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No cigar

SANFORD — The Seminole High School boys' soccer team came up short, 2-1, in its effort to end a 15-game losing streak against Leesburg. See Page 1B.

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Arts and Crafts festival

Sanford Woman's Club held its annual Arts and Crafts festival at the December meeting. See Page 3B.

BRIEFS

Lake Monroe Boat Parade Sunday

SANFORD — The fourth annual Lake Monroe Christmas Boat Parade will be held this Sunday. Approximately 10 boats are expected to participate.

The parade is a joint project of the Tourism Committee of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, the Seminole Power Squadron, and the St. Lucia Festival.

The Sunday parade will be the final event of the 1992 St. Lucia Festival weekend. Chamber manager Dave Farr expects a crowd of several thousand will be on hand along the shore of Lake Monroe to view the procession.

"We can still accept more boats in the parade," Farr said. "The event is open to boats of all sizes, and no minimum decorations are required."

Over \$1,500 in prizes and trophies will be awarded at the post parade party at Fitzgeralds, on the Holiday Inn lakefront area.

Entry forms are still available at the Chamber office, 400 E. First Street in downtown Sanford.

The event is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. The best viewing area is expected to be in the area near Fort Mellon Park.

For further information, contact Farr at the chamber office, 322-2212.

Compiled from staff reports

TOMORROW

Big prep night

SANFORD — It will be a big night on the prep sports scene as the Lake Mary girls will travel to Lyman in an important girls soccer match and No. 8 ranked Seminole high welcomes No. 1 ranked St. Cloud in girls basketball.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST NOTARIZED..

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17 shopping days to Christmas

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Skies clearing



Becoming partly cloudy with a high in the low 70s. Wind northwest at 10 mph.

Partly Cloudy

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Absentee voting up

Sanford election today: Average turnout at polls but dramatic increase absentee

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Today's election day voter turnout in Sanford was described as average during the early hours although a higher number of absentee ballots are being turned in, according to City Clerk Jan Donahoe.

A total of 12,114 persons are eligible to cast their votes in the city election.

During the first hour, a total of 97 voters cast their ballots at the Sanford Civic Center. Other polling places reported a similar turnout.

Shortly after 8:30 this morning, light rain began to fall. Weather reports indicate the rains could clear up by early afternoon.

The number of absentee ballots is unusually high. According to Sanford City Clerk Jan Donahoe, "As of 9 o'clock this morning, we had given out 450 absentee ballots, which is considerably more than we have done in the past." Additional absentee ballots will still be accepted at the Clerks Office through the end of normal business hours today, as well as at the Election Supervisor's office between 5 and 7 p.m. this evening.

The absentee ballots will not be totaled until the regular ballot counting after 7 p.m. tonight.

Donahoe added, "We don't have figures available at this time to determine how many absentees may have been mailed out or picked up by someone else."

Donahoe would not estimate what the voter turnout might be. "The last time we had a city commission election," she said, "was in Dec. of 1990, when only Dist. 3 was on the ballot."

She continued, "At that time, there were 2,180 voters in that district, and only 777 turned out at the polls."

This year's city election ballot contains two races, for mayor and city commissioner, district 1. The district 2 commission term of Bob Thomas is expiring but Thomas drew no opposition for re-election, and is not required to have his name included on the ballot.

Seeking the position of mayor are incumbent Betty Smith, and candidate Sara Jacobson.

In the race for Dist. 1, incumbent Lon Howell is opposed by three candidates, Jordan Beckner, Bob Church, and Bill Kirchner. In the

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Dist. 1 City Commission candidate Lon Howell welcomed voters at the Sanford Civic Center this morning in a horse drawn carriage. One of his opponents, Bill Kirchner was on the opposite side of the street with campaign signs. Other candidates and supporters were at various polling places.

Inauguration day



Members of the State of Florida Dist. 18 color guard stand in front of the Lake Mary City Commission as 4-year-old Brandon Polley sings the National Anthem.

Lake Mary commission sworn in during Christmas program

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — It was a combination Christmas program and called city commission meeting last night. Lake Mary opened the holiday season in style with a complete 2½ hour long outdoor event.

The called meeting and festivities were all

held at the Central Park amphitheater outside the Lake Mary city hall, with over 300 persons attending the function.

The commission portion of the meeting, featured official swearing-in ceremonies for newly elected Mayor Lowry Rockett, Commissioner Gary Brender, and Commissioner David Meulor. Seminole County Circuit Court

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County may drop portion of strict sign code ordinance

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — In what Seminole County commission chairman Bob Sturm called a "gutting," a majority of commissioners said Monday a key provision of the county's three-year-old sign ordinance should be dropped.

Outnumbering Sturm 3-1, commissioners Larry Furlong and newly seated commissioners Dick Van Der Weide and Daryl McLain said they wanted to eliminate a requirement for businessmen to lower their signs to 15 feet by Dec. 1 this year. The requirement only applies to signs in unincorporated areas, although Lake Mary and

other cities have similar requirements.

Commissioners will formally take action on the request in January.

Furlong, who raised the issue, said he had "a problem" with requiring private businessmen to make beautification measures at their own expense. Furlong suggested establishing a \$60,000 fund to reimburse sign owners up to \$250 to lower the displays. The latter suggestion resulted in a quick objection from County Attorney Bob McMillan.

"You're about to create a serious precedent of using public funds to encourage compliance with its codes," said McMillan. "You're on thin ice." See Signs, Page 5A

Daughter sentenced in dad's murder

By GEORGE DUNCAN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Tiffany Sanzo, the 16-year-old who prosecutors said conspired with her boyfriend to kill her father, the president of the Warlocks Motorcycle Club, received a sentence of four years Monday under a Youthful Offender law.

She will serve an additional two years of probation under the same law. Judge Alan Dickey could have sentenced her to more than 20 years in jail.

Assistant State Attorney Tom Hastings asked Judge Dickey for the maximum sentence under the state sentencing guidelines for the Altamonte Springs teen who was tried as an adult.

The defendant, though, said she had changed

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\$450 expense for police wear presently tabled

By GEORGE DUNCAN
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — After Mayor Paul Lovstrand objected Monday night, the Longwood City Commission refused to pay a \$450 uniform expense for five city policemen.

The clothing allowance/uniform expense was one item of the consent agenda, which usually includes routine city bills that are normally approved by the commission.

City Manager Jim McFellin said the line item expense was part of a larger budget item that the commission had already approved, a \$19,000 city expense for police uniforms, but Lovstrand balked.

"We can refuse to pay them. We can amend the budget," he said.

The amount is paid to Longwood uniform officers to reimburse them for uniform expenses and a similar amount is provided to detectives as a clothing allowance since detectives do not wear uniforms.

"This is not to be used for anything else. Detectives do not wear uniforms. This is for clothing appropriate to each position," McFellin said.

Lovstrand and Commissioner Steve Miller protested the line item expense, with Lovstrand saying the checks should not be paid to the individual policemen but to firms that provide either the plainclothes for detectives or uniforms for patrolmen.

When asked, McFellin said the city did not check on how officers used the \$450 nor did it

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NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE



4 beached dolphins die

MARATHON (AP) - Seven spotted dolphins beached themselves on a sandbar in Florida Bay during the weekend and four of them died, although researchers were still trying to find out why.

Storyteller dead at 88

GAINESVILLE (AP) - Thelma Ann Boltin, known for her contributions to Florida folkways, died at the North Florida Special Care Center after an extended illness. She was 88.

Dream saved Gator fan's life

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Lance Wall's dream that he was in a falling airplane kept him from accepting an offer to fly off with his buddies to watch the Florida Gators play for the Southeastern Conference football title.

4 injured when school bus rammed

ORANGE HEIGHTS - Four children received minor injuries when a school bus which had stopped to pick up passengers was struck from behind by a tractor-trailer truck, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Middle East money alluring

Couple visit Sanford but return to work in Kuwait

By VICKI DeBORNER Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - When Wayne Burnsed retired from the Marine Corps in 1988, he and his wife Linda settled in Sanford, but the allure of big money working in the Middle East was too much to resist.

Still, he said, he'd like to return here when he retires again in a few years. "We've kept our home here," he said. "We plan to come back to Sanford to retire."

Burnsed has worked, for the last two years, for the Chicago-based Kay and Associates, in Kuwait. He spends his days traveling into Iraq to recover items stolen from Kuwait during the Persian Gulf War.

Burnsed first went to Kuwait in September of 1990, shortly after Iraq invaded the country. He spent several months in

Saudi Arabia maintaining the Kuwaiti Air Force planes that had been flown there for safe-keeping.

He said he spent most of the time in Bahrain ("Scud City," he called it) and waiting for the chance to go home.

At the end of Operation Desert Storm, he returned to Sanford and brought Linda to Kuwait while he worked.

"I can make as much in three months over there as I do in a year over here," he said. "So she doesn't really have to work over there."

"I think I'll sign up for another two years," he said, "and then we'll come back to Sanford for good. I really miss this area."

One of the advantages to the job, however, is that he and Linda have had the opportunity to travel to exotic places.

All the time I was in the Marine Corps, I took my wife to Buford, South Carolina for vacations, but this summer we spent time in Athens, Greece and in Cyprus," he said.



Wayne and Linda Burnsed (above) and below on a burned-out Iraqi tank on Jara Road, "Death Highway."



Wayne and Linda Burnsed (above) and below on a burned-out Iraqi tank on Jara Road, "Death Highway."

Thanks from Russia Americans receive thank you medals

SPRING HILL (AP) - American seamen who helped Russian and German ships during World War II to deliver vital supplies to the Soviet Union by sea are being thanked officially by the Russian government.

The Russian Embassy planned a ceremony in Washington, D.C. today to give commemorative medals to more than 300 Merchant Marines and U.S. Naval gunners who survived the Murmansk run nearly 50 years ago.

Russian officials already have given out several hundred of the medals, created in 1985 to observe the 40th anniversary of victory at Stalingrad, and they're reviewing records to distribute others.

One ship carried 16-year-old Merchant Marine Ed Suhman, now a retiree in New Port Richey.

"They sounded the alarm, and we went to our battle stations," he recalled. "There were three or four torpedo bombers. The convoy was shooting at them, and they were shooting at us. A bomber hit a torpedo, and we were hit. It hit the engine room, and we lost three men there."

Suhman and most of his fellow crewmen managed to get into life boats.

World War II made any ocean route treacherous for merchant seamen. But the convoys to northern Russia became known as perilous. It took the ships at least 1,500 miles from either northern Scotland or Iceland to the

primitive ports of Murmansk or Archangel on the White Sea.

Ships had to contend with violent, occasional ice and excruciating cold that forced sailors to be relieved every 15 minutes. The routes skirted German-occupied Norway, bringing ships within easy striking distance of Nazi torpedo planes, bombers and U-boats. The convoys often sailed with inadequate escort.

Forty convoys, totaling more than 800 ships, made the Murmansk run between 1941 and 1945. Hundreds of crew members and 97 ships were lost.

Ken Owen, a New Port Richey resident, was part of PQ16 convoy that left Iceland in May 1942 and for six days was under almost constant attack.

A German plane dropped two bombs on Owen's ship. "Myself and one other man was able to escape from the engine room. The rest of the engine crew went down with the ship."

John Meeker Jr., then a 16-year-old merchant sealer in a convoy preparing to steam from Iceland, remembers Independence Day in 1942.

"The captain gave us all a case of American beer," he noted in his diary. "We had no fireworks, but we had everything else."

Meeker, a mess boy on the SS Hollywood, was bound for Murmansk.

The convoy he should have gone in was PQ17, made up of 55 ships. Only 11 made it.

Air problems force school to close

OLDSMAR - Pinellas County school officials shut down Oldsmar Elementary School because the air in its buildings poses a health threat.

The \$6.5 million facility opened in August 1991.

The school will remain closed until air quality can be improved, officials told the St. Petersburg Times for a story today.

The move was made after a Gainesville engineering firm released a report Monday on air tests performed there last month.

The report said there were high levels of mold and moisture at the school which could cause health problems, such as aggravation of allergies and asthma. The conditions also could create allergies and breathing complications, the report said.

Dr. Roger Inman, director of the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Office of Toxicology and Hazard Assessment, said his office looks at about 100 sick buildings a year. Indoor air toxins, he said, are "one of the biggest health problems in Florida."

"We'll be back, though," he said.

Revenge suspected in fire

PENSACOLA - Authorities suspect revenge in a fire that damaged an air conditioning company where a baffling slaying had taken place 12 hours earlier.

Escambia County sheriff's deputies said they didn't know why an employee of CMM Heating and Cooling, Richard R. Caum, 33, of suburban Molino, allegedly shot Carlos Vickars, 41, of Pensacola in the shop's parking lot Saturday night.

Sunday morning, flames destroyed a pickup truck and caused an estimated \$70,000 in damage to the building. Sheriff's investigator Ted Roundy said he had no doubt the fire, caused by a flammable liquid, was set in revenge for the shooting.

Ditch cave-in kills man

HOLLYWOOD - A man digging a ditch to repair a broken water pipe died when the sides of the 6-foot-deep hole caved in, police said.

The man had last been seen alive at about 12:30 a.m. as he dug the ditch for Rapid Rooter Monday. Co-worker Anthony Daw, who had left to get some equipment, returned and found the man missing, according to a police news release.

Daw began digging and soon uncovered his missing co-worker's shirt, police said. Authorities were called to the scene at about 3 p.m.

The man's identity was not immediately released pending notification of relatives.

From Associated Press reports

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery. Fantasy 5 22-25-2-10-7. Cash 5 9-9-3. Play 4 1-0-9-9.

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THE WEATHER Today: Becoming partly cloudy with a high in the low 70s. Wind northwest at 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly fair. Low in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Wind north 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday: Becoming mostly cloudy. High in the lower to mid 70s. Wind becoming east 10 to 15 mph. Extended Forecast: Thursday: Variable cloudiness with a chance of showers. Lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s. High in the mid to upper 70s. Friday: Clearing and cooler. Lows in the mid 40s north to mid 50s south. High in the low to mid 60s. Saturday: Fair and cold with lows in the mid 30s north to lower 40s south.

Action today in illegal dumping case

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer



Juan Adriatico of Oviedo, left, listens Monday as his attorney Robert Riggio pleads to county commissioners not to take his property to collect \$500,000 in county fines. Commissioners agreed to work with Adriatico to resolve the case.

SANFORD — Seminole County commissioners will negotiate with convicted Oviedo dumper Juan Adriatico to clean up his property, continuing their November decision to delay foreclosure on his property collect \$500,000 in county fines.

The majority of the commissioners said county staff should work with Adriatico and his attorney to resolve his illegal dumping case without taking his property. They will take formal action today in their afternoon session.

"We never said we were going to go for the jugular," said commission chairman Bob Sturm.

But Adriatico, who has been sentenced to nine months in jail for failing to remove fill from his land south of Jamestown, said he cannot afford to remove the fill he allowed haulers to dump there.

"I don't have the money," said Adriatico. "Last year, my net taxable income was less than \$20,000. I don't have the \$1 million, \$1.2 million it may cost to clean it up."

Newly-seated commissioner Dick Van Der Weide said he was unconvinced any remedies were needed.

"I'd like to see evidence that the property is damaged," said Van Der Weide.

Adriatico made no comment after the first-time appearance before commissioners Monday on advice from his attorney, Robert Riggio. He made few comments directly to commissioners Monday during the 1 1/2-hour meeting, allowing Riggio to speak on his behalf.

Of the five commissioners, only Larry Furlong said he wanted to proceed with the foreclosure.

"It seems to be the only thing that gets any attention," said Furlong. "The Adriaticos have had every opportunity to comply. It appears the only way we are going to get compliance with our codes is to take the property, clean it up and sell it."

Commissioners said they didn't want Adriatico's land, simply his compliance with county codes. On July 28, 1992, commissioners voted to foreclose on property owned by Adriatico and his two sisters to collect county fines. On Nov. 17, commissioners voted to delay their action to give Adriatico a chance to speak to them.

Adriatico has been sentenced to nine months in jail for failing to comply with a Sept. 27, 1991 sentence for illegal dumping. He was required to remove fill from

his property. On Oct. 19, 1992, Seminole County Circuit Judge O.H. Eaton Jr. determined Adriatico had failed to comply with the sentence. Eaton revoked Adriatico's probation and sentenced him to evenings in the county jail.

The conviction is on appeal to the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Daytona.

Riggio painted Adriatico as a victim of the system who tried to work within it. Riggio said his client complained to the county for two years about filling occurring on property to the north of his. The filling was causing water to flood his property. Riggio said county inspectors told Adriatico they could not stop the filling of his property.

It was then that Adriatico decided to begin filling in his family's property to stop the flooding, said Riggio. Then county inspectors began citing Adriatico with code violations.

"Mr. Adriatico has been treated differently than his neighbors," said Riggio. "Originally, he was a victim, he is now labeled a wrongdoer."

Adriatico and Riggio pledged to work with county staff to determine the extent of the dumping in wetlands and to come into compliance with county codes.

Assistant state attorney Beth Rutberg, who prosecuted Adriatico, urged commissioners to do whatever they can do to clean up the property.

"The victim is the land, the property," said Rutberg. "We are concerned about our land and our county. We want to protect what we've got."

Drug crackdown

Agents of the Sanford police department conducted a crackdown on drug sales Friday night. Five separate arrests were made. In each case, police said the person approached an undercover agent and attempted to purchase cocaine. Arrested in one operation at 8th Street and Cypress Ave., were Raymond Beauchene, 39, of 2702 Magnolia Ave., Sanford, Claude May Beurtit, 30, 1808 Celery Ave., and Bertha Ann Hall, 28, 604 E. 11th Street, Sanford. Arrested at 11th Street and Maple Ave., was William Edward Roberts, Jr., 21, of 2855 Midway Drive. Michael Edwin Stage, 31, 505 Satsuma Drive, was arrested at 5th and Cypress Ave. Each was charged with purchase of cocaine.

Police stop speeder

Lake Mary Police arrested Douglas Christopher Burton, 25, 324 Ruth Blvd., Longwood, after a speeding chase Sunday along Longwood-Lake Mary Road. Police said Burton's vehicle was clocked at speeds of up to 90 miles per hour. In addition to the speeding charge, he was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Following a check of his vehicle, he was also charged with possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of drivers-license restrictions.

Drug raid

Sheriff's deputies made two drug related arrests near 3730 E. S.R. 46, Friday night. Arrested were Gary Allen Antilley, 27, of Geneva, and Robin Shannon McKnight, 29, 305 W. 9th Street. Each was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Warrant arrest

Sanford police arrested Christopher Allen Martin, 22, 306 Elm Ave., Sanford, on Saturday. He was wanted on three Volusia County warrants charging him with violation of parole on a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to appear on a charge of fleeing and attempting to elude an officer, and failure to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Incidents reported to the Sheriff:

● Six cars and pick-up trucks were reportedly burglarized early Sunday, while in the parking lot behind Whiskey River, 3730 E. S.R. 46. Sheriff's deputies reported several hundred dollars in items were taken from various vehicles. The six vehicles were identified as owned by Duane Williams, Dana Renin, Dottie Smithson, Tracy Halligan, Brenda Burnette, and Howard Judah, all of Geneva.

● A burglary was reported Saturday at the residence of Pinkie Herring, 1614 Southwest Road in Sanford. Deputies said wires were cut on the alarm system, and an air conditioner, valued at \$1,000 was taken.

● Two vehicular burglaries were reported Friday in the Sleepy Hollow area of Longwood. \$910 in electronic equipment was taken from a car owned by Dennis Pierce, of Apopka, parked at 202 Brom Bones Lane. \$820 in electronic equipment were taken from a car owned by Michelle Aguirre of 206 Brom Bones Lane.

● \$245 in items were reportedly stolen Friday from the home of Beatrice O'Dell, 4461 Bedford Road, Sanford. O'Dell said items missing included bed linen, a toaster oven and silverware.

● \$975 in golf equipment was reported stolen Friday from an open garage at the home of Eileen Bolger, 737 Silverwood Drive, Lake Mary.

● Jay's Bargain Sales and Hair Styling, 2610, Sanford Avenue, was reportedly burglarized on Sunday. Jay Williams, owner of the establishment, told deputies entry was apparently made through a rear window. \$175 in merchandise was reportedly stolen. The burglar also caused an estimated \$180 damage inside the structure, some of which involved spraying walls with paint spray.

Incidents reported to Sanford police:

● \$50 in cash was reportedly stolen from Bobby C's Liquors, 1911 S. French Ave. on Saturday.

● \$150 from the cash register and a money jar with \$10 were reported stolen Friday from Pearl Lee Brown's Tavern, 1007 W. 13th Street.

● A carport storage area at the home of Leo Nelson, 2413 S. Palmetto Ave., was reportedly burglarized Saturday. Nelson reported \$900 in fishing equipment was missing.

● \$775 in clothing was reportedly stolen early Monday from Jay's Fashion, 1562-A S. French Ave., in Sanford. Police said entry was made by throwing a brick through the front door.

● A bike, valued at \$400 was reportedly stolen Friday from the home of Arthur Winkle, 2100 Maple Avenue.

● A go-cart was reported missing Sunday from a back yard storage area at the home of James Sexton, 203 Hays Drive in Sanford.

● A ladies bag and other items valued at \$700 were reportedly stolen from an automobile owned by Nacire Eid. The vehicle was parked near 3108 Stone Brook Apartments.

● A color TV valued at \$500 was reportedly taken Saturday from the home of Dorothy Holloway, #31, 1311 Santa Barbara Drive in Sanford.

Search suspended for eight missing after mine blast

By AMANDA KELL
Associated Press Writer

NORTON, Va. — Mine safety officials suspended the search today for eight men missing a mile deep in a coal mine rocked by an explosion, but said they still believe the men could be alive.

Rescuers later today will try to drill a ventilation hole into the chamber where the men are believed to be, said Kathy Snyder, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration.

"We are continuing to proceed on the basis that there may be survivors and we want to get to them as quickly as possible consistent with the safety of the rescuers," Ms. Snyder said.

Rescue crews must bulldoze an area above the mine before drilling can begin. Ms. Snyder said. Drilling could start as early as midday, she said.

Crews working in relays got within 300 feet of where the miners were thought to be when the blast occurred Monday — more than a mile inside. There, they detected smoke, heat and a dangerous amount of methane gas. Fearing another explosion,

they turned back, Snyder said. As snow fell, relatives huddled in tents and buses. Their optimism faded after officials described conditions in the mine.

"I think based on those factors maybe they are beginning to accept it that they are not going to come out," said the Rev. Jeffrey Rolan, minister of the First Baptist Church in nearby Pound.

A ninth miner crawled to safety after the blast Monday morning in the Southmountain Coal Co.'s No. 3 mine. He was working closer to the entrance than the others.

Robert K. Fleming was in stable condition after surgery for burns on his hands and face, said Bill Hendrick, spokesman for St. Mary's Hospital in Norton.

Each miner carries a mask and about an hour of oxygen, rescue workers said. Large oxygen tanks mounted at intervals along the mine walls are the only other possible source of oxygen, said Gene Conley, a mine employee.

A mine employee, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the trapped miners "probably barricaded themselves in to hold what air they had until rescue workers could reach them."

Alleged victim testifies against former priest

By MARY R. SANDON
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — A young woman said she warned her mother that their neighbor was "a pervert" after the former priest, now accused in three states of sexually assaulting dozens of children, allegedly groped her.

The woman, now 21, said James Porter molested her three times in 1987 while she babysat. She testified Monday in Porter's trial on six counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Among witnesses the prosecution planned to call today were the woman's older sister, who also claims she was molested by Porter.

Porter, now married and the father of four children, faces criminal charges and civil lawsuits for allegedly molesting dozens of other children in Minnesota, Massachusetts and New Mexico before he left the priesthood in 1974.

In his opening statement Monday, defense attorney Paul Lukas said the woman did not baby-sit for the Porters during 1987. Also, Lukas said, the defense would show that Porter was a "house husband," and that he and his wife did not hire baby-sitters when he was staying home.

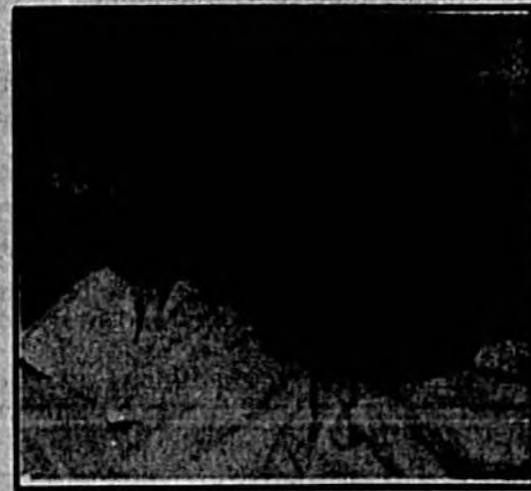
The woman whose allegations led to the criminal complaint against Porter told jurors that each of the three incidents occurred on a living room couch in Porter's home in Oakdale, a St. Paul suburb, when she was 15. She said Porter sat next to her, ran his hands through her hair and told her she was beautiful. "He said, 'Everything's OK,'" the woman testified. "I told him I didn't think it was OK."

The woman, composed but speaking quietly, testified Porter pushed her to the couch and pressed himself against her, touched the skin of her back under her shirt and rubbed her breasts, inner thigh and pelvic area through her clothing.

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EDITORIALS

Codes strict but needed

Complaints have been voiced to the City Commission about the operation of weekly rental facilities in the city's residential area. The city is now moving ahead with establishing new codes which may help resolve many of these.

Some residents, as well as Sanford City Commissioner Lon Howell, have expressed concern about people with questionable morals staying at the residences. Others have complained about the poor conditions at some of the facilities.

In some cases, the owners or managers of the weekly rentals have apparently been unable to handle maintenance and pay closer attention to the credibility of their residents.

As late as this past Thursday, the city Planning and Zoning Commission and members of the city staff are finalizing new city codes to regulate the weekly rentals in the city. The codes may appear to be strict, but they are definitely needed.

While some weekly renters may be of questionable character, the type which could be associated with certain elements of crime, other residents may be forced to live on a weekly basis due to the lack of income required for long-term deposits or first and last month's rent payments in advance.

If the codes are adopted as proposed, the rental facilities will be forced into improved cleanliness and maintenance. An on-site resident manager will be required except when two or more multiple family dwellings may be on adjacent property.

Also for the weekly rental facilities, strict adherence to housing code standards will be required and fire safety codes will have to be

While Sanford presently has two bed and breakfast establishments, they will also be governed by the new codes. In this case, the resident manager will be required to be the actual owner.

From the very beginning of discussion on these codes, the city proposed a name change from boarding house to group housing. The term will include lodging houses, rooming houses, and dormitories as well as bed and breakfast establishments.

The new codes will also require occupational licenses from the city, which must be renewed on an annual basis, which requires an inspection before the renewal is granted.

The City Commission and staff have been working on the new codes for several months. P&Z plans at least one more workshop, scheduled for Jan. 21, to fine-tune the codes. If they can be perfected, they might be brought up for formal adoption at the next commission meeting on Jan. 25, if all of the plans can be finalized by that time.

The P&Z meeting as well as the city commission meeting will be open for public input, and we hope the public will take part in the discussions.

While there may be some rental unit owners who are concerned over changes the new codes will bring, we believe the city commission will do well in adopting the codes.

Sanford must do what it can to protect and help the full time residents and neighbors of weekly rental facilities.

We urge not only unanimous adoption of these new codes, but a strict enforcement policy once they are in place.

Berry's World



JOSEPH PERKINS

Knowingly passing AIDS is criminal

She had just turned 17 when she met Alberto Gonzalez. He was 10 years her senior. He offered her a marijuana joint. She smoked it. Got a little high. He asked for sex. She demurred at first, but relented when he persuaded her that they "wouldn't do anything you don't want to do already."

Gonzalez knew at the time of this sexual encounter that he was carrying the AIDS virus. But he didn't let on. Had the teen-aged girl been the wiser, she undoubtedly would have related his sexual advances more vigorously. She almost certainly would have insisted that he at least wear a condom.

So it is that Gonzalez now finds himself on trial in Portland, Ore., on charges of attempted murder, for having unprotected sex with his unsuspecting victim while fully knowledgeable of his HIV status. He is believed to be the first such prosecution in the United States.

At least one legal expert familiar with the case doubts that Gonzalez will be convicted. "There are at least three difficulties," said Arthur LaFrance, a professor of criminal law and bioethics at Northwestern School of Law in Portland, Ore.

"One," the professor explained, "is to show that he had the intent that murder requires, which is purposely or knowingly seeking to kill

the woman with whom he had intercourse. Secondly, any attempt charge has got to involve an element of proximity." In other words, the young woman's death must have come soon after the alleged crime was committed.

"The third difficulty," the professor related, "is very simply that consensual intercourse takes two people. And while (Gonzalez) may not have disclosed to this woman that he had HIV, if she has read a newspaper or watched television even once in this decade, she had to know the risks."

LaFrance's legal opinion may be entirely correct. And the jury in Portland

precisely those grounds. But that does not negate the fact that Gonzalez willfully and knowingly placed the young woman in harm's way. If she contracts AIDS as a result of their sexual dalliance, he will be responsible for her death just as surely as if he had shot her in cold blood, and she died immediately.

As it happens, the teen-aged girl is not Gonzalez's lone victim. In October of last year, the Portland man pleaded no contest to charges of assault and reckless endangerment for having unprotected sex with two other women whom he infected with AIDS. One of the women, 24-year-old Shawn Hop, has since died from the disease.

Gonzalez got off with an unconscionably light sentence considering the gravity of crimes. He was placed under house arrest for six months and told to wear an electronic bracelet (a slap on the wrist). And, oh yes, he was ordered to abstain from sex for five years.

Is this justice? Hardly. Here we had a man who knew he had a deadly disease that is transmitted through sexual contact. Not only did he fail to inform his sexual partners of such, he did not even trouble himself to use a condom.

Since he knew there was a very real prospect that he might pass along the AIDS virus to his sexual partners, he surely must be guilty.



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LETTERS

Comments on mayoral campaign brochure

Last Saturday I received a Sara Jacobson campaign flier. I am amazed at the inaccuracies and innuendos in it. I would like to comment on it.

No mayor can be blamed for a property tax increase which is established by the county and the state, based on property value, not who you are. No mayor has control over the number of arrests made by the police or the amount of crime. Planting a \$3,000 palm tree doesn't mean that funds were diverted from sewer improvements, as Sara implies - didn't the scenic improvement board get the tree? Brick streets in Sanford have been paved with asphalt as long as I have lived in Sanford - over 25 years - why is Bettye responsible? Each city commissioner names persons to various boards - Bettye only has control over the persons she names. Any problems that Mr. McClanahan may have is no reflection on Bettye - it's my understanding that he has been cleared. Perhaps McClanahan has grounds for suing Sara for slander? Kirchner was Sara's campaign treasurer before deciding to run for commissioner, perhaps at Sara's urging? So, why would it be wrong for Bettye to encourage Becker, if she did? Before the campaign, Bettye talked to Sara about not using campaign signs, but Sara put up signs. Isn't it hypocritical for Sara to criticize Bettye for putting up signs in response to Sara's signs? Some of the empty downtown stores are owned by Sara - is it Bettye's fault that Sara has not kept her stores occupied? One of the stores became empty when Sara raised the rent. Is Bettye responsible for Cardinal Industries (based out of state) going bankrupt and closing its Sanford location? The commission had to vote on buildings at the lakefront, not just Bettye, and a financial gain by Smith's son is not a gain to Bettye. There is a beach in front of that building. The vote for the beltway to go through Sanford was overwhelming - Bettye's vote did not tip the decision one way or the other. The airport board regulates its business, not Bettye. Doesn't the airport pay money to the city? The chamber board sets the salary of the chamber director, not Bettye or the city. What does the average director's salary have to do with our chamber director's salary? Is Sara suggesting that Bettye, an active member of her church, does not "place family and religious values above all others?" Sara may have been on various boards but she has a reputation for being uncooperative with other board members - how will she get the city commission to work together. One house on Mellonville Avenue, owned by Sara, has stood empty and an eyesore to the neighborhood for years, and it is still not renovated or occupied. If Sara is interested in historic Sanford why doesn't she support the Sanford Museum or the Sanford Historic Trust? Why does Sara know so little and give only half-hearted support to the Duany project? Sara's parents owned and operated a prominent business in Sanford for many years - is she now riding on their coattails?

Mayor Bettye Smith knows and practices the art of diplomacy and compromise - making her a good leader, but she can only try to persuade, not force, independently-elected officials. Mayor Smith has been concerned about the entire city of Sanford - not just when it is politically advantageous. Mayor Smith's empathy for people is shown in her involvement with the Lions Club and the Sanford Woman's Club, her creation of the souper-supper

and her contributions to the King celebration, to name a few. Surely Bettye Smith is the best person for mayor. Please join me in voting for her Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Charlotte Smith,
SCD Instructor,
Sanford

Teen says don't drink

Lately I've been surprised at how many of my friends consider drinking and getting wasted a great time.

It wasn't until this Friday that I was hurt tremendously by it all. A person who I thought was strong, popular, and who had a terrific mind for thought let me down greatly by doing things that I never thought he would do.

I think that the poem I have written can go out to anyone who has looked up to someone and wished that they could be in their shoes. It was proven to me that people aren't always what they seem to be.

One time I thought you were totally perfect and great.

And to see you in class, well, I just couldn't wait. When you spoke to me, oh, my heart skipped a beat.

You were funny and smart and boy were you sweet. You were popular and friendly, no one would know that you were new.

It seemed you fit in so nicely, and teachers liked you, too.

So how come is it that when I saw you that night, something seemed out of place and wasn't quite right?

Now, a few kids get high to fit in with the crowd, and some do it because of themselves they're not proud.

But how come you smelled of a gross hard liquor?

After that letdown I couldn't have felt sicker. I thought you were different, above all of the rest.

To me it felt like, yeah, you were one of the best. Maybe the story I don't know all the truth of it. But I do know that looking up to you is a thing that I'll quit.

I don't need to drink to have a time that's great. And in drunk hands I'll never place my fate.

Too many die from those who abuse the right to drink.

And they don't realize that it impairs their ability to think.

That's why I stay away from those who choose to get wasted.

And past my lips onto my tongue booze I've never tasted.

I've seen what partying like that has done. That's another reason why I have sober fun.

So, dear, if you still want all of the "advantages" there are to getting drunk.

Like acting like an idiot or killing someone if you choose to drive your truck.

That's fine with me because I'll move on with my "boring" little life.

And at least I'll get the chance to grow up and make someone a wife.

But if you continue on in this dead-end way, my friend,

it's almost certain that soon yours or someone else's life will come to a premature end.

Jaime R. Dillman
SADD Member
Seminoole High School
11th grade

SARAH OVERSTREET

My house isn't the Holiday(s) Inn

Whoever wrote "there's no place like home for the holidays" obviously wasn't the one hosting all the wandering, misty-eyed souls coming home for them.

Millions of American working women once again face the holiday season trying to play Martha Stewart to a house full of relatives, following a year when every moment of free time was spent just trying to get cereal down everyone's gullet and finding a slitter when someone had chicken pox.

Personally, I gave up House Beautiful the year I took on the second job. I've settled for just trying to achieve House Clean once a year, which is much harder when folks come to stay overnight or spend a few days than if they just come for the afternoon. For an afternoon, you can settle for House Facade, where stray items are temporarily stuffed into inappropriate drawers, the Hoover is trotted out for a cursory run, and scowling children are conscripted for dusting duties. But when non-immediate-family people actually stay in the house as if it were the Holiday Inn, it's a whole new ball game.

Suddenly, you've got relative strangers plundering the medicine cabinets who are not responsible for the puddles of spilled Mercurchrome and athlete's foot powder and not therefore willing to overlook them. What's more, these are strangers who will hole up in your bathrooms all morning, holding your makeup and hot rollers hostage and leaving you to make dinner while looking like Janis Joplin after a hard gig.

Then they will demand to set the table, as if five minutes' worth of silverware plunking could make up for five days of grocery shopping, cleaning and cooking. So to let them feel like they're fulfilling their little obligation, you'll have to wipe out the little pieces of - well, you tell me: What the heck is that stuff that collects at the bottoms of plastic silverware trays, anyway? It looks like the same material trapped in the navels of little children. But, scientifically, I don't see how it could be. Nevertheless, it will have to be cleaned out before Mr. and Mrs. Helpful demand to help set the table. Ditto for the dust in the good water glasses and the sticky stuff all over the shelf paper.

But first, try to beat them to the linen closet to search for a tablecloth without baked-in brown gravy stains, so they don't discover the lintballs. And oh, Lord, they're going to expect eight place settings of silverware that matches! Send the kids to the garden and sandbox, and your husband to his tool chest. Hold up a spoon in final pre-battle instructions: "We're looking for the kind, with this little flower in the center of the handles. Don't worry about the ones with the beaded edges. That was last year's set."

I've just about steeled myself to the fact that other people's - notice I said other people's - kids these days are not taught to at least make a good-soldier stab at eating a little of everything that's put before them. I'm ready for them to whine, "But I don't LIKE mash potatoes, they got LUMPS in 'em!" I've simply learned to hum "Over The River and Through The Woods" during such exchanges, while I imagine myself dressed in pilgrim garb, selling the little darlings to Native Americans for some corn and a plump wild turkey.

When my ship comes in, I'll have a janitorial service spend a few days wiping out my home's most secret cracks and crevices, and a catering service deliver a full-course meal that only requires a little heating up. I'll greet my guests in a lovely hostess gown ordered from the Spiegel catalog without worrying about how I'll pay the charge account, and escort them post-meal to guest rooms with their own private baths.



Personally, I gave up House Beautiful the year I took on the second job.

Bank, MGM sue the former studio owner for \$1.25 billion

By E. SCOTT NECKARD
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Former MGM owner Kirk Kerkorian was hit with \$1.25 billion in lawsuits accusing him of fraud in selling the historic Metro Goldwyn Mayer movie studio to an Italian financier.

The lawsuits filed Monday allege a scheme to deceive the French bank Credit Lyonnais to complete the sale of stock in what was then called MGM-UA Communications Co. to Giancarlo Parretti's Pathe Communications Corp.

Credit Lyonnais, which bankrolled Parretti's \$1.3 billion takeover, filed a \$500 million lawsuit in Los Angeles federal

court. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, repossessed by the bank when Parretti defaulted on loan payments, filed a similar \$750 million lawsuit in state court.

Many of MGM's assets already had been parceled off when in 1990 Parretti bought it from Kerkorian, a Beverly Hills billionaire who made his fortune in airlines and hotel-casinos. Within months the studio that released "The Wizard of Oz" under its celebrated lion logo during Hollywood's Golden Age was floundering.

The lawsuits say the defendants knew or recklessly disregarded the fact that the cash flow projections on which the sale was based were grossly overinflated. In fact, it says, the

studio ended up \$250 million short of cash for the remainder of that year alone.

Bealdea Kerkorian and his Tracinda Corp. holding company, defendants include Jeffrey Barbakow, MGM's chairman during Kerkorian's attempts to sell it.

The lawsuits say Kerkorian and other defendants pocketed their profits — including about \$1 billion for Kerkorian himself and \$33 million for Barbakow — while leaving MGM incapable of getting by without vast new loans.

"No one on our side defrauded anybody," said one of Kerkorian's lawyers, Patricia L. Glaeser.

"If anybody did the defrauding it was Credit Lyonnais. They were the ones who had all the facts. They were the lenders for Parretti," she said.

Sanzo

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while she was in jail and asked for a second chance.

The light sentence upset some and several angry phone calls came in to Judge Dickey's office during the afternoon.

However, Hastings said the judge probably took into account a number of mitigating factors in case.

Hastings said Sanzo's age, 15 at the time of the crime, the fact she was not the triggerman, the lack of prior criminal convictions and the "complete lack of structure" in her home life may have influenced the judge to order a more lenient sentence.

Sanzo's father was shot and killed when he entered his Altamonte Springs residence in

September, 1991. Prosecutors alleged that Freddie Mathis shot Sanzo's father, then he and Sanzo tried to blame a rival motorcycle club for the crime.

Mathis, a former Sanford resident, is accused of first-degree murder and will be tried next year.

Hastings said he was not sure whether Sanzo would testify in Mathis' trial. Because of her conviction and the fact she initially lied to the police about the crime, her credibility would not be high with the jury, he said.

A second defendant, John Valois, who prosecutors say also conspired with Sanzo, received two years of community control to be followed by 13 years probation.

Signs

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Furlong withdrew the suggestion but suggested the 15-foot requirement for higher existing signs be repealed and only required when a business changes ownership or the sign. He was joined by McLain and VanDerWeide.

But Stum asked his fellow commissioners not to tamper with the ordinance that was the subject of eight months of debate and compromise.

"I think if you deal with an exception, you'll spend all your time dealing with exceptions," said Stum. "You're gutting the section that will eliminate visual pollution throughout the county."

EARLE WINFRED BROWN

Earle Winfred Brown, 88, of Section Line Trail, Deltona, died Saturday, Dec. 5, at John Knox Village Medical Center, Orange City. Born July 12, 1904, in Kilton, Minn., he moved to Deltona 19 years ago from Detroit. He was a sales manager for Wausau Insurance and a member of Lutheran Church of Proverbs.

Mr. Brown was a member of the American Renaissance Society, Fellow of Photographic Society of America; Honorary Photographic Society of America; Deland Gem and Mineral Club; Kankakee Lodge #309, Kankakee, Ill.; Bahla Shrine, Orlando, and All States Shrine, Deltona.

Survivors include wife, Adeline; sons, Robert W., Wayneboro, Pa., Bradley N., New York City; daughter, Marilyn K. Burke, Pepper Pike, Ohio; sisters, Myra Peterson, Puyallup, Wash., Della, Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Stephen R. Baldauff Funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

GERALDINE A. DORNEY

Geraldine A. Dorney, 71, of Greenleaf Circle, Orange City, died Saturday, Dec. 5, at her residence. Born July 9, 1921, in Brooklyn, N.Y., she moved to Orange City 21 years ago from there. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, DeBary.

Survivors include sons, George R. Horn, Brooklyn, Robert J. Dorney, Jr., Pembroke Pines; sister, Julia Anderson, Brooklyn; one grandchild. Stephen R. Baldauff Funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

EMANUEL EDWARDS

Emanuel Edwards, 79, 7 Carver Court, Winter Park, died Friday, Dec. 4, at Humana Hospital Lucerne, Orlando. Born April 13, 1913, in Eastman, Ga., he moved to Central Florida in 1949. He was a retired head mechanic for Sears in Fashion Square Mall and a member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Edwards was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include wife, Mattie; sons, Elmer, Winter Park, Felton, Eastman, Emanuel Jr., New Orleans; stepdaughter, Mildred Curry, Macon, Ga.; brother, Albert, Winter Park; 28 grandchildren. Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

KEVIN SCOTT FRANK

Kevin Scott Frank, 25, of Viscaya Lane, Altamonte Springs, died Friday, Dec. 4, as the result of a plane crash in Central Alabama. Born June 18, 1967, in West Palm Beach, he moved to Central Florida in 1973. He was a student at the University of Florida.

Gainesville, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland.

Survivors include parents, John and Judy, Altamonte Springs; sister, Kelly Rae Fusco, Orlando; paternal grandmother, Dorothy, Palm Beach Garden; maternal grandmother, Beatrice Shafer, West Palm Beach.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

HAZEL ALICE JACKSON

Hazel Alice Jackson, 70, of Boysenberry Court, Winter Springs, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at Florida Hospital, Orlando. Born Nov. 18, 1922, in Max Meadows, Va., she moved to Central Florida in 1982. She was a homemaker and a member of Community United Methodist Church.

Survivors include husband, Richard A.; son, Ronald Allen, Spokane, Wash.; Robert Lee, Chantilly, Va.; Gary Richard, Orlando; daughter, Brenda Joyce Casel, Newark, Del.; brother, June Allison, Weytheville, Va.; sister, Peggy McLain, Rockledge; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT LAWRENCE JONES SR.

Robert Lawrence Jones Sr., 31, of 204 E. 24th St., Sanford, died Friday, Dec. 4, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Feb. 27, 1961, in Jacksonville, he moved to Sanford in 1990 from there. He was an automotive parts clerk for Rose Auto Parts, Sanford, and a former employee of Winn Dixie in Jacksonville. He was a Pentecostal.

Survivors include wife, Gwendolyn; son, Robert Jr., Sanford; daughters, Natalie, Jacksonville, Tacoma, Sanford; mother, Francis Desmore, and stepfather, Herbert Desmore, both of Jacksonville; brother, Ronald, Jacksonville; sister, Cheryl, Jacksonville. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

BESSIE BUTLER MITCHELL

Bessie Butler Mitchell, 88, 2236 Hill View Drive, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at Orlando Health Care Center. Born Jan. 26, 1908, in Leesville, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in 1968. She was a retired domestic worker and a Baptist.

Survivors include daughters, Florence, Apopka, Ruth, Eatonville; sons, Jimmy, Orlando, Saul Jr., Eatonville, Frederick, Apopka, Ernest, Winter Park; sisters, Eloise Jackson, Yulee, Ethel Wallington, Kingsland, Ga.; 19 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Apopka, in charge of

arrangements.

WARREN LEWIS "CURLY" MORRIS

Warren Lewis "Curly" Morris, 58, of 230 Orienta Point, Altamonte Springs, died Saturday, Dec. 5. He was born in Emanuel County, Ga. Mr. Morris was a retired restaurant owner and operator of the Sizzler in Sanford, and a building engineer. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include wife, Sandy; sons, Stephen Warren, Houston, Jason Lee, Altamonte Springs; daughters, Vieve Hastings, Gray, Tenn., M. Kemberly, Geneva; brother, Dale, Oak Park, Ga.; four grandchildren. Ronnie L. Stewart Funeral Service, Vidalia, Ga., in charge of arrangements.

VALENTINE COFER PORTER

Valentine Cofer Porter, 79, 989 Orienta Ave., Altamonte Springs, died Monday, Dec. 7, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Dec. 15, 1912, in Chattanooga, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida in 1989. She was a retired executive secretary for United Nations Church Center Methodist Department.

Survivors include daughter, Gwen L. Craig, Altamonte Springs; brothers, Frederick Cofer, Signal Mountain, Tenn.; Zack Cofer, Glen Gardner, N.J.; sisters, Kathleen Meagher, Chattanooga, Marjorie Daggett, Clearwater; two grandsons. National Cremation Society, Tampa, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN W. TONEY JR.

John W. Toney Jr., 72, of Park Avenue, Tavares, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at Waterman Hospital, Eustis. Born May 23, 1920, in Allen Creek, W.Va., he moved to Central Florida in 1985. He was a truck driver. Mr. Toney was an Army veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include wife, Halle; son, John W. III, Leicester, N.C.; daughter, Diana Nash, Black Mountain, N.C.; sister, Ruth Shoop, New Port Richey.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

LOUIS E. WENNER

Louis E. Wenner, 62, of Ariene Drive, Deltona, died Sunday, Dec. 6, at his residence. Born Dec. 10, 1930, in Port Washington, N.Y., he moved to Deltona 15 years ago from Farmingdale, N.Y. He was an automotive repairman and a member of Sanford Church of Christ.

Survivors include wife, Joan; sons, Robert L., Germantown, Tenn., Peter L., Deltona, David L., Lake Mary; daughters, Penny E. Buckman, Virginia Beach, Va., Jean Keckisen, Long Island, N.Y., Mary Ann Sherrard, Long Island; 19 grandchildren. Stephen R. Baldauff Funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

Expense

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request detailed billing, admitting the city basically provided the funds and in "good faith" trusted the police used it for clothing.

The "good faith" answer provoked some laughter from the audience, which clearly disturbed McFellin.

It might be funny to some in the audience, he said, adding the expense allowance had been in practice for some time with the city.

"I don't have an objection to the \$450 for uniforms but the city should buy them for (the policemen) and give them to them," Lovestrang said.

The commission approved the consent agenda but specifically tabled the \$450 clothing expense until a future meeting. In a work session after the regular council meeting, commissioners listened to and were sympathetic to McFellin's complaints about the hike in the county sewer rate to the city.

A recent increase in November means that over the past four years, there has been an increase of 32.9 percent in the rate, the city administrator said.

Currently the city pays approximately \$1.8 million to the county for wastewater treatment.

Lovestrang said he agreed with McFellin but said the contract the city signed may not provide any help.

"We may have a lousy contract," he said.

Lovestrang told McFellin that "morally, you're on strong

ground," but legally was another question entirely.

City Attorney Becky Vose said it was a bad agreement, adding the contract was "internally inconsistent" but held out some hope the county might be amenable to a compromise.

Longwood city commissioners will meet with Seminole County Commissioners today at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the issue.

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Lawmaker backs auto tags for public schools

By The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A key state lawmaker is backing a 17th special license tag — one with a red apple, a diploma and mortarboard to raise money for public schools.

"Specialty tags have been a real hot item in the past couple of years," said state Sen. Toni Jennings, who chairs the Senate Rules Committee.

Florida has 16 specialty tags that raise money for things ranging from the Florida panther and manatee to the state's nine public universities to a memorial honoring the Challenger astronauts.

It's not the first time a license plate to raise money for public schools has been proposed, but some previous barriers — namely legislators who opposed it — are gone.

Support from Jennings will be key, according to Pat O'Connell, legislative director for the Florida Department of Education.

Jennings, R-Orlando, said she will sponsor the proposal when the Legislature meets for its annual 60-day session in February. But before state lawmakers will consider it, 8,500 people must sign petitions saying they'll buy the plates, and a marketing plan must be developed.

Denise Clark, a parent who spurred the Orange County foundation to sponsor the plate drive and helped design the plate, said she's confident of gathering the needed signatures.

Such tags wouldn't bring a windfall for school districts, which have faced state budget cuts and rising enrollment in recent years. Last year, sales of specialty tags raised from as little as \$16,500 (the University of North Florida plate) to almost \$2 million (the Challenger space shuttle plate). The tags cost an extra \$15 to \$25.

The idea of a plate for education has found support in other school districts as well.

"The foundation here is very excited about it," said Sandra Carr, executive director of the Broward County Education Foundation.

"Certainly the climate and timing is right," said Terry Boehm, executive director of the Hillsborough Education Foundation.

Money raised through special education license plate sales in each county would stay in the county, going to non-profit foundations or directly to the school district.

The money could come with some strings attached, Jennings said, preventing it from being used for administrative or non-classroom expenses. But, she said, lawmakers would have to take care "not to get too restrictive."

Any extra dollars are welcome, according to O'Connell.

"We are fighting so hard for money, if the Legislature wants to create a dedicated source of money, it can only help," she said.

More than 40 of Florida's 67 school districts have non-profit foundations, which provide grants for teachers, sponsor recognitions for teachers and students or provide other assistance.

Real 'battle' in Somalia likely to be logistics

By ROBERT BARNES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The battle plan of Operation Restore Hope has little, if anything, to do with combat. The key to this unconventional mission lies in logistics: feeding, for example, the soldiers who will save the starving.

Officers say they don't think there'll be much fighting when the Marines start landing on Somalia's Indian Ocean shore — beginning early Wednesday, Pentagon officials say. The big challenge will be setting up shop and keeping it stocked in a country with almost no modern infrastructure.

"The bottom line is that our biggest challenge could be getting into this underdeveloped country at just one or two chokepoints," said Col. Charlie Coolidge, vice commander of the Air Force's control center for airlift operations to Somalia.

Only two airfields in Somalia are large enough for the biggest U.S. transport planes to land.

"We're going into a very crude infrastructure, and what infrastructure there is has been dilapidated, destroyed," Coolidge said in an interview Monday.

Marine commandant Gen. Carl Mundy said in a CNN interview Monday that the port at Mogadishu can handle the ships bringing supplies. But because of the port's poor condition, he said, "We'll be able to bring them in at a little bit slower rate than we would like to."

Coolidge declined to say when the airlift would begin in earnest, but he said the Air Force had put in place the refueling and crew-change stations it needs.

"We have all the plans in place. We are ready to execute at any moment," he said.

Unlike during the buildup to the war against Iraq, the Pentagon is talking openly about how it plans to enter Somalia. That's mainly because U.S. officials calculate that publicity will encourage the lightly armed Somali gunmen to step aside when U.S. forces land, limiting the chance of any significant gun battles.

In Somalia even the seemingly simple matter of lighting is a problem. There is none at the seaport and airport at Mogadishu, which the U.S. military will be using to bring in tons of food, equipment and other supplies for the Marines and Army soldiers.

Navy officers who briefed reporters at the Pentagon on Monday said Navy Seabee construction specialists were heading for Mogadishu to provide lighting at the port and airfield so cargo planes and ships can unload around the clock.

Coolidge said one C-141 transport plane will be sent to Somali just to provide runway and approach lights, along with air traffic control equipment.

The logistical needs for this mission are not just material. The Army will send over chaplains to attend to the spiritual needs of soldiers unaccustomed to witnessing the deprivation and misery they'll find in Somalia, officers said.

In all, the Navy is planning to send two Seabee battalions, totaling 1,284 men and women, to Somalia to help establish the foundations of a logistic operation — building and repairing roads, extending airstrips and erecting temporary buildings, said the Navy officers.

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Clemency board to hear battered women case

By JACKIE HALLIFAX
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — People who killed relatives — a wife who says she wanted to stop a husband's abuse and a father who says he wanted to end a child's pain — turned today to Gov. Lawton Chiles and the Cabinet for clemency.

A third applicant is a death row inmate who strangled a distant cousin.

The governor and Cabinet were not expected to make any decisions today, only hear testimony. The governor alone has veto power over any clemency request but he needs the votes of three of the six Cabinet members to grant clemency.

Although it's been a year since the governor and Cabinet revised clemency rules to allow for consideration of Battered Women's Syndrome, the new policy was not invoked until today.

Only a couple of other states have adopted similar policies.

"I think it's fairly safe to say that Florida is among the leading states," Mark Schlakman, the governor's aide on clemency cases, said Monday.

But Kimberley Soubielle is the first to use the Florida rules. She's serving a 15-year prison sentence for the 1987 second-degree murder of her husband, Pierre, whom she shot seven times.

A special three-member panel of legal and social service experts determined that she suffered from Battered Women's Syndrome at the time, the Tampa Tribune reported Monday, citing unidentified sources familiar with the case.

However, the state Parole Commission, to whom the panel reports in a confidential recommendation, rejected the panel's finding and ruled there was no "factual confirmation" that Soubielle was battered, the newspaper reported.

The Parole Commission is recommending that Soubielle's plea for clemency be rejected.

Schlakman said Monday the panel report would be submitted to the Clemency Board as well as the Parole Commission's recommendation.

"I don't think any of these cases are going to be pretty or tidy as some may want them to be," Linda Oamundson, director of the Center Against Spouse Abuse in St. Petersburg, told the Tampa Tribune. "This one will tell us if the governor and Cabinet have the political will to come through for us."

To be eligible for clemency under the new state policy, a battered spouse must prove abuse by the partner and show it was linked directly to the crime. Among the evidence considered are medical and police reports stemming from beatings or altercations, testimony from witnesses, and the woman's own story.

Also seeking clemency Tuesday will be Charles Griffith, a Miami Beach man who made headlines in 1989 when he shot his 6-year-old daughter, Joy, as she lay comatose in a hospital bed eight months after a recliner chair accident.

Griffith wants his first-degree murder conviction reduced to second-degree murder and his life sentence cut to a 12-year term, which would equal time served with gain time subtracted.

Griffith's former wife, Rebecca Ramos, was scheduled to testify today in opposition to his request, according to Janet Keels, director of clemency.

In an essay published several weeks ago in The Miami Herald's Sunday magazine, Tropic, Griffith talks about the shooting, life in prison and his hope for clemency.

"If I am granted clemency, it will be God's will," Griffith wrote. "If I am not granted clemency, that will be God's will also. I leave it in His hands. I can handle it either way now, because I know I will see my little girl again someday. God has forgiven me."

He won first prize in a writing contest on the topic of religious experiences.

In the case of Daniel Doyle, the issue is his mental and emotional age. In September, a psychiatrist testified that Doyle, 32, has the mental and emotional age of someone younger than 9.

But assistant state attorney Paul Zacke started his testimony by saying neither the prosecutor nor the victim's family had been treated fairly by aides to Chiles.

The governor immediately suspended the hearing to investigate the complaints.

Doyle is sentenced to death for the 1981 strangulation of Pamela Kipp, a distant cousin, in Broward County. He is serving a life sentence for another murder.

'Cheers' series to end after 11 seasons

By LYNN ELDER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — "Cheers" fans have just six more months to belly up to the bar.

The NBC barroom comedy will air its final episode in May after providing solid ratings for 11 seasons, the show's producers said Monday.

"We are grateful to our loyal viewers over the years, but we feel it's better to end the series too early rather than too late," James Burrows and Glen and Les Charles, who created the show, said in a statement.

They didn't say what would happen in the last episode.

Patrons and employees at the Bull & Finch Pub, the Boston bar on which "Cheers" was modeled, were sorry to see the show go.

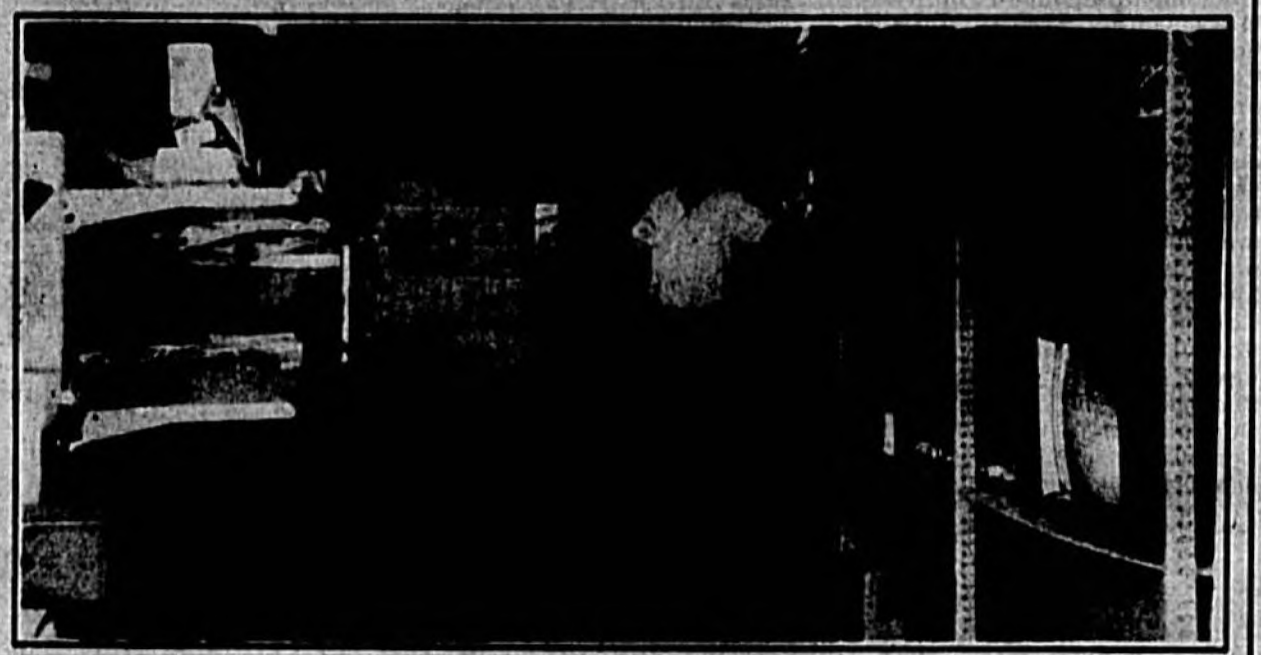
"Wow, I'm disappointed," said Ed Doyle, who has tended bar there for 18 years. "I thought that show could run forever."

"Cheers" turned the Bull & Finch into a tourist attraction that an estimated 850,000 people now visit each year.

"Cheers" is going out at the top. It has continued to rank among the highest-rated shows, drawing viewers into a cloveknit saloon family that never lost its charm.

The show won 26 Emmy Awards and was nominated for 111, more than any other series, according to Paramount Pictures' Television Group.

The production company said the decision to end the show was reached in consultation with the creators and with star Ted Danson.



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The shop, located in the Pinecrest Shopping Center, corner of 17-92 and 27th Street in Sanford, is loaded with items ranging from answering

machines to xylophones. Melanson takes consignment items as well as collateral items on 15-day or 30-day contracts. Pawn items are returned to customers at the end of the contract for a set fee. All items are carefully inspected by Melanson, before they are sold, to make sure they are in good working order. Right now, Melanson has many name brand items in stock, ranging from electronics, exercise equipment, fishing equipment, guitars, golf clubs, used Nintendo games and microwaves.

Melanson currently has a large selection of unclaimed TV's, VCR's, stereo systems, and tools.

Melanson is originally from Montreal, Canada, immigrating to the United States in 1969, and settling in Daytona Beach. Melanson did a three year stint with the U.S. Army, in the military Police CID Division. He then attended Daytona Beach Community College for two years, majoring in business. He has lived in the Orlando area for the past twelve years and opened Best Pawn and Jewelry, Inc., in Sanford, in March 1991.

Melanson invites everyone to come in and browse. Melanson says a lot of people stop in to look and shop when shopping the other stores in the Pinecrest Shopping Center.

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Top left: Twirling was one of the entertainment portions of last night's Holiday in the Park event in Lake Mary. Other entertainment was supplied by the Lake Mary Dance Academy, local Brownie Troops, Soda Pops and Madrigals. Top right: Seminole County Circuit Judge Alan Dickey, right, officiated at the swearing-in ceremony of Lake Mary's new Mayor, Lowry Rockett, shown with his wife, Pat. Bottom left: Lake Mary's new City Commission was formally seated last night. Circuit Judge Alan Dickey, extreme left, shakes hands with City Attorney Ned Julian after completion of swearing-in ceremonies. Left to right, Julian, City Manager John Litton, newly elected seat 1 Commissioner Gary Brender, Commissioner George Duryea, newly elected Mayor Lowry Rockett, newly elected seat 3 Commissioner David Meador, Commissioner A.R. "Doc" Jore, and City Clerk Carol Foster.

Herald Photos by Richard Hopkins



Meeting

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Judge Alan Dickey conducted the ceremonies.

Each of the candidates was accompanied by spouses and members of their immediate families.

Later in the evening, Meador was selected by a unanimous vote of the commission to serve as deputy mayor for the new year.

Prior to the meeting, entertainment opened the program with dancing by students of the Lake Mary Dance Academy at 6:30.

Shortly after 7 p.m., desks were moved onto the stage area, and the members of the city commission took their places to begin the special called meeting.

Outgoing Mayor Randy Morris led the festivities with a special award given to Joan Cannalis, who was described by Morris as "a frequent speaker before the commission who not only scolded them when she thought they were wrong, but complimented them when she believed a proper decision was made." Joan, a regular participant and frequent winner in various special olympic games, received a light for her bike.

Brian Loe, president of the Lake Mary Community Improvement Association, presented several awards. Ois Sjoblom was cited for a lifetime of service to the city in various capacities.

Harvey Pugh was presented a lifetime achievement award. "Mr. Pugh will be 95 years old on Christmas day," Loe explained, "but he was unable to be with us tonight, so his wife, Lola will accept the award."

Mrs. Pugh was also cited for her achievements and given a lifetime membership in the Lake Mary Historical Commission. Kay Sassman, and Arolyn True, two additional long time workers for the city, were also given the lifetime Historical Commission membership.

The formal meeting started with a presentation of the colors by the VFW Color Guard unit, and the singing of the National Anthem by 4 year old Brandon Polley, who gave an almost perfect rendition of the song.

Additional entertainment was supplied by "Soda Pops", from Miriam & Valerie's School of Dance Arts, and the Lake Mary High School "Madrigals."

Late in the evening, a visitor, identified as Santa Claus, arrived from the North Pole and handed out candy and other treats to the many children who attended the function.

Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Director John Holland commented, "This is a great event. I don't think any other city in the Central Florida area could have such great entertainment and a city commission meeting outdoors in a beautiful amphitheater right next to the city hall."

After taking his seat as Mayor, Rockett officiated in the lighting of the city Christmas tree which will remain lit until after the holidays.

In addition to inaugurating the mayor and commissioners, last night's event was also the first use of the city's new lighting and sound system in the Central Park amphitheater.

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Tampa nips visitor

TAMPA — DeCarlo Deveaux scored a career-high 32 points to lead Tampa to a 95-86 victory over Augustana, S.D., late Monday. Tampa (4-1) led 47-39 at halftime and surged to a 25-point lead of 78-51 on Gregg Bott's 3-pointer. Augustana (2-3) got as close as 6, 86-80, on Scott Beckstrand's two free throws. Matt Streff, who along with Rod Brooks finished with 14 points, countered with a pair of free throws and Deveaux made a steal and scoring pass to Bruce McKinney to put Tampa well ahead 90-80 with 2:49 left.

Southern rips North Central

LAKE LAND — Jesse White scored 18 points and had a school record nine steals as Florida Southern whipped North Central 100-62. Florida Southern (3-1) raced to an early lead, closing out the last eight minutes of the first half with a 16-2 run to go up 55-28 at halftime. White's nine steals, two more than the previous record, also helped Florida Southern set a school team record with 25. Reggie Washington put in 13 points and Larry Murphy added 12 points and five steals while Bill Drost pulled down 7 rebounds.

Barry wins inter-city battle

MIAMI SHORES — Anthel Hicks scored 10 points in overtime, leading Barry past St. Thomas 75-70 Monday. Barry (3-1) led by as many as 15 points midway through the first period, but St. Thomas (3-2) closed the gap to trail 31-28 at the half. Hicks scored 22 points and had eight rebounds. Rodriguez had 23 points with five rebounds. Bobby Latham added nine points and 10 rebounds. Darryl Frederick led St. Thomas with 16 points. Aubrey Rose had 12 points and nine rebounds.

Seton Hall overcomes Canes

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Terry Dehere scored nine points in a 19-0 second-half run and No. 7 Seton Hall avoided one of the biggest upsets in Big East history by rallying from a 12-point deficit to defeat Miami 65-56. Seton Hall (5-1, 1-0) held Miami (0-3, 0-1) to one field goal for the final 11:41 and converted 17 of 22 free throws down the stretch in finishing the game with 25-4 run. Miami made only one of its final 16 field goal attempts. Dehere led Seton Hall with 25 and Arturas Karnishovas added 16. Trevor Burton had 16 to top Miami.

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Indian River Community College at Seminole Community College, 7:30 p.m.

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Orlando at DeLand. Junior varsity at 5:30 p.m. with varsity to follow.

Girls' Basketball

Deltona at Lyman. Junior varsity at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow.
St. Cloud at Seminole. Junior varsity at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow.
Winter Park at Lake Mary. Junior varsity at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow.

Girls' Soccer

Lake Howell at Lake Brantley. Junior varsity at 5 p.m. with varsity to follow.
Lake Mary at Lyman. Junior varsity at 5 p.m. with varsity to follow.
Seminole at Orlando. Junior varsity at 5 p.m. with varsity to follow.

Wrestling

Seminole at Apopka. Junior varsity at 8:30 p.m. with varsity to follow.

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Tribe soccer team just misses ending streak

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Oh so close. The Seminole High School boys' soccer team came within a whisker of breaking its 14-game losing streak, but the Leesburg Yellowjackets had enough defense to hold off the Tribe, 2-1, at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium Monday night. "Many times we came real close to tying the game," said Seminole head coach Carlos Merlino. "We made a big change at halftime and took Jon Williams out of goal and he created many scoring opportunities for us to tie the score, but we just could not get the ball in the net. Jason Walraven and Daniel White also had good second half efforts for us."

Leesburg, now 2-1 on the season, took a 2-0 lead in the first half on goals by Rune Ahmann, with 17:53 left in the opening half, and Brent Mauriell, with 7:42 left before intermission. The Tribe closed the gap to 2-1 early in the second stanza as Jimmy Johnson scored on an assist from Richie Bills with 28:35 to go. But Seminole would get no closer in dropping to 0-3 on the season. The home team outshot the Yellowjackets 11-8 and had three corner kicks to only two for Leesburg, but Leesburg goalie Thad Lawrence came up with 10 saves to hold off Seminole. Williams and Steve Humburg shared the goal keeping chores for the Tribe, with Williams

gaining one save in the first half and Humburg coming up with three saves in the final period. The loss dropped Seminole to 0-2 on the season and was the 15th loss over the past two years. "We haven't won since we beat Leesburg in the district finals in 1990," said Merlino. "The kids are putting pressure on themselves to get the monkey off their backs and it is showing in frustration on field. I can't wait to get the monkey off our backs too, but it doesn't look too bright this with Oviedo coming in Wednesday and Lake Mary playing here Friday." "The best chance for a win will probably be at New Smyrna Beach next Monday."



Herald Photo by Richard Hopkins

Seminole Community College men's head basketball coach Bernard Merthie will look to lead his troops to victory against the Indian River Community College Pioneers at home tonight starting at 7:30 p.m.

SCC men look for home win

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — Will the streak end tonight? The Seminole Community College men's basketball team will look to end a losing streak that has reached three games, and eight of its last nine, when it hosts Indian River Community College from Fort Pierce at the Health and Physical Education Center starting at 7:30 p.m. The game will be the final home game for the Raiders before the holiday break next week. The team will finish its pre-holiday

schedule in the Brevard Tournament at Cocoa this Friday and Saturday.

SCC, now 4-8 on the season, will be looking to avenge a tough 95-93 loss suffered at the hands of the Pioneers early last month. The loss was the first of the season for the Raiders. Coach Bernard Merthie is expected to go with a veteran lineup of sophomores Phillip Williams and Lake Mary's Jason Hamelin at guard, leading scorer Troy Bruening and Sanford's Jeff Hall at forward and freshman Mike Burch at center.

County teams get votes in state poll

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — The girls basketball teams from Seminole High School and Lake Mary High school and the boys team from Oviedo High School picked up votes in this week's Florida Sports Writers' Association Prep Basketball Poll. The Tribe held onto eighth place in the class 3A girls poll despite losing two of three games last week. Seminole will have its work cut out for it tonight when they host top

ranked (in 3A) and defending state champion, St. Cloud, at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

The Rams picked up a single vote to become the only county team to receive votes in the Class 4A poll.

The Lions dropped from its No. 1 pre-season state ranking in Class 4A after suffering a 91-64 loss to the new No. 1 ranked team, Miami Senior High School, last Saturday night, but still picked up enough support to hang onto the number seven position in the poll.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL POLL

TALLAHASSEE — Here is the high school state basketball poll for the week ended Dec. 8 as voted on by the Florida Sports Writers' Association with team names followed by records, first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

| BOYS | | GIRLS | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Class 4A | | Class 4A | |
| 1. Miami Senior (12) | 30 129 | 1. Miami Central (5) | 30 122 |
| 2. Miami Northwestern (1) | 4 120 | 2. Miami American | 20 107 |
| 3. Jacksonville Lakes Boyd Anderson | 20 113 | 3. Miami Norland (8) | 21 105 |
| 4. Jacksonville Beach Fletcher | 1-0 89 | 4. Tampa King | 40 78 |
| 5. South Miami | 2-1 56 | 5. Fort Lauderdale Dillard | 20 71 |
| 6. St. Petersburg Boca Ciega | 2-0 55 | 6. (tie) Miami Carol City | 42 60 |
| 7. Oviedo | 2-1 50 | 8. (tie) West Palm Beach Wellington | 40 60 |
| 8. Fort Walton Beach Choctawhatchee | 4-0 48 | 9. Pasco Palmetto | 1-0 27 |
| 9. Orlando Boone | 3-0 34 | 9. Lakeland | 21 25 |
| 10. Jacksonville Terry Parker | 3-0 15 | 10. Brandon | 5-0 19 |

Also receiving votes: Clearwater 12, Sarasota Riverview 11, Miami Carol City 6, Gainesville Buchholz 6, Tallahassee Lincoln 6, Lanana Sanilucas 4, Winter Haven 3, Brandon 1, Fort Walton Beach 1.

| Class 3A | |
|---|---------|
| 1. Tallahassee Rickards (14) | 40 140 |
| 2. Miami Pace | 1-0 125 |
| 3. Gainesville Eastside | 1-0 96 |
| 4. Riviera Beach Suncoast | 0-0 90 |
| 5. Cocoa | 1-0 87 |
| 6. Pensacola Woodham | 4-0 63 |
| 7. Jacksonville Ribault | 1-1 61 |
| 8. (tie) Ft. Lauder. St. Thomas Aquinas | 2-0 55 |
| 9. (tie) Springfield Rutherford | 1-1 35 |
| 10. Barlow | 2-0 22 |

Also receiving votes: Hollywood South Broward 15, Tampa Tech 7, Jacksonville Mandarin 5, Bradenton Southeast 4, Lake Wales 3, Tallahassee Godby 2.

| Class 2A | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1. St. Augustine Nease (12) | 2-0 138 |
| 2. Jacksonville Jackson (2) | 1-0 127 |
| 3. Jacksonville Bolles | 2-0 108 |
| 4. Rockledge | 2-0 87 |
| 5. Quincy Shanks | 0-0 72 |
| 6. Tampa Catholic | 1-1 70 |
| 7. Marianna | 1-0 53 |
| 8. Cross City Dixie County | 2-1 48 |
| 9. DeFuniak Springs Walton | 4-0 29 |
| 10. Gainesville P. K. Yonge | 2-2 16 |

Also receiving votes: Havana 7, Chipley 3, Glen St. Mary Baker County 2.

| Class 1A | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Tampa Bayshore Christian (13) | 3-0 139 |
| 2. Tallahassee FAMU High | 2-0 114 |
| 3. Hollywood Christian (1) | 0-0 108 |
| 4. Malone | 4-0 105 |
| 5. Brandon | 5-0 98 |
| 6. Mayo Lafayette | 2-0 70 |
| 7. Sne ds | 2-0 53 |
| 8. Jacksonville Trinity Christian | 2-0 41 |
| 9. Cotyledon | 2-0 16 |

Also receiving votes: St. Petersburg Boca Ciega 16, Fort Walton Beach 12, Clearwater Countryside 10, Niceville 3, Lake Mary 1.

| Class 3A | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. St. Cloud (12) | 50 130 |
| 2. Jacksonville Ribault | 41 115 |
| 3. Bradenton Southeast | 20 104 |
| 4. Tallahassee Godby | 30 85 |
| 5. Pompano Beach Ely | 0-0 71 |
| 6. Cape Coral Mariner | 5-1 55 |
| 7. Hollywood South Broward | 3-0 54 |
| 8. Sanford Seminole | 5-2 54 |
| 9. Tampa Robinson | 5-0 23 |
| 10. Port St. Lucie | 5-1 18 |

Also receiving votes: Cocoa 17, St. Petersburg Lakewood 11, Punta Gorda Charlotte 3, Deerfield Beach 2, Venita 2.

| Class 2A | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Belle Glade Glades Central (12) | 40 130 |
| 2. Cocoa Beach | 30 113 |
| 3. St. Augustine Nease | 30 99 |
| 4. Jacksonville Bishop Kenny | 5-2 86 |
| 5. Quincy Shanks | 2-0 82 |
| 6. Jacksonville Paxon | 2-0 63 |
| 7. Frostproof | 1-0 44 |
| 8. (tie) Jewettown | 5-2 29 |
| 9. (tie) Keystone Heights | 4-0 29 |
| 10. DeFuniak Springs Walton | 0-0 22 |

Also receiving votes: Jasper Hamilton County 15, Tavares 2, Chipley 1, Sarasota Cardinal Moorey 1.

| Class 1A | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. Bonifay Bethlehem (12) | 50 129 |
| 2. Paxon | 40 116 |
| 3. Laurel Hill | 1-0 92 |
| 4. Bradenton Christian | 1-0 81 |
| 5. Lakeland Christian | 4-0 72 |
| 6. Graceville | 2-0 66 |
| 7. Tallahassee MacJay (1) | 4-2 62 |
| 8. Tallahassee FAMU High | 3-2 46 |
| 9. Quincy Munroe | 4-0 23 |
| 10. Century | 0-0 10 |

Also receiving votes: Fort Lauderdale Christian 9, Hilliard 8, St. Petersburg Catholic 1.

Courier, U.S. hoping to build Davis Cup dynasty

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — The victory over Switzerland in the Davis Cup re-established the United States as the dominant international tennis power. "Hopefully, we will win this thing for the next eight, nine years," said Jim Courier, the world's top-ranked player who finally won a big match for his country Sunday, clinching the cup with a four-set victory over Jakob Hlasek.

The U.S. team recaptured the cup a year after a stunning loss to the French by overwhelming first-time finalist Switzerland. The Americans, whose 1990 victory over Australia was their first since 1982, now have two titles and a runner-up trophy in the last three years and 30 Davis Cup crowns overall, four more than second-place Australia. And the import of their latest triumph runs deep. Having erased the pressure of

playing for the flag, Courier should gain confidence from being a Davis Cup hero, said U.S. team captain Tom Gorman.

"A lot of people are saying how much they wanted Jim to get over the hump," Gorman said. "I think this will make him a more complete tennis player."

Courier won Sunday for just the third time in eight Davis Cup matches. He became rattled by the crowd in his first singles match Friday and lost a five-set marathon to No. 36 Marc Rosset. Rosset also beat top-seeded Courier at the Barcelona Olympics this summer on his way to winning the gold medal.

Courier said playing for a team and not just himself had been too great an encumbrance. "Inside," he said, "I knew it was because I was carrying too much (pressure). ... Nothing means more to me than to be around these bunch of guys and bring the cup back where it belongs. There's

certainly not anything like winning for a team."

Andre Agassi loves it. He continued his brilliant team play with a less-than 90-minute straight-sets clinic of Hlasek on Friday that stretched his Davis Cup winning streak to 10 matches and improved his Davis Cup record to 19-4.

Agassi hasn't lost in Davis Cup since the 1990 finals against Australia, when he pulled out with an injury after splitting sets with Darren Cahill. Before the tournament, Agassi boldly predicted it would take an opponent's best and luckiest day of his life to beat him.

"I think I play well in Davis Cup for one main reason," Agassi said. "There are four days of good practice with the best players in the world. Four days with guys like that and you're at the top of your game." "I'm fortunate to say when I'm at the top of my game, I don't often get beat."

Agassi's singles match against Rosset was canceled after Courier's victory Sunday, making the final score 3-1 in the best-of-5 tournament.

Agassi seems primed to replace John McEnroe, 33, the winningest player in American Davis Cup history, as the team's spiritual leader.

McEnroe, who had indicated this could be his last Davis Cup, avoided all news conference and practiced in closed session once reports surfaced last week that his marriage to actress Tatum O'Neal was in trouble.

But he didn't hide from his teammates. Usually, McEnroe's outbursts are confined to the tennis court, but on Saturday he took them behind closed doors with an emotional, flat-pumping locker room pep talk that ignited teammate Pete Sampras as the Americans overcame a two-sets-to-none deficit to defeat Hlasek and Rosset in doubles.

People

IN BRIEF

Morning out planned at St. Peter's

LAKE MARY — St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 700 Rinehart Rd., has openings for children age 6 months to pre-school in the next session on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Activities are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register your child, call Debi Loe at 321-9408.

Clogging classes set

LAKE MARY — Clogging classes will be offered at the Seminole County YMCA on Thursday nights. A beginners class will be from 7 to 8 p.m. and an intermediate class will follow from 8 to 9 p.m.

The classes are \$25 per 10-week session for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members. The classes will be taught by Jenny Warner of the Dixieland Cloggers.

For more information, call the YMCA at 321-8944 or stop by the YMCA, which is located at 665 Longwood-Lake Mary Rd. in Lake Mary.

Al-Anon group gathers

Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. Call Flora at 349-8576 for more information.

Toastmasters meet at SCC

Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #6581 will meet every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Seminole Community College. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-8264 for more information.

Take off pounds sensibly

Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1807 Sanford Ave., Sanford.

The group now has a private room to weigh people between 6:15 and 8:45 p.m.

Each week a different program on weight loss will be conducted.

For more information about the club, call 323-7582 or 323-1864.

Panic Attack group to meet

Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. at West Lake Hospital, 589 W. State Road 434, Longwood. The support group is for those who are afraid to go out of their house and be active in public.

Overeaters to gather

A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Florida Power and Light, 301 Myrtle Ave., Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0857.

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.

Optimist Club meets weekly

The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at Shoney's on U.S. Highway 17-92. Visitors are welcome.

Hospital hosts Nar-Anon

Nar-Anon, a support group open to families and friends of addicts, meets every Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at West Lake Hospital, 589 W. State Road 434, Longwood. Phone: 260-1800.

Aerobics offered

The City of Sanford Recreation Department offers aerobics classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$3 per class. Instructor is Debbie Black, board certified with over 10 years experience.

Call 320-5897 for more details.

Dancing for seniors

The Over 50 Dance Club dance is held every Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the Deltonians 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

Nar-Anon to meet

Nar-Anon meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at West Lake Hospital, 589 West State Road 434, Longwood. Nar-Anon is a support group open to families and friends of addicts. Daily living with an addict is more turmoil than you can handle by yourself. Join for support in coping with your addict; gain serenity to make decisions and put your life back in focus. Call 260-1900 for more information.



Blue-ribbon winners

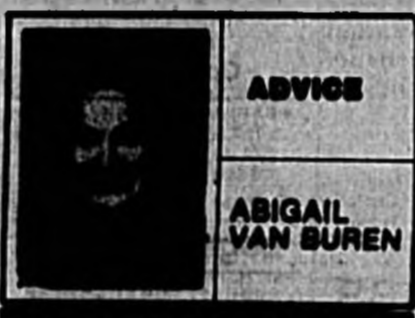
The Sanford Woman's Club held its annual Arts and Crafts festival at the December meeting. First place winners in the contest will be eligible to compete in the district festival. The district winners will go on to state competition next spring. First place winners are (from left), top photo: Roberta Ziltrower, Santa ceramics; Polly Pezold, cross-stitch shirt; Martha Yancoy, topley tree; Rose Terry, Victorian wreath; and Libby Prevatt, tote bag. Lower photo shows (from left): Fran Morton, floral arrangement; Mary Childers, deco hat; Jane Saxon, hand-pieced quilt; Viola Frank, afghan; Tina Joseph, oil painting; Faye Siler, decorated vest; and Martha Stevens, patterned quilt.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent



Committee should examine selves

DEAR ABBY: I am serving on a pastor search committee for my church and have given the job a lot of thought and prayer. A church friend told me that a few years ago you had a wonderful letter in your column concerning the search for a new pastor. If you know which letter I am referring to, will you kindly run it again? I read and enjoy you daily in The Arizona Republic.



ADVICE

ARIGAIL VAN SUREN

J. C. HUMBLED, GLENDALE, ARIZ.
DEAR MR. HUMBLED: I recall the letter. It was submitted by the Rev. C.W. Kirkpatrick, Union Church of Christ, Ludlow, Mass. And here it is:
DEAR ABBY: One of the toughest tasks a church faces is choosing a good minister. A member of an official board undergoing this painful process finally lost patience. He'd watched the pastoral relations committee reject applicant after applicant for some fault, alleged or otherwise. It was time for a bit of soul searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read a letter purporting to be from another applicant.
"Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also have had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a

leader most places I've been. "I'm over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places, I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. "My health is not too good, though I still get a great deal done. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. "I've not gotten along well with religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I baptized. "However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you." The board member looked over the committee. "Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?" The good church folks were aghast. Call an unhealthy, trouble-making absentminded ex-jailbird? Was the board member crazy? Who signed the application? Who has such colossal nerve?

car. "At other times, it has special meanings. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, think UP excuses and get tied UP in traffic.

"To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. It may be confusing, but a drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

desk-sized dictionary, UP takes UP half a page; and the listed definitions add UP to about 40.

"If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways in which UP is used. It may take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a thousand."
FLAINE S. EMBERTON

"We open UP a store in the morning, and close it UP in the evening. We seem to be all mixed UP about UP.

"In order to be UP on the proper use of UP, look UP the word in the dictionary. In one

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BLONDIE by Chic Young

MAY I BORROW DASWOOD'S COFFLESS DRILL?
DO IT, HERE, NOT WITHOUT DASWOOD'S PERMISSION.

BUT I ONLY NEED IT FOR A FEW MINUTES.

ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES? PLEASE... JUST FOR A FEW MINUTES?

SEE, YOU'RE MUCH MORE STRICT THAN DASWOOD.

BETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

THE MEN ARE GOING ON A 10-MILE HIKE, COOKIE. SERVE THEM SOMETHING THAT WILL PUT A SPRING IN THEIR STEP.

A COUPLE OF HIS MEATBALLS IN EACH SHOE SHOULD DO THE TRICK.

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

NOW, MR. THORNAPPLE, JUST WHAT SEEMS TO BE CAUSING YOU TO HAVE THESE FEELINGS OF INSECURITY AND IMPENDING DOOM?

"LOV' AHEAD, BURNED LINE."

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

DID BEETHOVEN EVER PLAY "JINGLE BELLS"?

HE PROBABLY THOUGHT HE WAS TOO GOOD TO PLAY "JINGLE BELLS".

BONK!

IF I HAD BEEN THERE, I WOULD HAVE SAID "HEY, LUDWIG, PLAY 'JINGLE BELLS'!"

EEK & MEEK by Howie Schneider

CAN YOU BREAK A QUARTER?

IT'S TOO EARLY IN THE WEEK...

TRY ME ON FRIDAY, SPORT.

TUMBLEWEEDS by T.K. Ryan

I'M LEAVING YOU 'CAUSE I'M A CHAMP, DEPUTY!

NOT DEBIL!

BE READY AND ALERT SHOULD ANY OUTLAW RIDE INTO TOWN!

DON'T WORRY, CHIEF!

THEY'LL BE THINKING I'M A FEW FEET BETTER.

STALE!

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

I HAVE AN IDEA!

FOR CHRISTMAS, LET'S GET A NEW DISHWASHER FROM EACH OTHER!

HEY, DAD! LET'S YOU AND ME GET EACH OTHER A "JETSKI"!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

BOOKS

HERE NOW! MADONNA'S NEWEST BOOK!

I'M SURPRISED SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT A POP-UP BOOK!

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

POOR JON...

OUTSIDE... WITH NO UMBRELLA...

BAM! BAM! BAM!

AND THE POORS AND WINDOWS ALL LOCKED.

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

"Now invert and pull on ball to reveal your beautiful original smug."

I SENSED YOU WERE IN TROUBLE WHEN YOU BROKE OUT THE ELMERS' GIVE-ALL.

SHUT UP.

Biliary cirrhosis is not alcohol-related

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss biliary cirrhosis, a relatively rare liver disorder that isn't caused by alcohol use, but which definitely causes abnormal liver test results. Is there a research program that studies this disorder?

DEAR READER: Biliary cirrhosis, a serious disease of unknown cause, is marked by low-grade inflammation of the bile ducts (that drain bile out of the liver), leading to extensive scarring. The condition is usually diagnosed by liver biopsy. Many experts believe that biliary cirrhosis is an auto-immune disorder. Several medical centers are conducting research into this puzzling affliction, which is not related to hepatitis or alcohol consumption.

The course of biliary cirrhosis varies. Some patients may not know they have it and can lead normal lives. However, most patients sooner or later are discovered to have the disorder (usually because of jaundice) and experience slow progression of liver disease.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 13-year-old boy and am seriously nearsighted. I got my first glasses in 1988 and now have thicker ones. It appears my vision is getting worse rapidly. Is there a name for this condition, and can you please tell me what to do?

DEAR READER: You have myopia: nearsightedness. This can be safely corrected with lenses. Your eye doctor can advise you about what to expect in the future. Ordinarily, myopia improves with age as our eyes become less able to focus on close-up objects.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can prednisone cause severe depression, especially if combined with another steroid in an inhaler, and hypertensive medication?

DEAR READER: Prednisone is not a drug that causes depression. It can, however, cause agitation and confusion in rare instances. Medicine for hypertension is a much more likely culprit.

MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

ACROSS

- Japanese
- Start out
- Uninteresting (sl.)
- Gene from home
- Cry of pain
- Long ago
- Call. time
- Pope's name
- Not
- Try opening
- Unusually
- Gravel ridge
- Container
- Sleep lightly
- Norman
- Vincent
- Hedge plants
- Cincinnati
- Ball club
- Over (foot.)
- Heard
- Savings
- Stealing mishap
- Papa

DOWN

- Fumbler's exclamation
- Sculptured piece
- Leaves
- Beaver
- Delour
- around
- St. Roman
- Constellation
- Stuffy
- Name in print
- Amount
- carried
- Seed
- covering
- Actress
- Lamar
- Cuts (down)
- Blood parts
- Finish first name
- Group of two
- Entertainer
- McEntire
- Was indebted to
- Slight hollow
- First-rate
- 2 wds.
- Producer
- Norman
- Energy units
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WIN AT BRIDGE

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When dummy is tabled, you see that six diamonds is a great contract. Your four-spade bid was wrong. But there you are: you must try to make it.

There seem to be no dangers. You can ruff the second club, draw trumps and run the diamonds. But a good player always looks for dangers. What if the trumps are breaking badly?

The safer play is to discard a heart from hand at trick two. If West continues with a third club, you can ruff it in the dummy. If he returns anything else, you win, draw trumps and claim an overtrick.

A 5-1 spade break will occur 14.5 percent of the time, so why not allow for it when you can?

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| NORTH ♠-♠-♠ | | EAST ♠-♠-♠ | |
| ♠ 7 6 | ♠ 8 7 | ♠ 8 7 6 5 4 | ♠ 8 7 6 5 4 |
| ♥ A Q J 8 7 | ♥ A Q 8 6 5 | ♥ A K J 10 | ♥ A 8 6 |
| ♦ A Q 8 6 5 | ♦ A Q 8 6 5 | ♦ A K J 7 6 | ♦ A 8 6 5 |
| ♣ K J 10 9 8 | ♣ A 8 6 5 4 | ♣ A 8 6 5 4 | ♣ A 8 6 5 4 |

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

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| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass |
| 3 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♠ J

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By Bernice Bode Oost

YOUR BIRTHDAY
Dec. 8, 1992

In the year ahead you might enter into an extremely important partnership arrangement. It will be for a specific purpose and with a person older and/or more experienced than you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Where serious issues are concerned today both you and your mate must not attempt to override or veto the other's suggestions. Each must be allowed his or her input. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Sagittarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Handle your fair share of family responsibilities today, but make sure that other members of the household do what is expected of them. Each has a role to play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might be wise to avoid social involvements today that include a person you've recently argued with. This situation is not totally resolved as of now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to advance your personal interests today, there's a chance you could offend an associate in the process, a person who does not readily forgive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Timing is extremely important today, and if you don't know when to stop selling, you could lose the sale. Once your prospect is convinced, it is time to stop the pitch.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be fairly good at being able to put deals together for others today, but when it comes to stringing your own beads, you could fall short.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In an important partnership arrangement do not make any moves or decisions today without first consulting your cohort. There's a chance you and he or she may be aiming at different targets.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be wary of tendencies today to do things the hard way. In the long run, it's better to look for shortcuts, rather than impractical detours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to become too involved today with an associate who is a dictatorial know-it-all. There is a chance that an argument could ensue over something rather insignificant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're capable of great achievements today, but you might not know how to properly capitalize on your accomplishments. Have a plan that covers both victory and rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might find yourself in an awkward position today where you have to make a decision affecting two friends with two different viewpoints. Don't be biased.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't involve yourself in joint ventures today with people who are not capable of making contributions equal to yours. In order for your idea to succeed, there must be parity.

ANNIE by Leonard Starr

"I GAVE SANDY SOME O' DEBATS 'CAUSE HE FORGOT IT?"

YES... NOT SANDY? THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU'VE BEEN STRAINING...

IT ACTUALLY SEEMS 'TIE SANDY' HIM GARY...

MAYBE IT WAS MAKIN' HIM INTO SOMETHIN' HE DIDN'T WANT 'TIE ANYMORE...

"...CAUSE HE WAS FORGOTTIN' IT? WHAT HE WAS?"

WELL... CAN'T SAY AS I BLAME HIM, BUT...