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Tribe back on winning track

DAYTONA BEACH — Todd Braden led the way with both his arm and bat as Seminole clubbed Mainland 13-2 in baseball Monday. See Page 1B.

BRIEFS

Fried-chicken chain taking down billboards that offended

LANCASTER, Calif. — A fried-chicken chain, bowing to a complaint on behalf of breast cancer victims, is taking down dozens of billboards advertising "The best breasts in Southern California without plastic surgery."

"I think it was real insensitive, especially with all the things going on today with breast implants," said Carol Forhan, who belongs to Ladies of Courage, a support group for those who have had breast cancer.

Sherri O'Riley, a field marketing manager at Popeye's Chicken and Biscuits, said the message was "tongue-in-cheek. We didn't think it would offend." But she said the billboard and about two dozen others will be removed next week.

Airport authority to meet

SANFORD — The Sanford Airport Authority will hold a workshop tomorrow morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. The subject of discussion is Fixed Base Operations, FBO.

Airport manager Steve Cooke explained, "The Aviation Authority has received three proposals for FBO's. Each of them will be given consideration during the work session, but there won't be any formal voting on the matter until at least the May 3rd meeting."

Cooke said a Fixed Base Operator would take over the main operation of the airport, including selling of gasoline and handling of terminal operations. "An FBO would be paying the Authority," Cooke said. "We would be receiving money from fuel flowage fees, ground rental, and extra services such as car rental facilities."

"The aim here," he continued, "is to turn the actual physical operations over to a FBO, rather than the Authority handling it as we have done for all these many years."

The meeting will take place beginning at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning in the conference room of Building A at the Central Florida Regional Airport.

Was your car burglarized?

WINTER SPRINGS — Was your car burglarized April 9? Then the Seminole County Sheriff's Office may have your stuff. Sheriff's investigators are seeking the owners of vehicles in the Deer Run area burglarized by five teenage boys arrested earlier this month. The vehicles were located in the Kings Point and Fox Hollow subdivisions. Among the items seized from the youth were a car stereo amplifier, a belt pouch, a two-way radio, six screwdrivers, a Cadillac emblem and a cordless telephone. Flyers are being distributed in the area. For more information, call 323-6512.

152 die in plane crash in Japan

TOKYO — A Taiwanese jetliner carrying hundreds of people crashed and caught fire at an airport in central Japan tonight, and fire officials reported 152 people died.

The China Airlines A300-600R crashed on landing at Nagoya airport after a flight from Taipei, Taiwan.

A Transport Ministry official said Flight 140 was carrying 255 passengers and 14 crew members when it crashed at 8:13 p.m. The fire was put out about 40 minutes later.

The Nagoya fire department announced at least 152 people were killed and at least 27 were taken to two hospitals.

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Warm and humid



Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s. Wind east 5 to 10 mph.

For more weather, see Page 2A

More stores to shop

New plaza to be built near mall in Sanford

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A new shopping center for Sanford began its move toward reality last night. Known as Gateway Plaza, it will be located immediately east of the Seminole Towne Center Mall.

The property is owned by Seminole Farms Trust IV Property, connected with the family of Viola Kastner and Sanford architect and political activist Eoghan Kelley. Harold G. Hartssock is listed as trustee.

During last night's meeting, the Sanford City Commission took two actions. It authorized the city attorney to prepare an ordinance which will allow the development of 31.29 acres of land east of Towne Center Boulevard, and south of S.R. 46. It then presented the ordinance for approval. Both measures passed with unanimous votes.

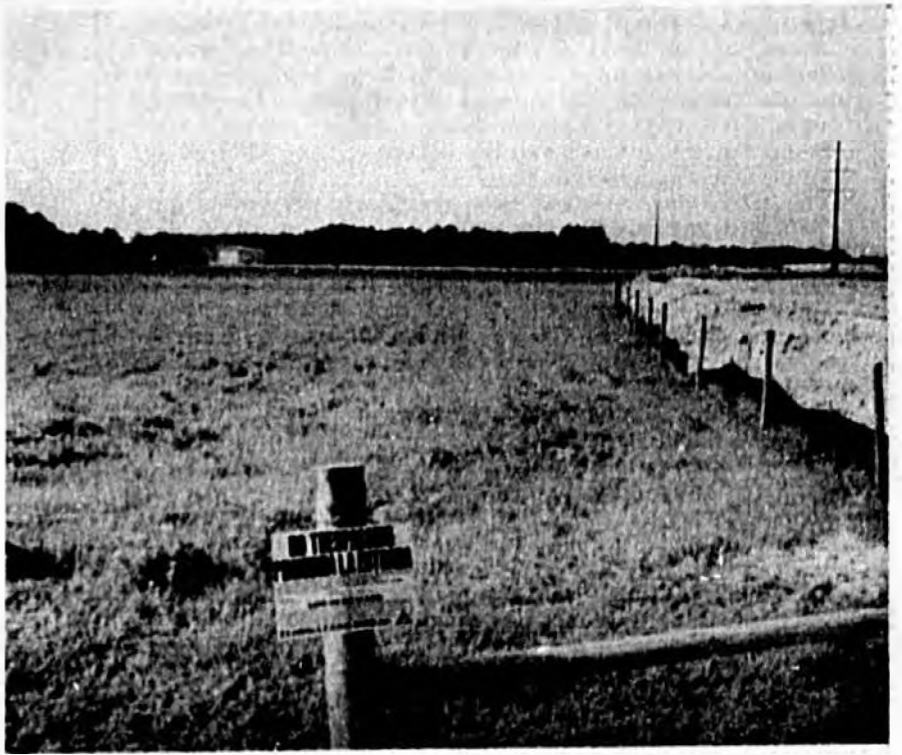
Falcon/Hardy & Callaway, developers of Gateway Plaza, are already moving ahead in the development plans for the shopping center.

"We are presently under discussion with quite a few stores," said Pat Callaway. "And, we'll be attending the International Council of Shopping Center convention in Las Vegas soon, to meet with additional prospective clients."

He added, "We hope to be able to announce some of the major stores by possibly the end of May or early June."

Callaway said store areas will range from 15,000 to 20,000 square feet each. "If everything goes as planned," he said this morning, "we hope to close on the site by December, and break ground for the plaza sometime near the first of middle of January."

Callaway said plans are to have the Gateway Plaza open in conjunction with the Towne Center. See Plaza, Page 5A



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Now merely farmland, property near Seminole Towne Center will be developed into another shopping plaza.

Crash this morning



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Herman McNabb, 88, of Carriage Cove Way, Sanford, was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center this morning, following a collision on French Avenue near 27th Street. The man had just rented the Chevrolet Geo, when police said he apparently ran through a red light and collided with the side of a City of Sanford garbage truck at 8:13 a.m. Despite an

estimated \$15,000 damage to the Geo, the garbage truck sustained only minor damage to one tire. Police officer Smith, who investigated the accident, said he believes McNabb will be listed in serious but stable condition, although the exact extent of his injuries was not known. Johnny Miller, driver of the garbage truck, was not injured. Charges are pending.

Gunmen rob local restaurant

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford police are still searching for two armed men who robbed a fast food restaurant in Sanford over the weekend.

The McDonald's restaurant, on Hickman Drive near Interstate 4, was reportedly robbed shortly before midnight Friday.

According to the incident report, two black males with ski-masks, entered the store shortly after 11 p.m. Police said one man held the employees while the second man, said to have a .45 caliber automatic handgun, took the manager to the safe and ordered it be opened. An unannounced amount was said to have been taken before the two men fled from the area.

Police said there was an indication the get-away vehicle may have been a light yellow 1972 or '74 Ford.

One of the robbers was described as five feet eight inches tall, approximately 135 pounds, wearing a dark blue T shirt and blue jeans.

See Rob, Page 5A

Sanford dry; rainy days take holiday

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Rainy days took a holiday last month as average rainfall was recorded in Sanford.

Despite three months of average and above-average rain, Sanford has become the driest officially-monitored spot in the entire St. Johns River Water Management District, which encompasses all or some of 19 counties. During

the past 12 month, Sanford rainfall has dropped 15.12 inches below normal. During the past three months, Sanford accumulated 1.72 inches of above-normal rainfall.

The water district reports the monthly conditions of rainfall and surface and ground water.

Although rainfall was below normal for the past 12 months, take heart, we've had plenty of extra rainfall during the past 40 or so years. A long-term analysis by the district shows the central region of the district, which includes

Sanford, had about 55 inches of above-normal rain since 1950. In short, "wet" years more than compensated for "dry" ones.

Despite the normal and above rainfall for the past three months, other water signs continue to reflect the dry months of 1993.

The Wekiva River continues to hover on either side of the seven-foot level, meaning tighter water restrictions will remain in effect in the areas bordering it for a while longer. Residents west of See Rain, Page 5A

Forum pits crusaders for and against riverboat gambling

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

CASSELBERRY — Anti-casino crusader Sen. John Grant of Tampa faced riverboat gambling proponent Gerald Braley before largely appreciative members of the Christian Coalition of Seminole and Orange counties last night.

Members of the 50 or so audience members were largely interested in the economic and social impacts of casino gambling. Questions ranged from the state income which could be derived from gambling to the costs to treat compulsive gamblers and serve their families.

Although billed as a debate, the 55-minute program was more of a forum with no more than rebuttals to statements.

Grant concentrated his message on the negative impacts of gambling in other states and the potential adversity gambling would cause here. Braley also mentioned the impacts of riverboat gambling in other states, but stating there have been few ills stemming from gambling in states with gambling allowed on only riverboat cruises.

Grant is vice president of No Casinos Inc., a group formed in 1986 by drugstore magnate Jack Eekerd. Grant is a Republican and was elected to the Senate in 1986 after serving six years in the House.

Braley is an Orlando builder and chairman of the Orange County Republican Executive Committee. Braley and his investment partners in Florida Riverboat Corp. propose See Gambling, Page 5A



Herald Photo by Mark Harris

Sen. John Grant speaks while Gerald Braley listens.

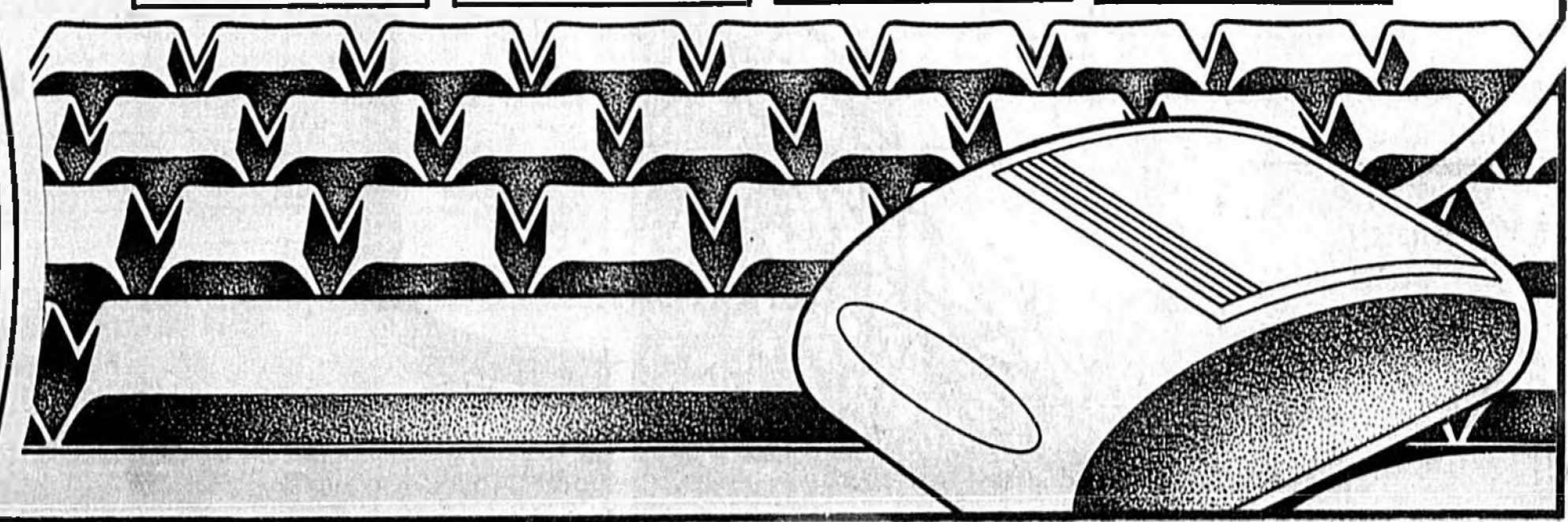
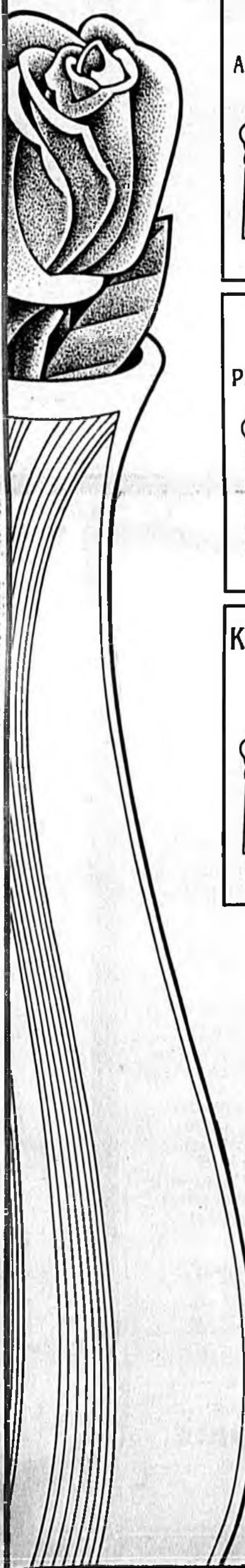
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Sports

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Spring softball starts

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department Spring Slowpitch Softball League season will open with three Mens' Tuesday Night League games tonight at Chase Park.

At 6:30 p.m., Gager Pest Control will take on Discount Propane; at 7:30 p.m., Gager will stek around to face Wheelchel & Howard; and at 8:30 p.m., the Flames will play Monroe Harbour.

Men's leagues will also open with games at Chase on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and at Pinchurst Park on Thursday night. Action starts at 6:30 p.m. each night.

Mudcats dump O-Cubs

ORLANDO — Trey Beamon went 3-for-5, with two home runs and four RBIs, to lead the Carolina Mudcats to an 8-3 win over the Orlando Cubs in Southern League action Monday night.

Beamon did not homer last season and had not homered in Carolina's first 15 games this season. His first homer in the third inning gave Carolina a 3-1 lead; his second capped a four-run seventh inning for the Mudcats (9-7).

AROUND THE STATE

Ward bypassed by NFL

TALLAHASSEE — Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward probably didn't think he'd be a trivia question after the NFL draft.

The two-sport Florida State star became the first Heisman winner to be bypassed in the draft since Army's Pete Dawkins in 1959.

No NFL team was willing to risk a draft choice on Ward, also one of the nation's top point guards in basketball and a likely draft pick in the June NBA draft.

The 6-foot, 182-pound Ward holds several Atlantic Coast Conference records including the highest career completion percentage (62.3) and most touchdown passes (27) in a season.

Ward completed 69.5 percent of his passes for 3,032 yards and 27 touchdowns while throwing just four interceptions as he led Florida State to its first national title in 1993.

Marlins edge Braves

MIAMI — Bryan Harvey gave up his first two runs of the season and left in the ninth inning with an apparent injury but the Florida Marlins held on to beat Atlanta 4-3 Monday night, the Braves' first loss in 11 road games this year.

Harvey relieved starting the ninth and gave up a walk and single. After the trainer visited the mound, Harvey left the game.

Javier Lopez hit a two-run double off Jeremy Hernandez, who then retired three straight batters for his first save this season. First baseman Jeff Conine caught Delon Sanders' liner to end the game with Lopez on second.

Dave Weathers (3-1) pitched 7 1/3 innings, and Gary Sheffield hit a two-run homer.

Bucs sign ex-Dolphin

TAMPA — Free agent defensive lineman Jeff Hunter, who spent most of the past two seasons with the Miami Dolphins, signed a contract Monday with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Hunter, 28, has started one game in five seasons but has 12 career sacks. As a restricted free agent last year, he signed an offer sheet with the Bucs but the Dolphins matched it.

In five games last year, the 6-foot-4, 290-pounder had three sacks and forced one fumble.

FIU signs guard

MIAMI — Brian Davis, a G-2 guard from Worcester Academy in Massachusetts, signed a letter of intent with Florida International.

Davis averaged 16.4 points, 4.9 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game and was named a first-team All New England Prep selection.

AROUND THE NATION

Jordan keeps on hitting

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Michael Jordan extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a two-run single in Birmingham's 7-6 loss to Greenville. He's hitting .320 in 50 at-bats.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Girls' Softball

□ 5A-District 4 tournament: Daytona Beach-Mainland at Deltona, 4:30 p.m.

Tennis

□ Seminole in 4A-District 3 tournament, TBA □ 5A-District 4 at Sanlando Park, 8:30 a.m.



BASEBALL □ 7:30 p.m. — SUN, TBS, National League, Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, (L)

Complete listings on Page 2B

Braden burns Bucs Senior star's as Seminole clobbers Mainland

By DEAN SMITH Herald Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH — That's more like it. The Seminole High School baseball team showed Monday in a 13-3, five-inning triumph at Daytona Beach-Mainland that while last Friday's loss to Miami-Westminster Academy (now ranked No. 1 in Class 1A) was not a fluke, it certainly was not representative of the Fighting Seminoles' ability.

Todd Braden was the star both on the mound and at the plate.

The senior right-hander tossed a five-hitter, striking out six, walking no one and allowing no earned runs to earn his seventh victory against just two defeats on the hill.

At the plate, he was three-for-four with a pair of booming doubles and also scored twice and drove in two more runs.

FIGHTING SEMINOLES 13, BUCCANEERS 3

Seminole 22B 34 — 13 9 2 3
Daytona Beach-Mainland 10B 41 — 2 5 3 3
Braden and Gochee, Wilcox (5), Youngman, Arcodia (4) and Blake, WP — Braden (7.2), LP — Youngman, Save — none, 2B — Seminole, Braden 3, Acosta; Mainland, Cash, 2B — none, HR — Seminole, Holland; Records — Seminole 13-1.

Braden may have been the star in the game that saw Seminole improve to 15-11 on the season, but he had plenty of help from his supporting cast.

Senior Tommy Holland Jr. crushed a three-run home run to left field in a six-run fifth inning and also scored a second run after being hit by a pitch in the fourth inning, sophomore Alex Acosta was two-for-three, including a double, scored twice and drove in one run and freshman Phillip Eubanks was one-for-two with two walks, two runs scored and one RBI.

Also contributing were sophomore Mike Mead-

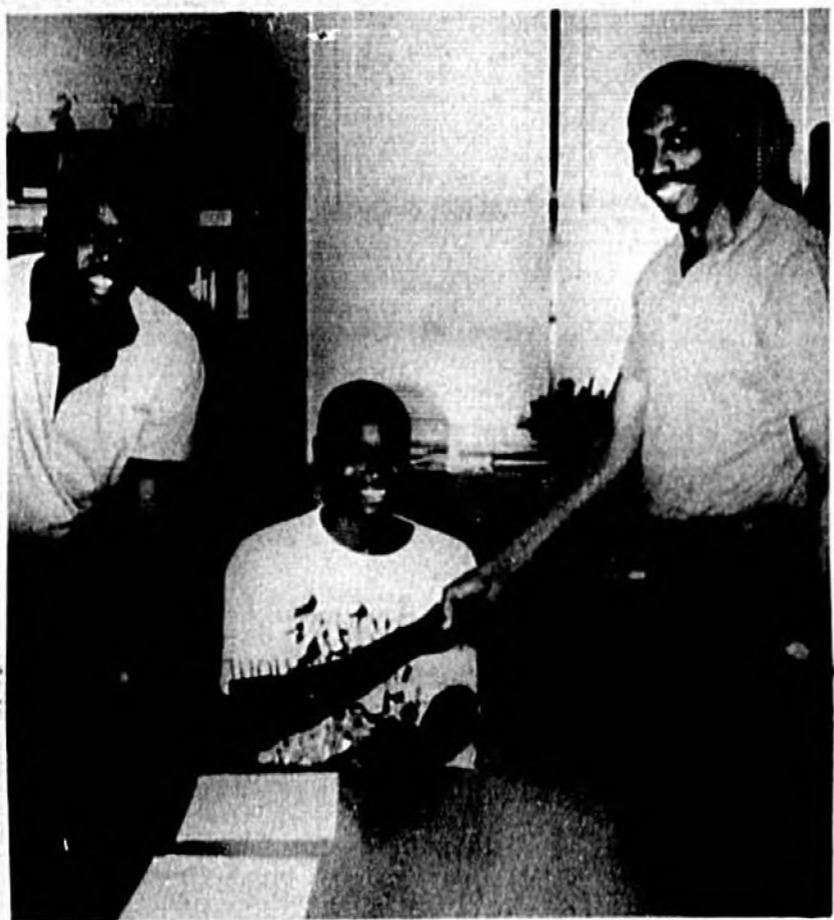
ows, who singled in the first two runs of the game, Corey Gochee (one single), Ryan Hall (two runs scored) and Todd Hensley, Deon Daniels and Joe Title (one run scored each).

Doing the damage for the Buccaneers were Hugh Cash (one double, one run scored, one RBI), Steve Olson (one single, two runs scored), Ryan Wilthey (one single, one RBI) and Chris Kocher and Blake (one single each).

Monday's game was the first of four for the Fighting Seminoles this week as they make a push for one of the top two seeds in next week's Class 4A-District 6 tournament.

Wednesday, the Tribe will travel to Altamonte Springs to take on Lake Brantley in a Seminole Athletic Conference game starting at 7 p.m. then will play their final regular season home game on Thursday in a make up with Spruce Creek starting at 4 p.m. The final regular season game is a Seminole Athletic Conference contest against the Lions in Oviedo at for 4 p.m. Friday.

RAIDERS BAG A BIG ONE



Merthie inks SHS center

Seminole High School's 6-foot, 7-inch Eric Andru Hall (center) has signed to play basketball for Seminole Community College next year. Also at Monday's signing were SCC head coach Bernard Merthie (left) and Seminole High School assistant coach Alex Holcomb (right).

Patriots last nine in baseball poll

By DEAN SMITH Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — With the six Seminole County teams beating up on one another, only Lake Brantley is still receiving votes in this week's Florida Sports Writers Association (FSWA) high school baseball poll.

But several teams that have played county squads, with both good and bad results, are in the poll.

Sarasota, Neptune Beach-Fletcher (second in the Big Blue Bonanza) and Winter Park (champions of the Lyman Tournament) in Class 5A; Gainesville-Buchholz in Class 4A; Key West (champions of the Big Blue) and Bishop Moore in Class 3A; and Miami-Westminster Christian in Class 1A are all getting votes.

SARASOTA — Here is the Florida Sports Writers Association high school baseball poll, with teams, first place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday, and total points:

Table with columns for Class 1A, Class 2A, Class 3A, Class 4A, Class 5A and teams with votes and records.

Westview Won wins volleyball crown

SANFORD — As Dandy Don Meredith used to say on Monday Night Football, "Turn out the lights, the party's over."

Westview Baptist Church-Won posted their sixth perfect 4-0 week, out of the nine played, and got some help from an unexpected source to clinch the championship of the Sanford Recreation Department Spring Recreational Volleyball League Monday night at the Sanford Middle School Gymnasium.

Westview-Won had little trouble in their four games as the closest contest was a 15-11 battle with Rainco.

But the same could not be said for Rainco, as in addition to their loss to Won, they also dropped a 17-15 extra point decision to Sanford First Baptist Church that handed the crown to Westview-Won. Rainco finished the week 2-2.

In other results Monday, First Baptist had its first winning week of the season, going 3-1; Premier was 1-3; and Westview Baptist Church Team No. 2 was 0-4.

The standings with one week left are: Westview-Won, 32-4; Rainco, 27-9; First Baptist, 15-21; Premier, 11-25; and Westview II, 5-31.

A's top Expos in Babe Ruth

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Terrell Bender and Ned Raines Jr. combined to score four runs and drive in four others as the A Lakeside Gallery A's outscored the Bagga Produce Expos 10-7 in a Sanford Recreation Department Babe Ruth Baseball League game at Sanford Memorial Stadium Monday evening.

Bender singled in the tying and go-ahead runs and later scored on a balk in a three-run, second inning as the A's erased a 4-3 deficit. Raines drove in a pair of insurance runs with a two out single in the fourth inning as the winner's started to pull away.

Bender was two-for-three with three runs scored and two runs batted in, while Raines was two-for-four with a double, one run scored and two RBI as the A's improved to 5-4 on the season and closed to within a half-game of the Rotary Club Royals (5-3) for second place in the American Division.

Also contributing to the A's offense were Rod Hudson (1-for-2, one run scored), Brett Witte and Shawn Green (one single and one run scored each) and David Sweeney, Eric Eason and Brad Brumley (one run scored each).

Jason Thornton and Witte combined to toss a six-hitter at the Expos (1-8).

Showers runs away in PLM dirt final

By Bob Varebrock Special to the Herald

BARBERVILLE — David Showers of St. Augustine ran away with the Pro Late Model feature on Volusia County Speedway's dirt track Friday night for one of the more normal races on the strange night.

Showers paced Gary Flynn, Bill Kopka, Joe Kamp and Joe Jacalone to finish line.

Shawn Halman edged Lawrence Ednie by inches in a 22-car Hobby Stock feature on the 3/8-mile clay oval and kept scorers at wits end well after the end of the 15-laps.

Halman came from seventh place with only four laps to go and flipped by Ednie just under the flagman's

tower. Robert Hicks, Jerry Foland and Rudy Lindsay rounded out the top five in the wacky race.

Shane Williams won the Pro Stock finale, overcoming Richard Adams for the checkered flag while Stacy Mathen, Scott Clarkson and Brian Bales completed the top five.

Tom Mulligan took a late lead in the Mini Stock event when leader Chris Vogel got tangled in lapped traffic. Vogel came back to finish second ahead of Charlie Staats, Mike Ponce and Monty Stratton.

Dirt racing at Volusia County Speedway runs every Friday night at the track located 15 miles west of Daytona Beach on Highway 40.

For more information, contact the race office at (904) 255-2243 or (904) 985-4402.

Expos Athletics

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Sheppard (3-for-4, three RBI), Chad Getchell (2-for-2, two runs scored), James Gunn (single, one run scored), Chris Vaughn (two runs scored), Cory Peterson and Eric Mundy (one run scored each) and Major Fisher and Jerry Strickland (one RBI each).

There will be a pair of Babe Ruth games played Wednesday, with both starting at 5:45 p.m.

Inside Sanford Memorial Stadium, the Blue Jays (1-7) will take on the Seminole Produce Marlins (1-7).

On Zinn Beck Field, the Kiwanis Club Orioles (4-4) will face the Moose Lodge Pirates (6-2).

There will also be two games played at 5:45 p.m. Friday, as the Royals will host the Elks Lodge #1241 Cubs (5-3) inside Sanford Memorial Stadium and the three-time defending city champion Knights of Columbus Cardinals (5-3) will challenge the undefeated Nobles Construction White Sox (8-0) at Zinn Beck Field.

Eight of the 10 teams will be in action again Saturday. In the Stadium, the Cardinals will play the Pirates at 9 a.m. and the Blue Jays will battle the Royals at 11 a.m. On Zinn Beck, the White Sox welcome the Orioles at 9 a.m. and the Cubs tackle the Marlins at 11 a.m. The A's and Expos will be idle.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS (30-laps) — 1. David Showers; 2. Gary Flynn; 3. Bill Kopka; 4. Joe Kamp; 5. Joe Jacalone; 6. Fred Leo; 7. Bill Mathen; 8. Mark Paterniti; 9. Kit Chappell; 10. John Rankin; 11. David Vandenderer; 12. Mike Luden.
PRO STOCKS (10-laps) — 1. Shane Williams; 2. Richard Adams; 3. Stacey Mathen; 4. Scott Clarkson; 5. Brian Bales; 6. Dennis Maple; 7. Chad Krieger; 8. Ellis North; 9. Steve Wortman; 10. Scott Roberts; 11. Daniel Miller; 12. David Hiltchcock; 13. Gary Hebrock.
HOBBY STOCKS (15-laps) — 1. Shawn Halman; 2. Lawrence Ednie; 3. Robert Hicks; 4. Jerry Foland; 5. Rudy Lindsay; 6. Donnie Bostic; 7. David Hollingsworth; 8. Grady Lundquist; 9. Chris Thomas; 10. Lonnie Register; 11. Tom Mathen; 12. Rick Galther; 13. Joe Blackford; 14. Chris Mancuy; 15. Fitch Moody; 16. Rose Peterson; 17. Jr. Maubin; 18. Kathy Gatsney; 19. Rick Cooper; 20. Ronnie Nobles; 21. Tom Lowe; 22. Andy Hicks.
MINI STOCKS (20-laps) — 1. Tom Mulligan; 2. Chris Vogel; 3. Charlie Staats; 4. Mike Ponce; 5. Manly Stratton; 6. Ronnie Srasahi; 7. Terry Cady; 8. Pat Hunter; 9. Davy Cline.

BLONDIE



by Chic Young

BEETLE BAILEY



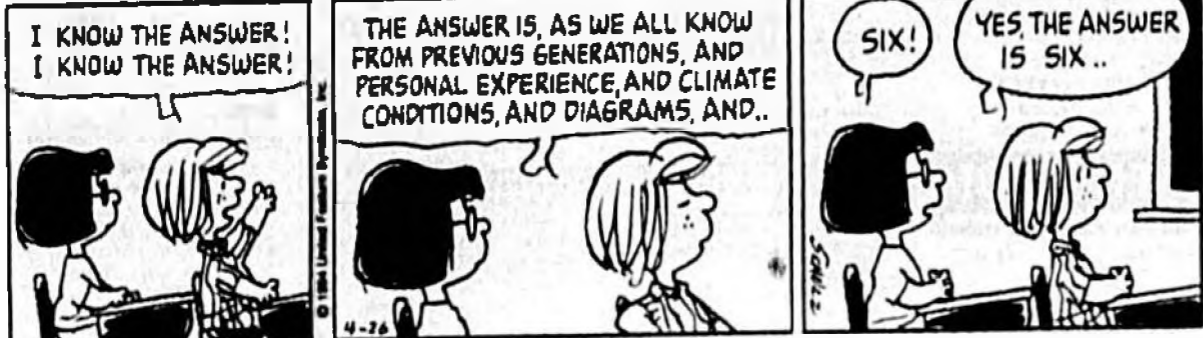
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by Art Sansom

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by Charles M. Schulz

EEK & MEEK



by Howie Schneider

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by Jimmy Johnson

FRANK AND ERNEST



by Bob Thaves

GARFIELD



by Jim Davis

ROBOTMAN



by Jim Meddick

Self-esteem is not linked to attraction

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you know of any evidence that would substantiate the claim or statement that the only type of man who would engage in a relationship with a female who has been promiscuous (six or more partners) is one with low self-esteem? I heard a statement to that effect on the radio and am looking forward to the opinion of an impartial party.

DEAR READER: I don't believe this claim. For one thing, it's far too general. Although some men with low self-esteem might be attracted to promiscuous women, many would -- in my view -- prefer inexperienced women.

Also, I'm troubled by your definition of "promiscuous" as indicating six or more partners. While some women might fall into this category if they have sex with multiple partners with whom they avoid emotional attachment, in this age of sexual permissiveness well-adjusted women may have had a half dozen different sexual encounters by the time they reach middle age.

It seems to me that low self-esteem would be manifest in other ways: for example, by addictive behavior, such as alcohol abuse. Therefore, each case should be judged on its own merits. A man who consistently chooses to pay to have sex clearly has a problem with self-image.

On the other hand, a male who enjoys a satisfying life with a woman who has "been around" may be experiencing a loving relation that is unrelated to self-esteem. As has been said before: Never generalize.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 65 and have lost two inches in height in the last five years. What causes this, and is there anything I can do to stop this from happening?

DEAR READER: As we age, we lose fluid from the discs that separate our spinal bones

(vertebrae). As the discs dehydrate, they shrink. This can produce a significant diminution in height.

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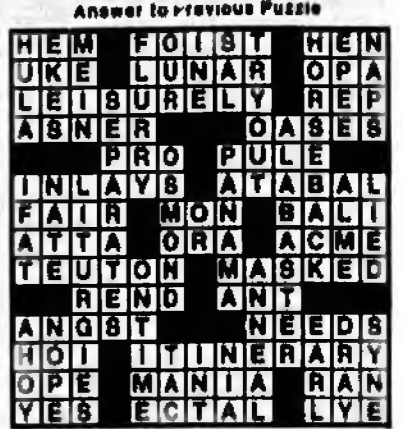
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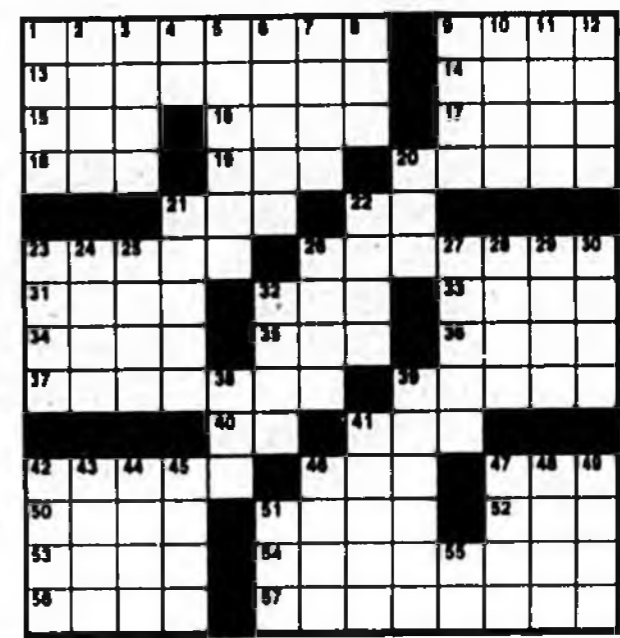
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53 Art deco illusionator
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57 Cabbage salad



MEDICINE PETER GOTT, M.D.



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9 Blop
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12 Region
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21 Sloggers
22 Sly look
23 Waste allowance
24 Wander
25 Willow
26 Dame Myra
27 Citrus fruit
28 Tanna player - Lendi!
29 - bene
30 Equipment
32 Skinny fishes
38 Finish
39 Law-making body
41 Of sound quality
42 Worry
43 Uncommon
44 Performs
45 Hawaiian instruments
46 Brave person
47 Revolve (a floating log)
48 Hipbones
49 Hard hit
51 Legendary bird
55 Bone



WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

A guideline is something to be followed all the time - except when it is wrong. And, as you are aware, bridge is full of guidelines. One of the most reliable is that if one side is playing on a suit, it is wrong for the other side to play on it too.

Today's deal is a simple example. West leads his fourth-highest heart against three no-trump. This gives declarer seven top tricks: two spades, one heart, three diamonds and one club. Assuming no 4-0 split, two more tricks are readily available in diamonds. Or are they? Look at the spots. If the diamonds break 3-1, declarer will have to win the fourth round in hand. With no dummy entry, the fifth diamond trick shrivels and dies like an earthworm on the hot pavement

of summer.

However, South spotted a possibility. After winning the first trick with dummy's heart nine, he cashed the queen and ace of diamonds. West's club discard was a blow. But now South led the heart king.

You see the idea behind the play. South knew West had at most five hearts, because the five had been led and South could see the three and four. South hoped that West would cash at least one more heart trick, on which he would discard the blocking diamond.

However, West knew that if South thought it was right for North-South to play on hearts, it had to be wrong for East-West to do so too. West won with the heart ace and immediately switched to a spade.

This condemned the contract. When South lost a trick in

another suit, the defenders cashed their hearts.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West cards and tricks. Includes vulnerable status and opening lead information.

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osol YOUR BIRTHDAY April 27, 1994

Exciting times are indicated for you where your social life is concerned in the year ahead. Several new dynamic friends are likely and an old beloved pal may also reenter the scene.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though your investigative or probing faculties are astute today, you might be too negative to take full advantage of your discoveries. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A friend who recently went to bat for you might be in need of your help today. Go out of your way to assist this pal regardless of how much it inconveniences you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Gratifying your ambitions will provide the motivation you need today to get what you go after.

Just be sure you'd be proud to sign your name to your tactics.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be exceptionally open and friendly. This is well and good, provided you're cautious regarding whom you take into your confidence. One you'd least expect might be an adversary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your best asset today could be your talent for transforming that which is outmoded into something functional and useful. This gift could apply in both your material and social world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) More impressive achievements than usual are probable today if your mate's goals and aims are in harmony with yours. Sing off the same song sheet where major issues are concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Continue to focus your dependency on yourself instead of on others. Lady Luck still likes you best when you are standing on your own two feet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Meet your challenges head on today and don't be afraid to take a chance to better your lot in life. However, don't bet a

dollar in order to win a dime. Be realistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions in general are actually rather good for you today, although you might find this hard to believe. Don't let negative thinking screen opportunities from your view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your preconceived ideas about how to handle things pertaining to your commercial involvements might be more detrimental than constructive today. Your thoughts are good, but your methods need help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you might be more daring than you should be where a chance for personal gain is concerned. Be absolutely certain you know what you're doing before you light the rocket on a flyer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll not be afraid to defend that which you believe to be right today. Make certain, however, you acknowledge the viewpoints of others with the same intensity.

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