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Today: Variable cloudiness...Breezy and cooler. High around 60 to the lower 60s. West wind 15 to 20 mph and gusty becoming northwest.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Hero rewards

SANFORD — A special holiday gathering will be held Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., in front of the West End Theater, 940 State Street in Sanford.

To be paid special honors is Brandy Williams, 12, credited with saving a four-year-old boy from drowning in a swimming pool in September. Gifts are expected to include items from the Orlando Magic, Tim Raines, and others.

The event is being sponsored by Sanford Plaza, Inc., and West End Theater. After the youth was honored by the Sanford City Commission, organizers of tomorrow's event learned that Brandy and his 14 and 23-year-old brothers had been helping take care of their stepmother, who has suffered from a stroke, has a broken ankle and is confined to a wheelchair.

A number of organizations, individuals and businesses in the Sanford area have been contacted, and are expected to be on hand tomorrow for a special presentation at the theater. The public is also invited to attend.

Convention Center

HEATHROW — Members of the Seminole County Development Review meeting in early January are scheduled to discuss preliminary site plans for the proposed Seminole County Convention Center. The center is being planned within the Heathrow Planned Urban Development (PUD) south of CR-46A and east of International Parkway.

As the Parkway does not presently intersect with CR-46A, another item scheduled for discussion at the meeting is the preliminary plat for the roadway's extension.

These items, plus a discussion of Seminole Community College driving range site plans on Osceola Road, are all on the agenda for the Development Review meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Deputy wanted

SANFORD — The Seminole County sheriff's office will be accepting applications for the position of deputy sheriff from now until 3 p.m., Monday, January 8, 1996.

An applicant must be at least 19 years of age, a U.S. citizen, have a high school diploma or GED, have a Florida drivers' license, and must **See Briefs, Page 2A**

Compiled from staff reports

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Too much of a good thing can be wonderful. —Max West

RERUN, YOU CAN'T LICK THE FROSTING OFF THE CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND THEN PUT THEM BACK!



Dec. 20
5 shopping days to Christmas

All we want for Christmas...



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus paid a visit recently to Page School, on W. SR-46 in Sanford. Shown telling the couple (Paul and Evelyn Edson of New Smyrna Beach) what they would like for Christmas, are four-year-old twins Sydney and Samantha Moore.

Developing downtown Major office complex eyed for vacant land

By NICK PFEIFAUPE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A new three-story office building is being proposed for downtown Sanford. The development is to be brought before the city's Planning and Zoning Board this Thursday evening.

The building, to be known as the First Street Office Center, is to be located at the vacant lot on the north side of E. First Street, between Sanford and Palmetto avenues, west of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce offices.

The land is owned by Dr. J.W. Hickman, George A. Brown, and Harry E. Robson. Bruce Andersen, of Andersen and Associates is representing the owners.

The land has been vacant for several decades. At one time it contained a Ford dealership, furniture store, Nick's Package Store, Hunt's Lincoln/Mercury, Robson Sporting Goods, and several other businesses. Most of the entire block was destroyed by fire in the 1970s, with the rest subsequently having to be demolished. **See Office, Page 2A**

Kids pitch in to help kids

By VICKI DEBORNER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — We all have gifts and talents. "But we all have strengths in some areas and weaknesses in others," said Rudene Francis, the home school liaison at Pine Crest Elementary School in Sanford. "And there are others who are strong where we are weak."

Francis believes that educators have to teach the whole child. And if a child is hungry or wearing ill-fitting clothes, then he or she will not learn as well.

Some of the students at Pine Crest are academically gifted and talented, but fall behind in school because their families lack financial resources to provide them with the basic food and clothing needs.

"They are wonderful children," Francis pointed out.

At Wekiva Elementary School, generally speaking, the children are a little more financially secure. As such, they created the Kid to Kid program to help the youngsters at Pine Crest.

This school year the students have had the opportunity to teach one another some important life lessons. Emphasizing the positives and minimizing the negatives, the students are learning to see the best in all people. **See Kids, Page 2A**



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

The youngsters at Pine Crest Elementary School thanked their benefactors at Wekiva Elementary School with a banner and a lot of love Tuesday. Adults who helped them with the Kid to Kid project included teacher Rudene Francis,

parent chaperone Ellen Taylor, teacher Linda Myers, parents Barbara Dupree and Connie Buck and school counselor Marcella Branderberry. The banner-bearers were Brian Rogers and Kyle Barier.

Magic gifts



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Some of the hardest working students at Crooms Academy were rewarded for their hard work and dedication Tuesday. The Orlando Magic, one of the school's business partners, donated some officially licensed Magic jackets to the school to give to the outstanding students. Principal Karen Coleman,

left, and assistant principal Lowman Oliver, second from right, presented 7th grader Jimmy Mudica, 8th grader Sinaca Lingard, 8th grader Avasia Matthews, 6th grader Louis Pearson and 10th grader William Brammeler with the jackets.

Sheriff announces program for abused women

From staff reports

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Don Estinger in a news conference at his office at the Orlando Sanford Airport this morning is to announce the start of the ADT AWARE Program in Seminole County.

AWARE stands for Abused Women's Active Response Emergency. It is operated by ADT Security Systems, Inc.

Under the program, ADT will install a security system in an abused woman's home. The company will also provide each woman with an emergency necklace pendant to wear around her neck.

The pendant has dual emergency buttons that send a silent alarm to the ADT Customer Service Center. The center then contacts local law enforcement agencies for response. **See Abused, Page 2A**

Lake Mary paving, drainage projects

By NICK PFEIFAUPE
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Just as Rome wasn't built in a day, Lake Mary streets weren't paved in just a few months.

It has been five years since the Lake Mary city commission declared intentions to conduct

paving and drainage projects at five major locations within the city. Yet the project is, nonetheless, moving forward.

At tonight's city commission meeting, City Manager John Litton is requesting the city authorize him to execute a professional services agreement with Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt, Inc. (DRMP) for design and related services. The

amount is not to exceed a total of \$74,854.56. This is for \$72,354.26 in addition to \$2,500 for construction management services which would continue until bid recommendations for the projects are made.

Funds have already been allocated in the Series 1995 Capital Improvement Bond proceeds. **See Paving, Page 2A**

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Jurors say they were wrong

TAMPA — Seven jurors believe they made a mistake convicting Outlaws motorcycle gang members from the Tampa Bay area in a drug conspiracy case and blame it on instructions from the judge.

The seven, among a panel of 12 jurors, told U.S. District Judge Susan Bucklew they thought the Outlaws had been entrapped by authorities repeatedly, or rather, lured into breaking the law so they could be arrested.

The jurors said that as they understand the law now, the judge should have told them they could have declared the Outlaws innocent because of repeated entrapment.

Bucklew said there is no such jury instruction. "We all have our jobs. It's the judge's job to decide what law applies to the case. It's the jurors' job to decide the facts based on the law as it is given to them," Bucklew said.

Two lawyers indicted

MIAMI — Two Miami attorneys were charged with helping drug traffickers plot to smuggle thousands of pounds of cocaine and with opening secret bank accounts abroad to launder drug money.

The attorneys, Frank Quintero Jr. and Gerardo A. Remy Jr., were among 14 people indicted, U.S. Attorney Kendall Coffey said Tuesday.

Quintero and Remy were accused of opening secret bank accounts in Switzerland and Mexico and making withdrawals from those accounts to invest and conceal the proceeds of illegal drug smuggling.

The attorneys also would use their attorney trust accounts to conceal cocaine trafficking activity, the indictment said.

The indictments were the result of a four-year investigation. Quintero and Remy shared law offices both in Miami and Coconut Grove during the alleged conspiracy, the indictment said.

Ray agrees to rehab

ORLANDO — One of three brothers who contracted the AIDS virus from contaminated blood products has agreed to complete a juvenile rehabilitation plan in exchange for dismissal of sexual battery charges.

Robert Ray, 17, would be required to complete 75 hours of community service under the plan approved Monday by Orange Circuit Judge Walter Komanski.

Ray also must attend high school or get an equivalency diploma, obey his parents and have no contact with his accuser or her family. Charges will be dismissed if he abides by the plan through his 19th birthday.

Ray was charged with sexual battery after a 15-year-old girl said he tried to force her to perform oral sex on him in an east Orange County parking lot in February 1984. The girl said she struggled and got away.

Robert and his two brothers, Ricky and Randy, contracted the AIDS virus from blood products used to treat their hemophilia. The family was thrust into the national spotlight in 1987 when the boys were kicked out of school and their Arcadia home was burned.

Man gets 9 years in puppy killing

MIAMI — A man who killed a puppy because its barking woke him up was sentenced to 9½ years in prison.

Allen Laboy, "showed total disregard for life" when he shot a 4-month-old puppy to silence a third-degree felony, he must also serve 4½ years for violating his probation by burglary and other crimes. He was ordered to serve the sentence consecutively.

Laboy was convicted last month. Blake said he had received letters from around the country urging a stiff sentence for Laboy. He faced up to 14½ years.

Laboy blamed cocaine and alcohol for his actions. His attorney, Alejandro Zamora, said Laboy needed drug treatment, not a lengthy prison term. Zamora plans to appeal.

Tornado kills Gadsden Co. man

QUINCY — A tornado smashed the mobile home of two brothers, killing one of them, while the man's mother slept in her own home 80 yards away without ever hearing the twister hit before dawn Tuesday.

The tornado left the home looking like a twisted pretzel, said Gadsden County Sheriff W.A. Woodham. The tornado was swept away entirely, and the body and the injured man were found 100 to 150 yards away from where the trailer stood.

Joseph Betha, 50, was killed. His brother, James Betha, 49, was taken to a Tallahassee hospital with a broken hip, a broken arm and a broken leg. Gadsden County Sheriff W.A. Woodham said.

The men lived seven miles northwest of Quincy, about a half hour drive northwest of Tallahassee.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Barnett Bank cleared in the Justice Department probe

JACKSONVILLE — The Department of Justice has cleared Barnett Banks in a two-year investigation of its minority lending practices without taking any action, Barnett said.

It marks the first time the Justice Department under Janet Reno has failed to bring charges against a financial institution in such an inquiry. The Miami Herald reported Tuesday.

"It's really monumental when you think about it," said Ken Thomas, a Miami banking analyst who published a book

that identified Florida as the worst state in the country for lending in minority areas just months before the Barnett investigation began.

Comment from the Justice Department was unavailable Tuesday because of the partial government shutdown.

The Barnett probe was begun in September, 1983, after loan denial rates rose at the state's largest banking company.

The investigation was a major public relations setback for Barnett, and threatened potentially significant economic consequences.

Six other banks investigated for racial discrimination in lending have ended up paying big fines, have had mergers curbed, and have had to operate under government supervision dictated by consent agreement.

"We are clearly pleased that the issue has been resolved in this manner," said David Palombi, a Barnett spokesman in Jacksonville. "In the last three years, Barnett has loaned more than \$2 billion to low and moderate income borrowers and to businesses owned by minorities and women," he said.

Minority lending standards are set by the Community Reinvestment Act. The Justice Department under President Clinton has aggressively sought to use this federal regulation to funnel money into minority and low-income neighborhoods.

Thomas suggested that the Justice Department had gone too far and the clearing of Barnett signals an end of an era.

"They went after Barnett, solely because it was the biggest bank," he said. "They should go after banks that discriminate, not just go after a big bank and search for discrimination."



Tops in the city

Lawrence Hagan, center, has been named Employee of the Month for December. Hagan is with the Utility Department as a customer service field representative, and was commended for his dealings with customers and callers. He has been employed by the city since October, 1975. Shown with Hagan during the award ceremony, Mayor Bettye Smith, left, and City Manager Bill Simmons, right.

Special Photo by Tommy Woodard

Johnson calls for Falmien's resignation

By ADAM YOUNG, Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The executive director of the Florida Democratic Party should resign for lying about misleading calls by Gov. Lawton Chiles' re-election campaign, a top Senate Democrat said.

Sen. Karen Johnson, the governor's staunchest defender on the Republican-led Senate panel investigating the calls, said she wanted Scott Falmien removed from running the party's day-to-day operations.

Falmien has testified he made "purposeful misstatements" about the deceptive calls. The Chiles' campaign admitted it was responsible last month when the Senate subpoenaed records.

Johnson said Tuesday she considered Falmien's actions unprofessional, particularly for a high-level party official. She

believed keeping him would hurt the party.

"I think the perception's out there," said Johnson, who is seeking re-election in 1988. "I wasn't so sure that Scott wasn't lying."

Falmien, a top campaign adviser to Chiles before becoming the party's executive director in March, said he wrote legitimate calls for the Chiles' campaign.

He testified he didn't recall writing the misleading ones that portrayed Bush as a tax cheat and accused his running mate, Tom Feeney, of wanting to scrap Social Security and cut Medicare for the elderly.

Callers either said they represented a group that didn't exist or a senior citizens' organization that had nothing to do with the campaign.

Falmien went on to defend the calls after acknowledging the campaign was behind them.

Publix challenged on meat-labeling practice

ORLANDO — A consumer group demanded Tuesday that Publix Super Markets Inc. change a practice of rewrapping and redating meats without telling shoppers the "sell-by" date had been altered.

Publix called it another salvo in a union attack intended to raise false questions and tarnish the reputation of the state's largest private employer.

When meat products reach their sell-by date, they are trimmed, reworked, rewrapped, redated and offered for sale along with fresh-stocked meats, the National Consumers League said.

The redated products carry an "R" on the label but shoppers are not told what this means. Nor are they told the original expiration date, the group said at a news conference.

The league, joined by Florida AFL-CIO President Marilyn Lenard, called on Publix to abandon the practice or change its labeling system to provide

disclosure to consumers. Lenard said the union would seek state government action to tighten consumer protection laws.

"Consumers have an absolute right, and Publix has an absolute obligation to provide full and complete information on sell-by dates, particularly for perishable items," Linda Colodner, president of the Washington, D.C.-based league, said in a letter to Howard Jenkins, Publix board chairman.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union brought the practice to the attention of the NCL based on information from Publix workers, the league said.

"This press conference is just another round in this and union's attack on America's favorite supermarket," retail executive Ed Cronshaw said in a release, referring to the UFCW.

Publix employs 93,000 workers in 435 stores in Florida, 46 stores in Georgia and eight in South Carolina.

LOTTERY

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

Fantasy 5
10-15-13-7-1

Cash 3
6-0-4
Play 4
4-1-5-5

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THE WEATHER

Today: Variable cloudiness...Breezy and cooler. High around 60 to the lower 60s. West wind 15 to 30 mph and gusty becoming northwest. Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Low in the upper 30s to around 40. Northwest wind diminishing to 5 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy and cool. High around 60. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday: Fair and continued cool. High near 60 to mid 60s. Saturday: Increasing clouds with a chance of rain later in the day. Lows in the upper 30s north and 40s elsewhere. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 60s.

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MOON PHASES:
FULL Dec. 6
LAST Dec. 15
NEW Dec. 21
FIRST Dec. 28

FLORIDA

City	Hi	Lo	Pct
Daytona Beach	65	45	10
Pt. Lant	75	45	10
Fort Myers	75	45	10
Gainesville	75	45	10
Hainesville	65	45	10
Jacksonville	75	45	10
Key West	65	45	10
Lakeland	75	45	10
Miami	65	45	10
Pensacola	65	45	10
Sarasota	75	45	10
Tallahassee	75	45	10
Tampa	75	45	10
Vero Beach	65	45	10
W. Palm Beach	65	45	10

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1 to 2 feet and rough. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 67 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and choppy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 65 degrees.

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Small craft advisory. Today: Wind w to sw 20 kt. Seas 4 ft near shore and 8 ft well offshore. Bay and inland waters choppy. Tonight: Wind nw to n 15 to 20 kt. Seas 2 to 4 ft near shore and 6 ft offshore. Bay and inland waters choppy. Thursday: Wind a 10 to 15 kt. Seas 4 ft. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 61 degrees and the overnight low was 51 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Wednesday, totaled 1.87 inches.
 ☐Sunset.....5:30 p.m.
 ☐Sunrise.....7:10 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 4. Not so bad, but still use your sunscreen, wear a hat.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

0.1-3 minimal
3-4 low
5-6 moderate
7-8.9 high
10- very high

POLICE BRIEFS

Disorderly

Addis Davis, 45, listed as a transient, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in the 1500 block of S. French Avenue. He was charged with disorderly intoxication.

Car caper

Donald L. Newlander, 20, of 2513 Princeton Ave., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. According to the arrest report, a man told police his vehicle was struck by another reportedly driven by Newlander while driving on U.S. Highway 17-92. The report said he chased Newlander to his residence, where the two became involved in an altercation. Newlander was charged with aggravated battery.

Domestic case

Rodrick Williams, 31, 1185 W. 16th Street was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Saturday as the result of a reported fight with a female. He was charged with aggravated battery, domestic violence.

Sanford police reports

• An estimated \$400 in currency and other personal items were reported stolen Friday from a woman at a store in the 3500 block of S. Orlando Drive.

• An air compressor, circular saw and other tools and accessories were reported stolen Friday from a storage unit in the 2900 block of S. Orlando Drive.

• A man told police he left his wallet on a counter of a store Friday in the 1700 block of Airport Blvd. He said when he discovered the loss, he returned to the store and located his wallet, but between \$480 and \$470 in currency was missing.

• A CD unit, amplifier and other items valued at \$775 were reportedly stolen Sunday from a pickup truck parked in the 10100 block of Stonebrook Drive.

• A \$3,000 pressure washer was reported stolen Saturday in the 300 block of Palmetto Avenue.

• A \$200 gas-powered weed eater was reported stolen Saturday in the 800 block of Palmetto Avenue.

• A race car on a trailer in the 2500 block of S. Sanford Avenue was reportedly burglarized Friday. An estimated \$900 in equipment was reported stolen from the dash area of the vehicle.

• A resident in the 1000 block of W. 25th Street told police a small fire had been set in front of the door to her home on Sunday. Police said the fire was reportedly in a plastic bag containing paper trash.

• A resident in the 800 block of Sarita Street reported a fire had been started in a mail box on Sunday, causing an estimated \$25 in damage.

• An estimated \$1,000 in tools were said to have been taken Monday in a business burglary in the 2400 block of French Avenue.

• Police said someone threw a rock through the front window of a business Monday in the 300 block of Sanford Avenue, taking an undetermined amount of wine and cigarettes.

• A maroon 1988 Ford Ranger, license number SWR-32K was reported stolen Monday in the 100 block of Country Club Circle.

• Several vehicles were reportedly burglarized Monday at a business in the 2700 block of S. Orlando Drive. Six AM/FM radios, three used car batteries and other items valued at \$1,080 were said to have been taken.

Theft/arrest

Sanford police arrested Dexter Lavern Williams, 28, of 1122 Orange Avenue Monday. Police said on Nov. 27, he reportedly stole a vehicle in the 900 block of Maple Avenue, drove approximately two blocks, then took a tool box valued at \$150 from the vehicle before abandoning it. Police said he was identified through a photo lineup. He was located Monday at 10th Street and French Avenue, and arrested on charges of burglary to a structure/conveyance, grand theft auto, and theft.

Car burglaries

Fredrick J. Grubbs, 19, of 93 Lake Monroe Terrace, was arrested Monday by Sanford police at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. According to the arrest report, Grubbs was accused of having burglarized a 1991 Ford in the 200 block of E. First Street on Dec. 3. He is also suspected of having burglarized a vehicle on Dec. 8 in the 400 block of W. Seminole Blvd. He had been arrested on one of the burglaries, and now has been given additional charges of burglary to a structure/conveyance, theft, in connection with the other case.

QUAD activities

Members of the Sanford police QUAD-Squad made several arrests Monday. As the result of a drug investigation at Sixth Street and Olive Avenue, Richard Bernard Taylor, 24, of 1011 W. Sixth Street, was arrested on charges of sale of cannabis, and possession with intent to distribute.

In the 500 block of E. Seventh Street, QUAD officers arrested Vernita Frison, 27, of 2180 Church Street. Frison was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting an officer without violence.

DUI case

Lake Mary police arrested Laura Elizabeth Troise, 18, of 285 Evansdale Road, Lake Mary, as the result of a traffic stop Sunday near Lake Mary Elementary School. She was charged with driving under the influence, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting an officer with violence, and violation of a driver's license restriction.

Traffic stops

Patrick Pennington Malone, 34, 1237 Upsala Road, Sanford, was stopped by deputies at Sipes Avenue and Hughey Street Monday. Deputies found he was wanted on eight warrants issued in Polk County for worthless checks.

Marie Annette Brooks, 32, whose address was unknown, was stopped by deputies at Sixth Street and Oak Avenue Monday. She was charged with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Warrants

Lewis Edward Wright, 38, 165 Longleaf Pine Circle, was arrested at his residence by sheriff's deputies Monday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of theft.

Barbara Ann Capers, 39, 2281 Water Street, Sanford, was served two warrants at the jail Monday. She was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of battery, and failing to appear to pay a fine on a conviction of theft.

Sharon E. Donley, 49, 351 Bay Avenue, Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Monday. She was wanted for third degree grand theft.

Sheriff reports

A residential burglary was reported Monday in the 400 block of Whittingham Place in Greenwood Lakes near Lake Mary. An estimated \$4,976 in items, \$1,700 in cash and over \$800 in checks was reportedly taken.

A shed was burglarized Monday in the 100 block of Erin Court, in Brandermill near Lake Mary. Items taken including lawn equipment were valued at \$668.

A residential burglary was reported Monday in the 300 block of Lake Boulevard in Loch Arbor near Sanford. An estimated \$2,339 in items were said to be missing.

A VCR, TV, stereo and other items valued at \$4,239 were said to have been stolen Monday from a Goldsboro residence in the 1400 block of Dixie Way.



State cooking champs

Cmdr. Ronnie Nance, left, and Sgt. Mark Nichols, third from left, were presented the Fraternal Order of Police State Championship trophy for the Best Barbecue earlier this month at the State Cookoff for FOP held in Sarasota. The pair, representing Sanford Lodge 140, earned first place for Boston Butt roast. The trophy will remain in Sanford until next year when the two men plan to compete again. Shown with Nance and Nichols are Darrell Brewer, District 7 Director Brett Railey, and District 3 Director Gene Leonard.

State attorney: Mom beat son unconscious, tried to revive him

By The Associated Press

ORANGE CITY, Fla. — Authorities believe Ora Lee Moore beat her son unconscious, then accidentally drowned the 8-year-old him while trying to revive him in bath water, said State Attorney Steve Alexander.

Moore, 37, was indicted on a manslaughter charge Monday after testifying voluntarily before a grand jury for two hours.

On Tuesday, Alexander said the manslaughter charge fits because the grand jury believed Moore is responsible for Dimitric's death but didn't intend to seriously harm him.

Moore has denied any involvement in her son's death. She says she could barely bring herself to discipline him, and he rarely misbehaved enough to warrant punishment.

She has argued police didn't delve far enough into rumors that a group of boys had beaten

up Dimitric the day he disappeared.

Dimitric had gone out to play, and Moore was angry with him for not checking in with her more frequently and told some of his friends so, Alexander said.

"They knew he was in big trouble with the mama," the state attorney said. Moore denies that.

She spotted two of the boy's friends as they bicycled past her home and asked whether they had seen Dimitric. They assured her he was on his way, Alexander said.

That testimony, coupled with Moore's statement that she was home alone and evidence of blows to the boy's body, built a good circumstantial case against her, Alexander said.

Moore's attorney, Jim Crock of Daytona Beach, said he believes she won't be found guilty "because it's so obvious that there are other alternatives for what might have happened."

Noose placed near black cop's desk during cleanup

By The Associated Press

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — The placement of a noose by the desk of this city's only black police officer was not racist but "an innocent act of housecleaning," the police chief said.

After reading about the controversy, Christian Gandy, who is in the county work release program, came forward Tuesday. He said he found the noose lying on the floor a month ago while cleaning and put it on a shelf of a desk now used by Officer Bill Pope Jr.

"I'm very pleased to find out that it was just an innocent act of housecleaning, so to speak," Chief Boyce "Ed" Tischer said Tuesday. "I didn't believe there

was anything sinister about it to begin with. However, you can't rule out anything in this day and age."

About a month ago, an officer reported to Tischer there was a noose on Pope's desk. The chief ordered a senior officer to find out how it got there.

On Monday, Tischer said the noose was found on Pope's desk, but Tuesday said it was "near" it. He said the initial report was mistaken.

Pope called the incident a big misunderstanding.

The 32-year-old was hired in September, becoming the department's first black officer in several years. He previously refused comment, but said Tuesday he interpreted the noose incident as an "immature" act, not racial intimidation.

"Sometimes things get blown out of proportion," he said.

The noose was in the station because a firefighter had given it to an officer as a gag wedding gift, Tischer said.

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EDITORIAL

To a safe holiday season

Gift buying time is almost over. Just these last few days, and the holiday shopping fury will have subsided. To many, it will be a "thank goodness it's over" situation.

It is appearing as though each year the shopping is becoming more and more hazardous. Years ago, it was a simple matter of going to the store, buying the gifts, and going home to wrap them.

Now, everyone is required to exercise caution no matter what they do. When going to a shopping center or mall, people are warned to always keep their car doors locked. They are told not to walk alone through the parking lot.

Women are urged to have their purses safely secured, and you are told not to leave gifts in full view in the vehicle while returning to the store for additional purchases.

It isn't just the customer who must be on the lookout. Store clerks and managers as well are having their share of problems. Shoplifting and retail thefts always increase during this season. People think it is easier to take merchandise without paying, because of the crowds which may have clerks otherwise occupied.

Thankfully, with today's methods of identifying merchandise and having security gates at the store's exit doors, police have been able to nab quite a number of people who are doing their Christmas shop-lifting.

Many stores are even hiring extra personnel to serve as security guards and help walk customers to their vehicles in the parking lots.

The items which are stolen, the cost of additional personnel, and several other factors are all contributing to the increase in prices on merchandise. Unfortunately, the honest shopper is forced to foot the bill for this.

Being forced to almost place one's self in jeopardy while purchasing gifts for friends and loved ones is taking the joy out of the holiday season. Wishing someone a "Merry Christmas" is changing its meaning to one of wishing people a safe holiday season. Everyone keeps their fingers crossed, hoping that nothing will go wrong.

All we can do is exercise as much caution as possible. Follow all the tips and suggestions for safe holiday shopping. And continue to support our law enforcement agencies who, as in all holiday periods, are working diligently to protect the citizens, and apprehend the criminals.

It's unfortunate we have reached this level of concern, but if we are to have that "Merry Christmas," there is little else we can do.

LETTER

Guardian angels

At this time of the year, I would like to thank two of my heroines.

First, the lady who saved my life by doing the Heimlich maneuver when I choked on food at Bingo. She saved my life. To this day, I do not know who she is.

Second, Dr. Marlene Lambiaso, who noticed something was wrong with my breast. If she hadn't sent me for a mammogram, I would not be here. I had to have it removed, but I am cancer free for a year.

Thanks to you both. Love and happiness. Also...you are my guardian angels.

Polly Adams
Sanford

Berry's World



"I'm 'takin' a page outta YOUR book," George."

JOSEPH PERKINS

Blacks don't need the handouts

"The extreme, ultraconservative policies of the far-right wing in our nation are draconian and punitive. They are policies that punish the elderly, restrict the poor and deny opportunity to our children."

So said Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., at a news conference announcing his selection as president and chief executive officer of the much-beleaguered NAACP, the nation's oldest civil-rights organization.

Mfume, the former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, apparently thinks that the biggest obstacle to black progress in America is the Republican-controlled Congress. And that's the problem with most civil-rights leaders today.

Take a look at the maladies afflicting the nation's black population -- broken families, teen-age pregnancies, high-school dropouts, substance abuse, black-on-black crime. These pathologies were no better when Democrats controlled Congress. And they are no worse now that Republicans are in control.

The point is that the government cannot solve the lingering problems of the black community. That undertaking is left to the black community itself. That is the message Mfume needs to be

espousing if the 86-year-old NAACP is to have any relevance in the 1990s and beyond.

I'm not the only black person in this country who's tired of hearing civil-rights leaders mau-mauling the government for more welfare checks or food stamps. It's damned embarrassing. It's like the future of black America depends on handouts from Uncle Sam.

But there are enough resources within the black community itself to solve the lingering problems that afflict maybe one-third of the black population. So, then, the challenge for Mfume and an up-to-date NAACP is



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to bring those resources to bear to uplift those black folks who've been left behind.

Consider that black Americans generate an estimated \$270 billion in yearly income. That's a huge sum of money that could be tapped to generate economic activity in blighted black communities throughout the country. The NAACP should be thinking of creative ways to get at some of those black dollars.

What about setting up a 900 telephone service with one of the long-distance carriers whereby concerned blacks can just dial up and make an automatic contribution to an NAACP economic-development fund?

Or how about setting up an automatic-deposit program with one of the major banks whereby blacks can have a specified amount withdrawn from their checking account each month to go to the NAACP?

When you're talking about 11.5 million black households in America, if each contributes an average of just \$5 a month to the NAACP, that adds up to \$680 million a year. I'm sure most blacks would agree that five bucks a month is a small price to pay to uplift the race.



JOSEPH SPEAR

Bosnia lights the real hypocrites

There is nothing like an international crisis for separating the moral giants from the moral midgets.

In the past 44 months, the hellhole we call Bosnia has been the scene of unspeakable atrocity and savagery. Hospitals, schools, markets and homes have been indiscriminately bombed and thousands of innocent men, women and children have died.

Men have been imprisoned, tortured, lined up and shot down in cold blood. Women have been beaten and raped. Children have fallen victim to sniper, mortar and artillery attack.

The United States can help stop the slaughter. We have the opportunity to try, at least. And what do our so-called leaders do? They make a political game of it, of course.

I begin with the premise that our soldiers should be in Bosnia. I know about 60 percent of you disagree with me.

You think these crazy ethnic groups have been "cleansing" each other for centuries and there's nothing we can do to stop them.

I agree that Bosnia is basically Europe's problem, but I also think that, like World War II, it could easily become ours in a very direct way. I agree that stopping the war is probably an unattainable goal, but I do think the conflict can be contained.

I disagree, fundamentally, that Bosnia is not worth some degree of sacrifice on our part. It is a moral obligation.

Politicians tend to snicker when they hear those words. The United States should do nothing, they believe, unless the United States is getting something tangible out of it -- oil, trade, security, friends. They believe this primarily because idealism in international matters does not buy votes. In my years in Washington, the only president who recognized the moral imperative in foreign policy was Jimmy Carter, and what it helped buy him was one term.

I believe we should be in Bosnia because it is the right thing to do. Yes, the mission might fail. Where's the shame in that? The biggest challenge of involvement in any foreign conflict, it seems to me, is knowing when to hold them and knowing when to fold them. The important thing is to try.

We made a noble effort and failed tragically in Vietnam when we did not heed the words of the late Republican Sen. George Aiken of Vermont and declare victory and come home. We did the right thing in Lebanon when we sent in the Marines to police the peace and withdrew after 241 of them died in a truck bombing. We did the right thing in Africa when we tried to save Somalians from anarchy and left when they turned against us.

If we have to, we can do the same thing in Bosnia. At least we would have the satisfaction of knowing we tried.

This is the moral argument we should be hearing. Instead, Bosnia has become a political football. "It's all politics," says one GOP lawmaker, referring to both parties. It's bad enough that Bill Clinton twiddled his thumbs for three years while thousands died, but now that he's finally moving, the Republicans are viewing Bosnia as "a target of opportunity."

If I were to rate our leaders on a scale of one to 10 for Moral Initiative in international affairs, no one would get 10. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., would get eight. They have backed the decision to send troops to Bosnia for basically moral reasons but do not say so for fear of political backlash.



I believe we should be in Bosnia because it is the right thing to do.

ELLEN GOODMAN

One might learn from Austen

BOSTON—Forgive me if I sound a bit odd this morning. I'm suffering from what might be called Masterpiece Theater Syndrome, though this masterpiece was on the large screen.

The syndrome—identified by the number of times one refers to oneself as one—was brought on by watching "Sense and Sensibility," the latest travelogue through the 19th-century landscape and mindscape of Jane Austen.

Miss Austen is everywhere these days. Her "Emma" was recently morphed into "Clueless." Her "Persuasion" continues to make its lush appearance in cinema art houses. And "Pride and Prejudice" is being readied for television.

"Sense and Sensibility," the most recent and delicious of the revivals, is based on an early novel about two sisters who start out on opposite ends of the emotional spectrum.

Marianne, the younger: "To love is to burn. Elinor, the elder: "I do not attempt to deny I think very highly of him."

The movie comes, not surprisingly, with the rating "PG," or as one newspaper graded it: "completely unobjectionable." That is the sort of faint praise that would make one rise from one's grave if one were Jane Austen (and one were hopelessly afflicted with Masterpiece Theater syndrome.)

But it leads this happy viewer to wonder why an 1811 novel about the pursuit of two marriages and one golden mean is playing to 1995 audiences. What is Austen's early 19th-century appeal to the late 20th century?

Few of us are nostalgic for an era when daughters could neither inherit their father's fortunes nor earn their own, when women were "fallen" rather easily and couldn't pick themselves up. Courting and marriage were higher-risk events than bungee-jumping and junk bond-buying.

Nor is Austen a likely candidate for cineplexes strewn with blown-up body parts. This not pulp fiction. The only special effect is the radiant England-forever glow applied to the landscape.

But I suspect that what makes the characters appealing and exotic to us is that they are so full of restraints and/or constraints. No matter how besotted—there one goes again—by love, there are conventions observed.

They manage to find love in a culture that limits communication to talk of the weather and the roads. A culture in which people are taught to be impersonal.

In the contemporary love story, by contrast, there is less than a minute between looking and leaping. Relationships go directly

from simmering to boiling to rug burns. People simply tell all and do all and then tell the next person.

The British reserve is now so shattered that the Prince of Wales whispers puerile endearments over a cellular phone and the Princess tells all on the telly. In America people are expected to thank each other for sharing what they don't want to know.

Even Jane Austen has suffered a transcontinental and posthumous invasion of privacy by an American academic who wrote a tortured story for the London Review of Books suggesting that she had "homosexual tendencies."

This was matched only by an academic paper on "Jane Austen and the Masturbating Girl."

So maybe, just maybe what the Austen revival points to is a renewed passion for restraint, an unfulfilled yearning to experience yearning, and a desire that people keep their hearts' desires to themselves.

Austen may make the old-fashioned fashionable again. After all, in real life, Emma Thompson, the actress who wrote the screenplay and stars as the sensible sister, now refuses to respond to reporters' questions about her personal life.

Exhibiting a modest case of M.T.S., she says, "... I wouldn't dream of asking you questions about your personal life because I think that would be rude. I don't know you well enough. If you were my friend, I would say, 'I hear you've been having a bit of a hard time. Are you OK?'"

"But to be asked in a public situation is a kind of a politeness. It's like amorality. Perfectly normal, well-brought-up people will suddenly behave as though they've never heard of the word 'good manners' or 'courtesy.'"

Good manners. Courtesy. Hang around Austen long enough and one picks up the accent. Funny how the quaint sounds fresh. Sense and sensibility, the power of yearning, the value of restraint and good humor. And oh yes, the 19th-century's Austen offers our open society one thing in meager supply: a happy ending.



What is Austen's early 19th century appeal to the late 20th century?

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be certified as a law enforcement officer in the State of Florida.

Applicants must apply in person at the sheriff's office, 1345 E. 26th Street in Sanford, at the Orlando Sanford Airport.

Police party

LONGWOOD — The Longwood police department, to provide a safe location for parents who want to drop their youngsters off on New Year's Eve, is holding a New Year's Eve party and all-night lock-in for youngsters 10 to 18. Events planned include music, dancing, games, prizes and fun. The event will be Sunday night, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. Cost is \$20.

Advance registration is not required, but it is being recommended. For additional information, phone 280-3402.

Blood money

The Central Florida Phone Book is celebrating its change to a bright red phone book cover by offering anyone who donates blood the chance to win up to \$1,000 in gift certificates. Donate at any Central Florida Blood Bank branch or bloodmobile in Orange, Osceola or Seminole county by Dec. 24 and be eligible for one of nine \$500 drawings being made one-per-day. A grand prize drawing for \$1,000 will be held Dec. 30.

The gift certificates are redeemable at any business listed in the Central Florida Phone Book. The first \$500 winner, Tom Cepmond of Kissimmee, has already been announced.

Ignore this

Oviedo — Seminole County has asked that a report regarding a new used oil collection facility in Oviedo, published on page 6-A in yesterday's Sanford Herald be disregarded for the time being. The request was made too late to avoid publication yesterday.

Lake Mary commissioners to discuss economic incentives

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary City Commission will meet twice and gather once this Thursday night. Activities will start with a special called meeting of the commission beginning at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.

Items for discussion and/or consideration involve economic incentive policies. They relate to an interlocal agreement with Seminole County for AT&T and a request for economic incentive of \$80,000 over five years, from BellSouth Mobility.

Also scheduled is a discussion on commercial annexations.

Following the special called meeting, the members of the commission will gather at 7 p.m., at the corner of Fourth Street and Lake Mary Boulevard, for the official dedication of a sign which was donated to the city by the Lake Mary Community Improvement Association.

The regularly scheduled meeting will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m., or as soon after the dedication ceremonies as possible. As of Monday, the following items were listed on the regular meeting agenda:

- Call to order — other opening ceremonies.
- Special presentations —

Appreciation awards to Joe Rosier, Nancy Frye, Ken King, and volunteers.

- Citizen participation
- Reports of city manager (see below)

- Reports of mayor, commissioners, city attorney

- Ordinance 764 — 2nd reading — Amending landscape and arbor regulations.

- Ordinance 775 — 2nd reading — Creating the Bay Tree Center planned unit development (PUD) district. Waymont Development, owner/applicant.

- Ordinance 776 — 2nd reading — Rezone plat of Sun Bank Property. Applicant, McDonald's Corporation.

- Ordinance 777 — 2nd reading — Amending impact fees.

- Consideration — Site plan approval with variance for construction of an auto wash, Corporate Pointe.

- Resolution 528 — Amending fiscal year 1996 budget.

- Resolution 529 — Designating street lighting district for Manderley PUD.

- Resolution 530 — Creating an assessment roll for street lighting district for Manderley PUD.

- Consideration — Site work permit for International Parkway Extension.

- Adjournment.

As of Monday of this week, the following items were listed on the City Manager's report.

- Request commission make appointments/reappointments to various advisory boards.

- Request commission approve engineering design services for some 8 drainage and paving improvements.

- Request commission declare tower, cabling, antenna and mobile radios surplus, and authorize purchase of 31 800 MHz radios from Motorola, Inc., not to exceed \$48,500.

- Request commission declare public works vehicle 36 surplus, and approve bid for purchase of 1996 Massey Ferguson 383 tractor not to exceed \$23,650.

- Request commission authorize purchase of 1996 Jacobson Turfcat commercial mower, not to exceed \$10,983.

- Request commission approve conceptual acquisition of property at Van Buren Avenue and Third Street in the sum of \$99,000.

The Lake Mary special meeting and regular commission meeting will be held this Thursday evening, at Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.



The beauty of the season

A bevy of beauties was on hand at the Marina Hotel recently for an evening of fashion elegance sponsored by Hair Lines Studios. The event was designed to showcase some of the elegant fashions and fine coiffures available for

holiday parties and entertaining. Among the models were Daphne Bell, Cassandra Binna, Crystal Caldwell, Diana Collazo, Jeanette Gray, Pam Williams, and Cappella Gaines.

Kids

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Using the school district's "Keys to Your Character" monthly values as a base, the students focused on generosity and gratitude. They learned to give freely of their resources and to be gracious and grateful in receiving.

Francis started the year calling her former school to ask if there were any extra shoes or jackets left unclaimed in the lost and found. She knew the school regularly donated such items to charity and was hoping they might give some to the Pine Crest students who needed them.

"And they just took the ball and ran with it over there," Francis said. "They didn't just give us those lost things. They did so much more."

The students at Wekiva not only gave their lost and rejected clothing, they also held a garage sale to bring in enough money to purchase new items.

"They know that kids like to have new things so they didn't

just want to clean out their closets and give their old things," Francis said. "They wanted the kids to have new things too."

Francis said the best thing about the program is the children were the ones who initiated it.

"They were the ones who worked on this and brought the clothes in and sorted them and packaged them up," she said. "They had the idea for the garage sale. The adults were just there to help when they needed it."

The Wekiva students also provided a Thanksgiving dinner basket for one Pine Crest family last month.

At Pine Crest the students who wanted to participate were able to go through the auditorium and select the clothes they wanted. There were also blankets, sleeping bags and quilts available.

Once they had the new items and proudly modeled them, the students set about finding ways to show their appreciation.

On Tuesday, a caravan of cheerful students went to Wekiva with a huge banner they had created and signed.

"They wanted to give a piece of themselves to those kids who

had done so much for them," she said.

The Kid to Kid program will continue with donations of school supplies and other items as necessary throughout the year, Francis said.

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Paving

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There are five major areas to be involved in the paving and drainage project.

- Fifth Street — From Lake Mary Blvd. to Washington Avenue.

- Washington Avenue — From Fifth Street to Third Street.

- Fourth Street — From Washington Avenue to Van Buren Avenue.

- Van Buren Avenue — From Fourth Street to Third Street.

- Third Street — From Country Club Road to Van Buren Avenue.

The area, located in Zone-B, is generally located to the southwest of the intersection of Country Club Road and Lake Mary Boulevard. In December of 1990, it was determined that this area should be the starting point for the city's paving and drainage projects.

The total cost of this project

has been estimated at \$979,640 which would include construction, road right-of-way, and design. Based on the city commission's determination to assess 30 percent of the cost to fronting property owners, using the ETU method of assessment, the cost would be approximately \$2,389.37 per ETU.

The matter is scheduled for commission discussion and/or consideration tonight, during the City Manager's report at the Lake Mary City Commission meeting.

Because of an earlier work session at 5 p.m., and a dedication ceremony planned for 7 p.m. at the corner of Fourth Street and Lake Mary Boulevard, the regular commission meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.

Lake Mary City Hall is located at 100 N. Country Club Road.

Abused

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to the home.

ADT will donate six of these AWARE systems to Seminole County. The sheriff's office victim advocate will decide which abused women will receive the systems.

Among the requirements are that a woman have an Order for Protection in effect against the abuser, and that the abuser no longer lives in the home.

Women who are being stalked or have children will be given first priority.

The ADT AWARE program is currently in effect in 47 communities in the United States. Seminole County will reportedly be the only county in Central Florida to have the program.

The ADT AWARE program is credited with saving the lives of 19 abused women during the past three years.

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According to advance plans, the First Street Office Center is to be a three story building with 48,000 square feet of space. On street parking is proposed, as well as additional public parking facilities which are as-yet undetermined.

The first floor is scheduled to include retail sales and service space.

The drawings submitted for the facility indicates the building will face First Street and will run the entire length of the land, with 94 parking spaces planned

between the building and Commercial Street. In order to meet the city's requirements for 234 spaces for a building of this size, the plans also call for 97 remote spaces and 43 adjacent spaces. The off-site parking is suggested to be available through the new judicial center shared parking garage.

A public hearing on the request for the project is scheduled for this Thursday night at the regular meeting of the Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission, beginning at 7 p.m. in the commission chambers of Sanford City Hall.

DEATHS

JERRY LEE POLSON

Jerry Lee Polson, 54, New Castle, Ind., died Monday, Dec. 18, 1995 at his residence. He was born Feb. 4, 1941 in New Castle and was a lifelong resident. He was employed at the New Castle Tire Store.

Survivors include wife, Irene; sons, Gerald Lee, Jacksonville, Timothy, New Castle; sisters, Sandra Parrish, New Castle, Ruth Privett, Connie Sexton, Helen Privett, all of Sanford, Sheila Evans, Parker City, Ind.; brother, Richard, Knightstown, Ind.; two grandchildren.

Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, New Castle, Ind., in charge of arrangements.

Mary English, both of Winter Park; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

LINDIE D. STEWART
To My Dear Lyndie,

(She)

If I had known what trouble you were having, I had grief over in the advice of your face, I would have been more gentle and more caring, and tried to give you pleasure for a year. I would have brought more warmth into the place.

If I had known what thoughts despairing drove you, why do we never try to understand? I would have been a truly friendship to you, and shared my hand within your hand, and made you my own pleasure in the land.

I had known, Mother,

to see you, to see you, happy happy, very (I wish) your loving children, Achide, Frank, Tim, Lygion, She-cray, Adrianna

MAE BYRD STANLEY

Mae Byrd Stanley, 86, Symonds Avenue, Winter Park, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995 at Winter Park Hospital. Born Oct. 9, 1909 in Monticello, she moved to Central Florida in 1921. She was a retired homemaker. She belonged to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Winter Park, and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include sons, Ira Jr., and Larnard, both of Winter Park; sisters, Addie Miller and

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Chamber blender

The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours party this past week had a good turnout. The event, held at and hosted by The Barn, on French Avenue, took on a festive atmosphere for the holiday season. Shown

during the event, left to right, Chamber Administrative Assistant Vera Morangello, Linda Keeling of Keeling Insurance, and Chamber Director Wanda Kelly.

Harold Photo by Phil Kestner



Feeding the needy

Over \$25,000 in fresh vegetables were distributed to low income families through the Farm-Share program at the Food Commodity office in Sanford recently. Seen packaging some of the food are Doug McCormick, a trustee

volunteer from the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, and Jean Metts, executive director of Seminole Volunteer Enterprises, sponsors of the drive.

Harold Photo by Tommy Vincent

Clinton, Dole, Gingrich restart stalled budget talks

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and Republican leaders are renewing stalled budget talks with the hope of recalling idled federal workers before Christmas and settling on a seven-year, balanced budget by New Year's day.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., pronounced a two-hour White House session with Clinton on Tuesday "a very useful and very important step in the right direction." Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., called it "very productive."

But a one-hour follow-up session in the Capitol between White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and the chairmen of the House and Senate budget committees failed to work out all of the ground rules for a second session today between the president and GOP leaders.

Another preliminary meeting with Panetta and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, and Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., was set with the hope it would lead to a schedule for negotiating a balanced budget by the end of the year.

Gingrich said Republicans were waiting for the results of a second meeting with Clinton before deciding on whether to pass a temporary spending bill to recall 280,000 furloughed workers and end the second partial government shutdown in a month, which entered its fifth day today.

They spoke positively, though, of the latest effort to end the protracted struggle over Medicare and Medicaid savings, spending cuts and tax reductions that has consumed Washington since Republicans won control of Congress a year ago.

"It's a big step. We're serious

about this now," Dole said. Gingrich said Clinton had agreed to personally participate in talks from here on, to use the pessimistic Congressional Budget Office economic estimates that will require steeper spending cuts and to finish

negotiating on New Year's Eve. But Vice President Al Gore dampened the cautious GOP optimism.

Gore called Gingrich's statement on the CBO estimates a "slight misunderstanding" and said Clinton would not be

reconfiguring his latest proposal using CBO estimates. Rather, any new proposals tabled in the discussions would be estimated by the CBO and the ultimate result of the talks would use the CBO projections, he said.

Gore also said the New Year's

deadline wasn't fixed. The administration, he said, wants to strike a deal "as quickly as possible and if it is possible to complete it by the end of the year, we want to do that."

"We don't want to search for disagreements here."



Wintry tempest

High winds and heavy snows whipped up blizzard-like conditions from the Plains to the Northeast in the second day of a wintry tempest that foiled holiday travel plans and forced a baby to be born in a stranded car.

As much as a foot of snow had fallen in Ohio overnight; New York and Boston had each received 9 inches, while Newark, N.J. had 7 inches.

In Indiana, an estimated 10,000 residents were still without power early today after getting socked with the state's worst ice storm in four years.

Heavy snow was continuing in parts of the Northeast today and expected to result in a total of up to 30 inches from northeastern Pennsylvania to southern New England.

Joshua Charles Hoeselmann made his 8-lb., 14-ounce entrance into the world Tuesday at the height of a storm that dumped 10 inches of snow on St. Louis.

Caught in a traffic jam, Don and Diane Hoeselmann had made it to within about 100 feet of the hospital emergency room when they realized their time was up.

Plans to take president to court

WASHINGTON — Locked in a stalemate with the White House, Senate Republicans are pressing ahead with plans to take President Clinton to court for refusing to turn over disputed Whitewater notes.

The full Senate was to debate today a request from the Senate Whitewater Committee to authorize a court challenge to Clinton's claim that the notes are protected by attorney-client privilege.

On Tuesday the White House reached an important agreement with Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr, but it was not enough to break the impasse over the notes taken by a former presidential aide during a November 1993 meeting.

From Associated Press reports

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Softball deadline at hand

SANFORD — The deadline for teams which wish to play in the Sanford Recreation Department Adult Polar Bear Softball Leagues (Men's, Co-Ed, Women's, Church) that will be starting the first week in January is this Friday at 5 p.m.

AROUND THE STATE

Lightning ground Jets

ST. PETERSBURG — Chris Gratton's power-play goal broke a tie, and the Tampa Bay Lightning set a team record with six third-period goals in a 6-3 win over Winnipeg.

ELSEWHERE

Knicks melt Heat

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks showed their old coach they haven't forgotten how to play defense.

'Dawgs' maul Golden Knights

ATHENS, Ga. — Carlos Strong scored 14 points, 12 of them in the first half when Georgia built a 29-point lead, and the No. 18 Bulldogs beat Central Florida 103-54 Tuesday night.

Alabama rolls over FAMU

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Eric Washington led Alabama with 20 points Tuesday night as the Crimson Tide rolled over Florida A&M 80-39.

Florida women upset

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Krista Reinking scored 18 points and provided five assists as Illinois upset previously undefeated No. 23 Florida 87-53 Tuesday night in the first round of the Woodlands Plaza Classic.

Florida (9-1) moved to within seven points of Illinois on a 10-8 run with 10:26 left in the game but could draw no closer.

Mahogany Hudson paced Florida with 12 points. Muriel Page had 11 and Crystal Parker 10.

BEST BETS ON TV

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 7:30 p.m. — SUN, Timberwolves at Magic, (L)

A 'hot' Tuesday night Red Hots rip 26 hits in claiming women's title

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Red Hots completed a rally from a late season slump in a big way Tuesday night, exploding for 14 runs in the seventh inning during a 25-7 thrashing of Sunniland Corporation to grab the championship of the Sanford Recreation Department Women's Fall Slowpitch Softball League at Pinehurst Park.

The two clubs had entered the final night of the season tied for first with 7-2 records, but this one was all Red Hots as they took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning and Sunniland Corporation could get no closer than 7-5 thereafter.

In other games Tuesday night, the She Devils claimed fourth place with a 13-2 five inning win over Crazy Wings and Lee's Exxon outscored C & A Sales 17-12.

The Red Hots finish the season at 8-2, while Sunniland and GICC end up tied for second at 7-3. Completing the standings are, She Devils (6-4), Crazy Wings (5-5), Lee's Exxon (2-8) and C & A Sales (0-10).

The teams don't get a lot of time to prepare for the next season as the Polar Bear League is set to begin the second week of January.

Powering the Red Hots were Robin Hetzel (two home run, double, two singles, five runs, five RBI), Lori Poe (home run, triple, double, single,

Table with 3 columns: Team, Hits, Runs, Errors. Crazy Wings 818 18 - 3 6, She Devils 321 74 - 12 19, C & A Sales 320 225 6 - 12 13, Lee's Exxon 522 223 2 - 17 24, Red Hots 304 900 (14) - 22 26, Sunniland Corporation 104 002 0 - 7 16

three runs, five RBI), Linda Seering (home run, double, two singles, five runs, five RBI), Renee Sanville (three doubles, three runs, three RBI), Toni Pavlovich (two doubles, single, three runs) and Jenny Blowers (three singles, run, two RBI).

Also hitting were Denise Stalling (two singles, run, two RBI), Patty Polley (single, two runs, two RBI), Lisa Sims (single, run) and Michelle Berning (single, RBI).

Sunniland was led by Kim Myers (double, two singles, three runs), Barb Martin (double, single, run), Estella Hillenbraun (two singles, two runs, RBI), Sue Bagley (two singles, RBI), Ann Lanza (double, run), Sherry Bledsoe (single, two RBI) and Micki Lewis, Carol Cranick and Teresa Finck (one single and one run each).

Pacing the She Devils were Della Garner (triple, two singles, two runs, two RBI), Rhonda Kennedy (three singles, three runs), Paula Songer (three singles, two runs, RBI), Shannon Hill

(home run, double, two runs, five RBI), Tina Hill (double, single, two RBI), Winky Klein (double, single, run), Joetta West (two singles, two runs, RBI) and Kathy Killingsworth (two singles, run, RBI).

Doing the hitting for Crazy Wings were Debbie Cole (double, single, run), Belinda Anderson (home run, run, RBI), Denise Byrd (single, RBI) and Kerrie Ortiz and Connie Roszell (one single each).

Powering Lee's Exxon were Ann Garnett (home run, triple, two singles, three runs, three RBI), Gina Bazler (home run, three singles, four runs, three RBI), Lashalonda Brown (three triples, single, four runs, three RBI), Donna Horn (four singles, run, three RBI), Carol Dick (two triples, single, two runs, two RBI), Liz Turner (two singles), Bonnie Chaplin (single, run, RBI) and Lynn Webb and Debbie Berning (one single and one run each).

Providing the offense for C & A Sales were Tanya Showalter (triple, double, single, two runs, RBI), Melissa Bishop (triple, two singles, five RBI), Esther Monaco (three singles, run, RBI), Lisa Griffin (single, two runs, RBI), Mary Sechrest and Christine Monaco (one single, one run and one RBI each), Debbie Rickaecker (single, run), Donna Strunk (two runs, RBI), Kim Stitt (run, RBI) and GIGI Klein (run).



Herold Photo by Phil Kowleson

The 1995 Central Florida Classic tipped off with two of the pre-tournament favorites, Lake Mary and host Oviedo, taking fairly easy victories Tuesday night at Oviedo High School.

Rams run over AFIV in CFC's first game

By BARY COATMAN Herald Staff Writer

OVIEDO — Sophomore forward Paul Beik scored 15 points Tuesday to lead Lake Mary to a 75-47 win over Seminole in the first round of the 1995 Central Florida Classic at Oviedo High School.

"Our team came in and did a great job," said Lake Mary coach Willie Richardson. "We picked up the intensity after the first quarter, and Paul Beik and Matt Townsley took charge with rebounds. We got some easy shots off rebounds, and we played well on both ends of the floor."

Townsley gave the Rams an 8-3 advantage with 4:17 left in the first quarter, but the Tribe would knot the score 14-14 after one period.

Randy Abrams gave Lake Mary an 18-14 lead to start the second quarter, and two consecutive Sean Whitman three-point field goals extended that advantage to 28-16.

Zeke Seymour pulled Arrow Force IV within 28-20, but two three-pointers by Wesley Jackson pushed the Rams lead to 39-24 at halftime.

Beik scored 10 points in the third quarter, including 4-for-4 from the free throw line, to push the Lake Mary advantage to 65-35 at the end of the period.

Seminole would get no closer the rest of the game.

"The first quarter was all right," said Seminole coach Bob Tralna. "We have to reduce turnovers and get more rebounds. We just need to keep working on some things."

Townsley had 14 points for Lake Mary, while Abrams added 10. Jason Junker had nine points for the Rams, while Whitman and Jackson each had eight.

Nate Hall had a game-high 18 points for Arrow Force IV, while Chuck Smith added eight points.

Seminole (2-7) plays Lyman Thursday at 4 p.m., while Lake Mary (8-2) plays Oviedo at 8 p.m.

Oviedo a perfect '10' after win over Lyman

By BARY COATMAN Herald Staff Writer

OVIEDO — Christian Sanders scored 18 points Tuesday to lead host Oviedo to a 65-46 win over Lyman in the first round of the 1995 Central Florida Classic.

For most of the game, it looked like Lyman (8-8) had a chance to upset Oviedo (10-0).

Lance Vaz converted two free

throws with 2:15 left in the first quarter to give the Greyhounds a 12-2 lead, but Darren Rogers pulled the Lions within 15-12 at the end of the period.

Oviedo's Phillip Graves cut the deficit to 19-18, but Tavaron Raymon pushed the Lyman lead back to 27-21 just before the teams headed for the locker room.

"Lyman did an excellent job," said Oviedo coach Ed Bolton. "We didn't play very good defense in the first half, but we turned it up a notch in the second half. We made it a point to get the ball inside in the second half."

Shawn Wade gave Lyman a 37-25 lead with 5:45 left in the third quarter, but Oviedo then stormed into the lead at 39-17 with 14 unanswered points. Sanders scored 10 points in the period, and the Lions had a 41-38 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Oviedo outscored Lyman 24-8 in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

"Oviedo did a great job," said Lyman coach Norman Reedy.

Aaron Thomas scored seven points in the period to lead the Lions, and Graves finished the game with 13 points. Darren Rogers had seven points for Oviedo.

Raymon had 16 points for the Greyhounds, while Wade and Bryan Bradley each had eight. Vaz and Lavar Simmons each had seven points for Lyman.

The tournament will complete the first round with two more games tonight. West Orange faces Rockledge at 6 p.m. and Lake Brantley takes on Edgewater and 6-foot-11 University of Florida signee Obiora Nnaji at 8 p.m.

Lyman faces Seminole at 4 p.m. Thursday, while Oviedo takes on Lake Mary at 8 p.m.

CENTRAL FLA CLASSIC BOXES—SCHEDULE

Table with 2 columns: Team and Schedule. Includes Seminoles (107), Lake Mary (75), Lyman (46), Oviedo (42), and Lions & Greyhounds (44) with their respective game times and scores.

Tribe, 'Hounds win, Rams fall in soccer

From Staff Reports

KISSIMMEE — The Seminole girls team got a big district win, while the Lake Mary and Lyman boys' teams split their contests with Deltona's two high schools in soccer action Tuesday night.

GIRLS FIGHTING SEMINOLES 1, KOWBOYS 1

Seminole 1, Osceola 1. Goals — Seminole: C. Guillan 2, P. Guillan. Osceola: Kelley. Assists — Seminole: P. Guillan, Williams. C. Guillan. Shots on goal — Seminole 14; Osceola 5. Saves — Seminole 3; Osceola 3. Records — Seminole 19 JV — Seminole 1, Osceola 1.

BOYS GREYHOUNDS 4, PANTHERS 0

Pine Ridge 0, Lyman 4. Goals — Lyman: Baldwin, Whitmore, Kinsley, Diebler. Assists — Lyman: Lewis 2, Whitmore, Evans. Shots on goal — Pine Ridge 20; Lyman 24. Saves — Lyman (Rankin) 2; Pine Ridge 6. Records — Pine Ridge 7-3; Lyman 4-2 JV — Lyman 3, Pine Ridge 0.

WOLVES 4, RAMS 3

Lake Mary 3, Deltona 4. Goals — Lake Mary: McIntosh 2, Hall; Deltona: Mervelle 3, Andrews. Assists — Lake Mary: Mangon, Falbo, Garber; Deltona: Hartman 2. Shots on goal — Lake Mary 8; Deltona 18. Saves — Lake Mary (Nussan) 4; Deltona 3. Records — Lake Mary 8-1; Deltona 12-1.

STATS & STANDINGS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

College Basketball

Men, Rollins vs. Southwest Baptist at High Desert Classic, Las Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Central Florida Classic at Oviedo High School, 6 p.m., Rockledge vs. West Orange; 8 p.m., Lake Brantley vs. Edgewater.

Girls' Basketball

Apex at Lake Howell, Junior varsity, 5:45 p.m.; varsity, 7:15 p.m.
Oviedo at Beers, Freshman, 4:30 p.m.; Junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7:30 p.m.

IHL Hockey

Solar Bears at Kansas City Blades, 7 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

Bishop Moore at Oviedo, Junior varsity, 5:15 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.

Girls' Soccer

Burger King-Club Soccer Classic, at Lake Mary High School: 2 p.m., Tallahassee-Lincoln vs. Oviedo; 4 p.m., Tampa Prep vs. Lake Brantley; 6 p.m., Clearwater-Countryside vs. Bishop Moore; 8 p.m., Boca Raton vs. Lyman; at Lyman High School: 2 p.m., Spanish River vs. Clearwater Central Classic; 4 p.m., Seabreeze vs. Winter Park; 6 p.m., Lake Mary vs. West Palm Beach-Wellington; 8 p.m., Melbourne vs. Lake Howell.

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1 Cape City	10	0	0	1.000
2 Kalamazoo	7	2	1	.750
3 Jacksonville	6	3	1	.667
4 (1-1) 1995-96	5	4	1	.556
5 (1-1) 1995-96	4	5	1	.444
6 (1-1) 1995-96	3	6	1	.333
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People

IN BRIEF

Spokes announce events

Seminole Spokes-Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County will hold a coffee for newcomers, Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on location call Judy at 323-5015 or Kathy at 869-4225.

Seminole Spokes-Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at Tumacacan Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996. Special feature will be self improvement thru hypnosis. For reservations call Judy at 323-5015 or Kathy at 869-4225. Reservations need to be made by the Friday before the luncheon.

CALENDAR

Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types blood — especially O-type donors — to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

Recovery Inc. meets in Sanford

Recovery Inc., a self-help mental health organization for people who suffer from panic attacks, depression, fears and general nervous symptoms, meets every Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., at Sanford Meadows Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 5615 N. County Road 427, Sanford. Those interested are invited to attend. For information, call 869-3003.

TOPS meets in Longwood, Apopka

A local chapter of TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium of West Lake Hospital, 585 W. S.R. 434, Longwood. Weighing begins at 5:30 p.m. The first meeting is free. For information, call 869-8465 or 1-800-932-8677.

A morning meeting is held every Wednesday, at 9:30, at Lakeview Christian Church, 1400 Bear Lake Road, Apopka. For information, call 293-5048.

Al-anon gathers

If you know, or live with an alcoholic, there is help. Al-anon is an anonymous, non-profit organization, open to anyone who is a relative or friend of an alcoholic. Serenity Won Al-anon meets each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, (Thursday non-smoking) evening at 8 p.m. Meetings are held in the back room of the Sahara Club, 2587 South Sanford Ave., Sanford.

For additional meeting times and locations in the Central Florida area, or for more information, call 321-1922.

Nar-Anon to meet

Nar-Anon meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at West Lake Hospital, 589 West State Road 434, Longwood. Nar-Anon is a support group open to families and friends of addicts. Daily living with an addict is more turmoil than you can handle by yourself. Join for support in coping with your addict; gain insight to make decisions and put your life back in focus. Call 380-1900 for more information.

Rotary meets early

Rotary Club of Lake Mary meets Thursday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Timucuan Country Club, on Rinehart Road. Contact Brian Lee, president, at 323-6128.

Weight Watchers meet on Thursdays

A local chapter of Weight Watchers meets at the Lake Mary Community Building every Thursday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Omni Toastmasters meet at Heathrow

The Omni Toastmasters Club #8861 will meet at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at the AAA building, 1000 AAA Drive, Heathrow. Guests and prospective members are welcome. Call Bertram Glick, 323-6089, for more information.

Hanukkah celebrated around world

By MARALISA CALTA
NEA Food Writer

Dec. 17 marks the beginning of Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday commemorating the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians and the subsequent miracle by which a one-day supply of sacred oil burned for eight days, until more could be prepared. An integral part of the eight-day celebration is the latke; a pancake fried in oil to symbolize — at least in part — the oil that burned so miraculously while the Jews rededicated their temple. Traditionally, for Jews of Eastern European extraction, latkes are made with potatoes and served with sour cream and applesauce.

So it came to pass that a chef I know, who is Jewish, took one look at the curried sweet potato latkes (recipe below) and sniffed: "those aren't Jewish." I called Joan Nathan, whose "Jewish Cooking in America" is one of my all-time favorite cookbooks, and asked her.

"What people mean when they say 'Jewish' is what their mother made," said Nathan, whose other books include "The Jewish Holiday Kitchen." "But the connection between Hanukkah and latkes is the oil." Today, latkes are made from corn, apples, zucchini and carrots.

So if you are celebrating Hanukkah and want to expand your latke repertoire, here are some ideas. They come from Nathan's books, and from the newly published "Jewish Holiday Feasts," by Louise Fizzer and Jeanette Ferrary.

Nathan calls these un-traditional pancakes "designer latkes." You will call them delicious. Happy Hanukkah!

CURRIED SWEET POTATO LATKES

- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 cup salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup peanut oil for frying

Grate the sweet potatoes coarsely. In a separate bowl, mix flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, cayenne

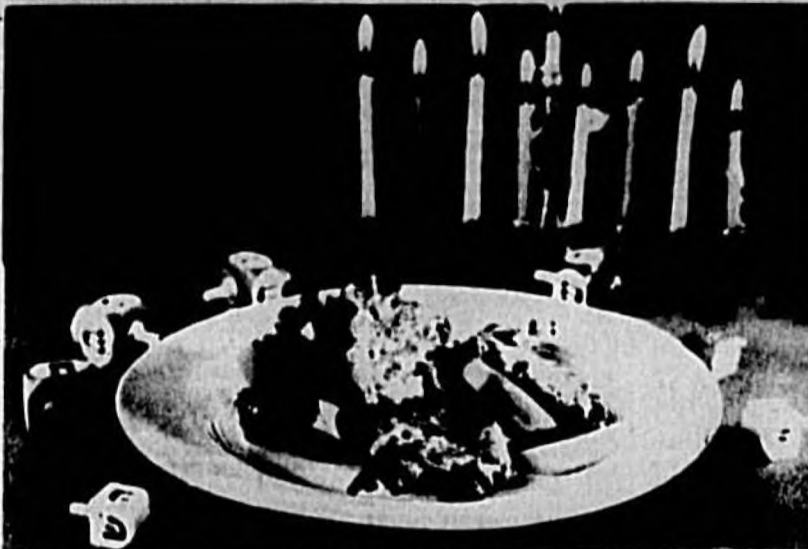


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CURRIED SWEET POTATO LATKES are a time honored Hanukkah tradition.

pepper, curry powder, cumin, salt and pepper.

Add the eggs and just enough milk to dry ingredients to make a stiff batter. Add the potatoes and mix. The batter should be moist but not runny, if too stiff, add more milk.

Heat 1/2 inch of peanut oil in a frying pan until it is barely smoking. Drop in the batter by tablespoons and flatten.

Fry over medium-high heat several minutes on each side until golden. Yield: 18 3-inch pancakes.

— Recipe from "Jewish Cooking in America," by Joan Nathan (Alfred A. Knopf, 1994).

ANNA SIDGEL'S CARROT PANCAKES

- 2 green peppers, sliced
- 1 cup vegetable oil plus oil for frying
- 6 medium carrots, peeled and quartered
- 6 eggs
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup matzo meal
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup water

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Sauté the green peppers in 1/2 cup oil. Drain and set aside.

Place half the carrots and 3 eggs in a food processor. Grate medium fine. Remove and repeat with remaining carrots and eggs. Add salt to taste and enough matzo meal so that the batter

is stiff enough that patties can be formed for frying.

Heat a thin film of oil to 375 degrees in a frying pan. Add a heaping tablespoon of the batter. Fry until light golden on one side, turn and repeat. Repeat with remaining batter. Drain pancakes well on paper towels. Layer in a large, oven-proof casserole.

Mix tomato sauce with sugar, the sauteed green peppers and water. Pour sauce over pancakes and bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes. (This dish is even better the second day. Refrigerate overnight and reheat before serving.)

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

— Recipe from "The Jewish Holiday Kitchen," by Joan Nathan (Schocken Books, 1988).

ZUCCHINI AND CHILI LATKES

- 1 russet potato
- 1 Anaheim chili, seeded, seeded and finely sliced
- 1 zucchini, grated
- 1 onion, grated
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup matzo meal or flour
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Vegetable oil or chicken schmaltz (rendered chicken fat) for frying

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel and grate the potatoes and

place in a bowl with the chili, zucchini, onion, eggs, matzo meal and salt

Dads have legal rights to kids, too

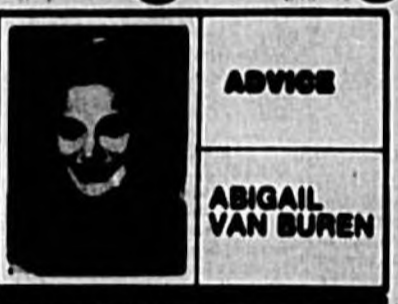
DEAR ABBY: I am a serviceman stationed in Georgia. Three years ago, my wife of 13 years and I were having marital problems. Without letting me know, she moved out of the house and went back to California, taking our 3-year-old son ("Jordan") with her.

We recently divorced, and I was granted Christmas and summer visitation with Jordan, who is now 6 years old.

Last summer, while Jordan was visiting me, I remarried and included him in the wedding as the ring-bearer. My "ex" said if she had known I had this in mind, she never would have allowed Jordan to come. (Actually, that's why I never told her.)

Abby, should I have told her and risked not getting my son for the summer? And do you see anything wrong with children being in their divorced parents' wedding?

EX-WIFE BLUES
DEAR E.W. BLUES: I see nothing wrong with children



being in the wedding of their divorced parent. But I can understand your "ex" being ticked off when she learned you had made an "end run" in order to have Jordan serve as ring-bearer.

Although your wife told you that she would not have allowed Jordan to visit had she known your plans, when the court gave you visitation rights for Christmas and summer vacations, that canceled her right to decide when he could or could not visit you, so there was no need for subterfuge. Next time, be honest with her, and if you must, remind her that you have legal rights to have Jordan visit you.

DEAR ABBY: Help! I'm getting married next summer and have a problem I don't know how to deal with.

My father, who will be giving me away and also hosting the reception, has a terrible-looking mouth. He is missing several teeth in front. They have rotted away, leaving only stubby brown roots.

He has a beard and mustache and thinks these "hide" the missing teeth. They don't. Every time he talks, laughs or eats, it's disgusting to watch.

Abby, I love my father, but I want my wedding to be perfect. I dread the thought of our wedding pictures. Also, the people I work with will be meeting my dad for the first time.

We have tried talking to him about this, but he cuts us off. When Mom mentions it, she winds up in an argument.

Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Perhaps your father still harbors the memories of pain and horror he experienced in a dentist's chair when he was a boy. However, dentistry has come a long way in recent years, and there is little to fear — but your father would need an expert to convince him. Some dentists specialize in phobic patients. Your father is fortunate that his poor dental health hasn't resulted in poor general health.

If he continues to refuse to have his mouth looked into,

there is little you can do about it. Console yourself with the thought that those who are truly important to us judge us on who we are, and not the condition of our parents' teeth. Since your father is paying for the reception, try not to look a gift horse in the mouth.

DEAR ABBY: You wrote something many years ago that I carried in my wallet for years. Well, my purse was stolen and your column explaining the difference between making love and having sex was in it.

If you know which item I am referring to, will you please run it again?

DIXIE

DEAR DIXIE: Here it is: In "having sex," the name of the game is sexual gratification. It is a selfish, physical exercise in which the partner can be a flawless object. (Anyone will do.)

In "making love," one is motivated by the desire to give pleasure, express deep affection and

and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Heat 1/2 inch oil or schmaltz in a non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Add the batter in 3-tablespoon dollops, flattening each pancake with a spatula. Cook about 3 minutes until the first side is brown, then cook until second side is brown.

Transfer to a cookie sheet and bake in oven until crisp, 12 to 15 minutes.

Yield: 12 3-inch pancakes.

— Recipe from "Jewish Cooking in America," by Joan Nathan (Alfred A. Knopf, 1994).

SWEET COTTAGE CHEESE LATKES WITH APPLE-PEAR PUREE

- For latkes:
- 1 cup regular or low-fat cottage cheese
 - 3 eggs, separated
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup heavy cream
 - Pinch salt
 - Grated zest of 1 lemon
 - Cup oil, for frying

- For puree:
- 3 ripe Comice or Anjou pears, peeled, cored and quartered
 - 3 Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and quartered
 - 1 cup water
 - 1/2 cup sugar, or to taste

Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

To make latkes: Beat together the cottage cheese, egg yolks, flour, sugar, cream, salt and lemon zest until smooth. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into cheese mixture.

In a large frying pan, heat oil over medium high heat, until hot. Drop batter by the quarter-cup into hot oil. Fry until golden, about 4 minutes per side. Add oil as needed. Drain finished latkes on paper towels and keep warm in preheated oven until ready to serve.

To make puree: Place pears, apples, water, lemon juice and sugar in a heavy saucepan. Cover and cook over medium low heat until fruit is soft and starts to break down, 12 to 14 minutes. Uncover and cook over medium high heat until thickened, about 5 minutes. Puree in a food mill or food processor. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Yield: 16 pancakes.

— Recipe from "Jewish Holiday Feasts," by Louise Fizzer and Jeanette Ferrary (Chronicle Books, 1995).

NEW ARRIVALS

SANFORD — Bobbu and Tori Jacobs announce the birth of their son, Colby Kirm, on Nov. 3, 1995, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford.

Maternal grandparents are John and Melinda Wenderlein, Geneva, and paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Sue Jacobs of Chuluota.

WEDNESDAY'S PRIME TIME

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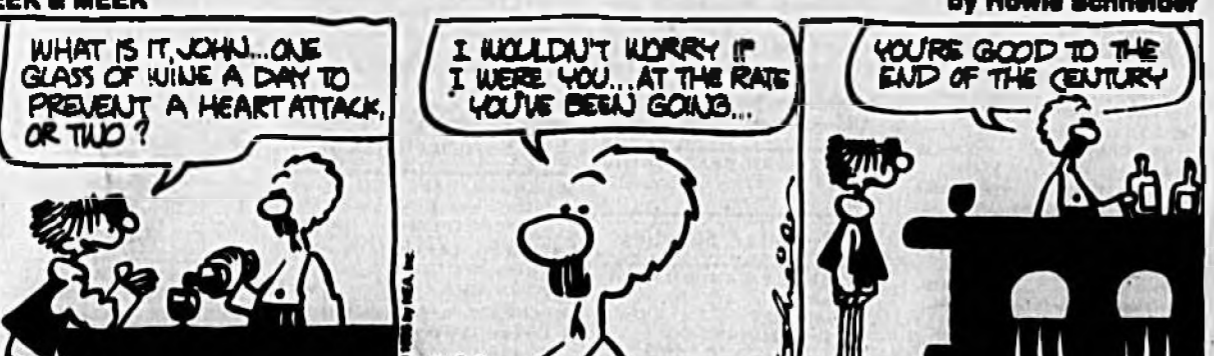
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Cataplexy linked to emotional states

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with cataplexy and am unable to find any information on the subject. Why me? Is there any cure and what should I do or not do to control this situation?

DEAR READER: Cataplexy is a peculiar neurological affliction, of unknown cause, marked by momentary paralysis that occurs in association with sudden emotional reactions, such as anger, fear or joy. This weakness, which is brought on by surprise, may be confined to the limbs or can affect the entire body, leading to temporary collapse. The most common illustrations of cataplexy are: 1) people who experience transient weakness while laughing or crying, or 2) the fisherman who uncontrollably drops his rod when a fish strikes.

Many authorities believe that cataplexy is a form of narcolepsy, a similar neurological condition marked by unexpected, recurrent attacks of sleep that occur at inappropriate times.

The disorders are diagnosed during studies of the patients' sleep patterns and show a characteristic abnormality, consisting of sudden bursts of rapid-eye movement (REM) sleep.

Ordinarily, occasional cataplectic attacks can be ignored. More severe forms are treated with stimulant drugs, such as Dexedrine. Patients with such sleep disorders should be under the care of neurologists.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 73-year-old woman whose sleep is interrupted four or five times a night because of the need to urinate. My husband has the same difficulty. What's our collective problem?

DEAR READER: As we age, we tend to urinate at night. In women, this phenomenon may be the consequence of a weakened bladder opening, caused by gynecological problems such as a cystocele (dropped uterus).

In men, prostate enlargement often leads to an irritable bladder (detrusor malfunction) or urinary retention, resulting in nocturia (nighttime urination).

Both you and your husband should be examined by your family physician, to check for the conditions I mentioned, as well as diabetes, urinary infection and other physical problems that are treatable.

Meanwhile, limit your fluid intake after dinner and avoid caffeine-containing beverages in the evening. If you are in the habit of drinking water or juice before bedtime, the fluid may be reaching your bladder during the night.

Restrict your fluids to daytime only. Finally, are you and your husband taking a prescription diuretic for hypertension or cardiac disorders? Such medicine often causes nocturia. Your family physician can help you, with assistance from a gynecologist or urologist, if needed.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been bothered with itching of the rectum for two years. I have tried several over-the-counter creams and get some relief, but it never completely clears up. Do you know what causes it or know what I can use?

DEAR READER: Rectal itching has causes that cover the gamut from parasitic diseases (such as pinworms) to hemorrhoids and serious rectal inflammation (proctitis). You should undergo a thorough medical examination, including stool analyses and sigmoidoscopy (visual inspection of the lower colon).



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Although your primary-care physician can probably initiate your testing, I suspect that you'll eventually need to see a gastroenterologist for a diagnosis.

Treatment depends on the cause. Pedestrian problems, such as parasites and hemorrhoids, can be treated with medication and creams, whereas other, more significant disorders may require special therapy or surgery.

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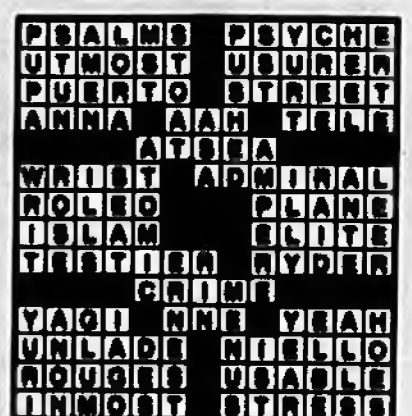
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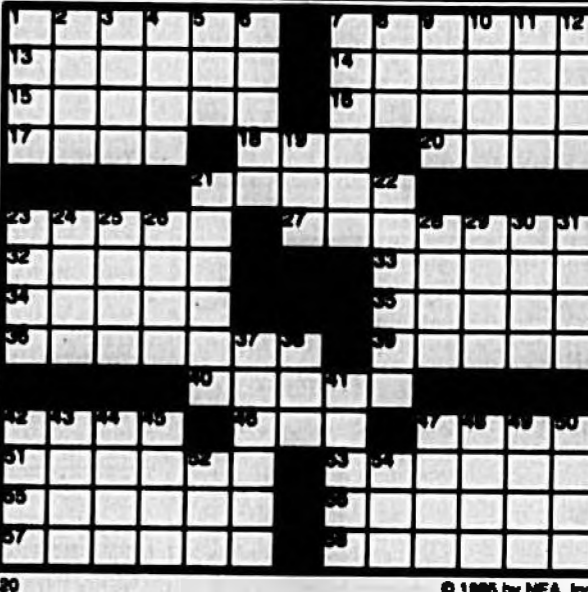
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WIN AT BRIDGE

Don't misstep early

By Phillip Alder
In a letter written in 1763, Marie de Vichy-Chammond, Marquise du Defland, claimed, "The first step is the hardest." Obviously she never ran a marathon, when the first step is the easiest. But in bridge it is true that more mistakes are made at the first trick than at any other single trick. With that big hint, you should find today's deal easy. How would you plan the play in four spades after West leads the club king? I never know when it is better to raise to three no-trump with a South hand like that. If the major were a minor, it would be automatic. But when you have that good a major, you worry about looking silly watching the opponents run the hearts or clubs when you had 10 tricks in spades. Here, three no-trump cruises home and four spades

needs careful handling. Assuming the missing spades aren't breaking 4-0, you have nine top tricks: seven spades, one diamond and one club. The simple approach is to win the first trick with dummy's club ace and take the diamond finesse. However, finesse work much less than 50 percent of the time in bridge columns. It is preferable to assume that West has the club queen to back up his king lead. Play low from the dummy and unblock your jack. Either now or later, depending on West's lead at trick two, finesse dummy's club 10 and cash the ace as your 10th trick. Actually, the last step of a marathon normally isn't the hardest. That comes some paces earlier. Phillip Alder's book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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HOROSCOPES

Our Birthday
Thursday, Dec. 21, 1995
Instead of sowing new fields in the year ahead, cultivate your present ones. A greater financial yield can be expected from previously established channels. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something beneficial might develop for you today, but may be screened from view. When this good fortune is revealed, it may pertain to an interesting career opportunity. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today could mark the beginning of a favorable change for you in regard to your personal relationships. Bonds with several special

friends may tighten. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will be in an interesting cycle for promoting new projects or endeavors, especially those which involve one or more friends of long standing. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) An important objective you've hoped to achieve shouldn't be as difficult as you anticipated. A helpful associate's intervention might smooth your path. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Plans worked out in detail shouldn't be altered at this time. If your original concept is sound, the parts will merge together satisfactorily. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The present situation might be subjected to some changes today. Even though you won't call the shots, the project will turn out well. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, you could be luckier than usual when establishing alliances to further your personal ambitions. If your attitude is positive, you'll attract winners.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Co-workers will respond to your thoughtfulness today. If you show concern for them, they'll help you accomplish things without being asked. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today will be a good day to mix business with pleasure, especially if your clients or prospects are or the same team. The event will provide a strong bond. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Associates will respect your views today. You can enlist the support of colleagues who share your views in regard to certain causes. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not procrastinate because measures taken today can advance your present plans. You will be on a successful roll now and you should utilize the good fortune. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unolicited rewards might come to you today because of your concern for others. People you've helped might try to respond with material compensation.

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