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And the winner is?...The Rams

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary girl's volleyball team claimed the first Seminole Athletic Conference crown of the new school year by sweeping away Oviedo Tuesday night. See Page 2B

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Cook of the Week

Our Cook of the Week is a busy lady trucker who whips up a great-tasting "Saturday Night Special" that's ready in just 30 minutes. See Page 4B

BRIEFS

McDonough joins Sheriff's office

SANFORD — Ed McDonough has joined the Seminole County Sheriff's department as public information officer. He replaces George Proechel who is joining the Seminole County School District as public safety officer.

McDonough, 47, formerly served as news reporter and anchor at WESH Television from January 1972 until March, 1988. Since that time, he has been a media consultant working for various types of Central Florida businesses in producing TV commercials and videos.

Business After Hours

The Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce is holding a Business After Hours mixer tomorrow, Oct. 14, beginning at 5 p.m., at Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for guests. All chamber members, their guests and persons interested in joining the chamber are invited to attend. The event is sponsored by Holiday Inn — Altamonte Springs.

Friday, the chamber will hold a membership luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m., at Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, with Richard A. Nunis, chairman of Walt Disney World Attractions as special guest. The topic will be Business/Community partnerships. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests. The event is sponsored by Barnett Bank of Central Florida.

Association plans fundraiser

SANFORD — The Westside Community Association will meet tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the West Sanford Boys & Girls Club, 919 Perkinson Ave., Sanford, to finalize plans for its Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23.

The association will offer tables for rent, at the empty lot of 13th Street and Lake Avenue, at a cost of \$10 each to anyone interested in selling garage sale items.

All business owners, pastors and concerned citizens in the Goldsboro community are invited to attend the meeting.

Ribbon cuttings

SANFORD — The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce will hold two ribbon cuttings tomorrow, Oct. 14, at 11:30 a.m., the event will take place at Kevin Lock & Safe, 169 N. Country Club Rd. At 1:30 p.m., a ribbon cutting will be held at All Purpose Insurance, 2504 French Ave.

Special meeting called

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary City Commission will hold a special called meeting this Thursday night, Oct. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. Only one subject is listed on the agenda, a review of landscape plans for Lake Mary Boulevard.

"We've had several complaints and suggestions regarding the placement of some of the plants and shrubs along the boulevard," said Parks and Recreation Director John Holland. "In some cases, people say it is interfering with line-of-sight for signs, or other problems."

The special commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.

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Low 80s today



Mostly sunny. High in the lower 80s. Light wind becoming northeast 5 to 10 mph.

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'Projects' to condos?

City explores selling public housing units

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

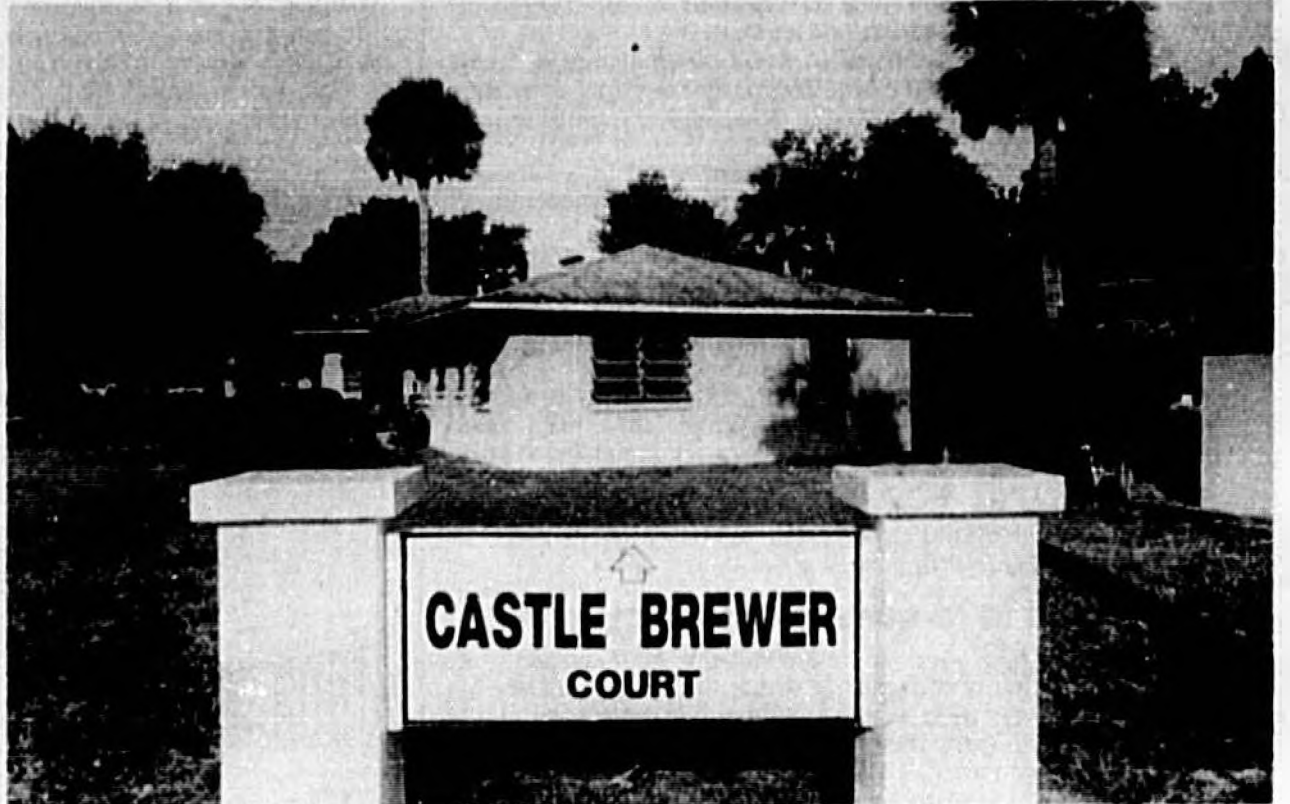
SANFORD — Should people living in housing projects be allowed to purchase their residence? The question is only under investigation but is already drawing objections.

At the Sept. 27 meeting of the Sanford City Commission, Commissioner Whitley Eckstein asked if the city would agree to send a letter to Housing and Urban Development, HUD, inquiring if any methods might be available which would allow people in the developments to purchase their homes.

"I believe if some financial help would be available to allow them to purchase their own dwellings," he said, "they would take more pride"

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Castle Brewer Court is one of several public housing projects in Sanford where over 475 units

could be sold for private residences. The city has asked for input from tenants.

Garbage truck burns



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Five Seminole County fire units responded to this Sanford garbage truck fire on Georgia Avenue yesterday at about 3:30 p.m. Diesel fuel leaked, requiring mop-up duties from the Hazardous Materials Team and a dam to

assure no fuel spilled into the storm drain. The truck was unloaded into the street to aid fire suppression. No cause for the fire was established by this morning.

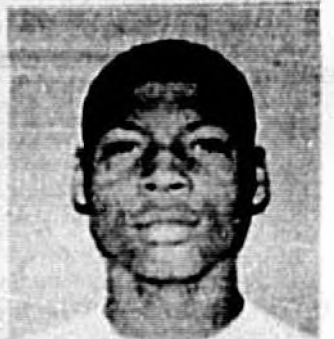
Testimony in murder a lie?

Defense attorney: dismiss indictment

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The attorney for a teen charged with first degree murder filed a motion to dismiss the indictment Tuesday claiming some of the testimony before the grand jury was a lie.

Attorney Gary Andersen represents Terrance Jeffery Brooks, 15, who was indicted in February by a Seminole County grand jury for first degree felony murder and attempted robbery with a firearm. Brooks and co-defendant Benjamin Junior Scott, 14, were charged with



Terrance Brooks

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School psychologists file complaint

By VICKI DESORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — School psychologists, through the Seminole Education Association, have filed a complaint with the Public

Employee Relations Commission, charging the school district with intimidation of employees.

The psychologists, many of whom refused to follow new district guidelines for placement of special needs children, said their superiors

reprimanded them and attempted to intimidate them into adhering to the new policy which they contend is unfair to many students.

Last year, the district instituted the new guidelines which set revised standards for which students

would be accepted into special education programs.

The district's reason for changing the standards, they said, was that many students who had previously been placed in special programs

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After 11 years, county approves development

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — After 11 years, Margaret Cammack has finally received approval from the county to develop one-acre homesites on her 351 acres near Lake Harney.

Voting unanimously, Seminole County commissioners gave preliminary approval to build up to 267 homes on the property in a subdivision known as "St. Johns Yacht and Country Club." The final number could be as few as 208 homes, depending on a final wetlands plan.

"Thank you very much," said a pleased Cammack after hearing the vote. "I can't believe that," she added outside the commission chambers.

Cammack has sought to develop the property since it was first established for five-acre homesites in 1982, when the development was known as the "Savannas."

In 1984, Cammack sought an unofficial county review of the proposal, which was substantially opposed by county staff. When the county refused her request for two central wells on the property to

serve the homes, she sued and won a court order in 1985 forcing the county to issue the well permits.

During the subsequent years, staff continued to oppose development of the property because of wetland areas there.

Tuesday, Cammack agreed to submit a wetlands mitigation plan to satisfy the county, St. Johns River Water Management District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Cammack said she believed much of the wetlands were artificially created when the Florida Department of Transportation built a ditch through the property to drain State Road 46. When the drainage scheme is constructed, the wetlands will dry, leaving more lots for development, Cammack said.

Commissioners agreed to leave the final wetlands impact decision for the final plat approval.

Commissioners also agreed to allow Cammack to serve the development with water from either the Lake Harney Water Association or her approved wells. Cammack agreed to develop the property on phases so central water will be provided at all times to subdivision residents.

County's newest commissioner



Herald Photo by Michael Sledzinski

Carlton Henley, left, Seminole County's newest county commissioner, is sworn in to office Tuesday by Circuit Judge Newman Brock. Henley, the long-time principal of Lyman High School, was appointed to office two weeks ago by Gov. Lawton Chiles to replace the late Bob Sturm.

POLICE BRIEFS

Murder suspect arrested

Sheriff's deputies have arrested Richard Jerome Mims, 25, of 3103 East Street, Oviedo, in connection with the shooting death Sunday night of Anthony Brooks, 28, of 3072 Weston Street in the Jamestown area of Oviedo. Brooks was pronounced dead on arrival at Orlando Regional Medical Center after being airlifted from Oviedo. The arrest report said Mims, in a sworn statement, stated he "did discharge a 22 caliber pistol two or three times into the person of Anthony Brooks."

Mims has been charged with murder/homicide.

Burglary suspects nabbed

Sanford police arrested Eugene Lidy Michaels, 25, of 1705 W. 9th Street, and Mark Daniel Evans, 28, who's address was not listed, in connection with a burglary early this month at a fish market on Sanford Avenue. Police said \$56 in currency and a shotgun were taken during the break-in.

According to the arrest report, Michaels told deputies they had spent the money, "purchasing crack cocaine and beer, and sold the shotgun to another man."

The two were arrested Monday, and each has been charged with armed burglary and grand theft.

Child battery

Sanford police arrested Alberto Isabel Sanchez, 25, of E. Airport Blvd., on Monday. The arrest came following an investigation into a report that he had sexually abused a 9-year old girl on three separate occasions. He has been charged with sexual battery to a juvenile under age 12.

Speed stop

Lake Mary police arrested Buthaina Conlet, 31, of Altamonte Springs, as the result of a speeding stop in Interstate-4 Monday. Police said she was clocked at 77 miles per hour in a 65 mile per hour zone. She was charged with speeding, and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Warrants served

● Angela Marie Little, 27, 1819 S. Summerlin Ave., Sanford was served a warrant at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Monday. She was wanted for violation of parole on a previous conviction of grand theft.

● James Wesley Luce, 27, 581 Vihlen Road, was served a warrant by sheriff's deputies at his residence Monday. He was wanted for obtaining property with a worthless check.

Incidents reported to Sanford police

● A burglary to a conveyance was reported Monday in the 2000 block of S. French Avenue. Police said a car stereo system was stolen.

● A burglary was reported Monday in the 100 block of Wildwood Drive in Sanford. Police reported a garage was entered. Items missing included a purple woman's 10-speed bike, a man's 10-speed bike, a white helmet, and a gray child's seat with a total value of \$310.

● A business burglary was reported Monday in the 600 block of Celery Avenue. Police said someone cut through a chain link fence then broke into the door of a building. No listing of property which may have been taken has been issued.

● A Casseberry man reported that an unknown object struck his airplane Monday, while he was flying near the Central Florida Regional Airport in Sanford. The man said the right wing of his aircraft was scratched, and he believes the object may have been a bullet.

Petit theft

Casseberry police arrested Tina Sue Smith, 31, of 247 Lake Mary Drive, Lake Mary, on S.R. 430 Saturday. Police said she had attempted to leave a store without paying for a number of cosmetic items and a jar of cocktail sauce. She was charged with petit theft/retail.

Pest control company cited for improper treatment

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Pro-Tek Services of Central Florida, in Longwood, is one of 14 pest control companies cited for improper termite treatment. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford made the announcement yesterday.

The action suits filed are for inadequate termite control treatments, a violation that could leave houses vulnerable to serious termite damage.

In administrative complaints filed this month, Crawford charged that the companies applied substantially less than label rates of termiticides to soil at construction sites for pre-treatment of subterranean termites, in violation of Florida law.

"In Florida," he explained, "termites can inflict significant structural damage in a relatively short time. This makes it especially important that pre-treatment for subterranean termites is done properly to protect the house-buyer's investment."

The suits were filed following a sting operation conducted in Broward County which revealed that many pest control

applicators were applying much less than the appropriate amounts at construction sites.

In one incident, only three percent of the labeled rate was used and numerous other applicators applied less than half the appropriate amount of termiticide, according to complaints.

"A house is a major, long-term investment, which must be protected through proper termite control," Crawford said. "But since treatment is done early in the construction process, a buyer must depend on the honesty and competence of the applicator and pest control company."

He continued, "We are working to ensure that all pest control applications are made in compliance with product labels and the appropriate regulations."

Violation of the Structural Pest Control Law is a second-degree misdemeanor, with penalties ranging from revocation of a business or applicator's license, to fines of up to \$5,000 per violation.

In addition to Pro-Tek Services of Central Florida, other area companies cited include Connor's Pest Control, Inc., of Casseberry. All others are in coastal major cities.

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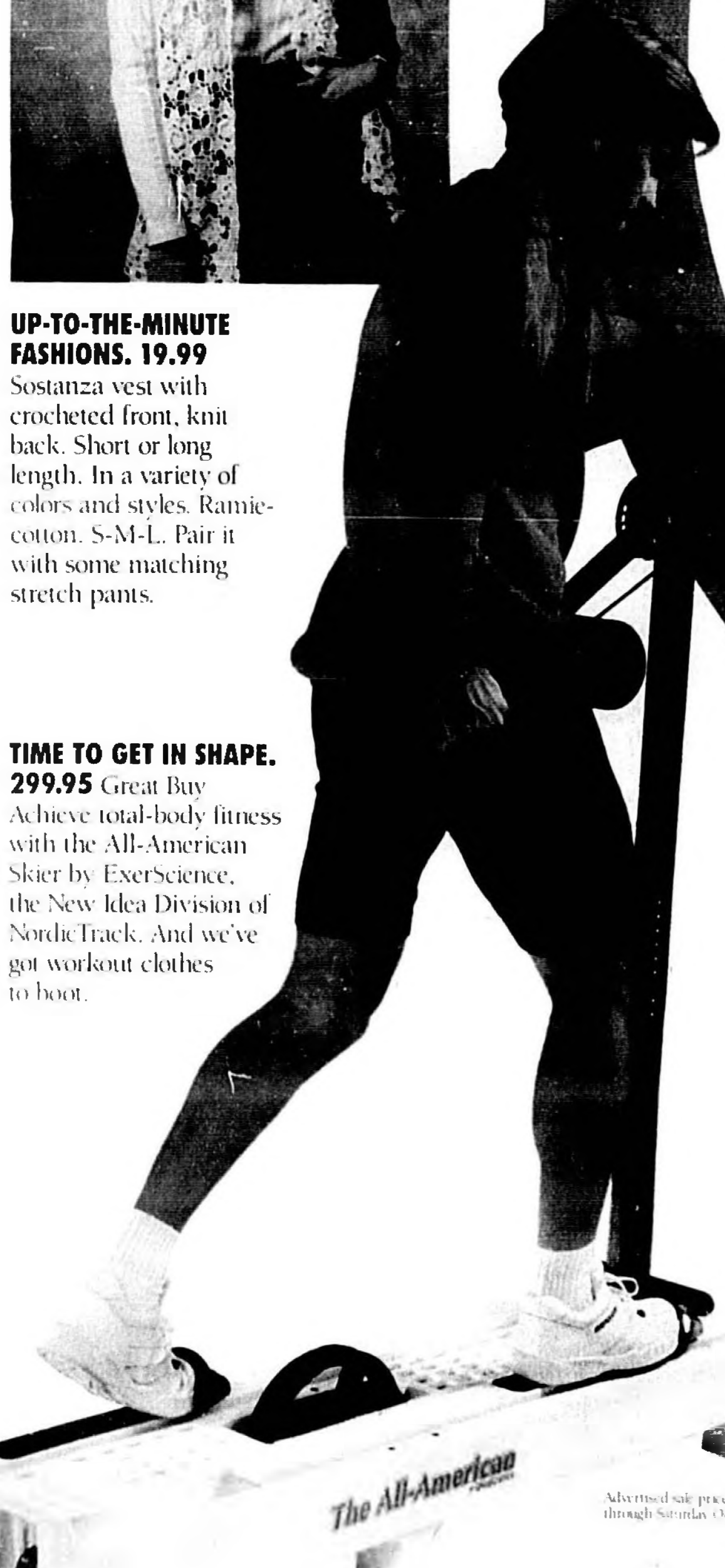


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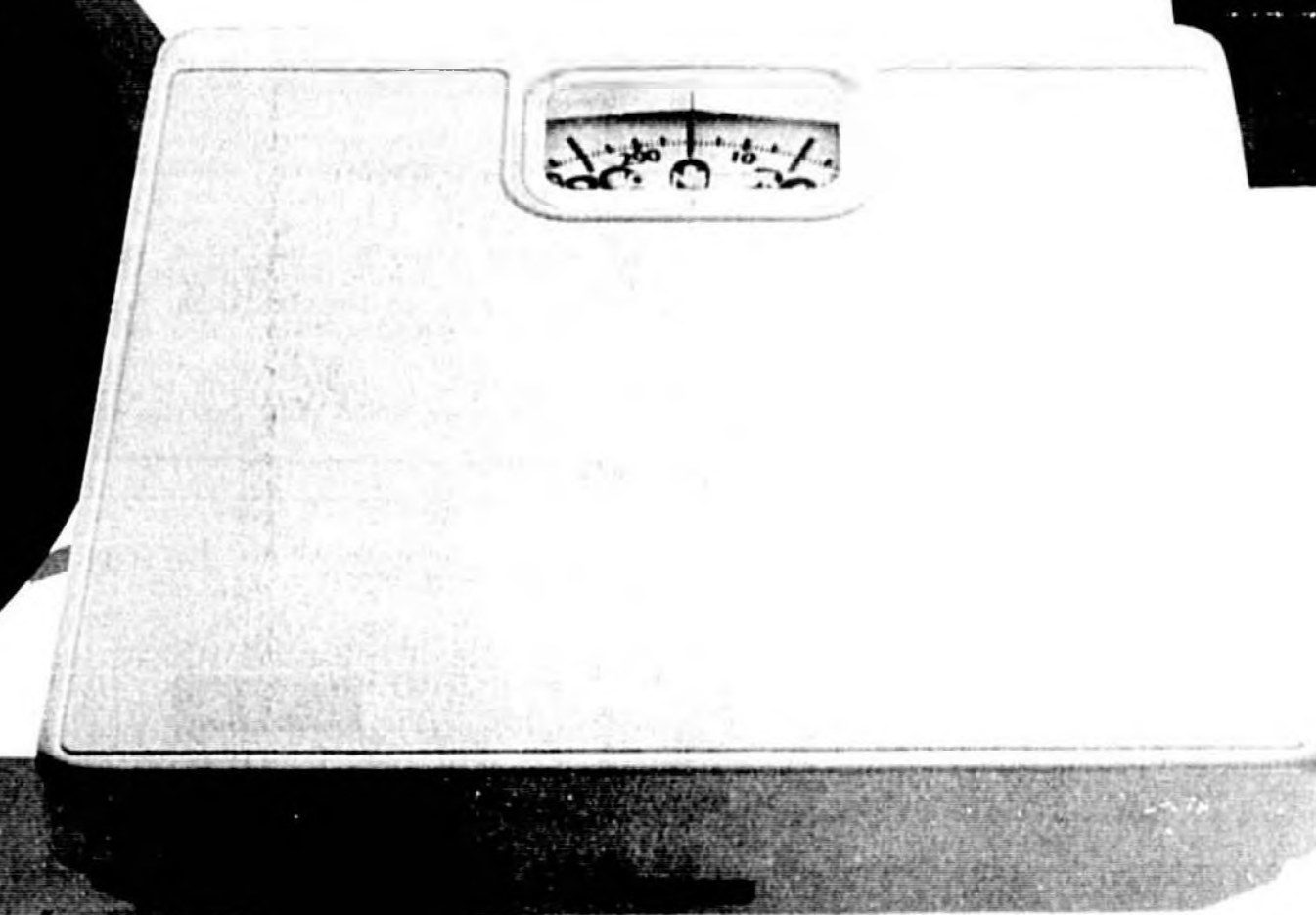
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EDITORIALS

Public housing: Rent or buy?

Would people renting in Sanford's public housing areas like to buy their residences? The Sanford City Commission has requested input from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, on what sources, or funds, may be available to assist them.

The idea was prompted by City Commissioner Whitely Eckstein, who said he had found a number of cities where public housing was sold at low costs, resulting in a marked improvement in upkeep and pride of ownership.

Eckstein's proposal however, has drawn serious concern. Some people who live in the developments, believe offering the homes for sale would force them to move if they could not afford to make a purchase.

The City Commission has publicly commented that this is not the intention. The present goal is to seek input and/or suggestions from HUD on what may be available in the form of financial assistance. Only if such assistance is available, and only if sales of public housing developments is deemed practical, will the matter be pursued.

Even if it is, no one has suggested any person be forced out of his or her home if they chose not to buy it.

The commission has also commented that officials of housing developments would not lose their jobs. Eckstein had opined, "Even if some of the facilities were sold, they are still going to need building managers."

The question which must be considered is: "If the price was low enough to purchase a residence, can the buyer afford the upkeep?"

Although Eckstein has met with some of the Housing Authority leaders, more input is needed on any future decisions will be based on what the majority of the people want.

We suggest persons presently living in the various public housing areas write to City Manager Bill Simmons, and express their feelings on whether or not they would buy their residence if it as well as maintenance is affordable.

If current renters will voice their opinions through a letter-writing campaign, it could be a big help in determining whether or not the matter will be pursued further by the city.

We caution residents to avoid outside influences from persons who may want the developments to remain strictly on a rental basis. The city is not looking for any mass petition. It is seeking individual input.

The proposal does not deal with forcing anyone out of their home. It is strictly a matter of, would you buy if the price was low, and would you be able to afford upkeep.

BEN WATTENBERG

Janet Reno and The Mommy Party

Someone in prison is not going to shoot a 4-year-old girl in Washington. Or blast tourists in Florida. Someone in prison will not kill Michael Jordan's father in North Carolina. Or pistol-whip and gun down Asian-American merchants, also in Washington. All those crimes, the ones that have horrified and scared America, were committed by thugs and predators who were already within the criminal justice system, and who should have been in prison, but alighted out, legally.

Will we do something about it, finally? Who will do it? Attorney General Janet Reno? President Clinton? The Republicans?

Don't count on Reno. Examining a bundle of her speeches and interviews explains why a recent caller on a C-Span talk show from her hometown of Miami called her "Root Causes Reno."

While Americans are afraid to walk around the corner, the AG wants to chat endlessly about theories of child development and their link to our problems. She is fascinated that "50 percent of all learned human response is learned in the first year of life. But there are too many of those 1-year-olds that have no rights, no law, no structure, no fabric whatsoever." And that, "0 to 3 is the most formative range of life, because it's during that time that you develop a conscience." Occasionally touching on crime, Reno puts

forth an interesting view of prisons. Yes, she says, career criminals should spend more time locked up, because they only serve 20 percent to 30 percent of their sentences. But our prisons are overcrowded, and, too bad, there is no space for them. But, she says, we don't have to build more prisons. Because so much prison space, 40 percent, is taken up by "non-violent drug offenders."

Who, she says, should be offered release after serving 10 percent of their sentence, and then be treated, rehabilitated, detoxed, job-trained, job-placed, after-care, followed-up, random drug-tested and put in "residential non-secure" places, where they will be watched over and certified by public officials who feel their pain. That would yield



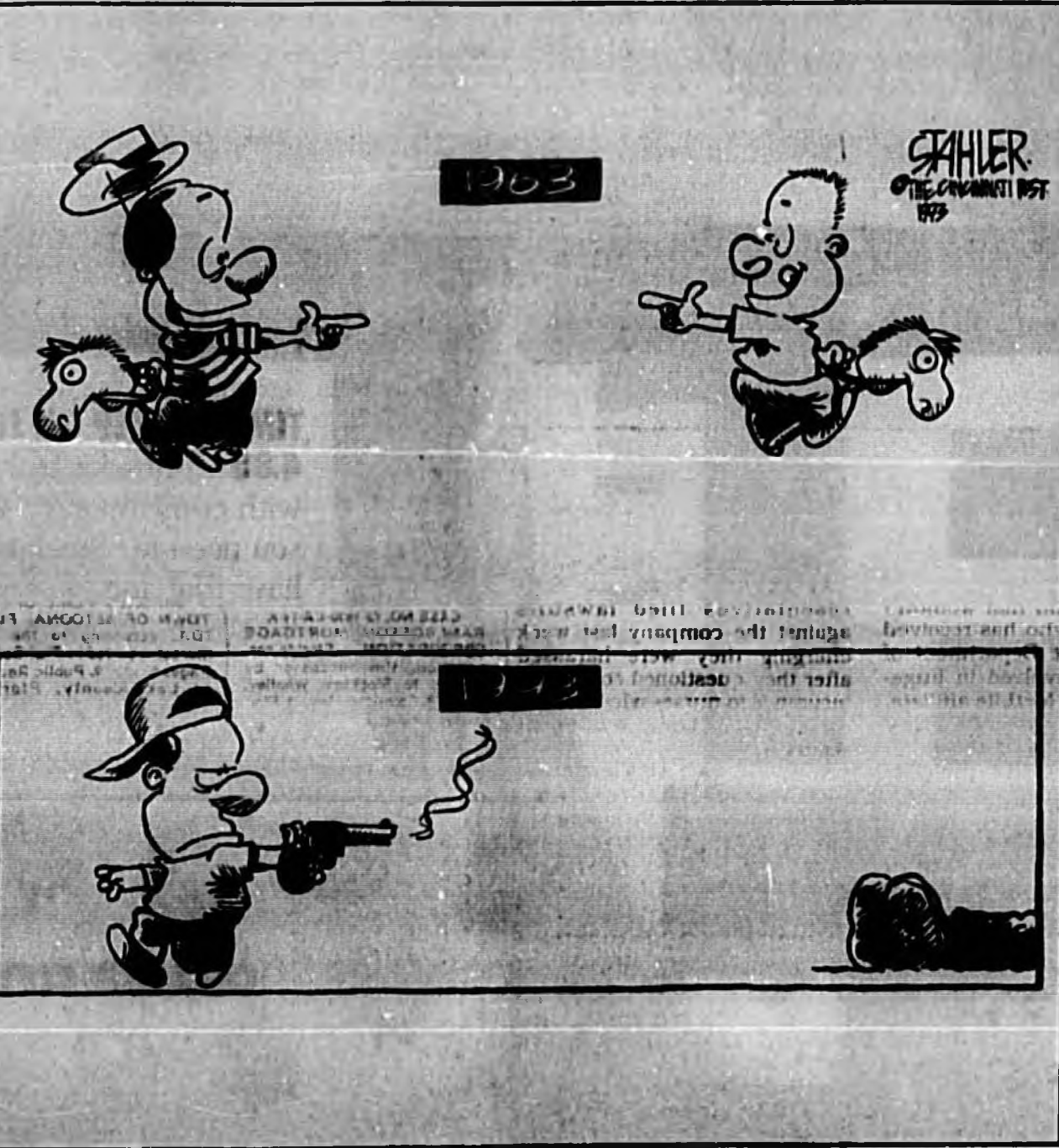
Don't count on Reno.

space for the really bad boys. (One remembers why columnist Chris Matthews calls Democrats "The Mommy Party.")

But most serious students of crime believe that "non-violent drug offender" is a world-class oxymoron. Non-violent folks who pay the drug trade are typically very dead very soon. And only 7 percent of prisoners in America are non-violent non-repeaters. Most of the rest are burglars and drug traffickers.

What about President Clinton? He seems to buy Reno's menu of an ounce of prevention, hold the punishment. Listen to his speeches. He makes the case that gun control is a big deal. I'm for it - but it isn't. We already have 200 million firearms in America, and a five-day waiting period for new ones won't change that. Clinton also likes "community policing," and "boot camps," which are good, but limited, ideas.

But he remains mute regarding more prisons, those secure non-residential places from which criminals cannot murder, mug or maraud. Clinton's announcement of a crime package in August did not mention more prison space. Justice Department officials said don't worry. It will be in our bill. Now we are told there will be no official administration proposal, and the House bill that Clinton is backing has no provision for more prisons. Why not? Because, House sources say, Janet Reno didn't want it!



ELLEN GOODMAN

Change because Harris couldn't take another joke

BOSTON — It isn't often the Supreme Court gets to rule on the law's sense of humor. Then again, it isn't often the court gets to hear an act quite like the one Charles Hardy performed regularly at Forklift Systems Inc.

This morning (Oct. 13), the highlights of this stand-up comedian's routine will come before the nine justices. They will be treated to some of the one-liners he used on his employee Teresa Harris:

"Let's go to the Holiday Inn and negotiate your raise."

"Don't wear a bikini because your ass is so big. If you did there would be an eclipse and nobody could get any sun."

"I have a quarter way down there, would you get it out of my (front) pocket?"

"You're just a dumb-ass woman."

If the justices find Mr. Hardy lacking in wit, well, so did Teresa Harris. The Nashville woman found him demeaning, humiliating, infuriating. But with

two kids to support and a \$40,000-a-year job at stake, Harris didn't want to be driven out.

"I tried to let it roll off my back," Harris recalled over the phone. When that didn't work, she tried confronting him. The end came when she won a new account, and he said: "What did you do, promise the guy...some 'bugger Saturday night?'" Some kidding.

At that point, Harris quit. She went to court to pin another label on her boss' humor. She called it harassment. Sexual harassment. The case carrying her name asks the justices to agree.

The law in this area is still new. So far, the court has ruled that there are two kinds of sexual harassment. One is the quid pro quo kind: sleep with me or you'll get fired. The other is the kind Teresa Harris describes at Forklift: conduct that makes a "sexually hostile" workplace.

But the highest court has not yet defined that conduct. The justices have only said that it must be "sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of (the victim's) employment and create an abusive working environment."

Indeed, a lower court magistrate ruled that the Forklift Jokerster wasn't offensive enough to make this sexual harassment. He wrote: "This is a close case, but Charles Hardy's comments cannot be classified as much more than annoying and insensitive."

In addition, the magistrate ruled, Teresa Harris wasn't devastated enough to claim harassment. Her ability to function in that workplace became proof that it wasn't severely hostile. She hadn't shown "serious psychological injury."

This is where the law is up for grabs. Three circuit courts have ruled that a woman must prove she's been psychologically injured — make that devastated — before she can claim harassment. Three others have ruled that she only has to prove that a reasonable person would find the conduct offensive or unwelcome.

Now it's up to the justices Supreme Court to resolve the issue. As Judith Lichtman of the Women's Legal Defense Fund phrases the question before the court, "How bad does bad have to be before it's bad enough? And who decides?"

If Charles Hardy is merely an insensitive man, then Teresa Harris is merely a hypersensitive woman, and other women should grin and bear it.

LETTERS

Disappointed in new neighbors

Editors note: The "Commission" referred to in the following letter is Planning and Zoning, not the Sanford City Commission.

First time homeowners are supposed to experience feelings of triumph not turbulence, are they not? (Not to say that things may take a while longer than expected at least where mortgage companies are concerned.) The problems encountered by my co-owner and I were brought forth by our neighbors. See, we decided to purchase a house built in the early twenties, in Sanford, located within the historic district. The spot is a truly beautiful one, with very old, enormous oak trees surrounding the property. Everything suited us; the house, the neighborhood and the location. We were anxious to meet the people on our street and to find out about the history of our new, older home. We had no idea of what we were going to be faced with three months after we finally moved into our house.

None of our neighbors came by to welcome us to the neighborhood—their neighborhood. The days of lending a hand to newcomers were obviously long gone! We would have never even known what a huge disturbance we had caused to our neighbors and to the residents blocks and blocks away. We only found out through our fence company which was employed to install a six-foot high chain link fence on the front of our property and a six foot high privacy fence on the back of our property. The latter was not the problem. A phone call came one evening from our fence man stating that some of our neighbors may be a little upset about our fence, due to the height of it. He also mentioned that one neighbor, in particular, had been photographing our fence. What was going on here? Just because this individual clearly did not like our choice in fencing what could he do about it?

Complain, and loudly, for we received a summons from the City of Sanford to consider an exemption of a six-foot high chain link fence. We were to attend a meeting at City Hall with the board members in less than one week upon

receiving this letter! My co-owner and I were quite confused. We had hired a reputable fence company and everything was legal, i.e. our fence and the location of it.

Slowly, we began to find out which neighbors were affected by our "eyesore" fence. Not that any of them spoke directly to us, please understand. Only when confronted did one woman state: "Well, honestly...your fence looks like a prison to one walking up to your house." After all, these residents only had in their interests to beautify this historical neighborhood, no matter what the costs were to someone else. Much worrying was indeed communicated between my partner and I. Why were our neighbors doing this?

The night came for us to speak at City Hall. For anyone who has experienced this, consider yourself lucky! This is a very intimidating thing because the board members sit across the room and look quite imposing in their posts. We had a turn at the "stand." (Our fence company was present and did speak on our behalf.) Then those opposed had their moment—or moments, and moments, and moments. What did it all of this boil down to? It should be quite evident by now that it was a matter of aesthetics. In a nutshell, the people residing in our neighborhood seriously felt that they had the right to drag us through a huge ordeal as such, due to the fact that our fence was "ugly" in their eyes.

Well, everyone knows by now what is to be said about beauty, right?

We feel that the City Hall involvement was avoidable. Maybe these individuals could have taken a few moments to get to know us; our reasons for needing that fence. (We did check with the neighbors to one side of our house to see if we could connect our fence with theirs. At the time they said it was fine.)

My co-owner and I are a bit sour (understated?) about what we once looked forward to concerning this location. We are two young women in our twenties, making a good living, and dreamed of owning an older home—to fix it up and to enjoy it for years to come. This area in particular is in need of younger homeowners with their energy and income to restore these houses.

What point(s) we would like to close with and is there a moral to this story? First of all, we feel that if the individuals planning to buy a home in this area are informed UP FRONT by members of certain societies (like, you know, at the latest within the first week of moving in) what their interests are, maybe this messy stuff can be avoided. I dare say that ambiguous or unambiguous, whether one chooses or not to join societies or organizations, the right should be placed in the hands and the minds of the homeowners to do what they like with their home. We did not sign up with any organizations, after all. The moral of this story is this: WE WON! Why should we have to fight for something we needed, wanted and purchased for our home? Why should we have our neighbors "approval" for any additions? Is this not OUR home? Until they chip in on our mortgage payments, home insurance and taxes, no way, man, this is our land!

Belle Swaim and Darlene Johnson
Sanford

Berry's World



"A new issue of tax-free municipal bonds? Sounds great! I'll take \$350,000 worth."

Complaint

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would benefit more from placement in regular classrooms.

The school psychologists say the students need to be in classrooms where their special needs can be met.

As the two sides clashed over how the new policy would affect how the students' needs were being met, psychologists said the district took a heavy-handed approach to enforcing their policy. And, union representatives

say it was done at the expense of the students.

The district's policy is keeping the students, who we believe need specialized services, from being identified," Nancy Wheeler, executive director of the Seminole Education Association said. "They are not being identified because they are not being tested."

While the union contends the district has let the students down by failing to test all who need testing, the district believes

they have streamlined the referral process and are no longer performing expensive tests on students who do not qualify for special programs.

Psychologists contend that supervisors threatened to fire them if they persisted with testing of students in opposition to the new policy, who were not qualified for the program. They said also the district changed reports about students and then threatened psychologists with dismissal if they refused to sign the altered reports.

District officials have stated they made the policy changes in order to better serve the students, but have denied any intimidation was used to ensure its implementation.

A hearing on the issue has been set for November.

Meanwhile, parents of some students who would have previously qualified for special education services, but who do not under the new policy, have filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights division, saying their children's civil rights have been violated because of new policy.

A ruling on that complaint is expected in January.

Supt. Paul Hagarty, saying that the complaints are based on false information, refused further comment.

Young activists launch mag about community service

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When Henry Fernandez graduated from Yale Law School, he didn't go looking for a lucrative job. Instead, the 24-year-old wound up teaching underprivileged children in inner-city New Haven, Conn.

Driva Hays, a 22-year-old Stanford graduate, runs a substance abuse program in crime-ridden East Palo Alto, Calif.

Their stories — and those of many other young activists — fill the pages of a new magazine about community service called Who Cares. It's written for and about people who do.

The premiere issue of the stylishly designed quarterly came out Tuesday.

Who Cares, A Journal of Service and Action is the brainchild of Leslie Crutchfield, editor, Breyer and Heather McLeod, all recent graduates of Harvard College, where they met.

College for them was a time to reach as well as learn.

"We wanted to provide a communication forum for the community service world — not only to celebrate new programs but to take a critical look at how organizations work and how they can be improved," said Crutchfield, 25.

Crutchfield, Breyer, and McLeod are also eager to dispel the notion that apathy is the distinguishing trait of their age group.

There is no question in our minds that the stereotype was wrong," said Breyer, 23. "We were very involved in service at the college level and we felt it very important to show this interest to the rest of the world, especially because it's not ours alone."

During college, Breyer spent a semester teaching English at a Tibetan monastery and taught civics to public high school students in Cambridge, Mass.

Crutchfield took time off to work on an agricultural development project in Cambodia.

McLeod was actively involved in community service through Phillips Brooks House, Harvard's center for community service activities.

The magazine's first issue criticizes President Clinton's national service program, saying it already is becoming mired in "the bitter, murky politics of racial division and class conflict."

A young teacher writes about the challenges of teaching in a rural Louisiana classroom. And a list at the back of the magazine provides addresses and phone numbers of community service organizations nationwide.

Who Cares got most of its seed money from the Echoing Green Foundation in New York, as well as from William Shore, founder of the anti-hunger organization,

Share Our Strength, American Express and The Timberland Co. of boot-lane, bought ads in the first issue, and Timberland plans to sell the magazine in its stores.

The magazine, which costs \$4.95 an issue, will also be available at about 1,000 newsstands and by subscription and will be sent to college career placement offices and community service organizations nationwide, the founders say.

Young people are changing the way community service programs work," said Crutchfield.

They're media savvy. They understand how the media works. They understand how to bring in corporate sponsors," she said. "They also bring their values — values of inclusion and diversity — into the programs they work on."

The magazine founders' media savvy is reflected in first issue with Annie Liebovitz photos of people with AIDS and an excerpt from the latest book of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Coles.

At a news conference, the magazine's creators introduced other young people who are devoting their lives to service.

Who Cares, A Journal of Service and Action is available at newsstands and will be sent to colleges and community service organizations nationwide. Subscriptions cost \$15 for individuals and \$20 for organizations. Checks can be mailed to Who Cares, 1511 K St. NW, Suite 1042, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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First large-scale test of drug for prostate cancer announced

By CASSANDRA BURRELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Researchers today announced the first large-scale test of a drug that holds promise for preventing prostate cancer — a condition affecting one-third of American men over 50.

About 18,000 men 55 and older will take part in a seven-year study to find out whether the drug — finasteride — works, said the National Cancer Institute and Merck and Co. Inc., the maker of the drug. The tests will be carried out at 222 sites around the country.

The Food and Drug Administration approved finasteride, also known by the trade name Proscar, in 1992 for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland that secretes fluid discharged with sperm.

Because this condition and prostate cancer are influenced by similar hormonal factors, researchers believe the drug may also prevent cancer.

"We believe finasteride is a very promising agent that could prove to be of great value in

treating all prostate cancer," said Dr. Charles A. Colman, chairman of the Southwest Oncology Group, the organization that will coordinate the study.

But the theory is still untested, and only a large-scale, controlled clinical trial of finasteride can show whether the drug is truly effective for cancer prevention," Colman said in a statement issued by the National Cancer Institute.

In 1993, there will be about 165,000 new cases of prostate cancer and about 35,000 deaths, said Dr. Samuel Broder, director of the cancer institute.

Prevention of cancer is, our highest goal, and the need for effective prevention strategies is clear.

About 98 percent of prostate cancers are diagnosed in men age 55 or older. The rate for American blacks is twice the rate for whites — a phenomenon the cancer institute said was of particular concern.

For reasons not currently understood, African American men have the highest prostate cancer mortality in the world, Broder said. One possible explanation is that blacks tend to be diagnosed with prostate cancer

at later stages than whites are.

An estimated one-third of men over age 50 in the United States have early, undiagnosed prostate cancer, the cancer institute said.

Most of these cancers are destined to remain harmless, but some will progress to clinically significant disease," it said.

Half of the 18,000 men participating in the drug trials will take one 5 milligram tablet of finasteride every day for seven years, and half will take an inactive pill or placebo, having no medicinal value.

The two groups will then be compared to determine whether their prostate cancer risks differ. Neither the participants nor the doctors conducting the study will know which men are getting which pill.

Finasteride controls benign prostatic hyperplasia by reducing levels of the hormone dihydrotestosterone in the prostate. Dihydrotestosterone promotes the growth of prostate cancer, doctors said.

Men interested in taking part in the drug test can call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service toll free at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Ebaugh passes Rams to victory

LAKE MARY — David Ebaugh passed for two touchdowns and a two-point conversion Tuesday night to lead Lake Mary to a 20-8 win over Lake Brantley in a freshman football game at Lake Mary's Don T. Reynolds Stadium.

In the first quarter, Ebaugh connected with Shaun St. Dennis on a 35-yard touchdown pass play and threw eight yards to Paul DeMarco for another touchdown. DeMarco also caught a Ebaugh pass for the two-point conversion.

In the second quarter, Aaron Brewer scored on an 8-yard run for the Rams.

Lake Brantley avoided the shutout with a touchdown in the fourth quarter, using a flea-flicker pass play to go 80 yards.

The Lake Mary freshmen end their season 5-1.

Women's softball tournament

SANFORD — The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department will host a Women's Fence-Finder Slowpitch Softball Tournament the weekend of October 22-24.

The tournament is for registered ASA Women's Class C teams only (two pickups allowed) and ASA "C" rules will apply.

Cost is \$125 per team and softballs will be provided. Deadline is Thursday, Oct. 21, at 5:30 p.m. with the draw to be held at 6 p.m.

Sponsor trophies will be awarded to the top three teams with individual awards going to the winning and runner-up teams.

For more information contact the Sanford Recreation Department at (407) 330-5697.

AROUND THE STATE

Penguins top Panthers

MIAMI — The Florida Panthers' debut at Miami Arena included everything except a win.

Martin Straka and Joe Mullen scored to help the Pittsburgh Penguins beat expansion Florida 2-1 Tuesday night. The Panthers' Scott Mellanby scored the final goal of the game at 11:32 in the third period.

A sellout crowd of 14,372 was disappointed by the outcome but delighted to have Miami ice.

Heat sign Bol

LAKE WORTH — The Miami Heat on Tuesday signed free-agent center Manute Bol, sending a message to their fans that center Matt Geiger they want the NBA's tallest man backing up Rony Seikaly.

Geiger, the Heat's backup center, has been holding out on signing a contract, and Heat officials say they're done negotiating.

The 7-foot-7, 225-pound Bol, a native of Sudan, has the third highest career blocked shot average at 3.41 and is only the seventh player in the league to block more than 2,000 shots.

AROUND THE NATION

Stewart leads Blue Jays

CHICAGO — The cold, the Chicago batters, the pressure of a big game. None of it bothered Dave Stewart.

Stewart, simply the best playoff pitcher ever, won the fourth clincher of his career Tuesday night by leading the Toronto Blue past the Chicago White Sox 6-3 in Game 6.

The win, Stewart's second in the series, makes him a perfect 8-0 with a 2.03 ERA in the playoffs. More importantly to him and the team, he sent the Blue Jays back to the World Series.

Toronto will play Game 1 Saturday night at SkyDome against either Philadelphia or Atlanta.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Freshman Football

□ Lake Howell at Mainland, 5 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

□ Lyman at Seminole, 7 p.m.
□ Lake Howell at Mainland, 7 p.m.

Boys Volleyball

□ Oviedo at Seminole. Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
□ Lyman at Lake Mary. Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
□ Lake Brantley at Lake Howell. Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

□ Lake Mary at Spruce Creek. Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
□ Merritt Island at Oviedo. Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
□ Mainland at Lake Brantley. Junior varsity at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 5:30 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV

BASEBALL

□ 8 p.m. — WCPX 6, NLCS Game No. 6: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies, (L)

Complete listings on Page 2B

SAC champions again



Sara Moore (above), along with fellow Lake Mary seniors Diane Duber, Jennifer Greising, Nikki Preece, and Angie Snow, were honored in a special pre-game ceremony Tuesday prior to the Rams' match with Oviedo.

Rams sweep Lions for fourth straight crown

By TONY DeBORMIER
Herald Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary High School claimed the first Seminole Athletic Conference championship of the new school year Tuesday night, the Rams sweeping the Oviedo Lions 15-11, 15-10 to clinch the girls volleyball crown.

The win gives Lake Mary (16-4) an 8-0 conference mark with two SAC matches to play while Oviedo (17-4), the Rams' closest challenger, drops to 7-2 in the SAC with one conference match left to play.

Since both of Oviedo's conference losses were to Lake Mary, should both teams finish 8-2, the Rams would win the SAC title on the basis of head-to-head competition.

"That's our fourth in a row," said Lake Mary coach Cindy Henry. "Every win means something, no matter when it comes, but this feels real good. There are three girls on this team (Diane Duber, Jennifer Greising, and Nikki Preece) that have been conference champions ever since they were freshmen."

For Duber, Greising, and Preece, it was fitting that the conference-clinching win came on Tuesday night, when Henry and the Rams

feared the five graduating seniors with a special pre-game ceremony. Also honored were Sara Moore and Angie Snow.

Despite the added distractions and emotion of the evening, the Rams made surprisingly quick work of the Lions, especially in light of the fact that at one point in each game, Oviedo led 9-8.

In the first game, Joyla Capo put together a six-point service run that gave the Rams a 14-9 lead. Preece came up with a block for the final point of the game.

After Oviedo took leads of 6-0 and 9-5 in the second game, Greising put together a four-point service run to tie the score at 9-9. Then, with the Rams up 11-10, Snow served out the match with a four-point run.

While she was shocked by the sweep, Henry said that the match was much, much closer than that suggested.

"Oviedo was digging everything up on us," said Henry, shaking her head. "We couldn't find the floor against them. They were digging up some of our best hits. That can be frustrating, but the girls stayed with it."

Oviedo coach Anita Carlson
□ See Volleyball, Page 2B

Lake Mary netters start another win streak

From Staff Reports

OVIEDO — After its slow start, the Lake Mary boys' volleyball team continued its meteoric late-season surge Tuesday with a pair of wins in a triseries at Oviedo High School.

The Rams opened with a 15-0, 15-4 romp over Flagler-Palm Coast 15-0, 15-4. They followed that with a 15-6, 15-11 win over Oviedo.

Lake Mary, which got off to a 2-4 start, has won

13 of its last 14 matches to improve to 15-5, 7-1 in the Seminole Athletic Conference. The Rams had an 11-match win streak stopped this past weekend by a team from Canada in a tournament at Lake Brantley.

"After the tournament last weekend, we knew had five matches to go before going into Volleyfest," said Lake Mary coach Bill Whalen. "We want to have a five-match winning streak going into Volleyfest. Tonight, we got the first

two wins out of the way."

Ian Saunders led the Rams in the win over Oviedo with nine kills and seven blocks. Will Lipecomb added five kills and six assists while Darrell Dillmore collected five kills and three blocks. Erik Larsen contributed two kills and 10 assists.

Lake Mary will play again tonight at home against Lyman.

Comebacks fall short at Chase

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Comebacks were the story at Chase Park Tuesday night.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on your point of view, they all came up short in the Sanford Recreation Department Men's Fall Tuesday Night Slowpitch Softball League.

In the opening game of the evening, Gager Pest Control scored nine runs in the top of the sixth inning to erase a 10-3 deficit and take a 12-10 lead, only to see the Orphans score a run in the bottom of the sixth and two in the seventh to pull out a 13-12 victory.

Ken Rummel Chevrolet then scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to close to within 3-2 of undefeated Discount Propane, only to have the league-leaders take advantage of a bases-loaded, two out error that cleared the bases and allowed Discount Propane to collect a 9-2 triumph.

And in the nightcap, Whelchel & Howard fell behind 11-1 before coming up with a seven-run fifth-inning to close to within 11-8. But Florida Manor kept its composure and held on for a 13-9 win.

Discount Propane took over sole possession of first place with a 5-0 record, moving ahead of Idle Monroe Harbour Marina, which is 4-0. Trailing the leaders are the Orphan and Ken Rummel Chevrolet (both 3-1).
□ See Chase, Page 2B

Gager Pest Control	101	100	0	-	12	17
Orphans	212	221	2	-	13	19
Discount Propane	120	823	0	-	9	16
Ken Rummel Chevrolet	898	798	0	-	7	7
Florida Manor	311	941	1	-	13	19
Whelchel & Howard	190	878	1	-	9	16

From Staff Reports

MAITLAND — Orangewood Christian School had a perfect evening on the gaming fields Tuesday night at the expense of Orlando's Pine Castle Christian Academy.

Late in the afternoon, the Orangewood Christian boys soccer team blitzed Pine Castle 9-1. The Orangewood Christian girls volleyball team followed that up with a 15-3, 7-15, 15-6 win over the visitors.

Dan and Amy Vandestreek led the Orangewood Christian Rams, Dan scoring three goals and



Meet the champs

Sanford's Richard Reddicks (front) and Chris Louwsma (center, back row) joined Lake Mary's Chet Lemon Jr. (left, back row) and Chaz Lytle (right, back

row) to go 6-0 and claim the championship of Division 49 of the Hoop-It-Up 3-on-3 basketball tournament played at Sea World this past Saturday and Sunday.

Myers Tree Service exacts revenge

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Last week's ecstasy turned into this week's disappointment for Hungry Howies/Crazy Wings in the Sanford Recreation Department Women's Fall Slowpitch Softball League at Pinehurst Park Tuesday night.

A week ago, Hungry Howies/Crazy Wings ended Myers Tree Service's winning streak to get within a half-game of the league lead. But this week, Hungry Howies/Crazy Wings dropped a doubleheader to fall two full games off the pace.

One of the losses was to Myers Tree Service, who returned the favor for last week's upset by scoring three

Hungry Howies/Crazy Wings	740	888	0	-	11	14
Myers Tree Service	827	883	2	-	12	20
Hungry Howies/Crazy Wings	898	848	0	-	4	13
Lake Monroe Inn	679	186	2	-	8	13
Investis	888	197	-	3	7	
Hopkins Meat Packing	122	222	-	12	19	

runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to edge Hungry Howies/Crazy Wings 12-11.

The other loss came at the hands of Lake Monroe Inn, who took control of the game with a seven-run second inning, then turned the game over to the defense, which
□ See Pinehurst, Page 2B

Orangewood Christian bests Pine Castle twice

handing out an assist for the boys soccer team while Amy collected nine kills for the girls volleyball team.

Jakob Hardrick and Scott Armstrong each contributed two goals and an assist for the Ram soccer team. Chris Hill and Ben Maynard each added a goal. John McCully chipped in with two assists. Chris Miller also had an assist.

Orangewood Christian outshot Pine Castle 57-1, forcing the Pinecastle goalkeeper to make 21 saves. The Rams also had a 5-0 edge in corner kicks.

For the Orangewood Christian volleyball team, Abigail Melton and Andrea Hart were both

14-for-15 in serving. Hart also had two kills. Melanie Hogan was 11-for-11 serving. Allison Hirschy contributed three kills and six digs on defense.

The Orangewood Christian junior varsity girls volleyball team also won its match, beating Pine Castle 15-15, 15-7, 15-10.

Both varsity squads will be back in action Friday evening. Now 23-2, the girls volleyball team will travel to Daytona Beach to play Father Lopez. Meanwhile, the soccer team (11-2-1) will open play in the Orangewood Christian tournament against Miramar-Florida Bible.

Semrow extends reign of Bomber Division

By PAUL MARSEGLIA
Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — Edgewater's Wally Semrow continued to dominate the Florida Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing's Bomber division with a masterful win Friday night at Orlando Speedworld.

Semrow passed early race leader John Smith and rode off with his ninth win of the season. Coupled with his 26 wins at New Smyrna Speedway, Semrow won 35 races out of a possible 81 starts during the season.

"Now that the season is over, I'll tell you my secret," said Semrow, the current overall FASCAR Bomber points leader. "I have a real good car with a good setup, but

it's the tires. I try to buy new tires every three or four weeks. It's just like NASCAR. You spend money on tires and you finish better."

Semrow, who has his cars up for sale and plans to move into the Open Wheel Modified Division for the 1994 season, led Smith, Glen Cordell, Rick Schlimmer, and Doug Gould across the stripe.

"I can't wait to race Modifieds," said Semrow. "It's a lot faster division. I'll miss the Bombers. That's where I went to school. I learned a lot in that class, not only driving, but about building a good, competitive car."

Using a borrowed engine, points leader Wayne Anderson Wayne Anderson led flag to flag and scored his 16th Late Model win,

finishing ahead of Ron McCreary and Dave Debelius.

Chris Goff passed Chris Harden on the last lap to score his first ever Mini-Bomber feature win. In victory lane, Goff dedicated the win to the late Alan Kulwicki.

Lakeland's Eugene Davidson started dead last but came on to win the Four-Cylinder Enduro over Debbie Santo and Brett Weber.

Bobby Sears won his 23rd Mini-Stock feature of the year while Jon Compagnone Jr. took win No. 7 in the Modifieds. Kelly Jarrett was second in both races.

Other feature event winners were Jimbo Bjorkland (Limited Late Models), Jim Robinson (Sportsman) and Randy Lokey (Run-Abouts).

Keene holds off Anderson for Late Model win

By PAUL MARSEGLIA
Special to the Herald

SAMSULA — Tampa's Daniel Keene broke from the pack to win the Florida Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing-sanctioned 25-lap Late Model feature event Saturday night at New Smyrna Speedway.

Keene, driving the Victor Powell Fernaries Lumina, started the race from the seventh position. On lap five, he got around early race leader Wayne Anderson to take over the No. 1 spot.

Holding off a late-race challenge by David Rogers, Keene charged to his third checkered flag of the season.

"Our car is still off a little bit, especially in the corners," said Keene, a former ALL-PRO national champion. "We'll change a few springs and loosen it up a little bit and do something to make it go faster so we'll be ready for the Cracker next weekend."

Trailing Keene to victory lane were Anderson, Rogers, Todd Cornwell, and Joe Middleton.

"Tonight I'm pleased with a second-place finish, especially behind Daniel (Keene)," said Anderson, who is the current FASCAR Late Model points leader. "David (Rogers) and I race real hard the last five laps for my position and I was able to keep him behind me. That's really racing, especially since I'm running a loaner motor 'til we rebuild our engine."

Rogers, who fielded a new race car several weeks ago, is still experiencing handling problems. Last week, during the Florida Pro series, Rogers lost the car on the front straightaway and bounced off of the retainer wall.

"I'm suffering from complete driver failure," said Rogers, the winningest Late Model driver at New Smyrna Speedway. "Daniel was running good and a little bit quicker than me tonight. I tried to change my line and get around him when I lost it."

"This is a new car and it's still not where we want it to be. We'll get the handling fixed and if we don't run out of driver again, we'll be ready for the Cracker."

Jimbo Bjorkland outpaced some strong competition to score

back-to-back victories in Limited Late Model action. Bjorkland, who won Friday night at Orlando Speedworld, took the lead from Keith Biaga on lap two of Saturday's main event and raced unchallenged to his sixth win of the season.

Chasing Bjorkland and Biaga to the checkers were Rodney Orr (the current Goodies Dash Car Champion, Claude Collignon, and Bob Longbottom.

Dave Savicki, piloting his MOPAR Modified, edged Wrey Shaffer by the width of his nerf bar to take top honors in the

feature event. Mike Fitch was third followed by Danny Bancroft and Tom Hall Jr.

Art Chapman, who started at the tail end of the 14-car Sportsman field, worked his way to the head of the pack with five laps to go to challenge Jerry Smith for the lead. Chapman took the point on the following lap and held off a hard-charging Smith for his fifth main event win of the season.

Following the leaders were David LeBeau, Barbara Pierce, and Don Tracey.

Bobby Sears claimed his 11th

win in the Mini-Stock class, finishing ahead of Ted Vulpius, Rick Maguire, J.D. Duncan, and Gary Kehm.

In the Bomber main event, Wally Semrow charged from his 11th-place starting position into the lead on the fifth lap and went on to win his 27th feature of the season. Rounding out the top five, in order of finish, were Bob Filliger, Gary Frosh, Bobby Stevens, and George Spears.

Steve Turner outpaced Marty Parrish, Fred Griffith, Al Grey, and Dennis Bennett to take top honors in Street Stock action.

Earnhardt inches away from Wallace

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Dale Earnhardt finally picked up some points on Rusty Wallace in the NASCAR Winston Cup stock car racing national standings for the first time in eight races.

Earnhardt finished third and Wallace fourth in Sunday's Mello Yello 500 at Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway. It's the first time Earnhardt has finished in front of the St. Louis native in a race since the Aug. 8 race at Watkins Glen, N.Y.

The five-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion holds an 82-point advantage, 40-17-3865, over Wallace. That's the difference between first and 20th in a single race.

Earnhardt would be assured of the \$1.5 million title by finishing fourth or better in the three remaining events, regardless of what Wallace does.

"We started this season looking to win a lot of races and to win the Winston Cup championship. We're disappointed we didn't win the race at Charlotte but it helped us towards the championship," Earnhardt said.

Mark Martin moved into third in the NASCAR Winston Cup standings with 3,702 points, followed by Dale Jarrett with 3,656; Morgan Shepherd with 3,475; Kyle Petty, 3,436; Ken Schrader, 3,422; Mello Yello 500 winner Ernie Ivan, 3,377; Bill Elliott, 3,284, and rookie leader Jeff Gordon, 3,209.

The circuit next moves to the 1.017-mile North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham for the Oct. 24 AC Delco 500. The season concludes with the Oct. 31 Slick 50 500 at Phoenix and the Nov. 14 Hooters 500 at Atlanta.

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Woman against reserved stalls

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Perplexed in Portland, Ore." regarding the use of the large stall in rest rooms was wrong. You obviously have never had to use crowded public rest rooms.

When the laws were changed to include handicap access to buildings and larger stalls in bathrooms, it was a step forward — and much needed. However, most places changed an already existing stall (or two) to comply, which greatly reduced the capacity of the bathroom. As a mother with two kids who "have to go now" — and who, myself, has a bladder about the size of a pea (no pun intended), I need the use of that stall if it is not occupied.

If a handicap person arrived, she would always be next in line for the stall — even if there were 10 other women in line (which is not unusual). But when that person finished, the other people in line would be just as much in need of the facilities as she was.

When I enter a building, and there is no handicapped person using the ramp, I use the ramp because I find it easier than the steps — especially if I'm carrying something. But if someone who is physically challenged is using it, I'll always take the steps to give him plenty of room.



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

answers Abby, but you blew it on this one.

STANDING IN LINE WITH MY LEGS CROSSED AT OSAN AIR BASE, KOREA

DEAR STANDING IN LINE: You're not the only reader who responded to my answer. Read on for another perspective:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you very much for your response about rest room stalls for the disabled. I am in a wheelchair, and something that truly irritates me is finding the "large-door stall" occupied by an able-bodied person. It's especially irksome when it is a parent with one or more young children. I can understand a parent's need to get everyone to go potty and keep an eye on them at the same time; however this is not the way to do it.

If I use the rest room anywhere "out," it is because I have that "urgent need" of which you spoke. I remember a particular episode when a woman with two young children was taking an extremely long time in a disabled stall. I begged her to hurry. She responded with, "We'll be out when we're good and ready!" I finally lost control and made a mess of myself. With tears in my eyes, I admonished

her as the three of them left the stall. She gave me a dirty look and declared, "It's not against the law!"

Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.

RELIEVED IN DES MOINES, IOWA

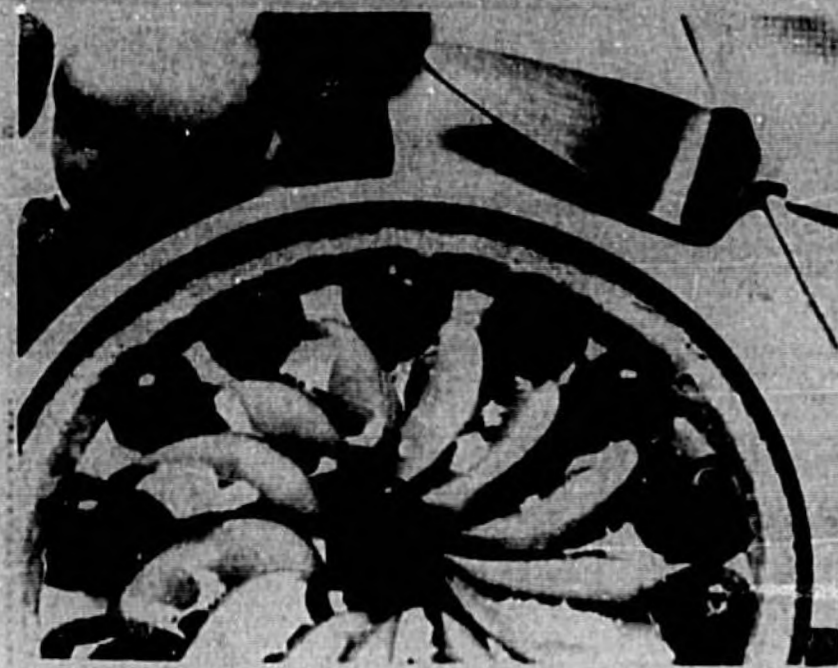
DEAR ABBY: The most useful Christmas gift I received last year was your booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Since it is priced under \$5, I'm going to use that idea myself this year. I will enclose with each booklet a box of stationery and some colorful pens for each of my grandchildren. (This will save me a lot of shopping around!)

You may print this along with my name, because I believe in sharing a good idea.

ELLA MAE JOHNSON, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ELLA MAE: Thank you. I have received many compliments from people of all ages about the "Letters" booklet.

(Problems? Write to Dear Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.)



Fruits and cream cheese combine in pie.

Versatile fruit pie a year-round treat

Versatile Cream Cheese Fruit Medley Pie is likely to become a year-round family favorite. Choose any seasonally fresh fruit — berries, peaches, nectarines or kiwi — for this easy-to-do pie. When the fresh variety is not at its best, canned fruit can be used. Those interested in trimming a few grams of fat from their family's meal can successfully substitute light or fat-free cream cheese for the regular style in this recipe. Using the microwave oven shortens the preparation time and keeps the kitchen cool, another plus according to Whirlpool Corporation home economists.

CREAM CHEESE FRUIT MEDLEY PIE

(6 servings)
36 vanilla wafers, crushed (1 1/2 cups crumbs)
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese (regular, light, or fat-free)
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
2 Tbsp. lemon juice, divided
1/2 tsp. vanilla flavoring
2 cups sliced fresh or canned, well-drained fruit
1/4 cup fruit jelly
In 8-inch microwaveable pie plate, microwave margarine at high (100 percent) for 30 seconds or until melted. Stir in vanilla wafer crumbs. Mix well. Press mixture firmly in bottom and on side of pie plate.

Microwave at high for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, rotating plate a half turn after 2 minutes. Set aside.

In small glass mixing bowl, microwave cream cheese at medium (50 percent) 2 minutes or until softened. Add sugar, egg, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and the vanilla. Mix until smooth and creamy. Spread mixture evenly in prepared crust. Microwave at high 3 1/2 to 4 minutes or until set, rotating plate a half turn after 2 minutes. Let cool. Then chill.

Arrange sliced fruit over chilled pie. Combine jelly and remaining 1 tablespoon lemon juice in glass measuring cup. Microwave at high 1 minute or until boiling. Stir until smooth. Cool to lukewarm. Then drizzle over fruit. Chill thoroughly. To serve, set pie on hot damp towel for a few minutes to easily remove pieces.

Nutrition Information (per serving)	
Calories	451
Protein	6 g
Fat	25 g
Cholesterol	93 mg
Carbohydrates	54 g
Sodium	283 mg

Notes: Nutrition information. Using light cream cheese: Calories 411 per serving, Fat 20 per serving. Using fat-free cream cheese: Calories 358 per serving, Fat 12 per serving.

Cook

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1/4 tsp. dried thyme leaves
25 oz. jar sliced mushrooms, drained
7 1/2 oz. can semi-condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup seasoned croutons
1 oz. (1/4 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese
Microwave directions: Cook noodles to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain; rinse with warm water.
Place onion in 1-quart microwave-safe casserole. Microwave on high for 30 to 60 seconds or until crisp-tender. Stir in noodles and all remaining ingredients except croutons or cheese; blend well. Cover with waxed paper. Microwave on high for 5 to 10 minutes or until mixture is hot, stirring once halfway through cooking. Stir; sprinkle with croutons and cheese. Cover; let stand 3 minutes or until cheese melts.
3 servings. Calories: 290; Cholesterol: 69 mg.; Fat: 12 gr.; Sodium: 300 mg.

BAKED TARRAGON CHICKEN

1/4 cup margarine or butter melted
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 cup dry breadcrumbs
1/2 tsp. dried tarragon leaves
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 whole chicken breasts, skinned and halved
Heat oven to 375° F. In shallow dish, combine margarine, mustard and garlic powder. In another shallow dish, combine breadcrumbs, tarragon, salt and pepper. Dip chicken breasts in margarine mixture; coat with crumb mixture.
Place in 12x8-inch (2-quart) baking dish. Sprinkle any remaining crumbs over chicken. Bake at 375° F. for 40 to 50 minutes or until chicken is fork-tender and juices run clear.
4 servings. Calories: 310; Cholesterol: 74 mg.; Fat: 15 gr.; Sodium: 450 mg.

SEASONED OVEN POTATOES

1/2 tsp. dried parsley flakes
1/2 tsp. onion powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 cup oil
4 to 5 medium (1 1/2-2 lb.) baking potatoes, scrubbed, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
Microwave directions: In 12x8-inch (2 quart) microwave-safe dish, combine parsley flakes, onion powder,

salt and oil; blend well. Add potatoes; toss to coat well. Microwave on high for 14 to 18 minutes or until tender, stirring once halfway through cooking. Drain potatoes on paper towels.

Calories: 240; Cholesterol: 0 mg.; Fat: 14 gr.; Sodium: 280 mg.

*Lite salt or other "no" salt seasonings can be used in place of salt.

CANTALOUPE GRAPES SALAD

Orange-Ginger Dressing:
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup honey
3 Tbsp. oil
1/4 tsp. ginger
Salad:
1 cup cubed cantaloupe
1/4 cup halved green grapes
1/4 cup halved red grapes
1 head Bibb lettuce
In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine all dressing ingredients; shake well. Refrigerate 10 minutes to blend flavors.
In medium bowl, combine cantaloupe and grapes. Place 1/2 cup fruit on individual lettuce-lined plates. Serve with dressing.
Four (1/2-cup) servings. Calories: 220; Cholesterol: 0 mg.; Fat: 11 gr.; Sodium: 5 mg.

(Renee Keith is a Sanford Herald correspondent and Cook of the Week columnist. Please submit nominations for the weekly feature to 321-8748.)

Microwave

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3 Tbsp. butter or margarine
Combine pears, lemon peel and juice in 8-inch square baking dish. Set aside. Empty muffin mix into micro-safe mixing bowl. Add butter. Microwave (100 percent) 15-20 seconds or until butter is softened. Mix with fork until crumbly. Spoon evenly onto pears. Microwave on 100 percent power, uncovered, 14-15 minutes or until pears are tender. Serve warm or cold, plain or topped with ice cream. About 9 servings.

(Midge Mycott is a certified home economist and coordinator of the Single Parent Displaced Homemakers Program at Seminole Community College. Send questions about microwave cooking to her at the Sanford Herald, 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, 32771 or phone: 323-1480, ext. 286.)

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