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Today: Cloudy and breezy with a good chance of light rain or showers. High in the mid to upper 50s early with steady or falling temperatures through the day. Wind becoming northwest 15 to 20 mph.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Employee of year

LONGWOOD — Jim Scheurman, an engineer/paramedic with the Longwood Fire Department, has been named city of Longwood's Employee of the Year.

He was nominated by the fire department in the overall city employee presentation.

Scheurman has been employed with the city since April, 1986.

Holiday refuse

SANFORD — The City of Sanford has announced there will be no refuse pickup on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day, for commercial customers served by the city's solid waste division.

For additional refuse information, phone the solid waste division at 320-1014. For water and sewer information, phone the utility department at 330-5630.

Hunter education

A new law effective January 1, will require anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 to pass a hunter education course before he can obtain a hunting license. Previously, the law required taking the course before being allowed to hunt.

Capt. Ed Tyler, hunter education administrator for the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission said previous wording of the law effectively discouraged young people from taking up hunting.

Under the new law, parents will be able to take youngsters on hunting trips before they are required to pass the course and before they are old enough to require a hunting license.

Law still prohibits persons under the age of 16 from possessing a gun, unless he or she is under adult supervision.

All together now...

SANFORD — The Seminole Community Chorus, sponsored by Seminole Community College, is seeking new members for the second semester of the 1996-97 academic year beginning Jan. 6. The choir of mixed voices is open to all singers regardless of music-reading ability or past musical experience. No audition is required for membership.

The chorus will be rehearsing Monday evenings in preparation for the April 13 performance of Part II of Mendelssohn's Elijah, which will be a subscription concert of the Florida Symphony Youth Symphonic Orchestra at First Baptist Church of Sanford.

Rehearsals are held in the Fine Arts Building Concert Hall at SCC.

For additional information, phone the college at 328-2038.

Downtown development

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary City Commission has formed a Downtown Development Advisory Committee, to look at possible development or re-development of the historical downtown district from the city hall area north to Grand Bend Avenue.

The six member committee is starting its work by examining the city's zoning and development regulations with downtown development in mind.

Correction

LAKE MARY — Performance days for the Christmas holiday presentation "Hope is Born" presented by Celebration Church in Lake Mary, were incorrectly listed in Wednesday's Sanford Herald. The performances will be at the church, 126 West Lakeview Avenue in Lake Mary, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

Admission is free and a nursery will be offered for small children.

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It is double pleasure to deceive the deceiver.

-Jean de la Fontaine

Home for the holidays



Alta Richardson, left, works math problems with teacher Peggy Donato.

Miss Peggy and Alta... A lesson for us all

By RUSS WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — From the time she was six-years-old Peggy Donato knew she wanted to be a teacher.

When her friends in Chatham, N.Y., came to her parents' house, Peggy always insisted they play school in the cellar.

"I would line up some boxes and little chairs and my friends would be the students," Donato says. "I was always the teacher."

"It was what I was born to be - to be a teacher."

And a TEACHER is what Peggy Donato will

always be

A tiny woman with big blue eyes, a bundle of energy and a heart of gold, Donato holds her classes nowadays at a historic home owned by First Presbyterian Church at the corner of 4th Street and Oak Avenue.

She is helping seven women gain their high school diplomas in a GED program sponsored by Seminole Community College.

Her students all refer to Donato as "Miss Peggy."

One of the seven, Alta Richardson, has become one of Donato's favorite pupils.

Alta is 80-years-old

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Tougher pawnbroking regulations proposed

By The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Florida's new Pawnbroking Act is slanted in favor of pawnshops and against crime victims — and has sparked heavy criticism. Now the state senator who wrote the law is proposing to make it tougher on pawnshops.

State Sen. Fred Dudley, R-Cape Coral, said he proposed a bill modifying the 1996 Pawnbroking Act that could be considered by the Legislature next year, the Sun-Sentinel reported Wednesday.

The move for more stringent regulation comes a month after a series published in the Sun-Sentinel showed how some shops offer thieves an easy way to turn stolen property into quick cash and how

the law is slanted against crime victims whose stolen property is pawned.

Dudley, 53, told reporters Friday he had drafted the modifications. The same day, he confirmed a news report that while the pawnbroking bill was pending in the Legislature, he had a personal relationship with Lisa Henning, 30, a lobbyist for the Florida Pawnbrokers' Association.

The proposed changes mostly came out of a meeting Dudley held earlier this month with the Florida Law Enforcement Recovery Unit, a statewide group of pawn unit detectives that has been critical of the Pawnbroking Act.

Dudley did not return a phone call Wednesday to discuss his proposed bill.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Cpl.

Larry Earp, one of the two recovery unit detectives who met with Dudley, said the proposed changes would make it easier for crime victims to recover stolen property and for cops to regulate pawnshops. Earp said they include:

—Undoing a Catch-22 in which the law requires burglary victims to sue the suspected thief who pawned their goods, even though the law specifically exempted pawners' identities from public records.

—Waiving a \$200 filing fee for burglary victims who want to sue pawnshops to recover their property. The Pawnbroking Act instituted that fee, which had been waived under previous laws.

—Broadening guidelines that ban certain individuals from obtaining a

pawnbroker's license to include not only people who have been convicted of felonies or some misdemeanors, but also those who pleaded guilty or no contest to charges even when the court withheld a finding of guilt.

—Instead of only holding owners responsible for not properly filling out pawn slips or other similar violations, it also will make employees subject to citations or arrest.

Earp said the proposed changes will make it a little easier for detectives, but don't change the basic intent of the law, which is kinder to pawnbrokers than to cops and crime victims.

"If I wrote the law, it'd be different," Earp said. "We'd probably come up with a completely new statute — we'd start from scratch."

Spirit of the season adorns special tree

By VICKI DeBORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Getting in the holiday spirit was a little easier for those at the Seminole County Services Building this year with the help of the Tree of Community Blessings from the Seminole Community Mental Health Center.

The tree will be on display at the county services building until Dec. 31. The tree features ornaments inscribed with the successes and the personal wishes of the center's clients. Other ornaments are inscribed with the blessings the center has received over the past year.

"This tree is our way of celebrating how far we've come and to recognize those in the community whose support has helped us to be so effective," said James

Berko, executive director for Seminole Community Mental Health Center.

Some of the patients wished for simple things. Other wished for those things that most of us take for granted, but which are difficult for the clients.

"Still others wanted only to recover their mental health."

"I wish to live independently," one client wrote.

"I wish never again to have thoughts of suicide," wrote another.

"I wish to be off all mind-altering drugs, to earn my GED, to have my own apartment and to not be afraid of everything any more," wrote another.

The heartfelt messages touch those who read them and give them hope for their own futures. They also give the community a glimpse

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Suspect in bank robbery nabbed

By VICKI DeBORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — While charges of rape are still being considered, a Winter Springs man is at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, arrested on charges of armed robbery and grand theft.

According to Ed McDonough, public information officer for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, the Sanford Police Department has charged Robert Warren Simmons with armed

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Chill is in the air Will Sanford have a white Christmas?

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

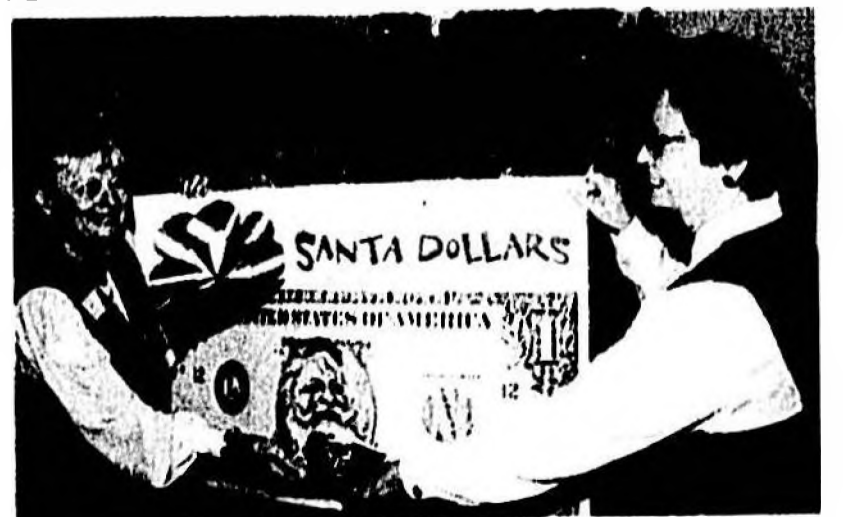
SANFORD — Cooler weather may have surprised some early risers in Sanford this morning. Especially those who learned the temperature at 6 a.m. was 58 degrees, and it was the warmest temperature expected today. Temperatures are expected to dip between 34 and 38 degrees in the area tonight.

In this cold spell however, Sanford won't be getting the freezing weather experienced in northern Florida. In Pensacola, it wasn't a blizzard, but there was snow.

Panhandle motorists north of Pensacola

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All for a good cause



Jan Cara, director of the Law Library at the Seminole County Courthouse (left) and Grace Marie Blincofphar, Sanford Historical Society president (right), display this year's Santa Dollar. The branch of Cara's sister, Roz White, Santa Dollars have helped raise \$28 million for charities. Please see Russ White's SunnySide Up Column on page 6A.

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Changes in conservation land buying

TALLAHASSEE — Florida could get more for its money by changing the way it buys land for preservation or recreation, a study says.

And in addition to buying land, the state should look at other ways to save environmentally sensitive properties — such as incentives to landowners to preserve them, said the Florida TaxWatch study issued Wednesday.

The state has spent more than \$1 billion since 1979 to acquire land under the Conservation and Recreation Lands and Preservation 2000 programs, but there is not enough money to buy all lands that need protection, according to the nonprofit tax research group supported by corporate and individual contributions.

As part of its study, TaxWatch reviewed the purchase of 2,261 acres on Keewaydin Island in Collier County for \$13.2 million in 1993.

About 1,990 of those acres would have been protected from development by other restrictions or agreements with landowners, TaxWatch concluded.

As a result, the report said, "the state paid \$13.2 million to prevent potential approval for development of 31 lots situated on 90 acres ... while simultaneously agreeing not to interfere with development plans for the remainder of the property."

In June 1995, The Naples Daily News reported that 20 lots retained by the sellers on other parts of the island were being sold for \$2 million to \$3 million each.

"Comparing what was received in the purchase to what might well have happened if the state had not purchased the land, it is debatable whether this transaction was a prudent use of the state's resources," said the TaxWatch report.

Among recommendations TaxWatch said would get the state more for its money:

- Separate the process of negotiating land purchases from the process of appraising the land by transferring appraisals from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Management Services.

- When the state pays more than current market value, require approval by at least five Cabinet members with a full oral and written explanation of the reasons.

- Authorize the Auditor General to audit records of third parties who negotiate land purchases for the state.

Mom can wait to tell son of dad

DAYTONA BEACH — An order requiring a mother to tell her 7-year-old son the truth about his real father — a convicted killer — has been stayed pending an appeal.

On Wednesday, Volusia Circuit Judge Patrick Kennedy stayed his requirement that Kim Spradley of Daytona Beach tell her son Justin about his real father, John E. Taylor, who is serving 50 years in prison for a 1990 slaying. The stay will remain in effect until the 5th District Court of Appeal rules on her challenge of his order.

Kennedy, whose order blasted the media and Mrs. Spradley's decision to go public, also removed himself from the case.

Earlier, Mrs. Spradley had vowed to go to jail if necessary to protect her son from the information.

Justin thinks his mother's second husband, Kent Spradley, is his real father. Justin, whose legal last name is Taylor, believes his name is Spradley.

Taylor, convicted of murdering his ex-wife's roommate, had asked the judge to allow him visitation rights and shared parental responsibility with his ex-wife.

Elderly patients subject to abuse

MIAMI — Elderly people in Florida's 1,900 assisted living facilities are increasingly in danger of being sexually and physically abused by young, mentally disturbed patients, a state panel was told.

A governor's panel to prevent elderly abuse and exploitation was considering if state law should be changed to force facilities to house the elderly and the mentally ill separately.

"This is something that's going on throughout the state of Florida," Audrey Bennett, state chairman for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Council, said after the panel met Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale. "Not only are they sexually abused, the money they receive is stolen by these younger mentally ill patients."

State Elder Affairs Secretary Bentley Lipcomb, who attended the meeting, plans to introduce a bill to that effect in the next legislative session.

Mrs. Bennett, a state-appointed advocate for the elderly, told the panel up to 30 percent of elderly patients are abused statewide. By her estimates, there are about 25,000 people in assisted living facilities across Florida, of which 15,000-20,000 are young and mentally ill.

In one Broward County facility, a mentally ill man placed the hand of a female Alzheimer's patient on his genitals and forced her to perform masturbation on him, Mrs. Bennett said.

In another South Florida facility, a frail woman was abused for nearly three years before the state was able to remove her — and only after she went into a cardiac arrest.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Deciding vote still undecided on state tobacco investments

By BILL BERGSTROM
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The person who could cast the deciding vote on whether Florida should dump more than \$600 million worth of tobacco stocks held by state pension funds remains undecided.

Gov. Lawton Chiles, who fought for a law to let Florida sue tobacco companies for billions in Medicaid costs, has said that would send a strong message.

But Comptroller Bob Milligan says stock purchases should be financial rather than moral decisions and wants to hold onto

the historically strong tobacco investments.

Treasurer Bill Nelson is the third member of the state Board of Administration, which could make the hold-or-sell decision as early as January.

And Nelson isn't ready to take sides, spokesman Dan McLaughlin said Wednesday.

"He knows the damage that tobacco has caused," McLaughlin said. "But he also takes very seriously ... the best interests of the tens of thousands of people whose retirements are invested by the (board)."

Nelson was traveling out of

state and couldn't be reached.

But after a council of private-sector investment advisers failed to make a recommendation to the board on whether to keep or sell the stock, he wants to read the advisers' individual opinions before deciding, McLaughlin said.

Florida's pension fund as of last week had \$638 million worth of stock in tobacco companies, 70 percent that in Philip Morris Inc., maker of Marlboro cigarettes.

Tobacco stocks make up about 1.6 percent of the \$51 billion Florida Retirement System pension fund. The fund pays

pensions for 153,000 retirees and has accounts for some 600,000 current state, county, city and school employees.

The Investment Advisory Council couldn't agree Tuesday to make a recommendation to the board on the tobacco stocks.

Donald Neat, a Florida State University business professor on the council, wanted to advise against any investment decision based on social issues but failed to get anyone to second his motion.

Coleman Stipanovich, chairman of the council, said he personally opposed selling the tobacco stock.

A living gift

The kindergarten students from Idyllwild Elementary School went to the Renaissance Apartments retirement community to sing Christmas carols and bring good cheer to the older citizens. The youngsters faces were lit up as beautifully as the trees around which they sat. The residents at Renaissance were serenaded by the youngsters who also took some time to bring cheer through hugs and loving words.

Special Photo by Steve Searce



Valujet sold flights without FAA approval

WASHINGTON — Government officials say thousands of people holding Valujet tickets could be stranded over the holidays because the airline booked flights, some in Florida, not yet approved by regulators.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday the airline sold flights based on expanding its service to West Palm Beach and Fort Myers, Fla., and Dallas-Fort Worth, although the government has yet to approve the expansion.

Valujet has asked the Department of Transportation to allow it to make charter arrangements with other airlines for passengers booked on flights serving the three airports between Dec. 19 and Jan. 6, 1997.

FAA spokesman Eliot Brenner said his agency must determine that any such charter arrangements meet safety standards before the Transportation Department can act on Valujet's request.

He said the agency will move quickly but could not predict how long it might take to certify the charters.

Teen drunk drivers face suspensions

By BILL BERGSTROM
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Less than one drink can cost a teen-ager their driver's license under a new law that backers say should save 21 young lives a year.

Threatened loss of the coveted licenses should get teen-agers' attention, said Khalid Johnson, 18, who recalled the shock of the deaths of two fellow Gainesville High School students two years ago.

"The .02 bill might not be the cure, but it is indeed effective treatment," Khalid told a news conference Wednesday previewing the law that takes effect Jan. 1 and sets a .02 blood-alcohol limit for drivers under 21.

Drivers over 21 are considered under the influence in Florida if they have a .08 blood alcohol level.

Florida joins 37 other states that have passed laws setting tougher blood-alcohol standards for younger motorists. Florida has about 100,000 licensed drivers under 21.

States have rushed to get

tough since federal legislation said they had to adopt "zero-tolerance" laws for younger drivers or start losing part of their federal highway funds in 1998.

The direct approach gets youths' attention, said Rep. Bob Casey, R-Gainesville, a physician and co-sponsor of Florida's bill.

Casey said it made an impression when he joined the Marines in 1951 and he and other recruits arrived for basic training had their bags searched.

"They took away all after shave lotion that had alcohol in it," he said. "This bill is going to be Marine Corps tough."

Florida ranks third in the nation behind Texas and California in the number of fatal crashes involving teenage drinking and driving. The number of under-21 drivers involved in alcohol-related crashes rose to 1,451 in 1994 — the latest year for which the breakdown is available — from 1,406 a year earlier.

The new law may help raise awareness of the danger, said Johnson, stu-

dent body president last year at Gainesville High and now a freshman at Florida A&M University. "It must be a community thing where we all say it is a problem."

Gainesville High was stunned by the May 1995 deaths of Trevor Scott Frazier and Michael Gregory Tanner — both 18-year-old seniors, both sons of University of Florida professors and both college bound, Johnson said. Police said both had been drinking and neither wore a seat belt when their speeding car ran off a rain-slick road.

"I was troubled ... to know that people I interacted with every day — that I had seen and I had talked to and they were my friends — all of a sudden the next day would not be there because of a senseless and needless drinking and driving accident," Johnson said.

Casey said the new law will give police an additional tool to use if they smell alcohol on a youthful driver's breath during a routine traffic stop, at a roadblock or at an accident scene.

LOTTERY

MIAMI Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
10-16-19-21-11



Cash 3
2-0-6
Play 4
7-0-4-5

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Cloudy cold and breezy with a good chance of light rain or showers. High in the mid to upper 50s early with steady or falling temperatures through the day. Wind becoming northwest 15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. Tonight: Partly cloudy breezy and cold. Low 34 to 38. Wind northwest 15 to 20 mph. Friday: Partly cloudy and cold. High 50 to 54. Wind north 15 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy and cold. Lows in the lower 30s north to the lower to mid 40s south. Highs in the mid to upper 50s north to the lower 60s south.

City	H	L	P
Daytona Beach	70	54	80
Ft. Lauderdale	77	60	80
Ft. Myers	81	60	80
Gainesville	68	49	58
Homestead	77	59	80
Jacksonville	68	52	80
Jay West	70	51	80
Lakeland	70	50	80
Melbourne	77	60	80
Ocala	77	58	80
Panacea	68	50	80
Sebring	77	61	80
Tallahassee	68	52	80
Tampa	70	54	80
Vero Beach	68	54	80
West Palm Beach	81	60	80

OUTLOOK

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Clay 58-65	Ptly cldy 54-64	Ptly cldy 58-65	Fair 48-65	Ptly cldy 48-57

MOON	PHASE	DATE
New	Jan. 8	Jan. 8
First	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
Full	Dec. 24th	Jan. 1st
Last	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and choppy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 65 degrees.
New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and choppy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 64 degrees.

TIDES

FRIDAY SOLAR TABLE: min., 2:05 a.m.; 2:30 p.m.; maj., 8:20 a.m.; 8:45 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: high, 4:07 a.m.; 4:28 p.m.; low, 10:21 a.m.; 10:33 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 4:12 a.m.; 4:33 p.m.; low, 10:26 a.m.; 10:38 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 4:27 a.m.; 4:48 p.m.; low, 10:41 a.m.; 10:53 p.m.

WEATHER

St. Augustine to Cape Canaveral — Thursday: Wind shifting to northwest 15 to 20 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy exposed areas. Patches of rain and scattered showers. Thursday night: Wind northwest to north 15 to 20 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy exposed areas.

THE HIGH TEMPERATURE IN SANFORD WEDNESDAY WAS 77 DEGREES AND THE OVERNIGHT LOW WAS 48 AS REPORTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER, CELERY AVENUE.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 10 a.m. Thursday, totaled .03 inches
☐Sunset.....8:31 p.m.
☐Sunrise.....7:12 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 9. Better wear hat and sunscreen.
The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

City	H	L	P	Dir
Anchorage	31	20	18	sn
Atlanta	48	36	19	sn
Atlanta City	36	47	rn	
Austin	37	38	clr	
Baltimore	35	44	rn	
Boston	38	46	rn	
Brownsville	48	34	27	rn
Buffalo	37	36	26	sn
Burlington, Vt.	44	48	sn	
Casper	8	13	sn	
Charleston, S.C.	38	39	rn	
Charleston, W. Va.	38	34	21	sn
Charlotte, N.C.	41	35	11	rn
Chicago	8	8	0	edy
Chicago	18	14	28	sn
Cincinnati	38	34	24	sn
Cleveland	38	39	21	sn
Columbus, Ohio	48	31	21	sn
Dallas-Ft. Worth	51	38	21	clr
Dallas	12	6	0	edy
Des Moines	7	4	0	sn
Dayton	34	23	23	edy
Dayton	18	14	28	sn
Honolulu	88	68	28	clr
Houston	48	38	21	clr
Indianapolis	19	16	28	rn
Jackson	38	28	27	rn
Kansas City	13	7	27	clr
Las Vegas	47	38	27	clr
Little Rock	38	34	24	edy
Los Angeles	70	47	27	clr
Los Angeles	38	28	24	edy
Memphis	16	11	28	rn
Minneapolis	8	0	14	edy
Mobile	38	28	24	edy
New Orleans	44	44	17	clr
New York City	38	49	rn	
Oakland	38	18	27	clr
Ocala	9	3	27	clr
Philadelphia	31	44	rn	
Pittsburgh	38	28	27	clr
Pittsburgh	38	28	27	sn
Portland, Maine	38	29	21	rn
Sacramento	48	38	27	clr
San Antonio	38	28	27	clr
Seattle	48	28	27	clr
Washington, D.C.	44	48	27	

POLICE BRIEFS

Ten arrested in drug stings

Members of the Seminole County sheriff's department City/County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) conducted several undercover drug sting operations Tuesday evening, mostly in the Altamonte Springs area.

The following arrests were made during a crackdown at SR-427 and Plumosa Avenues:

• Robert Barnes, 29, of Casselberry, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.

• Ricky Alan Nellis, 57, of Davenport, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.

• Donna Kay Johnson, 27, of 349 Bahia Circle, Longwood, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.

• Darlene J. Fidele, 33, of Maitland, charged with purchase of a controlled substance, destruction of evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Sherry Dee Faria, 42, of Altamonte Springs, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.

• Bobby Lee Allen, 42, of Altamonte Springs, charged with sale of controlled substance (crack) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Robin L. Turner, 33, who gave no local address, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.

The following arrests were reported during an undercover operation Tuesday on DeBotto Avenue in Altamonte Springs:

• Howard L. Marshall, 24, of Altamonte Springs, charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Jacques W. Duham, 31, of Altamonte Springs, charged with possession of crack cocaine.

In addition, Chad Davis, 19, of Altamonte Springs, was charged with two counts of sale of a controlled substance (crack cocaine and cannabis), as the result of a crackdown on Plymouth Street in Altamonte Springs.

The Plymouth Street and SR-427 areas had been the scene of numerous undercover drug sting operations by CCIB officers in the past, and have generally produced a great number of arrests at the same locations.

Retail thefts

• Jessica R. Spivey, 158 Country Club Circle, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at a retail store in the 3600 block of S. Orlando Drive. Police said she attempted to take \$99 in merchandise from the store without paying.

• Orlahia L. Gordon, 19, 2816 Grove Avenue, Sanford, and Deneka D. Jackson, 18, were arrested by sheriff's deputies Tuesday at a retail store on SR-436 in Casselberry. The two reportedly attempted to take \$61 in items, including baby clothing, from a store without paying. Gordon was charged with retail theft. While Gordon's report indicated Jackson was also arrested, no arrest report was immediately available.

Traffic stop

Andrew C. Weaver, 36, of 1301 Elliot Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Tuesday on Briston Avenue. He was charged with attached tag not assigned and possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine).

Sanford police reports

• An estimated \$185 in gifts were reported stolen early Wednesday from under a Christmas tree at a residence in the 1300 block of Elliot Avenue in Sanford.

• A .380-caliber pistol was reported stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 1300 block of Sheppard Avenue in Sanford.

• An attempt was reported Tuesday to steal a 1995 Jeep from an auto dealership on S. Orlando Drive. Although the rear windows had reportedly been broken, the perpetrator was reportedly unable to jacking the vehicle.

• A 1995 Ford Taurus was reported stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 1300 block of Elliot Avenue in Sanford.

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TV ratings may begin next year

By JENNIFER AVERA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Beginning early next year, most TV shows — from "The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" to "Oprah Winfrey" — for the first time will carry on-screen tags rating them for sexual and violent content.

The result of years of federal government jawboning and veiled threats, the historic, voluntary system will look much like the familiar ratings that have been used on movies for 28 years.

And already, the aged-based TV ratings approach is under fire from critics who want more specific information about the amount and type of sex, violence and language in a given show.

Entertainment shows aired on broadcast, cable and public TV could be rated as early as January or February, using a voluntary system that the TV industry plans to unveil today.

The six-tier, age-based system is similar to the one used for movies. It ranges from "TV-G," designating material suitable for all ages, to "TV-M," for mature audiences only. Children's shows will be labeled, using a "Y" as suitable for all youngsters and "Y-7" as appropriate for children 7 and older.

Child advocacy groups and other critics complain that the industry's approach is too vague and will be of little use to parents. They want specific warnings for violence, sex and language, and the intensity of each

in every show. But President Clinton, in remarks last week that disappointed critics, said the industry's rating system should be given a trial run.

Clinton made TV ratings a centerpiece of his re-election campaign, citing his work on securing a ratings pledge from the TV industry in February as a major accomplishment in his first term.

Unlike movies, which are rated by an independent board including parents, TV shows will be rated by producers, broadcast networks, cable channels, syndicators and others that originate programs.

Saying this is like the fox guarding the henhouse, critics want TV shows to be independently rated.

Under the TV industry's plan the only shows that won't be rated are news and sports. But news magazines like "30/20" could be rated.

The industry's ratings system is subject to Federal Communications Commission approval. If the FCC finds it unsuitable, it can move to appoint an independent advisory board that would create a new ratings system. However, the government cannot require its use.

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America and head of the TV industry's ratings effort, said the TV industry won't use any ratings system other than its own and will fight in court any effort to impose another system.

Critics including the Center for

Media Education, the National Parent Teacher Association, the Children's Defense Fund and the American Psychological Association contend that the TV industry does not want to flag shows for specific content because it may scare advertisers away.

Valenti rejected such assertions.

Critics favor a ratings system like the one used by HBO, Showtime and other cable networks that provides more detailed information about the type, amount and intensity of violence, sex and language in a show.

The TV industry is working to get guidelines printed in newspaper and magazine TV listings at least several times a week. The industry also will print and distribute several million ratings brochures.

The TV ratings could be ap-

pealed to a 19-member appeals board that would consist entirely of industry representatives.

Eventually, the ratings system will work with a V-chip to be installed in new TV sets in 1998. Using a remote-control device, people will be able to block individual shows or categories of shows based on their ratings.

As their latest ammunition against the TV industry's system, critics on Wednesday circulated 27 newspaper editorials calling for more specific content information. They also met with Vice President Al Gore, who they said was open to their concerns but neither "endorsed nor condemned" the industry's ratings system.

"What parent in their right mind would accept a package at the front door labeled simply: 'suitable for your 10-year-old' and hand that package to their child without checking further?"

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Most female victims of violent crime knew attackers, study shows

By CASSANDRA BURELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Nearly 78 percent of women who were victims of violent attacks by a single assailant in 1992 and 1993 knew their attackers, the Justice Department says.

They were attacked by relatives, acquaintances, boyfriends, ex-boyfriends, husbands or ex-husbands, according to a Bureau of Justice Statistics study released Wednesday.

In contrast, 61 percent of male victims were attacked by someone they know and 49 percent by strangers, the report said.

"Females experienced seven times as many incidents of nonfatal violence by an intimate as did males — more than 1 million, compared to an estimated 143,000 for men," the Justice Department said in a statement.

The report also said two of every five victims of violent crimes reported in 1994 were female, up from 20 years ago, when women accounted for two of every six victims.

Also Wednesday, the Justice Department announced \$46 million in grants for 123 communities across the country to help them investigate and prosecute domestic assaults as crimes. The grants were awarded under a Violence Against Women Act program aimed at encouraging more arrests of domestic violence offenders.

The money will be used for such projects as developing automated information systems to track perpetrators and for training police, prosecutors, the judiciary and probation and parole officers.

During 1992 and 1993, an average of 3.5 million crimes against women involving a single assailant were reported, the Bureau of Justice Statistics report said. In about 2.7 million of them, the attackers were relatives, acquaintances or intimates.

The other 800,000 were strangers, the study said. Of the 10.9 million violent crimes reported in 1994, 4.7 million occurred against women and 6.3 million against men, the Bureau of Justice Statistics report said.

"There was one rape for every 270 women, one robbery for every 340 women and one assault for every 39 women," the report said. "For homicide — the least frequent — there was one female victim for approximately every 23,000 women 18 or older."

Women accounted for 23 percent of all known homicide victims in the United States in 1996, according to the FBI. In cases involving a single assailant, 88 percent of men and 90 percent of women were slain by men.

Black, white and Hispanic female victims were attacked by

intimates at about the same rates, the report said.

Family income makes a difference, however. "The risk is four times greater among females with annual family income of less than \$10,000 than those with family incomes of \$50,000 or more," the report said.

Figures from the FBI show that 26 percent of all female murder victims in 1994 were killed by their husbands or boyfriends. In 1993, 27 percent of all male victims were killed by wives or girlfriends.



Hostage situation 'tranquil'

LIMA, Peru — A dozen ambassadors and hundreds of other VIPs were calm and seemed healthy during their second night in captivity, despite rebel threats to begin executing them, a doctor said today.

None of the guests taken hostage during a party at the Japanese ambassador's house Tuesday night had been killed, and "it's very tranquil" inside, Red Cross doctor Marc Cortal said.

He helped deliver water, medicine and sandwiches Wednesday night to the residence, where the 23 rebels had divided the approximately 400 hostages into groups and guarded them in separate rooms with guns and grenades.

"We spoke with people, collected messages for their families," he said early today at a police line near the two-story residence that is part of a spacious, walled-in compound.

The government is negotiating with the rebels, members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement who want 300 comrades released from jail, changes in government policy, and money and safe passage to the Amazonian jungle.

Posting on the Internet

SAN FRANCISCO — In a ruling that chips away at Cold War restrictions on the export of encryption technologies, a judge said the State Department can't bar a mathematician from posting his programs on the Internet.

Academics praised the ruling as a free speech victory, and computer industry executives called it a milestone for American software producers.

In a decision announced Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel stopped short of forbidding all restrictions on the export of codes that allow computer messages to be scrambled. But she said the current rules, which treat such computer programs as if they were military weapons, go too far.

"It's really such a shock to switch from fear of this law to suddenly maybe I can do something. As far as I can tell, I'm free," plaintiff Daniel Bernstein said Wednesday.

The White House said it won't comment on a judicial matter, although an appeal was expected.

Gingrich's lawyer drops him

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Newt Gingrich's lawyer is dropping his client just as a lengthy ethics investigation of the Republican leader appears to be reaching a climax.

"We advised Mr. Gingrich on Saturday, Dec. 14 that we could no longer represent him before the ethics committee," attorney Jan Baran told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Congressional sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said Gingrich has hired legal malpractice attorney Randy Evans of Atlanta to represent him. Evans is a longtime political supporter of Gingrich.

Baran ended his representation of Gingrich one day after the House ethics committee's investigative subcommittee ended an intensive week of closed-door meetings. The panel of two Republicans and two Democrats is investigating tax implications of a college course taught by Gingrich and the accuracy of the speaker's statements to investigators.

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FBI assessing damage from alleged spy in its ranks

By MICHAEL J. SHIFFER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Aided by a cooperating former Russian official, the FBI is assessing the damage now that one of its own veteran agents has become the third U.S. official charged in less than three years with selling secrets to the Russians.

Earl E. Pitts, 49, an FBI supervisor and former counterintelligence officer, was charged Wednesday with selling secrets to the Soviet Union and Russia during 1967-1993 for more than \$234,000. He could face life in prison.

Pitts' arrest followed a 18-month undercover investigation triggered by a former Russian official at the United Nations who joined FBI agents in posing as phony Russian spies trying to get Pitts to do more spying.

The undercover probe, which cost more than \$1 million, hit a serious, temporary snag on its third day — unwittingly caused by the honesty and patriotism of Pitts' wife, Mary, who turned in her own husband.

Now "we are conducting ... a

damage assessment," FBI Director Louis Freeh told a news conference. But so far, Freeh added, "I certainly would not compare him with Aldrich Ames in any degree."

In 1994, Ames, a CIA officer, pleaded guilty to spying that has been blamed for the deaths of 10 Western agents. He was paid more than \$2.7 million by Moscow.

No deaths are blamed on Pitts — only the compromise of data about FBI counterespionage efforts against Moscow.

Nor are any deaths blamed on former CIA station chief Harold Nicholson, who pleaded innocent last month to selling the identities of new CIA agents since 1994. The Russians allegedly paid Nicholson more than \$180,000.

At a court hearing Wednesday in Alexandria, Va., Pitts was charged with attempted espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. He also was charged with a lesser espionage count and with conveying government property, each of which carries a maximum 10-year penalty. A bail hearing was set

for Friday. These recent cases have prompted Freeh to observe that the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991 has not produced any decrease in Russian spying here.

Reports from defectors and the failure of some counterintelligence operations in New York had led the FBI to suspect an early as the spring of 1983 that it might be harboring a Russian spy, Freeh said.

A list of those who knew about the failed operations was compiled; the list included Pitts, who hunted and recruited Russian spies in New York during 1987-89.

But Freeh said attention turned to Pitts specifically in the mid-1990s when a separate FBI operation recruited a Russian official at the United Nations. He identified Pitts as the FBI agent who wrote him a letter in 1987 offering to spy for Moscow.

Now a permanent resident alien in this country, the cooperating Russian was mistakenly thought by the FBI in the 1980s to be a KGB agent.

Tree

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into the needs of those served by the mental health center.

The center relies on the community for support and they expressed their thanks for the successes they experienced this year. Some of the ornaments

expressed their thanks for those successes and blessings.

"Stronger ties in the community which gives us so much support," a representative of the center wrote.

"Seeing people learn how to stand on their own two feet and be responsible for themselves and families," wrote another.

The Seminole Community Mental Health Center is a private, community based, not-for-profit organization that offers a wide variety of prevention, intervention and treatment services for adults and children. For more information call 831-2411.

Suspect

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robbery and grand theft in connection with the robbery of the First Union Bank at 3603 S. Orlando Drive in Sanford on Tuesday.

No one who was available to speak at the Sanford Police Department this morning had any information regarding the arrest.

McDonough said that Simmons, 29, was arrested in Orange County, but returned to Seminole County to face the charges here.

According to McDonough, Simmons turned himself in to an Orange County deputy when he thought he was being pursued by a sheriff's department helicopter.

McDonough said Simmons, of 181 Lori Anne Lane in Winter Springs, was walking near the intersection of Mercy Drive and Silver Star Road in Orange County when he noticed a helicopter hovering overhead. Soon after, he flagged down an Orange County deputy and turned himself in.

On Tuesday morning, a Casselberry woman had told Seminole County deputies that she had been raped by Simmons after she gave him a ride in her car. She told deputies that she dropped Simmons off at the bank after he sexually assaulted her.

She told deputies she has known Simmons for several years.

According to the Seminole County sheriff's office reports, Simmons allegedly entered the bank at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and gave a note to the teller implying that he had a gun and that he wanted money.

After being given an undisclosed amount of cash, he fled the building.

It is not known what happened to the money. McDonough said the sheriff's office is still looking into the alleged rape, but no charges have been filed at this time.

Simmons is being held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Cold

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brushed the white stuff from their cars Wednesday night. Most of the flakes melted as they hit the warmer ground.

Not quite cold enough in the city and other coastal areas for snow to stick, residents got rain and sleet instead as temperatures headed below freezing overnight.

By 5 a.m. today, it was 27 degrees in Pensacola under clear skies. On the other end of the state, Key West reported 75 degrees.

The cold weather will continue today and Friday, said Randy McKee, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Mobile, Ala.

A hard freeze was expected tonight in the Panhandle, with lows in the 20s after sunshine and highs only in the 40s today.

Local power company officials say they don't anticipate any load problems in the north Florida

area as well as here in Central Florida. After today's cold front leaves the area, weather officials say the temperatures will go back up temporarily, but be down once again possibly on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. No one however, appears willing to state publicly that there could be a white Christmas in Sanford and Seminole County this year.

Further north, Santa will have little problem landing his sleigh. Mobile, Ala., recorded about two inches of snow Wednesday.

Although tourists may be disappointed, the cold weather was welcomed by some Floridians, including Lafayette Fountain.

He works in the boiler room at the Champion International paper mill just north of Pensacola. Summer temperatures can reach 400 degrees and he must wear a heat suit.

"But when it's cold out it's like 99," Fountain told the Pensacola News Journal. "So, I love the cold weather."

JAMES A. KETTRLES
James A. Kettles, 72, Bonita Road, DeBary, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1988 at his residence. Born Dec. 20, 1923 in Bamberg, S.C., he moved to Central Florida from Islip, N.Y. in 1968. He was a retired butcher and a member of Tabernacle of Prayer in Sanford.
Survivors include wife, Elcaine; sons, Kenneth, California, Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y., Clifton, Fort Hill, Okla., Raymond, DeBary; daughters, Gail Whitley, Starlin, Charlotte and Jamie, all of DeBary; sisters, Elizabeth Stevens, Pearl Hopper, Evon Murray, all of DeBary; two



James Kettles
grandchildren.
Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

WESLEY W. ELLIS SR.
Wesley W. Ellis Sr., 78, Baywood Drive, Sanford, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1988 at his residence. Born Sept. 27, 1920 in Louisville, Ky., he moved to Central Florida in 1959. He was a plant manager for a furniture manufacturer and a Methodist. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II.
Survivors include wife, Barbara; sons, Wesley W. Jr., Birmingham, Ala., Keith O., Deltona; one grandchild, Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

CAROL M. HOPPOUGH
Carol M. Hoppough, 82, E. First Street, Sanford, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1988 at Columbia Medical Center, Sanford. Born Jan. 10, 1914 in Williamsville, N.Y., she moved to Florida in 1972. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford.
Survivors include sons, Richard, Greensboro, N.J., Robert, Sanford; daughter, Gail Arts, Venice; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.
American Family Cremation Society, in charge of arrangements.

KETTRLES, JAMES A.
Funeral services for James A. Kettles, 72, of DeBary, who died Tuesday, will be Monday, Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m., at Tabernacle of Prayer, Sanford, with Pastor Corrie Bryant officiating. Viewing will be Sunday from 4 until 8 p.m. Burial will be in Tabernacle Memorial Gardens.
Arrangements by Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford.

Estelle F. Morgan
12-19-88 To 12-11-89
It's been eleven years since you've been gone. To see your caring smile or hear your gentle voice eleven years is much too long.
It breaks my heart for my children not to see what a wonderful mother I had, and a loving grandmother to them you would be. With my children I share my memories of you, and through those memories my children love you too. They say time heals all sorrow, but my heart still aches more than anyone could ever really know.
Loving You Forever,
Bessie

Teach

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"I have 10 great, great grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and nine grandchildren," Alta says, "and now I'm learning about the same things they are learning."

It delights Donato how much pride Alta Richardson puts into her schoolwork and how much progress she has made in her QED classes.

On Wednesday, Donato sat and listened as Alta Richardson read from her Math Stories school book.

Pronouncing each word and number succinctly, Richardson drew a warm appreciation from Donato.

"You did wonderful today, Alta."

Smiling, Alta Richardson lifts an Orlando Magic cap from her head and runs her right hand through her silver hair.

It is a precious moment not only for these two women, but

for the driver of a senior citizens van honks his horn and Alta gathers her schoolwork.

She says goodbye to Donato, who watches the woman walk

proudly to the van.

"You know, this is exactly why I wanted to teach. Exactly," Donato says.

Inside the classroom, Donato takes an extended look at the furnishings.

"It's a wonderful place for all these students to come," she says. "Some bring their babies."

"We're like a big family...studying as if we were in our own home."

"Some of the students would be intimidated - terribly intimidated in some big classroom. They would never be able to accomplish all that they do here. We are very happy that First Presbyterian Church allows us to use this house. It's cozy and comfortable."

"We really are a family."

Donato - "Miss Peggy" - is very proud of each of her students.

"Shannon," she says, "is smart...she just didn't know how smart she was."

"Vicky is too, and she wants to go to college after this year."

All most of these students really need is to gain self-confidence. They need to feel wanted. That's all. Just feel wanted and know that there is

something better in life they can do. As long as they study and work for it."

Upon getting her degree at Cortland State Teachers College in New York, Donato first taught in high school.

When she had the first of her three children, she decided to teach younger boys and girls in elementary school.

"What an opportunity to work with boys and girls who were just getting started, who had so much potential, she said.

"And that's about the QED Program is what, too. The students are older, yes, but they also have so much potential."

Alta Richardson, the great, great grandmother student, says she feels "blessed" to be a student of the program.

"I'm getting along pretty good," she says. "Learning to read like this, I know some of my Bible pages better than I ever imagined."

"That was the ONE book I always could read."

"Now, I can read almost anything. The newspaper. Books. Anything."

"Makes me wish my eyes were what they once were...then, I'd be reading, wouldn't I?"

Legal Notices

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John Lee
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Division PROBATE
File Number 88-1647-OP
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. BRUCE, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
The administration of the estate of WILLIAM H. BRUCE, JR., deceased, File Number 88-1647-OP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer G, Sanford, Florida 32778-0686. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
All interested persons are required to file with this court, WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE: (1) all claims against the estate and (2) any objection by an interested person on whom this notice is served that challenges the validity of the will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the court.
ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
Publication of this Notice has begun on December 16th, 1988.
Personal Representative: WILLIAM HAMILTON BRUCE, III
638 Eastport Drive Longwood, FL 32750
Attorney for Personal Representative: GARY E. MASSEY, ESQ. MASSEY, ALPER & WALDEN, P.A. 112 West Citrus Street Altamonte Springs, FL 32714-2377 Telephone: (407) 866-0900 Publish: December 15, 22, 29, 1988 DEX-149

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NUMBER 88-925-OP
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALICE E. BOWLAND, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
The administration of the Estate of Alice E. Bowland, Deceased, File Number 88-925-OP is pending in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Drawer C, Sanford, Florida 32778-0686. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is December 16th, 1988.
Personal Representative: Gail E. Gentile
506 Florida Boulevard Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701
Attorney for Personal Representative: R. Brandon Chapman Hays and Chapman, P.A. First Citrus Bldg. 1775 Winter Park, FL 32789 (407) 748-0287
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People

CALENDAR

Sunrise Kiwanis meets Friday

The Seminole Sunrise Kiwanis Club meets every Friday, at 7 a.m., at Shoney's, US 17-92, south of Airport Boulevard. Guests are welcome. For information, call Tony McDaniel at 324-0489.

Free clinic every Friday

GENEVA — A free clinic to include blood pressure check, blood sugar screening and immunizations will be held every Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Geneva Elementary School in the old school building, corner of First and Main Street in Geneva. The clinic is sponsored by the Seminole County Health Department in conjunction with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Geneva Elementary School. For information, call 349-9284.

Substance abuse discussed

SAFE, Substance Abuse Family Education, is conducting a "Families in Crisis" outreach program. Interested organizations wanting to contact the Life Savers Club of SAFE may call Libby Kuharake at 291-4357.

COMA announces meetings

The Concerned Organization of Men in Action (COMA) meets the first and third Friday, at 8 p.m., in the church annex at St. James AME Church, Ninth Street and Cypress Avenue, Sanford.

Seniors meet for lunch

LAKE MARY — A senior's group meets for lunch the second Friday of each month at Lake Mary Church of the Nazarene, 171 E. Crystal Lake Ave. The next meeting is held in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Bill at 322-1006.

Daughters of Confederacy

Norman deVere Howard Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy meets on the last Friday of the month. For information, call 322-1426.

Trekkers meet Saturday

The USS Genesis, a chapter of the Federation (A Star Trek Fan Club) meets every other Saturday, at 4:00 p.m. at Bowl America on Airport Boulevard. Those interested in a program that helps people are invited.

Dixieland band open to public

Dixieland Forever Inc., a non-profit band, plays the second Sunday of every month, from 4-7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 2706 Wells Ave., Fern Park. Open to the public, donation is \$6. For information, call 841-7335.

Concerned Citizens meet Sunday

Concerned Citizens for Better Government, a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' action group meets the second Sunday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Frank Evans Center, corner of Crystal Lake Avenue and Country Club Road, Lake Mary. For information, call 321-0384.

Bromeliad Society to meet

The Seminole Bromeliad Society meets the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m., at Sanford Garden Club, U.S. 17-92 at Fairmont Avenue, Sanford. All aspects of bromeliad culture are covered during the meetings. The society is affiliated with the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and the Bromeliad Society Inc. For information, call Bud Martin, 321-0838.

Complete Up: Food for thought

The Santa buck stops here

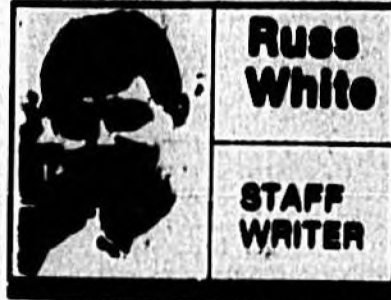
One bright and cheery morning, Roz White awoke with a great smile on her face. "I'm going to put Santa on the dollar bill," she told her husband, Ron the psychiatrist. "Go back to sleep," he said.

Fourteen years later, Roz White is smiling even more. Her Santa Dollars are a Christmas tradition throughout the country - and have raised more than \$28 million for charity.

Here's how it works: You buy a Santa Dollar, a real \$1 bill with Santa covering George Washington, for \$2.50 (they're available locally at Publix). A portion of the proceeds from the gift benefit various charitable organizations. The chief Central Florida charity is Abilities, a non-profit organization that trains the disabled and helps them obtain jobs.

More than 1,300,000 Santa Dollars will help charities in almost every state in the country this year.

Roz White, a Sanford native who now lives in St. Petersburg, and her partner, June Watts, have extended the Christmas dollar collection this year with a



Russ White

STAFF WRITER



The flak was over an advertisement that featured pictures of \$1 bills.

Needless to say, Roz survived the interrogation.

Her Santa Dollars were given the OK. Each dollar comes with a Christmas card that bears a legal certificate that reads: The Santa Buck is United States legal tender and has received legal approval by the Department of the Treasury, United States Secret Service on February 19, 1986 and January 31, 1994 under Statute 333 USCA and is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office No. 1674185.

The first year the Santa Dollars came out, 10,000 were sold at a couple of small shopping centers in the St. Petersburg area. Publix execu-

tive Charlie Lane called Roz White to ask what was going on. Seems a slow Publix store in one of the shopping plazas added the dollars and had itself many new customers.

"Charlie Lane said he liked what we were doing and wanted the Santa Dollars for all the Publix stores in Central Florida," White said.

The next year there were 30,000 Santa Dollars, 80,000 the year after that.

This year, Roz White said that 1,300,000 Santa Dollars are on sale nationally.

"Charlie Lane had faith in a couple of ladies with a crazy idea, and because he did, there's been a lot of good happen all over this great country," Roz White said.



From the heart

Pine Crest Elementary School guidance secretary Venisha Lyon, shows some of the gifts for students who might not receive presents this holiday. The gifts have been provided through an angel tree drive sponsored by Seminole Ornament Society and AT&T in Lake Mary.

Special Photo by Tammy Wilson

Tell us your story

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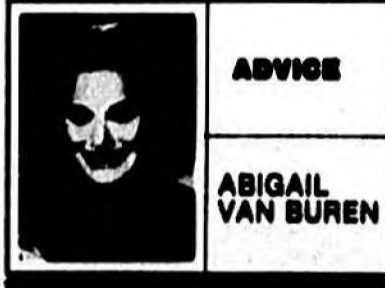
Engagement and wedding forms are available at our office. If desired, these may be accompanied by a black and white or color photo. These stories are usually run on Sundays and should be submitted on Tuesday before the publication date. Weddings more than three months old will be published in announcement form without a photo.

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Sleep disorder easy to spot, treat

DEAR ABBY: I am a physician who specializes in patients with sleep disorders. The dramatic letter you printed concerning a 32-year-old man who died in his sleep of morbid obesity should be very interesting to all of us.

The death, of course, is tragic. Your readers should know that even in the absence of weight loss, this death might have been avoided, or at least postponed. People with obesity die in their sleep because of a condition called "obstructive sleep apnea." This disorder causes asphyxiation because the airway is unstable and collapses during sleep, producing a drop in the oxygen



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

level. The symptoms of sleep apnea are easily recognized even by a layperson. Patients with this disorder snore loudly, appear to hold their breath during sleep, and awaken repeatedly through the night with gasps and snorts, which indicate a blockage of the airway.

Sleep apnea is easily treated with a mechanical device called "nasal continuous positive airway pressure." This treatment can be instituted even in the absence of weight loss and produces a significant improvement in the individual's well-being.

I hope that your readers will understand that obesity itself does not kill during sleep. It is sleep apnea that produces this terrible outcome.

NEIL FELDMAN, M.D., ST. PETERSBURG (FLA.) SLEEP DISORDERS CENTER

DEAR DR. FELDMAN: I think you have stated it very clearly. If my readers learn something they did not know from your letter, they will not be alone - I learn every day from the people who write to me. Thank you for an important letter.

DEAR ABBY: I read your quotes from the courts of law a few days ago and got a big laugh from them. But did you know that actions can speak louder than words, even in a courtroom?

My grandfather, John M. Killite, was a district federal court judge in the 1930s, and a local judge before that. In one of his cases an injured man was suing someone for his injuries, and the defending lawyer became suspicious about the case. He appeared very friendly and sympathetic.

First he said: "I see that one of your serious injuries was damage to

your left arm. Is that right? How high can you raise it?"

The man grunted and groaned and managed to raise his arm about a foot.

The lawyer clucked sympathetically, "My goodness, that is terrible. How high could you raise it before it was injured?"

"Oh, about like this," the man replied, and he lifted the arm high above his head.

Needless to say, the whole courtroom burst out laughing and Grandpa threw the case out of the court.

RICHARD N. GARDNER, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

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Garage Sale advertisement listing various items for sale like aquariums, furniture, and cars.



Advertisement for professional services including plumbing, electrical, and home improvements.

Deck Your Halls This Holiday Season at Sanford Court. Advertisement for a holiday-themed apartment complex.

ONE MONTH FREE! Santa & Cedar Creek will save you a bundle this Christmas! 2 and 3 bedrooms from \$499. Advertisement for an apartment complex.

BLONDE by Chris Young

YOU GOTTED A WHOLE LOTTA PARTY FOR ME AND BLONDE!
I'M DELIGHTED THAT YOU'RE HAPPY!
I WISH I COULD HAVE ANOTHER PARTY JUST LIKE IT NEXT WEEK!
YOU CAN! ALL YOU NEED IS MONEY!
ARE YOU KIDDING? I CAN'T EVEN PAY YOU FOR THIS ONE!

BETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

YOU ASKED FOR A DICTIONARY, GUY?
NOT A PAPERBACK, YOU IDIOT!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
ABOUT THREE INCHES!

THE BORN LOSER by Art Scaenon

I USED TO THINK YOU LIKED ME BETTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER EMPLOYEES AROUND HERE...
NOW IT SEEMS LIKE YOU JUST HATE ALL OF US!
YES, BUT I HATE YOU THE BEST, THORNAPPLE!

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

YES, MA'AM, I'D LIKE TO BUY A PEARL NECKLACE FOR THIS GIRL I KNOW...
I HAVE FIFTY CENTS..
NO, I GAVE HER PAPER CLIPS LAST YEAR..

BEK & MEK by Howie Schneider

HOW'S IT GOING?
NOT GOOD...
LIKE THE MAN SAYS... "IT'S THE STUPID ECONOMY!"
THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID!
I KNOW, I KNOW!

TUMBLEWEED by T.K. Ryan

SOME OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE OVER AT THE STORE!
NO THANKS...
WHY NOT?
BAD VIBES...
NEXT TIME CUT YOUR MOTION...
HE'S GOT A GOOD SONAR!

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

Why "Cap'n Arlo" as your screen name?
Cap'n Arlo: I guess because I like boats and stuff.
Oh, I love boats! Really! I think sailboats are 'so romantic!
IN FOR A PEANUT IN FOR A POUND!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

ERNEST, DID YOU KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR OWN COMIC WEB SITE ON THE INTERNET?
DOES THAT MAKE US A COUPLE OF "NETWITS"?

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

GARFIELD ARE YOU PEELING AT YOUR PRESENT?
NO, I'M NOT PEELING...
I'M TAKING A BIG FAT LOOK! TRY AND STOP ME!
HEW! THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE!
I PUT OUT A DECOR!

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

WHAT THE...?
ROBOTMAN, I JUST SPENT A WEEK IN A MESSY CLEAN AND NOW I'M HERE!
WHEN I GOT BACK TO THE STREET, I WAS SOBERLY CONSIDERING A JOB IN THE HAIR-CARE INDUSTRY.

New approaches to osteoporosis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 75-year-old woman who was recently prescribed Fosamax for osteoporosis. I am already taking estrogen replacement. Do I need both drugs? Do I need to continue using calcium supplements?

DEAR READER: Osteoporosis, an age-related disease marked by loss of bone density (bone cells as well as calcium), is common in elderly women and men. The disorder is usually associated with brittle bones that break easily. Consequently, the risk of painful disability is high in people with osteoporosis.

In women, the use of estrogen replacement (in pill or patch form) will slow the loss of bone density, but it won't correct any loss that is already present at the time of diagnosis. (Osteoporosis is diagnosed by a special X-ray test, called bone densitometry.)

On the other hand, Fosamax, a new prescription drug for this affliction, has been shown to increase bone density.

Thus, my consultants assure me, the use of both medications is appropriate for women with osteoporosis. In addition, estrogen has the added advantage of protecting some post-menopausal women from heart disease. I believe that your doctor is right on the money.

This is a pain. He is correct, yes. But Fosamax is expensive and must be administered in a special way: before breakfast, in an upright position, because it can cause major stomach upset. Therefore, your double therapy is not cheap. Further, it may be a nuisance. Nonetheless, these considerations are a small price to pay for the obvious advantages of the treatment.

With respect to calcium supplements, most authorities advise both aging women and men to use them. The recommended dose is 1,500 to 2,000 milligrams a day, plus about 500 units of vitamin D. Such combinations are available in several nonprescription forms.

As part of your treatment, your doctor will probably encourage you to have bone-density studies performed every year or two to monitor your progress and improvement.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 9817, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 79 and, as part of my annual check-up, had a normal PSA test. How often should I have this done?

DEAR READER: The Prostate Specific Antigen blood test is one of several ways to identify prostate cancer. Most experts recommend that it



PETER GOTT, M.D.

be obtained in conjunction with the rectal exam, because the two tests are safe, easy to perform and complement each other.

A man your age should have a rectal exam done annually. Barring any abnormality, he need not have a PSA for three to five years, at the discre-

tion of his physician.

In short, annual (normal) PSA tests are not necessary, unless the doctor suspects a problem (from symptoms of the rectal examination) or wishes to follow up on an equivocal result.

For example, the normal PSA is 0 to 4 micrograms per liter. If, at 70, yours was 4 and three years later 8, your physician would probably choose to obtain an additional test in a few months. If it were 18, you would require further testing, such as an ultrasound.

If it stabilizes at 8 (a common minor abnormality probably related to simple prostatic enlargement), the doctor might repeat it in two or three years' time.

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- 13 Synonym
- 14 Kind of leaf
- 15 Antelope
- 16 Pay — to (respect)
- 17 Actor
- 18 Harvey —
- 19 Detective
- 20 Toward the center of
- 21 Turned

DOWN

- 1 Term of endearment
- 2 Single thing
- 3 Movement
- 4 Looking clean
- 5 Tennis player
- 6 Iron
- 7 Word (Pr.)
- 8 House
- 9 Tinted hat
- 10 — bone
- 11 On — with (equal)
- 12 Man — Jung
- 13 Author Zand —
- 14 Local movie theater (pl.)

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Analytical improvements

By Phillip Alder

Karl Pearson, the British scientist, wrote, "Modern science, as training the mind to an exact and impartial analysis of facts, is an education specially fitted to promote sound citizenship."

At the bridge table, of course, exact analysis will promote a sound player. Yet many people who analyze market forces with exactitude and make great financial profits, suddenly stop thinking when they sit at the bridge table. Why?

Take this deal from a high-stake rubber-bridge game in London. Defending against three no-trump, West cashed the diamond king before switching to the heart six. How should East defend?

North had an impossible hand to describe accurately. Trying to extract information from partner, he reversed and bid a fourth-suit-forcing two spades. Finally, he settled for three no-trump.

East, a successful businessman, thinking declarer had nine easy tricks when he got in, tried a deceptive defense. After winning trick two with the heart ace, East returned the heart five, hoping his partner had the jack and South would misguess. With this layout, though, declarer immediately claimed an overtrick.

However, what happens if East wins with the heart king and cashes the heart ace? Analyze it for a moment.

Right — what is discarded from the dummy? If a diamond, West has two more diamond tricks. If the spade ace or a club, East exits with the club eight. West gets the last two tricks with his ace-jack of diamonds to defeat the contract.

North 12-10-08

• A
• 4
• Q 7 3
• A K Q J 10 9 4 3

West • Q J 7 8 5
• 10 6 3
• A K J
• 6 5

East • 4 3 2
• A K 5
• 9 8 4 2
• 8 7 3

South • K 10 9 8
• Q J 9 8 7 3
• 10 8 5
• ...

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Our Birthday

Friday, Dec. 20, 1986

You will have to be practical in the year ahead if you want to bring a plan to fruition. A realistic mind-set will generate positive results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you've contemplated embarking on a self-improvement program, begin it now. You will start to reap the benefits immediately. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by making \$2 and \$3.95 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1786, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Organization and management will be two of your strongest skills today. If you're

involved in a venture that is struggling, take action immediately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can draw your strength from a large reservoir today. However, to be as effective as possible, you must pace yourself wisely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The strong take from the weak and the smart take from the strong. In business deals today, bullies won't be a match for your wit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Positive measures can be taken today to restructure a situation that has become chaotic. Do not wait for colleagues to make corrections.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to advance your personal goals today, you'll have to be bold and assertive, but you must not offend others in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can accomplish something substantial today if you arrange your schedule such that you are free of outside influences. Avoid binding restrictions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to utilize

your free time productively today. Participate in an activity you enjoy, but choose one which will enable you to accomplish something.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you will have what it takes to achieve success in an important arrangement that has been too tough for others to handle. Do not waste this golden opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use common sense when handling challenging developments today. If you approach everything practically, the results will be gratifying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You will do something kind for someone today without realizing the ramifications of your gesture. However, the recipient will know, and he won't forget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) Cooperation will be the name of the game today. Others will go out of their way to help you if they perceive you are willing to do the same for them.

ANNE by Leonard Starr

TO SANDY, TRAJMY IS AN ANNOYING PEST!
I CAN'T SEE HIM AS ANNOYING AS AN ANNOYING PEST!
WELL, HE IS! I THINK I'M LYING!
NOW, ANNE...
ANNE... COULDN'T EVEN RIP OFF A PHASE!
OLD WOMAN, MEAN! WHAT A CREEPY THAT TRAJMY WAS!
"MEAN" "CREEPY" "TRAJMY" YOU MEAN TRAJMY IS...
YEP, GONE TO THAT BIG CRACKY HOUSE, WHY AREN'T YOU IN THE SKY? BUT...
HE LEFT A...
THE FACT THAT YOU GOTTA BE SITTING ON A MOUNTAIN OF CHEESE!