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Sports

Tribe no match for Rams

SANFORD — Undeclared Lake Mary whitewashed Seminole 6-0 in a boys soccer game at Tomas E. Whigham Stadium Tuesday. See Page 1B.

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Special session begins

In an attempt to slash the Florida budget, lawmakers began meetings today in a special session called by Gov. Lawton Chiles. See Page 2A

Florida

Eat these seasonal treats

Now is not the time to think about a few extra pounds lurking around your waistline. See Pages 3B, 5B

BRIEFS

Girl run down; escapee jailed

SANFORD — Lasaha Davis, 11, of 121 Hughes Avenue, was injured yesterday afternoon when her bicycle was hit by a car on Celery Avenue near Elliott Avenue yesterday afternoon. The driver of the car was found to be a wanted man.

According to Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett, the girl was exiting from the entrance of Hamilton Elementary School, where she was in fifth grade. The school had been dismissed over an hour earlier, and the crossing guards had finished their work.

Harriett said, "Lasaha apparently rode her bike directly across Celery Avenue into the path of the passing 1987 Toyota which struck her."

The driver of the car was identified as Marvin M. Martin, 18, of 3000 E. 20th Street in Sanford. Although Martin had not been charged by this morning in connection with the accident, Harriett reported a routine check indicated Martin was wanted on a Seminole County warrant charging him with escape.

Martin was arrested based on the warrant, and taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

One of the managers of a nearby convenience store said it appeared as though "the little girl flew through the air when she was hit." Her injuries however, were not described as serious. Although emergency rescue units were at the scene, the girl did not require hospitalization.

Harriett said, "We'll continue investigating the accident, but in the meantime, we have the car driver in custody."

Motorcyclist killed in crash

SANFORD — Patrick A. Nation, 22, of 3202 S. Orlando Drive, has died of injuries received in a motorcycle collision yesterday. Nation's motorcycle collided with a semi tractor-trailer at 25th Street and Airport Avenue in Sanford.

According to Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett, "The motorcycle actually ran under the trailer of the semi." He said, "Nation was airlifted by helicopter to the Orlando Regional Medical Center for treatment of his injuries, but died at 5:47 p.m. during surgery."

The chief reported, "Nation's cycle was heading west on 25th Street at 40 to 45 mph. At approximately 2:35 p.m., it collided with the semi tractor-trailer driven by Donald Edward Grayson, 44, 810 Lincoln Avenue, Sanford."

As of this morning, Harriett reported, "We haven't filed any charges, and the investigation into the actual cause of the collision is still underway."

Compiled from staff reports

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Bright sunny day



Mostly sunny with a high in the upper 70s. Wind east at 10-15 mph

For more weather, see Page 2A

'Romance' back home

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — It will be home by Christmas. In fact, by early next week.

The Rivership Grand Romance's older sister, the Romance, will be returning to Sanford operations early next week.

The ship left Sanford in late June, 1989, when the new one, the Grand Romance, arrived in town. Since that time, the original ship has been operating in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, New York.

President of the corporation, Nanci Yuronis said, "The Romance will be operating out of

Sanford from November through April from now on, and return to Brooklyn between May and October." The smaller ship has already been booked for St. Johns River trips several times next weekend. Although the smaller ship's arrival was not publicized, Grand Romance booking agents had known about the new addition in recent days.

While the ship has been operating well in the Brooklyn area, Yuronis said, "With the cold winter months up there, we believe it will operate better here in Florida."

She said, "The Romance is already in route. It arrived in Jacksonville yesterday. We'll pull it up for a complete check out at Green Cove Springs,

and it should be leaving within the next few days, possibly as early as this Friday."

The company recently received approval to relocate its home port from Marina Isle to an area just west of the Sanford City Hall, at the corner of N. Myrtle Avenue and Seminole Boulevard, on the lakefront.

According to Director of Sales, Renee Lewis, "The smaller ship will be anchored at our new docks west of the Holiday Isle area, but we won't be using that area for any boarding at the present time. Whenever we use it, it will utilize the same loading dock as the larger ship."

Yuronis said, "The people in the Sanford area See Romance, Page 5A

Who 'ya gonna call?



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Seminole Power Squadron members watching themselves depicted in a segment of Rescue 911, and sporting t-shirts with the show's logo, are, front:

Becky Bowle and Jack Wert. Back, left to right: Barbara Snider, Lt. Com. Bill Snider, John Huffer, Jan Wert and Lt. Com. Bob Flint.

Power squadron members see themselves become TV heroes

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — The TV screen brought back memories to the Seminole Power Squadron last night. They watched themselves as heroes on CBS's Rescue-911 program.

Almost a dozen of the squadron members gathered at the home of Bill Snider in Sweetwater Oaks. It was a collective viewing of the program that featured a life-saving rescue in which a number of them were involved. It had been re-enacted for filming, in the same location on Lake Monroe, in mid-May of this year.

In the original incident on Dec. 2, 1990, 578 boats were entered in the Red Lobster Cup Regatta on Lake Monroe. During the day, a monohull sailboat named "White Lightning" capsized just off shore. The skipper of the craft, Guy Adkins, of Orange Park,

Florida, became caught in the mast lines and was held under water.

Although many took part in the rescue, four boaters were said to have been primarily responsible for Adkins' eventual rescue, including Bob Flynt, Steve Swydek, John Huffer, and Ed Caessa. All four were on hand to watch the program last night.

"It really brought back memories," said Flynt, "not so much of the filming, but of the actual rescue situation." Flynt, who watched most of the show in complete silence, was one of the primary rescuers of Adkins. He was featured prominently in the re-enactment seen on TV.

During the segment, which occupied the first 16 minutes of the program, the members of the power squadron and their guests broke into cheers and applause as each member was first shown in the re-enactment. The mood changed to silence and

See Rescue, Page 5A

Lake Mary discusses yard trash Choices: Flat fee or per use

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — How to best handle yard trash pickup in Lake Mary will be discussed again tonight. The item is scheduled on the agenda for a special called meeting.

The State of Florida has issued a mandate requiring the pickup of yard trash, effective Jan. 1, 1992. The City Commission has already discussed possible solutions during the past two regular meetings. The most recent postponement of any decision came last Thursday.

City Manager John Litton explained, "We've now narrowed it down to two proposals. One of the ways would be to go on a user fee basis, and require persons who utilize the service to purchase a bag or sticker at City Hall, for the pickups." The cost of the bag is expected to be approximately \$1.

Litton continued, "The second method would be for a city-wide fee, which would be added to everyone's bill."

During the Nov. 22 City Commission meeting, objections were raised against everyone paying for the yard trash pickup. Tom Mahoney, who was serving as a City Commissioner for his final meeting said, "Why should all of us have to pay for yard trash pickups, when we don't use it? There must be some better solution." Mahoney has been replaced on the Commission by A.R. "Doc" Jore.

The trash collection is part of a resolution to be considered tonight, relative to the annual rate adjustment for Western Waste Industries, which serves the City of Lake Mary.

The company operates under a continuing contract, and is allowed to request a rate change based on the latest direction of the national consumer price index. With the index climbing 5.22 percent since the last rate change, the two garbage and one recycling collection cost would be increased from

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Who selects top school official?

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Just who is supposed to select the interim superintendent who will take over Supt. Bob Hughes' position until the end of his elected term in November 1992?

No one, not even the school board, seems to have the answer to that question.

The board would like to be able to choose for themselves, but they would like the governor to have the supreme court clarify the state law before they do that.

Until Tuesday the board, and practically everyone else, was assuming that it would be Gov. Lawton Chiles who would choose someone to finish out the term, but a 1963 Florida Supreme Court ruling (Hancock vs. the Board of Public Education of Charlotte County) might change that.

That Supreme Court decision See School, Page 5A

Mom: Monitor teen drivers

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Md. — Alicia Knothe wants to know if her teen-age daughter is driving safely, even if it means getting a complaint from another parent.

It's an idea that first surfaced in the Orlando area.

Mrs. Knothe is pushing a safety campaign to have the "How-am-I-driving?" bumper stickers seen on many trucks put on the cars of teen-age drivers like her 16-year-old daughter, Mickey.

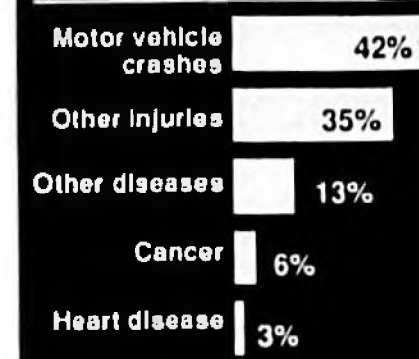
"Inexperience is the issue. It is a way for a parent to say to their teen-ager 'Your life is valuable to me. I love you,'" said the 38-year-old mother of four. "I want the chance to talk with Mickey if she made a mistake driving rather than claim her body at the morgue."

The Columbia resident has taken the teen safety issue to police, a District Court judge, Howard County's school system and the PTA hoping to spark interest. The police department has declined and the judge and school system have not responded.

Teen-agers comprise 10 percent of the population, but are responsible for 14 percent of all motor vehicle deaths, according to the Insurance

Teenage Wasteland

Leading causes of deaths of teenagers



Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety NEA GRAPHICS

Institute for Highway Safety in Arlington Va. Last year, 6,354 teen-agers died from motor vehicle accidents.

The idea for the teen bumper stickers was developed by a mental health counselor and psychologist in the Orlando area and promoted by Drivesafe Inc., in nearby Winter Park.

Teen-agers sign a contract with parents requiring that a bumper sticker be used that carries a toll-free telephone number and asks, "Is this teen driving safely?"

Motorists with complaints about erratic driving can call the 800 number, and a report of the complaint is then sent to the teen-ager's parents.

The bumper-sticker project has had limited success in Florida, where the Central Florida Safety Council canceled its sponsorship because of insufficient parental interest.

"It is an excellent program, but it was not selling," said Shirley Cernoni, the four-county safety council's administrative officer. The program was in effect about 90 days.

Drivesafe charges \$25 for a packet that includes a parent-teen contract, the bumper sticker, a green ribbon that is tied to the steering wheel as a reminder, and a commitment by the company to notify parents of any driving complaints received through the toll-free line.

David F. Emerick Brown, the mental health counselor who is president of Drivesafe, said he spent two years developing the program.

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NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Lawmakers meet to slash budget

By GUY ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Lawmakers meeting to fix a \$622 million tax shortfall in the state budget said a few of the government reforms sought by Gov. Lawton Chiles could pass in a weeklong special session.

House Speaker T.H. Wetherell, D-Daytona Beach, said change in the career service personnel system, reform of the way the state budget is drafted and parts of a reorganization plan for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services could pass this week.

"Those are the ones we're concentrating on," Wetherell said Tuesday.

Li. Gov. Buddy Mackay said the administration no longer expects the Legislature had to pass every one of the reforms in the special session.

"We're looking for some way to get a guarantee that they're serious," Mackay said. "A good bit of that's going to pass."

They have some legitimate concerns that they haven't been able to do the kind of study we've done."

The session was called after the state Supreme Court trimmed the powers of the governor and the Cabinet in making cuts in the \$29 billion budget. Budget-writing committees Tuesday in both the House and Senate quickly approved their versions of the cuts, clearing the way for floor action today.

A conference committee will iron out differences, but both plans include sharp cuts of some \$250 million in education and \$140 million for HRS.

The rest of the cuts are spread across a variety of government programs and agencies, and lawmakers plan to use \$90 million in reserve funds to help offset the shortfall. No layoffs are contemplated.

"This is a tough, tough situation," Wetherell said.

Chiles was forced to call the special session when the state Supreme Court ruled

in October that he and the six-person, independently-elected Cabinet had no authority to make the cuts themselves.

The justices ruled that only the Legislature could make spending decisions under the Florida Constitution. The state is required by the constitution to balance its budget.

The governor has used the budget problem as a way to force consideration of a series of reforms he believes are crucial before seeking any new taxes to ease Florida's chronic budget problems. Early drafts of next year's spending plan are some \$1.5 billion below what's needed to continue programs at current levels.

"As soon as we can convince people that we're giving them real government service, then I think if we're short of money we can convince them to pay more to get the kind of services they want," Chiles said.

The governor has rejected calls from teacher unions and social services advocates to propose an immediate tax increase.



Feds restrict dredging to protect turtles

ST. PETERSBURG — Use of a vacuumlike channel-dredging device has been restricted in the Southeast because it is estimated to kill more than 500 sea turtles every year.

"The suction is great enough to suck a turtle right out of its shell," said Terry Henwood, a biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service in St. Petersburg.

The ruling by the fisheries service bans "hopper dredging" in the Cape Canaveral area and restricts the equipment's use at ports from North Carolina to Cape Canaveral from December through March.

The National Academy of Sciences said hopper dredging is second only to fishing nets as a leading cause of sea turtle deaths in the United States. It estimates the dredging kills up to 500 threatened loggerhead and 50 endangered Kemp's Ridley turtles each year.

Deal offered to alleged nymphomaniac

FORT LAUDERDALE — Prosecutors have offered self-proclaimed nymphomaniac Kathy Willets a light sentence if she'll cooperate in the investigation of her attorney, a newspaper reported today.

Under the offer, Mrs. Willets and her husband, suspended Broward sheriff's deputy, Jeffrey Willets, would plead guilty to pending prostitution and other criminal charges against them.

The state would recommend probation, psychological evaluations and possibly 60 days in jail for Mrs. Willets, and one year in jail for her husband, unnamed sources told The Miami Herald for a story in today's editions.

License issued for food irradiation plant

TALLAHASSEE — Saying the public's safety is ensured, Florida health officials issued a license for the nation's first food irradiation plant.

"We deem the facility safe for the public and the employees," said Lynda Russell, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

The license allows Vindicator Inc. to install radioactive materials in its newly built \$6.8 million plant in rural Mulberry, about 40 miles east of Tampa. But the license does not allow actual operation until state officials monitor the unloading of radioactive material and test the plant in operation.

"We plan on being up and running in five or six days," Vindicator President Sam Whitney said after receiving the news. "We've had customers lined up for six months and we're ready to go."

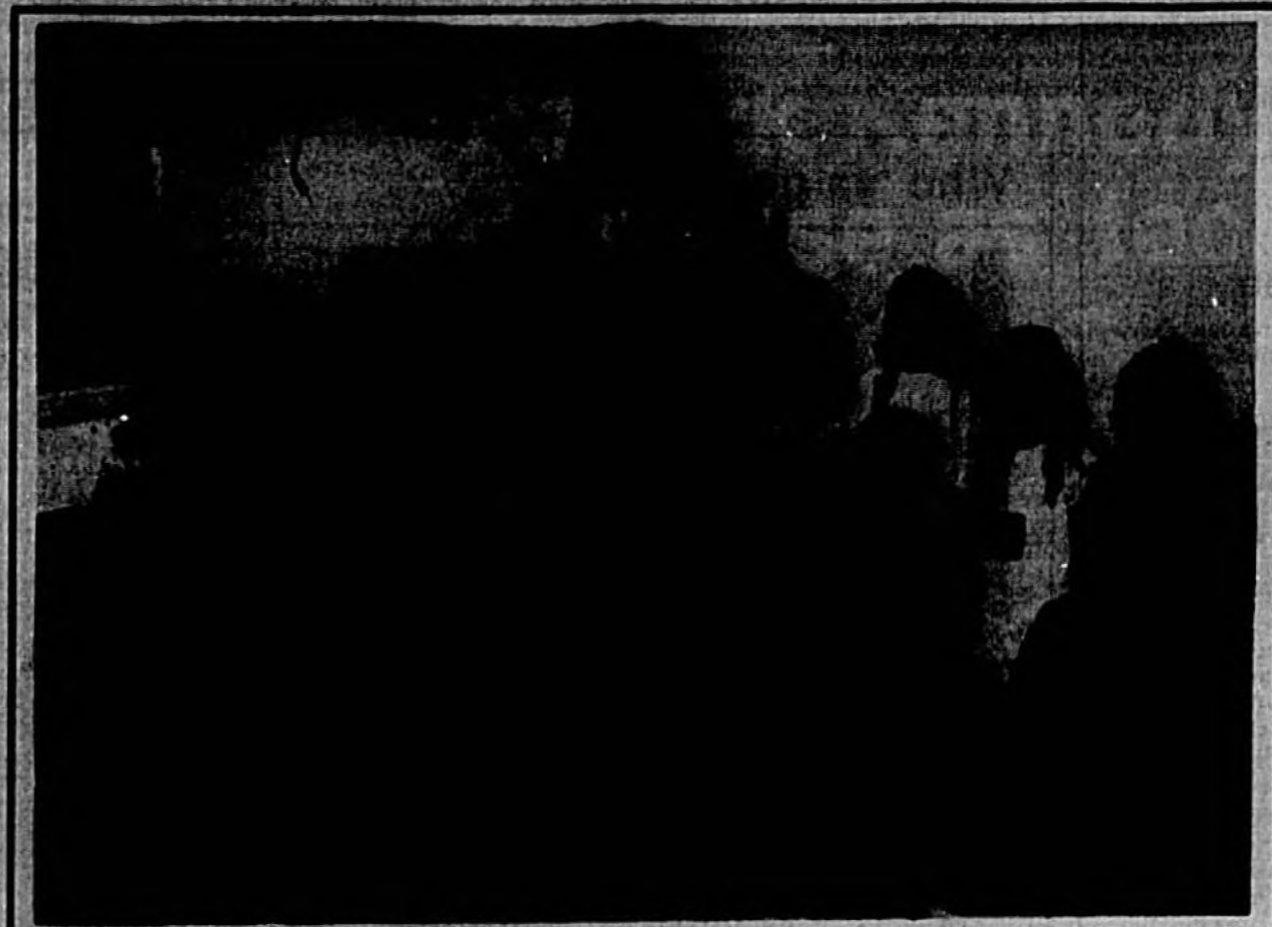
Sugar grower pleads guilty

WEST PALM BEACH — The president of U.S. Sugar Corp. brought his senior management to court to watch as Florida's oldest sugar company pleaded guilty to a record-setting environmental crime.

"I want every member of U.S. Sugar management to get this message loud and clear: My policy was and is total obedience to the law," company President Nelson Fairbanks said after U.S. Sugar admitted eight felonies.

The giant sugar grower pleaded guilty Tuesday under a plea bargain carrying a \$3.75 million fine — the largest ever imposed for federal environmental violations.

From Associated Press reports



Spreading Christmas cheer
Students from Hamilton Elementary School in Sanford brought some Christmas spirit to Central Florida Regional Hospital yesterday when they took it upon themselves to decorate the hospital's Emergency Room Christmas tree.

Left to right: Jerome Griffin, Doug McClure, Joseph Cooper, Willie Bennett, Stephanie Schmitt, Alisha Alahomrami, Sarah Meisel, Laurie Hunting, Stephanie Sharpe and Bragg Mariya.

Harold Photo by Tommy Vincent

Governor's popularity slipping

By BRENT KALLSBY
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — When Lawton Chiles captured the governor's chair by landslide proportions a year ago, he probably never thought his popularity would fall below that registered by the man he knocked out of office.

But a new poll released Tuesday today finds Chiles' unfavorable ratings well below the poorest rating received by his predecessor, Republican Bob Martinez.

Seventy-six percent of those surveyed rated Chiles' performance as "only fair" or "poor." Just 23 percent said the governor was doing an excellent or good job.

Martinez, in a November 1987 Mason-Dixon poll at the height of the services tax debacle, was ranked "only fair" or "poor" by 65 percent of those polled. Martinez had a 32 percent favorable rating at that time, compared to the 23 percent favorable for Chiles.

Health on hold House panel stalls universal health care

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A proposal to create a state health care board that would set all fees, collect all premiums and pay all bills in the multi-billion dollar industry was delayed before its first scheduled vote.

Instead of voting on the merits of the legislation, the House Health Standards Subcommittee voted Tuesday to delay acting on the bill until its next meeting.

Rep. C. Fred Jones suggested the wait, reminding his colleagues that they had not yet gotten a report from a task force directed by lawmakers last year to come up with recommendations for increasing access to health care services.

It appears the group, which is supposed to turn in its report later this month, is going to

come up with something viable, Jones said.

"I have the feeling that we have a package we'd be able to sell," said Jones, D-Auburndale.

Rep. Elaine Gordon, D-North Miami, has been trying unsuccessfully to sell the Legislature on her universal access bill for the last three years.

Tuesday she said the idea was getting a lot more attention because the high cost of health care has caught the attention of the federal government, which will be looking for ways to save money.

"I want us as the state of Florida to take the lead and show the Congress that the states can take care of their own problems," she said.

The bill would create a 17-member commission to hold the purse strings to Florida's

multi-billion dollar health care system.

This year, some \$34.2 billion likely will be spent on health care in Florida, up from \$31.8 billion last year, according to a legislative staff analysis.

But some 2.5 million of Florida's residents — most of them working adults or the children of workers — don't get health benefits on the job, can't afford to buy their own insurance and don't qualify for Medicaid, the joint federal-state health care program for the poor.

Gordon believes her bill can change that.

The commission it calls for would set the fees for all health services, collect premiums from individuals and pay hospitals, physicians and other health care providers.

Court overturns 'Son of Sam' law; Florida has similar law

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida law designed to recoup the costs of prosecuting and imprisoning felons is similar but not identical to New York's "Son of Sam" law overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Joe Bizzaro, a spokesman for Attorney General Bob Butterworth, said he didn't know whether Florida's law would be impacted by the 8-0 ruling because lawyers in Butterworth's office had not yet analyzed the decision.

"There are similarities and differences" to the two laws, Bizzaro said.

In the majority opinion, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote that the ruling does not necessarily strike down similar

laws enacted by the federal government and other states to protect crime victims.

The court ruled that the New York law violates constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression.

The 1977 statute authorizes confiscating book and movie profits from people accused as well as convicted of crimes and even from those who are not prosecuted but seemingly confess to crimes in their books.

The Florida law applies only to convicted felons.

Under the New York law, which has been used to seize profits in a number of high-profile cases, the money is placed in a fund for crime victims, who have five years to claim it.

After that, whatever money is

left can revert to the author. Those whose profits are seized must be convicted of the crimes before they can be forced to forfeit the money permanently.

In Florida, half of the money would be divided between the felon's family and the victim's family, a quarter would go to cover the costs of prosecution and imprisonment and whatever was left over would go into a trust fund for crime victims.

But no money has been collected in Florida, Bizzaro said. Settlements were worked out in two widely publicized South Florida cases — the child abuse trial of a woman whose teen-age daughter committed suicide and the trial of an elderly man who killed his ailing wife.

LOTTERY

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:

Cash 3
8-8-3

Play 4
5-0-7-3

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THE WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny. High in the upper 70s. Wind east 10-15 mph.

Tonight: Fair except for patchy late night fog. Low in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Wind east 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. High near 80. Wind east 10 to 15 mph.

Extended forecast: Mostly sunny Friday. Partly cloudy Saturday with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Lows in the low to mid 60s Friday and Saturday mornings falling to the mid 40s and lower 50s Sunday.

| City | Hi | Lo | Pct |
|----------------|----|----|-----|
| Apalachicola | 74 | 64 | 95 |
| Daytona Beach | 79 | 61 | 95 |
| Fl. Laud Beach | 63 | 48 | M |
| Fort Myers | 64 | 48 | |
| Gainesville | 73 | 63 | |
| Homeside | 64 | 48 | |
| Jacksonville | 74 | 60 | 95 |
| Key West | 69 | 78 | |
| Lakeland | 61 | 38 | |
| Miami | 63 | 46 | |
| Pensacola | 73 | 57 | 95 |
| Sarasota | 78 | 58 | |
| Tallahassee | 74 | 54 | 44 |
| Tampa | 79 | 61 | |
| Vero Beach | 64 | 61 | |
| W. Palm Beach | 63 | 64 | |

FLORIDA TEMPS

NEW Dec. 6
FIRST Dec. 14
FULL Dec. 21
LAST Dec. 28

BEACH CONDITIONS
Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 feet with a slight chop. Current is to the south with a water temperature of 70 degrees.
New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2-4 feet with a slight chop. Current is slightly to the south, with a water temperature of 70 degrees.

BOATING
St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet
Tonight: Wind northeast to east 15 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.
Thursday: Wind east 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

SUN
The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 79 degrees and the overnight low was 57 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.
Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Wednesday, totalled .02 of an inch.
The temperature at 9 a.m. today was 66 degrees and Wednesday's early morning low was 59, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.
Other Weather Service data:
 Today's high.....81
 Barometric pressure...30.19
 Relative humidity....87 pct
 Winds.....North 7 mph
 Rainfall.....0 in.
 Today's sunset.....6:28 p.m.
 Tomorrow's sunrise....7:08

| City | Hi | Lo | Pct | Onb |
|--------------------|----|----|-----|-----|
| Anchorage | 18 | 13 | 81 | rn |
| Atlanta | 64 | 44 | 83 | cdy |
| Atlantic City | 51 | 34 | 75 | cdy |
| Baltimore | 58 | 37 | 57 | cdy |
| Birmingham | 61 | 33 | 85 | cdy |
| Bismarck | 43 | 25 | 78 | rn |
| Boise | 41 | 26 | 85 | cdy |
| Boston | 46 | 28 | 85 | cdy |
| Burlington, Vt. | 35 | 22 | 87 | rn |
| Charleston, S.C. | 66 | 38 | 87 | cdy |
| Charleston, W. Va. | 51 | 28 | 16 | cdy |
| Charlotte, N.C. | 64 | 49 | 13 | cdy |
| Cheyenne | 47 | 28 | 87 | cdy |
| Chicago | 49 | 28 | 87 | rn |
| Cleveland | 49 | 28 | 87 | cdy |
| Columbia, S.C. | 69 | 32 | 87 | cdy |
| Concord, N.H. | 42 | 27 | 87 | cdy |
| Dallas-Ft. Worth | 68 | 44 | 87 | cdy |
| Denver | 48 | 25 | 87 | cdy |
| Des Moines | 56 | 26 | 87 | rn |
| Detroit | 64 | 27 | 87 | cdy |
| Hanolulu | 84 | 72 | 87 | cdy |
| Houston | 68 | 52 | 87 | cdy |
| Indianapolis | 49 | 25 | 87 | cdy |
| Jackson, Miss. | 65 | 44 | 87 | cdy |
| Kansas City | 66 | 31 | 87 | rn |
| Las Vegas | 55 | 44 | 81 | cdy |
| Little Rock | 60 | 43 | 87 | cdy |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 42 | 87 | cdy |
| Memphis | 61 | 38 | 87 | rn |
| Minneapolis | 47 | 28 | 87 | rn |
| Mobile | 61 | 38 | 87 | rn |
| Newark | 51 | 22 | 87 | cdy |
| New Orleans | 68 | 57 | 87 | cdy |
| New York City | 50 | 41 | 87 | cdy |
| Oklahoma City | 62 | 38 | 87 | cdy |
| Omaha | 53 | 34 | 87 | rn |
| Philadelphia | 50 | 40 | 87 | cdy |
| Phoenix | 66 | 38 | 17 | cdy |
| Pittsburgh | 46 | 35 | 87 | cdy |
| Portland, Maine | 42 | 28 | 87 | rn |
| St. Louis | 59 | 32 | 87 | cdy |
| Salt Lake City | 68 | 23 | 87 | cdy |
| Seattle | 44 | 33 | 87 | cdy |
| Washington, D.C. | 52 | 44 | 87 | cdy |

POLICE BRIEFS

Father, son arrested for auto theft

A Sanford man and his son were arrested by Sanford police Monday for auto theft and vehicle registration offenses. Richard George Kondracki, 52, 3100 Cameron Ave., and Stanley Marcus Kondracki, 24, 447 Palm Dr., were charged with grand theft of an auto and offenses involving a vehicle identification number and application. Stanley Kondracki turned himself in to police at about 3 p.m. Richard Kondracki was arrested at his Stipes Avenue auto parts business, Kondracki and Sons, at about 4:50 p.m. According to arrest reports, the Kondrackis obtained a vehicle registration number for a sports car owned by a Sanford man after the man told them he did not have a title for the vehicle. The owner told investigators he was keeping the car for parts. Reports state the Kondrackis contacted the previous owner and had the title transferred to them. Subsequently, they contacted the owners and took the vehicle for a test drive but did not return, reports state.

Robbery leads to arrest

Akeelahon Lakais Toomer, 18, 1314 Olive Ave., Sanford, was arrested by Seminole County deputies in Fern Park Monday, charged with strong-armed robbery and resisting arrest.

According to arrest reports, an employee of Sam's Wholesale Club saw Toomer attempt to leave the store with a woman's jacket hidden under her clothing. When confronted, Toomer punched and scratched an employee, according to reports. She was arrested at a nearby restaurant.

DUI, speeding charged

David E. Wurm, 33, 757 Pebble Creek, Apt. 306, Lake Mary, was charged with drunken driving and speeding by Lake Mary police Tuesday morning.

A policeman reported seeing Wurm speeding on Lake Mary Boulevard and attempted several times to stop him. Wurm was arrested as he parked, according to reports.

Police nab prowler

James Anthony Paredes, 31, 485 N. Highway 17-92, Apt. 5, Longwood, was charged with loitering and prowling and possession of burglary tools by Winter Springs police early Tuesday morning.

According to arrest reports, Paredes was seen on top of a closed dry-cleaning business by police. When searched, Paredes was found to have a pair of gloves, reports state.

Man with suspended license charged

Virgil Thomas Grant, 25, 2029 Airport Blvd., Sanford, was charged with driving with a suspended license early Tuesday morning.

The policeman reported stopping Grant because his vehicle's tag light was not working. A computer check revealed Grant's license had been revoked in April for 60 months for being a habitual traffic offender, according to arrest reports.

Outstanding warrant arrests

The following people have been arrested for outstanding warrants:

• Lee Forney Thomas, 41, 955 Alameda St., Longwood, was arrested at his home Tuesday morning on a warrant charging him with obtaining property with a worthless check. Thomas was taken to the Seminole County jail where it was found he was wanted on two Orange County warrants for obtaining property with a worthless check.

• Kathleen Elizabeth McGuinness, 27, 157-A Springwood Circle, Longwood, was stopped and arrested by a Florida Highway Patrol trooper on an open drug on State Road 438, near State Road 438 Monday night. McGuinness was wanted on warrants charging her with obtaining property with a worthless check.

County historical museum on hold

By J. MARK SANFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Possible contamination of the Sanford State Farmer's Market may alter Seminole County's plans to acquire two buildings for a historical museum.

"We're on hold right now," said Jean Rhein, director of the county library and leisure services department. "We'll wait and see what the state will do."

Seminole County had been negotiating with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to acquire Building 5 and 11 at the northern end of the market. Seminole County Historical Society had urged the county to pursue the acquisition to convert the former citrus packing houses and warehouse facilities into a county historical museum.

State plans to demolish the buildings to expand the parking lot earlier this year were

delayed for the negotiations. Commissioners said they would be willing to accept ownership of the buildings if they are free and the county can get grants to pay for the restoration.

If the county is unsuccessful in obtaining the grants, commissioners would give the buildings back to the state.

But all negotiations are on hold until the state concludes an environmental assessment of the property. Rhein said she expects the assessment to be underway before Jan. 1.

On an October inspection, county natural resources officer Tim Clabaugh reported finding a pallet loaded with three oil-covered drums at one corner of Building 5. The ground in about a 10-foot radius around the pallet was covered in an oily substance extending at least an inch below the surface of the soil, Clabaugh wrote. Numerous oil cans and greasy wrags and several lead acid

batteries were also near the building, Clabaugh wrote.

At Building 11, Clabaugh wrote a storage building next to it and the ground around it were heavily stained with oil. Inside Building 11, one corner was stained with oil, Clabaugh wrote.

Clabaugh said an assessment to determine the extent of the contamination would cost between \$25,000 and \$75,000. Because the state is conducting the assessment, Rhein said the county will delay any further negotiations with the state until it is completed.

Rhein said after the extent of the contamination is known, the county may pursue a lease arrangement with the state that does not hold the county responsible for any cleanup. Rhein said other agencies may assist the county with the project as an alternative.

Fire impact fee increase proposed by county

By J. MARK SANFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The cost of a new house may increase by nearly \$100 under a proposal that will be considered by Seminole County commissioners next year.

Tuesday, commissioners authorized holding a public hearing Feb. 11 and 23 next year to consider raising the county's four-year-old fire impact fee on new homes built in unincorporated areas from \$122 to \$208 per home. Builders of businesses and other new structures will be required to pay a proportionately higher fee based on the type structure.

The fee is required of new construction to offset the demand on the county's system of fire protection and emergency medical services. The fee helps pay for to build new fire stations and buy new vehicles and equipment. The fees cannot be used to pay for expanded services for current residents. Residents pay for those improvements themselves through property taxes.

The rising cost of fire stations and emergency vehicles is the reason the impact fee increase is needed, said county capital programs planner Pam Hastings. When the fire fee was increased in 1987 from its original amount of \$110, Hastings said the county used actual costs to

build county fire stations and buy equipment which, in some cases, dated back to 1983. County planners tried to estimate 1989 costs using the older information when they set the fee three years ago. Hastings said.

Those estimates proved to be low when the county paid for

two fire stations and several pieces of equipment since 1986, Hastings said.

The increased fee, which if approved will take effect in April, will bring an additional \$600,000 to the county during the next five years, for a total fee income of \$1.8 million, according to county projections.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION

CASE NO. 90-878

RHONDA FLAGLER, et al.,
on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.
CIV-ORL-19

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

I. The Lawsuit

This document is being sent to tell you about an important development in the lawsuit filed in November of 1989 against THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation; JUDY WEEKLEY, individually and in her official capacity as Interim Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Sanford, Florida; and STEVEN SAMUELS d/b/a SAMUELS TOWING SERVICE ("the Defendants"). The suit alleges automobiles owned by SHA tenants and their guests were towed and impounded by Defendants without provision of notice to the owners and opportunity for a hearing prior to the towing of the vehicle. The denial of notice and an opportunity for a hearing was alleged to be a deprivation of Plaintiffs' property interests in violation of the Due Process Clause of the fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Judge Fawcett entered a Preliminary Injunction on January 14, 1991 enjoining Defendant SHA from causing the seizure, towing or impounding of automobiles on the SHA premises without first providing notice and a hearing unless the automobile jeopardizes public safety and ordering the return of the named Plaintiffs' automobiles.

The "Plaintiffs" who brought the lawsuit include four individuals and a "class" or group of people as follows: all persons who are tenants or guests of tenants of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, Florida (SHA) whose automobiles are parked at the parking lots of the SHA and are subject to seizure and impoundment by the SHA and its agents.

IT APPEARS THAT YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE PLAINTIFFS.

The lawyers for the Plaintiffs have been talking to the lawyers for the SHA about ending the suit without a trial by agreeing on a settlement. This settlement would provide Plaintiffs certain rights and benefits in return for the dropping of the suit.

II. The Settlement

The most basic provision of the settlement are summarized below. You may obtain a full copy of the settlement papers from either of the following:

The Housing Authority of the City of Sanford
94 Castle Brewer Court
Post Office Box 2359
Sanford, Florida 32772-2359
(407) 323-3150

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Central Florida Legal Services, Inc.
315 Magnolia Avenue
Sanford, Florida 32771
(407) 322-8983

In brief, the settlement provides for the adoption and implementation of a SHA Towing Policy with the following procedures:

1. each tenant will register and affix a decal on their vehicles parked on SHA premises;
2. SHA shall give written individual Notice of Violation to the registered owner of a vehicle claimed to be impounded, without license plate or current registration, etc. which shall inform the owner of their right to request a hearing within 5 business days;
3. when vehicle poses clear safety or health

hazard, SHA shall cause the immediate removal by towing of the vehicle and provide post-towing notice to registered owner following owner's opportunity for hearing; and

4. tenants shall be estopped on the provisions to the SHA Towing Policy.

The settlement also provides that Plaintiffs' counsel will be notified if there are any proposed modifications to the SHA Towing Policy.

Further, a settlement with regard to attorneys' fees and costs has been reached.

III. Settlement Fairness Hearing

The Judge has scheduled a hearing for 11:45 a.m., on the 16th day of January, 1992, at the United States Courthouse, Room 2, 80 North Hughey Avenue, Orlando, Florida. The purpose of the hearing will be to determine whether or not this settlement is fair, adequate and proper and whether the Court should enter a Final Order approving the settlement.

IV. Attendance at the Hearing and Your Right to be Heard

If you are satisfied with the proposed settlement set forth in this notice, or in the full proposed settlement papers available from the SHA or Central Florida Legal Services, Inc., it is not necessary for you to attend the hearing or to notify the Clerk or the lawyers of your intentions. You need not take any further action. In other words, by doing nothing, the Court will assume that you wish to receive the benefits described in the notice. Any class member who wishes to do so may appear at the fairness hearing, in person or by counsel, and show cause, if any, why the proposed settlement should not be approved as fair, adequate, and proper. Any class member who wishes to object to any part of the settlement may also submit an objection in writing to the Clerk of the Court by January 2, 1992. Do not telephone the Clerk's office. The address of the clerk is:

Clerk, United States District Court
Middle District of Florida
80 North Hughey Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801

V. Further Inquiry Regarding This Action and the Settlement

If you have questions about this notice, the settlement agreement, or the lawsuit, you may contact:

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Mom charged in attempted murder of son

Associated Press

ORLANDO — A woman has been charged with attempted murder and aggravated child abuse after police and health officials determined she had injected her young son with fecal matter.

This is the second case investigated in the Orlando area in recent months. Two other cases involved mothers who repeatedly induced their children to vomit.

Police and agents of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services call the phenomenon "Munchausen's syndrome by proxy." Parents secretly make their children sick and then seek attention for heroic efforts to make them better.

In the latest case, the mother was arrested last Friday after officials said she injected the child at Orlando's Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women. Police said the woman confessed.

Her name was withheld to protect the child's identity.

The Lake County child, almost 2 years old, began eating solid food for the first time Monday at the hospital. His condition improved to stable, but he still had feeding tubes in his chest and stomach, hospital officials said.

The child has suffered mysterious fevers and vomiting spells for a year, police said. His parents brought him to the hospital in October, and doctors found fecal matter in his blood.

"There's no organic reason for that," police Sgt. Mary Ann Salazar said.

The youngster was treated with antibiotics and kept in the hospital, where his mother stayed with him 24 hours a day. Two weeks later — while still in the hospital — he suffered another high fever, and more fecal matter was found in his blood.

Doctors called the Child Protection Team, a group of doctors and social workers who handle child abuse cases. The team met with police and HRS officials and determined it to be a case of Munchausen's by proxy.

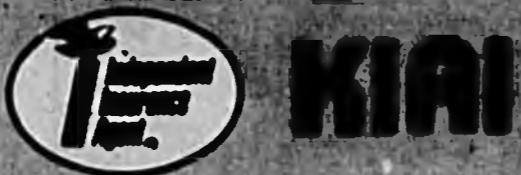
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Health care

It now appears likely President Bush will announce a major health care initiative early next year, perhaps during his State of the Union message in January. A draft of the reform plan includes several promising elements.

One key feature of the administration's package is an upgrade of the nation's 650 community health care centers, which now provide primary care for 6 million people in both urban and rural areas. By expanding these centers, the government could provide access to medical care for some of the estimated 30 million Americans who currently lack health insurance.

At present, the community health program receives \$550 million a year. If the administration's proposal is implemented the annual budget can be expected to double or triple during the next several years.

Another reform plank would pre-empt state laws that restrict so-called "managed care" plans, such as health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and preferred provider organizations (PPOs). HMOs and PPOs generally deliver health care more cheaply and efficiently than traditional providers.

Nonetheless, according to the Health Insurance Association of America, more than 200 bills have been introduced during the last two years in statehouses around the country to impose some kind of limits on these plans. One common restriction, proposed by the medical lobby, is to allow all doctors to participate, rather than only those whose services are deemed most cost effective.

Another reform in the administration's package would make changes in the malpractice system in an effort to reduce the use of "defensive" tests and procedures that are medically unnecessary. Accordingly, the administration's plan would limit the size of punitive damage awards, but it also would increase the number of people who could expect to get compensation for malpractice.

This would be accomplished by establishing a binding arbitration system outside the courts. As it is now, many legitimate malpractice victims never receive redress because their injuries are not severe enough to interest an attorney to pursue the case on a contingency basis.

The White House appears to be considering a piecemeal approach, rather than seeking a single all-encompassing solution. Given the complexity of America's health care dilemma, the administration's plan at least appears to be practical, even if it is not comprehensive.

Canada's plan

In the mounting debate about how to remedy the shortcomings of American health care, Canada's nationalized system often is cited as a model solution. But recent trends in Canada suggest that system is fraught with problems which are no less troubling than those that plague this country.

Largely because of soaring medical costs, Canada's provinces have been forced in recent years to reduce staff levels at hospitals and take beds out of service. Nowhere is this crisis more severe than in Ontario, the biggest and richest province, which has cut 5,000 hospital jobs and closed 3,500 beds in just the last two years. In the provincial capital of Toronto, nearly one-fifth of the 15,000 acute-care beds have been removed from service.

Such dramatic cutbacks had been unthinkable for much of the last 25 years since Canada first adopted its national system. But Canada now finds itself in a severe squeeze for pretty much the same reason the United States is in a bind: It has been unable to control runaway costs.

In fact, between 1967 and 1987, Canada actually was slightly worse than the United States at controlling health care inflation. During that 20-year span, Canada's per capita spending increased at an inflation-adjusted annual rate of 4.58 percent, compared with 4.38 percent in the United States.

Americans are not especially happy about medical costs that have increased at nearly double the rate of inflation during the last two decades. But at least we can find solace in the fact that the overall quality of health care for the average American has gotten progressively better.

Canadians cannot make that claim. Under Canada's universal care system, patients often must wait several months for such specialized medical services as cardiac bypass surgery, cataract removal, hysterectomies and back surgery. Moreover, Canadian patients have limited access to the latest medical technologies and diagnostic equipment.

The only clear advantage that Canada's system has over the American model is universal coverage.

BEN WATTENBERG

Bush should commit 'columnny'

The newest presidential hopeful is a columnist. This gives the current president an opportunity to do what he needs to do most, which is to think like a columnist.

The columnist is Pat Buchanan, who will probably do quite well against President Bush in the New Hampshire primary.

He has advantages. Good columnists are forced to figure out what they believe. That is a very hard job. Buchanan has worked hard, and he has strong beliefs. Some of them are sound, some of them mean-spirited or wacky. But almost all of them touch the main political nerves in America, and are central to the course of America's future.

He deals in the red-meat of politics: He is against quotas, for lower taxes, against immigration, against free trade and for America "coming home" from around the world.

Being president is also a very hard job. There are the phone calls, the lobbying, the tough decisions, the compromising, the photo-ops, the emergencies and the travel. But that doesn't leave much time to do the columnist-style brain-crunching that allows a person to say, "This I believe," and to appear credible and passionate when saying it.

Political scientists, and even normal people, say they want a presidential campaign that deals

with "the issues." George Bush, who appears to be caught up in White House bustle-bustle, now has an early chance to give us that. It would be good for America, and good for him. We know the columns of Buchanan; the president would be doing better if he did some mental heavy lifting and gave us the columns of Bush.

Take the so-called "quota" issue. It is an American scandal. The Constitution was not designed to promote "act-sides."

But what is the president's view? One senses that he too sees the vast problems of proportionalism. But following the complicated legislative battling over the issue, no one now quite knows how he stands. The president ought

to handwrite a column on that. (He will then be able to do something about it, by issuing the executive orders necessary to implement the new civil rights bill.)

He should do the same on the issues of taxes and trade. More difficult, and more important, he should deal assertively with immigration and isolationism.

Immigration is tough; it may be the sleeper issue of the campaign. Ever since the time of the Mayflower, Americans have been looking at the next boat (or plane) and saying, "Uh oh, there goes the neighborhood." Buchanan is playing on that thought; and overplaying it, drawing nasty lines between "Zulus and Englishmen," between Christians and non-Christians, between Euro-Americans and other Americans.

We ought to get a column-like view on that from the president, taking the high ground, the presidential ground. It is not an easy position. Diversity can cause turbulence; our immigration code needs work. But with strain and pain, immigration and diversity have made America great; they are likely making America greater yet today.

The president's best target is Buchanan's neo-isolationist position. It is a scam.



Being president is also a very hard job.



ELLEN GOODMAN

Abortion and '92 elections

BOSTON — Kathryn Kolbert likes to say that politics and law are a lot like Sesame Street: "You have to learn how to count."

She didn't get this tip directly from Bert and Ernie but from her experience as an attorney defending abortion rights. There are certain numbers that seem especially unlucky for any pro-choice calculator this year. Take the number 12. Last week the House came up 12 votes short of being able to override George Bush's veto and protect the right of a doctor to talk freely to a poor client considering an abortion.

Take the number 600. That's about how many new restrictive laws state legislatures have passed since the Webster decision allowed them greater leeway.

Take the number four (Please). That's the margin in the Senate that confirmed Clarence Thomas to a deciding seat on the Supreme Court.

Now Kolbert's counting has turned to a countdown. The ACLU lawyer is the lead attorney on a case heading down the fast track to the Supreme Court. It comes with a petition that asks the justices to say once and for all: Has the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade? Is abortion still a fundamental constitutional right in the United States?

This question has been simmering since Reagan and Bush began appointing new members to the highest bench. The new court hasn't killed the right established by Roe v. Wade, but it's nibbling it to death. Indeed in 1989, the Webster decision virtually invited the states to start chomping.

Now abortion-rights groups have said, Enough. In Kolbert's words, "It is time to force the court to say whether or not Roe remains the law."

The case that raises that issue is Planned Parenthood versus Casey. This case began in the Pennsylvania legislature. In 1989, the legislators voted in favor of a law that restricted abortion by, among other things, requiring a mandatory waiting period, state-written counseling, parental consent and husband notification.

On Oct. 21, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals upheld every restriction except the one forcing women to tell their husbands. More importantly, the court based its ruling on the belief that Roe v. Wade had already been gutted. Abortion, they said, was no longer a fundamental constitutional right, but rather a "limited fundamental right." This "right," in other words, could be limited by any law a legislature passed and a court thought was "reasonable."

Until now, abortion-rights advocates — carefully counting the numbers on the Supreme Court — have tried to avoid a showdown over Roe. It was always the anti-abortion forces that asked for a review of the seminal case. Pro-choice advocates figured

women were better off clinging to whatever they could grasp while the cliff eroded under them.

Now, Kolbert's clients, the clinics and doctors who provide abortions in Pennsylvania, have said, "We're tired of dying gracefully. It's time for the court to decide."

By petitioning the court for a review, they are risking an earlier and full reversal of Roe. But as Kolbert says, any woman within the jurisdiction of the 3rd Circuit Appeals Court — Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey — has already lost a fundamental right.

The reality is that pro-choice supporters can't, uh, count on the court. The abortion issue has gradually but inexorably moved out of the legal system and into politics. So now the most important number on the minds of the groups pushing for a definitive answer from the Supreme Court is 1992.

This case is the only one challenging Roe that could get to or through the Supreme Court this election year. If the state of Pennsylvania decides to join the issue and keep to a speedy timetable, the issue of abortion is going to be front and center in every race.

"I think most people have a hard time believing that the Supreme Court could take away a constitutional right," says Kolbert. "When I say to young women, 'Do you believe that the court could take away the right to birth control and abortion?' there's a disbelief that permeates their world."

If the justices, after all, overturn Roe — the bedrock of privacy decisions — the right of a woman to decide is going to land squarely in the laps of legislators. And 1992 could be the year when many politicians discover their number is up.



We're tired of dying gracefully.

JACK ANDERSON

Customs eyeing NFL in recruiting

WASHINGTON — Drug dealers may need a new playbook for their future run-ins with the U.S. Customs Service. Customs is actively recruiting professional football players to fight the war on drugs. This is the Washington Redskins vs. the Medellin Cartel. Lawrence Taylor vs. Pablo Escobar.

It's funny, but it isn't a joke. It's an official recruiting plan introduced Oct. 1 by Assistant Commissioner for Customs Enforcement John Hensley. But "Operation Pigskin" has been greeted by other Customs employees with a Bronx cheer.

On its face, the idea seems reasonable — offering a new line of work to retiring NFL players and adding some team spirit to the Customs corps. But the plan has sparked heated debate in the agency on the merits of brains vs. brawn when it comes to fighting the drug war.

In an internal memo obtained by our associate Dean Boyd, Hensley says the intent of Operation Pigskin is to select "qualified personnel from a large group of aggressive, self-motivated, self-disciplined men ..."

He adds that NFL players are typically in good physical shape, have worked in adverse conditions, are used to long hours and are trained to "perform with a high degree of perfection within the parameters of the team concept as opposed to taking individual action." In plain terms, Customs is looking for men who take orders without asking questions and kick in doors without complaining about stubbing their toes.

The memo hints at another motivation, the publicly bonanza for Customs: "The press will communicate to football fans everywhere that the NFL is working in conjunction with (Customs) ..."

Customs is a disorganized and demoralized agency that needs a boost in the standings, and a few big names on the roster might help that. But many Customs employees who initially snickered at the plan and dismissed it are now hoping it will blow over. Huge men are wandering through Customs offices around the country, prompting varied responses. "Nothing surprises me now. I have seen it all," said one employee.

Someone skilled in aboving others around for a living is not what Customs needs right now. One agent told us, "I think it will just promote a Robo Cop image. And guys who pull that type of stuff usually get shot or shoot somebody when they don't need to. That's not the message we need to be sending out."

Customs employees also say their work is becoming increasingly sophisticated with the use of computers and the onslaught of major financial investigations such as the complex Bank of Credit and Commerce International case. They politely point out that the average jock may not be suited for the job. "It's not so much that we need to work bigger. We need to work smarter," one official told us.

Special agents occasionally find themselves in a scuffle with a criminal, but most of their time is spent doing nitty gritty investigative work. And when it comes to kicking in doors, they usually call the local police.

Why Customs feels compelled to comb the ranks of the NFL is a puzzle. There are already 2,500 applicants who have passed the Treasury Enforcement Exam and are waiting for interviews. The slate is so full that the Office of Personnel Management isn't even talking applications.

"I'm not sure why they are looking at the NFL specifically," one former consultant to Customs told us. "It may give Customs some better athletic ability, but I don't think they will be any better mentally prepared."



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

Rescue

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excitement however, during the dramatic portions of the program.

The gathering also cheered when the program showed John Hunter, with Adkins across the bow of his boat, running up onto the landing ramp as it sped to shore.

Although the actual rescue took place on Dec. 2, 1990, the filming took place on the shore of Lake Monroe in May of this year, with a number of the squadron members taking part in the re-creation.

Following his rescue, Adkins was taken to the HCA Central Florida Regional Hospital for treatment. He remained there for five days but suffered no long-term injuries.

The program came just two days after this year's boat race which was now called the Florida Citrus Sailfest. Most of the squadron members were involved in the event.

After watching the program, Squadron Commander Bob Ray observed, "That collapse of Adkins' boat is responsible for many changes we made for our support vessels during this year's race."

Referring to the program's mention that Flynt had a wire cutter to cut the line, Ray said, "Each one of us now carries a large bolt cutter just in case something similar happens."

Ray continued, "We also have established better communications between the observer boats and the shore, and we have emergency fire and rescue units standing by at all times during the race."

Adkins, who resides with his family in Orange Park, is not a member of the squadron and was not at the viewing. He was shown in the TV segment, describing much of the rescue. The program reported the only injuries remaining from the accident were some scars on Adkins' legs.

Except for their connection with Adkins during the rescue, few of the squadron members knew him, or have seen him since the rescue. Flynt commented, "It's been a year since we've seen him. He looks good and we're all glad it came out like it did for him."

Drivers

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He said it has achieved only marginal acceptance in the three months since it began.

"There is no doubt it works," Brown said. "We checked with the trucking industry, and they are unanimous that it works. Knowing you are accountable and not anonymous, the program makes you think twice before you act."

Mrs. Knothe's daughter, who is learning to drive a family van sporting the bumper sticker, supports the program.

"I know I will definitely think twice before I speed or drive improperly," she said. "I told my mother that if I am late returning home, I will just accept that punishment because it will be better than having someone reporting me for speeding."

School

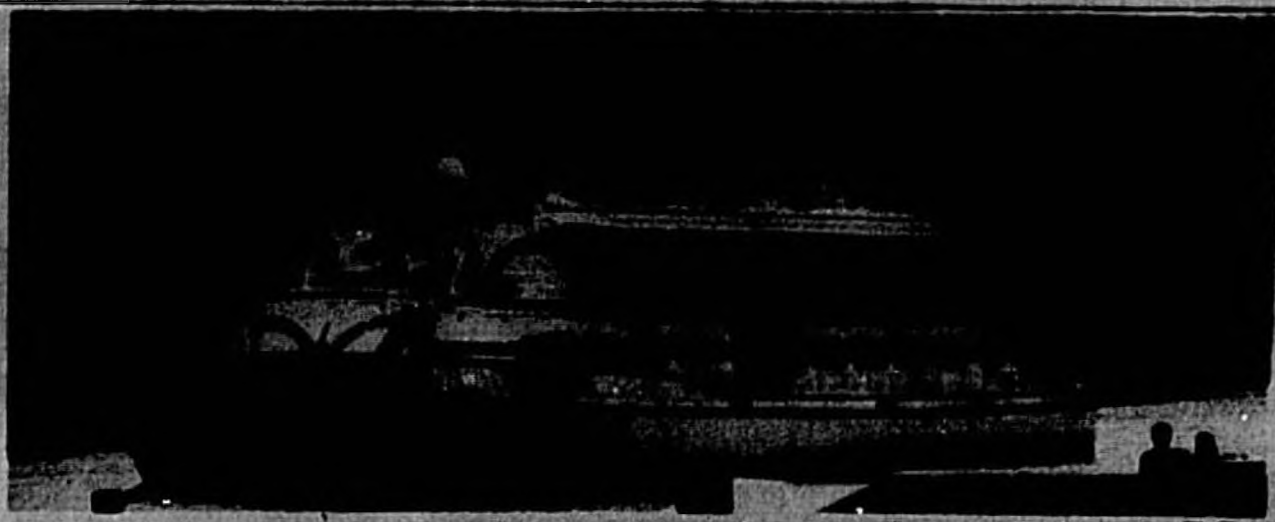
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states that districts may select their own replacement when a superintendent fails to complete his term.

In a letter to the board, school board attorney, Ned Julian said, "If that is so (that Hancock is valid law at this time), then it is the School Board of Seminole County and not the governor who has the authority to employ the superintendent upon the resignation of Mr. Hughes."

Language in the ruling, which uses the term "employed" rather than "appointed," makes it unclear, according to Julian, whether or not that decision is still valid.

In his letter, Julian also noted, "It may well be that the effect of the passage of a referendum making the superintendent an employee of the school board actually abolishes the elected position effective with the ratifi-



The original tour boat, the Romance, is returning to its home port of Sanford.

Romance

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who might remember the old ship will be pleased to see what we've done with it. It's been completely refurbished recently." She said the cost of the refurbishing was around \$300,000.

The older Romance is half the size of the Grand Romance. The smaller ship has a 180 seat dining capacity or room for 300 passengers. The larger vessel, presently in Sanford, seats 360, and has room for 600 passengers.

"The smaller ship will only be used on a charter basis," Yuronia said. "It won't be competing with the Grand Romance which will continue to make its daily trips." She added, "Mostly, we'll be using the Romance for special bookings such as weddings, anniversaries, reunions, and so on."

Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dave Farr is elated over the return of the Romance. "I think the entire business community of Sanford will benefit from this," he said. "It is a good thing for three reasons; it is a return of the first ship that operated here, it is a smaller boat that will lend itself to events that could only be held on a smaller vessel, and finally, Adkins will now have

Trash

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\$10.40 to \$10.94 per month. The 54¢ increase however, would only be requested if there was no additional pickup for yard trash.

The cost for the additional trash pickup would still have to be determined, based on whether or not it might replace one of the regular trash pickups already in existence.

Mayor Randy Morris projected, "A majority of the people probably wouldn't use the yard trash pickup, especially in the winter months." He favors trying it on an experimental basis. "Let's look into the per-use collection first," he said, "then, if that doesn't work, we can go into the city-wide collection."

Morris complained, "Tallahassee tells us we have to do this, but they never tell us how to finance it. We don't need to give everyone in the City this service increase, so let's try the experiment first."

The special called meeting of the Lake Mary City Commission is scheduled to be held beginning at 5:30 this afternoon. In the commission chambers at the City Hall.

two ships operating cruises in the lake and river areas."

While Farr could not estimate the economic impact the added ship will bring, he projected, "The ships will help give Sanford a special identity as the center of lake cruising ships, and I think it will help make business better than ever."

With the only difference in names being the word "Grand" in the newer and larger ship, Yuronia said there would not be any attempt to re-name either one. "The only difficulty we

expect is with booking," she said. "We'll have to have our people be certain at all times which ship people are calling about."

In the company's new facilities along the lakefront, it intends to eventually construct a 2-story office building and vehicular parking lot on the property, and utilize the docks along the lake's edge for loading and unloading of the passengers. The three docks presently in existence will be rebuilt in their same locations to serve the river/ship needs.



The newer of the two boats is the Grand Romance

JEFFREY R. ANDREWS

Jeffrey R. Andrews, 34, San Sebastian Court East, Altamonte Springs, died Monday in DeBary. Born July 21, 1957, in Winter Park, he was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a truck driver for Altamonte Towing.

Survivors include wife, Michelle; daughter, Brittany, Altamonte Springs; sons, Jeffrey and Andrew, both of Orlando; mother, Corene, Orlando; sisters, Patricia Riddick, Betty Durning, both of Orlando, Paula, Newton, Mass., Judy Hamilton, Orangeville, Ontario, Canada.

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

was a member of the Over 50s Club of Sanford.

Survivors include sons, Thomas, Deltona, Richard, Sunrise; sister, Vera Fariello, Yorktown, N.Y.; three grandchildren.

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

BARBARA KANNER PRESTON

Barbara Kanner Preston, 46, of 429 Citadel Dr., Altamonte Springs, died Tuesday at her residence. Born Oct. 12, 1945, in Ft. Smith, Ark., she moved to Altamonte Springs from Arkansas in 1946. She was a computer operator and a Protestant. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Survivors include husband, Larry; parents, Jack and Cora Kanner of Sanford; daughter, Jillana Caulfield, Denver; sister, Linda English of Dunellen; two grandchildren.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MAE I. BOWERY

Mae I. Bowery, 85, 2825 Sanford Ave., Sanford, died Tuesday at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Oct. 17, 1906, in Key West, she moved to Sanford from Clarksville, Ark., in 1980. She was a homemaker and a charter member of Grace United Methodist Church, Lake Mary.

Survivors include daughter, Ella Mae DeLamp, Madison; sons, Herman B. Jr., Norman, Okla., Robert A., Sanford; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Gaines Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

VIVIAN B. TANGO

Vivian B. Tango, 73, 108 Heather Lane, Deltona, died Tuesday at her residence. Born March 4, 1918, in New York, she moved to Deltona from Sanford in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of All Souls Catholic Church, Sanford. She

(Wednesday) from 2-4 and 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Those wishing may make contributions to the Sanford Christian Sharing Center, P.O. Box 788, Sanford, 32775-0782. Burial: Sanford, 180 Dog Track Rd., Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

GASINS, JESSIE

Funeral services for Jessie Gasins, 67, of 1934 E. 10th St., Sanford, who died Dec. 2, will be held 4:30 p.m. today at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. William "Red" Lewis officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Sanford. Burial: Sanford, 180 Dog Track Ave., Sanford, 32775, in charge of arrangements.

TANGO, VIVIAN B.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Vivian B. Tango, age 73, of Deltona who

passed away on Monday will be conducted on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the All Souls Catholic Church in Sanford with Father Tom Burns as celebrant. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Park Cemetery. Visitation for friends will be today (Wednesday) from 4-6 p.m. with a wake service at 8 p.m. at the Oaklawn Chapel of the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home in Lake Mary.

PRESTON, BARBARA KANNER

Funeral services for Mrs. Preston will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Brisson Funeral Chapel with Chaplain James G. Patterson, Jr., officiating. Interment will follow in Oaklawn Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 4 until 8 p.m. Arrangements by Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, 322-3131.



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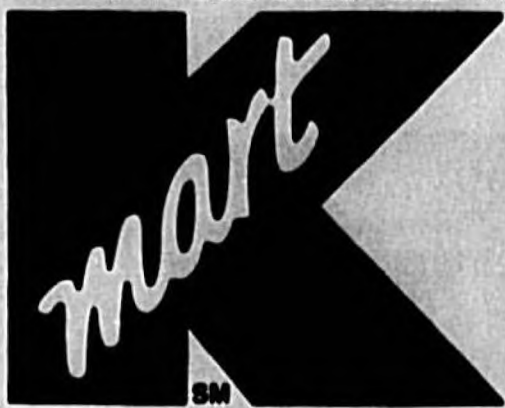
Longwood Village holidays

LONGWOOD — The merchants of Longwood Village are throwing a party tonight. Holiday events are planned throughout the shopping center.

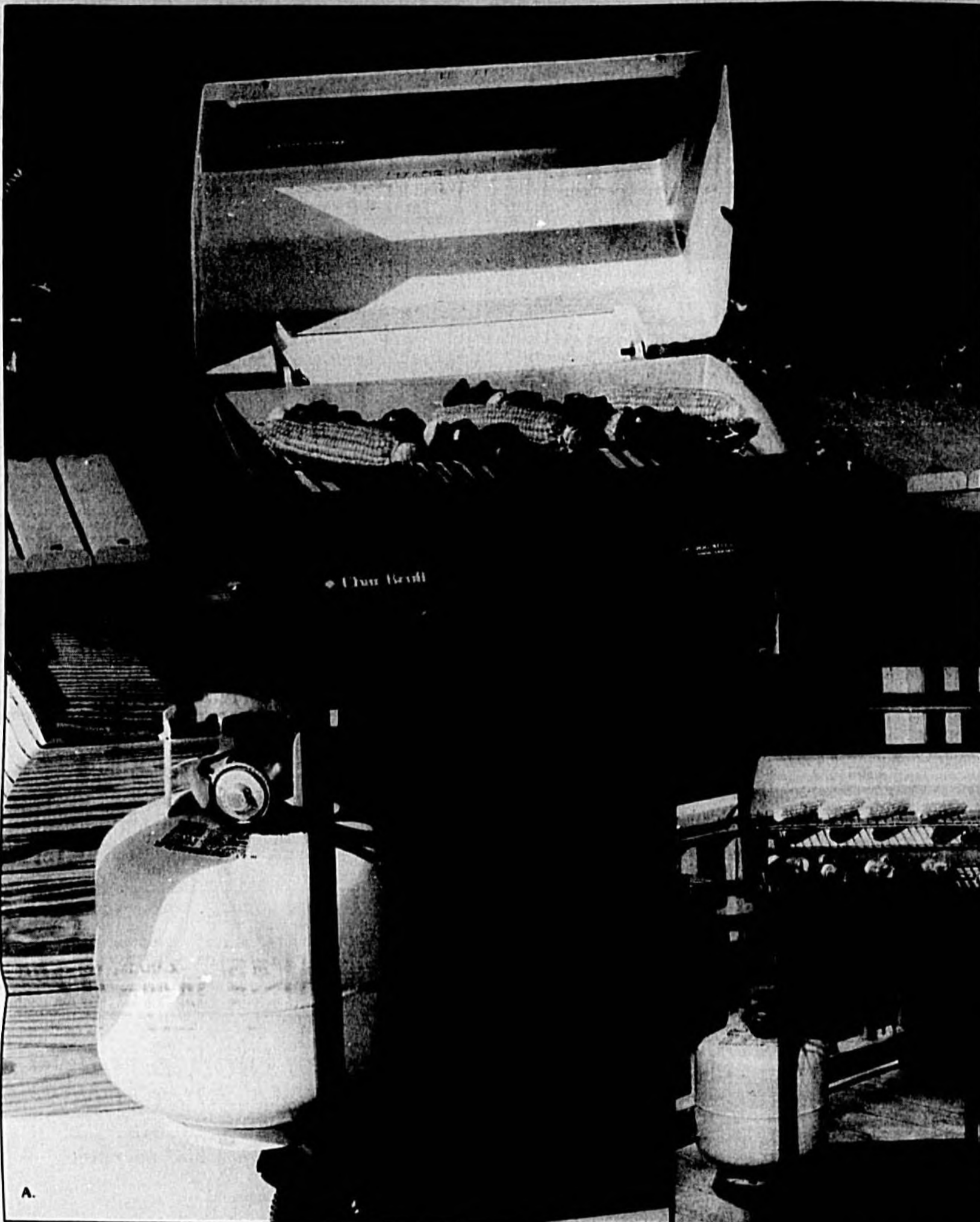
Festivities include an auction to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Central Florida Chapter, a fashion show, Victrola carolers, a horse drawn carriage and a caricature artist.

Entertainment will be highlighted by talented jazz vocalist Jacqueline Jones and her band. Complimentary hor d'ouevres will also be available in front of the many restaurants in the village.

The gala open house will be from 5:30 until 9 p.m. tonight. Longwood Village, now about 95 percent leased, is located one-quarter mile east of I-4 at 1855 State Road 434 in Longwood.



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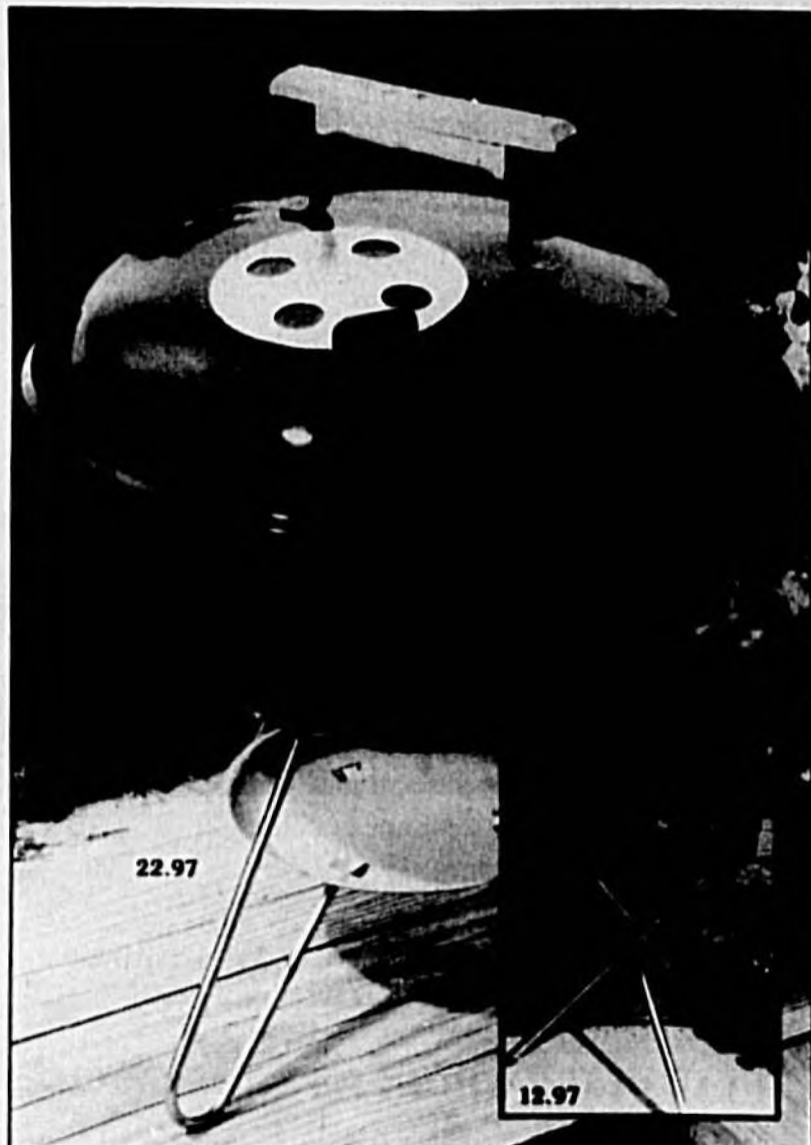
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Closing arguments to begin

By DAN DEWELL
Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — In graphic testimony setting up closing arguments today, William Kennedy Smith said the woman who accused him of rape was an aggressive, if disoriented, sexual partner.

Smith said that after having sex with the woman, he told his cousin Patrick Kennedy: "This woman's a real nut."

In 4½ hours on the stand Tuesday, Smith gave a calm, step-by-step account that contradicted the woman's tearful testimony last week.

Smith painted her as a sexually voracious woman who enticed him into sex twice in a half hour outside his family's oceanfront mansion, then accused him of rape. His version prompted sharp questions from Assistant State Attorney Moira Laach.

"What are you saying, that she raped you, Mr. Smith?" she snapped.

"Absolutely not!" Smith said. The 30-year-old woman, who lives in Jupiter, testified for nearly 10 hours last week. She said Smith tackled her on the lawn, pinned her down, ignored her protests and brutally raped her.

Smith, the 31-year-old nephew of U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said that when he and woman returned to the Kennedy estate after meeting at a bar, the woman said "strange" things such as "I've been here before," asked to see his identification and called him Michael.

"I thought she was confused and disoriented," Smith said. Smith said he and the woman went to the beach and kissed briefly before the woman removed her underpants, undid his pants, rolled over on top of him and fondled him until he ejaculated.

Smith said he then took a short swim. When he got out of the water, Smith said, the woman was on the lawn, where they had sex again. He said the woman "sort of snapped" when he called her the name of a former girlfriend.

"She told me to get the hell off of her and she hit me with her hand," Smith said. Later, he said, she accused him of rape and told him she'd called the police.

Mrs. Laach challenged Smith's version as ludicrous and sarcastically asked if his "animal magnetism" spurred the woman.

"What are you, some kind of sex machine here?" she asked. A defense objection blocked the answer.

Smith is charged with sexual battery and battery. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 4½ years in prison.

Mrs. Laach scheduled at least two more witnesses — an expert on weather and an expert on soil — for the trial's rebuttal phase, followed by closing arguments.

Circuit Judge Mary Lupo told the jury it would likely get the case today.

Smith testified after the prosecutor and Lupo clashed over limitations placed on cross-examination. The judge ruled out any questions even hinting at three other women's claims that Smith attacked them in the 1980s.

NBC wins race with comedies

By Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Strong finishes by the veteran comedies "Cheers," "A Different World" and "The Cosby Show" gave NBC the top spot in the A.C. Nielsen Co. television ratings.

NBC finished won with a 13.1 average rating last week, followed by ABC with 12.8 and CBS with 11.5.

Each ratings point represents 921,000 homes. "Cheers," NBC's 10-year-old comedy, finished fifth. The network's 7-year-old sitcom "The Cosby Show" came in at No. 11 and Cosby's spinoff "A Different World," was ninth.

ABC's "Roseanne" was number one, followed by CBS' "60 Minutes."

"Coach," which follows "Roseanne" in ABC's hit Tuesday night lineup, was No. 3. The ABC sitcom "Full House" was fourth.

NBC's reality series, "Unsolved Mysteries," was No. 6, followed by ABC's "Home Improvement," the only new fall series to reach the top 10.

The Philadelphia Eagles showdown with the Houston Oilers made "NFL Monday Night Football" the No. 8 broadcast of last week.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Lyman grapplers now 3-0

LONGWOOD — Winning nine of 14 matches by pins, the Lyman High School wrestling team improved its dual meet record to 3-0 with a 59-19 victory over Dr. Phillips Tuesday night.

Next up for the Lyman Greyhounds will be their annual Christmas tournament this Friday and Saturday.

Of the nine pins registered by the Greyhounds, four came in the first period. The quickest match was at 189 pounds, where Lyman's Nelson Diaz needed just 25 seconds to put his opponent on his back. By comparison, Vinn Samero's victory at 135 pounds was a marathon, taking all of 56 seconds.

LYMAN 39, DR. PHILLIPS 19
103 — N. Samero (L) pinned Perez 3:47; 112 — Altizer (L) pinned Desantis 3:42; 119 — Monk (DP) pinned Haller 2:50; 125 — Alkey (L) pinned Williams 1:04; 130 — Campos (L) pinned Tindall 1:32; 135 — V. Samero (L) pinned Merrill 3:56; 140 — Whitaker (L) pinned Jenkins 3:29; 145 — Defazio (L) pinned Cooper 3:44; 152 — J. Giammo (L) sup. dec. Martinez 20:4; 160 — Nutt (L) pinned Wood 2:48; 171 — Hunt (DP) dec. Holley 9:3; 189 — Diaz (L) pinned Garcia 25: 270 — Johnson (DP) major dec. Fenney 17:9; 275 — Isaac (DP) pinned Perez 3:34.
Junior varsity: Lyman 48, Dr. Phillips 27

Other first-period winners were 125-pounder Richard Atkey (1:04) and 130-pounder Willie Campos (1:32).

Also winning by pin for the Greyhounds were Nicky Samero (103 pounds, 2:47), John Altizer (112 pounds, 3:42), Shawn Whitaker (140 pounds, 3:29), Charlie Defazio (145 pounds, 3:44) and Jason Nutt (160 pounds, 2:48).

Lyman's other win was posted by Jimmy Giammo, who scored an n by a 20-6 superior decision Wednesday night.

Softball league meeting set

SANFORD — An organizational meeting for the upcoming Sanford Recreation Department's adult softball leagues has been scheduled for 6 p.m. this evening.

The meeting will be conducted at the recreation department's office on the first floor of City Hall, 300 N. Park Ave.

For more information, call 330-5697.

Players, coaches still sought

SANFORD — Players and coaches are still being sought to participate in the Sanford Recreation Department's girls basketball leagues scheduled to begin play in January.

The league will play its games on Saturdays at Lakeview Middle School.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 15 can still register by contacting the recreation department at 330-5697. Also, anyone who is able to volunteer their time to help coach one of the teams should also contact the rec department.

Baseball classes scheduled

SANFORD — Wes Rinker has announced a pair of three-day baseball camps for boys and girls ages 8 through 12 that will be available during the Christmas holidays at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

The first session will meet Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 21, 23 and 24 while the second session will meet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

Both sessions will meet between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the stadium.

The fee for the class is \$75, which includes the morning class and a snack afterwards.

For more information, call either 1-800-346-1677 or 323-1046.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Boys' Basketball

Seminole at New Smyrna Beach. Freshmen at 4 p.m., junior varsity at 5:45 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Kissimmee-Gateway at Lyman. Junior varsity at 6:30 p.m., varsity at 8 p.m.

Girls' Soccer

Seminole at Lake Mary. Junior varsity at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Lake Howell at Lyman. Junior varsity at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Oviedo at Lake Brantley. Junior varsity at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Lake Mary at Lake Brantley. Junior varsity at 7 p.m., varsity at 8 p.m.



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Taking your lumps

Lake Mary walks over short-handed Seminole

By TONY DESORMIER
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — For about 24 hours, Seminole High School soccer coach Carlos Merlino had this feeling of impending doom.

To begin with, he's without two of his starting defensive players. The defensive schemes he introduced in practice Monday to offset their absence didn't fly. Late Tuesday afternoon, he learned Travis Groover, one of the county's top offensive players, was home sick with the flu.

And on Tuesday night, the undefeated Lake Mary Rams came to town.

Actually, went to town would be more accurate as the Rams struck almost at will in the first half on their way to a 6-0 cakewalk in the Seminole Athletic Conference clash at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium.

"For the first time in the seven years that I've been here, I had no idea of what we were going to do tonight when I got here," said Merlino. "Actually, I've felt like that since yesterday."

Even in their best years, the Seminoles have generally been one to two goals behind the Rams. But this season, as the Tribe struggles in the early goings, the Rams are rounding into what Larry McCorkle describes as potentially one of the best team's he's coached at Lake Mary.

"I've had two teams where the

starting 11 were probably stronger than this group," said McCorkle. "But I don't think I've ever had a team as deep as this one. Knock wood, no one's injured now. But if someone does get hurt, I think we'll be much better off in terms of having someone step in for them."

Seminole had the unfortunate stroke of luck to face a full-strength Ram team Tuesday night. And Lake Mary went to work immediately on the out-manned Seminoles. Brian Coduto playing a long volley into the upper left corner past Tribe goalkeeper Jon Williams just 5:20 into the contest.

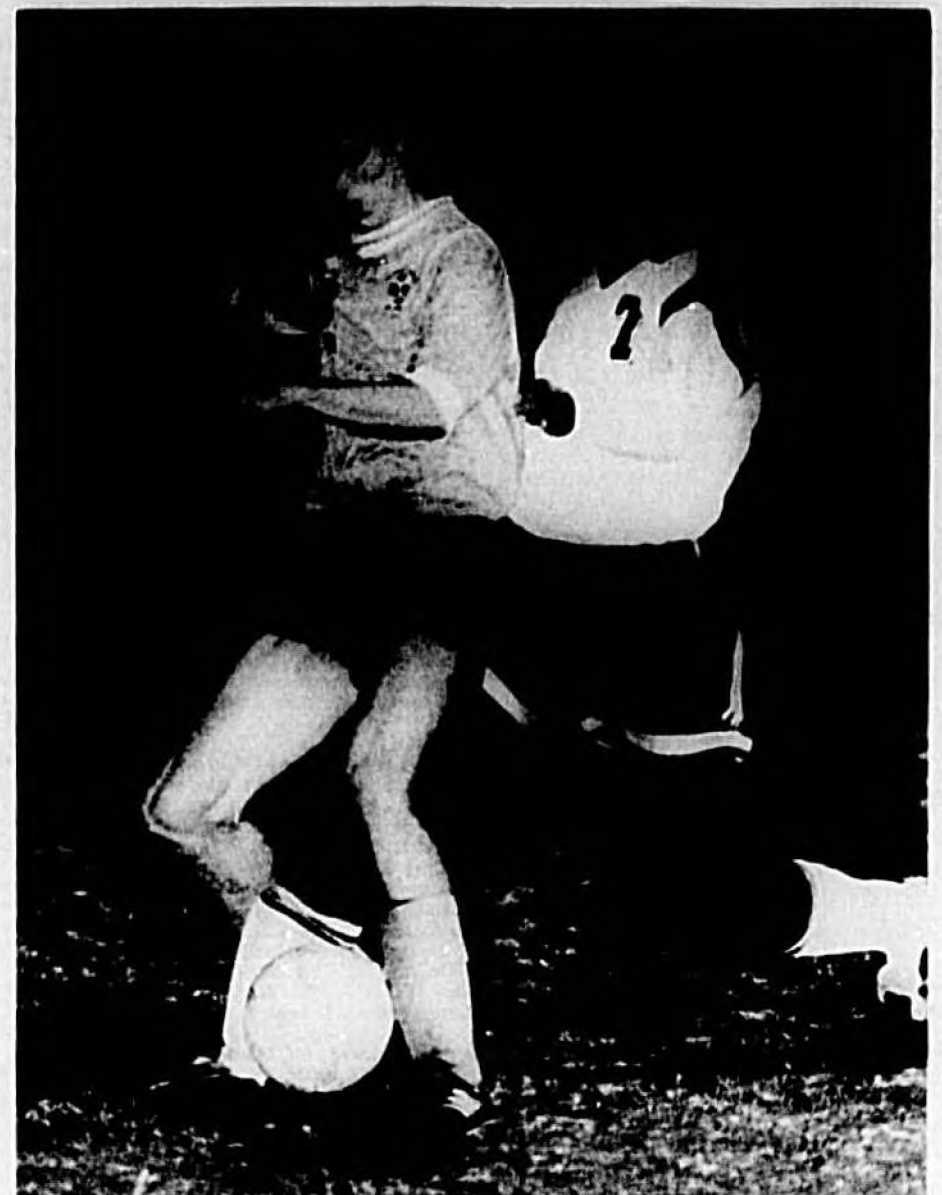
It was the beginning of the longest night in Williams' high school career. By the time it was over, he would make over a dozen saves — many on shots from point-blank range — while facing a barrage of over 30 shots on goal. In fact, Williams alone kept the score from being much, much worse.

"Jon Williams is one of the better goalkeepers we'll see," said McCorkle. "You aren't going to score garbage goals against him. They have to be well taken."

They all were, three of the goals coming on set plays. After Justin Walker knocked home the rebound of a shot by Jody DeBruin at 16:35, John Hodak headed in an indirect kick by Coduto at 18:36. Three minutes later, Coduto scored again in an assist from Dave Yurick.

At 26:50, Matt Buckmaster made

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Bruce Leenim (No. 7) picked up an assist in Lake Mary's 6-0 romp over Seminole Tuesday night when his corner kick was knocked into the net by Matt Buckmaster. Lake Mary, 6-0, plays at Lake Brantley Thursday.



Looking ahead to the future
Seminole High School football coach Emory Blake addressed the Sanford Pop Warner Football Association at its annual awards banquet Tuesday. In the process, he was able to both congratulate the group for a successful season and meet the young men who may one day play for him at Seminole.

Lyman defense shuts down Deltona

From Staff Reports

DELTONA — Lyman High School parlayed a sterling defensive effort and a 19-point third quarter into a 42-33 win over the Deltona Wolves in a high school girls' basketball game Tuesday night.

The Greyhounds, led by Melissa Lewis, kept the Wolves under 10 points in three of the fourth quarters and only committed eight fouls.

"I'm very pleased with our defense," said Lyman coach Steve Carmichael. "The kids really worked hard. Our biggest thing is to cut down on our own turnovers. But we work real hard on defense all the time. I'm very proud of them."

Offensively, Latisha Smith scored 10 points to tie Deltona's Melissa Mendez for game-high honors. Sara Wood, Shina Clark and Felicia Kiep each added eight points for the Greyhounds.

According to Carmichael, the difference between this

Table with 2 columns: LYMAN 42, DELTONA 33. Lists player stats for Lyman (Lewis 11, 23, Scranton 0, 4, 4, Wood 3, 12, 8, Clark 4, 0, 0, 8, Smith 3, 3, 10, 10, Talley 0, 1, 2, 1, Kiep 4, 0, 3, 8, Totals 15, 10, 23, 42) and Deltona (Reid 3, 0, 0, 6, Mendez 3, 1, 2, 10, Owen 1, 1, 2, 7, Corso 3, 0, 2, 6, Workman 2, 0, 2, 4, Totals 14, 2, 6, 33).

third quarter performance and past post-half-time exhibitions was a subtle one.

"They made good decisions in the third quarter," said Carmichael. "It's that simple."

Carrie Scranton and Kiep each had nine rebounds for Lyman while Clark provided the Greyhounds with solid senior leadership on the floor.

Lyman also won the junior varsity game, 28-20.

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Ervin brothers drive Rummel Chevrolet to perfect mark

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Ervin brothers — Terrell, Darrell and Joe — combined for nine hits and nine runs as Ken Rummel Chevrolet bested Sanford Boat Works 16-11 to wrap up an undefeated season in Sanford Recreation Department Tuesday Night Men's Fall Slowpitch Softball League action at Chase Park.

Joe and Terrell scored four runs each while Darrell added a solo run as Ken Rummel Chevrolet finished 9-0. Sanford Boat Works fell to 6-5 with the loss.

In the other game played Tuesday night, the Regulators hammered Mid-Florida Golf Cars 19-8. The Regulators improved to 4-4 while Mid-Florida Golf Cars fell to 3-6.

No score was reported from the scheduled game between Monroe Harbour Marina (0-3) and

Table with 2 columns: Regulators 145, 310, 3 — 19, 19; Mid-Florida Golf Cars 301, 190, 3 — 8, 15; Ken Rummel Chevrolet 405, 252, 3 — 14, 25; Sanford Boat Works 023, 101, 4 — 11, 14

the Last Chance Gang (4-4). State Market Restaurant (6-3) had the week off.

In addition to a lot of runs being scored, there were also a lot of hits (75) and extra base hits (19) in the two games.

A five-run third inning spelled the difference as Ken Rummel Chevrolet collected 25 hits, including nine for extra bases in knocking off Sanford Boat Works.

Contributing to the Ken Rummel Chevrolet onslaught were Terrell Ervin (home run, triple, double, four runs scored, five RBI), Terry Russi (two doubles, single, two runs scored, four RBI), Chris Nickle (triple, two singles, run scored, two

RBI) and Joe Ervin (double, two singles, four runs scored).

Also contributing were Darrell Ervin (three singles, run scored, RBI), Mike Owens (three singles, run scored), Buddy Stump (three singles), Mark Russi (two doubles, run scored), Mark Aten (two singles, two RBI) and Mike McLohan and Brian Rogers (one run scored each).

Providing the offense for Sanford Boat Works were Levi Raines (home run, two singles, run scored, RBI), Bob Hanson (three singles, run scored), Craig Tossi (double, single, two RBI), Eric Johnson (two singles, two runs scored), Kelly Denton (two singles, run scored, RBI) and Keith Denton (two singles, RBI).

Also, Fred Beller (single, two runs scored), Jerry Governale (single, run scored), Chris Wargo

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People

IN BRIEF

AI-Anon to gather

Peace of Mind, an AI-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2917 Orlando Ave., Sanford, between J.C. Penneys and Bryan Honda on 17-92. Call Sue at 321-7424 for more information.

Meet the stars

The Central Florida Astronomical Society, 810 E. Rollins St., Orlando, meets the second Wednesday of the month at the John Young Science Center, 7:30 p.m. Public is welcome. Call 888-7151 for details.

Stompers to hold club meeting

The Old Hickory Stompers clogging group holds club meetings every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call Art or Brandi Blackley at 349-6829.

Chemical dependence talks free

Guest Counseling Centre/Young Recovery sponsors chemical dependence lectures free to the public each Wednesday from 7-9:30 p.m. at 711 Ballard St., Suite 200, Altamonte Springs. For more information, call 331-7199.

Toastmasters to meet for breakfast

Daybreakers Toastmasters Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 7 a.m., at Christos Restaurant, Downtown Sanford.

Students to bowl for MDA

Over 40 students from Lake Mary High School will be BAD, bowling against dystrophy, Thursday, Dec. 12, at Fair Lanes, Longwood from 3 to 5 p.m.

Students representing various clubs and organizations such as the Latin Club, student government, Future Educators Association and Future Business leaders will be raising money for MDA by asking classmates, family and neighbors to sponsor them.

Funds raised by events such as this help MDA offer many services to patients residing in Central Florida and culminates with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Cook is a dash and dab man

He's ready step in when needed in the kitchen

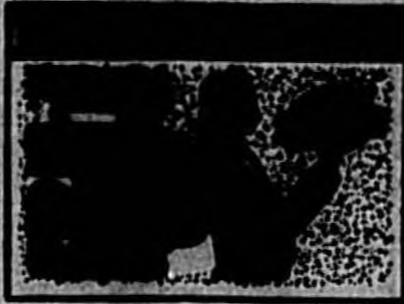
By JOAN KING
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — J. Alan Myers doesn't cook as much as he used to. He works long hours and is happy his wife, Penny, is an excellent cook.

Myers said, "I don't do much cooking anymore as I'm working long hours now. However, I've done my share in the past and I can step in if I'm needed. My wife, Penny is an excellent cook and she puts on some fine meals. I'm just a dash and dab man. I never measure anything. I just chuck it in the pot and taste-test."

Myers is a Sanford resident who came here from Georgia at age six. He attended Ivywide Elementary School, Sanford Grammar School on 7th Street, Pinecrest and Goldboro. While attending the old Sanford Middle School, he moved back to Georgia with his parents, Jerry and Lanje Myers, and his two sisters, Pam and Debby. When they returned to Sanford, young Myers attended Crooms and graduated from Seminole High School in 1980.

Myers studied electricity at Seminole Community College and worked as a journeyman electrician for several years. When he was offered a position with a major retail chain with stores locally situated, he readily accepted a position as a sales rep with reasonable hours and no travel. After three years with the company, he is presently serving as credit manager at Badcock's



Sanford stars.

Our cook makes his home in Sanford with his wife, Penny, and their 23-month-old son, Marion.

Myers watched his mother prepare meals but she didn't teach him to cook. He picked it up on his own and takes pride in his chili pot recipe and spaghetti sauce. Recently, he has been trying out pizza recipes but prefers to wait until he has it just right to reveal the results.

"I enjoy cooking on the grill outside but Penny prepares the meats for me. All I do is watch it. However, one holiday, I did smoke a turkey for our family's gathering. Penny's family and mine seemed to enjoy it and I enjoyed doing it," he said smiling.

CHILI
1 lb. ground beef
1 lg. can tomatoes
1 lg. can tomato sauce
1 lg. can red kidney beans
1 med. onion, chopped
1 pkg. "two-alarm" chili spices
Brown ground beef and onions. Add two-alarm spices. Mix well and add tomatoes and tomato sauce. Simmer until bubbly, then add kidney beans.



J. Alan Myers checks over.

Herald Photo by Joan King

Simmer until it thickens. Serve with crackers on the side and grated cheddar on top of chili.

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

1 lb. Italian sausage or ham-burger
1 can tomato sauce
1 can tomatoes
1 can mushrooms
1 green pepper, chopped
1 med. onion, chopped (optional)

1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. salt
Black pepper (couple dashes)
Oregano (liberal sprinkling)
Parsley (couple of good shakes)
Olive oil (couple of dashes)
Cook meat in olive oil, add peppers, onions, mushrooms and spices. Mix well, add tomatoes, sauce and simmer until it thickens. Serve over vermicelli with hot garlic bread on the side.

Mom's talk sets daughter straight

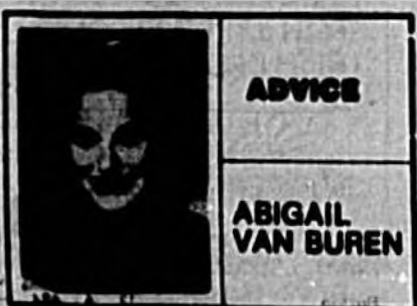
DEAR ABBY: I am writing this as a follow-up to the letter I wrote you in June about my 13-year-old daughter. (I told you she was getting dangerously close to the boyfriend she had been seeing morning, noon and night.)

I took your advice and spoke to her about sex. I purchased at the local drugstore several boxes of birth control (condoms, contraceptive sponge and vaginal suppositories). I also bought something called a "teen pack," which contained several trial-size items introducing young females to such things as tampons, mini-pads, shaving lotion and razors for shaving legs. When I got home, I invited my daughter to join me at the kitchen table. My husband was working late that night, so it was a perfect opportunity for girl talk.

I lined up the contraceptive devices on the table. My daughter was a bit curious. I gave her the teen pack, telling her that all the items in that package were things that we had discussed. Then I pointed to the other items on the table and said they were items that we needed to talk about.

I carefully explained to her that now that she had become a young woman having a monthly period, she could become pregnant if she had sex. I then told her that I was in no way condoning sex in someone as young as she, but that I wanted her to be informed. I then took each product and explained how it was used, and showed her the directions and how to check the expiration date on the product. After that, I opened each package and let her touch the device, examine it and ask questions.

I made sure she was aware that even if you are on the birth control pill, that still did not stop sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS. I told her that safe sex with condoms could not



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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

completely guarantee the prevention of pregnancy or disease, but that the only way to ensure not getting pregnant or a sexually transmitted disease was not to have sex.

I then took the remaining products and placed them in a box in her bathroom closet. I told her I would not check the box, but if she ever felt a need to experiment, that they would be there. I stressed to her to always feel that she could come to me before making any decisions that could change her life forever.

And, I made some important points to her that truly hit home: I pointed out that she was too young to obtain a driver's license, too young to drink, too young to get a job, and too young to be responsible for the life of another human being. I reminded her that if she were to have a child, her education and social life would cease until such time that she could afford a baby sitter to resume her studies and social activities.

I realize this letter is lengthy, but I wanted you to know how I dealt with this issue. My daughter, after our talk, has been a different person!

I trust my daughter, and your advice was a big help in dealing with a very difficult situation. I realize that I have a long way to go in completing the journey through her teen years, but I feel that we, as a family, will survive.

I am truly grateful, Abby. Thank you.

NORTH DAKOTA MOM
DEAR MOM: Every daughter should have a mother like you.

Swedish feast

Some inspiration to enter St. Lucia cooking contest

Saturday, Dec. 14, the 3rd annual cooking/baking contest associated with the St. Lucia Festival will take place. This year's entries may be brought for judging to Friendly Travel on 1st Street, Sanford from 10 - 11 o'clock. Cash awards will be made at 12 noon for the best in all categories. Why not pick up an entry application, prepare something that is Swedish and join in on the festivities. (Applications can be found at the following: Seminole County Agriculture Center, Sanford Herald, St. Lucia Festival Headquarters at the First Street Gallery, Sanford.)

Your microwave oven can help you prepare one of the better known Swedish foods.

SWEDISH MEATBALLS

1 lb. ground beef
1 egg
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup finely minced onions
2 tsp. parsley flakes
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground allspice
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom soup

Combine ground beef, egg, bread crumbs, 1/4 cup milk, onion, parsley, salt, allspice, and pepper. Shape into 1 1/4-inch meatballs (30) and arrange in glass baking dish. Microwave on 85 percent power (med-high) 5-8 minutes; rearranging meatballs once; push meatballs to one side of dish. Blend in soup and remaining milk; combine with meatballs. Microwave 3-4 minutes or until heated through.



Midge Mycoff

Serve with buttered noodles and sweet and sour cabbage.

RED CABBAGE AND APPLES

8 cups shredded red cabbage (1 1/4 lbs.)
2 large apples, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup water
2 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. wine vinegar*
1 Tbsp. margarine or butter
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. marjoram leaves

Combine cabbage, apples and water in 2 qt. microwave-safe casserole. Cover with casserole lid. Microwave on 100 percent power 20-25 minutes or until tender, stirring 2-3 times. Add sugar, vinegar, margarine, salt and marjoram; mix well. Cover. Microwave on 100 percent power 3-3 1/2 minutes or until heated through.

*Lemon juice or cider vinegar can be substituted.

Swedish recipes that are most familiar are for the apple cake with vanilla sauce or perhaps fruit soup. One of the first contest entry winners was for Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (Kaldomar).

STUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS (Kaldomar)

1 large head cabbage

1 lb. ground veal
1 lb. ground beef
1 1/4 cups milk
1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs
4 tsp. grated onion
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground nutmeg
2 cans (10 3/4 oz.) each condensed beef broth
2 soup cans water
1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup water

Remove and discard wilted leaves from head of cabbage; rinse and cut out the core. Put cabbage in kettle; add boiling water to cover and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and bring water to boiling; reduce heat and simmer until cabbage leaves are softened, about 5 minutes. Carefully separate the leaves and set aside 16 large and 16 small leaves to drain on absorbent paper. Combine the ground meat and the milk, crumbs, onion, salt, and nutmeg; mix thoroughly. Place a small cabbage leaf in center of a large leaf. Put about 1/4 cup of the meat mixture onto the center of each leaf. Roll each leaf, tucking ends in toward center. Fasten securely with wooden picks or tie with thread.

Combine beef broth and water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Add cabbage rolls one at a time so that the water continues to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook about 25 minutes or until cabbage rolls are tender. Remove rolls with slotted spoon; reserve broth for gravy. Combine flour and water to thicken the broth. Stir into the reserved broth. Cook and stir over medium heat until gravy comes to a boil. Serve with cabbage rolls.

It is the pride of Swedish cooks to roll water-thin the rich, spicy dough of their traditional Christmas cookies (Pepparkakor). This could be a winner!

SWEDISH GINGERBREADS

1 1/2 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 tsp. dark corn syrup
Whole blanched almonds
Sift flour, baking soda and spices together; set aside. Cream butter; add sugar gradually, beating until fluffy. Add eggs and corn syrup and beat thoroughly. Blend in dry ingredients in fourths, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Refrigerate dough several hours. Using a portion of the dough at a time, roll about 1/16 inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Cut with lightly floured cookie cutters into various shapes. Transfer to ungreased cookie sheets. Place on almond piece in the center of each.
Bake at 375° 6-8 minutes. About 7 dozen cookies.

I hope these recipes have inspired you to get to work and enter this year's contest. I'll be looking for you! Good luck.

(Midge Mycoff is a certified home economist and coordinator of the Single Parent Displaced Homemakers Program at Seminole Community College. Phone: 323-1450, ext. 388.)

Today's the day

Leroy Hampton, the ultimate Roadrunner, is retiring as principal of Midway Elementary School. The Seminole County School Board has proclaimed today, Dec. 11, Leroy Hampton Day in honor of the longtime educator. Shown at a dinner in his honor, held recently at Timacuan Golf and Country Club, are, left to right, front: Leroy Hampton, Kathy Phillips, assistant principal; Dr. Marion Dailey and William Dailey, Seminole County School Board; Caren Gager, principal of Hamilton Elementary School. Back: Robert Lieder, Dr. Sammie Tomlin, Department of Migrant Education; Derial Hampton Window and Betty Kuykendall, Midway Elementary.

Herald Photo by Marva Hurdine

Buttery shortbread the perfect dessert

By Alison Claire
NEA Food Editor

What could be a more simple dessert for the holidays than a buttery shortbread? This Scottish treat is a basic trinity of butter, sugar and flour that was created as a delicacy generations ago.

The simplicity of the mixture makes it perfect for numerous holiday variations. Merely add flavorings, raisins, fruit peel or nuts to the basic recipe, or take it a step further by altering the shape of the shortbread.

Turn out Santa, sleighs, reindeer and Christmas trees using favorite cookie cutters or slice

the dough into bars or squares. The dough also may be rolled into balls before baking and used as a shell for mini-size tarts filled with a tasty fruit, pudding or mincemeat.

HOLIDAY SHORTBREAD WITH VARIATIONS

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened*
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream butter in large mixing bowl. Add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Gradually blend in flour and salt. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to form

*See Shortbread, Page 58



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by Chic Young

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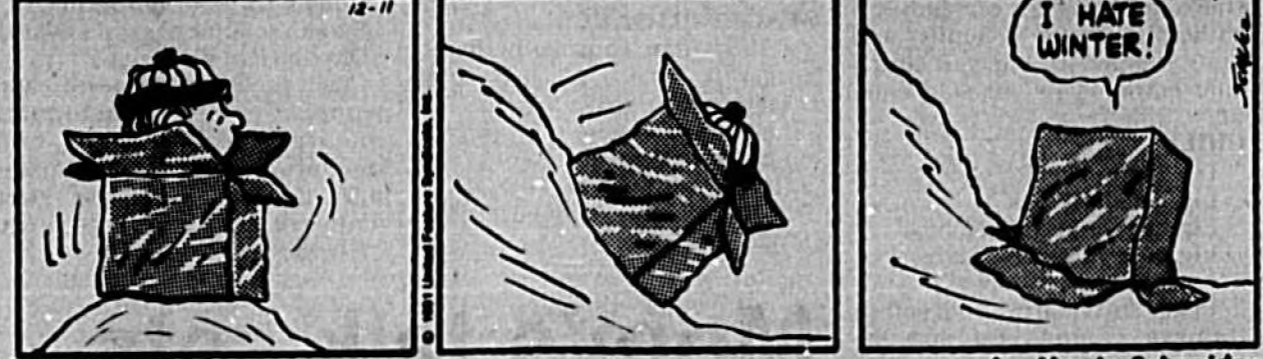
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by Jim Meddick

Get your money's worth from doctor

DEAR DR. GOTT: Increasingly, doctors are demanding payment at the time of any office visit. My objection to this stems from one doctor who took blood and six weeks later hadn't reported the findings to me. Of course, I had already paid him at his request without knowing the results. Is it legal for a physician to state that payment must be made at the time of the visit?

DEAR READER: Most office-based doctors are feeling the crunch: Insurance companies and Medicare are slow to pay, and the cost of running an office seems to rise each year. As a result, many doctors are requesting payment at the time of service. This improves cash flow and saves billing costs. Such a position is entirely ethical and legal.

I think problems arise when doctors start demanding payment up front, without giving the added service patients have come to expect. Your doctor appears to want it both ways: paid in advance for being lazy. Bug him. Don't let him get away with this. You deserve to know the results of the blood tests you paid for. Don't buy any of that "I was too busy to report to you" excuse. Your doctor is being inconsiderate, even rude, and it's galling to realize he's been sitting on your money all these weeks. Call him.

When doctors expect payment at the time of the visit, patients have a right to expect extra courtesy. If they don't get it, I suggest screaming bloody murder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I heard on a recent radio broadcast that wine vinegar mixed with water is successful for lowering cholesterol, cleansing arteries and weight loss. What is your opinion of this?

DEAR READER: I don't know what radio broadcast you listened to, but you have been misled. Vinegar, a weak acid, is useful in sauces, pickles and

salad dressings; it is not appropriate treatment for the conditions you mention. The world would certainly be a better place if a simple remedy like wine vinegar would cure excess cholesterol, obesity and



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

Bluffing is an integral part of poker. You bid a lot with a bad hand, hoping the opponents will fold and leave you with the pot. There is occasional bluffing in bridge too. A psychic bid misrepresents the length of one's suit and/or the strength of one's hand. At the right moment, a psychic bid can be an effective weapon, but it is a two-edged sword. Partner, taking the bid at face value, might carry his side too high, perhaps eliciting a juicy penalty double from the opponents.

In this year's World Bridge Championships in Yokohama, Japan, Piotr Gawrys and Krzysztof Lasocki of Poland sidestepped a psychic bid during the semifinal match against the defending champions from Brazil. (Poland won by 261 to 209.)

West's tactical one-heart response was slightly safer than it seems because East's opening bid was limited to 15 high-card points. East was unlikely to jump to four hearts. North's double, following his initial pass, showed length and strength in both majors. South might have jumped to three hearts, but they got to game anyway.

The defense began with a club to the king, the club ace and a club ruff. West returned a spade.

Declarer, Lasocki, decided that if West had the K-J-10-8 of hearts, as his bid indicated, he would have doubled the final contract. Also, if East didn't have the heart king, there was his opening bid? So Lasocki won the spade in hand with the ace and led a heart to dummy's ace. When East's king appeared, declarer claimed.

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HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Cool

YOUR BIRTHDAY
Dec. 12, 1991

Improvements where your financial interests are concerned is indicated for the year ahead. Additionally, it looks like your social life will be perking up, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There are still opportunities available to you at this time through avenues you'd least expect. Don't rate one source as being superior to another. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for Sagittarius' Astro-Graph predictions today 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) This could be an extremely pleasant day for you socially. Your chart shows you might be more admired than usual by members of the opposite gender.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're very much in sync at this time with your affluent, influen-

tial friends. If you're in need of a special favor, chances are it will be granted - if you ask.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The good news from a distant place you've been anxiously anticipating could be on its way today. Check your mailbox and, if you have to go out, leave a number where you can be reached.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who is deeply concerned about you but is not particularly demonstrative, may again do something nice for you today in this individual's own, quiet way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll make a very favorable impression today on someone you've recently met. It will be significant enough to begin a bonding process for a good relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An endeavor you may get involved in today can give you a real sense of achievement. You'll like the way you'll handle things, and your methods will be admired by others as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You're much more popular with your peers at this time than you may realize. However, you may begin to start appreciating this fact today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take control of your destiny today. Instead of waiting and hoping for changes to take place in an endeavor you're involved in, do something about it yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might have to make a rather difficult decision today, but if you let your heart, instead of your logic, rule your head, you'll automatically do what's best for all concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions should be improving today where your financial interests are concerned. Be alert for developments that could enhance your material well-being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might have to take a circuitous route to get what you want today. If your desires are of a material nature, focus first on the human relationships involved.

ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

Holiday means cookies, candy for family, gifts

By Alison Olshe
NEA Food Editor

The holidays inspire cooks of all ages and expertise to get out their cookie sheets, cutters and candy thermometers.

According to a national survey commissioned by the Land O' Lakes Holiday Baking Hotline, Americans bake 9.8 billion cookies during the holidays (which, in many instances, begins the week before Thanksgiving!).

The Land O' Lakes Holiday Baking Hotline is in its second year. Home economists staff the hotline, and readers may call from Dec. 1 through Dec. 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST) with holiday baking and candy-making questions. The toll-free number is 800-782-9006.

BASIC HOLIDAY RAISIN COOKIES

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 egg yolk
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup flour
1/2 cup natural raisins
Cream butter and sugar in medium bowl. Beat in yolk and salt. Mix in flour; blend thoroughly. Mix in raisins to distribute evenly.

On lightly floured surface, roll into a 12-inch log. Wrap securely and refrigerate at least 1 hour. (It can be refrigerated up to 1 week.) With sharp knife, slice 1/3-inch thick rounds and place them 1 inch apart on baking sheets. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 15 to 20 minutes until cookies are set and bottoms are lightly browned. Remove to racks to cool completely.

Decorate as desired with melted semi-sweet or white chocolate, and top with colored sprinkles, raisins, nuts or candied fruit pieces. Allow to set before storing in layers between sheets of wax paper in airtight container. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 3 dozen.

Some variations include:
GINGER-RAISIN - Substitute 1/3 cup packed brown sugar for the granulated sugar, add 2 teaspoons ground ginger with the flour and 1/3 cup chopped candied ginger with the raisins.

ORANGE-COCONUT-RAISIN - Add finely grated peel of 1 orange with the yolk. Substitute golden raisins for natural raisins and add 1/2 cup toasted shredded coconut.

Shortbread—

Continued from Page 58

11-by-7 inch rectangle, 1/2-inch thick. Cut into 1-inch squares. Place on unbuttered cookie sheets 1 inch apart.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until pale golden. Remove from cookie sheets and cool completely on wire racks. Store in airtight containers at room temperature. This kitchen-tested recipe makes about 6 dozen cookies.

*For ease in creaming butter taken directly from refrigerator, cut butter into 8 to 10 pieces and proceed as directed.

Here are some variations:
RUM RAISIN BALLS - Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare basic shortbread, stirring in 1 cup golden seedless raisins and 1 teaspoon rum extract with flour and salt. Roll tablespoonfuls of dough to form 1-inch balls. Place on unbuttered cookie sheets 1 inch apart.

Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until pale golden. Remove from cookie sheets and cool completely on wire racks. Dust lightly with confectioners' sugar before serving. This kitchen-tested recipe makes about 5 dozen cookies.

NOEL TARTS - Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare basic shortbread, stirring in 1 teaspoon vanilla extract with flour and salt. Press tablespoonfuls of dough into unbuttered 1 3/4-inch muffin cups.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until pale golden. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Carefully remove from pan and cool completely on wire racks. Fill as desired with pie filling, pudding, mincemeat, etc. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 3 dozen cookies.

CHOCOLATE FROSTED ALMOND BARS - Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare basic shortbread, reducing flour to 2 cups. Add 1/2 cup finely ground almonds and 1 teaspoon almond extract with flour and salt. Press into unbuttered 13-by-9 inch baking pan.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until pale golden. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Frost with one 6-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate morsels, melted and combined with 1/2 cup dairy sour cream and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Cut into bars. Decorate with sliced almonds. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 dozen cookies.

COCOA APPLE BARS
3/4 cup unflavored all-purpose flour
1/4 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups quick-cooking oatmeal
2/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup shortening, melted and cooled
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons orange peel, grated
2 1/2 cups apples, pared and thinly sliced
1/2 cup raisins

confectioners' sugar
In large bowl, combine flour, cocoa, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add oatmeal, brown sugar, shortening, egg and orange peel. Knead with hands to blend well. Pat half the dough into the bottom of greased 9-inch-square baking pan. Arrange apples evenly over dough. Sprinkle with raisins.

Roll remaining dough between 2 pieces of waxed paper into a

9-inch square. Remove one sheet of paper. Invert dough over apples. Remove remaining sheet of paper. Pat dough evenly into pan, covering apples completely.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until dough begins to pull away from sides of pan. Cool in pan on wire rack until just warm. Press top layer firmly into apple layer. Cool completely. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Cut into bars. This kitchen-tested recipe makes about 16 bars.

KRIS KRINGLE COOKIES

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons unswetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
8 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

1 8-ounce cup glaze colored pineapple, diced or in wedges, finely chopped

1 8-ounce cup glaze whole red or green cherries, finely chopped
1 1/2 cups walnut pieces
8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, cut into 1/4-inch chunks
Sift flour, cocoa and baking soda together; set aside. In another bowl, cream butter and brown sugar together. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture until just moistened. Fold in glaze pineapple and cherries, nuts and chocolate. (Batter will be thick.) Drop by tablespoonfuls onto lightly greased cookie sheet leaving 2 inches of space between each cookie.

Bake in preheated 375-degree oven 12 to 15 minutes until browned. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 dozen cookies.



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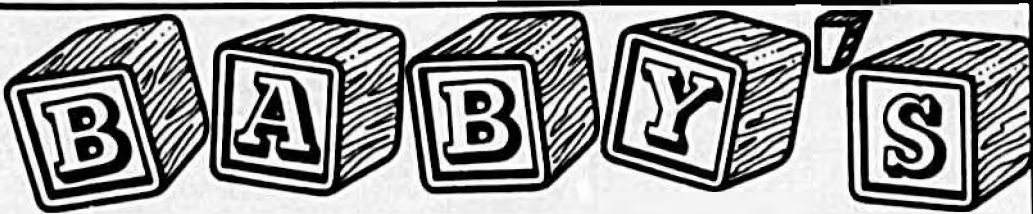
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Rummaging for treasure

Arlene Boyd, administrator of Bram Towers, Sanford, surveys all the goodies available at a recent rummage sale held by the retirement facility to benefit its tenants. Proceeds will help purchase entertainment equipment.



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