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first black
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Briefly

Missing man is back home

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Seminole County Sheriff's Office called off the search for a missing 78-year-old man after he called his daughter to come pick him up.

Roy Morgan was found Wednesday morning in Orange County. He was last seen in Geneva Tuesday night driving an F-150 Ford pick-up truck. His family believed he was heading to the post office in Geneva around 5:30 p.m., but he did not return home.

Morgan said his pick up truck broke down at a shopping center near Aloma and University avenues and no one would stop to help him.

A deputy checked the family's home in Geneva after Morgan's return Wednesday to verify that everything was well.

Authorities and his family were concerned for Morgan's safety because he has heart problems, diabetes, suffers from depression and is in the early stages of memory loss, said Steve Olson, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

Today is ...

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000
Today is the 48th day of 2000 and the 58th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1801, Thomas Jefferson was elected president of the United States. Aaron Burr was his vice president.

On this day in 1944, more than 200 Japanese aircraft were shot down by U.S. forces over the island of Truk, in the South Pacific.

On this day in 1994, former U.S. treasurer Catalina Villalpando was found guilty of having evaded \$47,000 dollars in federal taxes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Malthus (1766-1834), political economist; Marian Anderson (1902-1993), singer; Red Barber (1908-1992), sports broadcaster; Chaim Potok (1929-), novelist, is 71; Jim Brown (1936-), football great-actor, is 64; Michael Jordan (1963-), basketball great-baseball aspirant, is 37; Billie Joe Armstrong (1972-), singer, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, baseball player Ted Williams' Panther jet was shot down over Korea.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I forgave the D.A.R. many years ago. You lose a lot of time hating people."
Marian Anderson

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 12) and full moon (Feb. 19).

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Sanford sets fees for new pool

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

Adults will pay \$3, children 18 and younger \$1 when facility opens in March

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission this week established fees that will be charged to use the community swimming pool located near Seminole High School.

In addition, the commission also approved of naming the facility the Sanford-Seminole Aquatic Center. The facility will open in March.

The daily fee to use the 50-meter, Olympic-sized pool will be \$3 for adults, and \$1 for children under 18 years of

age. An annual pass will cost \$100 for individuals, and \$220 for families. The three-month seasonal pass will cost \$40, and \$90 for families.

Sanford, Seminole County and the school-district shared the costs of constructing the \$1 million pool facility near Seminole High School. Sanford is paying \$500,000 toward construction of the pool,

while the county and school board are splitting the remaining \$500,000 for construction.

Mayor Larry Dale said that reduced rates could not be established for city residents using the pool because the county and school-district shared in the construction costs for the facility. The pool will be used by Seminole

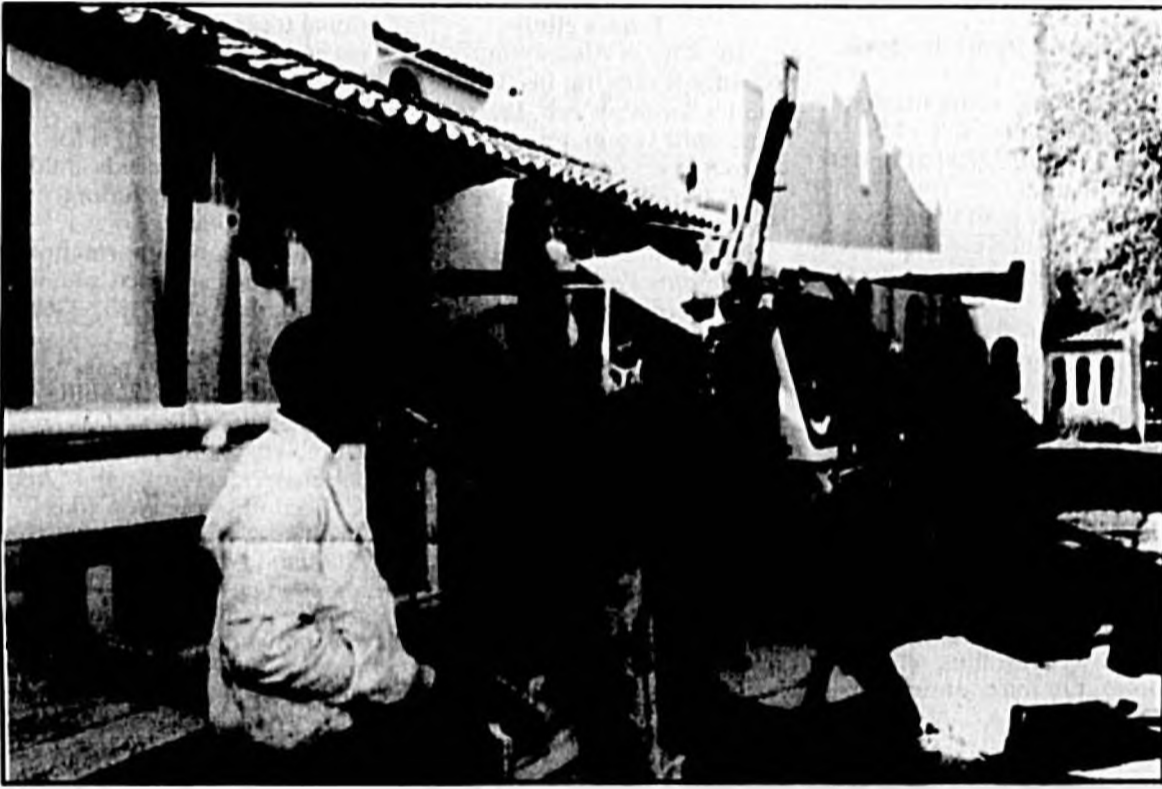
High School for practices, swim meets, and as a place to teach swimming safety. In addition, the pool will double as a community swimming pool, when not in use by Seminole High School.

Tentative plans call for the pool to be open to the public Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and reserved for the school prior to 5 p.m.

On Saturdays the pool will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sundays the pool will be open from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cities of Allamonte Springs and See Pool, Page 7A

Not enough room



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Nicholas Rodriguez and Father Al Cole talk after an accident. An estimated \$20,000 in damage was caused to the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Sanford at about 10 a.m. Wednesday when a Florida Recycling Services truck driven by Nicholas Rodriguez of Deltona struck the support beam of a church breezeway. Sanford police charged Rodriguez with careless driving.

County may settle with Pinter

Attorney advises BCC to settle road improvement suit for \$300,000

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The county attorney has advised the county commissioners to pay the Pinter Enterprise Property, owners of the Post Time Lounge \$300,000 in a settlement connected with a road improvement project.

The initial claim of the owners was \$1.1 million, a claim that included land, severance, and business damages. It included a long time use of the

county's prior existing right-of-way for parking spaces.

Located at the intersection of Dog Track Road and U.S. Highway 17-92, the lounge is part of a one-story frame building in the city limits of Longwood. Before the county's taking, the property consisted of 53,950 square feet. The county used 4,425 square feet of parking and drive aisles in its road improvements.

The two parties negotiated until the owners proposed a settlement at \$450,000 and the county came in at \$225,000. The owners countered at \$300,000.

County Legal Staff recommend Wednesday that the BCC accept the \$300,000 counter.

County Attorney Bob McMillan said if the BCC

accepts the settlement, the county will avoid a potential verdict by a jury in excess of \$300,000, statutory interest applied to the increased sum and additional costs for attorneys fees and expert witness costs.

The issue is the first piece of business for the commission when it meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the County Services Building. Pinter Enterprise is owned by Mike Pinter, who operates Club Juana.

Among the other issues on Tuesday's agenda is a U.S. 17-92 Redevelopment Planning Agency report by County Planner John Jones and a State Road 46 Roadway Network Feasibility Study by County principal engineer Co-Co Wu.

State says soup kitchen is not a restaurant

Site functions as a civic organization, is exempt from state regulations

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The meal site at Seminole Volunteer Enterprises functions as a civic organization, not a restaurant, according to state officials.

However, confusion over the matter prompted city staff to ask Mayor Larry Dale to check with state officials whether the program meets the proper licensing requirements.

Dale said he called officials with the Department of Business and Professional Regulations and requested the department's division of hotel and restaurants look into whether the program should be licensed by the department.

He sent a letter to the department on Feb. 8, the day after the non-profit agency began serving meals for the needy three nights per week.

"We're not being mean and petty, we're just doing our job," Dale said. "The state seemed to be confused. They couldn't decide what type of organization it is."

State officials said that the program, located at 407 W. 4th Street, functions as a "civic

organization" that is exempt from state hotel and restaurant regulations. It falls under the authority of the Department of Health.

Department officials also said that the program has met the requirements of state health and safety inspections.

"We don't care what agency is licensing it," Dale said. "We just want to make sure that it is subject to state inspections. I would do it if it was any other restaurant."

Dale said he wanted to determine what state agency should license and inspect the program now that meals are being served.

The City Commission in See Kitchen, Page 7A

Dispute between Clinton, Congress delays grant funds for Sanford airport

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Several projects at Orlando Sanford Airport may slowdown because of delays in receiving state and federal grant funding.

The airport is expected to be reimbursed from the Federal Aviation Administration for completed projects, but the money has been delayed. As a result, the airport's long-term debt has unexpectedly ballooned to \$15.5 million.

A federal bill designed to appropriate funds nationwide for an Airport Improvement Program failed, delaying anticipated funds for new airport projects across the country. In addition, some funds for ongoing projects were halted.

"President Clinton and Congress can't agree on priorities, and airports across the nation are caught in the middle," said Victor White, director of the airport.

A new appropriations bill will be presented to Congress this spring.

"We have a good handle on the operating budget," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale. "We don't have a good handle on the capital budget."

The Sanford Airport Authority Board on Tuesday

agreed to hold off on starting new capital projects until a payment plan is in place for projects already underway.

"It will take about a month to develop the plan," said White. "We're not talking about long delays. Airport management will be operating on a new financing and accounting system, in which we can clearly identify expenses and revenues for the projects."

Construction is in progress on \$30 million worth of projects at the airport, including a \$25 million expansion of the domestic

terminal facilities. Funds for these projects have been set aside, and construction will not be delayed.

However, White said construction on several projects may be delayed, including:

- Reconstruction of an aircraft carrier ramp in the international terminal. The \$2 million project will be paid for through 90 percent Federal Aviation Administration funding and five percent Florida Department of Transportation funding.

- Construction of a general aviation complex on the west side of the airport. The \$400,000 project is paid for through 50 percent FDOT funding.

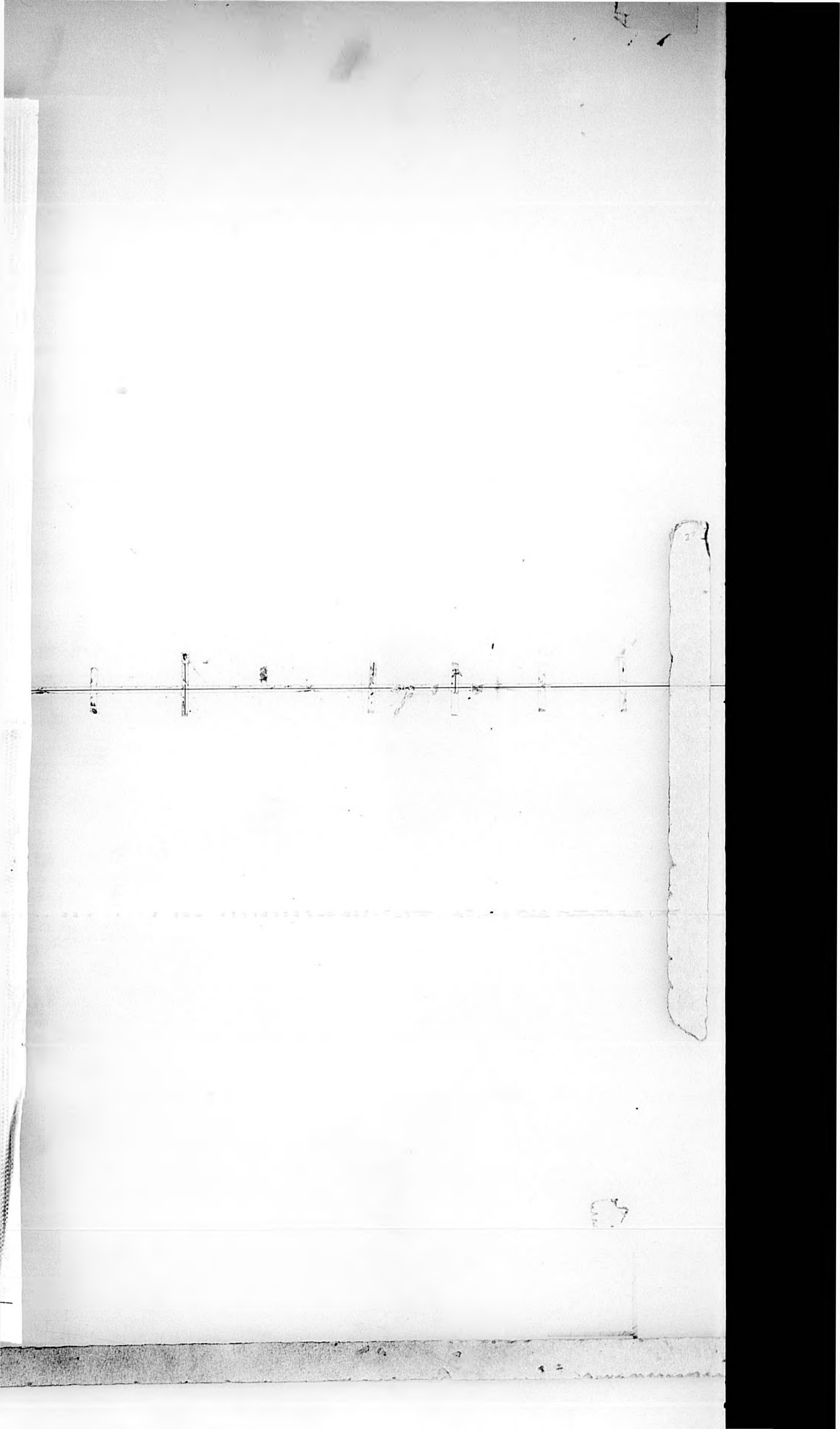
- The purchase of noise-sensitive land. The \$330,000 project is paid for through 90 percent See Airport, Page 7A

Kicker goes here



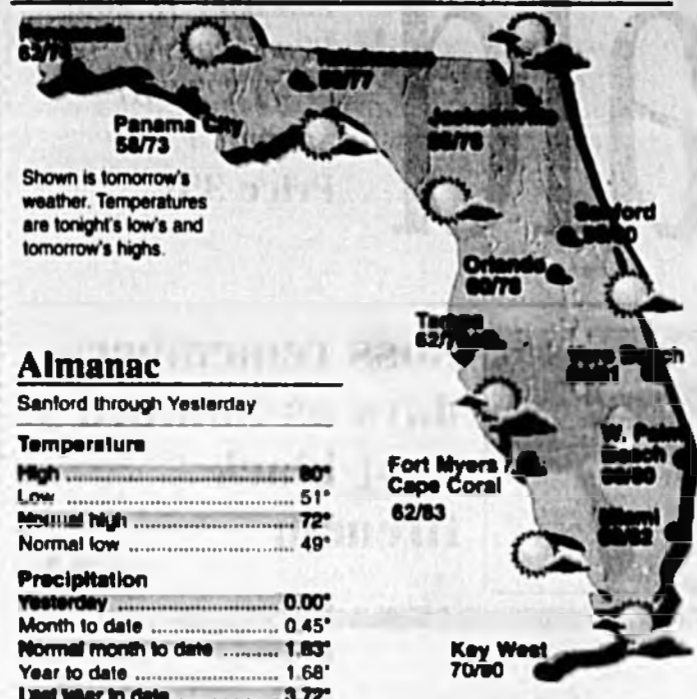
Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Serena Fisher welcomes students from Hamilton Elementary School to the Student Museum in Sanford. The students took part in an Arbor Day ceremony before touring the museum. Howard Jeffries, the landscape architect for Sanford, gave the students a tree to plant at their school.



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Florida Weather



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Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature

High	80°
Low	51°
Normal high	72°
Normal low	49°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.45"
Normal month to date	1.83"
Year to date	1.68"
Normal year to date	3.72"
Last year to date	4.60"

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford

Tonight Mainly clear. 58	Friday Sunshine with just a few clouds. 80 60	Saturday Chance of afternoon showers and storms. 78 54	Sunday Partly to mostly sunny and less humid. 68 46	Monday Mostly sunny. 68 46
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Regional Weather

Florida: Mainly clear and rather mild tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow with a warm afternoon.

Georgia: Variably cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with some light rain or drizzle.

Mississippi: Variably cloudy and mild tonight. Mostly cloudy and warm tomorrow with a slight chance of a shower.

Alabama: A few clouds tonight, especially along the coast. Variably cloudy and warm tomorrow.

South Carolina: Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine followed by clouds tomorrow with some light rain or drizzle possible at night.

Louisiana: Cloudy tonight with a shower in spots. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with showers; thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 6:18 p.m.

Sunrise Friday 7:02 a.m.

Moonrise today 8:20 p.m.

Moonset today 5:23 a.m.

Full	Feb 19
Last	Feb 26
New	Mar 8
First	Mar 13

Tides

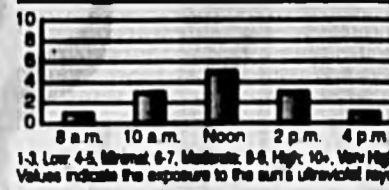
Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Suncoast Pier

Tomorrow	12:19 a.m.	-0.8 ft.
First High	5:49 a.m.	4.9 ft.
Second Low	1:01 p.m.	-0.5 ft.
Second High	7:11 p.m.	4.4 ft.

Saturday

First Low	1:14 a.m.	-0.9 ft.
First High	7:40 a.m.	5.0 ft.
Second Low	1:50 p.m.	-0.6 ft.
Second High	8:03 p.m.	4.5 ft.

UV Index Tomorrow



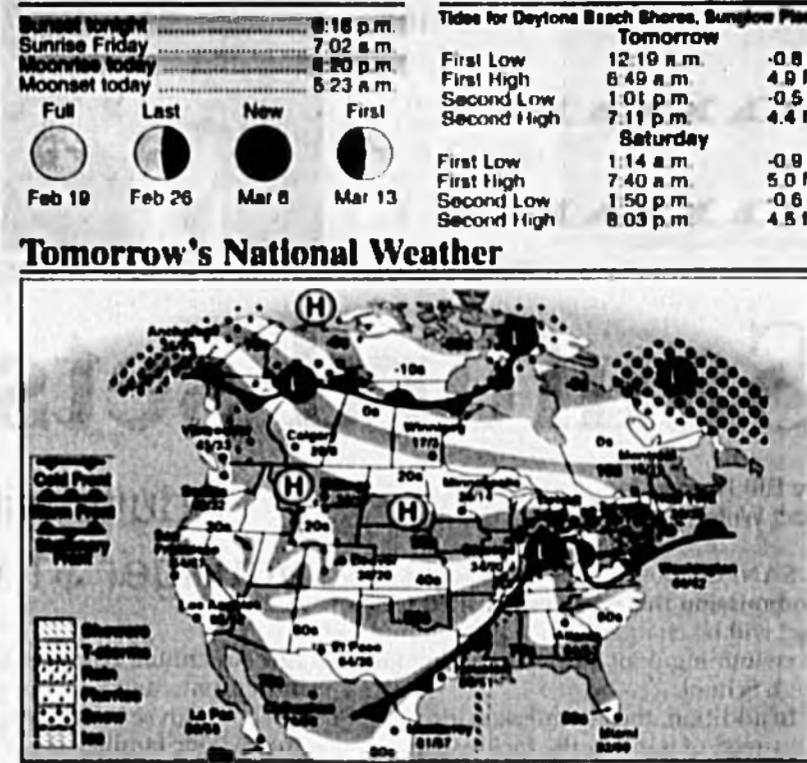
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Albany, GA	78	57
Albany, NY	75	53
Atlanta, GA	64	53
Bainbridge, GA	75	57
Boca Raton, FL	83	73
Charleston, SC	74	58
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Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 87° in McAllen, TX. Low -17° in Flag Island, MN.

World Cities

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Bainbridge, GA	75	57
Boca Raton, FL	83	73
Charleston, SC	74	58
Daytona Beach, FL	83	73
Daytona Beach Shores, FL	83	73
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Census 2000 needs workers

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

Census 2000 needs your help, can they depend on you? Local citizens are being recruited. Field workers are needed.

Census in this area is looking for people who want to schedule census jobs around their current employment. They need retirees, participants in government programs, and those who are not presently employed.

Spread the word about census jobs to your family, friends, colleagues and professional associates.

Who should apply for Census 2000 jobs? Successful census takers are out-going, not afraid to contact

people and ask them questions and are not discouraged by rejection. Are you an organized person? Able to complete assignments on or ahead of schedule? Can you work independently and follow procedures?

Applicants should be 18 years old or older. Those ages 16 and 17 may also be hired for positions not involving driving so long as they meet federal, state and local employment requirements.

Yes, you may work within the neighborhoods you live. Census takers will work from mid-April to mid-June in 2000.

Testing is being done now, call for an application at 407-302-0804; a practice test can be picked up. The office is located

at 1614 West Airport Blvd. in Sanford.

Census workers are needed in rural areas, people will be needed in March 2000 to update address listings.

Workers are paid weekly. A competitive hourly wage, based on the average wage for the area and activity (approximately \$8.25 to \$18.50 per hour). You are paid to attend training and are reimbursed for mileage.

Welfare recipients can be hired for all census operations through 2000, only temporary census takers positions. Only a small percentage are office jobs for longer periods of service. Welfare recipients do not receive hiring preference.

Gain experience and self-esteem by performing work important to the community.

Briefs

Tennis clinic
The City of Altamonte Springs is offering free tennis clinics Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. for children ages 8 to 15. From noon until 2 p.m., the clinic will be offered for youngsters age 16 and older. The clinic will be held at Westmonte Park. For directions or questions, phone Ryan Thompson at 407-830-3880.

Dads only
United Cerebral Palsy, (UCP) Child Development Centers are sponsoring a "Dad's Only" support group meeting for fathers with special needs children. The meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 22, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the UCP Holloway Child Development Center, 3305 S. Orange Ave., Orlando. They will be dedicated to an educa-

tion topic and an informal exchange among the dads. A light dinner and baby-sitting will be available.

The support group is for fathers of special needs children at five locations including Seminole County.

For additional information or to register in advance, phone Linda Lafitte at 407-852-3369.

Depression glass
Thursday, Feb. 17, Millie Downey of Millie's Glass and China will be offering a presentation and lecture on the "Art of Collection Depression Glass," beginning at 7 p.m. at the Maitland Art Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations in advance are recommended. The cost is \$3 for non-members, \$2 for members and \$1 for seniors and students.

Lectures will be held in the Germaine Arvet Building at Maitland Art Center, 231 W. Packwood Ave., Maitland. For additional information or reservations phone 407-539-2181.

Ad Litem volunteers
The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children in a court proceeding.

To become a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer you must be 21 years old, possess good judgment, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis. You must present favorable references, consent to have your background checked and complete 24 hours of training.

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center, 190 Bush Blvd., Sanford on March 3, March 4 and March 10. If you are interested in attending or wish more information, call Myrna at (407) 665-4370.

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Individuals in need of a power wheelchair for use in the home should phone Leon Johnson for additional information and qualification requirements. 1-800-246-6010.

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Don't be lonely — get rid of that Internet

I lost a friend six years ago. The last days were terrible — he hardly knew I was in his room. He was too consumed by the Internet.

Loneliness than non-users. Hello." "There's going to be millions of people with very minimal human interaction," one researcher said. "For whatever we're gaining, we're losing more in long-term social interaction."



Russ White

Large scale surveys of the societal impact of the Internet show that the more time people use it, the less time they spend with human beings.

That's what happened to my friend. He spent almost no time at all with human beings.

This didn't escape the notice of his wife or children — not to mention his employer. The more absorbed my friend was with the Internet, the less productive he was at work.

The Internet, we're now being told, is creating a broad new wave of social isolation in the United States. Hackers, we know about. They're dangerous. My on-line, all-the-time friend was dangerous, too. Electronic fantasy replaced his face-to-face family relations.

He worked at a college. I hope he's still there because he was very well liked, respected by the college president, board of trustees — everyone. That was before the college hooked up an Internet in my friend's office. That was the day his obsession began.

From then on, he never heard another voice and never received a hug. His faithful dog shied away. He was lonely, I'm sure, but how could he have known even that.

Researchers from Carnegie Mellon University have been trying to get the attention of Internet users for two years: "You've got mail, boys and girls. You're going to experience higher levels of depression and

JAG comes on. Or Oprah. American family life took a hard hit in the 1960s when ABC began "Monday Night Football." Wives never saw their husbands again on Monday nights. This excused freedom allowed husbands to experiment on other nights. ESPN came next.

You would have thought we learned something from television obsession. Obviously, we haven't.

The Internet is infinitely more seductive. There are a million e-mail messages for every warm embrace in America. Most people don't even go to the store. They shop on the Internet. They do their business on the Net. The Internet is their life.

Don't you wonder how different history would have been if our forefathers had use of the Internet. Thomas Jefferson might not have time for his celebrated social interaction. Paul Revere would have sent e-mails. George Washington would have flipped his wig.com.

Russ White's column appear daily in the Seminole Herald

Obituaries

ERNEST CHAVERS
Ernest Chavers, 69, Maytown Road, Osteen, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000 at Lucerne Medical Center. Born April 18, 1930 in Osteen, he was a lifelong Central Florida resident. He was a heavy equipment operator and a member of Macedonia M.B. Church.

Survivors include wife, Dorothy M., Osteen; sons, Ernest Jr., Osteen, Edward, Longwood, Andrew, Stanford, Conn.; daughters Lillie C. Gibson and Vivian Chavers, both of Sanford; brothers Thomas, Osteen, Amos, Clewiston; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.
Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

LESLIE BETTS COPENHAVER
Leslie Betts Copenhaver, 92, Sumner Ave., Orange City, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000 at Memorial Hospital, West Volusia, Deland. Born in Bristol, Tenn., he moved to Central Florida from North Woodstock, N.H. in 1974. He retired as a medical doctor after 55 years. He was a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army, and belonged to First Congregational Church, Orange City, Pi Phi Beta Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha.

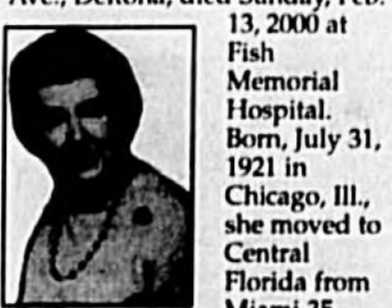
Survivors include wife, Rosemary, Orange City; son, Frank, Wausau, Wis.; daughters, Marcia C. Barrere, Orlando, Nancy C. Macaulay, Micanopy, Joanne C. Walsh, New Hampton, N.J.; brother, Charles, Littleton, N.H.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.
Four Towns Cremation, Inc., in charge of arrangements.

JOHN H. FIELDEN, JR.
John H. Fielden, Jr., 78, Steward Terrace, Deltona, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000 at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City. Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he moved to Central Florida in 1987. He was a retired mechanical superintendent, a member of

Masonic Lodge, and a decorated World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Kathleen, Deltona; sons, Ronald D., Braunfels, Tx., John S., Coshocton, Ohio; brother, Paul, Knoxville; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren.
Four Towns Cremation, Inc., in charge of arrangements.

HARRIET L. SEIGLER
Harriet L. Seigler, 78, Hartley Ave., Deltona, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000 at Fish Memorial Hospital.



Born, July 31, 1921 in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Central Florida from Miami 35 years ago. She was a homemaker, a member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford, and Order of the Daughters of the King.

Survivors include sons, Laurence C. Seigler, D.C., Sanford, Dennis M. Seigler, D.C., Palatka; daughter, Donna Blue, Interlachen; brother, Albert E. Lee, Hayward, Ca.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.
Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT L. SHONG
Robert L. Shong, 76, Creekside Circle, Winter Springs, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000 at his residence. Born Feb. 9, 1924 in Alma, Mich., he moved to Central Florida eight months ago. He was a retired industrial engineer with the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. He belonged to St.

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Stephen Catholic Church, and Knights of Columbus, Burnsville, N.C. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Betty Jane, Winter Springs; daughters, Ellen Shong Bergman, Charleston, S.C., Loretta Hupka, Olathe, Kan., Melanie Helm, Winter Park; five grandchildren.
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements

ALLEN R. WEISS
Allen R. Weiss, Palm Valley Drive, Oviedo, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000. Born Nov. 10, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida from Lima, Ohio in 1967. He was an agent for Internal Revenue Service. He was Jewish and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Susan; sons, Brian and Randy, both of

Oakland, Cal.; daughter, Elissa, New York City; brother, David, Silmar, Cal.; one grandson.
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

SIEGLER, HARRIET L.
Funeral services for Harriet L. Seigler, 78, of Deltona, who died Sunday, will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford, with Father C. Alfred Cole officiating. Interment will be private. Visitation will be Friday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Gramkow Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Holy Cross Episcopal Church building fund, at 410 S. Magnolia Ave., Sanford, FL 32771.
Gramkow Funeral Home 500 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, in charge of arrangements 407-322-3213.

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Police Log

DUI
Winter Park — Jessica Davidson, 20, 3040 Tekkeford Lane, Deltona, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at midnight, February 7. He was charged with DUI, Reckless Driving, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Herbert Jay Shepherd, 44, 3400 S. Clarcona Road, Apopka, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 2 a.m. on February 16. He was charged with DUI.

Dennis Goglin, 47, 684 St. Johns Court, Winter Park, was stopped by Florida Highway Patrol Officers at 9:15 p.m. on February 15. He was charged with DUI.

Altamonte Springs — Susan Shaddinger, 25, 806 Ravens Circle, Altamonte Springs, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 2:52 a.m. on February 5. She was charged with DUI.

Longwood — Bernard Alexander, 37, 250 Acorn Drive, Longwood, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 11:22 p.m. on February 6. He was charged with DUI.

Lake Mary — Jonathan Tatro, 30, 2423 Taylor, New Smyrna Beach, was stopped by Florida Highway Patrol at 3:04 a.m. on February 16. He was charged with DUI.

Oviedo — Donald Kennebrew, 46, 662 Kenwich Court, Casselberry, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 12:15 a.m. on February 16. He was charged with DUI.

Disorderly Intoxication
Sanford — Sherie Anne Wessel, 37, 715 Wynn Dr. Sanford,

was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 6:31 p.m. on February 15. She was charged with Disorderly Intoxication and Resisting with Violation.

Drugs
Oviedo — Stanley Gumerlock, 39, 585 Little River Loop, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 12:15 a.m. on February 16. He was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Narcotic Equipment.

Altamonte Springs — Victor Amaro, 116 Quail Pond Circle, Casselberry, was arrested by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 4:42 a.m. on February 16.



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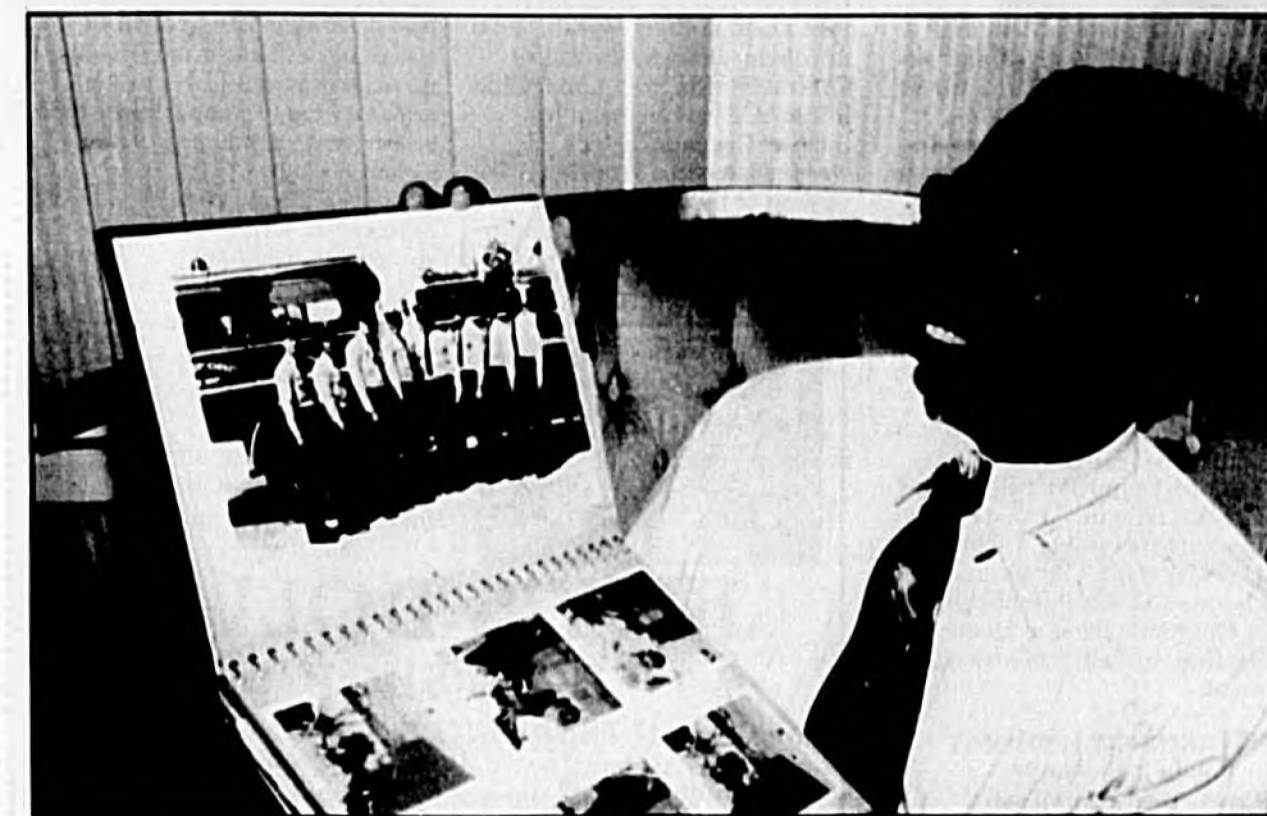
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Hezekiah Ross, 70, was the first African-American to be a Sanford firefighter, joining the SFD in 1969. He served 22 years and 7 months.

Hezekiah Ross saves both lives and souls 70-year-old Sanford man recalls experience as city's first black firefighter

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Elder Hezekiah Ross is named for the Biblical King of Judah who restored the temple and worship in his district. Elder Ross has helped save both lives and souls in his community — as a Sanford firefighter and pastor at West Sanford Free Will Holiness Church.

Ross, 70, was the first African American to be a Sanford firefighter, joining the SFD in 1969. He served 22 years and 7 months.

"I waited for 17 years for another African American to work in the same department," Ross said.

Manning Harriett was a fine man. Most of the fellows welcomed me aboard. We had six men to a shift. Three shifts. We ate together, slept together, fought fires and did rescues together.

"There were adjustments to be made," Ross said. "You had to expect that. Chief Harriett would ask how I was doing, and I'd tell him everything was fine. That meant swallowing hard at times. I had to be dumb and blind to some things."

The men at the SFD called him "Hezzie," and Ross earned their praise as a cook.

"I was the Biscuit Man," he recalled. "The guys liked the way I cooked."

"He did well ... he earned respect," said Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Harriett, the SFD fire

"I waited for 17 years for another African American to work in the same department."

Hezekiah Ross
Sanford's first black firefighter

chief's son. "Elder Ross was a hard worker, a true gentleman. On several occasions he came to our home to console us when their were family deaths. Elder Ross has always been a very spiritual man."

For 26 years, Ross assisted Mother Ruby Wilson at Free Will Holiness Church and at the Good Samaritan Home, which he founded.

Ross has been pastor the past 20 years. He lives a block away from the church on Mulberry Street in West Sanford. Good Samaritan Home is next to the church.

Ross was born in Jacksonville and grew up in Hilliard, a town 30 miles north of Jacksonville. His mother raised him and eight other children during the Great Depression. Ross worked in the tobacco fields when he was 11.

"We sucked out buds — that's the expression — leaving the better leaves."

During the Korean Conflict, Ross served in the Army, spending seven months as a crane operator in Korea. When he returned to Florida, he soon married a Sanford woman. He and Lelia Ross have been married 48 years. They have one daughter and three

grand daughters. Lelia Ross taught school for 34 years — at Rest Haven, Lawton Elementary and Hamilton Elementary.

"Having served with the fire department gave me an opportunity to serve two different ways," Ross said. "There were a number of suicides and suicide attempts. There were people to counsel and console. We took mothers to the hospital as they were about to deliver. There were dramatic rescues."

All this, Ross said, strengthened his own faith and helped him tell others that they must "Walk with God." He said experience has taught him to minister to all people.

"Sometimes," he said, "I'll give a fire and brimstone sermon. I've been in the fire. I've walked the walk."



Hezekiah Ross in 1969

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Timeline of major civil rights events

- 1954**
May 17
The Supreme Court rules on the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kans., unanimously agreeing that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. The ruling paves the way for large-scale desegregation. It is a victory for NAACP attorney Thurgood Marshall, who will later return to the Supreme Court as the nation's first black justice.
- 1955**
Dec. 1
(Montgomery, Ala.) NAACP member Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat at the front of the bus to a white passenger, defying a southern custom of the time. In response to her arrest the Montgomery black community launches a bus boycott, which will last for more than a year, until the buses are desegregated Dec. 21, 1956. As newly elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA), Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., is instrumental in leading the boycott.
- 1957**
January and February
Rev. King, Charles K. Steele, and Fred L. Shuttlesworth establish the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which King is made the first president. The SCLC becomes a major force in organizing the civil rights movement.
- September**
(Little Rock, Ark.) Formerly all-white Central High School learns that integration is easier said than done. Nine black students are blocked from entering the school by crowds organized by Governor Orval Faubus. President Eisenhower sends federal troops and the National Guard to intervene on behalf of the students.
- 1960**
Feb. 1
(Greensboro, N.C.) Four black students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College begin a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter. Although they are refused service, they are allowed to stay at the counter. The event triggers many similar nonviolent protests throughout the south.
- 1963**
June 12
(Jackson, Miss.) Mississippi's NAACP field secretary, 37-year-old Medgar Evers, is murdered outside his home. Byron De La Beckwith is tried twice in 1964, both trials resulting in hung juries. Thirteen years later he is convicted for murdering Evers.
- Aug. 28**
(Washington, D.C.) About 250,000 people join the March on Washington. Congregating at the Lincoln Memorial, participants listen as Reverend King delivers his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.
- Sept. 15**
(Birmingham, Ala.) Four young girls attending Sunday school are killed when a bomb explodes at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, a popular location for civil rights meetings. Riots erupt in Birmingham, leading to the deaths of two more black youths.
- 1964**
July 2
President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964, making segregation in public facilities and discrimination in employment illegal.
- Aug. 5**
Three Mississippi civil-rights workers are officially declared missing, having disappeared on June 21. The last day they were seen, James E. Cheney, 21; Andrew Goodman, 21; and Michael Schwerner, 24, had been arrested, incarcerated, and then released on speeding charges. Their murdered bodies are found after President Johnson sends military personnel to join the search party. It is later revealed that the police released the three men to the Ku Klux Klan. The trio had been working to register black voters.
- 1965**
Feb. 21
Malcolm X, black nationalist and founder of the Organization of Afro-American Unity, is shot to death in Harlem. It is believed the assailants are members of the Black Muslim faith, which Malcolm had recently abandoned.
- March 7**
(Selma, Ala.) Blacks begin a march to Montgomery in support of voting rights but are stopped at the Pettus Bridge by a police blockade. Fifty marchers are hospitalized after police use tear gas, whips, and clubs against them. The incident is dubbed "Bloody Sunday" by the media.
- Aug. 10**
Congress passes the Voting Rights Act of 1965, making it easier for southern blacks to register to vote. Literacy tests and other such requirements that tended to restrict black voting become illegal.
- 1968**
April 4
(Memphis, Tenn.) Reverend King, at age 39, is shot as he stands on the balcony outside his hotel room. Although escaped convict James Earl Ray later pleads guilty to the crime, questions about the actual circumstances of King's assassination remain to this day.

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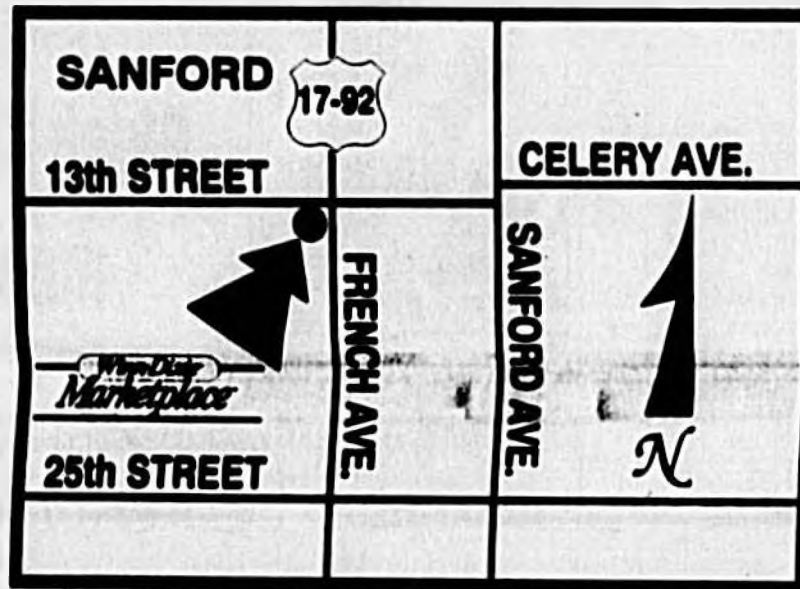
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**Certain acts require court's decision
before guardian acts on behalf of ward**

Some months ago we discussed the appointment of guardians to act on behalf of people and/or their property when they are unable to manage at least some of their property or to meet at least some of their essential health and safety requirements. We also discussed the removal of certain rights of the ward depending on the extent of the incapacity. However, as noted then, there are certain acts which may appear to be contrary to the ward's right to be treated humanely, with dignity and respect, and to be protected against abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Therefore, under certain circumstances, the law requires that the guardian seek authority from the Court before acting on behalf of the ward.

For example, Florida statutes specifically prohibit a guardian from doing any of the following without first obtaining authority from the court: (1) Commit the ward to a facility, institution, or licensed service provider without formal placement proceeding, pursuant to the laws governing placements due to developmental, mental health, and substance abuse disabilities; (2) Consent on behalf of the ward to the performance on the ward of any experimental biomedical or behavioral

procedure or to the participation by the ward in any biological or behavioral experiment; (3) Initiate a petition for dissolution of marriage for the ward; (4) Consent on behalf of the ward to termination of the ward's parental rights; and (5) Consent on behalf of the ward to the performance of a sterilization or abortion procedure on the ward.

Naturally, there may be circumstances which may warrant actions of the guardian which involve the above. In fact, there may be circumstances when the ward's physical and/or mental health may be at risk if the action is not taken. Under those circumstances, the law requires that the Court follow a specified procedure before authorizing the action on behalf of the ward.

Before the court may grant authority to a guardian to exercise any of the acts described above, the court must: (1) Appoint an independent attorney to act on the incapacitated person's behalf, and the attorney must have the opportunity to meet the person and to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at any hearing on the petition for authority to act; (2) Receive as evidence independent medical, psychological, and social evaluations

with respect to the incapacitated person by competent professionals or appoint its own experts to assist in the evaluations; (3) Personally meet with the incapacitated person to obtain its own impression of the person's capacity, so as to afford the incapacitated person the full opportunity to express his or her personal views or desires with respect to the judicial proceeding and issue before the court; (4) Find, by clear and convincing evidence that the person lacks the capacity to make a decision about the issue before the court and that the incapacitated person's capacity is not likely to change in the foreseeable future; and (5) In the case of dissolution of marriage, find that the ward's spouse has consented to the dissolution.

Upon following the procedure described above, if the court finds that the action being sought is in the best interests of the ward, the court may allow the guardian to perform the specified act on behalf of the ward. Naturally, said determination must balance the need to act on behalf of the ward against the ward's right to be treated humanely, with dignity and respect. In the coming weeks we will discuss other aspects of guardianship law.

Manny Acevedo is a practicing attorney in Seminole County and a member of the Florida Bar Association. His column is for general information and should not replace consulting an attorney about your specific problem.



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AARP sets times for 55-Alive

By Nick Pflouf
Staff Writer

The AARP, is once again presenting a series of courses for motorists age 50 and older. The program addresses the physical changes that may affect older drivers, and presents ways to compensate for those changes. The Mature Driving Program will be presented at five locations in Seminole County during the month of March.

In Florida, drivers completing this course may be eligible for auto insurance discounts. Brent Carl, with Allstate Insurance in Lake Mary, gave an example. "Let's assume a person is 55, retired, and driving a 1995 Ford Taurus, a single-car family. That

person could save approximately four percent, which would amount to a yearly savings of \$20 to \$30 on basic auto insurance." He added that there are many situations which have to be considered in this discount, for example a person's age, type of car, amount of liability, and whether it's a single car family or multi car family. "It would be different in each situation," he said, "but all in all, we highly recommend people take this AARP course. It not only helps in insurance cost reductions, but it helps make people safer drivers, which helps all of us."

Advance registration is required for the AARP 55-Alive program. Tuition is \$10, to be paid at the first class, preferably

by check, and made payable to AARP.

In Seminole County, classes will be from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Sanford Senior Center, on March 9 and 10. In Altamonte Springs, classes will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on March 14 and 15 at the Altamonte Springs police station.

At the Casselberry Senior Center, classes run from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on March 16 and 17. On the 27 and 28, classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at both the South Seminole Hospital and Florida Rehab Center.

For additional information on these or future courses in Seminole County, phone 407-351-0932.

Vintage View



Photo provided by Grace Maria Stronach

Many of you will be saddened to learn of the recent death of Miss Ollie Reese Whittle who was choral director at Seminole High School from 1945 to 1965. She will be remembered fondly for producing outstanding choral programs including several operettas. Upon her retirement, she moved to Tallahassee, where she was active for many years with the leadership of her college sorority. She is pictured here (second from left) at a faculty party during the late 1940s. Others in the picture are, from left, Elizabeth Lynch, Miss Whittle, Gladys Morris, Mae Fort, Gladys Smith and Elmina Bisbee. All of these are now deceased.

Time for fun 2nd annual Seminole County Fair

From Staff Reports

Plans have been announced for the second annual Seminole County Fair. It will be March 3 through 12 at Seminole Towne Center.

Featured will be a carnival midway by Strates Shows with over 100 rides, games and shows. Strates Shows is billed as America's only railroad carnival.

Also at the fair will be the Marionette Star Theater, Zoo Hollywood and Kids Kraft Korner. The special Kiddieland midway will feature over 25 rides designed especially for small children. Also planned are 80 concession stands.

Special days include Saturdays, March 4 and 11, when children eight and under

will ride all Kiddieland rides from noon until 5 p.m. for one \$6 ticket. Tuesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 9 will be Unlimited Ride days when fairgoers can ride all rides for only \$10 with a coupon from participating Burger King Restaurants.

School day is Friday, March 10 when gates open at noon. Students can ride all rides until closing for \$8 if they purchase their unlimited ride ticket between noon and 5 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds from the fair will go to the Grove Counseling Center, a non-profit organization that treats substance abuse and delinquency. The Grove was also the recipient of proceeds from last year's fair.

"Last year we raised over \$25,000 that went toward

improving our programs here at the center," said Larry A. Visser, president of the Grove. "This is a very important event for us and we're focusing a lot of effort on involving more of the community in the fair. It will be bigger and better than last year's fair in every way."

It is estimated that last year's fair attracted over 70,000 patrons, and was considered very successful. This year's event is expected to more than double the number, considering the increase in public participation that will be involved. The Grove Counseling Center will receive 50 percent of the fair's profits to support their programs.

Admission and parking at the fair are free.

Pool

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Orlando have also worked with local school-districts to construct a community swimming pool. A swimming pool being constructed at Seminole High School will be similar to the pool already in use at Lake Brantley High School.

The 700,000 gallon pool will have heating, lighting, decking, a 5,000 square-foot bathhouse, polo capabilities, and diving boards. The facility is the only 50 meter swimming pool in north Seminole County.

The city conducted a survey on rates charged for municipal pools in the area while research-

ing the rates to charge for use of the facility.

The daily fee for use of the 50 meter pool at Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs is \$3, with memberships available. A \$5 daily fee is charged to use the 50 meter pool at the Longwood Aquatic Club, with a \$300 fee for a yearly membership.

Prices are lower for use of 25 yard pools, which also cost less to maintain. For example, the daily fee for city residents at Oviedo Riverside Park's 25 yard pool is \$1.50, with non-residents paying \$2.50. A six-month membership costs residents \$125,

and it costs non-residents \$175. A two-month pass is also available at a price of \$55, or \$75 for a family.

Sanford and the Seminole County School Board will install a sign at Seminole High School's entrance to provide news about upcoming events, important dates and swimming pool activities.

The sign will cost up to \$12,000, with the city and School Board splitting the cost.

The sign will have 72 square feet of sign face and will be located at the corner of 25th Street and Ridgewood Avenue.

Airport

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FAA funding and five percent FDOT funding.

Meanwhile, the domestic terminal expansion is still expected to be completed in January, 2001. The airport's terminal management partner, London-based TBI Plc., is contributing \$7.5 million to the domestic terminal expansion project, which cuts down on the construction costs to the airport.

Another key project moving forward, a \$1.6-million Instrument Landing System that will provide navigational assis-

tance for aircraft landing on the airport's main runway during poor weather, is still scheduled to be completed in the end of May.

Key to Lake Mary, the Instrument Landing System will allow aircraft to approach and land from the east. This will decrease aircraft noise in areas to the west of the airport.

Construction of a general aviation ramp on the west side of the airport is also moving forward. The \$150,000 project is 90 percent paid for through FAA funding.

Airport officials blame legislation that failed to pass last year for a delay in grant funds for new projects.

The airport is also seeking federal approval to implement a passenger facility charge, to be added to the price of a ticket.

To off-set some of the airport's debts, the airport still expects to receive about \$890,000 this year in federal funding.

In the meantime, the Sanford Airport Authority is borrowing \$472,000 from NationsBank to help cover the costs of on-going projects.

Kitchen

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November granted Jean Metts, executive director of Seminole Volunteer Enterprises, a parking variance to serve meals for up

to 100 people despite a lack of parking spaces. Dale voted against the parking variance.

Seven residents of Sanford's historic district have filed a suit

against the city, challenging the parking variance. Dale said he is concerned about whether the parking waiver will hold up in court.

Briefs

Police conduct speed enforcements

Deputy sheriffs and police from around Seminole County will be conducting a red light and speed enforcement operation throughout today. They will target drivers who run red lights and speeders, according to Steve Olson, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

During the morning and evening rush hours, officers will look for red-light runners at many dangerous intersections, including Red Bug Lake Road and State Road 436. In between the rush hours, they will look for speeders and other violators.

The fine for running a red light is \$90. Speeding citations are more expensive and are based on how many miles per hour over the posted speed limit the driver is traveling.

Dress ball

Fleet Reserve Association, B. Duke Woody Branch 147 will hold its annual Uniform Dinner Dance, Saturday, Feb. 19. The dinner starts at 6 p.m., with dancing to follow at 7 p.m. For additional information, phone 407-330-1706.

Art Association meeting

Members of the Sanford-Seminole Art Association will exhibit their artwork from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20. The show will be held at the Bettye Smith Cultural Arts Building, 5th and Oak, Sanford. Works of local artists will be auctioned off at 2:30 p.m. There will also be a raffle of donated items. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5 and will be available at the show.

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Marketing ideas worry some teams

Brian France has some grand ideas for marketing NASCAR, and anyone who can help put together a \$2.4 billion television package, as he has done, must be admitted.

But Rick Hendrick says he's not thrilled with NASCAR's attempts to move so strongly into the marketing of drivers and teams, and some people in the Winston Cup garage worry that it's the first step toward putting all Winston Cup drivers under NASCAR's marketing department.

Hendrick, one of the sport's biggest car owners, with stock-car racing's top driver, Jeff Gordon, in his fold, says he was surprised at the contracts NASCAR wanted him to sign because they were asking him to give up too many marketing rights.

So Hendrick said he crossed out some of NASCAR's language in the annual NASCAR-owner contracts "because we couldn't legally, in some cases, sign without crossing out some things, because we had already given people [sponsors] rights under our contracts. If we had already given someone rights, we couldn't tell [NASCAR] they have exclusive rights, because we'd be in violation of a contract we'd already signed."

"So we have to work together and be on the leading edge more in the development stages before something gets printed and someone just says, 'Sign it.' It will take our attorneys and their attorneys sitting down and talking. We've got to plan it in the future and figure out a way it will all work for both of us."

The contract surprise hit Hendrick on top of another NASCAR marketing twist that also doesn't sit that well with him. Next year, NASCAR would like to make it an explicit condition of approval for newcomers to Winston Cup racing to go through NASCAR marketing to make their souvenir deals, instead of handling souvenirs themselves.

NASCAR's long-range goal, over the next 10 years or so, is to regain marketing rights to all its drivers, but in a two-tier program that grandfather's current drivers and teams into part of the long-standing concept that each team owns its own rights.

Hendrick, who brings up new drivers, isn't happy with the idea that a new Winston Cup driver might not have the same marketing rights as a veteran. "The question becomes can [NASCAR] do as much for a new driver, or will they control him too much, to the point where he can't have a career like these other guys have had."

"If they say, 'It's a price of entry,' well, I don't know if they can really do that. I guess they've researched it and think they can."

All that said, the sport is different. It's exploded. With the TV packages and the Internet and all that, we've just got to spend more time on the business side. We've got to work together, and I think they want to do that."

"If they take our sponsors so we don't have anything to race with, we'll get into some problems," Hendrick said. "But as long as we work together and we understand what they're going to do and they understand our role ... and as long as they don't cross over into every area of it, as long as they don't get into our side of the business ..."

In this debate, there are the "Threes," such as Dale Earnhardt and Gordon, who get the lion's share of the souvenir dollar, and the "Have-nots," just about everyone else. So Jeff Burton, one of those on the way up, says he likes what NASCAR is considering.

"I do believe that, for NASCAR to grow the way it needs to grow, it needs a system like the NFL and the NBA where they can go to a Kmart or Wal-Mart and say 'We've got all the drivers and all the teams, and let's do a deal.'" Burton said. "Maybe Dale Earnhardt makes more money than I do, but that's OK. That's the way it ought to be. And we still should get paid maybe on the amount of sales you have."

But Busch Racing has a whole staff dedicated to that whole process, and we don't want NASCAR to take that whole thing over. But I believe NASCAR has good intentions; NASCAR wants to get the NASCAR brand to as many people as possible, and that's good."

Mike Mulhern has covered NASCAR for 28 years for the Winston-Salem Journal.

Life with Father

A healthy Dale Earnhardt looks forward to sharing the road with Junior

By Rea McLeroy
lapbylap



LapbyLap photo by Mike Mulhern

It's a fascinating place to glimpse, this mind of Dale Earnhardt. Inside it dwells a business maverick, a racing legend, a caring father and a tough negotiator.

It's a place where a fond memory is bumping cars with his son in a race, where a business deal is an issue of fine print and where a race track unfolds like a puzzle. Enterprising, intelligent and witty comments are born here.

Ask him anything. Last week, people did, and Earnhardt, relaxed after a winter at home, answered. He spent the off-season recovering at home from surgery to repair vertebrae in his neck.

Is he completely healed? Absolutely. In fact, he enjoyed the brief break.

"I healed up and got stronger again," he said. "I'm in good shape. I'm ready for racing to start."

If he wasn't, he wouldn't be here. "I think if I'm hurt and I can't drive, then I can't drive," Earnhardt said. "It's the real world out there, and you've just got to go with the rules and the qualifications they have and that's just it. If someone falls by the wayside, it's just like in battle. It happens. It's a shame sometimes. It's unfortunate a lot of times, but it happens."

It didn't happen to him. He felt some pain last season when he drove but didn't know he needed surgery until December. Earnhardt visited his doctor and had the procedure done the next day. He was cleared to drive earlier this month and tested his car at Las Vegas.

He spent that day with his son, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and even let him take a few laps in his trademark black No. 3 Chevrolet. Usually black, that is. It seems odd, but The Intimidator is driving a car with a red paint scheme for Sunday's Daytona 500. His son's car is always painted red.

They'll be spending lots of time together this year because Earnhardt owns the team that employs NASCAR's most heralded Winston Cup rookie. Has dad been giving pointers?

"I've given Dale Jr. advice from Day 1 when he was a year old on how to walk and how to talk," Earnhardt said. "We've worked with him from that point on, and he's done pretty well for himself. The Busch Grand National deal was a pretty good learning curve for him. He's taken all that in."

And more. Earnhardt Jr.'s two Busch championships pale in comparison to the International Race of Champions showdown they shared last season. Running head to head at Michigan Speedway in June, Earnhardt tagged Earnhardt Jr. coming out of

the final turn to win the race. Earnhardt Jr. talked about it for weeks. In fact, it still seems to be one of his favorite subjects.

"That's one of my fondest memories of my career," Earnhardt Jr. said. "Something like that was not expected. I didn't expect to be racing him ever in my entire life. That was a bonus. To be like that, me and him, one on one, nobody else really in competition."

Earnhardt hasn't told his son much about drafting though. Earnhardt Jr. said his dad made him learn some things on his own.

Maybe it can't be taught, this incredible feel for the draft that Earnhardt has developed.

He has won 10 races on restrictor-plate tracks, where a plate limits the amount of air reaching the engines and the reduced speeds group the cars.

In 48 races, he has 37 top-10 finishes. Earnhardt seems to love these races, especially the Daytona 500. He captured seven Winston Cup championships before he finally won the event. Always running well, he seemed cursed in the season-opening event until 1998.

"It's something you think about and something you cherish," he said of winning the 500.

"You accomplish it and you're so proud you did. It's amazing it took me so long to do it as competitive as I've been at Daytona through the years. I've won quite a few races in different events, but to not win the Daytona 500 was really a heartbreaker until we finally did it."

But he can't explain how. Despite his grasp of the draft, Earnhardt can't teach someone else how to handle it. There are many factors involved in the race — Earnhardt just anticipates them correctly.

"The thing about the draft is, if you're racing at Daytona or Talladega, and you're drafting and you do 10 things all day long that's going to help you or make you win that race, you've got to do them right," he said. "Fortunately, I've been able to make nine or 10 of them the right way. We're just fortunate to be able to have the experience, and I think experience is a big part of it."

He can't teach his son or anyone that, no matter how carefully he tries to explain it. So he simplifies his advice to Dale Jr.

"We talk a little bit about [racing], but as far as telling him don't do this or don't do that, the biggest thing I've told him is don't mess with daddy," Earnhardt said.

Rea McLeroy covers NASCAR for The Richmond Times-Dispatch.

to win the Daytona 500 pole, the Bud Shootout and the Daytona 500?
See answer below

Just the Stats

RESULTS OF THE BUD SHOOTOUT

Driver	Points	Money
Dale Jarrett	\$115,000	
Jeff Gordon	\$57,500	
Stanley Martin	\$45,500	
Tony Stewart	\$40,000	
Raven Ispahani	\$35,000	
Ron Stricker	\$32,500	
Ricky Wallace	\$30,000	
Joe Nemechek	\$29,000	
Kurtory Powell	\$28,000	
Walt Burton	\$27,500	
Travis Labonte	\$27,000	
David Green	\$26,500	
Ricky Rudd	\$26,000	
Mike Skinner	\$25,500	
Mark Martin	\$25,000	

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Daytona International Speedway

Qualifying: Feb. 16, 12-13 p.m.
On the air: CBS
Qualifying: Dale Earnhardt, pole position; Ricky Rudd, No. 2 pole position; and Bud Green, No. 17 at 12:30 p.m.
Start: 1:00 p.m. (EST) on the radio; 1:00 p.m. (EST) on the TV.
Class: 210-245 mph; 1/4 mile.
Track: new restrictor-plate track; 1.77 mile; 1/4 mile; Feb. 17, 1998.
TV: 1:00 p.m. (EST) on the radio; 1:00 p.m. (EST) on the TV.
Qualifying: Feb. 16, 12-13 p.m.

Busch Grand National

Daytona International Speedway

Qualifying: Feb. 16, 12-13 p.m.
On the air: CBS
Qualifying: Feb. 16, 12-13 p.m.

Who's Hot: Dale Jarrett. Jarrett won the Daytona 500 pole then earned a spot in the Bud Shootout by winning the qualifier race. He started last but finished first for an early sweep at the track.

Who's Not: Greg Sacks. Driving for a new team, Sacks returned to Daytona with one car. During practice Monday, he crashed and destroyed his Chevrolet.

On the Record
"To be perfectly honest, I'm not smart enough to win one of these restrictor-plate races."
— Tony Stewart

Pit Stop answer: Bill Elliott



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida will hold a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on February 28, 2000 in the City Commission Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida, to consider the use of funds to be received under a U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program. The proposed use of these funds is to pay income or non-income personal overtime to supplement the City of Sanford's Community Policing Effort.

At the public hearing, the public is invited to provide written and oral views to the City Commission about the City's entire budget, the relation of the grant to the entire budget, and the proposed use of the grant funds. For further information contact Janet R. Dougherty, CMC, City Clerk, 407-330-8803.

Advice to the Public: If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter considered at the above meeting or hearing, he may need a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence, which record is not provided by the City of Sanford. (FS 288 0105)

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the Human Resources Office ADA coordinator at 330-5626 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

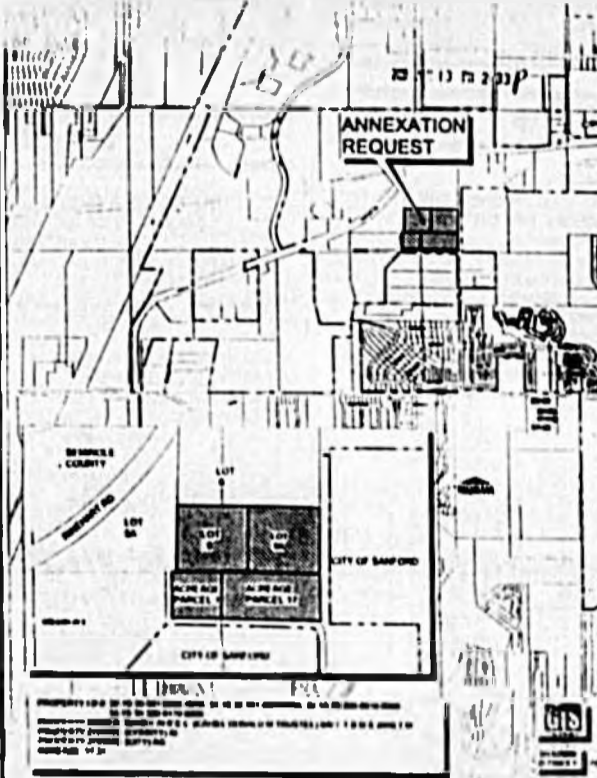
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Janet R. Dougherty
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, in the City of Sanford, Florida, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on February 28, 2000 to consider the adoption of an ordinance by the City of Sanford, Florida, described as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3839
TO ANNEX A 17.31 ACRE PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN S.R. 417 AND OREGON AVENUE AND BETWEEN RINEHART ROAD AND LOWE AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW.



A complete description and a copy of the ordinance shall be available at the office of the City Clerk for all persons desiring to examine the same. All parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

By order of the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida:
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE ADA COORDINATOR AT 330-5626 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

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Janet R. Dougherty, CMC
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ORDINANCE NO. 3844
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SANFORD, CITY CODE, AS FOLLOWS: AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE V, SECTION 18-57, "SCHEDULE OF VIOLATIONS" TO ADD SEC. 28-380 REGARDING STORMWATER DISCHARGES; AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE I, SEC. 28-1(2)(a), "DEFINITIONS," BY DELETING "STORM SEWER;" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE III, SECTION 28-371 "DEFINITIONS" BY ADDING CERTAIN TERMS AND BY ADDING SEC. 28-380, "STORMWATER DISCHARGES TO THE MS4 WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES," PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 3848
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ORDINANCE NO. 3843
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 18-1/2, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, ORDINANCE NO. 3158, REGARDING THE INTERIM GENERAL SERVICES FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File Number 99-1088CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF
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The administration of the estate of ROBERT MALLARD, deceased, File Number 99-1088CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: D. Brewer C. Sanford, FL 32771. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative are as follows:

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The date of the first publication of this notice is February 10, 2000. Personal Representative: FLOBBIE WADSWORTH, 8881 Ebene Road, Orlando, FL 32807. Attorney for Personal Representative: ROBERT L. THOMAS, ESQUIRE, 1008 So. Bay Bl, Kissimmee, FL 32729 (882)463-3211. Florida Bar No.: 116320. Pub. Feb. 10, 17, 2000. DEL-90

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Essel, Inc.
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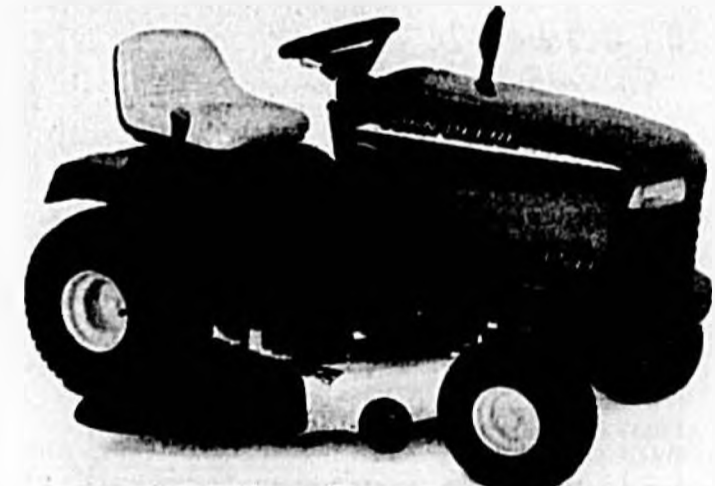
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Your Birthday
Friday, Feb. 18, 2000

Lots of new activities with partnerships or joint efforts could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. The trick will be to limit your choices to those that will offer what you lack.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be prepared for others to treat you in the same manner you treat them today. If you are arrogant or demanding, they could behave in a way that would spite you. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The secret to success today is to, whenever possible, operate along the lines of least resistance. If you fight the idea, you could make things harder on yourself than they need be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Both your waistline and your purse will be grateful to you today if you fight off any inclinations to overindulge or be extravagant in your habits. Treat your being with respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One of the worst things you could do today is to leave undone that which you begin. Unfortunately, it might be quite some time before you get back to completing your eyegore.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because someone disagrees with you today, it doesn't mean this person doesn't like you. It simply means she or he feels differently about things than you do. Don't take it personally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There will be opportunities to add to your resources today, but don't look for them to come from any area that hasn't provided dividends in the past. Stick to the tried and true.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It behooves you to spend your time today with those who can help you advance your self-interests. Conversely, don't waste your time with those who can't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be grateful for whatever help you get today, no matter how little it might appear to you. People will continue to come through for you in the long run if you don't adopt a grumpy attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When out with your pals today, try to give attention to each person and not solely to only a few favorites. Let each person know she or he is important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The more careful you are that your goals are attained in a manner that will not aggravate others, the better your chances are of achieving your objectives today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your tolerance level might not be at the high level it usually is, so it may behoove you to deliberately avoid the company of someone whose view are always diametrically opposed to yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The chances for financial gains and losses today are equally balanced for you. However, the scales can be tipped in either direction by your own actions.

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Win at Bridge

A big man in problem-setting

There have been three world-renowned composers of declarer-play problems: Paul Lukacs, Jeff Rubens and Jan Wohlin. Lukacs died in 1982, Rubens is going strong in The Bridge World magazine, and Wohlin died August 25 last year.

Jan Wohlin (pronounced approximately Yan Voh-leeen) was a large man physically, who lived in Stockholm. He was an excellent player, winning the European Championship in 1952 and competing in the '50 and '53 Bermuda Bowls. Yet he will be remembered for his many interesting single-dummy problems, of which this is one. Cover the East-West hands. How would you play in four spades? West leads the heart queen. Should you win or duck trick one? When you call for a trump from the dummy, what do you do if East discards? What if he follows low?

You should duck trick one. If West switches to a club, you win and lead a diamond, keeping your losers at worst to one spade, one heart and one diamond. If West continues with a second heart to dummy's ace, play a trump from the dummy. If East follows low, finesse the jack! Even if it loses, you have time to establish a diamond trick in the dummy; and you get there on the third round of spades by overtaking your four with dummy's five. (You did see that, didn't you.)

If East discards on the first round of spades, win with the ace, cash the ace-king of clubs, and lead a diamond. You must hope that West started with the diamond ace and exactly two clubs. (This is why you must duck trick one. If you win it, West could lead a heart to his partner's king for the killing defensive club trick.)

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North		02-17-00	
♠	5 3 2		
♥	A 10		
♦	K Q 10 7 6		
♣	8 6 3		
West		East	
♠	Q 8 6	♠ - - -	
♥	Q J 9 7 2	♥ K 8 5 3	
♦	A 5 4	♦ J 8 8 2	
♣	10 7	♣ Q J 9 5 4	
South			
♠	A K J 10 9 7 4		
♥	6 4		
♦	3		
♣	A K 3		
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

Doctor Gott

Smoking speeds up emphysema

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm one of those damned fools who just had to smoke cigarettes for 50 years. Now I'm in trouble with emphysema. What treatment is available?

DEAR READER: Cigarettes contribute to chronic lung disease in several ways. First, tobacco smoke is associated with bronchitis, infection of the airways. Smoke actually paralyzes the tiny cilia (hair cells) that propel mucus and bacteria from within lung tissue, up and out. In turn, this leads to chronic infection, which causes breakdown of the alveolar air sacs, the feathery compartments where carbon dioxide is expelled and oxygen is absorbed during breathing. Second, cigarette smoke itself actually destroys the air sacs. The reasons are complex but, basically, in smokers, the microscopically small sacs coalesce to form large, less-efficient compartments, leading to difficulty breathing and over-expanded lungs filled with stale air. This is emphysema. Although this process does tend to occur naturally with age, tobacco smoke will speed up the development of emphysema, thereby causing more advanced disability at a much younger age.

Third, because smoke is irritating, it stimulates the pulmonary tissue to produce more mucus. These thick secretions may block the airways, resulting in poor respiratory efficiency. Moreover, such excess mucus provides an ideal environment for microorganisms that predispose patients to pneumonia and other serious lung infections.

The cardinal rule in treating emphysema is: Avoid air pollution, tobacco smoke and other contaminants, such as dust and smog.

Medicine to open the airways (bronchodilators) and antibiotics can be useful. In some patients, corticosteroid drugs may be lifesaving. In addition, patients with chronic lung disease can be taught (by physicians or inhalation therapists) new, more efficient ways to breathe — for example, by using the diaphragm muscle more effectively.

Many emphysema patients — particularly those in the advanced stages of the disease — experience relief of breathlessness and a feeling of suffocation by using oxygen supplements. Such oxygen is available in tanks but can also be administered from a home delivery system called an oxygen concentrator.

Finally, some medical centers now offer a type of surgery to remove the inefficient portions of pulmonary tissue. Basically, the large, non-functioning, stretched compartments (which I previously described) are removed, allowing more normal lung tissue to expand and improve respiratory mechanics.

While I agree with you that you were unwise to take up smoking and foolish to continue it for so long, there is much that can be done to assist your breathing and maintain your independence. Your doctor can help you in these endeavors. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Life Style

Man's care for wife is doing more harm than good

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law is retired with a good pension. He is the primary caregiver for his wife, who is paralyzed on one side and unable to carry on a conversation. She is getting worse and is practically confined to bed. He refuses outside help and is very controlling.

While she was in the rehab center shortly after her accident, she was progressing well. She was even up on parallel bars. The only thing she does now is feed herself. She's incontinent and totally dependent.

No one in the family is willing to step in on her behalf to get the proper care she

deserves. They are all afraid of her husband, and say it is up to him. It is painful for me to watch this happening. I am partially disabled myself and unable to do what I used to. How — and where — could I find resources to give this woman some quality of life? She's only 64.

CONCERNED IN THE MIDWEST



Dear Abby

DEAR CONCERNED: You are a caring relative who has raised an interesting, but delicate, question. From your description, both your father-in-law and his wife could use some assistance.

One way to go about it without causing World War

III would be for you and your wife to contact their family physician and explain what's going on. Ask for a referral to a social worker or home health-care agency that can visit her and evaluate the care she is receiving.

Considering the level of care his wife requires, your father-in-law may be overwhelmed as the primary caregiver. He needs help, too, but his pride may be getting in the way. Perhaps the doctor can recommend that he attend a caregiver support group where he can learn firsthand what other caregivers do in similar situations. It is vital that he receive emotional support.

If the doctor can't help, the social services office at your local hospital can provide a referral.

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed regarding the wedding lottery invitation reminded me of the telephone call I received from the mother of the groom. She informed me there was to be no shower for the bride. The bride and her mother were going shopping for the things the bride would need for her new home. Every item was to be gift-wrapped individually, and the name of the "donor" was to be written on each package.

Although I had already given the couple a generous engagement gift, I was "invited" to send a check to pay for "my" shower gift.

Incredulous, and thinking I had misunderstood, I asked the woman to repeat the request. Then I said a quiet goodbye. **NO DUMMY IN N.Y.C.**

DEAR NO DUMMY: Just when I think I have seen everything, along comes another "believe it or not" letter. You weren't being invited to a shower; you were being solicited for a fund-raiser.

Therefore, you were within your rights to handle it as you would any other telemarketing call.

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.95 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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Births

Feb. 1, 2000

Brandon Austin Bales, son of Mary Andrews and Charles Bales of Apopka, was born.

Emmanuel Felix Fernando, son of Evelyn Thibou and Fidel Fernando of Orlando, was born.

Noah Alexander Girtman, son of Victoria and Jim Girtman of Apopka, was born.

Amy Marie Holton, daughter of Tessie and James Holton of Casselberry, was born.

Christopher Warren Parkis, son of Carmen and Kevin Parkis of Altamonte Springs, was born.

Erick Anthony Taranovich, son of Carolyn Lakatos and Richard Taranovich of Apopka, was born.

Feb. 2, 2000

Hannah Michelle Peace, daughter of Lauren and Russell Peace of Apopka, was born.

Delaney Cynthia Taylor, daughter of Penny and Monte Taylor, Jr., of Longwood, was born.

Hannah Ashley Williams, daughter of Cheryl and Dale Williams of Lake Mary, was born.

Feb. 3, 2000

Stephen Trowen Nagbe, III, son of Lorraine and Stephen Nagbe, Jr., of Longwood, was born.

Blake McGuire Stevens, son of Lisa and Dale Stevens of Winter Springs, was born.

Jack Thomas Taylor, son of Allison and Thomas Taylor, IV, of Oviedo, was born.

Feb. 4, 2000

Hayleigh Jean Bodoh, daughter of Wendy and Robert Bodoh of Deltona, was born.

Alicia Elizabeth Garcia, daughter of Tracy and Max Garcia of Lake Mary, was born.

Allison Nicole Hanzman, daughter of Maria and Steven Hanzman of Sanford, was born.

Blake Lee Lenzi, son of Patricia and Pablo Lenzi of Sanford, was born.

Jerome Alphonso Ward, Jr., son of Karen Wynter and Jerome Ward of Altamonte Springs, was born.

Feb. 5, 2000

Sarah Mohamed Ghonaim, daughter of Fatma Salman and Mohamed Ghonaim of Altamonte Springs, was born.

Allison Nicole Istok-Noppert, daughter of Jennifer Istok and Mark Noppert of Orlando, was born.

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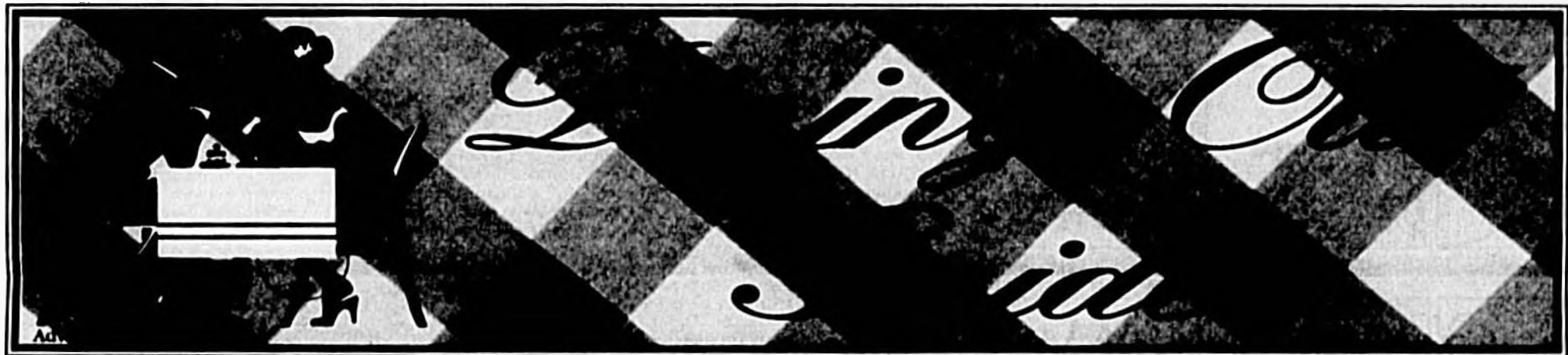
Williams is one of America's best known journalists and best-

selling author of Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965, companion book to the acclaimed PBS series of the same name.

Williams has been with the Washington Post for 16 years as an editorial writer, columnist, and white House correspondent. He is regularly featured in

publications such as Ebony, The Atlantic, Fortune, and every week on "FOX News Sunday." He is also a guest commentator for National Public Radio, CNN's "Crossfire", PBS "News Hour", and ABC's "Nightline".

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