to keep her dog dishes and people dishes separate."

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I don't know how to solve. Many years ago, my husband and I became good friends with another couple. We have both had families since then, and have exchanged birthday and Christmas gifts.

In recent years we have grown apart, both in friendship and

miles. I would like to stop the exchange of gifts, as our friendship had definitely gone by the wayside, but I don't know how to approach the couple with this suggestion without offending them.

Any help you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

NOT CHEAP, JUST PRACTICAL

DEAR PRACTICAL: Be absolutely up front with this couple. Come Thanksgiving, write a note to say that you are thankful for friends with whom you can be completely honest, then suggest: "From now on, let us exchange only Christmas cards — no gifts." I assure you they will not be offended. Trust me.

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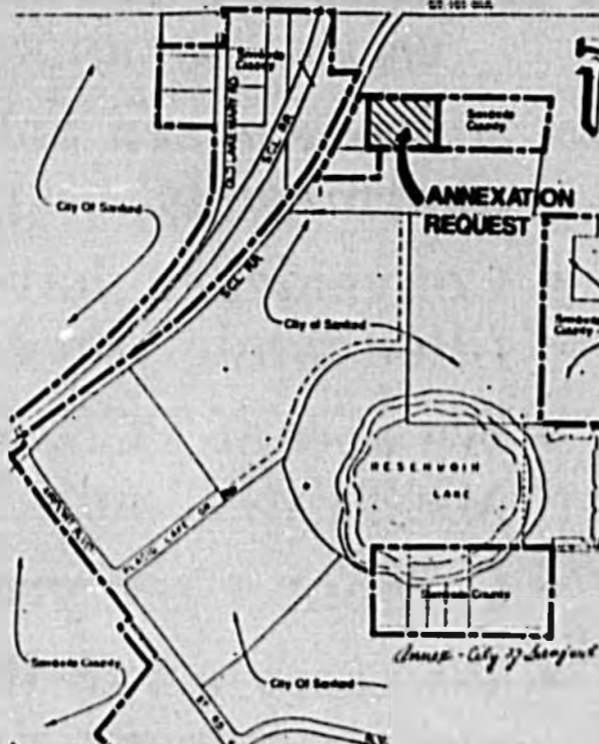
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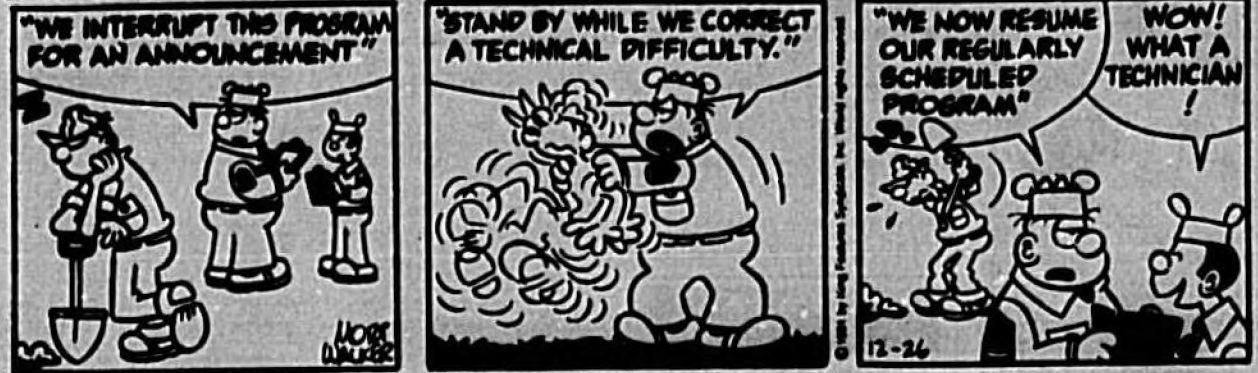
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Joint pain and rash are linked to lupus

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you provide information on lupus?

DEAR READER: Lupus erythematosus is a chronic disease that causes inflammation of connective tissue, the material that supports and joins parts of the body and organs within the body. Although the precise basis for this disease is unknown, LE is believed to be an autoimmune disorder, marked by an allergy to the body's normal tissues.

Most patients with LE experience initial joint pain and stiffness, which may or may not be associated with fever and malaise. This is usually followed by a rash, especially over the cheeks and bridge of the nose (the so-called "butterfly" rash). Other skin afflictions, such as loss of hair and a purplish rough rash, may appear.

When LE affects the lungs, it leads to chest pain, pleurisy and hypertension within the blood vessels of the lungs. Inflammation of the heart-covering (pericarditis) is often present. The lymph glands and spleen may be affected, causing swelling, pain and abdominal fullness.

The most serious consequence of LE is renal involvement, a form of nephritis that can lead to progressive kidney failure and death.

LE also affects the blood count (anemia and reduced white blood cells), causing exhaustion and susceptibility to infection.

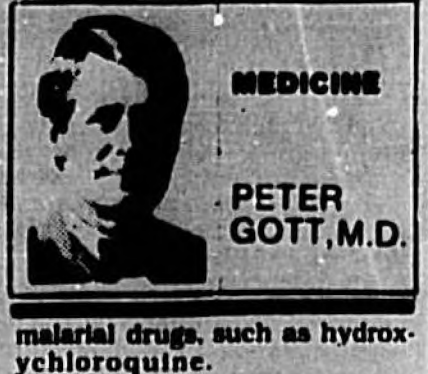
When LE attacks the brain, patients experience headaches, personality changes and seizures.

LE is diagnosed by blood tests, especially tests that measure antibody proteins to normal cells. The two most common tests are the anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA) and the anti-DNA antibodies.

Some medicines, notably hydroxyzine and procainamide, may occasionally cause lupus (or

a syndrome resembling it, which usually disappears once the offending drug is discontinued).

Treatment of LE depends on the severity of the disease. Mild forms usually respond to aspirin, aspirin-substitutes or anti-



malarial drugs, such as hydroxychloroquine.

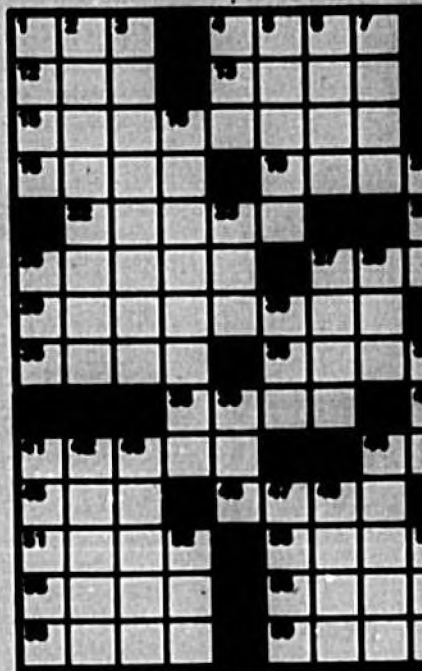
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- 1 — Tech
- 4 Motor —
- 8 Get off
- 12 A rose —
- 13 Saw
- 14 — Motor
- 15 Receiver
- 17 Beer
- 18 Sources of metal
- 19 Entity
- 21 Suit club
- 22 Golf club
- 23 Surname
- 24 Surname
- 27 Course hair
- 29 Elementarily
- 31 Makes same score
- 35 Jacob's son
- 38 Cyo
- 39 Two words

DOWN

- 1 Hi or bye
- 2 Insects
- 3 Tear roughly
- 4 Cause of Cleopatra's

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 5 — pray
- 6 Steel course
- 7 Bomb shelter
- 8 Joyful
- 9 Joyful
- 10 Drive forward
- 11 Cover
- 12 Abuse
- 13 Make an
- 14 Surname
- 15 Surname (prof.)
- 16 Information in computer (2 wds.)
- 17 — dish
- 18 Author Umberto
- 19 Surname
- 20 Surname
- 21 Surname and Portuguese
- 22 —
- 23 Regard
- 24 Stadium cheer
- 25 Wild sheep
- 26 Coronet
- 27 Water willow
- 28 Ancient nation
- 29 Driver
- 30 Future ally, -ism
- 31 Vehicle
- 32 Dispatched
- 33 Mineral spring
- 34 Ohio, time

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

In Canada and England, today is known as Boxing Day, not because it was traditional for pugilists to climb into the ring, but because the lords of the manor would visit their employees, handing out gifts in boxes.

Some bridge hands do seem to resemble a boxing match. The declarer prepares to deliver the knockout blow, but a defender adroitly sidesteps at the last moment and then lands the fatal counterpunch.

North's two no-trump was the Jacoby forcing raise. South's three no-trump showed 14-15 points with no singleton or void. Two cue-bids were followed by Roman Key Card Blackwood. South showing three key cards (either three aces, or two aces and the trump king).

Declarer won the club lead in the dummy and immediately led

a heart to the ace. This was an excellent play. An opponent with a doubleton heart king (or queen) might not see the importance of unblocking his honor.

Declarer drew trumps and then cashed all his minor-suit winners, ending in hand. Next he led the heart three.

If West had played low, East would have had to win with the queen and return a minor, conceding a ruff and discard. South would have jettisoned his last heart loser and made the slam.

However, West was ready with his riptoste. He judged that declarer wouldn't play like this if he was holding the heart queen. West went in with the heart king. The king swallowed East's queen and ensured two heart tricks for the defense. This anti-ducking play is called a Crocodile Coup.

NORTH 13-26-01
 ♠ Q 10 9 4 2
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ A K

WEST
 ♠ K J 9 5 4
 ♥ 10 8 7
 ♦ Q J 10 9 6

EAST
 ♠ 10 5 3
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ J 10 8 5 4
 ♣ 8 7 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A K J 7 6
 ♥ A 10 3
 ♦ Q 7 6
 ♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

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YOUR BIRTHDAY
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Your material prospects look rather hopeful in the year ahead. However, even though you might get some breaks that were denied you previously, you'll still have to work hard for what you get.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A little friendly competition could add zest to your involvements today, but if it becomes adversarial, it might turn into something unpleasant. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful today not to negatively prejudice things before they occur. This type of thinking is self-defeating and, if you operate along these lines, you're not likely to fulfill your intentions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might labor under the illusion today that an influential friend is prepared to do all types of things for you that were never promised. Don't kid yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An associate might not feel the same sense of urgency that you do today regarding a specific objective. If it's of real significance to you, do it on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be tactful and diplomatic when dealing with co-workers today. If you're unappreciative or too critical, unpleasantness might result.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's best not to attempt to manage something for another today about which you feel inept. Your good intentions will count for little — if you create more problems than you resolve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Family members might find you too opinionated today, and this could create friction on the homefront. If you want them to respect your views, respect theirs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People you'll be involved with today will

resent you — if you try to get them to do things you should be doing yourself. Make production your purpose, not pleas for assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations in general may be relatively easy for you today, but this could work to your disadvantage. You might take opportunities for granted and fail to utilize them properly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to deal effectively with others today, you must first set the proper example. If they see you dodging assignments and trying to cut corners, no one is likely to do your bidding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's best you let others boast of your accomplishments today rather than beat your own drum. If you've done something worthy, word will get around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you're likely to be conscious of money today, there is still a possibility you could spend beyond your means, buying non-essentials for which you have no immediate need. (C)1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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