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Sports

Youth basketball begins

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department Youth Basketball League got underway with 13 games Saturday.

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People

How to select a gift plant

For that special person on your Christmas gift list, a pretty plant may be appropriate. In her gardening column today, Tricia Thomas gives readers tips on selecting gift plants.

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BRIEFS

Trial to begin

SANFORD — Jury selection was scheduled to begin this morning in the sexual battery trial of 21-year-old Carlos Leiva-Suazo. He is accused of breaking into an Oakland Hills home near Altamonte Springs, on Jan. 3, and raping an 11-year-old girl at knifepoint.

Leiva-Suazo is from San Pedro, Honduras. His local address is 631 Encino Way in Altamonte Springs.

No snow in Sanford-town

SANFORD — An insurance grinch stole the snow Saturday at the downtown holiday activities. Main Street manager Bess Simons expressed a deep apology this morning about the lack of the machine-made white stuff. At the last minute, Simons discovered special insurance costing about \$1,000 was required to protect the group from liability in case of accident or injury.

"We are really, really sorry," Simons commented about building up the expectation of snow in sunny Florida, then having to cancel it. A "Moonwalk" was substituted to provide some action. The insurance was too costly for the small organization and the group did not want to stage the snow without it.

Room on trip

SANFORD — The 12-day trip to Costa Rica, hosted by the Central Florida Zoological Park, still has room for reservations. The trip, beginning April 4, 1995, will explore rain forests, waterways and even volcanic areas of Costa Rica.

Cost of the trip is \$1,895 per person, double occupancy, and includes deluxe accommodations, airfare from Orlando, park entrance fees and most meals. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Central Florida Zoo.

For further information of reservations, phone the zoo at 323-4450, ext. 112. Reservations must be made by no later than January 15.

Compiled from staff reports



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13 shopping
days to Christmas

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We finely have the weather



Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Wind becoming northeast 10 mph.

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Breaking the mold

Lakeview invited to share success story

By VICKI DeBORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — You can't make a difference in the lives of young people unless you're willing to break the mold.

Lakeview Middle School in Sanford is smashing the mold and doing whatever is necessary to increase the learning potential and the achievements of its students, many of whom have been labeled "at risk."

"We do what we have to," said principal Jim Shupe. "We have made a number of changes school-wide and we're seeing that it is working."

Individual teachers have also been given the freedom to tailor teaching methods to the needs of students.

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-Principal Jim Shupe

Shupe and some of his staff have been invited to take part in a workshop in February that will bring together representatives from the top 15 middle schools in the state to discuss how they've "broken the mold" and how they can continue to show success with their students.

"It's quite an honor," Shupe said. "We were

selected and invited to participate. This is not something we applied for."

Shupe said he and his staff took the charge of school improvement very seriously when they set about reaching the district and state-mandated goals of achievement a few years ago.

In 1993, Shupe said, they committed themselves to totally restructuring the school to minimize movement around campus and to maximize the instructional time for the students.

Each of the schools three pods was designated for a particular grade level. In addition to keeping students from each grade with their peers, it forced teachers to move their classrooms. Some of the teachers had been in the same room for more than a decade. The change of location also

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Martin pulls police job ap

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Steve Martin has withdrawn his employment application with the Sanford Police Department. Martin says he is doing so because of pressure being placed against the police department and city government.

In a letter submitted to Police Chief Ralph Russell, with a copy to the *Sanford Herald*, Martin wrote: "I

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Judge bid fond farewell

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Waves of laughter filled the American Legion Hall Sunday night as a huge crowd of friends and colleagues gathered to honor and poke a little fun at retiring circuit court Judge C. Vernon Mize Jr.

The audience looked like a "Who's Who" roster of appellate, circuit and county judges.

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Christmas season special for Children's Home



Mr. and Mrs. Claus (John Poland and Jackie Nye) greet Crystal Pettus.

82 special children deck halls with joyful sounds of laughter

By VICKI DeBORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Tearing into red, green and silver bags, the children who live at the Central Florida Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise oohed and aahed at the view from the back porch of Otter's Dockside restaurant at the Port of Sanford.

"Look at that pool and the lake," said one young lady. "I wonder if we're going to get to go swimming."

Though a dip in the cool waters was not on the

agenda for the day, the youngsters were guests at the waterfront eatery for a meal, some dessert and a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

"I think this is really neat," said Felicia. "I like to do stuff like this and we don't get to do it too much."

Inside the goodie bags, the youngsters found mirrored sunglasses, novelty balls, plastic gyroscopes and Matchbox cars.

"If you don't want yours, I'll take 'em," Crystal shouted to a friend at the other end of her table who had put the sunglasses aside to examine another.

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Humane Society gets new fund-raiser

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — David Schuck began knocking on doors last week as the new promotions and fund-raising director for the Humane Society of Seminole County.

Schuck began work last week to raise much-needed money for the cash-strapped animal adoption service on County Home Road. The Society has been forced to borrow from its building replacement fund to make ends meet.

although much of that money has been repaid. Society president Steve Mason said the board of directors has high hopes for Schuck, former executive director of the Humane Society in St. Lucie County, Fla.

"He has strong credentials," said Mason. "He was in St. Lucie and brings an impressive background."

Before his St. Lucie County position, Schuck worked for two years as a professional photographic trainer in Connecticut.

Schuck was hired at \$26,000 a year. He will

receive no commission for funds he generates for the Society.

"If I raise \$100,000 for them, I won't get a cent of it," said Schuck. "That's the beauty of it. It all goes to the Society."

Mason said Schuck will not fill the vacancy in the executive director's position left earlier this year. Mason said shelter manager Betty Munoz will continue in her present position and will not answer to Schuck.

"We'd like to have an executive director, a shelter manager and a fund-raising individual or firm, but money is tight," said Mason.

Mock wedding

Students explore traditional African ceremony in nuptials

By VICKI DeBORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Most people tend to think of weddings as a dainty, nearly motionless bride in a long white gown and "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue."

But, it's not that way for many other ethnic groups.

African Americans, forging their own unique identity, have combined ancient African, slave and Christian traditions to create their own colorful ceremony that is

gaining popularity.

On Friday, students in Debbie Mitchell's Marriage and Family class at Lake Mary High School learned first hand about the wed-ding ceremony, called Jumping the Broom as five couples were joined in the bonds of friendship in a mock wedding.

Each year the class culminates its discussions of marriage with a ceremony that is planned and executed by the students.

For six years, the students have done traditional Christian wed-

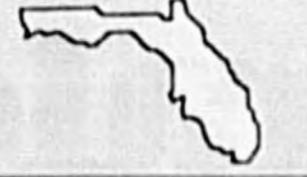
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Principal Raymond Gaines and Kelsha Long.

Herald Photo by Agryl Kondakian

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Cold front passes over Florida

VALPARAISO — The Florida Panhandle reported freezing temperatures this morning as a cold front moved across the state, the National Weather Service reported.

At 6 a.m. EST, the mercury dipped to 31 degrees in Mary Esther in Okaloosa County, and 32 degrees in nearby Milton in Santa Rosa County, said Tony Zaleski a meteorologist in the weather service's Coral Gables office.

"This is going to be the toughest morning for them," he said. "This is when the temperatures are coldest."

The cold weather was expected to stay for a repeat performance tonight then warm up by as much as 10 degrees by Wednesday.

Zaleski said crops should fare the cold spell well if farmers take the necessary precautions by watering them down or putting heat on them.

The chilly air wasn't confined to the Panhandle. South Florida, which has enjoyed an unusually warm fall, woke up with temperatures it's used to feeling in mid-December.

Thermometers were reading 62 degrees early today, a far cry from the past week's mid-80s.

And while it wasn't freezing, forecasters said the temperatures could dip.

"The threat of freeze is still there," said forecaster Jeff Gallup.

In the Tampa Bay area, residents were caught by surprise by the quick dive in temperatures. Tampa International Airport reported 46 degrees early this morning.

"We went from summer to winter all in a matter of a couple of hours," said Andy Nash, another weather service meteorologist in Ruskin.

The breeze gave 3-year-old Celina Reed an opportunity to wear her winter coat for the first time this season.

"I'm ready for it to get cold," said her mother, Kathleen. "I'm tired of sweating."

Domestic dispute leads to shooting

MELBOURNE — A man who apparently was upset after a confrontation with his ex-girlfriend was wounded by police when he threatened to "cut them down" with a samurai sword.

Eric Selman, 28, was wounded in the right shoulder Saturday. He was charged with false imprisonment, sexual assault and two counts of assault on an officer.

Selman's roommate, Mark Cross, said Selman and his ex-girlfriend had fought earlier in the day about visitation rights with their two children. Selman went wild, pulled the sword and sexually assaulted the woman, Cross said.

The victim talked her way out of the house with her children and drove to a phone booth to call police.

"As the officers entered the apartment, Selman ran onto the back porch and crouched down with the sword in what you could call a 'classic samurai attack stance,'" police spokesman Gary Markowski said.

The officers spent more than five minutes trying to get Selman to put the sword down. When he lunged at them, policeman Kevin Fain shot one time, Markowski said.

Selman was in fair condition Sunday at Holmes Regional Medical Center.

Four die in one-car accident

ENGLEWOOD — Four people died after their car tumbled into a culvert and slammed into a concrete wall, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Killed in the early Saturday crash were Darren Patrick Buckman, 17, and Amanda Dawn Shippy, 16, both of Englewood; Jeremy J. Benoit, 18, and Bret Alan Arzt, 22, both of Venice. None wore a seatbelt.

Authorities had not determined what caused Benoit to lose control of the station wagon. There was no evidence in the car the four had been drinking, but FHP said Sunday blood-analysis results won't be available until later this week.

Though witnesses told investigators they heard a crash around 3 a.m., no one called authorities until four hours later. Authorities, however, think the four died instantly.

"With the amount of crush damage we're pretty sure they were all killed on impact," said FHP Trooper Richard Trant.

A stream of tearful Englewood teen-agers and adults came to the accident scene Saturday.

"I just don't think it's real," said Jason Kastor, a junior at Lemon Bay High School. "I've known him (Buckman) for eight or nine years. I can't accept the fact he's gone. I can't grasp the fact that I'm never going to see him again."

From Associated Press reports

LOTTERY

MIAMI — Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Florida Lottery:

LOTTO
2-3-8-9-16-32



Cash 3
0-6-4
Play 4
7-1-8-1

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low in the low to mid 50s. Wind northeast 5 mph.

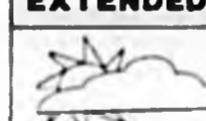
Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Wind northeast 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers east coast. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Thursday and Friday: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers east coast. Lows in the mid to upper 50s. Highs in the lower to mid 70s.

FLORIDA TEMPS

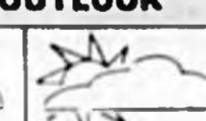
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Dalton Beach	71	58	10
Fort Myers	78	68	08
Gainesville	60	49	10
Jacksonville	61	49	30
Key West	64	72	00
Lake Wales	64	64	63
Miami	83	71	17
Orlando	70	55	33
Pensacola	53	37	01
St. Petersburg	61	48	32
Tallahassee	51	41	07
Tampa	71	54	22
Vero Beach	77	70	14
W. Palm Beach	82	69	20

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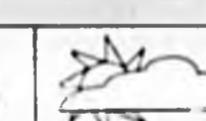
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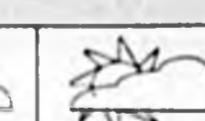
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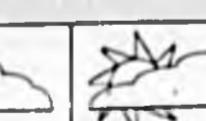
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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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MOON PHASES



NEW
Dec. 2

FIRST
Dec. 9

FULL
Dec. 18

LAST
Dec. 25

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2-4 feet and rough. The current is to the south. Water temperature is 67 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 4 feet and choppy. The current is to the south. Water temperature is 67 degrees.

TIDES

TUESDAY SOLAR TABLE: Min. 1:20 a.m., 1:35 p.m.; Maj. 7:25 a.m., 7:45 p.m. **TIDE8: Daytona Beach:** highs, 4:18 a.m., 4:34 p.m.; lows, 10:38 a.m., 10:54 p.m. **New Smyrna Beach:** highs, 4:23 a.m., 4:39 p.m.; lows, 10:43 a.m., 10:59 p.m. **Cocoa Beach:** highs, 4:28 a.m., 4:54 p.m.; lows, 10:58 a.m., 11:14 p.m.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford on Sunday was 63 degrees and Monday's overnight low was 50 degrees as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural and Educational Center, Ocala Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the weekend period ending 9 a.m. Monday totalled .45 inches.

Sunset.....5:30 p.m.

Sunrise.....7:00 a.m.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet

Small craft advisory: Today: Wind north 20 knots. Seas 6 to feet except higher in the gulf stream. Bay and inland waters choppy. Tonight: Wind northeast 20 knots. Seas 6 to 9 feet except higher in the gulf stream. Bay and inland waters choppy. Isolated showers part. Tuesday: Wind ne 15 to 20 knots.

NATIONAL TEMPS

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EST.	
City	Hi Lo Pre Ons
Anchorage	28 24 01 6
Asheville	36 21 06 cdp
Atlanta	46 32 06 cdp
Atlantic City	54 26 06 cdp
Baltimore	49 33 06 cdp
Boston	46 19 07 cdp
Bridgeport	49 21 07 cdp
Burlington, VT	38 04 03 cdp
Charleston, S.C.	67 39 35 cdp
Charleston, W. Va.	37 23 05 cdp
Charlotte, N.C.	59 27 05 cdp
Cheyenne	61 19 05 cdp
Chicago	24 14 05 cdp
Cincinnati	31 24 02 cdp
Cleveland	32 26 02 cdp
Concord, N.H.	43 10 02 cdp
Dallas/Ft. Worth	44 30 05 cdp
Denver	49 16 05 cdp
Des Moines	15 11 05 cdp
Honolulu	81 74 05 cdp
Houston	49 30 05 cdp
Indianapolis	37 23 05 cdp
Indio, Calif.	34 26 08 en
Kansas City	20 11 05 cdp
Las Vegas	51 39 05 cdp
Little Rock	38 24 05 cdp
Los Angeles	61 52 05 cdp
Memphis	37 25 05 cdp
Milwaukee	24 13 05 cdp
Minneapolis-St. Paul	11 08 05 cdp
Nashville	33 24 05 cdp
New Orleans	50 31 05 cdp
New York City	49 24 05 cdp
Oakland, Calif.	37 27 05 cdp
Omaha	19 13 05 cdp
Philadelphia	49 35 05 cdp
Phoenix	61 47 05 cdp
Pittsburgh	36 22 05 cdp
St. Louis	28 24 05 cdp
Seattle, Wash.	40 26 05 cdp
San Diego	62 53 05 cdp
Shreveport	41 26 05 cdp
Washington, D.C.	45 29 05 cdp

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Use of 900 acres in question

Community squabbles over air base's remains

By TRACY FIELDS
Associated Press Writer

base to speak to county commissioners about the issue.

Homestead was designated a model base after its virtual destruction by Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. Its conversion from active-duty to joint military-civilian use is supposed to provide a lesson for such changeovers at other bases in the future.

The federal government decided Dade County would be given control of the property, and its leaders must determine who will handle the redevelopment. Presently, there are two competing plans for using the surplus property.

One is backed by John Grace, a wealthy New York developer. The other was presented by a South Florida group, Homestead Air Base Developers Inc.

Both groups intend to bring aviation-related businesses to the prime land.

POLICE BRIEFS

Gas theft

Sheriff's deputies arrested two persons Thursday in response to a call regarding two men reportedly seen stealing gasoline from motor vehicles. Calvin Jerome Sims, 18, of 14 Lake Monroe Terrace, and John H. Oliver, 19, of 2471 Greenway Ave., were each charged with burglary to a vehicle. The incident reportedly occurred in the 2200 block of McCarthy Avenue.

Traffic stop

Timothy James O'Donnell, 44, of 438 River Isle Court, Longwood, was stopped by the Florida Highway Patrol on Interstate 4 near S.R. 434 Thursday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, and failing to accept a summons.

Drug arrest

Teresa Lynn Russell, 36, of Deltona, was arrested as the result of a reverse sting operation conducted by Sanford police Special Investigative Unit (SIU). The sting was conducted in the Franklin Arms Apartments area. Russell was charged with sale and delivery of crack.

Burglary

Curtis Crawford, 30, 272 S. Lake Avenue, Pahokee, was reportedly spotted by a Sanford police officer exiting an office trailer through a broken window early Friday, in the 800 block of W. 13th Street. The officer arrested Crawford and charged him with burglary and attempted theft.

Stolen/recovered vehicles

• A 1988 Isuzu pickup truck was reportedly stolen Tuesday from the 5300 block of Orange Boulevard. Sanford police later recovered the vehicle which was reportedly involved in a single car wreck at the corner of Sixth Street and Sanford Avenue.

• A 1987 Ford, reportedly stolen on Beth Drive, was recovered by Sanford police Thursday off Persimmon Avenue.

• A white 1987 Nissan, license number QCP-65M, was recovered stolen Thursday from Castle Brewer Court.

Warrants

• Scott Allen Shelton, 27, 2552 Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, was served a warrant at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility early Friday. He was wanted for failing to appear on charges of careless driving, and possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis.

• James W. Luce, 29, 400 Locust Ave., Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Thursday. He was wanted for failing to appear on a charge of obtaining property with a worthless check.

• Lucius Bradley, 22, 1107 W. Eighth Street, Sanford, was located by deputies in Lake Monroe Terrace Thursday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of running a red light.

• James Lewis Page, 29, 106 Winter Glenn, Sanford, was located by deputies near the intersection of U.S. Highway 17-92 and Lake Mary Boulevard Thursday. He was wanted on an Orange County warrant for failing to appear on a charge of battery.

• Fran T. Stafford, 22, 2007 W. 13th Street, Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Thursday. She was wanted for violation of probation on two previous convictions of theft.

• Brian Raymond Chiquennoigo, 23, 504 Franklin Arms Apartments, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. He was wanted for violation of probation for driving with a suspended/revoked license.

• Bernard Hall, 30, 1011 W. 14th Street, Sanford, was located by deputies of his residence Thursday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of sale of controlled substance.

• Paul Q. Brinkle, 30, 172 Windsor Court, Sanford, was located by deputies at U.S. Highway 17-92 and Lake Mary Blvd. Thursday. He was wanted on a warrant for carrying a concealed firearm.

• James Carter Frable, 24, 1300 Palm Way, Sanford, was located by deputies on Palm Way Thursday. He was wanted for shooting a missile into a dwelling.

• Thomas James Beauchesne, 36, 2702 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, was located by deputies at his residence Thursday. He was wanted for violation of probation for possession of cocaine.

• Lewis Edward Wright, 37, 165 Longleaf Pine Circle, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at his residence Wednesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of grand theft.

Incidents reported to the sheriff

• An attempted business burglary was reported Tuesday in the 2300 block of Sipes Avenue. Nothing was immediately determined to be missing.

• A \$1,500 Apple laptop computer was reportedly stolen Tuesday from a storage area at Idylwilde Elementary School on Vihlen Road. Officials say the computer had just recently been received, and was still wrapped up.

• An estimated \$1,513 in items including stair rails and other construction equipment was reported stolen Thursday from a business in the 3400 block of Scout Lake Lane in Oviedo.

• Lawn and sports equipment with a total value of \$550 was reported stolen Thursday from a garage in the 1400 block of Oberlin Terrace near Lake Mary.

• Lee Thomas Anderson, 33, 81 E. Orange Ave., Sanford, by Seminole County sheriff's deputies on charges of failure to appear on charges of lewd and lascivious acts on a child and retail theft. He was held at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility without bond.

Incidents reported to Sanford police

• A TV set valued at \$150 was reportedly stolen Thursday from a residence in the 1200 block of W. 16th Street.

• A vehicle burglary was reported Thursday in the 100 block of E. Fifth Street. An estimated \$305 in items were said to have been taken.

• A woman told police she was walking to her car in front of a convenience store Thursday in the 2900 block of Orlando Drive, when she was approached by a black male. She said the man grabbed her purse, containing \$60 in cash and personal items, and fled from the area.

• A TV set and bike valued at \$350 were reported stolen Thursday from a residence in the 1800 block of W. 15th Street.

• Tools valued at \$700 were reported stolen Thursday from a Chevrolet van parked in the 2800 block of S. French Avenue.

• Carpeting and a 2-ton air conditioning unit, with a total value of \$1,100 were said to have been stolen Thursday from a residence in the 800 block of E. Seventh Street.

• An estimated \$2,545 in painting equipment was reported stolen Thursday from the back of a pickup truck parked in the 300 block of North Lake Village.

Strong arm robbery alleged

Sandy Lee Coleman, 20, 2545 S. Palmetto Ave., Sanford, and Federico Guerrero Jr., 19, were charged with strong arm robbery and aggravated robbery by Lake Mary Police.

Police said that on Oct. 5, Coleman, Guerrero and others approached a victim on a skateboard in a hostile manner and chased him and threatened him with physical harm.

They said that when the perpetrators caught the victim, they punched him in the face and body, knocking out two teeth. They caused permanent disfigurement to the victim, said police, and stole his skateboard and hat, valued at about \$135.

Coleman and Guerrero were held on \$4,000 bond each at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.



Bridge being prepped for paint removal.

Oldest electronic bridge in state gets a paint job

LAKE MONROE — A friendly gesture by the Florida Department of Transportation to enhance Seminole County's Lake Monroe Wayside Park with the old U.S. Highway 17-92 bridge has gotten very costly.

When crews began scraping the structure to paint it, they found lead-based paint, said Steve Homan, FDOT district spokesman. The federally-mandated lead removal will expand the cost of a \$100,000 paint job to \$505,000, Homan said.

That's nearly eight times the \$75,000 cost to gingerly move the iron-and-wood structure from its resting place of 57 years to its new home at the park. The work should be done in about 12 weeks, said Homan.

Until the work's done, the iron and wood bridge will be wrapped in a material to contain paint flakes and the water used to blast them off.

Homan said the state historical commission required the bridge to be preserved because it is the oldest electronically-controlled bridge in the state. FDOT was required to get a maintenance agreement from the county to turn it over to them. The county agreed, but only if the state delivered a freshly-painted structure. The state was stuck with the expense, he said.

Marijuana trade flourished

Rancher: Everybody knew what was going

By Associated Press

PIERSON — Some residents wonder why it took so long for drug agents to descend on this poor farm town and arrest members of two families for distributing thousands of pounds of marijuana.

Authorities said after the Nov. 29 dawn raid by 200 agents, that the Garcia and Spence families had trucked in nine tons of pot from the Mexican border since 1989, and distributed it throughout Central Florida.

"Everybody knew what was going on. In a town this size, everybody knows everybody," said Robert Nolan, 48, a cattle rancher from nearby Seville. "It was just a matter of time."

Federal authorities accused Osiel Garcia Sr., 51, and his son, Jorge, 31, of heading the ring.

Osiel and Jorge Garcia, Loll Spence and seven family members were charged with conspiring to possess and distribute 18,000 pounds of marijuana from 1989 to June 1994.

Each has pleaded not guilty, and Jorge Garcia's lawyer, Chris Smith, said most of the evidence against his client was unreliable hearsay from informants.

The Spences and Garcias remain jailed without bond. They would face 10 years to life in prison if convicted.

Along with making the arrests, agents seized \$2 million in assets — 200 acres of land, a dozen homes, two fern farms and two dozen cars suspected of having been purchased with drug money.

Pierson, 15 miles north of DeLand, has a traffic light, a small grocery, two diners and a few other stores. A sign declares it the "Fern Capital of the World," and most of its 1,400 residents work in that industry.

Pierson is also known for supplying another plant — marijuana. "It was easy to get," said Jesse Ruth, a junior at Taylor Middle High School in Pierson, but probably not anymore.

The drug ring mushroomed in

**Newspaper:
Reporter's
murder
ordered**

By Associated Press

MIAMI — A Tampa Tribune reporter murdered five years ago in Peru was ordered killed by drug traffickers because they believed he was an American drug agent, the newspaper said.

The reporter, Todd Smith, had gone to Peru to report on cocaine trafficking. His body, showing signs he had been tortured and strangled, turned up in the park of a small Peruvian town in a region dominated by the drug trade.

He is believed to be the first journalist covering the Peruvian drug trade to be killed by traffickers and guerrillas working together.

A group of Peruvian journalists that follows human rights violations against writers is publishing a report on Smith this week in Lima, the Tribune reported Sunday.

The newspaper said it obtained a copy of the report from a delegate attending the Summit of the Americas this weekend in Miami.

Traffickers and Marxist Shining Path guerrillas apparently thought Smith had visited a recently completed military base that was the center of operations for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in the region.

It isn't known if Smith actually visited the base.

the last six years, mostly because there were few police officers around residents said.

Pierson disbanded its police department in 1990 and contracts with Volusia County to provide one sheriff's deputy for 12 hours a day. Other deputies patrol as needed, town officials said.

Census figures show the Pierson area had a per-capita income of \$6,700 in 1990. More than half the people speak only

Spanish, mostly Mexican farm workers living in poverty.

"It would be very unfair to characterize the majority of those (Hispanic) people as drug dealers and violent. It is a handful," said Ann Kendrick with the Catholic Diocese's office of farm worker ministry.

But it's a strong and active handful. It is a very alluring proposition to make in a few weeks what would be your yearly income breaking your

back cutting fern," Kendrick said.

The temptation to continue the trade remains, one fern grower said.

"This has been so blatantly apparent," the grower said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's crazy what's going on around here. And if you think catching the Spence boys and the Garcias is going to end it, then I've got a bridge to sell you."

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EDITORIAL

Plan for success

This one is for school age youngsters. Adults however, can read and recollect.

Next spring, all eighth and tenth graders will be given tests in their schools. Part of the test for eighth graders will help determine what profession they may follow. For the tenth graders, the test will help them formulate a plan with which these goals might be achieved.

The way we see it, this determination for the future should start as early in school as possible. While these two grades get the tests, every student should give some thought to a career.

There are a number of considerations when choosing a career. Can enough education be obtained (and financed) to reach such goals as brain surgeon or biochemist? If your goals are that high, have you discussed this with someone who is in that profession? They can be of great help.

Do you have the natural skills for a particular job? If not, can they be developed through practice or training?

Do you have parental support? This is often a problem. Many parents who may have ideals established by their forefathers, still believe a son should follow in his father's footsteps, and a daughter should do what mother did.

Remember the movie "The Graduate"? The prospective father-in-law kept stressing how plastics is the only profession in which to get involved. Yet the graduate had other goals. He was forced to suffer from this pressure which eventually led him to ruin.

Do students have someone they respect? Is that respect strong enough to cause an influence in deciding a career?

Right here, we must pause to comment about sports stars. Basketball or other sports players may have the spotlight. But it takes highly developed skills, talent and education to achieve what many of them do. It's foolhardy to think that all you have to do is play basketball every evening to earn a million dollar contract with the Orlando Magic.

Yes, a career in sports is possible for a few. But even they often have difficulty when their careers have ended. Working at nothing but sports until you reach age 38, then finding yourself with no other skills, is not the result of proper career planning. Look at how many super-stars we have today who also have bachelor's and master's degrees they can fall back on once their sports lives have ended.

For eighth and tenth graders, spend the next few months giving serious thought to a future career. For all other students, do likewise. The level of success in your future will relate directly to the level of planning you do now.

LETTER

Defending fired deputy

I cannot believe all of the media attention that former deputy Steve Martin is getting over such an isolated minor issue that is being blown way out of proportion.

Rick Shearer is at least correct in one statement made in his letter, that few people know the whole truth behind the incident. I believe that if this incident was looked at closely you would find personal motivation behind the disciplinary action taken by the Sheriff's Office.

Let's not forget our number one law enforcement officer at the Sheriff's Office referring to the Midway citizens as animals in the past. "Is this the pot calling the kettle black?"

Steve Martin worked under my supervision while I was a sergeant at the Sheriff's Office and I can assure you that he is a professional in every sense of the word concerning his contact with every race.

The only thing that the Sheriff's Office achieved when they fired Steve Martin was the loss of a seasoned, professional police officer, who would certainly be an asset to the Sanford Police Department.

What kind of people would stand in a public forum and threaten violence over hiring this man? It seems to me that they need to clean their house before judging others.

I hope that the mayor and the police chief stand on their own feet and do not submit to idle threats from the public.

Steve Martin has been crucified enough, let's give him a chance before sending him to the firing squad.

Steven P. Walther
Heathrow

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

NAT HENTOFF

Trend of disrespecting the president

In 1796, Tom Paine spoke of — and to — president George Washington, accusing him of being "a hypocrite in public life. The world will be puzzled to decide whether you are an apostate or an imposter, whether you have abandoned your good principles, or whether you ever had any."

In the robust American tradition of skewering public officials, Harry Truman said of Richard Nixon that "he is a shifty-eyed goddamn liar... he is one of the few in the history of this country to run for high office talking out of both sides of his mouth at the same time — and lying out of both sides."

Also attacked with malign gusto have been Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and others occupying our highest office. As a boy, reading most of the partisan daily newspapers in Boston, I took for granted that in this wonderfully open country — unlike those elsewhere — a citizen of any rank could tell any public official what he or she thought of him.

But in view of the shocked reaction to Jesse Helms' recent disrespectful comments about the current president, it might seem that we have become a much more tender and sensitive people — at least as exemplified by certain politicians and journalists among us.

Still, I think for once the senator from North

Carolina has been much too harshly and

disingenuously treated by those politicians and journalists. Asked on television whether he thought Bill Clinton is "up to the job of being commander in chief," Helms — who had not solicited the question — answered, "You ask me an honest question, I'll give you an honest answer." No, said Helms, Clinton is not up to the job. But I've met many people around the country who believe that, including more than a few Democrats. It's not an act of treason to express that opinion.

Then Jesse Helms unwittingly turned himself into a modern version of the old-time carnival game in which a man jukes his head through a



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hole while eager customers throw baseballs at him, three for a quarter.

"Mr. Clinton better watch out if he comes to North Carolina," Helms said. "He'd better have a bodyguard" if he visits military bases there.

This struck me at the time as a failed attempt at the kind of mordant political one-liners with which Jay Leno peppers his opening monologues. It never occurred to me to take the bitter fantasy literally.

And even if Helms had meant it, the First Amendment protects him unless — as ruled in the unanimous Supreme Court 1969 Brandenburg v. Ohio decision — he was advocating imminent violence (right then and there) and evidence was produced that people were ready to commit imminent violent action as a result of what he said.

There is no proof that Helms' barbed advice to the president violated Brandenburg.

Jesse Helms has said he made a mistake with reference to his comment about the bodyguards. He has apparently learned, after all these years, to sort of censor himself. I don't think that's of any great benefit to the nation. I would rather know what the Jesse Helmses of the land are actually thinking.

JACK ANDERSON

DLC chair, Clinton trade shots

WASHINGTON — Rep. David McCurdy, D-Okl., may have concluded his once-promising political career in a hail of rhetorical gunfire during an Oval Office meeting last week.

As the meeting began, McCurdy told President Clinton that he was speaking "as a private citizen" as it might be the last time he ever set foot in the Oval Office. Since losing his Senate bid Nov. 8, McCurdy said he felt more "liberated" to rail against the direction of the administration, a luxury he noted others in the room — Sens. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., John Breaux, D-La., Charles Robb, D-Va., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. — might not enjoy.

That was how McCurdy framed what became a sharply worded and heated hour-long exchange with Clinton in which he pinned political blame on the administration for causing both the party's and his own political decline. Along with the four senators, McCurdy had been invited to the White House as part of the 10th anniversary of the Democratic Leadership Council, which espouses the centrist "New Democrat" agenda that helped catapult Clinton to the presidency.

Last week, Clinton devoted substantial energy to fending off the DLC's friendly fire. McCurdy, who is currently chair of the DLC, accused Clinton in public and private sessions of essentially being a traitor to the cause, and of alienating the middle class. He offered some personnel advice as well. He urged Clinton to fire controversial Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders and, with senior adviser George Stephanopoulos looking on, said there needed to be a shakeup of the White House staff.

"With all due respect to George, and I know how hard he works, there have to be changes here at the White House," McCurdy said.

Only two and a half years ago, McCurdy made a second speech for Clinton's nomination at the Democratic National Convention, but recently he has sounded like someone itching to sue for political breach-of-contract. The Republican rout has convinced many Democrats that the party has lurched too far left, but last week's attacks left Clinton both contrite and combative.

"Dave was very direct with him," one senior White House official told us. "It came across pretty personal. The president really got animated. He had a lot of emotion, expression and feeling. The president's point was, 'Look, I believe in being faithful to my promises in this campaign and a lot of the promises were DLC. I don't believe in a political correctness test. I understand your point and now let's decide what we're going to do.'"

A second White House official was less philosophical: "People over here have about had it with McCurdy. I think it's time for him to take some responsibility for his defeat. He was running around the country trashing the president when it was convenient, did everything to distance himself from Clinton and then tried to blame him for his defeat."

McCurdy told us that everyone attending the Oval Office meeting was "pleased to see (Clinton) concerned or emotional about what was going on. He showed some real leadership and we actually applauded that." Moreover, McCurdy says the real object of Clinton's wrath was Stanley Greenberg, the president's chief pollster who undercut the administration by corroborating many of the DLC's conclusions.



HODDING CARTER

Not all Americans are angry

Why is everyone so mad? It's a persistent question these days, given extra emphasis by the political earthquake last month. You can hardly read a newspaper or newsmagazine without encountering someone's answer, usually either impressionistic or ideological. Here are a few more thoughts on the subject, which like most will seem more self-evident to the author than to the audience.

Let's begin with a caveat: Most Americans aren't actually mad all the time, or even a good deal of the time. What we're talking about here are the attitudes of a minority of the people, not a majority.

That said, it is no surprise that a number of people find it hard to stay calm and content when they are besieged by changes that contradict deep-rooted beliefs or make them feel insecure. Everyone over 40 knows firsthand that a phenomenal set of social revolutions has rolled across the national landscape in their lifetime. Individually, each was a liberating experience for a significant group of Americans. Collectively, they frightened or offended a large body of other Americans.

Exactly what has happened since I left college in 1957?

First, women took off their aprons and joined the work force out of desire as well as necessity. Some 60 percent of all women with children work outside the home, a 50 percent increase in 30 years. Many think of that as liberation. Many others — including some of the women who go off to work each day — believe it is an affront to the normal order.

Second, black Americans in the South extricated themselves from Jim Crow segregation and began to demand the rights and privileges long denied them in schools, jobs and politics. They also forced white society to face — and then, after an anguished pause, vociferously deny — the reality that Northern-style racism had Southern-style consequences for millions of blacks in the urban ghettos. They, and other so-called "minorities," became the beneficiaries of innovative, frequently infuriating measures to undo the current effects of previous discrimination.

Third, homosexuals walked out of the closet and into straight society's face. Most of us intellectually understand that people should not be penalized for their sexual orientation any more than for their skin color or religion. But for millions of us, that's easier to say than to feel deep in the gut. For millions more, gays and lesbians are people who have deliberately chosen to be "perverts" and should be forced to pay the price for their choice.

Fourth, abortion moved from butchery in the back alleys (or more comfortable alternatives overseas for the rich) to the legally permissible mainstream of everyday medical procedure. Whatever the real numbers were when abor-

tions were illegal, there are now about 1.5 million legal abortions each year. In the minds of tens of millions of sincere men and women, each one is the murder of an unborn child, and therefore a violation of that central tenet of the moral law, "Thou shall not kill."

Fifth, the courts pushed state-required (invariably Protestant) prayer out of public schools. While this is the subject of more heat than light, since few people actually want the state to write prayers that their children can be forced to recite, the heat is intense. The prayer decision for a significant minority of the population was final proof that the government was the enemy of religion, and more specifically, of their religion.

Not one of these was a small event.

Each undid the operative myths or commonly accepted practices of generations of Americans. It was not merely the segregationists' morally repugnant "way of life" which was destroyed. Much else in the social contract that had previously been held sacrosanct, hypocritically or not, was called into question. Most of the changes were swallowed; none has been thoroughly digested, a point that didn't need the Christian Coalition to drive home.

But that only begins to fill in the picture. There is the lingering hangover from Vietnam, the first war the United States ever lost. There is violent crime, instantly available in our homes in living color, as the central images of urban life and a new threat in the suburbs. There is the largest wave of immigrants in American history. And there are the twin pathologies of spiraling illegitimacy, particularly among teenagers, and commonplace divorce.

Even all of this might have been accommodated, if not totally accepted, if the economy had held steady. It didn't. In the last 15 years we have had two major recessions, one of which came closer to the Great Depression of the 1930s than any other since then. Far worse, after 30 years of spectacular improvement in the median income for working Americans, there have been 20 years of stagnation or decline.

Collectively, they frightened or offended a large body of other Americans.

George Stephanopoulos

Surgeon General

Job

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I am not withdrawing because I am not qualified. Quite the opposite. I doubt if anyone else has my experience, training and education to degree in criminal justice."

He continues, "It is not that I feel I can not serve and protect ALL of Sanford's citizens equally. I can. I am not that shallow that I see color in my personal or work life."

Martin was dismissed from the Seminole County sheriff's department last year. Sheriff Don Estlinger had said the actual dismissal was for conduct unbecoming a deputy, when Martin reportedly made copies and distributed some material which contained racial slurs.

During the Nov. 28 Sanford City Commission meeting, a number of members of the black community spoke out to register complaints about what they had heard was an attempt by the Sanford Police Department to hire Martin. At least two of the persons who commented on the matter told the commission the hiring could lead "to a blood bath."

Judge

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Attorneys, law enforcement, county officials and courthouse staff.

Multicolored Christmas lights twinkled overhead in the banquet hall and silver packages tied with velvet ribbon hung from the ceiling adding to the festive holiday atmosphere as Mize's friends Judge O.H. (Bill) Eaton, Judge Clarence Johnson and Ken McIntosh bid him adieu.

"I'm going to miss Vernon Mize," Eaton said. "It is tough to say goodbye to a good friend. He deserved Mize as a constant, valuable counselor with a wealth of experience who is always willing to lend a hand to other judges when schedules get tight."

During his 14 years as a circuit court judge, Mize was always ranked at or near the top of polls of the Seminole County Bar Association members, Eaton noted.

Eaton recalled not everyone agreed with the polls. A man who was not an attorney didn't like Mize's decision in his case. He was wandering around the county dressed in fatigues and armed with an AR-15, reportedly looking for the judge. "No one wanted to go to lunch with him during that time," Eaton added. As the crowd roared with laughter.

Acknowledging Mize's undying allegiance to the University of Florida Gators, Eaton pres-

In submitting his withdrawal letter to Russell, Martin explained the reasons, which are as follows:

• 1 — The threats of some self-appointed "leaders" who say there will be violence. What kind of leaders are these? They even admit they do not know me, but are quick to pre-judge me. When I called these individuals to set up a meeting so they could get to know me, they would not return my calls or they cancelled the meeting which was set to meet their schedules.

• 2 — These "leaders" have also taken this time to make personal attacks on Chief Russell and Deputy Chief Dillard. Both of these men are professionals and want the best for the City of Sanford. Attacks have been made against other fine city officials. How sad.

• 3 — The sheriff even got involved. This is interesting coming from the top law enforcement officer of Seminole County, who called the citizens of the Midway community "Animals" on TV. Blacks made complaints against CCBP for

excessive force when Estlinger was in charge of this group. What a shame for an agency as large as the Sheriff's Office to only have one black in an administrative position. Enough Said.

• 4 — Let's not forget the newly formed F.O.P. at the Sanford Police Department. Ladies and gentlemen, the first letter is "F" for fraternal. This organization is not for creating turmoil, but fellowship. I was a member and officer in a Fraternal Order of Police lodge for many years.

Martin concluded his letter by writing, "I feel that with all this undo pressure being placed on the Sanford Police Department and city government by these self-appointed "leaders" that the good citizens of Sanford will suffer if these few continue, if I were hired, I would not want this."

I know that I would have provided ALL the citizens of Sanford outstanding service and protection.

Martin's letter was dated Friday Dec. 9.

ented him with a Gator hat, Gator t-shirt, Gator tie on it with the UF seal on it and hookends featuring two nuts sporting UF football helmets.

"So one is more of a nut for the Gators than Vernon Mize," Eaton said.

Johnson recalled graduating from law school with Mize in the UF class of '58. Four of the classmates have served as circuit court judges in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, he added.

Although it is important for a judge to rule correctly on evidence, Johnson said, a judge is remembered for how he treats people, not if he ruled in an attorney's favor on a particular case. Mize will be remembered for treating people fairly, he added.

McIntosh chided the speakers who preceded him for their praise and kudos for the retiring judge. "You'd think they were going to appear before him Monday morning," he quipped.

McIntosh recalled when Mize became a county court judge in January 1959. "I learned the word reversed." At the time there were 11 attorneys in all of Seminole County and Vernon Mize.

The attorney claimed Mize received notes from across the county addressed to Dear Sugarman or Honey Britches from Hillary Clinton, Paula Jones and Jennifer Flowers wishing him

well in his retirement. McIntosh also poked some fun at the judge's change of hair color (white to blond) and the well-worn familiar hat he always wears.

"Loosen up and spend a buck," McIntosh said. "Get a new hat. You are tight as a crab claw."

McIntosh good-naturedly questioned the judge's high ranking in all the polls noting telephone records indicated hundreds of calls, perhaps of a threatening nature, had been made from the judge's telephone just before the balloting.

A — This is your courtroom Judge Mize's skit program featured state attorney Norm Wolfgang, public defender J.R. Russo, court clerk Maryanne Morse, sheriff Don Estlinger and a cast of attorneys and staff showing the humorous side of justice.

Mize said he was overwhelmed at the turnout as he recognized the staff and departments he has worked with through the years. The judge received a plaque from the sheriff's office, a portrait with his likeness and the courthouse in the background along with an electric rose. The judge and his wife, Mary, grow roses for a hobby.

He urged those present to continue to take the leadership role in making society an even better place.

Wedding

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tings. It was time, Mitchell said, for them to see that there are lots of different types of weddings.

"This year, we're doing an African American wedding. Next year maybe we'll do a Greek wedding or a big Hispanic Catholic wedding," she said. "We'll have to see."

Having just read a book about the history of the Jumping the Broom ceremony, she suggested that option to her students who said they loved the idea of doing something different.

Last week's ceremony was preceded by a fashion show of traditional wedding gowns and bridesmaids' dresses. Models strutted their stuff under the blaring lights and MTV beats.

But as the first of the bridesmaids, dressed in a golden gown and elbow gloves glided down the auditorium aisle to the beat of "The Circle of Life" in traditional African tune which has been incorporated into a rousing Disney classic from the "Lion King" movie, a hush fell over

the crowd.

"Wow!" whispered one of the guests.

Carrying red, black and green candles to represent the blood, the skin and the earth of the African people, the bridesmaids led the procession to the stage.

By the time the brides, resplendent in gowns of traditional African print, and their fathers had made their way to their waiting grooms, a few eyes were

brightened.

Forsaking the traditional purple, white and gold of African-American brides, the students felt the more colorful prints were more to their liking.

After a mock Christian ceremony at which the couples were pronounced to be friends (a compromise the class chose in order to avoid the real marriage bonds), broom bearers whisked the festooned brooms over their heads to sweep away the evil spirits and then put the brooms on the floor. The couples then jumped over the brooms and into the land of matrimony.

"I liked it a lot," said bride Heidi Dobson during the reception which followed in the school's media center. "It was really neat."

Her groom Ryan Crain found the it to be little more than a learning experience.

"It brought a lot of excitement to learning about the weddings," he said.

While Crain said he would never incorporate any of the aspects of the ceremony into a wedding of his own, Dobson said she'd think about it later.

"It's (any wedding plan) a long time away," she said. "I think about it in a while."

Principal Raymond Gaines, who stood in as a father to one of the brides, believes the class gives the students a deep understanding of the seriousness of marriage, starting with the planning of a wedding.

"And I think she (Mitchell) does a great job," he said. "These kids have planned this wedding and reception down to the last second. It is a fantastic class."

Children

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item in the bag.

"They're cool to let us come down here like this," she said of the organizers of the event. "We get to do the neatest stuff at Christmastime."

Sponsors (Others: Doc at Doc's Marina Repair, Hidden Harbor Marina, Victoria's Pizza in Wekiva, Tracy Collins at Detroit Diesel, John Turnbull and the ladies at the downtown Sanford Sunbank, the Central Florida Zoo, Dan Watkins of Watkins and Pagan, Charlie Clifton of West Volusia Plumbing, Tony Manns and Tony Manvalin of United Service Associates, Apple Bee's Restaurant in Longwood, Dave Farr and the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, the

ladies Seminole Bank and Wayne Wheeler, Dan Crooke, David Mayer, Evelyn Wruck and Craig Simmons of the Lake Mary Kmart) brought the children to the restaurant to have a good time and a good meal at a time when they might otherwise be forgotten.

"I think they're really nice to do this for us," said Linda. "I don't get to go many nice places and this is really nice."

The 82 children and a host of adult chaperones jammed into the restaurant's back porch and an adjoining private room for the party where they were doted over by the staff.

"I like having a party for me like this," said Kimberley. "This is neat."

A few minutes after arriving, Joshua, who appeared to be about 10 years old, sat, arms crossed, staring through mirrored sunglasses at the rest of the room.

"Where's the food?" he asked. "I'm hungry."

Janice playfully swatted him with the back of her hand.

"He don't ever want to have fun," she said. "This is the best thing we done all year."

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DEATHS

MARION BEAUREGARD

Marion Beauregard, 92, Sausalito Boulevard, Casselberry, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1994 at her residence. Born Jan. 15, 1902, in Worcester, Mass., she moved to Central Florida in 1984. She was a schoolteacher. She was Catholic. She was a member of the Teachers Club.

Survivors include nephews, John Hayes, Escondido, Calif.; James Hayes, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Baldwin-Fairchild Goldenrod, Winter Park Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

VIRGIL C. GRACEY

Virgil C. Gracey, 75, Sanford Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. Born Nov. 22, 1919 in Augusta, Ga., he moved to Central Florida in 1934. He was an automobile mechanic. He was a member of Elder Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Timothy, Sanford; Virgil, Geneva, James, Oviedo; daughter, Patricia Bowen, Osteen; brothers, Clifford, Ocala; Charles, Geneva, sister, Estelle Coleman, Sorrento; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN W. HEDGES

John W. Hedges, 73, Lake Harney Circle, Geneva, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994. Born in Harrison, Pa., he moved to Central Florida in 1966. He was employed in pneumatics and cryogenics with Kennedy Space Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include daughters, Lenore, Geneva, Rose Lynn Allen, Bridgeport, W.Va.; Linda Jones, Greenacres, Fla.; sons, Morris, Bunnell, John Jr., Minnie, brother, Steve, Morgantown, W.Va.; sisters, Ella Markusic, Streetsboro, Ohio; Elsie Solomon, Morgantown; 11 grandchildren. North Brevard Funeral Home,

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**Doing for others**

Some employees of the Seminole County public schools' maintenance department and their families gave up a Saturday this last weekend to host a car wash to benefit the needy. Todd Melts, Dennis Knowles, Ernest Brown, Lorenzo Melts and Tony Melts scrubbed cars clean to raise money to buy SHARE food packages for those who will have little to eat this holiday season.

Herald Photo by Phil Kaniston

Earthquake brought them together

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Wiped out by the Northridge earthquake nearly a year ago, Mike Kubaisy found something precious in the aftermath of disaster: his new wife.

Kubaisy and Patricia Silden met when Silden was trapped on

the third-floor balcony of her apartment at the Northridge Meadows complex, where 10 people died in the Jan. 17 quake.

Kubaisy heard her cries for help and came to her rescue. Later, they kept in touch as they met to gather what was left of their belongings and attended

meetings of the former tenants of Northridge Meadows.

"I was stripped of all my belongings but blessed with so much more," Kubaisy said Saturday, his wedding day. "Nothing in my wildest dreams could have told me that this was the way I would find a wife."

Record number of women named Rhodes Scholars

By ANN BUI
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — For the third consecutive year a record number of women were selected to receive prestigious Rhodes Scholarships.

Of the 32 Americans named as scholarship recipients Sunday, 18 were women and 14 were men. Last year, 17 women were named scholars and 16 were named in 1992.

The competition — created in 1902 — was first opened to women in 1976. It offers winners a chance to study at Oxford University in England. Criteria include high academic achievement, integrity, leadership and athletic prowess, program officials said.

"I feel absolutely thrilled. I am so excited," said Sarah Light from the campus of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., where she is studying politics and Russian studies.

Light, who also is president of an a cappella singing group, said she had already applied to Oxford before winning the scholarship.

Jennifer Babick, 21, said she was once apprehensive about leaving the Northeast to study medicine.

"Now I'm leaving the

country," said the Princeton University student, a native of Piscataway, N.J.

"It feels great. I'm really excited about it. My roommates got me some champagne and we celebrated," said the molecular biology major who also plays softball and lacrosse.

Many of the students showed interest in community service.

Ben Jones, 22, of Princeton is a volunteer tutor in a prison. The mechanical engineering student is also a rock climber and plays the piano and acoustic guitar.

The Falmouth, Mass., resident said he and his friends "had a drink and celebrated. Jumped around a bit" after the winners were announced. But then it was back to the books.

"Unfortunately I have a big exam tomorrow. You can't get away from the exams," Jones said.

Brent Roam, a religious studies major at Arizona State University, founded a drug outreach center in Stockton, Calif. Roam is also an actor and plans to study English language and literature at Oxford, program officials said.

The winners were also active in sports, including kick boxing and soccer. Harvard University led the field with six scholars. Princeton University followed

with three students chosen. A total of 23 schools were represented.

The 32 Americans were chosen from 1,253 applicants. About 60 scholars were chosen from 17 other countries, officials said.

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The scholars

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 32 students chosen as American Rhodes scholars for 1995, listed by district where the application was filed. The city provided by the candidate may be a hometown or college town. Applicants may apply either in their home state or the state where their college is located.

DISTRICT ONE, NEW ENGLAND
Benjamin F. Jones, Falmouth, Mass., Princeton University.
Sarah E. Light, Belmont, Mass., Harvard University.
Diana M. Sabot, Williamstown, Mass., Dartmouth College.
Renu Chandra, Providence, R.I., Brown University.
DISTRICT TWO, MIDDLE ATLANTIC
Jennifer Babick, Piscataway, N.J., Princeton University.
Tracy Johnston, Garrison, N.Y., Wellesley College.
John H. Leaman, Lancaster, Pa., Elizabethtown College.
Rebecca Spies, Livermore, Calif., Villanova University.
DISTRICT THREE, SOUTHERN
Michael Wenthur, Athens, Ga., Duke University.
Robert W. Johnson, Jonesboro, Ga., Furman University.
Jennifer Santora, Audubon, Pa., University of Tennessee at Knoxville.
Zayde Gordon Antrim, Richmond, Va., University of Virginia.

DISTRICT FOUR, GREAT LAKES
Rebecca Boggs, Louisville, Ky., Harvard University.
Jonathan Baer, Mount Pleasant, Mich., University of Chicago.
Eric R. Oliver, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S. Military Academy.
James R. Wall, Jr., Greenleaf, Wis., University of Wisconsin.

DISTRICT FIVE, MIDDLE WEST
Liz Person, Ames, Iowa, Iowa State University.

Matthew Polly, Topeka, Kansas, Princeton University.

Maria Kalbel, Minneapolis, Minn., Harvard University.

Melling Hazleton, Chicago, Ill., University of Chicago.

DISTRICT SIX, GULF
Mallory Ann Hayes, Tuscaloosa, Ala., University of Alabama.

Drew Diana, LaGrange, Baton Rouge, La., Louisiana State University.

Cristina Maria Rodriguez, San Antonio, Texas, Rice University.

America Salomon, Dallas, Texas, Harvard University.

DISTRICT SEVEN, SOUTHWEST
Brent Roam, Phoenix, Ariz., Arizona State University.

Rachel Maddow, Castro Valley, Calif., Stanford University.

Jordan T. Schreiber, San Cristobal, N.M., Harvard University.

Heather Ure, Salt Lake City, Utah, Wellesley College.

DISTRICT EIGHT, NORTHEAST
Thomas Geiser, West Middlesex, Pa., U.S. Air Force Academy.

Ryan Sawyer, Boise, Idaho, Seattle University.

Debra L. Wall, Portland, Ore., Oregon State University.

Drew D. Hansen, Mercer Island, Wash., Harvard University.

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TVA: it's too expensive to finish power plants

By DUNCAN MANSFIELD
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Valley Authority may drop plans to finish three nuclear reactors and to power up another long-idled nuclear unit because of high construction and operating costs.

Faced with a \$25.7 billion debt, TVA Chairman Craven Crowell said it's "highly unlikely" the unfinished reactors will be completed as nuclear stations. Natural gas would be a cheaper alternative, he said.

Crowell planned an announcement about the reactors and the U.S. government-owned corporation's financial crisis in a speech to TVA employees today.

Both issues are a source of growing concern to oversight committees in Congress and to the 160 utilities and industries that provide power from the TVA for nearly 8 million customers.

Crowell made it clear in September that the agency would impose a debt limit on itself before it hits the \$30 billion ceiling authorized by Congress. About \$13 billion of the debt is tied to TVA's nuclear program.

The TVA once had a grand vision of a 17-reactor power system, but only three are now running — a reactor at Browns Ferry near Athens, Ala., and the two-unit Sequoyah Nuclear Plant near Chattanooga.

In February, Crowell launched an effort to plan for TVA's next 25 years.

A key component of that process was deciding what to do with an unfinished reactor at the Watts Bar plant near Spring City, Tenn. Two incomplete reactors at the Bellefonte plant near Hollywood, Ala., and a long-shuttered reactor at Browns Ferry.

The Watts Bar reactor is 61 percent complete and the Bellefonte reactors are 88 per-

cent and 57 percent complete, respectively.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has logged nearly 1,000 safety complaints from Watts Bar employees, more than at any other U.S. nuclear plant. But despite continuing problems there, the TVA is not backing off a second Watts Bar reactor.

That reactor, which has taken 22 years and cost more than \$6 billion to get to its nearly finished stage, is scheduled to go into operation next fall. It is the only reactor in the country under active construction.

A third unit at Browns Ferry is still scheduled to return to service in 1996.

Congressional oversight committees recently have focused on TVA's nuclear program and debt. Getting TVA's house in order may be even more pressing now with the new Republican congressional majority's budget-cutting agenda.

Death row dog

By The Associated Press

DANVILLE, Va. — A Labrador retriever has been sentenced to death by a judge for chasing mail carriers.

General District Judge Ryland Dodson ruled this month that 6-year-old Smokey is vicious even though he's never bitten anyone.

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4. Decision of the judges is final.
5. Entries must be mailed or brought to the Sanford Herald by Dec. 21st.
6. Prizes will be awarded Dec. 23rd.
7. Winners will appear in the Sanford Herald Dec. 26th.

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Sports

IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Hardick leads OCS Rams

MERRITT ISLAND — Jakob Hardick tossed in 20 points Friday night to lead the Orange Christian School Rams to a 97-44 romp over host Merritt Island Christian.

Orange Christian also won the junior varsity game, 95-25.

Hardick was one of five Rams to score in double figures. Dan VandeStreek added 15 points and 15 rebounds.

After taking the week off for exams, the Rams will play again Friday night, when they host the West Orange Warriors.

Boy Scout golf benefit

SANFORD — Mayfair County Club will host the Scramble for Scouting golf tournament this coming Friday Dec. 16.

All proceeds will go to Boy Scout Troop 854 of Lake Mary.

The event will begin with a free golf clinic at 8:30 a.m. and free breakfast provided by McDonald's. The tournament, which will be scored on the Callaway System, will start with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, and Boy Scout cookies will be provided after the tournament.

Columnist/cartoonist Jake Vest (of That's Jake) will be the guest speaker.

There will be closest to the pin contests on all par-three holes, a prize for the most accurate drive on No. 1, and for the longest drive on No. 12. There also will be door prizes and a silent auction.

Entry fee is \$65 a player or \$240 for a foursome. Tee sponsorships are \$100. For information, call 333-3500.

AROUND THE STATE

Bucs win, still eliminated

TAMPA — It was too little, too late for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs, with Craig Erickson throwing touchdown passes of 71 and 44 yards to Charles Wilson, won their third straight game for the first time in 12 years with a 24-14 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday.

Entering play this weekend, the Bucs (5-9) were one of 25 teams with a shot at the NFL playoffs. But the victory wasn't enough as results from other games eliminated the Bucs from contention.

Erickson threw for 231 yards, 176 of them to Wilson, while Errett Rhett ran for 119 yards and a touchdown.

Tampa Bay last won three in a row in the strike-shortened 1982 season when the Bucs had their last winning record and qualified for the playoffs.

Owners counter; union up next

RYE BROOK, N.Y. — Baseball owners replaced their escalating payroll tax with a flat tax Sunday. The union, however, said it would act like a salary cap.

Management negotiator John Harrington said the plan was a "substantial move" by the owners, who received the union's latest proposal just 27 hours earlier. The plan also has provisions for a secondary tax that owners said would ensure salaries don't escalate.

It didn't seem as if the day's bargaining produced progress, but the owners said their plan embraced some of the union's ideas on future joint ventures.

"They offered us some very interesting, enlightened concepts yesterday that seemed to have opened the door to a partnership," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said. "We think it behoves us to go through that door."

Union head Donald Fehr said his side needed time to analyze the plan but his initial reaction wasn't positive.

AROUND THE NATION

Girls' Basketball

Oak Ridge at Lake Mary, 6 p.m.
 Lake Brantley at Edgewater, JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

Seminole at Lake Mary, JV, 5:45 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Howell at Oviedo, JV, 5:45 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

St. Cloud at Lyman, JV, 6:30 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV

BASKETBALL
 7:30 p.m. — WKCF 18, Orlando Magic at New Jersey Nets, (L)

FOOTBALL
 9 p.m. — WFTV 9, Kansas City Chiefs at Miami Dolphins, (L)

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Youth cagers let it fly

'Baker's dozen' take to court on opening day

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Julio Reyes's three pointer at the buzzer helped AOK Tie top American Legion 55-52 to highlight opening day action of the Sanford Recreation Youth Basketball League Saturday at the Sanford Middle School Gymnasium.

Reyes' buzzer-beater came in a Senior Division game on a day that saw 13 games played in four different divisions.

The league, which is for boys and girls under the age of 15, will play games every Saturday at the Sanford Middle School Gymnasium through February.

The top scoring performance of the day was a 21-point outburst by George Baker in a 74-15 victory for Fleet Reserve over Recreation III in a Senior Division game. Baker got a lot of help from teammate Titus Waldo, who pumped in a third-best 19 points.

The second highest scoring total on the day was a 20 point effort turned in by Anthony Charles in a 28-20 victory for Calvary Apostolic against Sunland Corp. in a junior contest.

In the first weeks results:

Junior Prep Mutual of Omaha (MVP) Chauncy Hampton, 35; Bertrand (MVP) Jerome Perkins, 13; Running Rebels (MVP) Joshua Smith, 26; Robin Morris (MVP) Matthew

Bozelka, 23.

Juniors: Rich Plan (MVP) Donatay Majors, 20; Recreation, B (MVP) Robin Morris, 16; Calvary Apostolic (MVP) Anthony Charles, 28; Sunland Corporation (MVP) Joey Gers, 18; Fleet Reserve (MVP) Levi Raines Jr., 24; Sanford Ace Hardware (MVP) Abel Lucia, 7; Hardee's (MVP) Mike Valot, Jr., 49; Sanford Paint & Body (MVP) Chris Singher, 21.

Also, ABL Business (MVP) Dartus Wells, 26; Sanford Antiques (MVP) Mike Litwenak, 6; Sanford Electric (MVP) Demetrius Reeves, 28; Recreation I (MVP) Clint Powell, 23.

Girls: Brooks (MVP) Nina Byrd, 13; Bradley

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Playtime Darts crowns 'Top Guns'

The top players in the Playtime Darts League got together last weekend to decide this season's Top Guns. Left: A fifth-seeded Carol Geesaman (right) claimed the women's crown, besting defending Top

Gun champ Jolynn Moteland (left). Right: & Playtime newcomer Steve Harvey (right), the Men's B League champ and tourney's fourth seed, took top honors over Ken Strawn (left), the owner of Nice and Easy.

Oviedo's Zickafoose sweeps in quad

From Staff Reports

OVIEDO — Senior David Zickafoose manhandled his three opponents Saturday in a high school wrestling quadrigle meet at Oviedo High School.

Zickafoose, wrestling at 189 pounds, pinned his Kissimmee-Gateway opponent in 26 seconds and scored technical falls in the Lions' battles with Seminole and Lake Howell.

Oviedo scored a 66-18 win over Seminole and whipped Bishop

Moore, 71-4, around a 58-19 setback at the hands of Kissimmee-Gateway.

The junior varsity Lions also went 2-1 Saturday, besting both Seminole, 60-12, and Bishop Moore, 60-18, but losing to Gateway, 38-30.

Zickafoose was one of four Oviedo wrestlers to win all three of his matches Saturday. Also sweeping were Jeremy Reinhard (140 pounds), Mike Giummo (160), and Shawn Craig (171).

Giummo, who collected a pair of forfeit wins, scored a 7-6 decision

over Gateway's Lance Spencer, handing Spencer his first loss of the season. Giummo improved to 5-0.

Reinhard picked up a forfeit win and notched two pins while Craig won by forfeit, pin, and technical fall.

Afterwards, Oviedo coach Rick Tribit was less than pleased with the overall performance of his team. "We just didn't wrestle very well," said Tribit. "We were extremely flat all day Saturday. I don't know what it was."

See Wrestling, Page 2B

Nativity's rally puts Methodists on hold

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The party's not over yet. After seeing a 7-0 lead disappear, the Lake Mary Church of the Nativity Catholic Crusaders rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to extinguish the Sanford First United Methodist Church Flames' six-game winning streak, 11-10, in Sanford Softball League action at Chase Park Saturday.

The Crusaders got off to a strong start, scoring five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and taking a 7-0 lead into the fifth inning. The Flames started their comeback with four runs in the fifth and then took a 10-7 lead with six runs in the seventh, setting the stage for the rally.

In other games, the Deltona Trinity Assembly of

First United Methodist Flames, Church of the Nativity Crusaders

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People

IN BRIEF

Search on for Mrs. Sanford

SANFORD — Mrs. Florida USI officials are looking for the next Mrs. Sanford. The woman selected will represent Sanford at the 1995 Mrs. Florida USI Pageant to be held in Orlando on May 12 and 13. Married women between the ages of 24 and 50 who have been married for a minimum of two years by July 1, 1995 qualify to compete.

The Mrs. Florida USI Pageant is an official preliminary of the Mrs. International Pageant system which recognizes the virtues of professional, family and community involvement among married women. "Contestants compete in three categories," says Mrs. John Lugo. "Fifty percent of the score is given in the interview category. Twenty-five percent is awarded in the physical fitness category and 25 percent is awarded in the evening gown category. Contestants wear aerobic wear for the physical fitness competition and there is no swimsuit competition."

For an application and information, call the state office at 1407-837-2669 or write to Mrs. Florida Pageant at P.O. Box 1080, Loxahatchee, FL 33470-1080.

CALENDAR

Cancer support group meets

Support, Hope and Recovery, S.H.A.R., meets every Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Central Florida Regional Hospital in the far corner of the dining room. This is a self help support group for all cancer survivors, whether in treatment now or finished with it. Call 324-8737 or 322-7785 for more information.

Help for gamblers offered

Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon for family and friends, meet separately Monday and Friday (non-smokers) at 7:30 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, 331 Lake Ave., Maitland. For more information, call 236-9206.

Al-Anon group gathers

If you are troubled by the alcoholism of a friend or relative, there is help. Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 332-4122.

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Sanford

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian House of Goodwill, 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

Nurses to meet monthly

The Licensed Practical Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Kilarney Baptist Church, 701 Formosa Ave., C.E.U. class provided each month. All meetings are open to LPNs and to students and graduate LPNs. For information call 299-4321.

Sewing club gathers

Every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the WOOPIE Sewing Club gathers at the Lake Mary Senior Center, 158 N. Country Club Road, to make baby clothes, and items for nursing homes as well as items for the Christmas Store. The items made by the club are donated to preemie babies, nursing home residents and gifts for the annual Christmas store.

Activities for seniors

Lake Mary Seniors invite anyone 55 years or older to join them in a weekly activity on Tuesday. Art, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Frank Evans Center, 158 N. Country Club Road.

Weekly Lions Club meeting

The Sanford Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. For information, call Andrea Krazeise at 330-6116.

Bridge club to meet, play

Sanford Duplicate Bridge Club meets at noon each Tuesday at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, 400 E. First St., Sanford.

Kiwanis Club of Casselberry meets

Kiwanis Club of Casselberry meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., at Village the Casselberry Senior Center. For information, call 831-8545.

Over-50 Club meets Tuesday

The Over-50 Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sanford Senior Center. Seniors are welcome.

Give unique holiday gifts

Tips to select a plant for a special person

Gift giving time is here again and hopefully most of you have finished more of your shopping than I. There are usually a few friends and relatives who require a "unique" or different gift — gifts that take more time and thought. For some of these on your list, plants, gardening books or handmade crafts from the garden can offer a nice, thoughtful solution. A healthy vigorous plant is usually a welcome addition for either home, office or landscape. While a special gardening book can easily fill that empty space on the book shelf. And, of course, a handmade gift always makes the recipient feel special.

When shopping for plants there are a few important tips to keep in mind to ensure the gift you give is well received. Consider first where the plant will reside. Will the plant be placed inside the home (temporarily or permanently) or in the landscape? Use the following tips as a guide.

Whether you're shopping for a gift, or a plant for your collection, shop wisely. Plants come in a wide range of grades, conditions, and standards, and it's sometimes hard to tell which ones have the best chance for survival. Usually, better quality plants will cost more, but this is not always the case.

Occasionally nurseries offer top quality plants at bargain prices — the most important thing is to be able to spot quality plants at any price. Look for compact, rather than spindly or leggy plants — a bushy plant is usually a good sign. A spindly plant with few leaves may be the victim of leaf spot disease, insect problems or improper care. Make sure the leaves have good uniform color. Check leaf tips for browning or yellowing. Inspect the trunk and branches to see that they are absent of cracks, peels or scars from wounds.

Carefully examine each plant for any signs of insects or disease symptoms like spotted leaves, curled or distorted leaves, or scale insects on stem and underside of leaves. Check the soil for adequate moisture. Pick each plant up and make sure that the roots aren't growing out of the



GARDENING
TRICIA THOMAS

bottom or circling in the pot. Also consider where a gift plant will eventually be grown. If the plant is to be kept indoors, determine whether it requires special lighting — African violets need a northern exposure. If the plant will be grown outdoors, determine whether it's adaptable to the climatic conditions of its eventual planting site. Add a personal touch by attaching a handwritten note with care instructions. The following is a list of plants most commonly given as holiday gifts.

Poinsettia — After the blooms fade and the danger of frost has passed, the plant may be transplanted outside. Look for plants with unopened flowers and good bract color.

Citrus — Makes the perfect Florida plant gift for use in the landscape or patio and can often be purchased with fruit attached.

Holiday cactus — Will grow and flower for years to come with proper care. This perennial plant can be moved outdoors during the warmer weather.

Christmas cherry or pepper — It's available in a variety of colors, red being the most popular color. Not usually suitable for eating, those that are are "hot." Plants die when frost comes.

Kalanchoes — They're available in many bright colors including a brilliant red. They have a long bloom period and make wonderful house plants once flowering has ceased.

Poinsettia plants — Make wonderful gifts for the low light found in homes and offices and can be easily decorated with ribbon and

fresh or dried flowers.

Gardening books are always great gifts at the holidays and books can last a lifetime. Books that I have found useful include "Florida Critters" by Bill Zaki, "The Guide to Florida Wildflowers" by Walter Kingsley Taylor, "Florida Landscape Plants" by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Shereen, and "Dictionary of Plant Names" by Allen J. Coombes. There are numerous books available on just about any gardening topic thinkable, such as butterfly gardening, xeriscaping, landscape design, orchids, rentals, wildlife, herbs, flower drying to name just a few. I'm sure a visit to your favorite bookstore will shorten your gift list and broaden your knowledge. For an extra special touch, visit one of those specialty book stores like Micklers in Oviedo. Micklers Florida Inc. has books covering many topics unique to Florida. I received a lovely butterfly book as a Hanukkah gift this year, so I know what special gifts books make.

If plants or books about plants are not appropriate maybe a handmade gift such as a wreath, table decoration or similar item will solve your dilemma. Use what you have on hand or purchase items from a local craft store to make a unique gift with a personal touch.

A wreath can even be decorated with gardening tools, seed packets, small peat pots, garden gloves and similar items — a sure hit with active gardeners. Use your imagination and experiment — you may be surprised at your talent. For additional ideas check in gardening magazines and gardening catalogs. If you are unable to make your own gifts, many local and specialty shops carry unusual items. Some shops will design to order and some have a wide assortment of ready-made gifts.

Each year I make wreaths for many of my family and in-laws, others receive orchids in full bloom, some receive decorated potted evergreen trees while still others get garden diaries, and I haven't heard a complaint yet. Remember, all items mentioned also make great gifts for kids.



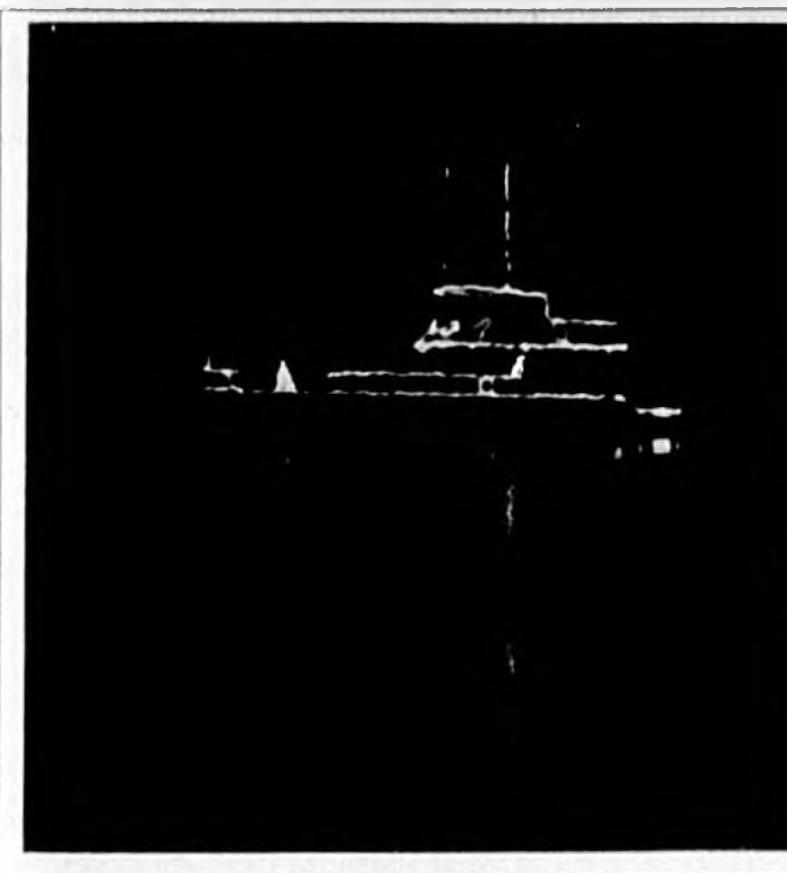
Garden club has annual bazaar

Betty Akers (left), president of the Sanford Garden Club, and Barbara Bradshaw, vice president, were co-chairmen of the club's annual bazaar Dec. 2 and 3. The event, held at the clubhouse, attracted a large number of patrons who enjoyed shopping for unique crafts as well as homemade goodies. Also, breakfast and lunch were served both days. Many a Christmas gift was purchased at the colorful event.

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MONDAY'S PRIME TIME

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10	Fresh Prince	Candy Show	Chamber to Mayor	ABC Rehearsal	Disney Magic of New Jersey Nov. 24/94							
11	Barney & Friends (R)	Business Report	MacNeil Lehrer Report	Christmas Special (R)	Great Performances: Christmas in Vienna				News	Entertainment Magazine	Top 40	Music Williams
12	Empire Coach	Coach	MacNeil Lehrer Report	MacNeil Lehrer With	Macneese Place (in Stereo)	Party of Five	Victory Over Violence (in Stereo)	Barbara Murphy Brown	11:30 Sat. 12/10 Birth Is Born (in Stereo)			
13	700 Club	Day Is Your Day	God's Home	Wings	McDonald's	Gringhoffs	Victory Over Violence (in Stereo)	Barbara Murphy Brown				
14	W.V. Grant	Abiding Faith	James	Voice of Salvation	Rod Parsley	700 Club	Variety	Capital News	Rescue 911 in Stereo	Touch		
15	Love Connection	Rescue 911	Based on the Story (1993)	Drama James Caan, Sybil	To Be Announced	Love Connection	To Be Announced	Rescue 911 in Stereo	Rescue 911	Rescue 911		
16	6:00 Family Team		I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Bad Blood Blues Bay	8:45 Elsewhere No	Tonight	Tonight	Honey I'm Home	WIRL in Zone		
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Gliding lights on Lake Monroe

The Lighted Boat Parade on Lake Monroe this weekend brightened the waters between Seminole and Volusia counties on Saturday evening. The boats, some of them the homes of those on board, brought the Christmas spirit to the waterfront after a day of parades, tree lightings, the arrival of Santa Claus and other activities brought the holiday spirit to the land. The colorful lights shimmered off the water, blazing a path to the happy day which is coming sooner than you think.

Herald Photo by April Ranson

Unabomber strikes ad agency this time

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. — The FBI says the "Unabomber" has struck again, mailing a package bomb that killed an executive days after he was promoted to general manager of one of nation's largest advertising firms.

Evidence links Saturday's killing of Young & Rubicam executive Thomas Mosser to 14 other explosions over 16 years, the FBI said. But the identity of the bomber and the reason why Mosser was targeted remain a mystery.

Since 1978, the serial bomber has killed one other person and injured 23 more. Mosser, 50, was the first victim who didn't work at a university or in the computer and airline industries, the FBI said Sunday.

"The components of the bomb, its construction, make us believe the bombs are linked," FBI agent Barry Mawn told a news conference.

One clue linking the attacks is that most of the bombs had components designed to survive the blasts, stamped with the initials "FC," a member of the task force investigating the bombings, told The Associated Press.

"It's my understanding that as many as 11 of the devices contained similar pieces," Salt Lake City police Sgt. Don Bell said in an interview Sunday.

A letter to The New York Times last year, believed to be from the bomber, identified "FC" as an anarchist group.

Investigators have concluded that "FC" represents an obscure

phrase denigrating computers, The Times reported today.

In the two weeks before the bomb was sent, computer giants Xerox Corp. and Digital Equipment Corp. hired Young & Rubicam.

Mawn, however, said he didn't know if Mosser's accounts had any links to the bomber's previous targets.

The latest package arrived Friday, neatly wrapped, about the size of a videotape and addressed to Mosser. He was about to take his wife, Susan, and their two children out to buy a Christmas tree Saturday when he opened it.

The powerful explosion killed him, blew a large hole in the kitchen counter, and filled their house in the New York City suburb of North Caldwell, N.J., with smoke.

Mrs. Mosser screamed at the sight of her husband's bloodied body. Their 13-year-old daughter ran to neighbors' homes for help. The couple's 15-month-old daughter and a neighbor's child also were in the home, but not hurt.

Mawn said investigators don't know where the package was mailed from.

According to an FBI profile, the killer is probably a white man in his 30s or 40s with a high school education who has a grudge against high technology and takes great pride in building bombs.

Investigators believe he first lived in Chicago, then moved to Utah and California. A composite sketch was drawn after a witness reported seeing a man in a hooded sweatshirt and aviator

glasses place a wooden box in the parking lot of a computer store in Salt Lake City in 1987.

The bomb exploded moments later, critically injuring a store employee. Bell told the AP that it was one of the bombs that contained a piece of metal bearing the letters "FC."

The bombs have been constructed with hard-to-trace household items: nails, screws, towels, fishing line, glue, string, hand-made switches, a barometer, metal pipes, gun powder and batteries.

The FBI is offering a \$1 million reward for information in the bombings.

At least three of the other victims were featured in Times stories describing them as leaders in their high-technology fields, and a story on Mosser's promotion was published Dec. 5 in the newspaper reported today.

Mosser, a former newsmen in the Philadelphia bureau of The Associated Press, was promoted two weeks ago to general manager and executive vice president at Young & Rubicam after almost 25 years at Burton Marsteller, the company's public relations subsidiary.

Y&R spokesman Robert McGowan wouldn't discuss Mosser's duties other than to say, "He had both senior corporate management and client-related matters."

The first bombs in the case — called "Unabom" because early bombings targeted universities and airlines — were mailed in 1978, Mawn said. The last bombings linked to the "Unabom" suspect were 18 months ago.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Courtesy Camper cryptograms are created from puzzles by famous people past and present. Each word in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: 2 equals 4

'IPHB WLF EHR RL
RPH ULAX NB RPH
ALZO. RZXH NR.' —
WLEN VHAZ.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If your parents never had children, chances are you won't, either." — Dick Cavett

OFF THE LEASH By W.B. Park



Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY,
FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. M181CP
IN RE ESTATE OF
PETER JOHN MOULTAK,

Deceased.

NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the
estate of PETER JOHN
MOULTAK, deceased, File
Number 94-1074 CP, is pending
in the Circuit Court for Seminole
County, Florida. Probate Divi-
sion, the address of which is
Post Office Drawer C, Sanford,
FL 33771. The names and
addresses of the personal repre-
sentative and the personal rep-
resentative's attorney are set
forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PER-
SONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this
notice is served who have ob-
jections that challenge the valid-
ity of the will, qualifications
of the personal representative
and/or jurisdiction of this
Court are required to file their
objections with this Court
WITHIN THE LATER OF
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ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS
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The date of the first publica-
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Orlando, Florida 32809

Attorney for Personal
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JOE POLICH

Trotman, Williams, et al.

311 W. Fairbanks Avenue
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Telephone: (407) 647-3277

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All other creditors of the
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GARAGE SALE GUIDELINES

1. Advertise what people want! Children's clothing, dishes, collectibles, tools, books and antiques are the most popular items.
2. Make it convenient to shop at your garage sale! Be sure there is adequate parking space. Post signs with directions to parking areas. Make arrangements with neighbors.
3. Make it easy to pay! Have plenty of change and a system for handling. Make sure one person is on duty at all times at a centralized location preferably with a calculator or adding machine.
4. Provide prices. Do not make every person ask, "How much is this?" Prices make for quick, effective sales or a good place for customers to start bargaining.
5. Start early. Set up displays the evening before, if possible.
6. Departmentalize. Separate the inexpensive items from the more costly areas. Group furniture, clothing, toys, lawn equipment and other items with similar merchandise.
7. Specialize. Establish one area for "Under \$5," another for "Under \$1." Consider having a batch of items that are "FREE" with purchase of "\$3." Remember the youngsters, too. Encourage them with small, low-priced items that are appropriate for this purpose.
8. Time your sale carefully! Have it at a time when most people are at home and unconcerned with special events.
9. Combine your efforts! Incorporate your sale with a neighbor for more variety and greater impact.
10. Be specific! When advertising your sale in the newspaper, list individual items. Don't simply say, "several items available." Each time you list an item, you are broadening the list of potential customers.

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Personal Representative:
PAUL MCGRATH, et al.

As Deputy Clerk

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

to all persons having an interest
in real property located in Seminole
County, Florida, specifically
the property described in the
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71—Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER
Experienced part time bookkeeper for two offices in Del Norte & Winter Park. 8 to 10 days a week. Call for an appointment.

BUSY SALON!

Full or night Part or Full time hair or facial. Clean Class I. Bring briefcase. Paid Daily. 322-3230

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Push your driveway skills to moving 300 with a fantastic CD. Great Benefits.

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Dry cleaner, part time evenings with train. 322-3230

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Must P. O. Box 10. 322-3230

35.00 hr. Must have car.

Apply in person.

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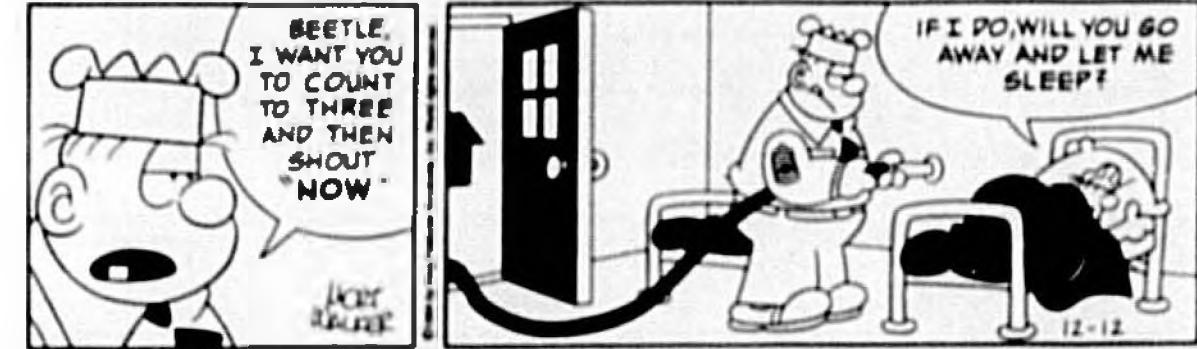
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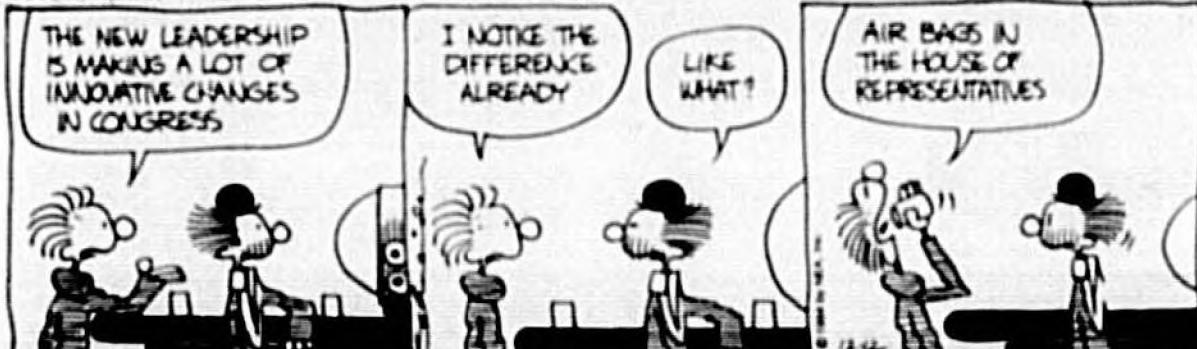
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by Bob Thaves

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by Jim Meddick

Infection could rupture ear drum

DEAR DR. GOTTL Please explain a perforated ear drum. Can the word "perforated" be used to describe any other part of the hearing mechanism except the drum?

DEAR READER: The ear drum is a tough but thin membrane that separates the middle ear chamber, containing the bones that help us to hear, from the outer ear (external ear canal). The ear drum may rupture from an injury (such as pushing a cotton swab too deeply into the ear) or from a middle ear infection that causes the drum to burst.

In either event, a perforation (hole) is formed. Ordinarily, the perforation causes no symptoms and will heal, over time, without therapy. However, if the perforation is large (or if the trauma or infection is recurrent), it may not mend.

Such a chronic perforation is often associated with persisting inflammation of the middle ear, leading to tinnitus (ringing in the ear) and loss of hearing. In these instances, otolaryngologists must operate to place a patch over the perforation or otherwise repair it.

The word "perforation" is not customarily used to describe any other component of the hearing mechanism, although the word is a perfectly valid medical expression that describes a hole or defect in any organ, tissue or

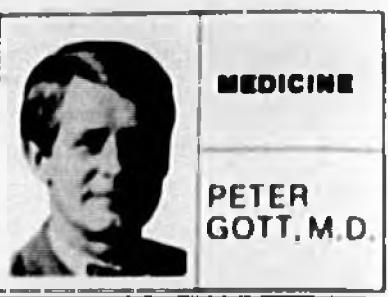
membrane. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTTL I suffer from post-polio syndrome and wonder what's in store for me. I now have trouble standing and walking, and my legs seem to collapse more and more.

DEAR READER: Post-polio syndrome is the sudden and

progressive weakness that may strike patients many years after the original infection. The cause is unknown, but many experts consider the syndrome to be the result of a reactivation of dormant polio viruses within the body.

The prognosis is, to use a medical term, guarded. Some patients experience mild weakness, others a more serious form. Treatment, such as physical therapy, appears to offer im-



PETER GOTTL, M.D.

provement — or at least it helps patients overcome their disabilities.

In my view, those individuals who suffer from post-polio syndrome should be under the care of neurologists, with help from physiatrists (specialists in rehabilitation).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS	1	NIBS	DADDY
1 Arizona city	42	Cosmonaut —	Gagarin
2 Cry of a lamb	43	Most ill	49 Of a single purpose
3 Grad. deg.	44	52 Central	American oil tree
12 Egg-shaped	45	53 Melrose Place character	52 Wheel track
13 Devastate	46	54 Art deco	54 Fever symptom
14 French yes	47	55 Illustrator	55 Uncle
16 Abominable snowman	48	56 Cushions	57 Cushion
18 Long-time resident	49	58 Shortly	58 Shorty
20 Choicest	50		
21 Finish	51		
22 Breakfast food	52		
24 Hawaiian dish	53		
25 Twisted (the hands)	54		
27 Primitive clock	55		
31 Circular tent	56		
32 Type of dream or line	57		
33 Baseball stat	58		
34 Basketball org.	59		
35 Fondles	60		
37 Sharp bark	61		
38 Wrestling holds	62		
39 Walks in water	63		
40 Dance step	64		

1 Child's toy	22 Apple or pear	22 Young dogs
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3 Melrose Place character	24 Rustic (sl.)	24 Rustic (sl.)
4 Nutriment	25 Snags	25 Snags
5 Expansive	26 Kneeled	26 Kneeled
6 Soothe	27 Unclad	27 Unclad
7 Succor	28 Snarly	28 Snarly
8 Explosive (abbr.)	29 Sahara	29 Sahara
9 Mint grad	30 Seve	30 Seve
10 Tintle	31 At a time	31 At a time
11 Soil	32 Snags	32 Snags
12 In the same piece (abbr.)	33 Tepee	33 Tepee
13 MFT grad	34 Ford	34 Ford
14 Apple	35 Senile	35 Senile
15 Tintle	36 Smiled	36 Smiled
16 Soil	37 Spasms	37 Spasms
17 In the same	38 Selved	38 Selved
18 piece (abbr.)	39 Wants	39 Wants
19 Mint	40 Sees	40 Sees

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

Wendrow Wilson said, "The highest and best form of efficiency is the spontaneous cooperation of free people." Well, if we assume that bridge defenders are free people, finding the way to defeat a contract often requires spontaneous cooperation.

How would you assess the blame for today's contract being allowed to make? Defending against five diamonds, West opened with the club king, four, six, ace. South immediately led his spade 10, ace, three, two. West cashed the club queen and then led a spade. Declarer happily won with dummy's king, discarding his heart loser. He drew trumps and claimed.

North's two-heart response was non-forcing — what is known as a negative free bid. Normally, North would have a sixth heart

and a point or two fewer.

East's double wasn't for penalty — it showed spades. (After three suits have been bid around the table, I like to play that a double shows the fourth suit and tolerance for partner's suit. A typical holding is honor-doubleton in partner's suit. With no tolerance for partner's suit, I just bid the fourth suit.)

West surely erred when he returned a spade. He knew it would supply South with a discard. And it was highly unlikely that South had ace-third of hearts. So West should have switched to hearts. East could have made it easier for his partner, however. Under the spade ace, he should have dropped the queen, the high card being a suit-preference signal for the higher-ranking side suit. Now, even a sleepy

NORTH
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▼ Q J 8 6 2
♦ Q J 6
♣ A 10 4

WEST
▲ A 7 6 4
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SOUTH
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Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South

SOUTH
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East will find the heart switch.

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Today, however, you are prone to say or do extremely rude things. Be careful!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can handle today's unfortunate developments in a manner that will not tarnish your image. However, your associates might not be so lucky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are selling a product or promoting an issue today, limit your presentation to the facts. Attempts to embellish could cost you customers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Doing things for others only in hopes of getting something better in return is self-defeating. When you offer your help, your greatest reward will be the act itself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your partners might handle collective interests more competently than you today. Instead of rejecting their efforts, it's in your best interest to cooperate.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

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Your material conditions will probably improve in the year ahead. This could be due, in part, to starting a new job with greater benefits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is usually best to let our hearts rule our heads when making decisions concerning friends. Today, however, this policy could complicate matters. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone who has manipulated you in the past might try using flattery today to pull your strings again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Try not to boast about things today if you haven't ac-

complished them yet. If you miss the mark or fall short, it could prove embarrassing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Guard against the inclination today to view important developments not as they actually are, but as you would like them to be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may have substantial material gains today, but there is also an indication that you might be reluctant to share what others helped you acquire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might make adjustments or concessions above and beyond what is necessary to appease someone important to you. Be fair without being foolish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your ideas are reasonably good today, but you might implement them in a counterproductive manner. Be assertive, but also use your head.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are usually a very tactful and charming person socially.

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