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Briefly

Officers arrest Citrus County deputy for DUI

CASSELBERRY — An off-duty Citrus County sheriff's deputy was arrested Sunday in Casselberry and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

At 4:45 a.m. on Sunday, Glenn Ryan, 28, a community resource officer assigned to Hernando, was arrested at the intersection of State Road 436 and Howell Branch Road.

The arresting officer said that Ryan had stopped his silver Nissan four-door in the center southbound lane of traffic with the engine running, and fallen asleep behind the wheel.

Later on Sunday, Ryan was released from the Seminole County Jail on \$500 bond.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey on Monday suspended Ryan with pay, pending the outcome of an internal investigation to be conducted by the agency.

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Today is ...

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000
Today is the 32nd day of 2000
and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1884, the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary was published. It had taken more than 20 years to compile. On this day in 1949, the first 45 rpm single was released. On this day in 1982, "Late Night with David Letterman" debuted on the NBC television network.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victor Herbert (1859-1924), cellist-conductor; John Ford (1895-1973), director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1902-1967), poet; S.J. Perelman (1904-1979), humorist; Renata Tebaldi (1922-), singer; is 78; Don Everly (1937-), singer; is 63; Sherman Hemsley (1938-), actor; is 62; Brandon Lee (1965-1993), actor; Laura Dern (1967-), actress; is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1914, the Chicago White Sox and the New York Giants played an exhibition game in Egypt. The game, in which the Great Pyramid served as a backdrop, ended in a 3-3 tie.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Outside of a spring lamb trotting into a slaughterhouse, there is nothing in the animal kingdom as innocent and foredoomed as the new purchaser of a country place. The moment he scratches his signature on the deed, it is open season and no limit to the bag."

S.J. Perelman

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 28) and new moon (Feb. 5).

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Schools await decision from DOJ

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

Justice Department may decide to life court oversight in Seminole County

SANFORD — Sometimes the waiting can be the hardest part.

Seminole County school-district officials are hoping to convince the U.S. Department of Justice that court oversight is no longer necessary.

Since 1970, the United States District Court has had supervisory jurisdiction over the Seminole County School Board in matters such as school site purchases, school construction, and student attendance zones.

Seminole County would be declared a "unitary" school-district once the

requirements of the Justice Department are met.

Last week, school-district officials met with inspector Kathleen Devine of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. to discuss progress being made in meeting federal mandates.

During this spring semester, the Department of Justice will notify the school-district about whether unitary status has been met. If unitary status is not

met, the Department of Justice would outline areas where improvement needs to be made.

"It was a productive meeting," said Raymond Gaines, director of secondary education for the school-district. "We will hear from them later this spring on whether unitary status has been met."

In the meantime, the school-district is progressing with plans to improve the facilities and Crooms Academy in

Sanford, as recommended by the Department of Justice.

The Justice Department conducted an inspection of Seminole County and other school districts in 1999 to determine whether equitable racial and ethnic conditions exist.

A letter from the Justice Department, released in December, recommended that the Seminole County school-district improve conditions at Crooms Academy.

The letter from Devine took issue with the maintenance of Crooms Academy, an historically black school in Sanford prior to 1970 now serving as an alternative school for "at-risk" middle and high

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Got it in the bag



Shannon Hori of WESH Channel 2 bags groceries at the Winn Dixie Marketplace in Lake Mary as part of the 2nd Annual Celebrity Baggers Contest. The event helps raise awareness for the American Cancer Society and raises in excess of \$70,000 a year for the organization. The winners of the contest were Scott Burridge and Brad Stephens of Fox 35.

Herald photo by Nick Sikakis

Carrico starts as Lake Mary parks director

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Bill Carrico believes city parks should benefit everyone in the community no matter the age or social background of a person.

"If I am thinking about building a playground, then I also want it to be a place for parents to socialize," Carrico said. "I want it to be as appealing as possible to as many people as possible."

Carrico's philosophy is probably one of the reasons why he was recently named Lake Mary's new Park and Recreation director, replacing John Holland. Holland is currently serving as director of Winter Park's Park and Recreation Department — a position recently vacated by Carrico.

"My intention after 15 years with Winter Park was to retire, and my wife and I would do some traveling," Carrico said. "However, my wife, who teaches at Lake Brantley, received the National Board Certification Classification, and I just didn't want to sit at home alone."

So, Carrico said he approached Lake Mary City Manager John Litton about working for Lake Mary.

"Lake Mary is an outstanding small community, and I felt it was a lot like Winter Park," he said. "The parks are in wonderful shape, and I thought it

would be a great opportunity for me.

"It was the right time and the right place."

Carrico has spent much of his life working in parks and recreation.

While in high school and college, he spent his summers working for city park departments. His college major was parks and recreation, and he received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University.

But after college, Carrico chose a different career and joined the U.S. Navy.

"I didn't see a lot of green when I was in the Navy."

Carrico said he eventually left the Navy and began working in a West Virginia park system.

However, the Navy recalled him, and he served two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Navy in 1980 after serving 22 years as an officer.

Carrico was then hired by the city of Cleveland, Ohio, as the manager of four municipal golf courses. He was eventually promoted to deputy commissioner of urban forestry, which responsibilities included golf courses, city trees, maintenance of 12 cemeteries and control of greenhouses.

According to Carrico, he was commended on numerous occasions by mayor and city council for "major and highly noticeable improvements of facilities under his control."

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Community policing is more than a buzzword in Seminole County

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Police agencies throughout Seminole County are taking steps to increase their presence in communities.

However, Seminole County is not alone. Police agencies nationwide are attempting to revive neighborhood watch programs, bicycle patrols, and the visibility of patrol officers on the streets.

Community policing has become the buzzword for law enforcement, calling for officers to work with residents to solve and prevent crimes. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office and each city's police

department in the county have each implemented community policing programs.

Recently, Seminole was one of 21 counties nationwide awarded a \$500,000 law enforcement grant to enhance partnerships with the business community.

"Through community policing, we can truly enhance the quality of life in Seminole County and make it the best place to live in the area," said Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger.

In 1994, Eslinger established a community policing program entitled Seminole Neighborhood Policing. Six community service districts were established, each with its

own district office. Each district was then sub-divided into community service areas.

Prior to 1994, there were only 12 patrol zones in Seminole County. With the creation of the Seminole Neighborhood Policing program, there are now 32 community service areas. The program involves increasing activities with community groups, and a variety of law enforcement efforts including bicycle patrols.

"We are working with churches, community groups and businesses," said Steve Harriet, chief deputy of the Sheriff's Office. "We want people to go to Publix and 8:30 at

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Police probe dog-fighting contest

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — A routine traffic stop Sunday ended with a Deltona man arrested and accused of using an animal to fight or bait another animal.

While making the stop of a brown Mercury four-door at about 6:22 p.m., a Seminole County sheriff's deputy noticed a brown pit bull dog lying in the back seat of the car with blood on its coat and puncture wounds to its face.

The car was stopped for speeding at 43 miles per hour in a 25 miles per hour zone, traveling west on Missouri Avenue

from Orange Boulevard. It was stopped at the corner of Missouri Avenue and Canal Drive, according to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office arrest report.

The two men in the car also had blood on their hands. When asked about the blood and the injured dog, the two men stated they had just been to a dogfight west of Sanford in the Bookertown community.

"They mentioned an estimated 50 people were there and that the injured dog had been entered to fight while other people bet money on the outcome," said Steve Olson, a spokesman

for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

The dog's owner, 21-year-old John Charles Melton of 1509 Providence Blvd. in Deltona, was subsequently arrested. He was taken to the Seminole County Jail with a \$1,000 bond.

Melton was a passenger in the car. The driver, Bracket Lang, was not arrested.

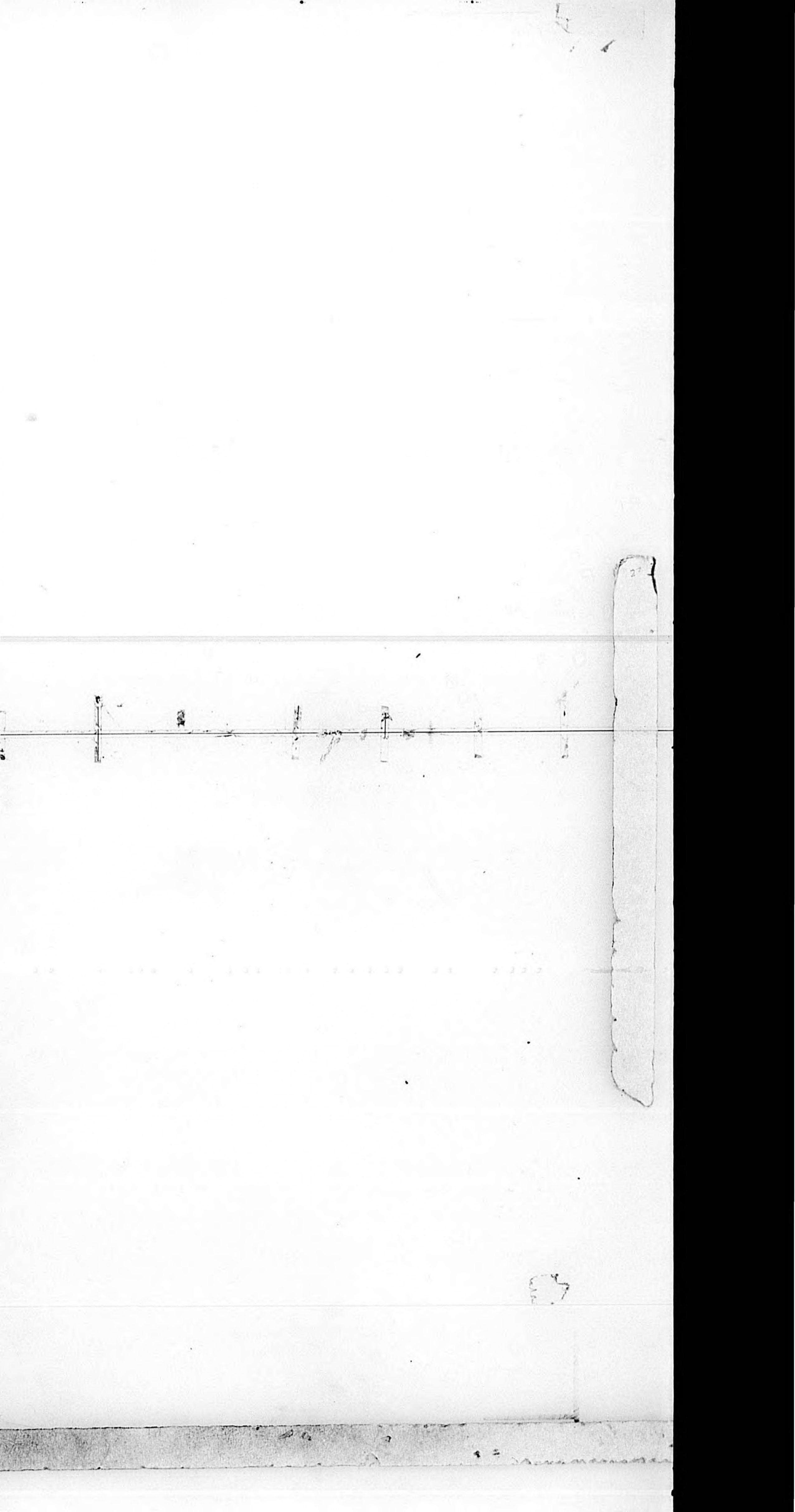
The dog was taken by Seminole County Animal Control to a veterinarian. However, the dog had to be euthanized because of his injuries, authorities said.

The investigation is continuing, authorities said.

Helping officers save a life



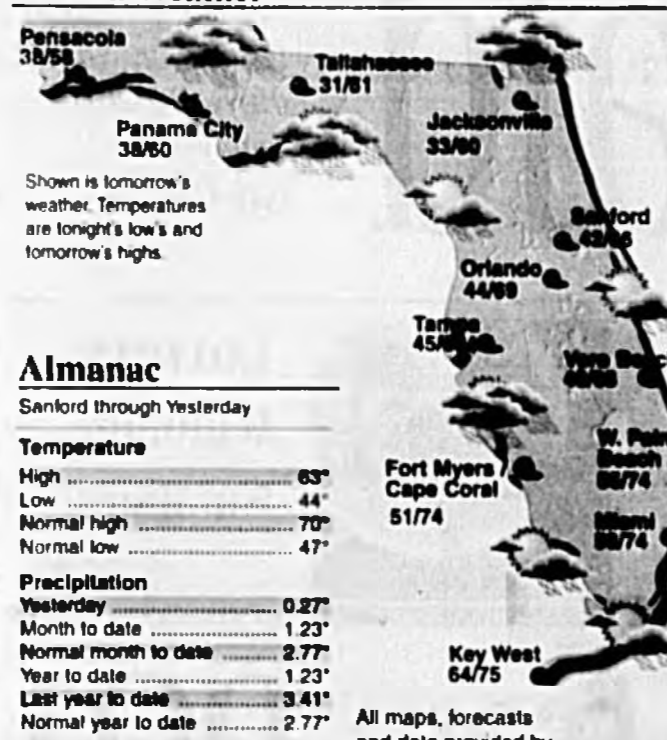
Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
Dana Wilson, Bionca Darby, Suzie Letchford, David Benoit, Chad Alcorn and Josh Siniscalco pose in their "gore" makeup. The Seminole Community College students imitated injured victims at a disaster team as part of a training exercise for local police officers. The training was designed to test the officers' life-saving skills and techniques.



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Florida Weather



Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature
 High 63°
 Low 44°
 Normal high 70°
 Normal low 47°

Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.27"
 Month to date 1.23"
 Normal month to date 2.77"
 Year to date 1.23"
 Last year to date 3.41"
 Normal year to date 2.77"

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



Regional Weather

Florida: Partly cloudy and cool tonight. Tomorrow will turn out rather cloudy with a shower in a few spots.

Georgia: Mainly clear and chilly tonight. Partly to mostly sunny and seasonable tomorrow.

Mississippi: Increasing cloudiness tonight. A storm in the Gulf will bring a few showers along the coast tomorrow.

Alabama: Mainly clear and chilly tonight. Clouds will increase tomorrow, and it could shower along the Gulf coast.

South Carolina: Mainly clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow with a pleasant afternoon.

Louisiana: Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Tomorrow will be cloudy with rain along the Gulf coast.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 6:04 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 7:13 a.m.
 Moonset today 4:12 a.m.
 Moonset today 2:58 p.m.

Feb 5 Feb 12 Feb 19 Feb 26

Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Sunlight Pier

Tomorrow
 First Low 12:07 p.m. 0.7 ft.
 First High 5:51 a.m. 4.2 ft.
 Second Low 5:56 p.m. 3.7 ft.

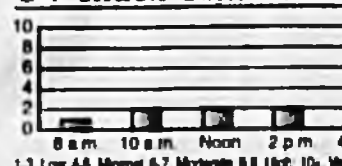
Thursday
 First Low 12:04 a.m. 0.3 ft.
 First High 6:36 a.m. 4.3 ft.
 Second Low 12:50 p.m. 0.5 ft.
 Second High 6:41 p.m. 3.8 ft.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 81° in Homestead, FL Low 30° in West Yellowstone, MT

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Regional Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.
Albany, GA	61 30	60 43
Apalachicola	50 30	51 36
Astoria, GA	58 31	60 39
Bainbridge, GA	74 62	78 59
Blacksburg, VA	72 60	74 59
Camden, SC	58 38	58 41
Coral Springs	72 60	74 59
Crestview	58 38	58 41
Fort Myers	74 62	78 59
Gainesville	62 35	66 47
Key West	75 66	79 67
Kissimmee	66 48	66 48
Lakeland	66 48	66 48
McIntosh	66 48	66 48
Norcross	75 62	78 56
Ocala	66 48	66 48
Panama City	66 48	66 48
Sarasota	66 48	66 48
St. Augustine	61 37	57 44
St. Petersburg	66 48	66 48
Tampa	66 48	66 48
Thomasville	59 32	58 39
W. Palm Beach	68 52	72 60
W. Palm Rch	74 58	74 58

National Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.	City	Tom.	Thu.	City	Tom.	Thu.
Atlanta	60 30	61 38	Grand Rapids	38 28	39 27	Chicago	42 27	43 38
Atlanta City	34 15	40 22	Havana	44 18	29 5	Chicago	48 24	53 32
Baltimore	36 18	42 27	Honolulu	76 63	82 68	Philadelphia	34 20	42 28
Birmingham	60 25	63 34	Houston	52 44	66 39	Phoenix	67 53	73 48
Boise	62 30	67 19	Indianapolis	64 30	67 38	Portland, OR	43 33	43 28
Boston	29 18	32 24	Jacksonville	60 34	54 42	Providence	31 16	35 20
Charleston, SC	55 28	52 36	Kansas City	42 27	55 36	Raleigh-Durham	44 22	41 27
Charleston, WV	34 20	45 31	Las Vegas	66 40	60 39	Rapid City	55 29	47 19
Chicago	38 24	44 31	Las Vegas	66 40	60 39	Reno	38 30	38 18
Cleveland	29 20	36 28	Louisville	38 22	48 36	St. Louis	37 26	53 38
Daytona Beach	62 43	65 51	Memphis	44 26	53 36	Salt Lake City	42 28	47 22
Denver	34 18	37 23	Miami	74 60	76 58	San Antonio	39 18	53 25
Des Moines	43 27	46 32	Minneapolis	38 28	38 28	St. Paul, MN	35 18	29 22
Detroit	32 19	40 29	Nashville	43 20	50 33	Seattle	44 32	42 30
El Paso	52 31	58 39	New Orleans	58 44	54 40	Topoka	43 25	58 37
Fairbanks	24 15	30 3	New York City	63 22	63 30	Tucson	67 45	74 44
Fort Worth	64 30	64 30	Portland, ME	38 23	44 28	Washington, DC	38 23	44 28

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Obituaries

CARMEN M. BORRAS
Carmen M. Borras, 100, Willow Creek Drive, Oviedo, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000. Mrs. Borras was an executive secretary for Grace National Bank. Born June 30, 1899 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she moved to Central Florida in 1961 from Clearwater. She was a Roman Catholic.

Survivors include daughter, Carmen T. Bacile of Oviedo; two grandsons, three great-grandchildren.
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, is in charge of arrangements.

KATHERINE J. CLAYTON
Katherine J. Clayton, 69, Orlando, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000. Mrs. Clayton was a civil servant. Born Sept. 8, 1930 in Clifton, S.C., she moved to Central Florida in 1959 from Spartanburg, S.C. She was a member of Lockwood Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include husband, Harry Clayton of Orlando; daughter, Victoria Miller of Homosassa Springs; sons, Michael Clayton of Orlando, Stephen Clayton of Orlando; brother, George "Bud" Taylor, Jr., of Cypress, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, is in charge of arrangements.

CHERRY GAINES
Cherry Gaines, 86, W. 13th Street, Sanford, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Mrs. Gaines was a homemaker. Born Feb. 15, 1913 in Brooks County, Ga., she moved to Sanford in 1963. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include son, Joel Brinson of Sanford; daughter, Louise Adams of Bartow; brother, David Sneed of Thomsville, Ga.; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren.
Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, is in charge of arrangements.

JOHNNY "RED" JOHNSON
Johnny "Red" Johnson, 65, of W. 13th Street, Sanford, died Saturday Jan. 29 at Fish Memorial Hospital, Orange City. Mr. Johnson was a retired maintenance worker for the city of Sanford. He was born in Chicago. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include son, Dr. Willie B. Sherman, Sanford; daughters, Patricia, Dorothy Brazzell, Kendra, Veronica, Rasha, Natasha, all of

Sanford.
Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, is in charge of arrangements.

THERESA SASSO
Theresa Sasso, 89, Winter Springs, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. Mrs. Sasso was a homemaker. Born Aug. 6, 1910 in Lorain, Ohio, she resided in Central Florida for 20 years. She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Survivors include daughter, Sofia A. Clark of Midland, Mich.; brother, Tony Simone of Baltimore, Md.; sister, Josephine Wolfkill of Baltimore, Md.; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, is in charge of arrangements.

MARSHALL CARROLL SMITH

Marshall Carroll Smith, 84, Plantation Boulevard, Lake Mary, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000. Born in Akron, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1947. He was a retired salesman, and a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Smith was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Lake Mary. Survivors include wife, Thelma; daughters, Lynn Taylor of Saudi Arabia, Gara Hudson of Orlando; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.
Tri-County Cremation, Longwood, is in charge of arrangements.

MATTHEW A. STEPHENS
Matthew A. Stephens, 24, Lake Debra Drive, Orlando, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000. Mr. Stephens was employed in the food service industry. He was born June 23, 1975 in Orange City, Calif.

Survivors include step-father, Richard Morse of San Jacinto, Calif.; mother, Terry Morse of San Jacinto, Calif.; brother, Robert Stephens of San Jacinto, Calif.
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, is in charge of arrangements.

CLIFFORD ROY STINE
Clifford Roy Stine, 50, Lorine Street, DeLand, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000 in a motorcycle accident in Crescent City. Mr. Stine served two tours in Vietnam in the U.S. Navy and later served in

the U.S. Coast Guard. Born in New Castle, Pa., he moved to Central Florida in 1985 from Norfolk, Va. He enjoyed motorcycling, camping and bowling.

Survivors include sons, Michael J. Stine of Hopatcong, N.J., Clifford J. Stine of DeLand, Tyler J. Stine of DeLand; parents, Clifford LeRoy and Gloria Stine of Deltona; sister, Rev. Terrie Stine-Tebordo, Albany, N.Y.
Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, is in charge of arrangements.

RACHEL E. WALKER
Rachel E. Walker, 74, E. Normandy Blvd., Deltona, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000 at her residence. Born in Greensboro, N.C., she moved to Deltona from Altamonte Springs in 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of Eastern Star. Survivors include husband, Milton E.; son, Gary Wayne Walker, Deltona; daughter, Cynthia Sue Broome, Deltona; sisters, Myrtle Westmoreland, DeBary, Virginia Hodgen and Orie Simmons, both of Ashboro, N.C.; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild.
Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM H. WASHINGTON
William H. Washington, 85, W. Webster Avenue, Winter Park, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000 of cancer. Mr. Washington was a retired serviceman with the U.S. Army. Born in Woodbury, N.J., he moved to Central Florida in 1949. Mr. Washington enjoyed working with model cars and boats and spending time in his garden. He was one of the first African Americans to work with Army Intelligence for the U.S. Navy during the late 1940's.

Survivors include daughter, Elsie L. Herbert, Winter Park; sister, Helen Suiter, Woodbury, N.J.; three great-grandchildren and a host of other family members.
Golden's Funeral Home, Winter Park, is in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

JOHNSON, JOHNNY "RED"
Graveside services for Johnny "Red" Johnson, 65, W. 13th Street, Sanford, died Jan. 29, will be held Wednesday Feb. 3, at Shiloh Cemetery with Rev. H.D. Rucker officiating. Visitation today 5-9 p.m. at Sunrise Chapel, Sunrise Funeral Home 900 Locust Ave. 407-322-7383 in charge of arrangements.

I'm 60 now — give me more time to grow up

A fellow named Mencken said something like this a long time ago — the best years are the forties because after 50 a man begins to deteriorate. Upon finishing H.I., Mencken's decade of deterioration, today I enter the sixties. I had little other choice, of course.

Mencken is right about a man beginning to deteriorate after he is 50. I'm not the kid I was in my forties. Little old ladies are asking me if I need help crossing the street. I'm reading A.A.R.P. brochures. I have a urologist. My hair is gray, my hands look older.

I remember Pearl Harbor and Pearl Bailey but can't figure out Pearl Jam. I prefer the Platters to Puff Daddy, Ozzie Nelson to Ozzy Osborne, Como to Coolio, Ella to Enya, Alice Faye to Alice Cooper, Les Paul to RuffPaul, Marilyn Monroe to Marilyn Manson, Our Miss Brooks to Garth Brooks.

Hugh Grant is doing the best that he can, but Cary Grant is

still my man. I agree with Madonna that Rita Hayworth gave good face. So did Hedy Lamarr. I miss Vivian Leigh.

Betty Grable was better than what they have on cable. So was the king, Clark Gable. Fitzgerald.

Hemingway and Steinbeck — now they could write. Tunney, Louis, Dempsey — now they could fight. Bogie kissed Bacall in the moonlight. What ever happened to Enoch Light?

The old cowboys are gone - Gene, Roy, Lash LaRue, Hoppy, Tom Mix, Bob Steele, Whip Wilson, the Lone Ranger, too. Gabby and Fuzzy and Tonto are also ghost riders in the sky. The Saturday afternoon western movie used to cost 25 cents. Popcorn was a dime. That tells you how old I am.

The DiMaggio brothers and a game in the sunshine. Ted Williams, the best hitter of all time. Baseball was the big ticket of the Forties and Fifties. Bill Vecek employed a midget as a

pinch hitter for the old St. Louis Browns. Satchel Paige was a show in his own. Jackie Robinson saved the day. Say hey to Willie Mays. Mickey and the Duke.

I wore blue suede shoes and later leisure suits. I wish I still had the shoes. I could slam dunk before I lost my jump. I drove a used '49 Ford. We called it the Blue Goose. Paid cash for it — \$335. My Navy blues are in a trunk. A flat cap, too. Sea duty was cool.

No one enters his sixties thinking he is invincible. H.L. Mencken had a massive stroke in his sixties that rendered him virtually aphasic. Before Mencken died — eight years later — a visitor mentioned the name of a mutual acquaintance who recently passed away. Mencken thought for a moment and finally said, "Ah, yes, he died the same year I did."

Well, I'm not kidding myself about being a 60-year-old. Soon, I'm going to have to grow up. But please give me a little more time.

Russ White's column appears Tuesday through Sunday in the Seminole Herald.



Russ White

Briefs

Lake Mary Carnival
The Lake Mary High School PTSA and Project Graduation Committee will host a carnival at the school, beginning at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 6.

The community is invited to attend the event with rides, games and food. Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be available at the box office Saturday and Sunday as part of the fund raising event. Phone 407-328-7483 to reserve a dozen. Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon, visitors may purchase a wristband which will allow them to enjoy all rides for the one low price.

Crossing Guard Day
Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has declared Friday, Feb. 4, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

The proclamation honors those individuals statewide who make

sure children get to and from school safely.

Seminole County is using the opportunity to recruit school-crossing guards.

Because of the low unemployment rate and the part-time nature of the work, it is sometimes difficult to keep school crossing guard positions filled, officials said.

The work requires individuals to be available for duty mornings and afternoons when school is in session. It pays \$8 per hour. It also requires the Sheriff's Office to perform a background check on individuals applying.

Anyone interested in becoming a school crossing guard may call Moss at (407) 665-6612.

Waste amnesty day
The Seminole County Solid Waste Division has scheduled its annual household hazardous waste amnesty day for county residents on Sunday, Feb. 6.

Residents may take the following materials to the Seminole County Central Transfer Station, 1634 SR-419 Longwood. Items include battery acid, lawn chemicals, solvents, insecticides, disinfectants, gasoline, paint thinner, used motor oil, car batteries, oil based paint, glue, cement and pool chemicals.

The Central Transfer Station will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 6.

For additional information, phone 407-665-2260.

Young Republicans
The Seminole County Young Republicans have scheduled the next meeting for Monday, Feb. 14 at the Bangkok Restaurant, 260 Douglas Ave., Altamonte Springs. The meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., will focus on the gun control issue.

For more information or reservations, phone Jeffery Bauer at 407-841-7698.

Graffiti Hot Line set up in Seminole

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger has issued a Graffiti Abatement notice to reiterate that the sheriff's office Division of Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Intervention now has a countywide graffiti abatement initiative.

"If you see graffiti in Seminole County, call the Graffiti Hot Line, 407-328-3959," he said.

This number puts callers in touch with the Juvenile Enforcement Center (JEC). The graffiti will be reviewed and photographed for the Gang Suppression Unit, and removed.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery:

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Military News

Air Force Airman Philip C. Earnstrom graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, Earnstrom earned credit toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Earnstrom is the son of Barbara A. Nemco of DeBary. He is a 1998 graduate of DeBary High School.

Air Force Airman Matthew J. Ferro graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, Ferro earned credit toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ferro is the son of James R. and Joyce M. Ferro of Longwood.

He is a 1999 graduate of Lyman High School in Longwood.

Air Force Capt. Joseph C. Govock III has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate meritorious achievement or service while assigned to multi-service activities of the Department of Defense.

Govock is a computer support engineer with the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla.

Govock is the son of Joseph C. and Deborah D. Govock of Sanford. He is a 1991 graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford and a 1995 graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

Air Force Airman Hitawari A. Mangasha graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, Mangasha earned credit toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Mangasha is the son of David S. McKenzie of Ovidio and Lorna E. Thomas of Bronx, N.Y.

He is a 1999 graduate of Ovidio High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Harlan A. Mullins completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C. He completed 12 weeks of physical and mental training,

receiving instruction in Marine regulations and values.

He and his fellow recruits ended the training with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution. Afterward, the recruits were presented with the Marine Corps Emblem.

Mullins is a 1999 graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford.

Schuiteman begins funeral consulting service

Jana S. Jacobs
Herald Intern

Few things are more frustrating than needing help and not knowing where to turn. When a death is involved, bereaving families often have no idea what their first step should be.

Out of desperation, many call the first funeral home they find, according to Jim Schuiteman, a retired funeral director. Often they end up paying more than they should for something they didn't want or need in the first place.

Schuiteman has filed the necessary papers to begin operating the Funeral Consulting Service

of Central Florida. His service helps people make informed decisions about the funeral industry.

According to Schuiteman, it is the only single service in Central Florida.

The consulting service is not affiliated with any funeral homes, cemeteries or cremation services, Schuiteman said in order to present a biased opinion by the funeral arranger, he must remain impartial.

With more than 40 years in the profession, Schuiteman believes there is a real need for a service that will help individuals and bereaved families become familiar with the funeral

industry. "Most people are not equipped with the language of the industry," Schuiteman said.

He said, in many cases, people make contact with a funeral director and do not know what to expect or what needs to be done to provide a dignified funeral service within their financial boundaries.

Schuiteman said his role is to gather information for the family about the type of arrangements wanted and, through his contacts, find the best alternatives within their budget. He added in no way should this program deter a family from choosing the funeral home of

their choice. "If needed, I will hold their hand through the whole process and walk them through every step," Schuiteman said.

"I had a single man in his 70s contact me," he said. "He was a tank, but he wanted to discuss cremation."

The man had already done some research and had prices ranging from \$300 to thousands of dollars.

He was confused, and he should be, Schuiteman said. "He wanted to make pre-arrangements but didn't want to get into contracts. There are plenty of people out there not like him."

Schuiteman, a Sanford resident, started working for Gramercy Funeral Home as a general manager in 1984. Before 1984, he was general manager for funeral homes in both Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach.

Schuiteman is a member and former director of the Florida Funeral Directors Association. He is also a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and a member and past president of the business Kawanee Club of Sanford. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., from the department of anthropology.

Employee of the month



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Secretary Jane Stojaski receives the city's Employee of the Month Award from Sanford City Manager Tom VandenBerg. Stojaski has worked for the city for eight years. She also is active in the Christian Church and enjoys her dog. She has served on numerous church committees and as secretary on her bowling league. She also participated in the Golden Age Games.

Termi-Mesh awarded major U.S. home builder contract

LONGWOOD — Termi-Mesh of Florida Inc. has been awarded a major contract by the central Florida Division of Ryland Homes to install its innovative subground tree system in all Ryland homes in the area.

Initially, the contract could be worth in excess of \$200,000. Christopher Reed, director of business development, said that this means, according to Reed, that Termi-Mesh would install its systems in all future Ryland Homes in the Central Florida area. Ryland is currently ranked fifth in the country for production home builders. Last year, the company built close to 400 homes, and according to Reed, Underback, vice president of sales and marketing for Ryland, they have some 1,000 homes under contract in 2000.

This is their first major contract with a U.S. home builder. Reed said, adding that he is pleased to get after all Ryland Homes in Florida. Ryland is also ranked among

the leading U.S. home builders. Reed explained that Termi-Mesh is a patented tree protection system that allows super fine Resguard to cross steel mesh to create a multi-barrier. Reed said that the chemical is also used in the process.

Termi-Mesh has been installed in thousands of homes in Australia, where it is approved and has been tested in Florida, along with other states.

After rigorous testing, Termi-mesh was approved by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Termi-Mesh is the only termite protection company that has been evaluated by the International Building Code Congress of Building Officials and Code Administrators Florida community.

The company has launched an intensive campaign with other central Florida builders, architects and local building department officials to introduce the new technology.

'Harlem in the '40s' fund-raiser this Saturday

DAYTONA BEACH — Step back to the jazz era and support a worthy cause by attending Seaside Music Theater's Student Advisory Board's inaugural fund-raiser, "Harlem in the '40s."

The event is planned for Saturday, Feb. 5, at SMI Downtown. Following an 8 p.m. performance of Luis Weller's musical revue, "AmT Misbehavior," The Moonlighters,

a swing band, will entertain party guests at the theater's adjacent ballroom.

Funds raised during "Harlem in the '40s" will be used to send Title I students to theater performances. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for adults and include admission to AmT Misbehavior and the party.

The free parking lot features over 400 spots including

"Black and Blue." The Joint is Jumpin'." "Your Feet's Too Big" and, of course, "AmT Misbehavior."

Tickets can be purchased at the SMI box office, 154 S. Yonge St., Suite B, Ormond Beach, Fla. or by calling (904) 252-6200 or (800) 854-8592. For further information, contact Gary Cadwallader, SMI director of Education at (904) 252-3394, ext. 721.

AARP driving program offered throughout February

The AARP 55+ Alive Mature Driving Program will be offered at three locations in Seminole County during February. The program, an eight-hour course designed for motorists age 50 and older, addresses the physical changes that can affect older drivers and presents ways to compensate for those changes. In Florida, drivers may be eligible for auto insurance discounts.

Advance registration is required. As of the beginning of the month, the tuition for the class is \$40, to be paid, preferably by check, to AARP.

In Seminole County, courses will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florida Rehab Center on Feb. 21 and 22, and South Seminole Hospital on Feb. 28 and 29. Also at the Wesleycrest Towns Villas from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Feb. 28 and 29.

For information on the courses in Seminole County, phone 407-351-0932.

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Life Style

Minority organ donors need to stay healthy

DEAR ABBY: For many years, there has been much discussion about the need for more organ/tissue donors. The death



Dear Abby

of the Chicago Bears football great Walter Payton, who had a rare liver disease that could have been treated if an organ had been found and a liver transplant performed early on, should heighten awareness. With this particular disease, if an organ is not found and a liver transplant is not performed, the disease can result in cancer, at which time a person cannot receive a transplant.

With new names being added to the national waiting list and 12 people dying each day waiting for an organ transplant, will there ever be enough organs to help those who need them?

The National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) has taken a different approach to help with this problem. We educate communities about the diseases and lifestyles that cause people to need transplants in the first place. This includes high blood pressure, diabetes, not eating healthy meals, drinking alcohol, using drugs and not going to the doctor at least once a year for a checkup. When comparing the number of healthy organs to the number of unsuitable organs of persons who wish to be donors, it is clear that healthier lifestyles would greatly improve the chances for people to donate healthy organs. This would ultimately result in more lives being saved. In many cities, we offer blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (for diabetes) screenings, and distribute prevention information to encourage people to take better care of themselves.

National MOTTEP has programs in 15 cities across the country. Each program works with schools, faith communities, shopping malls, beauty salons, barber shops and other community organizations to educate others about the need to become organ and tissue donors.

National MOTTEP was created to increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Alaska Natives who sign donor cards, have family discussions and become donors. There are more than 65,000 men, women and children on the national transplant waiting list. Almost half of them are minorities.

It is not only important to get more individuals to become organ and tissue donors, it is equally important to make sure these same people take care of themselves and live healthier lifestyles so they won't end up on the transplant waiting list.

CLIVE O. CALLENDER, M.D., FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, NATIONAL MOTTEP

DEAR DR. CALLENDER: For many years I have stressed the importance of organ donation, and also the need for potential donors to be certain their families are willing to carry out their wishes when the time comes. No one should have to die waiting for an organ or tissue transplant. For more information about how you can help save a life, please call MOTTEP at (800) 393-2839.

Loquat tree splendid for many reasons

The loquat is a rapidly growing evergreen tree belonging to the rose family and native to China. Usually planted as a shade tree in central Florida, it can be used as a residential street tree or median strip tree. The large dark green leaves are a splendid background for the yellow to orange clusters of edible fruits that develop late in the winter.



Al Ferrer

The Plant

The loquat grows about 15 feet high and 15 to 25 feet wide in sunny locations but grows a little taller in shaded areas. The leaves are simple, alternate, wrinkled, oval-shaped and large, about 8 to 12 inches long, with dark green glossy color on top and a hairy, rust-colored beneath. Leaves have short petioles, with sunken veins running to sharp teeth located at the border of the leaves.

Fragrant clusters of creamy white flowers measuring about 6 inches are produced in the fall, followed by the formation of the pear shaped, about 1 to 2 inches long, yellow to orange fruits in the winter. The fruits contain one or more seeds and attract birds, squirrels and other mammals, including men.

Culture

The tree prefers moist loam soils but grows well in most well-drained types of soils, preferably acidic, but can tolerate some alkalinity. It grows well in full sun but can also grow in partial shade, but blooms and bears fruit best in full sun.

Moderately to high drought tolerant after established. Water moderately until established. Fertilize at least once or twice a year with a complete fertilizer.

Fertilize mature trees in February, June and early October. A mulch over the root zone is recommended to control weeds and maintain adequate humidity around the roots. Sprouts along the trunk can be a maintenance problem. Well-tended trees will produce heavy crops with large fruits.

To grow big, plump fruits, remove up to one third of the fruit in each cluster after it sets.

Trees begin to produce fruits when they are about 5 years old. Fruit ripens in about 120 days after petal drop. Fruits ripened in the tree taste best, harvest them when they feel slightly soft.

Use

The compact growth of this tree makes it ideal for use as specimen or patio shade tree. It can be used as a residential street tree or median strip tree in areas where overhead space is limited.

It is not suited for planting next to the street if trucks

pass close to the tree since adequate clearance is not possible but is successful in wide median strips. It blends well into informal shrubby borders and the fruit is attractive to wildlife. The fruit can be eaten fresh or used in jelly, jam or preserves.

Propagation

Propagation of loquat trees is by seed, cuttings, or grafting of selected varieties. Many seedlings can be found growing under trees in the landscape.

Varieties

Recommended varieties are Oliver, Tanaka, and Wolf.

Pests And Diseases

Occasional damage by caterpillars and scale insects may occur, but the most troublesome insect pest is the larvae (maggot) of the Caribbean fruit fly that feed on the fruits. Control of this insect pest is difficult because it requires the use of

insecticides during the development of the fruit. A severe winter greatly reduces the damage caused by this insect. Fireblight, a serious bacterial disease, which occurs mostly in pear trees, is also a serious disease of loquat.

Symptoms of this disease appear as blackening of leaves and stems from the top downward. To control this problem, prune back the affected branch 1 foot or more into healthy wood. Sterilize shears with a 10 percent bleach solution between cuts.

To reduce fireblight problems provide good air circulation to the tree. Don't over fertilize, since this could increase sensitivity to the fire blight disease. Root rot occurs on wet soils.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 350 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 888-5558. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

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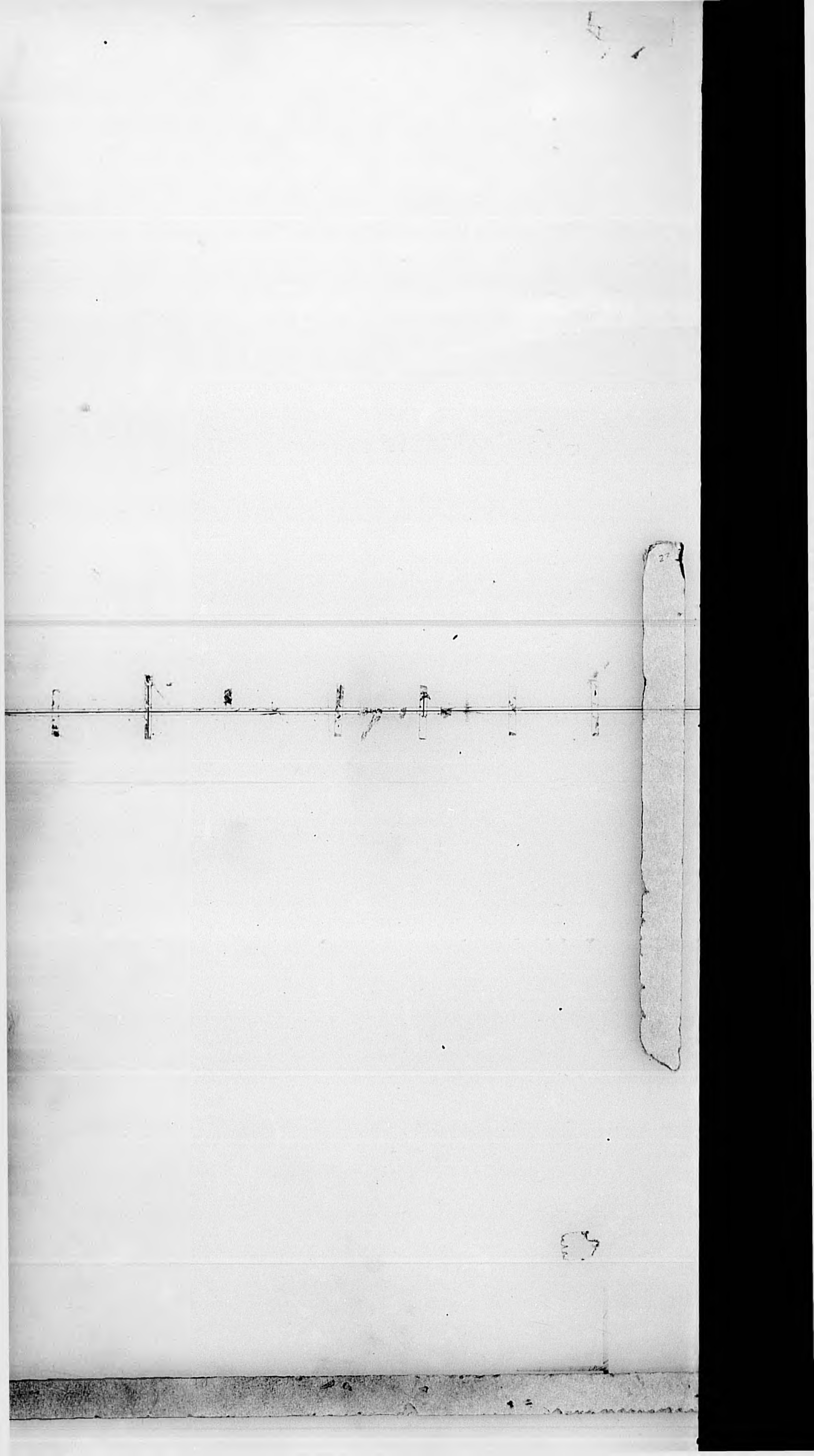
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LIVE SPORTS



Outdoors

Correspondent

FWC to hold meetings in Jacksonville this week

OCALA - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet at the Jacksonville Radisson Riverwalk Hotel Feb. 2-4.

Commissioners will address inland and freshwater issues Wednesday (Feb. 2) and marine issues Thursday and Friday.

Agenda items include establishment of the new 18,272-acre Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Glades County and establishment of quota hunts, hunting seasons and other regulations for the area.

The agenda also includes a rule to prohibit importation of leopard tortoises and African spurred tortoises - two species known to carry ticks which are vectors of Heartwater disease, fatal to deer and livestock.

Commissioners also will consider a proposal to establish a migratory flock of whooping cranes to winter at the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.

The Commission will consider a proposed series of tuition increases for the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp. Currently, campers pay \$150 tuition per week. The proposal is to increase weekly tuition by \$50 this year and by \$25 each year for the next two years, for a total of \$250.

Also being discussed will be the statewide recreation rules for spotted seatrout to establish a 15-inch minimum/20-inch maximum size limit and either a five-fish daily bag limit with a February closed season, or a four-fish limit with no closed season (the allowance for one fish larger than the maximum size limit to be retained would still apply).

Other proposed rules to be reviewed would change the commercial harvest season to occur from May through July each year (instead of the current June through August open season), and allow commercial harvesters to retain one spotted seatrout larger than 24 inches.

In other marine fisheries action, the Commission will:

- review a draft rule concerning exemptions from fishery regulations and commercial permits to collect species for scientific, educational and exhibitional purposes;

- address proposed rule recommendations to clarify that the prohibition on the spearing of snook includes fish taken in state and federal waters, and to require that all finfish be landed with heads and tails intact;

- consider a request to prohibit the harvest of live shells within the City of Fort Myers Beach; and

- receive reports regarding: 1) the feeding of sharks and other marine animals by divers; 2) legislation that allows certain persons to use tarp seine gear to harvest specified baitfish species in northwest Florida until July 1, 2000; 3) the success of recent turtle excluder device modifications to reduce leatherback turtle strandings in northeast Florida; 4) statewide educational efforts

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Winter tournaments begin

Soccer districts get underway

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The most exciting time of any sports season got underway Monday night as the boys and girls soccer teams started the long hard, run toward a state championship with the opening round of the district tournaments being played.

Seminole Athletic Conference teams were very successful on the evening as the Lake Howell, Lake Brantley and Lyman boys and Oviedo and Lake Mary girls squads advanced to Wednesday's semifinals.

Both of the boys' Class 4A-District 3 tournament games were tied at halftime with Lake

Howell and Winter Springs battling to a 0-0 tie at halftime, but the Silver Hawks (17-8-4) outscoring the Bears (7-20) 3-2 in the second half at Richard L. Evans Field.

DeLand and Lake Brantley were even at 1-1 at intermission, but the Patriots (12-5-2) also survived by a 3-2 score over the Bulldogs (9-15-2) at Tom Story Field.

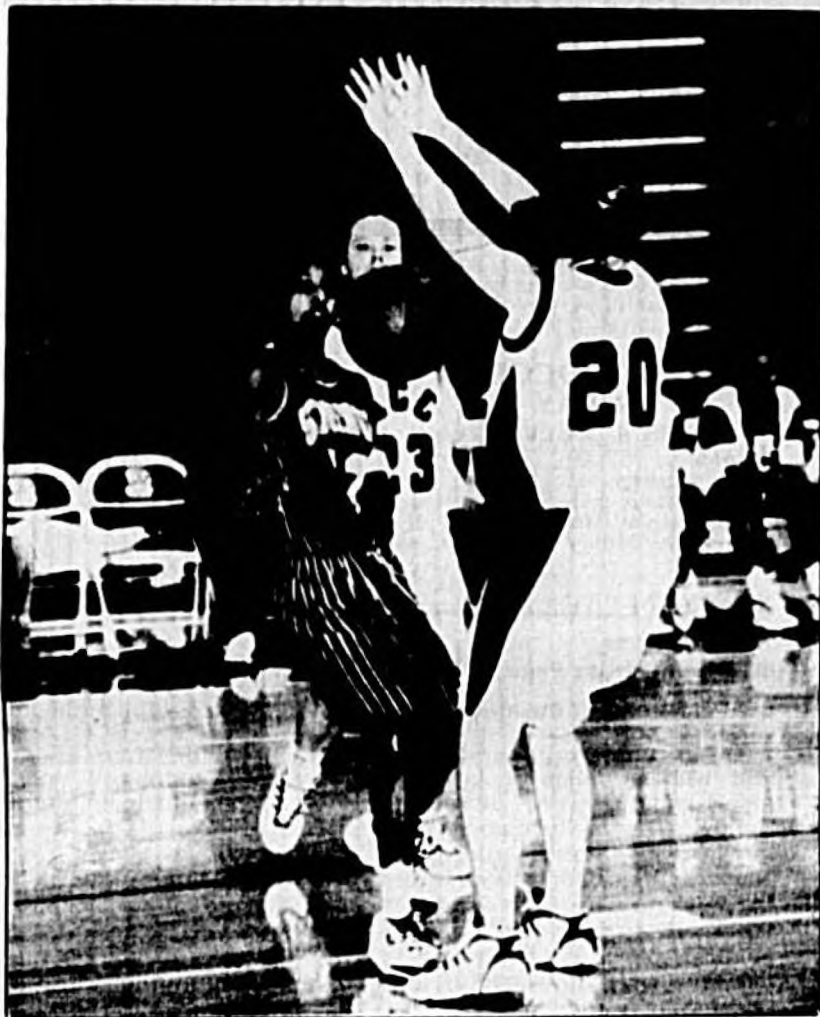
In a Class 3A-District 5 contest at Deltona High School, Lyman raced to a 3-0 halftime lead and rolled to a 7-0 victory over Seminole.

In girls play, Oviedo and DeLand were tied 0-0 at halftime, but the Lions (12-6-8) romped to a 3-0 victory over the Bulls.

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DISTRICT SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

BOYS CLASS 4A-DISTRICT 3 MONDAY	GIRLS CLASS 4A-DISTRICT 3 MONDAY
Game 1 - Lake Howell 3, Winter Springs 2	Game 1 - Oviedo 3, DeLand 0
Game 2 - Lake Brantley 3, DeLand 2	Game 2 - Lake Mary 4, Winter Springs 1
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Game 3 - Lake Brantley at Oviedo, 7 p.m.	Game 3 - Lake Mary at Lake Howell, 7 p.m.
Game 4 - Lake Howell at Lake Mary, 7 p.m.	Game 4 - Oviedo at Lake Brantley, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY	FRIDAY
Game 5 - CHAMPIONSHIP at Lake Mary, 8 p.m.	Game 5 - CHAMPIONSHIP at Lake Mary, 6 p.m.
CLASS 3A-DISTRICT 5 at Deltona High School MONDAY	CLASS 3A-DISTRICT 5 at Deltona High School TUESDAY
Game 1 - Lyman 7, Seminole 0	Game 1 - Pine Ridge vs. Seminole, 4 p.m.
Game 2 - Deltona 7, Spruce Creek 1	Game 2 - Mainland vs. Bunnell-Flagler/Palm Coast, 6 p.m.
Game 3 - Pine Ridge vs. Mainland, night	Game 3 - Lyman vs. Spruce Creek, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Game 4 - Lyman vs. Deltona, 5 p.m.	Game 4 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 5 p.m.
Game 5 - Bunnell-Flagler/Palm Coast vs. Pine Ridge-Mainland winner, 7 p.m.	Game 5 - Deltona vs. Mainland/Flagler-Palm Coast winner, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY	FRIDAY
Game 6 - CHAMPIONSHIP, 7 p.m.	Game 6 - CHAMPIONSHIP, 5 p.m.



Mevet Wooley (No. 12, left) and Satu Raimesalo (right) combined for 36 points as the Seminole Community College women's basketball team improved to 23-3 overall and 3-1 in the Mid-Florida



Herald photos by Arch Beattie

Conference with a 70-49 thumping of Santa Fe Community College Saturday night. The Raiders will host No. 2 state-ranked Daytona Beach Community College this Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

Raiders ready for rematch

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

GAINESVILLE - The Seminole Community College women's basketball team did what it was supposed to do Saturday night...blow out Santa Fe Community College and will now turn its sights on the biggest game of the season. The Raiders of head coach Ken Patrick sprinted out to a 37-19 lead and coasted to a 70-49 victory over the Saints in Gainesville.

SCC is now 23-3 on the season and 3-1 in the Mid-Florida Conference and have won 18 of its last 19 starts since the end of November.

The Raiders now get the opportunity to avenge that only loss over that two month period when they host Daytona Beach Community College, who were 3-0 in the conference heading into a Saturday rematch in Ocala Saturday night, tomorrow (Wednesday) night at the

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Buhl makes late pass to win IRL season opener at Disney

Special to the Herald

LAKE BUENA VISTA - Robb Buhl won the first major auto race of the new millennium Saturday with a team as new as the century and strategy as old as the sport.

Buhl, driving the Team Purex Dreyer & Reinhold Racing O Force/Aurora car that was assembled less than a month ago, dashed and darted through traffic in the final laps of the Delphi Indy 200 Indy Racing League season opener at Walt Disney World Speedway to get around Buddy Lazier and Eddie Cheever Jr. and score his second career Northern Light Indy Racing League victory.

Leaders Lazier and then Cheever, both Indy 500 winners, charged up on a slower car in the waning laps, had to brake and take an evasive way around. Buhl exploded to the front midway through Lap 199 and raced on to the checkered flag.

"We had a car capable of winning and put ourselves in a good position," said Buhl, who averaged 102.292 mph in a race that had eight leaders and same number of caution flags. "We don't think we had anything handed to us today."

"Obviously, we all want to win Indy. But I just remembered when Buzz Calkins won this first race down here (1996) all the attention he got. So I said, 'Yeah, that's something else I want to win.' So it's good."

Buhl crossed the finish line 3.156 seconds in front of Lazier, with Cheever and Scott Good-year another blink of the eye behind them. Eliseo Salazar, the veteran from Chile, rounded out the top five, only 8.990 seconds behind, in his first drive for four-time Indianapolis 500 champion A.J. Foyt.

Al Unser Jr., the two-time Indy 500 winner making his Indy Racing debut, dropped out in 25th place with engine problems after 65 laps.

Buhl, from Indianapolis, began assembling the team at the end of the last season. Dennis Reinhold and Eric DeBord joined him in partnership, and the team announcement was made just 11 days ago. The key to their instant suc-

cess - the car was completed only three weeks ago - was that veteran Mitch Davis was brought on as team manager and John O'Gara hired as crew chief. O'Gara was chief on Greg Ray's 1999 Menard's championship team, winning the Pennzoil Chief Mechanic of the Year Award, but had worked with Buhl the year before.

Buhl's victory wasn't a fluke. He led the most laps, 49, to Lazier's 47. He came from 22nd starting position -- the greatest climb to victory in league history -- and credited an early pit stop on a yellow called by Davis for getting him into sync with the other contenders.

"What this win does is bring us all closer together," said Buhl, who earned \$139,000 for the victory.

Both Lazier and Cheever drove Riley & Scott chassis, and Cheever's car also was powered by an Infiniti engine. Neither the chassis nor the engine has been in victory lane yet.

"I so badly wanted to give them that first win," Cheever said about his engine manufacturer.

About the problem he encountered with the slower car, he said: "It's really annoying. I'm very angry at the back markers who got in my way, but I am even madder at myself. I don't know exactly what happened, but back markers should know better than to get in the way of people who are faster. I should have followed that advice today."

Lazier felt the same way. He said his tires picked up grit when he was forced out of his groove and he had to back off.

This was Buhl's first Indy Racing victory since 1997 when he won at New Hampshire. His victim in that race also was Cheever, who was leading with two laps to go when his gearbox broke.

Davey Hamilton and Jaques Lazier each suffered minor back fractures in separate accidents. Both are in good condition. Hamilton was expected to be released from Sand Lake Hospital later Saturday, while Lazier is expected to be admitted to Orlando Regional Medical

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SCC OPENS BASEBALL SEASON



SANFORD - Seminole Community College baseball coach Jack Paréllas (above) will begin his 27th, and rumored final, season as the head man of the Raiders today when the local squad opens its 2000 season in Tampa against Hillsborough C.C.

SCC will open at home tomorrow at 3 p.m. against St. Petersburg Junior College at Raider Field. Admission is free.

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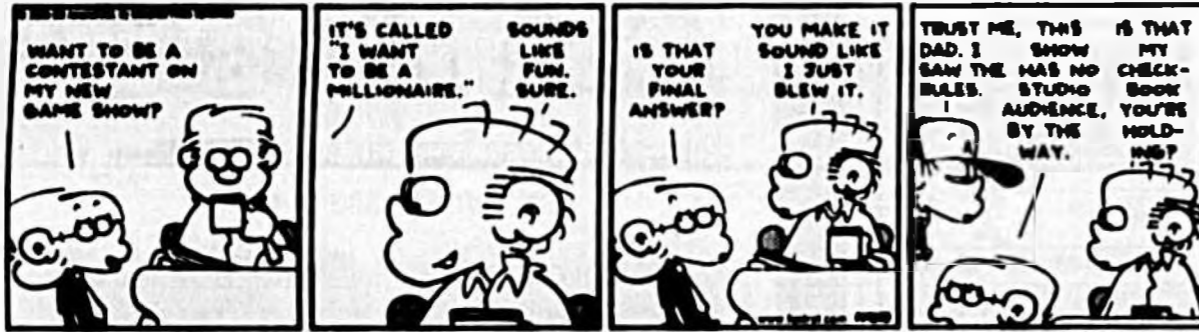
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Probe for improvements today that involve an enterprise of importance to you. With a few minor adjustments, you can produce greater benefits for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Because others care a great deal

about you, one or two of them will be playing a big hand on your behalf today in a matter that is of personal significance to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A situation that is a might too tough for an associate to handle may be placed on your shoulders today. However, instead of resenting this, it'll be a feather in your cap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your thoughtfulness towards another may be balanced out today, so although a deed you did in the past did not reap instantaneous compensation, it could now be rewarded in spades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your noble qualities of being a stand-up person of unquestionable loyalty may be called upon and put to good use today. No wonder you have so many friends!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Albeit possibly of a short duration, your financial trend could take a pleasant turn for the better today due to someone's kindness. Go ahead and make "moons" while the Sun shines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A social matter to which you've been reluctant to get involved can be managed with relative ease today if you're willing to try. Don't be afraid of the challenge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Make domestic or family matters your top priorities today, because the results will be exceptionally gratifying. You'll have more cooperation than you thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Don't get discouraged if your schedule appears overwhelming and backed-up a bit today. You're in a very favorable cycle where the fulfillment of your hopes can be realized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Place your focus today on your material objectives, because you could be extremely lucky at this time in realizing multiple gains.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Circumstances are going your way today and could be rather fortunate for you in several situations where you have a strong, personal interest. Don't be afraid to go for a number of goals.

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Win at Bridge

Solution to the Christmas competition

By Phillip Alder
This year's Christmas competition was based on a deal in "Bridge Without Error," by Ron Klinger (Golfancz, 1981).

The first question, how should the bidding go, is very difficult to answer! I have given my favorite sequence, but I expect to accept other sane sequences. (Agreed, with his hand, West would probably enter the auction, but that is irrelevant!) Since he has two aces, I feel South should open one spade, not four spades. And the two replies to four no-trump are for regular Blackwood and Roman Key Card Blackwood. Opposite Key Card, North knows that his partner has the spade queen, so he can bid seven with confidence.



Bridge
Phillip Alder

In seven spades, the basic plan is to discard a club from hand on dummy's second top diamond, then to establish a club for a heart discard. However, as is often the case, it pays to attack the side suit earlier rather than later. After winning with the diamond king, cash the spade king, then take the diamond ace, discarding a low club. Play a club to the ace and a club to dummy's king. Is the suit 3-2? If so, draw another round of trumps with dummy's jack, ruff a club, draw the missing trump(s), return to dummy with a heart to the ace, and cash a winning club. If clubs split 4-1 and no one has trumped in, ruff a club, cross to dummy with a trump, ruff a club, draw the missing trumps, go to dummy with a heart, and take that 13th club. (Anything similar will be accepted.) The answers to the supplementary questions will be given tomorrow.

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Doctor Gott

New drugs may address pill excess

DEAR DR. GOTT: I could stock my own pharmacy with all the pills I take for high blood pressure: Blocadren, probenecid, Dyazide, hydralazine, captopril and Micro-K. I can't take 12 pills a day.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Twelve pills a day does seem like a lot. Probably some could be combined or eliminated. Although I believe that many doctors over-prescribe (and patients would be better off with more parsimonious practitioners), patients with hypertension do need treatment because uncontrolled high blood pressure is a major cause of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

In your case, not all your medicines are for your hypertension. For example, Dyazide (a combination of two diuretics) is often used to treat high blood pressure, but it is also prescribed to rid the body of excess fluid, a side effect of Blocadren.

Dyazide can cause gout and, occasionally, potassium depletion; hence your doctor has added probenecid (to prevent gout) and Micro-K (to replenish potassium). Blocadren (a beta-blocker), captopril (an inhibitor of angiotensin converting enzyme) and hydralazine are anti-hypertensive drugs, each one with a different mode of action and a different profile of side effects. As you can see, some of your drugs are being used to prevent the complications of your other medications. Draw this fact to your physician's attention.

Therapeutic doses of one anti-hypertensive might be preferable to taking sub-optimal doses of three. By replacing some of your current medicines with newer, more potent prescriptions, your doctor might be able to reduce side effects, thereby enabling you to eliminate some of your medications. For example, Ziac contains both an anti-hypertensive and a diuretic; Atacand may be more effective than any of

the drugs you are now using, and hydralazine (which is seldom used today) might be discontinued.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When my husband urinates in the toilet bowl, he forms a lot of bubbles. It looks like a bubble bath. Is this something to worry about?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Given the information you supply, I cannot say with certainty but I seriously doubt that your husband's bubbling is a reflection of disease. More likely, it may be the result of detergent or soap in the bowl. Your mind could be eased if your husband were to undergo a simple and inexpensive urinalysis, during which the doctor will check for abnormal substances, such as protein, in the urine. If your husband checks out OK, you can stop worrying — and direct your attention to other matters, such as why most men insist on leaving the toilet seat up.

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