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Beware of Seminole County

LAKE MARY — It was not a good night on the basketball floor for non-Seminole County girls' teams as Lake Mary, Lake Howell and Lyman all crushed their opponents by at least 20 points.
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BRIEFS

A positive place for teens

MIDWAY — Here we grow again. The Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida, Inc., will begin a Teen Program for young residents of the Midway community beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18.

From 4-6 p.m., teens from the ages of 13 to 16 are invited to register for the program at the Midway Community Center, on Williams Avenue.

Activities available include: reinforcement of educational skills (reading, writing, science, math, etc.) and assistance with homework through the tutorial program; drug education and prevention in cooperation with Grove Counseling Center; cultural enrichment; social skills programs with the assistance of Center For Drug Free Living; games and recreation activities, basketball, table tennis and other indoor, outdoor sports.

The club currently serves elementary age children, ages 6-12, with similar programs after school at Midway Elementary School, East Altamonte Springs and the West Sanford Boys & Girls Club facility, ages 6-16, at 919 Persimmon Ave.

The services at the Midway Community Center are being offered in cooperation with Midway Community Against Drugs.

For more information, call Don Miller, Seminole County director, at 330-2456.

Indian ambassador to visit SCC

SANFORD — The Indian Ambassador to the United States will be visiting an art exhibit at Seminole Community College on Friday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Ambassador, Siddharth S. Ray from Bengal, East India, is making the trip to SCC to promote Indian cultural awareness in Central Florida and also to visit the Folk Arts of India exhibit on display at the college. The exhibit features artifacts, textiles, paintings and utensils that have been a part of everyday life in rural India.

The Fine Arts Gallery of Seminole Community College, in conjunction with the Asian Cultural Association is presenting the Folk Arts of India exhibit. The artwork will be on display from Jan. 18 through Feb. 10.

For further information, contact Dr. Karen Copp at 323-1450, ext. 660.

McFellin takes on new challenge

OAKLAND PARK — Former Longwood City Administrator James McFellin began work Jan. 3 as city administrator in Oakland Park, a community of about 30,000 north of Fort Lauderdale.

McFellin resigned his Longwood post after the November election without a firm job lined up, although he had numerous resumes out across the country.

After what he described as a whirlwind of activity, McFellin was hired Dec. 22. Following an initial interview in the south Florida city, McFellin said he and the officials could not reach an agreement. McFellin and his wife left on a trip to Wisconsin for their daughter's college graduation. After returning to Florida, the city officials called again and McFellin was hired.

"The moving van just arrived today," McFellin said, Friday. "We are about a mile from the ocean."

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Chance of showers



Partly cloudy and breezy with a slight 20 percent chance of showers. High in the mid 70s. Wind east 15 to 20 mph.

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Rooftop pot bust

Marijuana grown on top of eatery; cook arrested

By NICK PFREIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Members of the Sanford police Special Investigative Unit made what they consider a major drug related arrest shortly before noon yesterday. Forty marijuana plants were found growing on the roof of a Sanford restaurant.

"We were tipped off by an informant," said Police Commander Dennis Whitmire, "that someone was growing marijuana on the rooftop of Wok Express Restaurant, at 3021 Orlando Drive."

"Our SIU agents went out there with the aid of a fire ladder truck and looked at the top of the building," he said. "They found what ended up to be 40 marijuana plants being cultivated on the roof."

"We either had to have a search warrant or get permission to go up there," Whitmire said, "and the owner of the restaurant granted us permission, so we went up there and confiscated"
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Sanford police Commander Dennis Whitmire. When grown, they would have a street value of approximately \$40,000. Shows a box containing 40 marijuana plants.

Timacuan facing foreclosure

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Senior Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — One of Seminole County's most exclusive communities, Timacuan, is facing foreclosure.

Sun Bank filed foreclosure proceedings against Timacuan Inc.,

Timacuan Venture and other developers of the residential community and country club at County Road 46-A and Rinehart Road in December. Sun Bank seeks to foreclose on more than 700 lots, the clubhouse and golf course. The bank is seeking appointment of a receiver and is suing the parties for \$11.9 million

in damages.

Sun Bank attorney Thomas Smith said he hopes publicity of the action doesn't concern Timacuan residents that their community will degrade.

"I'm afraid the residents and members of the country club are going to be very concerned about this," said Smith. "They should

know the bank is going to do everything they can to preserve their collateral. They will do what it takes to preserve the value of that project and turn around and sell it for the highest and best value they can get."

Lake Mary Mayor Lowry Rockett
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Herald Photo by Michael Siedzinski

An actor portraying Rama, sits on a motorcycle he reportedly can cure with his mind. The scene is part of a segment being taped in Sanford for a pilot CBS series.

It's TV showtime

Production company gives Sanford thumbs up as site

By NICK PFREIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Imagine a young auto mechanic from India who claims to be able to cure car problems with his mind. For a brief period, his shop, Rama's Garage, was located at the corner of Park Avenue and 13th Street, in Sanford.

The situation is a segment of a TV show presently being videotaped in Sanford by Los Angeles-based Moving Target Productions.

Producer Hannah Hempstead said the segment will be one of six or seven to appear on the pilot of a new show called "Weekly World News."

"It's based on some of the unusual stories published by Weekly World News," she said. "We'll be shooting several stories each week based on those stories."
Hempstead would not comment

on whether the Indian man's claims were real or not, nor where he is actually located.

For the series, the vacant service station, at the northeast corner of the intersection, has been painted, and given new signs saying "Rama's Garage." The front window signs indicate work done includes: Shakra Front/Rear, Car-ma adjustments, and brake rebirthing, at Mystic Motors.

One of the actresses in the segment is Melissa, a specially trained dog owned by Rick Schultz of Venice, Florida, who said the dog enjoyed spending time in the director's chair on the set. "She's not the star," Schultz said, "but they way she is treated by these people, you would think she was."

When asked if Rama did good work in the auto (and motorcycle)
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Adult fun ordinance approved

By NICK PFREIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Two companion ordinances aimed at controlling adult entertainment were unanimously approved on final reading last night. The City Commission has been working on the measures for two months.

The approved codes were praised by a legal expert who has been working on similar situations in other municipalities.

They were based on what was referred to as a "model code," designed by Orange and Osceola Counties, and subsequently adopted by a number of cities and counties in the state.

Originally one plan, it was divided into two separate sections when certain items required changes in the present city codes and land development regulations. The result was one ordinance to change the present codes, and another to specify such matters as separation distances between parks, schools and residential areas, and property
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Sanford's Employee of the Year



Herald Photo by Mark Harris

Paul Biddy was honored as 1993 Employee of the Year by the City of Sanford Monday. Mayor Bettye Smith presented a plaque and read of his accomplishments. Biddy started work with the Utility Department in July, 1976, and served with Public Works from Nov. 1986 until Jan. 1992. During that time, Smith reported that Biddy has received many accreditations and gone through a great deal of schooling with which to improve his skills. With Biddy, left to right, sons Andrew and David, and wife, Patricia. As part of the honor, Biddy receives a special parking place at City Hall, a \$100 savings bond and one day off with pay.

Missionaries in contact: Hope grows

By The Associated Press

SANFORD — A new transmission from kidnapers has given new life to efforts to negotiate the release of three American missionaries taken from a Panamanian Indian village a year ago.

A shortwave radio message was monitored in Panama last month in which the three men were heard urging their families to keep the faith.

"It gave us confirmation that they were still alive," said Dave Zelenak, a spokesman for the Sanford-based New Tribes Mission.

The kidnapers, believed anti-government guerrillas from Colombia, have demanded \$5 million since the three were kidnapped along the Panama-Colombia border on Jan. 31, 1993.

But negotiations had been at a virtual standstill for many months because officials here and with the U.S. State Department did not know whether Richard L. Tenenhoff, C. David Mankins and Mark V. Rich were alive.

"Negotiations had been pretty
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FLORIDA BRIEFS



Homestead sleuth collects back taxes

ORLANDO — One man lived in Tampa while claiming homestead exemption in Orange County. A woman claimed exemptions in both Lake and Orange counties. Dianne Paris tracked them down, collected back taxes and assessed penalties. Ms. Paris, a homestead exemption fraud investigator, has placed \$600,000 in property value back on the county tax rolls in similar moves since September. She's a new employee in Orange County, one of only five counties that have hired their own homestead sleuths. Pinellas County pioneered such fraud investigations in 1989. Its program now includes three full-time agents handling 300 cases a year. Last year, that county filed \$150,000 in back tax liens and has returned \$13 million in property value to the tax rolls, officials said.

Suspect has several personalities

FORT LAUDERDALE — A suspected hit man spoke in a odd English accent and suggested he and a psychologist engage in combat during an examination, a court-appointed doctor said. But Lee Bukatel, one of the experts who interviewed suspect Paul Michael Serio, said Monday he could not decide if the man was competent to stand trial on two counts of first-degree murder. Serio, 47, lapsed into at least five personalities, including those of a 10-year-old boy, two women and a medieval character named Duke Angus, Bukatel told Broward Circuit Judge Howard Zeldwig during a competency hearing. Bukatel said was uncomfortable making a judgment about Serio's competency because he is not an expert in multiple personality disorders. Serio is accused helping Bob Beckett, 55, of Las Vegas, kill Susan Hamwi, 38. She was found dead in her Fort Lauderdale home in November 1983. Her 18-month-old daughter, Shane, was found dead of starvation and dehydration. Susan Hamwi's ex-husband, Paul Hamwi, 48, is charged with arranging the murder to avoid paying a divorce settlement. Prosecutors said Hamwi hired Beckett, and Beckett brought Serio for help. Beckett was given immunity from prosecution in exchange for his testimony against Hamwi and Serio. John Gordon Purvis, 52, a mental patient who lived near Susan Hamwi, was convicted in the two murders, but released early last year after police found he was innocent and filed new charges. During the competency hearing, which continues today, another doctor who had said Serio was incompetent changed her mind after another interview with Serio.

Doppler radar arrives in Tampa Bay area

RUSKIN — One of the latest models of weather radar is being installed in the Tampa Bay area, replacing a system four decades old which came under scrutiny after a devastating storm last March. The \$3.5 million Doppler radar unit being set up today at the National Weather Service's office in Ruskin was originally intended for March Air Force Base in California. But a construction plan there was not completed on schedule. "Weather and politics," Rob Balfour reflected Monday as he watched workers prepare for the new radar, expected to be in use by March 1. Balfour heads Central Florida's National Weather Service office in Ruskin, and he is all-too-familiar with the need for accurate information. His staff, its 1950s-style radar and its performance were scrutinized after thousands of coastal residents were flooded out of their homes during a March 1993 storm. Gov. Lawton Chiles complained to Washington about the weather service's performance in the storm, which killed more than 40 people in Florida.

One taker at circus' dung giveaway

MIAMI — With 18 elephants who eat about 750 pounds of apples a week, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus had a ton of dung. So it decided to share. But only one person took advantage of Monday's Mammoth Manure Giveaway. "Somebody told me it makes excellent fertilizer," said Dave Spencer, 25, of Sunrise. "I'm going to spread it on my lawn for my plants. It might get a little messy." Circus executives had hoped to get rid of a mountain of the vitamin-enriched manure, which has been produced by the elephants since the circus came to town last week. They promoted the giveaway to farmers and lawn-keepers. But with one taker, they had a lot of stuff left over. "I don't know what happened," said circus spokeswoman Rosa Lamela. "I think it was bad timing. Next time, I think we'll have it in the afternoon so people can come after work."

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Food stamp settlement made

State and federal government reach agreement, largest every

By JACKIE HALLIFAX Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida will pay the federal government a \$680,000 fine for making too many mistakes in the food stamp program and spend another \$16.5 million on improvements to its system. The federal government will contribute at least \$500,000 to improvements under an agreement announced Monday. The proposed settlement is the largest the federal government has ever reached with a state over food stamp errors, officials said. But Jim Towey, secretary of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, expressed satisfaction with the agreement. "They've given us an agreement we can live with," he said. In federal fiscal year 1992, Florida's error rate skyrocketed to nearly double both its

1991 rate and the federal tolerance level, which hovers around 10 percent. In federal fiscal year 1993, which ended in September, the rate dropped to 16.5 percent from 19.7 percent a year earlier. The federal government funds food stamps and the states issue them. In 1992, Florida issued \$1.3 billion worth of food stamps to 1.4 million people. Towey said the settlement, negotiated over the last two months, will be finalized in the next few days. "We're reasonably satisfied with the terms of this proposed agreement," said Neil Fieger, a spokesman for the U.S. Agriculture Department's Food and Nutrition Service. Besides being the biggest settlement ever over food stamp errors, the agreement has been reached more quickly than most. Fieger said, Massachusetts settled with the federal agency over its 1981 error rate just

last year, according to both Fieger and Towey. Under the agreement, Florida must spend at least \$16.5 million over the next four years to improve its computer and field operations. The federal government will kick in at least \$500,000 for "reinvestment." Those figures, however, could climb to \$23.5 million for the state and \$4.5 million from the federal government if Florida's error rate doesn't drop to 10.54 percent of the national average, whichever is higher. The error rate includes both overpayments and underpayments. Towey attributed the problems to a dramatic increase in cases, snafus in the new HRS supercomputer and the devastation from Hurricane Andrew, which hit south Dade County in August 1992. The \$680,000 fine could climb to nearly \$3.7 million if improvements aren't made.

Florida logs first possible hantavirus

By RAJU CHEBIUM Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Health officials say a rare virus carried by rodents which killed 28 people in the western United States last year may have found its first East Coast victim in Florida. A 33-year-old Dade County resident, who has since recovered from the illness, had symptoms of the respiratory disease caused by the rare, deadly virus. But health officials said further tests will be needed to confirm if he was infected by the hantavirus. The man, whose name was not released is possibly the first hantavirus case east of the Mississippi. Dr. W. Gary Hlady, an epidemiologist with the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, said Monday. Hantavirus killed 28 people last year — most of them in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Fifty-three people nationwide have been infected by the virus and 60 percent of them have died as a result, said Dr. Ali Khan, a medical epidemiologist with the Centers of Disease Control in Atlanta. Health officials learned about the Dade case in December and confirmed Friday the man had symptoms of the disease caused by the deadly virus. The virus apparently attacks the cells that line blood vessels but little else is known about it, Khan said. Knowledge of the virus is so limited that scientists have not even named the disease it causes, said Hlady. Officials were quick to point out that the Florida case is not a cause for alarm because the virus is rare. Nevertheless, since people catch the virus by breathing particles from rodent urine and feces, officials are asking people not to touch stray rodents, to keep dishes and food preparation surfaces clean, and plug holes where rodents may dwell.



Employee of the Month

The year started well for Joyce Randall. She was selected Employee of the Month for January, by the city of Sanford. Randall, a secretary with the City Manager/Personnel,

has been an employee since July, 22, 1988. Randall, center, was given a plaque of appreciation by Mayor Bettye Smith and City Manager Bill Simmons during ceremonies Monday morning.

Former millionaire lawmaker serving time, may get more

By Associated Press

CRESTVIEW — Former state legislator William Dean "Wig" Burrow still likes to be called "senator," but instead of passing laws he is serving time in prison for breaking them. "Once a senator, always a senator," Burrow told the Northwest Florida Daily News of Fort Walton Beach in a jailhouse interview published Sunday. Now penniless, the former multimillionaire lawyer and businessman is serving a 46-month federal money-laundering sentence. He also is awaiting trial on state grand-theft charges. The youngest graduate, at 21, and valedictorian of the University of Florida's law

school in 1953, Burrow, now 62, says he thinks he will be able to regain his wealth and may even return to politics. "Not for Senate," he said. "But maybe for president." Burrow began serving his money-laundering term in September 1992 at the federal prison camp on Sauley Field, a naval installation in Pensacola. Last fall, he was transferred to the Okaloosa County Jail in his hometown for the state trial set for March 14. Burrow is accused of stealing \$100,000 from a trust fund that he administered. During his federal trial, he testified he was acting as sort of a vigilante by "stinging the sting" in a single-handed effort to break up "the largest marijuana ring that had ever existed in this country."

LOTTERY
MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery.
Fantasy 5
5-17-12-21-20
Cash 3
4-8-8
Play 4
2-7-4-1
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THE WEATHER
LOCAL FORECAST
Today: Partly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers. High in the mid 70s. Wind east 15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.
Tonight: Considerable cloudiness with a chance of showers. Low in the lower 60s. Light east wind. Chance of rain 30 percent.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or a thunderstorm. High in the mid 70s. Wind becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.
Extended forecast: Thursday: Clearing and cooler. Highs in the 60s. Fair.
FLORIDA TEMPS
City High Low Precip
Daytona Beach 71 57 0.00
FL Land Beach 76 63 0.00
Fort Myers 78 54 0.00
Gainesville 60 41 0.00
Jacksonville 54 37 0.00
Key West 77 64 0.00
Lakeland 76 60 0.00
Miami 76 65 0.00
Panama City 57 36 0.00
Sarasota 78 51 0.00
Tallahassee 62 37 0.00
Tampa 76 66 0.00
Vero Beach 74 64 0.01
W. Palm Beach 72 67 0.00
EXTENDED OUTLOOK
TUESDAY Partly cl'd 75-82
WEDNESDAY Maly. cl'd 75-85
THURSDAY Fair 65-85
FRIDAY Fair 65-85
SATURDAY Fair 65-85
MOON PHASES
LAST Jan. 5
NEW Jan. 11
FIRST Jan. 19
FULL Jan. 27
TIDES
WEDNESDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: Min. 5:10 a.m., 5:25 p.m.; Maj. 11:20 a.m., 11:43 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 8:18 a.m., 8:36 p.m.; lows, 1:36 a.m., 2:15 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 8:23 a.m., 8:42 p.m.; lows, 1:41 a.m., 2:20 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 8:38 a.m., 8:56 p.m.; lows, 1:56 a.m., 2:35 p.m.
BOATING
St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet
Tonight: Wind east to southwest 15 kts. Seas 4 to 5 ft. Bay and inland waters choppy. Isolated showers. Wednesday: Wind variable 10 kts or less. Seas 2 ft or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated showers.
STATISTICS
The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 70 degrees and the overnight low was 52 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.
Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Tuesday, totaled 0 inches.
The temperature at 9 a.m. today was 65 degrees and Tuesday's overnight low was 60, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.
Other Weather Service data:
Monday's high.....73
Barometric pressure.....30.36
Relative Humidity.....78 pct
Winds.....East 10 mph
Rainfall.....0 in.
Sunset.....5:47 p.m.
Sunrise.....7:19 a.m.

POLICE BRIEFS

Car thefts

Several cars were reported stolen over the weekend. Two of the vehicles were apparently taken from the same area, Sun Lake Apartments, near Lake Mary. Deputies said a 1988 Ford was removed from the 2800 block of Sun Lake Loop, on Friday, and a 1984 Chevrolet was taken from the 400 block of Sun Lake Circle. The Orange County sheriff's department reported both vehicles were later located abandoned and stripped in Apopka.

Sanford police are investigating an automobile reported stolen early Monday from a parking lot on Carriage Cove Avenue, and a white 1979 Chevrolet, license number NJY-091L, reportedly stolen Friday from the 2700 block of Ridgewood Avenue.

Sheriff's deputies reported a black 1994 GMC pickup truck, license GCL-93D was reportedly stolen from a fenced area Friday in the 5500 block of Wilson Road.

Who's driving?

Lake Mary police arrested three men Saturday following a traffic stop for speeding, on County Home Road. Police said when they approached the vehicle, they saw one man in the passenger's side of the front, and two men in the back, but no one in the driver's seat. Officers said they continuously asked who was driving, but none of the men would respond. Arrested were Shawn Anthony Moore, 23, of Deltona, and Robert H. Klages, 23 and Brian Ray Bazemore, 23, both of Winter Park. Each was charged with resisting an officer without violence.

Shooting incident

Sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas Neal Terrell, 23, of 2625 S. Sanford Avenue, at his residence on Sunday. Deputies said he had reportedly been in a dispute with another man at a convenience store parking lot near his home, and had reportedly shot at the man with a small caliber handgun. Officers said the bullet penetrated the left sleeve of his jacket, but did not cause any injuries. Deputies found Terrell at his address and arrested him on a charge of aggravated battery. They said the firearm was not recovered.

Double charges filed

Robert Eugene Curry Jr., 25, 9105 Stonebrook Drive, was arrested by Sanford police during a traffic stop on 25th Street and Airport Blvd. Saturday. Officers said he had apparently been involved in a fight with his wife and 2-year old child at a grocery store on W. Airport Blvd. earlier in the day. He was charged with child abuse and battery, domestic violence. The traffic stop was conducted when police said they saw his car almost strike another vehicle. Connected with that, he was charged with disorderly conduct.

Couple in car

Sheriff's deputies arrested two persons found in a parked car on Hughey Street near Beardall Avenue Sunday. Arrested were Ruby Lee Burch, 34, of 2211 Sipes Avenue, and Oscar Lee Hunter, 60, 116 Scott Drive. Each was charged with lewd and lascivious behavior.

Shoplifting alleged

Sheriff's deputies arrested Linda Ann Hedgecote, 44, of Eatonville, in the 3600 block of Lake Emma Road near Lake Mary on Sunday. Deputies report she was detained by store security personnel when she was reportedly seen attempting to take a package of men's T-shirts and two pair of children's shoes from the store without paying.

Shirts, pants allegedly taken

Sanford police are investigating a reported shoplifting Thursday, at a retail store in the 3700 block of S. Orlando Drive. A store employee told deputies four women entered the store and apparently stole 15 silk shirts and ten pair of men's pants, with a total value of \$354.75.

Warrant arrests

•Michael David Trull, 29, of Deltona, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Saturday in the 2600 block of Palmetto Avenue. Officers responding to a domestic disturbance call located Trull who was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on a charge of possession of cocaine. Later at the jail, he was found to also wanted for failing to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended/revoked license, and attached tag not assigned.

•Diane White, 32, of 24, Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at the jail Sunday. She was found to be wanted on a warrant issued in Duval County.

Barbara Ann Dotson, 28, 404 Colonial Way, Sanford, obtaining property with worthless check.

Timothy John Yessley, 23, 1331 Forest Drive, Sanford, violation of probation/theft of firearms. He turned himself in at the probation department on two warrants.

Domestic cases

•Howard Ralph Williams, 42, 3779 Celery Avenue, was arrested by deputies at his residence Saturday. Officers said he had been in a dispute with a man. He was charged with aggravated battery.

•Shane Thomas French, 19, of Lake Monroe, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Saturday on Shea Street in Lake Monroe, following a reported dispute with his mother. He was charged with domestic violence battery, and domestic violence assault.

•Roger Albert Reifenrath, 46, 282 Short Street, Lake Mary, was arrested by Lake Mary police early Monday following a reported dispute with a female. He was charged with domestic violence, battery.

•Lauren Sepuran Getman, 31, 108 Lake Dot Drive, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at that address Sunday, following a reported fight with a female. Getman was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Traffic stops

•Michael David Maxwell, 34, of Geneva, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on Southwest Road at Bungalow Blvd. Sunday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

•Vernon F. Hopkins, 26, 1010 W. 16th Street, was arrested at 13th and Lake by Sanford police Sunday. He was charged with improper lane changing and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

•Craig Alden Morrison, 40 of DeBary, was arrested by Sanford police on S.R. 46 Saturday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and fleeing/attempting to elude an officer.

•John Paul Salamone, 32, of Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police in the 300 block of French Avenue Saturday, after officers said he ran a red light. Police said a search of his vehicle uncovered a pipe made from a deer horn. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance under 20 grams.

•April Michelle Knight, 22, of 2450 Center Street, Sanford, was stopped by deputies on Old Lake Mary Road early Monday. After officers transported her to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, they said they searched the back seat of the police vehicle and discovered a metal pipe. Knight was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Amy Marie Martin, 23, of Orlando, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday near the Sanford Farmers Market on French Avenue. She was charged with attempting to elude an officer, and having no drivers license.

War on smoking stepped up

By **CHRISTOPHER CONNELL**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Thirty years after the first shots were fired in the war against smoking, a former president and seven past surgeons general joined health groups today in demanding more stringent controls on the sale and advertising of tobacco.

The health leaders issued a report card rapping lawmakers and presidents alike for failing to take stronger action to stamp out smoking, which is blamed for 420,000 deaths a year.

"Unless our government leaders and policy-makers summon the courage to slam the door on the tobacco lobby, the tobacco epidemic will continue," Dr. Alfred Munzer, president of the American Lung Association, said in remarks prepared for a news conference.

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders said 2 million lives have been saved since her predecessor, the late Dr. Luther Terry, issued the first surgeon general's report on Jan. 11, 1964. That report led millions of Americans to kick the habit and millions more to never get hooked in the first place.

But tobacco remains "the leading cause of preventable death and disease in America," said Elders, who will release her own surgeon general's report next month focusing on smoking and youth.

Former President Jimmy Carter urged President Clinton to consider raising the 24-cent cigarette tax to as much as \$2 a pack to help save adult lives and keep

"1,000 children from trying cigarettes for the first time each day." Clinton has already proposed a 75 cent-per-pack increase to help pay for health reforms.

Carter, who fired his own health secretary, Joseph A. Califano Jr., in 1979 in part from the fallout triggered by Califano's war against smoking, exhorted Clinton "to take the leadership role necessary to reverse more than three decades of the tobacco industry's domination in tobacco control policy in Congress."

Thomas Lauria, spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, scoffed at the notion that cigarettes are underregulated. An "alphabet soup of numerous federal agencies ... regulates tobacco from seedbed to sales counter," he said.

"The fact that tobacco remains universally legal in every country of the world only indicates that there is a natural human market for this product," he said.

"Some folks like smoking," added Lauria, a non-smoker.

The seven former surgeons general said the tobacco industry has a "stranglehold over the Congress and the administration." The appeal for action was signed by Drs. Leroy E. Burney of the Eisenhower administration; William H. Stewart (Johnson); Jesse L. Steinfeld (Nixon); S. Paul Ehrlich Jr. (Nixon and Ford); Julius B. Richmond (Carter); C. Everett Koop (Reagan); and Antonio C. Novello (Bush).

The government has taken numerous steps to discourage smoking, from the first warning labels on cigarette packages in

1966, to the 1971 ban on cigarette advertising on radio and television to requiring no-smoking sections on airplanes in 1973 and banning smoking on most domestic flights in 1990.

But tobacco is still exempted from regulation under several key federal statutes.

The Coalition on Smoking or Health — a lobby formed by leaders of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association — called for a series of bold steps to make America smoke-free by the year 2000.

—The Food and Drug Administration should ban implied health claims for low-tar and low-nicotine cigarettes.

—The Federal Trade Commission should bar the "Joe Camel" marketing campaign that Novello and others have charged is aimed at enticing children to smoke.

—Clinton should sign an executive order requiring that all federal buildings be smokeless.

—The Department of Transportation should seek agreements to make international flights smoke-free.

—Congress should raise the cigarette tax by at least \$2 a pack.

—Congress should give the FDA full authority to regulate the sale, distribution and advertising of tobacco products, and Congress should fund government anti-smoking commercials.

Three decades ago, 42 percent of American adults smoked. Today it is 26 percent — 46 million people.

GATT could save consumers \$30 billion a year

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A recently completed global trade accord should save American consumers more than \$30 billion a year, a research group said today.

The Institute for International Economics estimated that U.S. border taxes, quotas and other barriers to trade cost Americans about \$70 billion a year, an amount equal to more than 1 percent of total U.S. economic output.

However, the institute said this figure should be reduced by \$32.8 billion annually based on the tariffs and other barriers to trade the United States agreed to reduce as part of a global free trade agreement reached among 117 nations in Geneva on Dec. 15.

That agreement, negotiated under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, will, if approved by Congress, reduce border taxes on

thousands of products and expand GATT rules for the first time to cover trade in farm products and services.

Various studies have estimated that the GATT agreement has the potential of increasing world output by \$6 trillion over the next decade, a figure that includes a \$1 trillion gain just in the United States.

The institute's report, "Measuring the Costs of Protection in the United States," was the first comprehensive look at gains expected to be realized by U.S. consumers. American consumers will feel the biggest impact in the area of clothing and textile prices, which the institute termed the "Mount Everest of U.S. trade protection."

The institute estimated that consumer prices in the clothing area would drop by \$15 billion annually and textile prices would decline by \$2 billion annually with the elimination of quotas and the reduction in tariffs over the next decade —

representing more than half of all savings.

C. Fred Bergsten, a former assistant Treasury secretary during the Carter administration and the head of the institute, said the GATT agreement did not achieve all the reductions in trade barriers that had been hoped.

But he said it still represented a significant achievement that would cut by almost half what consumers must pay in what are essentially hidden taxes.

"Some of these trade protections have been on the books for 60 years. That is really outrageous, and we are trying to shed some light on them," Bergsten said.

The report said high tariffs protecting such products as

frozen orange juice concentrate, ball bearings, rubber footwear and luggage all date back to the Smoot-Hawley tariffs passed in 1930 to protect domestic industries at the start of the Great Depression.

The institute estimated that the reduction of all tariffs in 21 highly protected U.S. industries might result in a loss of 190,000 blue-collar jobs, with 90 percent of that job loss occurring in apparel and textiles.

The institute said the average cost to the consumer for each job saved was \$170,000 per year.

"Consumers thus pay over six times the average annual compensation of manufacturing workers to preserve jobs through import restraints," the study said.

Bobbitt squirms on the stand as trial opens

By **ANNE GEARAN**
Associated Press Writer

MANASSAS, Va. — John Bobbitt squirmed on the witness stand, barely an arm's length from the woman who sliced his penis off with a kitchen knife.

Telling his story in court for the second time, only now as witness instead of defendant, Bobbitt told a jury of seven men and five women Monday how his wife, Lorena, attacked him.

He gave virtually the same testimony in November, when he was tried and acquitted in the same courthouse for marital sexual assault.

"I felt a couple of jerks. After that she just cut it off," said Bobbitt, shifting in his chair as the first witness at Mrs. Bobbitt's trial in a courtroom so small that the stand is just a few feet from the defense table.

Bobbitt, 26, often asked to have questions repeated, hesitated, stammered and mumbled his way through the answers, and pleaded a faulty memory.

He said he leapt from his bed when he realized his penis had been cut off. His hands pressed against his bleeding crotch, he woke up a nouse guest for help.

"I didn't know how to explain it to him. I was kind of embarrassed," Bobbitt said, looking down at his lap. "I knew I had to get some help."

Mrs. Bobbitt, 24, was expected to take the stand today.

She is charged with malicious wounding for cutting off Bobbitt's penis after he came home from a night of drinking June 23. If convicted, the Ecuadorian-born manicurist could get up to 20 years in prison and be deported.

Mrs. Bobbitt's trial opened in a circuslike atmosphere. The case — which has been cast by many as a battle of the sexes — drew several hundred reporters and technicians. Vendors hawked T-shirts saying "Revenge — How Sweet It Is" and "Cut Me a Break." A radio station gave out Slice soda and wieners to the crowd.

In her opening statement, defense lawyer Lisa Kemler described the Bobbitts' relationship as a "reign of terror" and told the jury that sexual, physical and verbal abuse began

in the first month of their four-year marriage.

Kemler said it was more than Mrs. Bobbitt could endure when her husband raped her.

"It was his penis from which she could not escape," Kemler said. "It had caused her the most pain and the most fear. You will come to one conclusion: A life is more valuable than a penis."

But Commonwealth's Attorney Paul E. Ebert said Mrs. Bobbitt had approached her husband "in an amorous way" that night. "You folks will have to judge ... as to whether or not what this woman did to her husband is justified or excusable," Ebert said.

Bobbitt contends his wife attacked him because she was angry over his plan to leave her. He denied ever forcing her to have sex.

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Soldier returns to Vietnam to bring home friend

By **GEORGE ESPER**
AP Special Correspondent

HANOI, Vietnam — Nearly 25 years ago, when the war was raging in Vietnam, a 20-year-old private from Alabama said a prayer and buried his Marine buddy in a Viet Cong prisoner of war camp where both were held.

Thomas Davis survived five years in POW camps and has returned to Vietnam for the first time since his release in 1973 to help find the remains of his fallen comrade.

"I came here to get a friend," he said. "I'm here through the grace of God."

In those five years of hell, Davis, who was a draftee from the small Alabama town of Eufaula, said as many as 10 Americans died in the camp. One was trying to escape, and others died from malnutrition and lack of medical care.

"Early on, I made up my mind that I would return home, no matter what," he said. "I made up my mind I would not die in that place."

He did survive and rose to the highest enlisted rank a soldier can achieve in the Army, sergeant major. Now 46, he has spent more than half his life in

the Army — 26 years.

He is command sergeant of the 18th Military Police Brigade in Frankfurt, Germany, where he lives with his wife. His two children, Tameka, 21, and Tshombe, 18, attend Auburn University in Alabama.

Davis was asked to return to Vietnam on temporary duty to help find his buddy by the U.S. Joint Task Force searching for the remains of Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

He is working with U.S. specialists who will excavate the site in Quang Ngai Province, in what was formerly South Vietnam, 325 miles northeast of Ho Chi Minh City.

"I'm confident that we'll find him and bring him back," Davis said in a telephone interview Monday night from Quang Ngai City. "It's been 21 years but if I can get on the ground, exactly in the camp, get reoriented and retrace my steps, I can find him."

Davis was serving with the ill-fated Americal Division in 1968 when his company from the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry,

196th Light Infantry Brigade was ambushed while on a search-and-destroy mission. He and two other soldiers got separated from the unit — one was wounded — and were captured by the Viet Cong.

"After we were captured, we were tied up, moved around and kept in holes," he said. "He (the wounded one) died down in the hole with me. They took him out and I assumed they buried him."

The Marine Davis buried was a friend he met later in the camp who died in 1970.

"He just died of malnutrition," Davis said. "His body just gave out. I watched him die."

During his captivity, Davis said U.S. B52 air strikes and artillery strikes came close to the POW camp, which was hidden under the cover of the canopy jungle.

He was kept in the camp in Quang Ngai Province for three years, then moved to North Vietnam, where most of the American POWs were held. They walked several hundred miles and were transported some of the way by truck and train. "It felt like 5,000 (miles)," Davis

said. Asked if he had been tortured, he said he'd rather not talk about that.

Davis hadn't planned to return

to Vietnam. Only his buddy brought him back.

"My feelings were mixed," he said. "In a way, I'm glad to be back so I can really close that

part of my life off by bringing my friend home. I felt lonely and I felt sort of incomplete. There's a loneliness and hurt there for him."



Herald Photo by Mark Harris

In harmony

Sweet Harmony - 388, Order of the Eastern Star, received honors for community service, during Monday night's Sanford City Commission meeting. The club's officers were on hand during

the presentation, representing 44 members. Left to right, Peattie M. Ford, Ethel M. June, Lula Cummings, Arthur Mae Scott, Eartha Melton, and Sanford Mayor Bettye Smith.

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Cause of AVMs is not yet known

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 19-year-old male. At the age of 14 it was discovered that I had something called an AVM. It's a malformation that affects my speech and memory function. Do you have any information on this condition? What are the statistics on my life expectancy?

DEAR READER: Arteriovenous malformations are abnormal areas where weakened and thinned blood vessels meet. Ordinarily, arteries (carrying blood under high pressure) empty into (low pressure) veins through a capillary network that distributes the pressure and reduces it, much like a step-down rheostat in an electrical circuit. However, in the presence of an AVM, the artery feeds directly into the vein, putting the vein under undue pressure. Eventually, the vein may burst (causing hemorrhage) or may swell (putting pressure on nerves).

The cause of AVMs is unknown, but they often occur in the intestinal tract or the brain. Obviously, in the latter location, bleeding can lead to a hemorrhagic stroke.

In your case, an AVM evidently swelled or ruptured, causing a permanent disruption in the nerves controlling speech and memory. The diagnosis of AVMs in the brain is usually made by MRI, a special test that enables doctors to see pictures of the brain itself - and of any damage that may have occurred in it.

I cannot comment on your future. You may have had a single AVM - and that may be the extent of the damage with no further risk of subsequent similar events. On the other hand, multiple AVMs may be present, with potential future danger.

Some times angiograms (special X-rays of the circulation) will show AVMs and indicate the probability of recurring difficulties.

If an AVM is within the reach of surgery, it may be treated with a coagulation technique but, by and large, this abnormality is not treatable.



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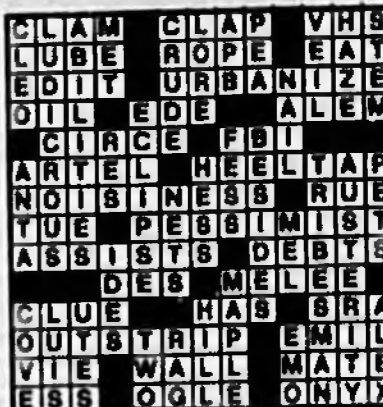
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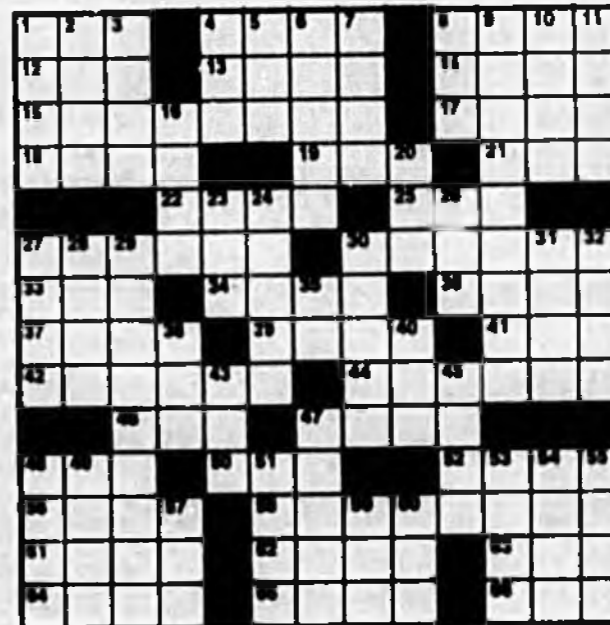
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

Do you find most of the deals used in this column a tad tough? Do you wish you could solve them without trouble? Then a good book for you has just hit the streets. "All You Need to Know About Play" was written by Englishmen Terence Reese and David Bird (Gollancz, \$25, 800-274-2221). In typical Reese style, the text is terse, leaving you, the reader, to do some thinking - but nothing too taxing.

Today's deal is typical of the book's content. How would you plan the play in three no-trump? West leads the heart six. East wins with the ace and returns the heart five. Over to you. When you are in no-trump, you always start by counting your top tricks, don't you? Here there are six: four spades, one heart (given trick one) and one club.

The other three tricks can come from the diamond suit, except that you must lose the lead once. What can beat you? Obviously, West's having five hearts and the diamond ace. Is there anything else? Declarer thought it was safe to duck the second round of hearts. But after winning with the queen, West, who knew he had no entry, switched smartly to the club jack. However South wriggled now, he was down, losing two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

Declarer should have grabbed the second trick and immediately played a diamond. If the contract is makable, this line makes it. (West cannot have led from the 6-3 doubleton of hearts, because East would have played the 10 at trick one.) Check for danger signs, and don't risk your contract unnecessarily.

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| 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass |
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By Bernice Bede Osol
YOUR BIRTHDAY
Jan. 12, 1994

Improvements are likely in the year ahead where your material interests are concerned. Sudden shifts in conditions could propel you into the profit column.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be more successful than usual today if you involve yourself in endeavors that give you an opportunity to express your originality or inventiveness. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep your plans flexible today regarding important objectives, because the way you might accomplish your aims won't be found in your original game plan.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to associate with friends

of being bogged down with unworkable procedures, use your smarts today to come up with better ways for doing things. Your conceptions could be exceptional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Generally speaking, you could be rather perceptive today with brilliant flashes of insight regarding ways to handle unplanned developments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Just because ingenious revelations might come easy for you today, don't make the mistake of discounting their quality and worth. Your best ideas could come out of the blue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be prepared to make quick decisions and fast moves today in your commercial involvements. There are indications something beneficial might suddenly manifest itself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might have an opportunity to become more familiar with someone you recently met. Actually you both may have more in common than you realize upon which to build a relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead

of being bogged down with unworkable procedures, use your smarts today to come up with better ways for doing things. Your conceptions could be exceptional.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today if you get involved in doing tasks or assignments you enjoy, you could be extraordinarily productive. The key is to not focus on things you dislike.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might be in a position today to finalize a matter that has caused you some aggravation. The end results may not be optimum, but it should be something you can live with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't waste your time today, but, by the same token, don't be so tightly structured you lack mobility. Your opportunities might be the type to which you'll have to make some adjustments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Material benefits might be derived today through a very unusual chain of events. In fact, you may be able to generate a return from an untapped source. Copyright 1994 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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