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Sports

First champ of new year

LAKE MARY — Lake Brantley scored four goals in the final 14 minutes to clinch the Seminole Athletic Conference girls' soccer title with a 5-1 win over Lake Mary Tuesday night.
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People

What's Cooking

So you've had it up to here with chicken. You're tired of fried chicken, broiled chicken, grilled chicken, baked chicken and all other chicken pickins. Don't go ballistic. Some different chicken taste treats are in store for you.
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BRIEFS

Murder trial continues

SANFORD — Testimony continues today in the first degree murder trial of an Altamonte Springs man indicted a year ago in the death of his daughter.

David Michael Bernier, 21, is being tried for murder and aggravated child abuse in the October, 1993 death of his 3-month old daughter, Kaitlin. Bernier was caring for the child while his wife worked a double shift. An emergency room doctor testified Tuesday the defendant said the baby began choking while eating, he shook her slightly then performed CPR.

Director's position

SANFORD — Seminole County commissioners confirmed County Manager Ron Rabun's appointment of Central Services Director Cindy Wright to fill one of two deputy county manager's positions. Wright has worked with the county for 13 years after working for Volusia County for about seven years. She came to Seminole County as a senior personnel analyst and subsequently served for nine years as deputy director of the Environmental Services Department until 1992, when she was appointed to head Rabun's new Central Services Division. The deputy's position was vacated last week by Sharon Goode-Laisure, who was recruited by Orange County.

Man arrested for lewd incident

CASSELBERRY — Seminole County deputies arrested Renato Serrano, 47, Monday at his Lago Vista Boulevard home on a charge of lewd and lascivious assault on a child under 18. Serrano is accused of performing a sex act in front of a 14-year-old boy in Red Bug Lake Park last October.

Seen any dead presidents?

The Metro Orlando Film and Television Office, a division of the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida, has announced a new motion picture being produced in the Central Florida area.

The EDC represents Seminole, Orange, Lake and Osceola Counties. The film will be shooting on location for three weeks at a private ranch in Seminole County, beginning on Jan. 23.


The movie is called "Dead Presidents" and is said to be inspired by actual events. It reportedly chronicles a young man's struggle to define his place amidst the chaos of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

After scouting locations in Thailand and Puerto Rico, the producers of Caravan Pictures/Hollywood Pictures selected the Central
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Train up the child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
—Proverbs, Old Testament



Today: Partly sunny. High in the low to mid 70s. Wind becoming east 5 to 10 mph.

For more weather, see Page 5A

Thieves' car of choice

More Oldsmobiles stolen locally and in nation

By MCK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Car buyers may prefer Fords, but car thieves seem to prefer Oldsmobiles. The numbers appear to be true locally as well as nationwide. In a recent Associated Press story, it was reported nationwide that car buyers prefer the Ford Taurus. Car thieves however, are said to prefer the more expansive comforts of a vintage Oldsmobile

Cutlass Supreme. For the third time in as many years, the 1984 Cutlass Supreme finished first in Insurers' records of auto thefts. And the Olds' maker, General Motors Corp., had 58 of the 100 most stolen cars last year. The Sanford Herald has reported on 10 vehicles reported stolen within the Sanford city limits since the first of this year. Of them, Oldsmobile was the most popular. Thieves' preferences for the larger vehicles also was indicated with Chryslers and Cadillacs tying

for second place. Sanford police Investigator Mike Horan said most of the car thefts are in the GM family. "They seem to be the easiest to break the steering column and get started," he said, "especially in the older models like the 1980s." Horan said the larger cars are also very popular among people who would take a car just for the sake of joy-riding. "Then too," he added, "we have found most of the Oldsmobile and other GM cars which have
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Aftermath of disaster

Friends rally to help fire victims

By VICKI BOSSMAN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Janice Smith and her five children stood huddled outside the remains of their home last weekend.

As the final splashes of water tumbled from the charred remains of the building, they could see the twisted, crumpled ashes of all their earthly possessions.

At least, she told a friend later, they had escaped with their lives.

"She (Janice) is a fine person and a hard worker," Ruby Wolford, who works with her at the Guardian Manor nursing home, said. "In the six years she has been on the job there, she's always been there sick or well no matter what."

It is that kindness and intense loyalty that has moved others to help the single mother and her children.

"We look out for each other," Smith said. "We've all kinda bonded together like one big family."

Friends, neighbors and co-workers have rallied to the aid of
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Janice Smith's home was destroyed by fire last weekend. Friends and family are rallying to help.
Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Sanford cops help abused spouses

By MCK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford Police Department has donated \$3,000 to Safehouse of Seminole County, the shelter for abused spouses slated to open at the end of March.

The gift to be taken from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, was approved unanimously by the Sanford City Commission Monday evening.

According to a letter submitted to the commission, police Chief Ralph Russell commented, "The entire community will benefit through the services that will be available through the center. These services and the location of the center will assist local law enforcement in being more effective in handling domestic violence calls."

In approving the request, Sanford Mayor Bettye Smith and others commented on how important the safehouse is to the community.

According to Susan E. Denton, executive director of Safehouse of Seminole, "It is costing \$165,000 to renovate a 8,500 square foot building donated to us by Seminole County. We have been able to raise \$135,500, leaving us with a balance of \$29,400 to raise to cover the costs of the construction."

The renovation is being funded
□ See Shelter, Page 5A

More study on programs for troubled kids

By VICKI BOSSMAN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County school board postponed action on a program that will help them find the appropriate educa-

tional outlet for troubled and adjudicated youths.

Though the superintendent had asked for approval only of the concept contingent on future availability of funds, the board chose to discuss the subject only as an

item of information and to bring it back for a more substantial discussion when the financial aspect is clearer.

The program is based on the findings of the Safe School Committee and provides for the district

and other agencies, including the Seminole County Private Industry Council and Seminole County Sheriff's Office, to provide an assessment center for those youngsters who are unable to conform to the standards
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Youth Advisory Committee may make comeback

By MCK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Newly elected City Commissioner Kerry Lyons wants to re-establish Sanford's Youth Advisory Committee. He made the proposal during Monday night's commission work session.

Lyons wants the committee to be comprised of students from both public and private schools within Sanford, ranging in age from 12 to 17. The only adult would be the director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The matter was presented too late for inclusion in the regular agenda, however, and the commission is expected to hold off discussing the proposal until the next regularly scheduled meeting Jan. 23.

Lyons is suggesting 16 persons be appointed to the committee. He proposed that the initial terms be made for three-, two- and one-year time periods, after which all would serve on the committee for three years on a staggered basis.

Lyons is proposing two main purposes for the Youth Advisory Committee. In a written presentation he outlined them, "to determine how best to fulfill the true needs of youth programs within the city," and, "to encourage young citizens to become involved with their city, thereby instilling a sense of pride towards the city of Sanford."

Sanford Parks and Recreation Director Mike
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Tree for two



Betty Akers, president of the Garden Club of Sanford and of the Jacaranda Circle, joined Howard Jefferies, Grounds Maintenance coordinator for the City of Sanford, in planting a tree in honor of Arbor Day on Tuesday. The tree, a River Birch, is from the estate of John Bartram, who is considered the father of American Botany. The latest planting adds to the Historical Tree Trail in Ft. Mellon Park near the Sanford Museum.
Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

POLICE BRIEFS

Fight in yard

Two Sanford roommates were arrested on affray charges Monday night after they were found fighting in the yard in front of their Vinewood Drive home. Sanford police report the couple were fighting when they arrived, but then walked away. Lisa Gayle Peck, 28, 307 Vinewood Drive, was arrested and placed in a policeman's patrol car. Police report her roommate, Brandy Schwartz, 30, struggled with them, fell to the ground and tried to kick and spit at them. After she was subdued, Schwartz was charged with affray and resisting arrest with violence.

Shoplifting

Earnestine Knox, 24, 1020 W. 12th St., Sanford, was arrested on a shoplifting charge by Sanford police Monday. A loss prevention officer for Wal-Mart on South Orlando Drive reported seeing Knox place an 880 electric drill under her dress and attempt to leave the store without paying for it.

Domestic violence

Cameron M. Braasart, 41, 762 Land Ave., Sanford, was arrested on a domestic violence battery charge by Sanford police Monday night. Braasart's wife reported he tore her shirt and destroyed furniture in their home.

Warrant arrests made

The following wanted persons were taken into custody:
 • Ruben Costanza Ortiz, 27, Apt. 8, 2706 S. Orlando Drive, Sanford, on an Orange County battery probation violation charge.
 • Don Tray Sellers, 34, 201 Continental Blvd., Longwood, on a charge of failure to appear in court to answer to an earlier battery on a law enforcement officer probation violation charge.

Crimes reported to deputies

The following crimes were reported to Seminole County deputies:

Indecent exposure
 • Two 11-year-old Wekiva-area girls reported a man exposed himself to them as they rode their bikes along Hunt Club Boulevard near Needles Trail at about 6 p.m. Monday. The girls reported a motorist stopped beside them and got out of the car, saying "Hey, you want to see something?" as he exposed himself to them. After arriving home, one of the girls told her father, who pursued the suspect. The father reported the car sped off but not before he obtained the tag number. The tag was traced to an Altamonte Springs couple.

Violence
 • A Sanford woman reported a man came up to her car in a Southwest Road store parking lot and demanded she lower a window. When she refused, she said the man smashed the car's passenger window with his fist, causing \$200 in damages.

Suspicious incident
 • A Bookertown man reported someone moved his 1984 International low truck at 8:45 p.m. Monday, striking the corner of his North Road home and causing a fire, which resulted in \$8,000 in damages.

Burglary
 • Longwood Village Shops, 1855 W. State Road 434 near Longwood, a maintenance worker reported someone broke into his truck and took \$400 in tools sometime Sunday between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

Crimes reported to Sanford police

Violence
 • An Oviedo woman reported someone in a group of young men threw a rock at her 1989 Ford Ranger at 10:30 p.m. Monday as she drove in front of Geneva Gardens apartments on East 25th Street. The men then ran off, she reported.

Burglaries
 • 300 block East 25th Street: an Orlando woman reported someone entered her unlocked car in the parking lot of a convenience store at 5:50 a.m. Monday and took her purse containing \$650 in cash and \$300 in food stamps.

Corrections secretary grilled on prison break

By GILL BROWN
 Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Corrections Secretary Harry Singletary says catching the fugitives from the Glades Correctional Institution is more important than whether the prison break threatens his Senate confirmation.

"Anything could affect my confirmation," Singletary said before being grilled by lawmakers Tuesday on how the prisoners could tunnel out.

"If after four years, with all we've done, an incident like this could affect my confirmation, it's up to the Legislature to determine that," he said.

Singletary's comments came just hours before law enforcement officers captured two of the five inmates who escaped from the prison Jan. 9. Armando Junco, 62, was killed in Tuesday night's shootout in western Dade County. Florencio Alvarez, 39, was taken to Dade County Jail.

Gov. Lawton Chiles, who has named Singletary to a second term as head of the Department of Corrections, called Tuesday for a security review at state prisons in light of the escape.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Tim Moore will make an independent probe, Chiles said. "Special emphasis will be placed on how the escape was planned and executed without detection, immediate response to the escape and preventing recurrence of such an episode."

Overall, Chiles said, "the Department of Corrections has compiled an exemplary record in keeping secure one of the nation's largest prison populations — more than 58,000 inmates."

But Sen. Ron Silver, D-North Miami Beach, said the escape raised serious questions about prison security.

"Secretary Singletary has been involved in the corrections system for years and he is an excellent administrator, but the bottom line is we all answer to the people," Silver said.

"Everybody is subject to criticism," said Singletary, who had been the Department of Corrections' assistant secretary in charge of operations since 1983 when named to his first term as secretary by Chiles in 1991. "I am not immune to criticism. If it's legitimate, I make the changes."

Sen. Ken Jenne, D-Port Lauderdale, asked Singletary how prisoners had time unattended to dig a tunnel that started under the prison chapel, and how they went undetected after burrowing in the region's black, clinging muck.

"That bothers me too," said Singletary. "You can't be in muck — you can't lay a knee in muck — without muck being on you."

Silver asked if prisoners would be more securely confined in cells rather than the barracks-style dormitories used at Glades.

Only 30 percent of Florida's state prison inmates are confined in cells, a smaller percentage than most states. The range is from 15 percent in Alabama to 100 percent in Wisconsin, Washington, Utah and Montana. Singletary said the department has always advocated single- or double-cell confinement, but admitted that it was cheaper to build dormitories.

Officials agree on borrow pit information

By J. MARK SANDFORD
 Herald Senior Staff Writer

GENEVA — The St. Johns River Water Management District has agreed with a local environmental group that required reports on the Excavated Products borrow pit are missing and inaccurate.

Pit engineers were given 30 days last week to respond to several issues, including: basic details for on-site monitoring wells, missing monthly reports, changed readings and conflicting data reports.

The water district technician assigned to review the report downplayed the seriousness of the missing information.

"The missing well-completion reports are a clear violation," said William Carlie, environmental specialist. "Technically, it is a non-compliance of the (regulation) rule. If they do not provide the reports, a report will be an enforcement action."

In November, Miah Rich, environmental consultant to Save Our Bubble, submitted a bound report listing several suspected violations of the Excavated

Products borrow pit along State Road 46 west of downtown Geneva. Rich cited missing and inconsistent reports and suggested some information had been "tilted" to favor the company.

Ed Quinn, managing partner of Excavated Products, has said if any errors were made, they

would be corrected. Quinn said data was not altered to favor the pit operation.

Save Our Bubble had fought excavation of the pit, resulting in 1989 changes to the Excavated Products permit. The pit will be dug in two steps, the second proceeding after the company shows the first step did not harm

the Geneva Bubble and nearby wetlands.

Quinn was unavailable for comment Monday.

Rich said he was disappointed the district didn't pursue all of the evidence he presented to them in November. But Rich said he would continue to watch the matter closely.

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EDITORIAL

Lyons jumps in with both feet

Sanford's newly-elected city commissioner is starting his position with a call for action. He is proposing the city re-establish the Youth Advisory Committee.

Kerry Lyons wants 18 persons to serve on the committee, ranging in age from 12 to 17, with a goal of helping advise the city on recreational needs.

It is refreshing to see Lyons is already moving forward in pushing for some of his campaign promises. He must be commended for his immediate involvement in the affairs of the city following his election.

Too many times, a newly-elected official will sit and wait, learning what to do before jumping in to get his or her feet wet. Such is apparently not the case with Lyons.

City Commissioner Lon Howell indicated he supported Lyons' proposal to put the committee back into action. Other support however, was not immediately evident.

Whether or not the re-establishment of the board will win approval of the full commission is questionable. Lyons will have to persuade the commission that the Youth Advisory Committee is needed.

So far, his advance information specified how many people should serve, length of terms, and main goals. He has not indicated any problems which he believes are in need of solving by such a committee at this time.

The last time there was such a committee, it was established to smooth out what some perceived as problems in the city's recreation operation. There are no such problems now, and youth programs are operating as well as possible. If not better, considering the limited facilities available.

Most people agree a good recreation department is of great benefit to any city. When the last committee recommended new facilities however, the people changed their minds and voted down proposals for a city swimming pool, other recreation facilities and a lighted ball field.

We can see their point. The city used to have a municipal pool. It used to have a lighted ball field. Both however, were eliminated for several reasons and people questioned why they were needed once again.

At the present time, it is not possible to either support or reject Lyons' proposal for the re-establishment of this board. We first need an indication of why it is needed.

The ball is in Lyons' hands on this matter. We'll wait and see what he does with it.

LETTER

Dead Head support

Orlando city officials want to decide what kind of music citizens pay to hear.

An unfortunate incident occurred at last year's Greatful Dead concert when fans without tickets crashed through the gates and a little drug activity left a legacy among Dead Heads. Now Mayor Glenda Hood is presssing city leaders to ban the band from the Orlando Arena.

Scuffles resulting in injuries are uncommon among Dead Heads. In fact, most are easy-going people who are interested only in seeing their favorite band without causing problems.

A few trouble-making fans should not ruin things for the Dead Head community of Orlando. Security around the arena should be beefed up and body searches conducted in extreme cases. Banning the Greatful Dead is not necessary.

Mayor Hood and city officials may not be Dead Heads, and they may not approve of the culture, but they have no right to decide what others should or should not pay to hear. Citizens helped pay for the Orlando Arena, therefore, they should have a voice in determining who is allowed to appear there.

Do not let the city of Orlando be another example of government censorship that denies freedom of choice.

Celia A. Wood
Orlando

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

JOSEPH PERKINS

Everyone must speak for children

Newt Gingrich was often eloquent as he stood at the rostrum from which such legendary speakers of the House as Henry Clay and Sam Rayburn once held forth. But of all the Georgian's remarks on the first day of the 104th Congress, I was struck most by what he had to say about America's children.

"This ought to be the goal," he intoned, "that there will be a Monday morning when, for the entire weekend, not a single child was killed anywhere in America."

"That there will be a Monday morning when every child in the country went to a school that they and their parents thought prepared them as citizens and prepared them to compete in the world market."

Alas, it wasn't the Monday before Gingrich and his fellow representatives were sworn in. Over the previous weekend, a young mother in Whiteboro, N.Y., stabbed her three children with a kitchen knife, killing her 14-month-old son.

And in Waterloo, Ill., a fire destroyed the library of a local high school four days after vandals sprayed the school's gym with fire extinguishers. The damage will delay the return of 300 students for at least two weeks.

It would be a small comfort if these incidents were aberrations. But, lamentably, they are not.

Hardly a week passes when a child is not maimed or killed somewhere in this country. Or when a school is not disrupted for some reason or another.

And these are not the only problems besetting America's children. The Census Bureau reported last year that more than one in five children lived in poverty, the highest rate in 30 years. Meanwhile, the National Center for Health Statistics reports that in 1984 one in three babies was born to an unmarried mother.

This anecdotal and statistical information adds up to a crisis for America's children. And if there's any matter on which Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals almost unanimously

agree, it's that this nation ought to wage a campaign to measurably improve the quality of life of its children.

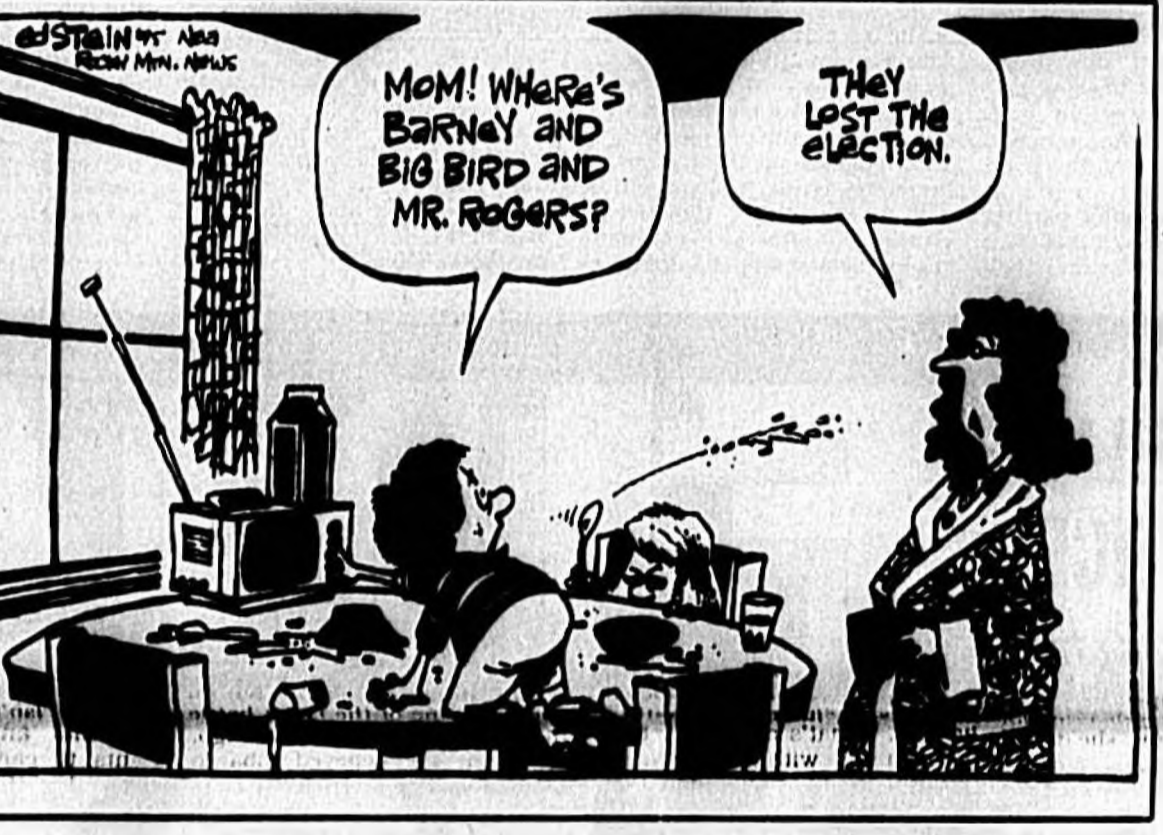
The goals should be these: Increase the number of children reared in stable two-parent families. Reduce the number of children raised in poverty. Guarantee every child a right to quality education, regardless of economic status. And reduce the exposure of children to violence, through the entertainment media, on the streets and in the schoolyard.

The government can help with some of this. For one thing, it can relieve the tax burden on families with children. Gingrich and the House GOP are proposing a \$500-per-child tax credit. That's nice. But even if it takes effect, families still will be much worse off taxwise than they were a generation ago.

Robert Rector, a Heritage Foundation policy analyst, notes that in 1980 the average American family with children paid only 2 percent of its income to the federal government in taxes. Today that same family pays 24.5 percent. If families with children were restored to the tax standing they enjoyed four decades ago, when America was more child-friendly, the tax credit the House GOP is proposing would be more like \$5,000.



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ELLEN GOODMAN

The violence has come home

BROOKLINE, Mass. — Suddenly it's in our back yard.

Not Pensacola, Florida. Not Wichita, Kansas. It's in Brookline, Mass.

Suddenly the scene of the crime is not in some isolated abortion clinic building on a Southern highway or a strip mall. It's on Beacon Street, along the Boston Marathon route, two minutes from my front door.

This time it's not Michael Griffin. It's not Paul Hill. The suspect is another man, John C. Salvi 3rd, handsome, curly-haired, clean shaven, dressed in black.

This time the murder victim isn't even a doctor or a clinic escort. It's two young receptionists. This time seven people in all are shot.

The violence has come home, big time.

Friday morning started out like the other mornings in a suburb that has three clinics located within two miles. As usual there were protesters in front of 1031 Beacon St.: women praying, a man with the video camera. Some we know by sight.

Maybe the edge of danger that has sharpened nationally with the escalating clinic violence was dulled here by familiarity. Many of my neighbors and fellow commuters have learned to walk by the protesters in front of Planned Parenthood on their way to the cleaners or the bakery or the train stop.

But after rush hour, Salvi allegedly walked into the clinic where they do pap smears and gynecological exams, where they perform abortions and where they are testing the pill RU-486. It's said that he took a rifle out of his black gym bag and began shooting. Killing Shannon Lowmy and wounding three others.

Leaving bodies, chaos, death and terror behind, he then apparently drove to his next stop at 1842 Beacon St. And there, in a building I know from endless visits to my child's orthodontist, the man went to another reception desk.

He asked Lee Ann Nichols, "Is this Pre-term?" the last thing this 38-year-old woman ever said was "yes." He killed her, wounded a secretary, wounded a security guard, shot at people on the street, and took off.

As the police helicopters circled the neighborhood looking for a serial assassin, as bodies were carried out of two clinics, as the man identified as John Salvi 3rd headed south to Norfolk, Va. where he was arrested, a pro-life spokesman offered up the usual suspect.

"These are not pro-life activities," said Teresa Donovan of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. "They obviously are the actions of a deranged individual."

Michael Griffin? A deranged individual. Paul Hill? A deranged individual. The serial assassin of Brookline? A deranged individual.

How many deranged individuals does it

finally take to make a conspiracy? How many deranged individuals does it take to make a movement?

In the past decade clinic violence has spread across this country like an ideological virus. It's risen in violence as well, escalating on the power of its own rhetoric.

The death threats and the stalkings became firebombings and invasions. The wounding of one doctor became the murder of another and another and now the murder of two clinic workers.

Some pro-life people have claimed that the killer was a loner, a deranged individual, an outsider. Pro-choice people have hoped that there would be no replacement, no copy cat.

But the truth is much more menacing. The mainstream pro-life rhetoric that calls abortion murder has led many, step by step, to the "logical" conclusion that killing a "killer" is justifiable homicide and that murder to prevent "murder" is morally right.

When Paul Hill, now sitting on death row, was asked if his actions would incite others to anti-abortion violence, he said, "Indubitably." When asked if Jesus Christ would have pulled the trigger, he said, "absolutely."

Since the Supreme Court reaffirmed the legal right to abortion, frustrated pro-life leaders have gone from trying to make abortion illegal to trying to make it impossible. One tactic is fear: harassing women who choose abortion and harassing the clinics, doctors and workers who provide them.

It's not surprising that as the whole army moves toward the extreme, a flank will carry the message over the edge. Are these deranged individuals or are they true believers of a movement that has lost the right to call itself pro-life?

We will soon know about the suspect, his mind, his motives, but with yellow police tapes strung across two doorways on Beacon St., I know enough to be chilled to the bone.

First doctors, then escorts, now receptionists. First Wichita, then Pensacola, now Brookline. How many "deranged individuals" are there among the familiar protesters in your neighborhood?



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SARAH OVERSTREET

Calling timeout on abortion protest

When I arrived at work recently, one of my colleagues was visibly upset. He thought my newspaper editorial about the murders at an abortion clinic in Brookline, Mass., wasn't strong enough.

I certainly don't think my editorials should be carved in stone, or even balsa wood -- how can I when my own opinions on subjects change over time? I asked him where he thought I missed the mark. He wasn't sure, except perhaps that I hadn't expressed enough outrage.

Since in our newspaper we always accompany editorials with a suggestion for action, I asked what else he thought I should have suggested. Again, he wasn't sure.

Beefed-up federal protection at abortion clinics? The dispatching of federal marshals to every small clinic in the nation? More government encouragement for hospitals to offer the procedure, in settings where security would be better? Would we perhaps then be subjecting hospital patients to the same violence abortion-clinic patients face? How does one make "suggestions" to frenzied nuts, and more importantly, is there a connection to non-violent clinic protest and these murders? Neither of us knew the answers to these questions.

Two thousand people held hands last summer and formed what they called a "life chain" on a major thoroughfare in Springfield, Mo., where I live and work. Ironically, we are believed to be the first American city where people working in an abortion clinic were hurt. Two people were shot and one woman was permanently paralyzed in the 1991 incident. The gunman has never been found.

I thought the life chain was a mighty, non-violent and eloquent display of the participants' beliefs. Their organizers expressed horror at clinic violence. To even suggest they are in the same category as violence-mongers is unfair, yet many believe that all protest outside abortion clinics encourages terrorists. Does it?

That is the great philosophical dilemma we face regarding abortion protest. The line between demonstrations that abridge rights and those that do not is gray; it only takes one taunting, screaming protester to cross that line where one citizen's right to act begins and another's right to protest that act ends. Protesters simply praying and clutching signs may sympathize with taunters and those chaining themselves across clinic doors and to patients' cars, but if they don't express that sympathy, are they culpable?

My colleague, a man I respect very much, and I both acknowledge that if the subject were slavery 140 years ago, or integration 40 years ago, we might be the ones screaming or chaining ourselves to something. I am pro-choice precisely because I believe I do not have the right to make such a decision for another woman, yet I empathize strongly with those who believe abortion is wrong in any case.

I have thought much about the actions of Cardinal Bernard Law, archbishop of the Diocese of Boston, since the latest killings. Cardinal Law, who was formerly bishop of the diocese where I live in southwest Missouri, is a man of great honor and a fervent abortion opponent. After the Brookline slayings, he called for a moratorium on protests at all abortion clinics. To stop the killing, and against what must be terrific pressure from some of his own colleagues, he has called for a "timeout."



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NATIONAL BRIEFS



California overpowered by storm

LOS ANGELES — Hundreds of houses were no match for the storm that overpowered California on Tuesday, transforming earth to ooze, freeways to wild rivers and towns into muddy lakes. More rain was expected today and Thursday.

At least six people died, including a 12-year-old boy who drowned while trying to cross a creek and a homeless man swept away by floodwaters. Stranded residents stood atop their cars and homes, waving desperately to rescue crews arriving by boat, truck and helicopter.

About 200,000 people throughout the state lost power. Nearly 2,000 were evacuated, most in Northern California.

Torrents of water shut down parts of nine interstates and dozens of state highways, strangling travel in freeway-addicted California. Los Angeles' morning and evening commutes turned into even more of a nightmare as freeways were littered with fender-bender accidents, spinouts and overturned vehicles.

Water rushing out of coastal hills carried tons of soil onto the Pacific Coast Highway.

President Clinton declared 24 counties disaster areas, making individuals and businesses there eligible for federal aid.

In Northern California, National Guard helicopters pulled residents out of the isolated community of Guerneville after the Russian River crested at 17 feet above flood stage.

Republicans learning

WASHINGTON — A new Democratic tax proposal, some snags in the debate over a balanced budget constitutional amendment, and presto, Republicans are learning it won't be easy to reshape the government to their liking.

The GOP was continuing its drive for new budgetary priorities at a hearing today of the House Ways and Means Committee. A week after the Republican-dominated 104th Congress was sworn in, the committee was examining the House GOP's "Contract With America," its menu of promised tax and spending cuts.

No one thinks the Republicans are on the verge of being stymied in what's likely to be a yearlong effort to achieve their agenda. But Tuesday, Democrats managed to take center stage.

Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who has already offered a package of middle-class tax cuts, proposed to junk the current income tax system and replace it with a flat, 10 or 11 percent tax for most Americans.

Open-mindedness her downfall

MARIETTA, Ga. — The open-mindedness that helped make Christina Jeffrey a successful professor at Kennesaw State College was her downfall in Washington, her colleagues say.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich fired Jeffrey as House historian for writing nine years ago that a Holocaust course should include Nazi and Ku Klux Klan viewpoints. "I tried to remind her that the political sphere is different from the academic one," Kennesaw State Vice President Jim Fleming said Tuesday shortly after speaking with Jeffrey by telephone.

"She's hurt. She's stunned. She's shocked," Fleming said.

Jeffrey, 47, is an associate professor of political science at Kennesaw State, a commuter college in the open fields north of Atlanta. Posters advertising internships with Gingrich, Jeffrey's friend and former colleague, dot the walls of the squat building housing the political science offices.

After being fired Monday, Jeffrey issued a bitter statement Tuesday saying she was the victim of "slandorous and outrageous" charges about her views on the Holocaust course.

Envisioning life without federal funding

WASHINGTON — Public broadcasting executives are trying to envision life without federal funding, and they don't like what they see.

A television station in Waco, Texas, contends it could go off the air in a matter of weeks. Similar closings would occur at more than 80 other stations across the country, the executives said.

At KCPETV in Kansas City, Mo., managers would scrap locally produced arts and public affairs shows, trim education programming, drop some national series and lay off workers to contend with losing \$635,000 of federal funds — 12 percent of its budget.

Popular national programs, such as "The Frugal Gourmet" cooking show, could be hard to find in many markets.

Several dozen public broadcasting executives were in Washington on Tuesday, sharing their grim outlook with lawmakers and lobbying to protect the federal funding. As part of an attempt to balance the federal budget, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other Republicans want to eliminate the \$285 million earmarked for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 1995.

WORLD BRIEFS



Fighting eases in capital

GROZNY, Russia — Fighting eased in the capital of rebel Chechnya today, while new Russian reinforcements poured into the secessionist republic. In Moscow, the Russian parliament held an emergency session to debate the war.

Sniper fire crackled sporadically in Grozny, the capital, but the big guns fell silent, and the battered city was calmer than it has been in days. Russian and rebel forces in the city pummeled each other Tuesday with artillery and machine gun fire.

Russian television said fresh troops were sent to Chechnya today from Russian bases, and other troops were undergoing special training to fight in the southern republic, which declared independence from Moscow in 1991.

A truce between the two sides crumbled within hours of its declaration Tuesday.

The Russian parliament convened today to discuss the war, which is widely opposed in Russia. On the agenda were a proposed ban on using the armed forces inside Russia without legislative approval, a proposal to publish lists of dead and missing, and a motion to block funding for the war.

Mexico stares recession in face

MEXICO CITY — Mexico, until recently the darling of emerging market investors, suddenly is staring recession in the face.

The abrupt, unexpected devaluation of the peso in late December has been steadily working havoc throughout Mexico's financial system. The latest victim, the stock market, has lost about 21 percent of its value since Jan. 1 — more than half of that since Monday.

In the domed stock market building known as "The Egg," traders chain-smoked and paced nervously Tuesday as a roller coaster day unfolded.

The stock market, or Bolsa, ended up closing 0.26 percent lower, capping a 12.9 percent loss over two days. The last time the Mexican market lost so much in a single day was during global market crashes in the 1980s.

From Associated Press reports

Ban signed on smoking in most public places

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eat, drink, and be merry when you visit Big Apple restaurants, baseball stadiums and zoos — but don't smoke.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani signed legislation Tuesday that cracks down on lighting up in virtually all public places, including outdoor sports stadiums and most restaurants.

"Thousands and thousands of lives have been destroyed," Giuliani said. "The fact that tobacco smoke is poisonous is clear."

The new law, effective April 10, bans smoking in dining areas of all restaurants seating more than 35 people. Smoking is permitted in bar areas and enclosed lounges, and bars without dining areas.

Smoking also is banned in the seats at such outdoor arenas as Shea and Yankee stadiums, zoos, bingo parlors and the playing areas of bowling alleys.

In work places, smoking is restricted to separately ventilated rooms and to private offices when no more than three people are present.

The mayor acted despite the pleas of restaurant owners who claimed the ban would lead to financial ruin.

More than 100 cities in the United States, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, have banned smoking in all restaurants.

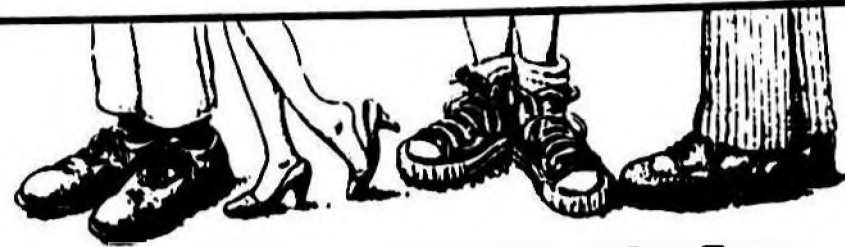
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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Openings for co-ed volleyball

SANFORD — Teams are still needed for the Sanford Recreation Department Co-ed Volleyball Leagues that start the week of Jan. 17. The SRD offers two leagues, no spike on Mondays and a power league on Wednesdays. Both leagues play at Sanford Middle School. For more information, call 330-5697.

AROUND THE STATE

No. 7 'Cats top No. 15 Gators

GAINESVILLE — Tony Delk and Rodrick Rhodes each scored 17 points as seventh-ranked Kentucky used a balanced attack to beat No. 15 Florida 83-67 Tuesday night. The victory was the third straight South-eastern Conference blowout for the Wildcats (9-2, 3-0 SEC), who broke open the game with a 23-7 run at the start of the second half. Once again, Florida (7-4, 1-2) was hurt by poor shooting (34.6 percent). Dan Cross, the SEC's second-leading scorer, led the Gators with 21 points but didn't get much help. Kentucky got 13 points from Antoine Walker and 11 from Jeff Sheppard.

No. 9 Maryland rolls by FSU

TALLAHASSEE — Joe Smith had 18 points and 18 rebounds Tuesday night to lead ninth-ranked Maryland to a 70-57 victory over Florida State. The Terrapins (12-3, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored the first eight points of the second half to move into a 38-28 lead. Florida State could get no closer than four points at 48-44 on a dunk by James Collins. Maryland won despite having 14 shots blocked in the game — nine by Florida State freshman Corey Louis. Collins scored 18 points for FSU (6-5, 0-3 ACC) and Bob Sura added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

AROUND THE NATION

Pippen, Bulls trash Magic

CHICAGO — Scottie Pippen had 26 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls defeated Orlando 109-77, snapping the Magic's four-game winning streak. The 77 points by Orlando, the highest-scoring team in the NBA with a 114-point average, was a season low. The defeat was only Orlando's second in its last 11 games and fifth in its last 25. Overall, Orlando (26-7) is still the winningest team in the NBA. Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal, the league's leading scorer with a 30-point average, finished with 17.

NHL negotiations in 'OT'

NEW YORK — They've gone into overtime to save the NHL season. Although Tuesday's "drop-dead" noon deadline passed, the season remained alive today, if just barely. After a day of hard bargaining, proposals, counter-proposals and intense conference calls, it's apparently been left up to the players to decide if, in fact, there will be a season. "This is the final, final, final, final offer," said Boston Bruins general manager Harry Sinden Tuesday. The players said they would think about the proposal overnight. "Everybody is tired," Chicago's Jeremy Roenick said. "Everybody is going to sleep and we'll pick it up in the morning."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JUCO Basketball

● Seminole CC at Lake City CC. Women, 6 p.m.; men, 8 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

● Seminole at Lake Howell. F, 4:30 p.m.; JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
● Lake Brantley at Lake Mary. F, 4:30 p.m.; JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
● Lyman at Oviedo. F, 4:30 p.m.; JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

● Seminole at Leesburg. JV, 5:30 p.m.; V, 7 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

● Lake Howell at Seminole. JV, 5:15 p.m.; V, 7 p.m.
● Lake Brantley at Lake Mary. F, 4:30 p.m.; JV, 5:45 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
● Lyman at Oviedo. JV, 5:45 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV

PRO BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. — SUN, Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic. (L)

Complete listings on Page 2B

SAC soccer champs



Kim Shrum (No. 9) scored two goals and assisted on a third Tuesday to lead the Lake Brantley Patriots to a 5-1 win over Megan Martin (No. 5, right) and the Lake Mary Rams. The win gives the Patriots the Seminole Athletic Conference crown and the No. 1 seed in the district tournament.

Patriots claim conference title with late rush

By TONY GARDNER
Herald Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — Kim Shrum scored a pair of goals seven minutes apart Tuesday night, igniting a late Lake Brantley explosion that carried the Patriots to a 5-1 win over the Lake Mary Rams at Don T. Reynolds Stadium. With the win, the Patriots clinched the Seminole Athletic Conference girls' soccer championship. Despite the final score, the title didn't come easily for Lake Brantley, which was coming off victories over a pair of No. 1 ranked-teams, Class 6A leader Orange Park and Class 4A pacesetter Jacksonville-Bokeelia, last Friday and Saturday. The Patriots struck first, Maggie Tullis beating a pair of Lake Mary defenders to a ball and flicking a quick shot to the far post less than three minutes into the game. Lake Mary equalized about eight minutes later. Allison Neri played a cross from the right win to Allison Robinson, who settled and knocked a shot just under the cross bar at 11:08. For the next 55 minutes, the two squads battled back and forth across midfield. "Give credit to Lake Mary," said Lake Brantley coach John Schaefer. "They stayed with us all night. I think our third goal took a little something out of them. But they hung tough." "This is such a good rivalry between two good programs. It doesn't take much to get up for this game." In the game's 67th minute, Shrum broke the deadlock when she nodded home a corner kick from Christie Monica. Two minutes later, Margi Burkhardt found the net for the Patriots. Shrum scored again at 73:34 with Kristina [See Soccer, Page 2B]

Brown beats Lions, buzzer with 'bank'

From Staff Reports

LONGWOOD — Sometimes the best laid plans don't work out and you still come out smelling like a rose. Trailing 43-42, Lyman set up a play to go to the corner for the attempt at a winning shot. But after a scramble, Carolyn Crager tapped the ball back out to Kate Brown, who grabbed the loose ball and banked in a desperation game-winning three-pointer with one second left as the Greyhounds prevailed 45-43 over Oviedo in a Seminole Athletic Conference girls' basketball game Tuesday night. "That's a testament to Kate Brown's entire career," said Lyman coach Steve Carmichael, who admitted that the Greyhounds were more lucky than good in winning the game. "She always finds a way to win the game for us." The win was the third closely fought victory of the night for the Greyhounds. The freshman prevailed 34-30 to improve to 6-0 on the season and the junior varsity [See Lyman, Page 2B]



Tennessee Eason (No. 34) collected 20 points, six rebounds, two steals, and two assists Tuesday night to lead the Seminole Fighting Seminoles to their fourth win of the season over the Lake Howell Silver Hawks.

Tribe able to get best of Hawks

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — A fast start and accurate free throw shooting was the difference Tuesday night as the Seminole Fighting Seminoles beat the Lake Howell Silver Hawks for the fourth time this season, 64-48, in a Seminole Athletic Conference girls' basketball contest at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium. The Tribe jumped out to leads of 6-0 and 12-2 at the start of the game, then made 13 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off the Silver Hawks after they had closed to within 45-41 at the start of the period. "We played real good defense in the second half," said Seminole head coach John McNamara. "And we did a good job off the boards, especially compared to the first half." [See Seminole, Page 2B]

FIGHTING SEMINOLES 64, SILVER HAWKS 48	
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Girman 0 1 0 0 0	Reed 0 0 0 0 0
Mathias 1 6 0 0 3	Gomes 1 3 0 0 2
James 4 12 0 0 12	Totals: 19 48 6-19 48
Seminole (64)	
Henderson 0 0 0 0 0	Morgan 0 2 0 0 0
Merrick 5 11 5 5 16	Hampton 3 3 2 4 8
Stokes 5 2 2 3 8	Eason 7 22 4 7 20
Miller 5 12 4 4 14	Totals: 22 57 19-22 64
Lake Howell (48)	
Butler 11 10 12 7 40	Seminole 22 12 13 19 64
Three-point field goals — Lake Howell 4 (Kohn 2, Duncan 1), Mathias 3, Gomes 0); Seminole 17 (Merrick 1, Eason 0)	
Total fouls — Lake Howell 16; Seminole 16. Fouled out — Lake Howell, Mathias; Technicals — Lake Howell bench; Rebounds — Lake Howell 31 (James 11, Jackson 7); Seminole 27 (Stokes 8, Miller 8); Assists — Lake Howell 16 (Kohn 10); Seminole 9 (Merrick 4); Records — Lake Howell 20.5, 4.2 SAC; Seminole 15.3, 4.0 SAC. JV — Lake Howell 30, Seminole 49.	

Team effort results in wrestling victory for Oviedo

From Staff Reports

OVIEDO — With just about everyone on the roster contributing in one form or another, the Oviedo Lions collected a 41-24 wrestling dual meet victory from the visiting West Orange Warriors Tuesday night. "This is our biggest win of the season," said Oviedo coach Rick Tribit. "West Orange handed us fairly easily last year and they did well in the Lyman Christmas tournament. They're 4-2-1 in dual meets. "I expected it to be a knock-down, drag-out match, which it was if you don't look at the score. It's good to see that we're winning close matches, matches that we would have lost last year or earlier in the season." Freshman 103-pounder Clay Hardman gave the Lions a quick boost when he opened the match with a 9-8 decision victory while Karl

team. Even the guys that lost wrestled well. Because of their youth, they just got caught in some things early. "I'm real happy with the way we wrestled tonight." Along with Keckler, who won for the ninth time in his last 11 matches, Mike Giummo (152 pounds) also scored a major decision victory for the Lions. Kenny Adamson (119), Mike Schwartz (130), and David Zickafosse (189) each recorded pins. Jeremy Reinhard (125) scored a 10-6 decision in his match. Oviedo also won the junior varsity match, 42-24. The Lions (now 6-5 in dual meets) will wrestle again Friday night at home against Kissimmee-Osceola (junior varsity 6:30 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.), then travel to Lake Howell Saturday (junior varsity 10 a.m., varsity 11 a.m.).

STATS & STANDINGS

Table with columns for team names, record, and scores. Includes sections for 'of SANFORD-COLLEGE' and 'of SANFORD-COLLEGE'.

Table titled 'ALL-TIME EAST EASTERN CONFERENCE' showing historical performance data for various teams.

Table titled 'WESTERN CONFERENCE' showing performance data for teams in the Western Conference.

Table titled 'NBA ALL-STARS' listing all-star players for the Eastern Conference.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table titled 'NCAA Men's Division II Post-Overland Pair' showing standings for Division II teams.

Table titled 'NCAA Men's Division I Post-Overland Pair' showing standings for Division I teams.

Tuesday's Men's Scores

Table listing basketball scores from Tuesday's games across various conferences.

Tuesday's Women's Scores

Table listing women's basketball scores from Tuesday's games.

Glenn Robinson, Milwaukee, 146,530; 10. John 'Hot Rod' Williams, Cleveland, 134,226.

1. Andrew Mackenzie, Orlando, 276,977; 2. Joe Dumars, Detroit, 258,996; 3. Reggie Miller, Indiana, 214,333; 4. Mark Price, Cleveland, 209,229; 5. Muggsy Bogues, Charlotte, 204,977; 6. John Starks, New York, 214,792; 7. Horace Grant, Houston, 186,997; 8. David Harper, New York, 184,977; 9. Lindsey Hunter, Detroit, 146,997; 10. Steve Smith, Atlanta, 144,272.

Table titled 'College Basketball Standings' showing overall rankings for various college basketball programs.

Table titled 'Newer Athletic Conferences' showing standings for newer athletic conferences.

Table titled 'Mid-Southern Athletic Conference' showing standings for the Mid-Southern Athletic Conference.

Table titled 'Southwestern Athletic Conference' showing standings for the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Table titled 'Trans America Athletic Conference' showing standings for the Trans America Athletic Conference.

Table titled 'NCAA Women's Division II Top 20' showing top 20 teams in the NCAA Women's Division II.

Record 76, Bridgewater, Va. 68; Ronnie G. Poirer, York 69; St. Augustine 66, Winston-Salem 67; St. Leo 68; St. John's 69; Savannah Art & Design 74, Atlanta Christian 75.

1. Hays 4-11 5-7, Simpkins 1-4 4-6, Shadoe 7-13 3-4, Booth 1-3 2-4, Smith 5-10 5-11, 10, Jacksonville 1-4 0-2, Lucas 0-2 0-3, Elliott 1-3 1-3, Bristol 2-1 3-2, Totals: 22-69 24-27, FLORIDA ST. 2-1.

Table titled 'Big East Conference' showing standings for the Big East Conference.

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Orr drives to 1995's first Late Model win

BY PAUL MARSHALL Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — Racing history, of a sort, was made last Friday night, Jan. 6, at Orlando Speedway. Monteverde's Pete Orr, the 1994 defending World Series Late Model champion, outpaced some strong competition to win the 50-lap tune-up for Saturday's Red Eye 100 at New Smyrna Speedway.

"It's a great win," said Orr, who races for Horsen Around Farms. "What's more impressive, though, is that it's the first Late Model race to be hosted anywhere in the country for 1995."

"Last year, Gary Balough won the most Late Model races. I now have the distinction of winning the first Late Model race of 1995. It's like history in the making."

In the later stages of the race, Orr's only real competition was the clock as the 50-lap event took 65 minutes to complete. It took 55 minutes to run the first 10 laps due to seven caution periods.

"This was an extremely long race," said Orr, who set the evening's fastest qualifying time. "It seems like once I got to the front, every couple of laps, there was a wreck behind me."

Once again, Orr and Roach locked up in some close quarters racing. The lead duo raced wheel-to-wheel into lap 30. Going into turn three, Roach blew a water pump and slid to the infield.

Soccer

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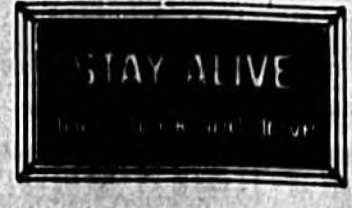
Smith completing the scoring with a goal at 75:39. Along with Monica, Allison Satterthwait, Shrum, Burkhardt, and Ginger Selick each were credited with an assist for the Patriots (16-9 overall, 9-0 SAC).

"This puts us in a good position as the No. 1 seed in the district tournament," said Schaefer. "That means we'll play all of our games at home. And that will be important. It's not easy to beat a team three times in one season. If we're going to win the district, we may have to do that three times in one week."

Seminole

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This was a great effort after the tough loss to Mainland last week and the debacle against Bishop Moore.



BLONDIE



by Chic Young

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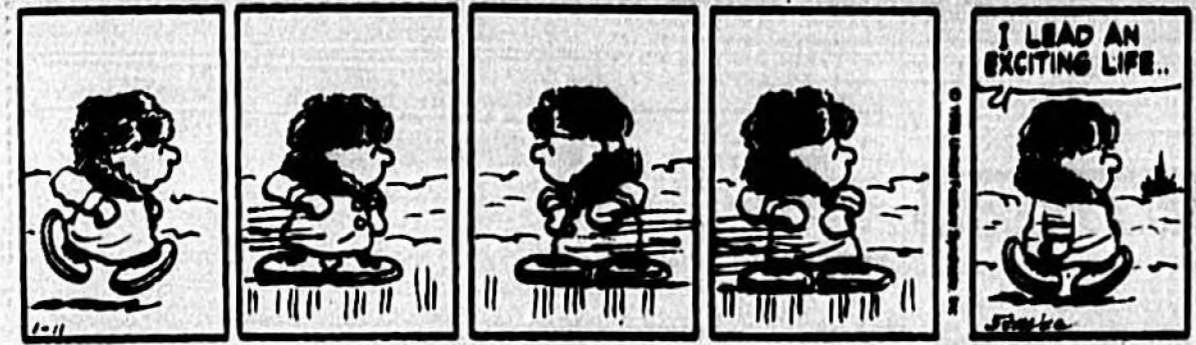
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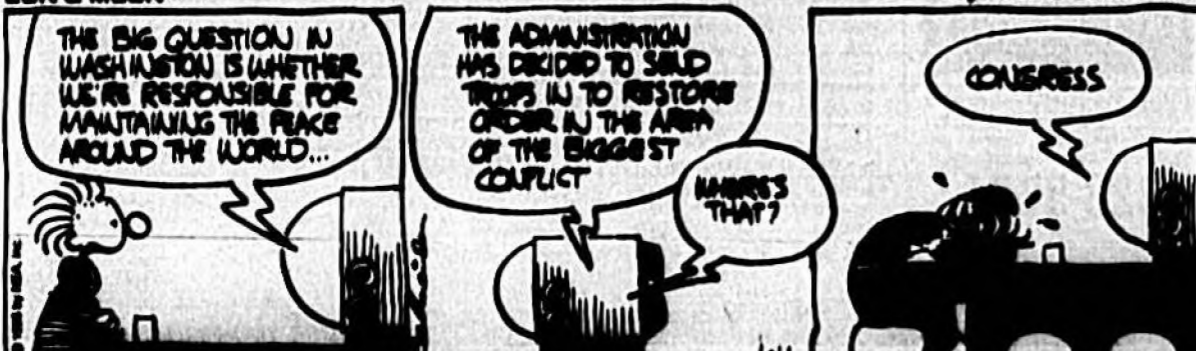
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Does hernia repair involve surgery?

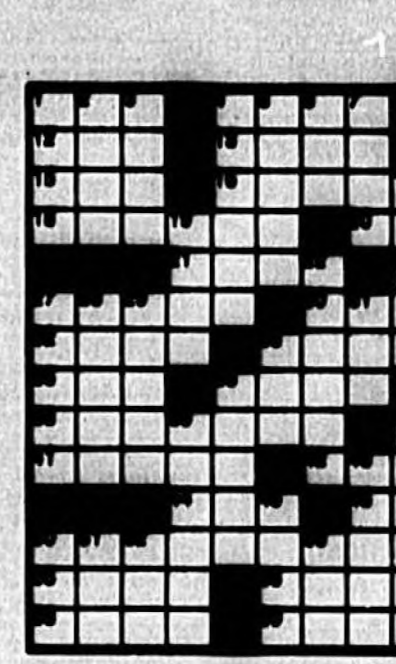
DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 50 and have hernia troubles. I had mesh inserted during the third repair, but infection caused it to be removed. While the healing was going on, I got a bowel obstruction. After that healed, I had a large incisional hernia. My doctor said the prognosis is good, but surgery is contraindicated. My hernia is enlarging. I don't want further surgery and binders don't seem to help. What's the alternative?

DEAR DR. GOTT: This is a terribly challenging problem. Mesh (material like a window screen) is ordinarily used to repair large or recurring hernias. In your case, this therapy failed. Thus, you're left with two options: repeat surgery (which your doctor advises against) and non-surgical therapy (such as abdominal binders for support). Therefore, you can either seek out a second surgical opinion or use stronger binders. I suggest the second choice. Ask your doctor to recommend another type of binder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a cure for gout? My feet are swollen and hurt most of the time, despite the allopurinol my doctor has prescribed. DEAR READER: Allopurinol usually prevents gout -- if it is given in sufficient dosage. Perhaps your doctor should increase the amount of medicine you are taking. Or, perhaps you don't have gout at all. There is a condition (appropriately called "pseudogout") that mimics gout but is not. During your next painful attack of arthritis, your doctor should withdraw a small amount of fluid from the joint and check it under a microscope for uric acid crystals, the cause of gout. If the crystals are present, he can adjust the dose of your medicine. If no uric acid crystals can be seen, the fluid should be analyzed for other compounds, such as calcium pyrophosphate, the cause of pseudogout, for

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MEDICINE PETER GOTT, M.D. ENTERPRISE ASSN. (For information on how to communicate electronically with this columnist and others, contact America Online by calling 1-800-937-6964, ext. 8817.)

Table with columns for ACROSS and DOWN, listing numbers and corresponding words.

WHAT

By Phillip Alder. There is a Peanut birthday card that has Snoopy sitting in a booth, dressed in a Swami costume. The booth reads "Guess Your Age 25." Inside the card, Lucy is sitting in another booth, with a big grin across her face. Her booth claims "Keep it a Secret \$25."

The segue from that to today's deal is obscure, even for me. Such is a bridge column occasionally. After a limit raise by North, South was in four spades. West led the club jack. After winning in hand with the king and drawing two rounds of trump ending in the dummy, South played a diamond to his queen and West's king. Back came another club. Confidently, declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond to his jack. However, West won with

the ace and returned a club. Now South had to play the hearts for only one loser, but the defenders made no mistake, defeating the contract. Was South unlucky or did he misplay? Certainly he was unlucky, but he also misplayed. After the club king and two rounds of trump, South should cash dummy's club ace and ruff the last club in his hand. He returns to dummy with a trump and plays a diamond to his queen. After winning with the king, what can West return? If a club, it concedes a ruff-and-discard. If a heart, South has only one loser in the suit. And if West continues diamonds, he establishes a trick for South. Whatever West does, the contract is made. How did West guess to lead the club jack rather than a top diamond? Well, in real life he

didn't. But after a diamond lead, everyone would make four spades.

Bridge game results table showing scores for North, West, East, and South in various deals.

By Bernice Bode Cool YOUR BIRTHDAY

Jan. 13, 1995. In the coming year, you might resurrect an old enterprise that never fully developed. This time you'll know how to give it room to grow. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Trouble will erupt today if you feel you should be compensated for your services without conceding that the efforts of others should be as well. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4485, New York, NY 10163. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you engage in a competition today, do your best, but don't punish yourself or others if your team falls to win. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try not to tip your hand prematurely regarding your career objectives today. Someone listening might be working against you. ARIES (March 21-April 19) In the final analysis, the only person likely to be impressed by your big schemes today may be you. Keep this in mind when making your pitch to others. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Manage your financial matters astutely today or the sizable gains you've anticipated might go directly into someone else's pocket. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Rely on knowledge you've gained from personal experience rather than on advice from a well-meaning friend who has never had a similar problem. CANCER (June 21-July 23) Hard feelings will result today if you only look out for yourself and ignore the contributions of your associates. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're hoping friendly forces will

get you off the hook you got onto by yourself, you will be sorely disappointed. Handle things as if the cavalry isn't available.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Put your full weight behind your most ambitious endeavor today, or you're apt to fall short of the mark. Go all out. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be a pessimist today, but don't underestimate the negative effect of seemingly frivolous matters, either. Assess each and every situation separately. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Resist the temptation to spend money you don't actually have. Do not pretend it's in the bank before you've really put it there. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be too easily swayed by the opinions of others today. The know-it-alls who bend your ear might not be as smart as you think. Copyright 1994 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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