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Sports

Defense boost Seminoles

SANFORD — Seminole High's baseball team put together solid hitting with errorless defense in a 13-3 win over Bishop Moore in the Seminole Invitational Wednesday at Sanford Stadium. The win, which improves Seminole to 2-3, advances the 'Noles to this evening's 7 p.m. game against Lyman at Sanford Stadium. A Seminole win would force a winner-take-all rematch on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Lyman ousts Lake Weir

LONGWOOD — Lyman High School extended its boys' basketball season at least one more night by beating Candler-Lake Weir 73-57 Wednesday night in the first round of the 4A District 9 tournament.

Now 5-17, eighth-seeded Lyman will play at No. 1-seed Lake Mary tonight in the tournament quarterfinals.

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Florida

Law could sink cruises

FORT LAUDERDALE — A debate over whether a school's liability insurance will cover post-graduation cruises may end sink plans for drug- and alcohol-free graduation cruises, officials said Wednesday.

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BRIEFS

Over 130 to be in River Festival

SANFORD — More than 130 artisans have applied for participation in the St. Johns River Festival on Lake Monroe March 3 and 4.

A \$600 cash prize will be given for Best of Show. Other cash awards will be given for Best of Category and merit awards.

Awards will be announced at a barbecue at the marina Holiday Inn March 3. Tickets for the barbecue will be \$5 each.

Categories for the festival competition are watercolor, oil and acrylic, graphics, drawings and pastels, photography, sculpture, stained glass, mixed media and crafts.

The festival is sponsored by the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce and Sanford Seminole Art Association.

For more information, call the chamber at 322-2212.

Bond debate tonight

LAKE MARY — School superintendent Robert Hughes and Seminole County businessman Jim Stelling will face off in a debate over the school district's proposed \$520 million bond issue tonight at 8 p.m. in the Lake Mary High School auditorium.

The debate, sponsored by the Lake Mary Community Improvement Association, will be moderated by former Lake Mary city commissioner Randy Morris.

Stelling and Hughes will each be given 20 minutes to present their side of the issue and then four minutes to rebut. The floor will then be open to questions from the audience.

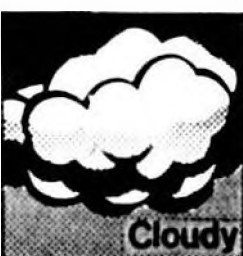
The debate will be broadcast live on CableVision of Central Florida on channel 32. It will be rebroadcast on Storer Cable on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and on March 2 on channel 22, according to Morris.

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Mostly cloudy, lots of rain



The skies will be mostly cloudy today with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s. More rain tonight and tomorrow with cooler temperatures on the way.

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Big splash coming?

Sanford chases power boat races as attraction to city

By LAURA L. SULLIVAN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Lake Monroe's scenic waters where a paddlewheel replica moves tourists slowly up the St. Johns River may transform for one weekend this summer to waters — lined with thousands of spectators — rippling with the wake of boats speeding across the lake at

100 mph.

Pat O'Neill of Sunset Sports Associates said today he has talked to Sanford's downtown merchant's association about his proposal to hold power boat racing on Lake Monroe May 12 and 13.

O'Neill proposed the races as a fundraiser for the Thomas Whigham Foundation, a trust established for AIDS research

in honor of a Sanford attorney who died of AIDS in 1988. Organizers will formally choose a charity this week.

O'Neill is meeting today with Sunshine Network about possibly broadcasting the races. He has also spoken with ESPN.

O'Neill said he expects between 70 and 100 boats in 7 to 10 classes to enter the races. Prize money will be a minimum of \$1,500 per class and may be larger depending on sponsorships and other fundraisers, including a beauty contest.

Dave Farr, Greater Sanford

Chamber of Commerce executive director, said the races could bring 25,000 people to Sanford.

"Not everybody is going to enjoy power boat racing. But enough people will come to Sanford to see the races to enjoy our river, our hospitality and our community. And they will be spending their leisure money here," Farr said.

The races have been scheduled around other activities on the lake, Farr said.

There will be some inconveniences, but they can be accommodated, he said.

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Dr. Joseph W. Vaughan has been looking after the puppy since it was found by county workers on Tuesday. The animal had been wrapped in plastic and paper bags and left

abandoned near the lakefront in Sanford. Officials plan to file charges against the person or persons responsible if and when they are located.

Animal experts: Survival chances 'slim' for puppy found in trash

By LAURA L. SULLIVAN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — A puppy found in a plastic bag on the Lake Monroe seawall remained in an incubator today at a Lake Mary veterinarian's office.

"It's still not out of the woods yet," Carol Woodward of the Seminole County Humane Society said about the nine-week-old puppy's condition.

The puppy was severely dehydrated and suffering from diarrhea and low blood sugar.

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Sanford cops ask TV show to help them find a killer

By SUSAN LODEN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — For a second time, Sanford Police Chief Steven Harriett has asked the television show "America's Most Wanted" to aid in the search for a fugitive wanted in the April 29, 1988 murder-robbery of a Sanford restaurant owner.

Harriett said that last week he made this latest request for the Fox Network to profile the murder on its Sunday night 10 p.m. national program. He

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WANTED

Suspect's Name: Merle Cotfield
Charge: First degree murder
Race/Sex: Black/Male
Height: 5 ft., 6 in.
Weight: 140 lbs.
Eye color: Brown
DOB AGE: 1-3-50 (40)
Hair color: Black

Subject is wanted for the murder of Li Teh Yu. Yu was found stabbed to death at his place of business, Mr. C's Chicken, 2100 South French Ave., Sanford.

Subject has a black mole on his left cheek and front teeth are in poor condition.

Deputy accepts favor, loses job; claims 'set up'

By SUSAN LODEN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Acceptance of a shotgun from a pawn shop operator as payment for a favor has cost a Seminole County sheriff's deputy his job.

Wayne Murphy, 45, a deputy for 15 years, resigned rather than be fired Feb. 5, after Seminole County Sheriff John Polk confronted him with the

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Governor may approve 4-cent hike of gas tax

United Press International

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Bob Martinez is standing by his insistence that any increase in the gasoline tax must be imposed regionally and not on a statewide basis, according to his aides.

Martinez offered a similar formula for higher transportation levies during last November's special session on roads. But the talks broke down because no compromise acceptable to the governor and legislators could be found.

Peter Dunbar, Martinez' general counsel, has told a special House-Senate committee on transportation that the governor could accept a plan to increase the gas tax by up to 4 cents per gallon. The current levy is 9.7 cents.

However, the governor envisions a series of gas-tax increases in the state's seven transportation districts. Any increase would have to be voted upon by the legislative delegation from each transportation district, then by the full Legislature.

Critics labeled the plan "ridiculous" and a "Rube Goldberg" scheme meant to help Martinez.

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NASA ponders new shuttle launch date

By WILLIAM HARWOOD
Herald staff writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA warily was watching threatening weather and the health of Atlantis commander John Creighton today to determine if the shuttle can be launched Friday, 24 hours late, on a secret mission to deploy a military satellite.

Creighton, 46, developed an upper respiratory infection, the space agency announced Wednesday, forcing NASA to call off a pre-dawn launch that had been set for Thursday. The delay was the first in the history of the U.S. space program to be caused by crew illness.

"It's basically a sore throat with a little head congestion. That's it," said NASA spokesman Kyle Herring. "There are no considerations whatsoever to replacing him on this crew. It's not that serious."

The 34th shuttle mission could be reset for launch as early as Friday morning, a few minutes before 1 a.m. EST, sources say, depending on Creighton's health and the weather. As with all such military flights, the exact launch time will be classified until nine minutes before takeoff.

But Air Force meteorologists predicted an 80 percent chance of another launch delay Friday because of clouds, high winds and rain that would violate NASA's tough post-Challenger launch criteria.

Even so, Florida's infernal weather is notoriously difficult to predict and despite predictions of a 60 percent chance of bad weather Thursday, the sky was clear and the winds light at Atlantis' original 1 a.m. launch time.

In any case, conditions were expected to improve over the weekend, with a 90 percent chance of good weather Saturday and a 70 percent chance Sunday.

Creighton, a Navy captain, is joined on Atlantis' all-military crew by co-pilot John Casper, a 46-year-old Air Force colonel; Marine Lt. Col. David Hilmers, 40; Air Force Col. Richard "Mike" Mullane, 44; and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pierre Thuot, 34.

While details about the flight are classified, it is widely believed the crew plans to spend about 10 days

THE CREW

- **Navy Capt. John Creighton, Atlantis commander**
For Navy Capt. John "J.O." Creighton, a desire to "fly the best and go the highest and fastest" led to a brilliant career as a naval aviator and ultimately to the commander's seat aboard the space shuttle Atlantis. A graduate of the Naval Academy, Creighton, 46, has logged more than 5,000 hours flying high performance jet aircraft.
- **Air Force Col. John Casper, Atlantis co-pilot**
Air Force Col. John Casper, a classical music buff and co-pilot of the shuttle Atlantis, is an ace test pilot with 229 combat missions to his credit and more than 5,300 hours flying time in 48 different types of aircraft.
- **Marine Lt. Col. David C. Hilmers, Atlantis astronaut**
Astronaut David Hilmers, a veteran of two shuttle flights, including the first post-Challenger mission, is a mathematician who brings a computer-like mind and a love of flying to the cockpit of Atlantis. Hilmers will serve as the shuttle's flight engineer.
- **Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pierre J. Thuot, Atlantis astronaut**
Guitar-plucking Pierre Thuot, a "Top Gun" radar intercept officer with more than 270 aircraft carrier landings to his credit, was assigned to the shuttle Atlantis for his first first ride into space. Thuot has more than 2,300 hours of flying time in more than 40 types of aircraft.
- **Air Force Col. Richard M. Mullane, Atlantis astronaut**
Air Force Col. Richard "Mike" Mullane is making his third and final space flight aboard Atlantis this week. Mullane announced he will retire from NASA and the Air Force on July 1. He first flew in space on the maiden flight of the space shuttle Discovery.

in orbit to launch a 37,000-pound photo reconnaissance satellite to spy on the Soviet Union. Launching on Feb. 24.

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FLORIDA BRIEFS



Agents seize \$4 million in drug money

MIAMI — Customs agents have seized nearly \$4 million in cash believed to be cocaine profits from a cargo airplane headed for Colombia, officials said Wednesday.

The cash, the largest such seizure by customs agents in more than a year, was taken Tuesday afternoon from a Challenge Airline cargo plane scheduled to depart from Miami International Airport to Cali, U.S. Customs Service spokesman Michael Sheehan said.

"Operation Buckstop" agents, who search specifically for U.S. currency leaving the country, found the cash in 13 boxes marked to contain electronic parts during a routine inspection, he said. Inspectors found two boxes containing cash mixed with items such as telephones and tape recorders and 11 boxes that were filled with money.

More than 15 officers spent about six hours counting the money, which was in unusually small bills, Sheehan said. The total seizure was about \$3.9 million, including a \$200 check made out to cash.

Sheehan said \$2.8 million was in \$20 bills, and "there were some 10s, but the majority of the rest was in ones and fives, which leads us to believe it was probably generated from crack sales."

Customs agents, who had made no arrests in the find Wednesday, were searching for its source.

Air Force workers exposed to asbestos

TAMPA — Workers at MacDill Air Force Base remodeling a club on base for next year's Super Bowl were exposed to asbestos, base officials reported.

The workers were tearing up floor tile containing the material Jan. 25 in one of three bars at the Non-Commissioned Officer's Club, base environmental specialist Richard Burnette said Tuesday.

A base spokesman and Burnette said they were unsure whether the workers were military personnel.

A check of the air showed no razor-sharp asbestos fibers, which have been linked to lung cancer when inhaled, he said.

Because the base reported the violation to the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, officials there said any penalty levied against the military base will be lessened.

"It's unfortunate. If we had known this work was going to take place, we could have planned a removal," Burnette said.

His department was not notified of the project beforehand, Burnette said, adding that the EPC cited several violations of rules for asbestos removal.

Workers were exposed less than a day, Burnette said, because he called an immediate halt to the project when he learned of it, suspecting asbestos might be in the floor tile.

He said he then sealed off the room and a trailer where the tile was being stored.

A certified asbestos-removal contractor was called in to finish removing the tile, and the EPC was notified of the incident, Burnette said.

An inspection by the county environmental department found that the tiles were dry, and that the removed material was not sealed tightly enough in plastic — both violations of state asbestos removal regulations.

'Serpent killer' found guilty of murder

MIAMI — Jurors rejected a murder suspect's argument that he shot his former girlfriend in the head because he was insane and thought she was a serpent, finding him guilty of first-degree murder.

The Dade County Circuit Court jury deliberated three hours Wednesday before returning the verdict against immigration inspector Israel Torres.

Torres, 42, shot Norris Santos in the head in her office at Miami International Airport in 1986. She was an air traffic agent for Dominicana Airlines.

Torres strolled into her restricted work area, set down his briefcase, pulled out a gun and fired the fatal shot, testimony showed.

The spring before her death, Santos had tried to end her relationship with Torres, who was married to someone else, and stopped seeing him, court testimony showed.

He spied on her, interrogated her co-workers, threatened her and wouldn't stop calling her, the evidence showed. On June 6, 1986, Torres discovered a love note Santos had written to somebody else and went to her office and killed her.

Defense attorney Andrew Boros told jurors that Torres had suffered from nightmares, hallucinations and out-of-body experiences for years. On the day in question, Torres saw Santos flash a "satanic smile" and turn into a serpent, Boros said.

"He took the gun and shot the serpent, what he thought was a serpent... the serpent he had in his nightmares," Boros said. "There was one shot. It was not the shot of an angry person. It was not the shot of a jealous person. It was the shot of a sick person."

From United Press International reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Miss America threatened in Tampa

Turner addresses USF audience despite phone caller's warnings

United Press International

TAMPA — Debbye Turner, only the third black woman to hold the Miss America title, addressed a University of South Florida audience under tightened security after a phone caller made racial threats, campus police said Wednesday.

No attempts were made to harm Turner during the Tuesday night speech, campus police said. It was the first time on her

national tour that anyone threatened her safety.

The coordinator of the college's lecture series, Wanda Lewis-Campbell, said she received a call from a Tampa television station at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday telling her that the station had received a call from someone who threatened Turner.

The USF Sun Dome received another call later that day from a man who said there would be

"problems and repercussions" if Turner was allowed to speak at the school.

"It was racially oriented," said Marie Deibler, USF spokeswoman. "He said something to the effect that he was tired of all this emphasis on the black people."

"To ensure her safety, we did provide her with security," said detective Bill Pollock, adding he was surprised by the threat, particularly because Turner had never before received one.

Despite the calls, Miss America took to the stage Tuesday night and told stories of her childhood,

peppering those tales with jokes.

"Security was very tight," Deibler said. "She was permitted to sign autographs at the end of the speech, but with two university policemen at her side. She seemed to take it in stride."

She did deviate from the norm once during her speech, however, broaching her usual reluctance to discuss race and prejudice.

"I grew up in the South," the Jonesborough, Ark., native told about 500 people at the lecture. "I've seen crosses burn on front lawns and race riots and racial tensions and it's ugly."

State officials say death penalty appeals waste time, seek reforms

United Press International

WASHINGTON — State officials and jurists joined the Bush administration Wednesday in urging Congress to reform the death penalty appeals process, saying the lengthy proceedings needlessly delay the execution of convicted killers.

But reform proponents, which include liberals and conservatives alike, differ markedly on ways to streamline a system that has become crippled by multiple appeals that wind their way through court after court.

Some lawmakers support limiting the number of appeals a prisoner can seek, while others prefer limiting the time after conviction that an appeal can be requested.

Still, participants at a Senate Judiciary Committee expressed unanimity that capital punishment cases have caused logjams in courtrooms, overcrowding in prisons and millions of dollars in legal fees.

"Never before has the saying 'justice delayed is justice denied' been so true as it is today in capital cases," said Florida Gov. Bob Martinez, an outspoken proponent of capital punishment.

Martinez said the public's will is being undermined "by the lack of finality of our state court judgments and sentences."

The Republican governor noted that Florida's death row corridors are home to 310 inmates, yet the state has executed only 21 convicted killers since 1979.

The exhaustive state and federal judicial appeals process has created "a bribe patch in which one who wants to delay can delay

interminably," said James Robertson, a Mississippi Supreme Court justice.

Since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976, more than 3,000 prisoners have been sentenced to death, "yet only 108 sentences have been carried out," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who supports limiting the number of appeals available to convicted killers.

Hatch said that a typical capital case brings upwards of 10 state and federal appeals before it is resolved.

Robertson, who favors reform efforts, said that in his 14 years on the bench only one death penalty case was overturned on appeal, and that was "under a procedural point under state law."

Other jurists and lawyers have reported similar results.

Federal courts, which received 9,880 petitions for appeal in 1988, are more likely than state courts to overturn appeals.

Stanley Chauvin, president of the American Bar Association, told the committee that while state appellate courts usually uphold lower court verdicts, "federal courts have overturned over 40 percent of the death sentences they have reviewed since 1976."

The disparity between state and federal rulings has led some lawyers, including Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the committee, to urge mandatory qualifications for lawyers in death penalty cases.

Biden said it is "essential" that such standards are set "to ensure that this streamlined procedure is as fair as possible."

State law could sink grad cruises

United Press International

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Florida statute that ended year-end holidays for high school seniors in Broward County may also sink plans for drug- and alcohol-free graduation cruises, officials said Wednesday.

The school-sponsored parties, called Project Graduation, began about six years ago as an alternative to drinking and using drugs to celebrate the end of their high school careers. About nine of Broward's 21 high schools have the parties, which usually are on cruise ships with teacher and parent chaperones.

"People who are not here at the school are making laws that affect us," said Elizabeth Ross-Ronchi, a South Plantation High School senior who helped raise about \$7,000 for her school's cruise.

"They don't realize the problem we have with drinking and driving among students. Especially on graduation night, everyone wants to party. Everyone's going to be drinking in their cars."

In the past the parties have not been a problem because they were scheduled before the end of the school year.

This year, a state rule requires students to remain in school until the last day. School officials were forced to schedule graduation ceremonies for up to three days after the last day, pushing the parties back.

A question has arisen over whether the district's liability insurance will cover the parties if they are held after graduation, school board attorney Edward Marko said. In addition, the district would have no control over the students, he said.

"The problem is we have students who are not students anymore. We have no control," said Marko, who said he was planning to investigate how other school districts in the state are handling the project.

There is another problem. In that many of the schools already have raised money for the trips, which cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. For months, parents and students have held car washes and spaghetti dinners to raise money for the parties.

"Most of the high schools already have money in their pockets and they don't know what to do with it," school board member Diana Wasserman said.

Thousands pay respects to slain Broward deputy

UPI report

DAVIE — Broward County Sheriff's deputies bid an emotional farewell Wednesday to their slain colleague, Deputy John W. Greeney III, who was killed early Saturday by would-be robbers at a fast-food restaurant.

Six men who were trained by Greeney wept openly as they carried his flag-covered coffin through St. David's Catholic Church for the funeral mass.

Nearly 2,000 people came to the church to pay their last respects to Greeney.

Greeney, 47, was the first police officer to die while on duty in Broward since 1984.

Federal officials to probe death of captured dolphin

United Press International

DUCK KEY — A team of federal investigators has gone to Florida to investigate the death of one of two dolphins that were captured from Tampa Bay for transfer to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, officials said Wednesday.

The team went to Hawk's Cay Resort, where the dolphins were being acclimated for the transfer to Maryland, Tuesday and was scheduled to be back in Washington on Thursday, said spokesman Mitch Rosenfeld.

"Complete gross necropsy results are expected next week. In addition, tissue samples from the dead dolphin will be analyzed by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Bethesda, Md.," he said. "Results of the entire probe, including final medical determinations, should be available within three weeks."

Rosenfeld said the team's main concern was the health and welfare of the other dolphin, which appeared to be in good physical condition. He said a decision on its transfer would not be made until after acclimation training was complete.

Both bottlenose dolphins were taken from Tampa Bay in November, angering environmentalists who oppose the capture of dolphins for display. The dolphins were to be displayed at the National Aquarium's new marine mammal pavilion scheduled to open in June.

The 6-foot-11, 201-pound male dolphin died Feb. 14 from what initially was diagnosed as lung lesions caused by a long-standing bout with blood poisoning.

A representative of the National Aquarium captured the dolphins. The aquarium had been looking elsewhere on the west coast.

LOTTERY

TALLAHASSEE - The daily number Wednesday in the Florida Lottery CASH 3 game was 187.

- Straight Play numbers in exact order: \$250 on a 50-cent bet, \$500 on \$1.
- Box 3 (numbers in any order): \$80 for a 50-cent bet, \$160 on \$1.
- Box 6 (numbers in any order): \$40 for a 50-cent bet, \$80 on \$1.
- Straight Box 3: \$330 in order drawn, \$80 in any order on a \$1 bet.
- Straight Box 6: \$290 in order drawn, \$40 if picked in combination on \$1 bet.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today...Mostly cloudy and windy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s with southeast winds at 20 mph.

Tonight...Mostly cloudy and breezy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds at 15 mph.

Tomorrow...Cloudy and windy with an 80 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with locally heavy rain possible. Highs in the upper 70s or lower 80s, south winds at 20 mph.

Extended outlook...Partly cloudy and cooler Saturday.

FLORIDA TEMPS

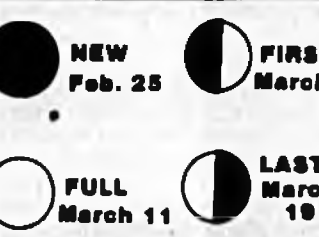
MIAMI — Florida 24-hour temperatures and rainfall at 7 a.m. EST Thursday

City	H	L	Rain
Apalachicola	67	58	0.00
Crestview	65	63	0.76
Daytona Beach	74	66	0.31
Fort Lauderdale	82	73	0.05
Fort Myers	68	68	0.00
Gainesville	69	67	0.02
Jacksonville	68	65	0.29
Key West	82	77	0.00
Miami	84	73	0.00
Panama City	65	62	0.30
Sarasota Bradenton	68	69	1.66
Tallahassee	68	66	0.00
Tampa	85	70	0.00
Vero Beach	82	73	0.08
West Palm Beach	85	74	1.74

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cloudy 76-87	PlyCldy 77-86	PlyCldy 78-80	Sunny 86-72	PlyCldy 87-70

MOON PHASES



TIDES

THURSDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: Min. 2:40 a.m., 2:50 p.m.; Maj. 8:40 a.m., 9:05 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: highs 5:29 a.m., 5:43 p.m.; lows 11:40 a.m., 11:40 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs 5:34 a.m., 5:48 p.m.; lows 11:45 a.m., 11:45 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs 5:49 a.m., 6:03 p.m.; lows 12:10 a.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 4 feet and choppy. Current is to the north with a water temperature of 65 degrees. **New Smyrna Beach:** Waves are 4 feet and semi-choppy. Current is to the north with a water temperature of 65 degrees. Sun screen factor: 13.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet **Small craft advisory is in effect.**

Today...wind southeast 20 kts. Seas building 5 to 7 ft with large easterly swells. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly north part.

Tonight...wind south 20 to 25 kts. Seas 5 to 8 ft.

NATIONAL TEMPS

City & Forecast	H	L	Pcp
Albuquerque	44	25	...
Anchorage	64	-08	...
Atlanta	55	32	01
Baltimore	53	32	...
Billing	46	37	...
Birmingham	48	38	41
Bismarck	46	29	...
Boston	47	35	...
Brownsville	70	49	28
Buffalo	44	33	...
Burlington Vt.	46	37	...
Chicago	46	37	67
Cincinnati	59	44	84
Cleveland	53	42	13
Columbus Ohio	54	42	86
Dallas	56	41	07
Denver	47	25	...
Des Moines	48	36	...
Detroit	44	36	...
Duluth	39	26	...
El Paso	43	35	...
Fargo	47	35	...
Hartford	49	31	...
Honolulu	76	68	...
Houston	66	55	103
Indianapolis	58	42	34
Kansas City	46	37	...
Las Vegas	67	43	07
Little Rock	46	40	36
Los Angeles	64	47	...
Louisville	64	52	01
Memphis	66	56	03
Minneapolis	41	28	...
Nashville	46	37	67
New Orleans	67	60	244
New York	49	36	...
Oklahoma City	49	36	75
Philadelphia	58	32	...
Phoenix	64	45	...
Pittsburgh	55	38	...
Portland Ore.	51	31	...
Portland Me.	55	41	85
St. Louis	42	47	45
Salt Lake City	41	32	...
San Diego	65	48	...
San Francisco	69	47	...
Seattle	47	38	...

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 76 degrees and the overnight low was 64 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall during the 24-hour period ending at 9 a.m. Thursday totalled 0.17 inch.

The temperature at 9 a.m. today was 72 degrees and Wednesday's overnight low was 67, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.

Other Weather Service data:
 □ **Wednesday's high**.....82
 □ **Barometric pressure**.....30.17
 □ **Relative humidity**.....64 pct
 □ **Winds**.....Southeast, 8 p.m.
 □ **Rainfall**......26 in.
 □ **Today's sunset**.....6:21 p.m.
 □ **Tomorrow's sunrise**.....6:57

POLICE

Accused gamblers arrested

SANFORD — City police report they broke up a game of dice and arrested four accused players at about 2:20 p.m. outside a house at 618 S. Pine Ave., Sanford.

Charged with gambling are: Jerry Lewis Little, 23, 1819 Summerlin Ave., Sanford; Leonard Lucas, 20, 618 Pine Ave., Sanford; Edgar Levere Lemon, 18, 409 Pine Ave., Sanford; and Rodney Carter, 18, 264 Buttonwood Ave., Sanford.

Woman charged as prostitute

SANFORD — A woman who allegedly offered to have sex with two undercover Sanford policemen for \$20 has been charged with assignment to commit prostitution.

Mikita Latesa Brown, 24, of 1152 Dunbar Ave., Sanford, was arrested at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday on East Fifth Street, Sanford.

Pot found in search of house

WINTER SPRINGS — City police here with a warrant report finding marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a search of a house at 220 Albert St., Winter Springs, Monday morning.

Three residents were arrested there at 6 a.m. John Howard Ray, 33, was charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana with intent to distribute. Michael George Graham, 36; and Scott Michael McFall, 24, were charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

Man accused of battering daughter

ALTAMONTE SPRING — A man caught and arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies after his daughter alleged he battered her at their house was charged with battery and carrying a concealed weapon.

Deputies said they found brass knuckles in the car of Lura Williams, 56, of 622 Plum Lane, rural Altamonte Springs, when they arrested him on State Road 436 at State Road 434, Altamonte Spring, at about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Man accused in threat with club

LAKE MARY — A man, who allegedly brandished a club and threatened an off duty Seminole County sheriff's deputy working as a security guard at a Heathrow construction site, has been charged with battery and aggravated assault.

Deputies report arresting Jimmy Weldon Reece, 45, of Winter Park, at Heathrow at about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The deputy said the attack reportedly came after he confronted Reece, a construction worker, and told him he had to sign in before entering the construction site. The deputy said Reece took a club from his truck and brandished it before the deputy identified himself as a sheriff's deputy.

Illegal use of credit alleged

SANFORD — A man, who allegedly used a business credit card to buy \$10,290 worth of personal items after his employment and authorization to use the card was terminated, has been arrested.

Derrick Andrew Fritton, 18, of 4220 S. Orlando Drive, 55, Sanford, was charged with grand theft and fraudulent use of a credit card, by Seminole County sheriff's deputies. He was arrested at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

DUI arrests

SANFORD — The following persons face a charge of driving under the influence in Seminole County:

• Candace Ann Hackney, 20, of 1092 Cheltenham St., Longwood, was arrested at 10:39 p.m. Monday after her car ran off State Road 434, Winter Springs.

• Keith Jefferson Davis, 28, of Miami, was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday after his car was seen weaving on State Road 436, Altamonte Springs.

Lake Mary teacher resigns

Students accuse teacher of making sexual comments

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald staff writer

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary High School drama teacher Steve Boyd resigned his classroom position in the face of accusations that he made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to one of his students, school officials said today.

He allegedly made the comments to two students during a telephone conversation tape recorded by the students.

Lake Mary administrators would not comment on the case except to say that an investigation by the state had been requested and that Boyd's personnel file had been sent to the district office. No details about the case were available at the school.

The audio tape has been turned over to the state investigator. "I cannot comment about this since an investigation is underway," said Don Smith, Lake Mary High School assistant principal.

The investigation is being conducted by the state Department of Education's professional practices service (PPS). PPS consultant Kathleen Richards would not disclose any details, but said she was planning to visit the school "toward the end of the month if necessary."

District personnel director John Reichert said there had been no prior complaints against Boyd and the personnel department had requested written statements from the students as part of the district's investigation into the matter.

Reichert said Boyd gave the reason for his resignation as "personal" but did not elaborate on what those personal reasons were.

If Richards' investigation finds there is probable cause for disciplinary action, the case will be passed on to the Educational Practices Commission which has the power to revoke Boyd's teaching certificate.

The commission will meet again in Tallahassee at the end of March. It is still unclear if the investigation into Boyd's alleged actions would be completed by that time.

Waste disposal site candidates selected for area

United Press International

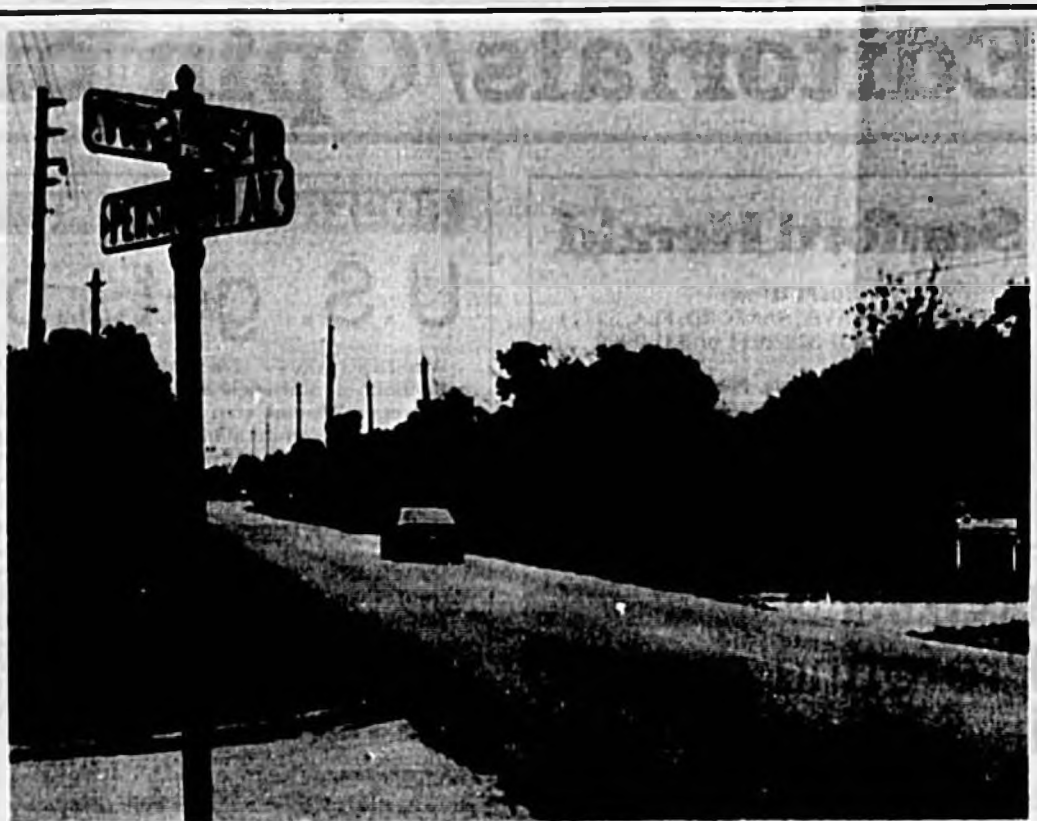
RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. — Two sites in North Carolina were recommended Wednesday as possible locations for a regional nuclear waste disposal facility.

The recommendations were made to the North Carolina Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority by Chem-Nuclear Systems Inc., the firm selected to design, construct, operate and close the 20-year facility estimated to cost \$81 million.

The authority is expected to meet early next month to approve the recommendations. The sites will be studied for a year before a final site is named to host the repository.

"We expect the site areas in these counties to meet requirements of the state of North Carolina for siting and licensing a low-level radioactive waste facility," said David Ebenhack, Chem-Nuclear vice president.

But 300 residents from the proposed host counties protested the selections at the authority's meeting at the North Carolina Center for Public Television, which aired the event live.



New trees for 'Gateway'

Perlimmon Avenue will receive 50 holly trees if the city commission votes next week to spend \$4,250 on plantings between State Road 46 and the Amtrak station. The city Scenic Improvement Board (SIB) Monday presented to the city commission a plan to plant 50 East Palatka hollies priced at \$85 each along both sides of

Perlimmon Avenue. SIB member and Amtrak employee Ray Sage told commissioners the trees were needed to beautify the four-block stretch that serves as a gateway for 250,000 Amtrak passengers annually. The city commission will vote on the SIB proposal Feb. 26.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Business world to advise board on construction

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — In an attempt to manage projected growth in the county, the Seminole County School Board decided last night on the parameters of a business advisory committee.

The committee is an outgrowth of concerns that money spent to build new schools is spent effectively. In January, the school board approved the formation of a business advisory committee for this task. During a work session last night, the board decided which areas of business will be represented on the committee and how they will be chosen. The board will decide the purpose and mission of the committee and vote on it during the March 6 board meeting.

"The business community can offer the board expertise in various fields to help the district deal with the facilities growth," said Business Advisory Board steering committee chairman Larry Strickler.

Strickler said it was not the committee's intention to tell the board and the district staff how to do their jobs. Rather, they hope to augment the district's knowledge with their specific areas of expertise. "After all, we don't know all the things that the state requires of you, but we know our jobs," he added.

The proposed committee would offer, at no charge to the district, one representative in each of fifteen fields to advise in the "planning and management of the growth needs" for the district.

The board and the steering committee agreed the Business Advisory Committee should include a civil engineer, a land planner, a builder/developer, a

land acquisition specialist, an architect, a real estate attorney, a strategic planner, a telecommunications specialist, a financial manager, a certified public accountant, a general contractor, a technological planner, the chief operating officer of a large company, a purchasing agent and someone in the insurance business.

"That group is representative of the business community," board chairman Ann Nelswender said.

The business people would be nominated by board members, chambers of commerce, homeowners associations, the Home Builders Association of Mid-Florida, the League of Women Voters, the JTA, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Foundation for the Advancement of the Community Through Schools (FACTS) and the county-wide advisory committee. Prospective board members would be screened by a

steering committee and a list would be sent to the board.

Approval would be of the whole list or not at all. "We don't want any board member to have any ties to a particular business person," Strickler said. "We want this to be as clean as possible."

"If you can have all this extra expertise and have it for free," Strickler said, "you'd be crazy not to take it."

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Board refuses to parole terminally ill murderer

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ATLANTA — State officials have refused to parole a terminally ill convicted killer who wants to die at home, rejecting a plea from his wife that he has only one or two months to live.

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles Tuesday night refused the parole request of Steve Suggs, a 44-year-old Millen resident serving a life sentence for the 1968 stabbing death of Maxine Smith, 18, of Egypt. Police said the Effingham County woman, whose body was found in a shallow grave in Jenkins County, was stabbed more than 70 times and mutilated.

"Our board has, in considering the case, decided not to take any exceptional action due to (Suggs') illness," parole board spokesman Silas Moore said Wednesday. "We have denied parole and have scheduled his next consideration for July 1991."

The decision disappointed Suggs' wife, Albertine Suggs of Millen, who had pleaded with the parole board to allow him to die at home. She said Suggs has lung cancer and has been told by doctors he has only one or two months to live.

"I'd rather not say anything on it anymore," she said Wednesday. "It's very upsetting."

The sister of Suggs' victim hailed the parole board's action.

Nancy Cobb of Pensacola, Fla., said the decision to keep Suggs in prison will give her family peace of mind.

"It's great. At least now we'll be able to rest at night knowing that justice has been carried out," Cobb said. "We worked long and hard opposing it and I believe it worked."

Cobb was 11 years old when her sister was murdered on June 1, 1968. Smith met Suggs that night at the Blue Spring Recreation Center in Screven County, where she had gone with two other sisters. Her body was found the next day.

Suggs received the death penalty for Smith's murder, but the sentence was commuted to life in 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the death penalty. He later received an additional two years for escaping from the state prison at Reidsville. He now is in custody at the Augusta Correctional and Medical Institute.

"It makes you feel like there is a God up there and that justice can be had by the innocent people," Cobb said.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Seminole County Supervisor of Elections has announced that the automatic ballot tabulating equipment to be in service for the School Board Bond Election to be held on February 27, 1990, will be tested in Room N249 of the Seminole Services Building at 3:30 P.M. on February 23, 1990.

The County Services Building is located at 1101 E. First Street, Sanford. This test is open to the press and public.

For additional information contact Sandy Goard, Supervisor of Elections, at 321-1130, extension 7707.

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EDITORIALS

Profound moves in Soviet Union

In an all-but-unanimous vote, the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party has approved President Mikhail Gorbachev's revolutionary reform program. If the changes are carried out — and at this stage there seems no effective resistance to them — the Soviet Union would cease to be a dictatorship. It would be difficult to overstate the implications of the phenomenon for the United States and its allies.

The committee approved Gorbachev's proposal to repeal Article 6 of the Soviet Constitution, which guarantees the Communist Party's monopoly on power. In so doing, the committee set the stage for the creation of rival political parties. Such parties have long existed in democratic countries and they have emerged with astonishing speed in Eastern Europe.

What's more, this Soviet political transformation, while exhaustively and bitterly debated by the committee, was finally opposed by only one of the committee's 250 members. The program will be presented for final action at a party congress, probably this spring.

Because communism has lost the support of people almost everywhere, the emergency of alternatives will require the party to adapt or die. The West will also need to adapt. The Communist Party has ruled the Soviet Union with unchallenged and often cruel supremacy since 1917, and the threat that nation was seen to represent has inspired a vast architecture of world responses: military, political, economic, even psychological.

The transformation or collapse of Soviet communism will make much of that architecture obsolete, even ludicrous, and in urgent need of redesign.

Pluralism may also create new dangers. Even now, the erosion of communism is liberating nationalist fervor in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Most of this fervor expresses democratic ideals, but nationalism also can be chauvinistic, divisive and dangerous, as history grimly shows.

The margin of Gorbachev's victory in the committee vote is another demonstration of his extraordinary political skill. It also suggests that the power of his conservative rivals within the Communist Party has been exaggerated. Indeed, the only negative vote was cast by a maverick who argued that Gorbachev was not changing drastically enough.

To be sure, the committee was moving under a cattle prod of necessity, but it nevertheless deserves credit for moving toward a political system that the Soviets have had virtually no experience with and that, for 73 years, they have scorned. Just last year, Gorbachev derided multiparty politics as "rubbish."

Gorbachev told the gathering that, while the party intended to remain in power, "its status should not be imposed through constitutional endorsement." He added: "The crux of the party's renewal is the need to get rid of everything that tied it to the authoritarian-bureaucratic system."

Instead, he said, the party could rule only by "offering its program and defending it in discussions, cooperating with other social and political forces, always working among the masses, living by their interests and their needs."

These are ideas that Thomas Jefferson could have embraced. Now, they have been embraced by the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party fighting to stay ahead of revolutionary changes that threaten to sweep it aside.

Berry's World



ROBERT WALTERS

U.S. gets bogged down in numbers

WASHINGTON — The federal government's collection of statistics is hardly sexy. It is, however, a crucial step in formulating public policy because understanding the scope of any issue is the first step in dealing with it.

During President Reagan's tenure in the White House, for example, senior administration officials insisted that government aid to those lacking shelter was not imperative because there were relatively few homeless people — certainly no more than 300,000 throughout the country.

Advocates for the homeless, however, insisted that the population in need of assistance was quite sizable — at least 3 million. That disagreement contributed to a standoff in which virtually no action was taken to deal with the issue.

Indeed, federal agencies engaged in gathering, analyzing and disseminating statistics were among those whose budgets were most severely cut as part of Reagan's determined campaign to slash non-military spending everywhere in government.

Moreover, the government had more than its share of troubles collecting data even before Reagan took office. Now, however, the nation is suffering because it lacks the information necessary to understand the dimensions of the problems it faces.

Does the country have enough scientists and engineers to deal with the technical challenges we face? The National Science Foundation says there are twice as many as the Bureau of Labor Statistics counts —

but the NSF figure is only 60 percent of the total tabulated by the Census Bureau.

How many people vote in federal elections for president and members of Congress? The Census Bureau offers two sets of statistics — a tabulation based on the total number of votes cast and the results of a nationwide survey in which a far larger number of people claim they cast ballots. No attempt is made to reconcile the conflicting numbers.

How much money is generated in the vast "underground economy" that includes every-

thing from the sale of illegal drugs to retailers "skimming" from their cash registers? Nobody knows, because supposedly comprehensive measures of the gross national product and its various components do not even try to identify such transactions.

What is the value of the goods and services bought and sold between the world's two largest bilateral trading partners, the United States and Canada? After constantly underestimating the value of this country's exports, federal officials devised an unusual solution: Ever since 1987, they have taken Canada's more reliable import statistics and relabeled them as U.S. exports.

In a recent report, Congress' Office of Technology Assessment noted that the White House Office of Management and Budget was mandated in 1980 to establish priorities and coordinate the government statistics-collecting operation whose cost (not including the decennial census) is \$1.5 billion annually.

The report said OMB "has not performed this role effectively," then added:

"There is no national systematic effort to articulate priorities in statistics and match budgets to those priorities, to anticipate future needs... or to ensure that the work of individual statistical agencies is adequately coordinated."



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GEORGE F. WILL

Trouble with Social Security

WASHINGTON — Perfect. The five-paragraph dispatch was buried deep in the Wall Street Journal, as befits news of class struggle in this moment of capitalist triumphalism. The small, laconic headline was:

Moynihan Plan Opposed
By Manufacturing Group

The board of the National Association of Manufacturers had met and frowned mightily against Sen. Moynihan's proposal to cut Social Security payroll taxes. Such a cut would partially unmask the real deficit, would cost the government \$62 billion over the next two years, for starters, and would (one can hear NAM say) cause grass to grow in the streets of America's cities.

The NAM statement says, with more fervor than rigor, this: Changing the schedule of Social Security tax increases adopted in 1983 would "erode whatever confidence remains that any tax structure adopted by the Congress will actually remain in place for more than a few short years."

Actually, the NAM is broadminded about tax changes. It favors cutting the capital-gains rate which was set in 1986. But speaking about the Moynihan proposal, the NAM says: It is bad because it would lead to changes in the venerable income-tax structure adopted in 1986. (That was, evidently, before the birth of the principle that all tax changes, other than in the capital-gains rate, are reprehensible.)

NAM's statement is admirably forthright: "The sharp increase in the deficit would generate intense pressure for off-setting spending cuts and/or tax increases, with the likeliest result politically being income-tax increases, especially on corporations."

Precisely. The NAM story was datelined Boca Raton, Florida.

A famous book on Europe's revolutionary tradition is titled "To the Finland Station," a reference to the Petrograd (as it then was and may again be) railroad station where Lenin arrived in 1917, bearing the revolutionary impulse. When the history of America's non-revolutionary tradition is written, it should be titled "To the Boca Raton Resort and Club." That is where the ruling class goes to recuperate from the rigors of capitalism and to plan the defense of trickle-down economics against the ingratitude of those who are trickled upon.

NAM's position is understandable and defensible — indeed, it could have been stronger. It could have truly said: Corporations do not pay taxes, they collect them, so increased corporate taxes may be in many ways regressive, depending on how they are passed.

But the NAM is understandably reluctant to raise the subject of regressivity while defending current Social Security taxes.

The NAM is putting up a proper defense of its constituency's interest. What is indefensible is the Democrats' invertebrate response to Moynihan's idea. Does the Democratic Party differ in any interesting way from the NAM? Are the constituencies the same?

Felix Rohatyn, the financier and Democrat who helped New York City through its fiscal crisis in the 1970s, says any analysis of the increasing regressivity of social policy should examine state and local taxes, too. He says the effect of Reagan-Bush policies has been to enlarge the mandates of state and local governments, while shrinking the federal resources for them.

Thus local governments have been driven into deeper reliance on regressive sales and property taxes.

Many Democrats (there they go again, off on another retreat to think: here they come, behaving in a way that indicates they played volleyball instead) say Moynihan's proposal would provoke a "crisis." In Washington, "crisis" is a noun denoting any situation in which politicians must make choices that are preceded by a modicum of thought about large questions and followed by the need to say something intelligible about the principles that dictated the choices.

Yes, cutting Social Security taxes without knowing what compensatory action would be taken would be risky. Or, as Democrats like to say soberly, it would be "irresponsible."

Moynihan's Democratic traducers say: Gee, if we open large questions of taxation and distributive justice, who knows what the majority might do to us? The rumor persists that Democrats are the majority. But rumors often are wrong, such as the rumor that Democrats comprise the "opposition." That canard is refuted by this fact: Oppositions oppose.

Democrats lack confidence in themselves, and who shall say they are wrong? They do, after all, know one thing best: themselves. But politics would be more satisfying if they had the brio of the Catholic priest who, when asked how one could come to know the Church's view of heaven and hell, said: "Die."



Corporations do not pay taxes, they collect them.

JACK ANDERSON

An idea to help family farms may be squashed

WASHINGTON — The 1990 Farm Bill is the equivalent of an oil check and a fill-up for federal agricultural programs. But Rep. Dick Army, R-Texas, has something more along the lines of a major engine overhaul in mind.

Army has proposed what he calls the "Fair Farm Subsidy Act" to take well-to-do farmers off the government payroll. It's an idea worth putting on the table to discuss. Unfortunately, Army isn't on the House Agriculture Committee, where such a bill would originate. And the farmers' friends who make up that committee aren't about to let an upstart economist mow their hay.

The 1985 Farm Bill began the farm subsidies that Army wants to trim. That bill promises up to \$50,000 a year in a government handout to just about any farmer smart enough to fill out the forms and obey the rules. The object is to compensate farmers when they must sell their produce below federal target prices. But the bill makes no distinction between farmers making a profit and farmers that are hurting. Nor does it discriminate between family farms and corporate giants.

Army's proposal is to cut back subsidies to farmers who have sales of more than \$500,000 a year or who make profits of more than \$100,000 a year. That would hit the big farming corporations the hardest.

In 1988, the Agriculture Department reported, \$1.65 billion in subsidies went to farmers with after-tax incomes of \$100,000 or more. Only about 9 percent of farmers are in that tax bracket, Arny told us.

Until Arny came along, the debate over the farm bill promised to be mundane — the same old arguments perpetuating the same old problems. Just getting Arny's bill on the docket will heat things up. The members of the House Agriculture Committee, just like any congressional committee, don't take kindly to having a non-member dabble in their business. And Arny has crossed that line.

But Arny, who has a Ph.D. in economics, is determined to be heard. "We have in Congress the committee mystique that if a member of Congress is not on a specific committee, then they can't take part in the formation of legislation pertaining to issues assigned to that particular committee." Arny told our associate Tim Warner. "When the committee becomes the special interest, then someone must challenge that power structure."

This may not be Arny's last lunge at farm legislation. Also on his agenda is shifting the bureaucracy for paying farm subsidies out of the Agriculture Department and into the federal agencies that handle welfare programs. Farmers wouldn't relish having their "subsidies" called "welfare." But Arny thinks it would save up to \$8 billion in bookkeeping and paper shuffling costs.

He also wants to repeal all marketing orders that set up protected agriculture markets and prohibit farmers from selling their goods in some states. Critics of Arny's current proposal say he is overstating the abuse of federal farm support payments and that the \$500,000 limit on total sales would leave many farmers ineligible for the federal subsidies that they use to pay their bills. Others say Arny is simply a pawn of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank that advocates severe government spending cuts.

But, says Arny, "If I'm carrying the ball for anybody, it's for my grandchildren and those grandchildren of other Americans."



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LOCAL BRIEFS

Crimeline has paid \$2,450 to tipsters

ORLANDO — Crimeline, which offers rewards for tips that lead to solving crimes in Central Florida, reports paying a total of \$2,450 to five tipsters this year.

These callers helped solve 18 felony crimes including 11 armed robberies, two rapes and one attempted murder. The tips also led to the recovery of \$21,900 worth of stolen property and cash in February, Crimeline reports.

Since Crimeline originated in 1977, anonymous callers have aided in solving 1,508 felony crimes, and more than \$5.9 million in stolen property has been recovered. Callers have received a total of \$94,000 in rewards. Crimeline is a private-non profit community supported program. To report tips call 423-TIPS.

Heathrow throws home opening party

LAKE MARY — Tommy James and the Shondella will perform at the grand opening of two new Heathrow communities Feb. 25.

Arvida of Central Florida, which recently acquired the Heathrow community near Lake Mary, has invited the public to a free concert and grand opening celebration at Heathrow Feb. 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

The event will highlight the opening of Willowbrook Village, with homes priced from \$145,000, and Muirfield Village, with 55 homes priced from \$240,000.

Aerosol string streamers recalled

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall Thursday of more than a million cans of aerosol string streamers, warning that the party product can catch fire when sprayed near an open flame.

Commission Chairwoman Jacqueline Jones-Smith said the

voluntary recall by five companies was being conducted "because of several terrifying accidents that occurred when this type of product was sprayed near lit candles on birthday cakes and burst into flames."

"These accidents resulted in serious burn injuries, primarily to children," she said. "These products are banned under the Federal Hazardous Substances

Act because they are flammable and intended for use by children."

The aerosol cans, which are used like confetti at parties, are flammable because of the propellant they use, CPSC officials said. Earlier, this year 3 million cans of "Super String" streamers were recalled.

The new recall involves ap-

proximately 1.13 million cans sold nationwide in the last year for less than \$5 a can. The aerosol cans have colored plastic caps indicating the color of streamer inside.

"Consumers who have these products should immediately discontinue use and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund," Jones-Smith said.

Fired

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findings of an internal investigation initiated July 25.

The deputy says he has been railroaded by a man seeking revenge against the sheriff's department.

The probe conducted by investigator Mark Smock was begun after Phil Zeuli, of Ye Old Pawn Shop, 179 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Lake Mary, complained to the sheriff's department that Murphy accepted a shotgun from him that Zeuli claimed he later learned from a catalogue was valued at \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Zeuli told investigators he gave Murphy the gun while Murphy was at his shop while on duty Feb. 1, 1989. The deputy reportedly agreed to locate a man for the pawnbroker in exchange for the gun.

The pawnbroker said he found the man he was seeking, told the deputy to stop his search and asked for the gun back. However, the deputy had given the gun away and did not return the weapon after several requests from the pawnbroker, Smock reported.

Smock concluded Murphy violated the department's general orders by accepting a gift, and by using access to government records for personal gain. The report accused Murphy of being less than truthful in the investigation.

However, Murphy said, he cooperated fully. Deputy Murphy today acknowledged he accepted the gun in exchange for helping Zeuli but said it was worth \$20 to \$30 at most.

Murphy said Zeuli was angry at the sheriff's department because he had been arrested in a stolen property sting. Murphy contended that Zeuli set him up.

"I was just a damn fly in his web. He wanted to burn me. He wanted to get a cop and he got me," Murphy said.

Zeuli today acknowledged his arrest and conviction in the sting operation.

Murphy said he gave the gun to an elderly friend who is a gunsmith. Murphy said he has left in guns since he was 16 and is a certified federal firearms dealer, who knows the value of guns.

Smock said he has been unable to determine the value of the gun, but two dealers who reportedly have had possession of it since Murphy, have told Smock the gun is not the rare, valuable Winchester .410 gauge

dojuble-barrel shotgun Zeuli claimed it is. The gun has been traced to North Carolina, but not recovered, Smock said. He added the gun is probably worth a couple of hundred dollars or less.

Murphy said he did apparently violate department policy by running a computer police records check on the name of the man Zeuli wanted to find. However, Murphy said, "I worked in warrants. That's what I do, check out people's names. I recognized this man's name as someone who has been arrested many times. I wanted to see if there was anything on him. This was business. Many deputies do what I did."

Boats

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modated," he said.

O'Neill said bleachers for 5,500 spectators will be set up along the marina lakefront. He said admission, probably \$10 per person, will be charged.

Dan Hall, president of Sanford Historical Downtown Waterfront Association, said "this could be the beginning of a turnaround of the whole downtown area."

Gil Madore, past president of the downtown merchants association, said he supported the races as a way to bring tourists to Sanford — if the crowd is controlled.

"Twenty thousand people —

that's a lot of people," Madore said.

Races in Liverpool, N.Y., near Madore's former home in Syracuse, left that city "the biggest mess," he said.

"An activity like this can help the community grow, as long as it's controlled," Madore said.

Farr said he met two weeks ago with Miami representatives of the American Power Boat Racing Association and O'Neill. He said a chamber member suggested to the group meeting with downtown merchants to encourage power boat displays during a street dance the weekend of the races.

Puppy

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pressure when Sanford city public works employees brought it to the Humane Society shelter Monday afternoon, Woodward said. The animal was so weak it fell into a water dish, she said.

While a healthy dog's temperature ranges between 101 and 102 degrees, Woodward said, the puppy's temperature was only 98 degrees when he arrived at the shelter.

During an examination this morning, the puppy suffered a seizure.

"That doesn't place a lot of hope for its survival," Humane Society Director Trish Scott said. The seizure may be an indication of liver damage, she said.

The brown, mixed breed puppy is now in an incubator and fed intravenously at veterinarian Joseph Vaughn's office in Lake Mary, Woodward said. The puppy ate its first solid food since it was found this morning, she said.

Trish Scott, Humane Society director, said today, "Its chances of survival are slim."

City workers planting shrubs on Seminole Boulevard across from the New Tribes Mission found the puppy in a plastic bag

with women's cosmetics after taking a short break at about 2:35 p.m. Monday, Woodward said. The puppy was wrapped in a plastic shoe bag inside a paper bag, she said.

The workers nearly threw the bag away, but were suspicious of its weight, Woodward said.

"Whoever did this just threw it out like the old eyelash curler, eyeshadow and other trash in that bag," Scott said.

"All animal abuse is bad. But

this is a nine-week puppy who doesn't even know what the world's about," Woodward said.

"If you would do this to a puppy, what would you do to your own children?" she said.

Woodward urges other pet owners to call either the Humane Society or Seminole County Animal Control if they can no longer afford to care for their pets.

The Humane Society is investigating the puppy's abandonment.

Tax

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avoid the appearance of a statewide tax increase in an election year.

Sen. Malcolm Beard, R-Seffner, chairman of the joint committee, was not encouraged by Dunbar's offer.

"We are where we were. And what we're doing is what we did. It's nothing, and that's what we do best," he said.

Dunbar argued that if some of the regions rejected an increase, that would support the governor's contention that there is not statewide support for a gasoline tax hike.

"We'd like to see it done on an optional basis," Dunbar said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Mary Figg, D-Lutz, chairwoman of the House budget subcommittee on transportation, called for a 5.7-cents-per-gallon tax increase, but insisted on calling it a "user fee."

She said she was irritated by Martinez' call for \$500 million in other tax and fee increases next fiscal year.

"The governor has put forth a whole array of fees that are acting like taxes," she said. "If it's all right to do that and hide behind the name fee, then it's OK to call a tax a fee."

NASA

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scheduled for Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Creighton complained of cold-like symptoms to NASA doctors Wednesday, and began taking antibiotics as a precaution. No other crew members displayed symptoms of illness, and physicians planned to examine Creighton Thursday to check his progress.

The last time a space flight was affected by the illness of a crew member was the Apollo 13 lunar mission, launched April 11, 1970. Thomas Mattingly was replaced by backup crew member John Swigert after Mattingly was exposed to the measles. Backup crews were eliminated in 1982 because they were deemed unnecessary.

"This is the first time that we've ever delayed a flight in the manned space program for a health problem with a crew member," Herring said.

Creighton got sick despite a NASA program aimed at preventing crew illnesses. Astronauts are kept isolated for a week before flight to minimize exposure to germs.

Despite Creighton's health and the prospect of adverse weather, NASA said Atlantis was ready to fly.

"There are no technical problems at this time," a NASA spokesman said. "As far as the vehicle is concerned, we're ready to go."

Atlantis is expected to be launched on a trajectory closely paralleling the East Coast, making it visible — weather permitting — from Florida to as far north as the mid-Atlantic states during its fiery climb to space.

Aviation Week & Space

Technology magazine reported Atlantis would be launched on a northeasterly trajectory carrying it closer to the East Coast of the United States than ever before to reach a 127-mile-high orbit inclined 62.5 degrees to the equator.

From such an orbit, Atlantis's spy satellite payload can fly over every point in the Soviet Union south of 62.5 degrees north latitude, which includes virtu-

ally every major population and industrial center in the nation.

But as usual with such military missions, details about the payload were classified by the Pentagon and communications between the astronauts and mission control in Houston will be blacked out for the duration of the flight.

Likewise, the landing date and time will not be released until the day after takeoff.

DEATHS

RAYMOND WILLIAM FRENCH

Raymond William French, 73, 613 Morgan St., Casselberry, died Tuesday at his residence. Born June 11, 1916, in Springfield, Mass., he moved to Casselberry from Korea in 1977. He was a director of inventory for the U.S. government and a member of the Aloma Baptist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Sertoma Lions Club, Honolulu.

Survivors include wife, Sun Ok; son, Raymond T., Casselberry; daughter, Wanda M., Merrimack, N.H.; brothers, Fred R., Las Vegas, Ed. Brazil, sister, Charlotte Geddes, Saco, Maine.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

FRANCIS C. KOBIGE

Francis C. Kobige, 51, 2242 Mullet Lake Park Road, Geneva, died Wednesday at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. He was born Feb. 19, 1939, in Palo Alto, Pa. He was a truck driver for a concrete company and a veteran.

Survivors include wife, Mary; stepson, Charles R. Chaposky,

Middletown, Del.; stepdaughter, Ann Marie Girard, Wernersville, Pa.; brothers, William, Daniel, George, all of Pottsville, Pa.; sisters, Marion Liddle, Orwigsburg, Pa., Anna Mae Vidziki, Brockton, Pa.; six step-grandchildren.

Collison Funeral Home, Winter Garden, in charge of arrangements.

FRANK X. REILLY

Frank X. Reilly, 68, 349 Princeton Drive, Oviedo, died Tuesday at Winter Park Memorial Hospital, born Oct. 27, 1921, in New York. He moved to Oviedo from Atlanta in 1980. He was a retired sales manager for a beauty supply company and a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was a Marine veteran of World War II, a member of First Marine Florida Chapter, DAV, and the Psi Mu Alpha Fraternity.

Survivors include wife, Jo; sons, Michael, Sarasota, Thomas, Tampa; daughter, Pamela, Fort Lauderdale; brother, Bob Blinder, Texas; five grandchildren.

Burkett-Webber Union Park Chapel, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

Killer

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asked the show to focus on Merle Cofield, 40, who is now wanted by the FBI and U.S. Marshals on federal warrants in connection with the first degree murder and his flight from Sanford. He said he is awaiting a response from the show's representatives.

Harriett said Sanford police worked to bring federal agents into the investigation and Sanford Sgt. Charles Tate keeps in touch for updates on any progress in the case.

Cofield, Harriett said, has been identified as the suspected killer of Lieth Yu, 32, of Winter Springs, who was stabbed to death during a robbery of his Mr. C's Fried Chicken Restaurant on U.S. Highway 17-92, Sanford.

Yu was working alone when he was robbed and killed at his business near midnight. His sister came to the business when Yu didn't answer the phone. She found his body in the front section of the shop. Yu had been stabbed many times.

Although a national manhunt was mounted for Cofield shortly after the murder, Harriett said, traditional, national search

techniques haven't brought his arrest.

About three months after the crime sheriff's deputies in South Carolina closed in on Cofield at a labor camp. However, Harriett said, he eluded the deputies, and was perhaps hidden in the camp by other workers, and was there at the same time the deputies were.

Police feel they need help from "America's Most Wanted," which turned down a similar request for help more than one year ago, Harriett said.

Cofield was a Sanford resident

HOSPITAL

Central Florida Regional Hospital Wednesday ADMISSIONS

Sanford: Joel Buente, Marvin Casperson, Michelle Inman, Tom McKinnis, Betty Webb, DeLond, James R. Alves, DeLona, Marquellie M. Brennan, DeLona, Ann Ingram, DeLona, Thomas F. Norton, DeLona, Stephanie Sotoczewski, DeLona, Pearl Lucier, Tavares

DISCHARGES

Sanford: Otis Black, Levi Dennis

DeLona: Johnnie Jackson, Marcia D. Peor, Altamonte Springs, Kelli Johnson, Chuluota, Dorothy G. Duke, DeLona, Harry Noon, DeLona, James W. Southland, DeLona, Elizabeth A. Vanchure, DeLona, Lawrence A. Winchel, DeLona, John Jones, Geneva, John Curry, Orange City, Geraldyn E. Knight, Orange City, Betty S. Barber, DeLona, Colleen A. Travers and baby girl, DeLona

BIRTHS

Central Florida Regional Hospital: Diane A. Hall, a baby boy, Sanford; Michelle Inman, a baby girl, Sanford

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IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

Cavallers make improvements

After attempting to improve their lineup on paper earlier in the day, the Cleveland Cavaliers immediately improved their performance on the court.

Cleveland, hours after trading backup center Chris Dudley and acquiring swingman Derrick Chievous in two separate deals, Wednesday night routed the Portland Trail Blazers 121-109.

In the team's third-best shooting game of the year, rookie Chucky Brown and Mark Price each scored 24 points to lead six Cavaliers in double figures. Price also handed out 16 of the team's 41 assists, both season highs. Cleveland also blocked



its most shots of the season, with 13.

Elsewhere in the NBA, New Jersey tipped Minnesota 95-93, Seattle slapped Miami 92-85, Detroit dodged Orlando 140-109, Indiana led Atlanta 123-96, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Denver 113-111, Utah beat Boston 116-103, and Philadelphia nipped Golden State 96-95.

BASEBALL

Players reject owners' offer

NEW YORK — Talks collapsed on Day Seven of the spring training lockout Wednesday, with players rejecting management's latest proposal as a provocation that endangers Opening Day.

Union head Don Fehr said he has scheduled no talks with owners on Thursday, though he said someone would be in his office if management decides to call. He refused to say how long he would wait for the phone to ring.

"That's not high on my priority list," Fehr said. "I would hope that it wouldn't have to be my nickel," replied Chuck O'Connor, who represents management.

O'Connor said the owners' Player Relations Committee would meet at 9 a.m. EST Thursday, with Commissioner Fay Vincent present.

The owners' latest proposal offered financial improvements for second- and third-year players, but also contained changes in the arbitration system. Fehr said players considered not even returning to the table, but did so at Vincent's request.

COLLEGE HOOPS

'Canes get whipped by Friars

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Carlton Screen scored a team-high 17 points and Providence led from the opening minutes Wednesday night in a 101-67 rout of Miami in a non-conference matchup.

The victory improved the Friars' record to 15-9 and kept alive their hopes for an NCAA tournament bid. Providence has three regular-season games remaining, plus the Big East tournament.

Screen became the 27th Friar to score 1,000 career points. Freshman reserve Tony Turner scored a season-high 16 and Quinton Burton added 12 points for Providence.

Miami, 10-13, was led by Jerome Scott's game-high 20 points and Joe Kylie added 16.

Chris Watts' 3-pointer with 15:12 left capped a 20-5 Providence spurt and gave the Friars a 61-32 lead. Miami, 10-13, never recovered and its road record fell to 2-10.

Providence shot 54 percent and out-rebounded Miami 47-29. The Hurricanes shot just 37 percent, hitting only 24 of 65.

HOCKEY

Nordiques cure Whalers

The Hartford Whalers, the only winning team in the NHL with a losing record at home, returned from the road with their goaltender harboring memories of allowing four goals on eight shots in his last start. The Whalers hadn't put together two straight victories for more than a month.

What better time for the Quebec Nordiques to arrive?

Mike Liut, saying he "got the witches out of the way," made 26 saves and Ron Francis and Pat Verbeek scored power-play goals 1:46 apart in the first period — just enough to send the league's last-place team to its 14th loss in 15 games. Quebec, 10-44-6, has won one game since Jan. 18 and is 1-1-4 against Hartford.



Compiled from staff and wire reports



BASKETBALL
11:30 p.m. — ESPN, College, Virginia at Georgia Tech. (L)

Complete listings on Page 2B

Boys take show on road

Seminole in Kissimmee; 4A teams go to Lake Weir

By TONY DeBORMIER
Herald Sports Editor



Mike Merthie (No. 40), Matt MacDonald (No. 35) and the Lake Mary Rams have earned the No. 1 seed in this weekend's 4A District 9 boys basketball tournament. The Rams begin play in the tourney tonight against Lyman.

Get out your maps and compasses. We're going on the road.

Starting today, the high school boys' basketball season moves into the first round of the state playoffs, commonly referred to as the district tournaments. And normally, district alignments are geographic in nature, grouping schools of a like size from a common area.

But it doesn't always work out that way. Now and again, because of the absence of similarly-sized schools nearby, a school that has no geographic link to a district will find itself thrust among that group of teams. And it almost always makes for a couple of interesting road trips for someone.

This year, Seminole County boys' basketball fans hit the highways, traveling to Candler Lake Weir (near Ocala) for the 4A-District 9 tournament while Seminole, the county's only Class 3A school, is playing at Kissimmee-Osceola this weekend in the 3A-District 6 tourney.

Today at 5 p.m. at Osceola High School, second-seed Seminole will take the floor against No. 7-seed Leesburg. The last time Seminole and Leesburg played each other was in the first round of last year's district tournament, when the Tribe advanced with a win.

"We haven't played them, but I saw them briefly in the Oviedo Christmas Tournament," said Seminole coach Greg Robinson, whose team has the best record in the district at 20-7. Leesburg has some pretty good size and they have some kids back from last year.

"They've won seven out of the

Lyman ousts Lake Weir

From staff reports

LONGWOOD — Lyman High School extended its boys' basketball season at least one more night by beating Candler-Lake Weir 73-57 Wednesday night in the first round of the 4A-District 9 tournament.

Now 5-17, eighth-seeded Lyman will play at No. 1-seed Lake Mary tonight in the tournament quarterfinals.

Todd Patterson led the Greyhounds with 16 points while Octavius Holliday added 15. Greg Gooch contributed 12 and Brian Grayson had 11. Lake Weir's Shelby Hill led all scorers with 18 points. Rod Lightsey added 16.

"It was a good game," said Lyman coach Norm Ready. "Both teams played real hard."

See Greyhounds, Page 2B

LAKE WEIR (37)
Bracy 3 3 5 9, Green 1 0 0 2, Shelby Hill 6 2 2 18, Rod Lightsey 6 7 2 16, Lake 1 0 0 2, Postigo 1 0 0 2, McGehee 2 2 2 6, Anthony 1 0 0 2, Totals 23 9 11 57

LYMAN (17)
Washington 0 0 0 0, Reed 0 0 1 0, Bowen 2 0 0 4, Todd Patterson 16 6 16, Greg Gooch 4 4 4 12, Schraw 1 1 2 3, Anderson 0 0 0 0, Bouey 1 0 0 2, Brian Grayson 5 1 3 11, Octavius Holliday 8 3 11, Greenlee 2 0 0 4, Morris 1 4 4 6, Totals 37 19 24 77

LAKE WEIR (37)
Lyman 16 16 13 16 — 37
Lake Weir 16 16 16 27 — 35

3 point field goals — Lake Weir 2 (Lightsey 2), Total fouls — Lake Weir 16, Lyman 13, Fouled out — None, Technicals — None, Records — Lyman 5 17

Poor shooting, power outage dooms Raiders

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Correspondent

LAKE CITY — On the whole, it might have better if the Seminole Community College men's basketball team had just stayed home.

Horrible shooting, a momentum-killing power outage in the first half and the ejection of their second-leading scorer doomed the Raiders as they lost 82-76 to Daytona Beach Community College in the semifinals of the Mid-Florida Conference tournament Wednesday night at Lake City Community College.

For the game, the Raiders were 28-for-72 (38.9 percent) from the field and just 9-for-19 on layups.

Richard Brown, SCC's leading scorer, was 1-for-11 and Tony De Jesus, the Raiders' No. 2 scorer, was 1-for-3 before being ejected with 7:17 to play for fighting.

Despite all that, SCC actually managed to lead much of the game and had a 31-29 edge at halftime. Five minutes into the second half, the Raiders still led by two. But the Daytona Beach Seals, who dressed only eight players, two of which were hindered by severe injuries, were almost perfect from the free throw line, connecting on 28 of 32 for the game, 13 of 14 in the second half. By comparison, SCC was 16-for-20 from the charity stripe.

Possibly the turning point of the entire contest came with 6:14 remaining in the first half. With the Raiders leading 17-12 after scoring a couple fastbreak baskets

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SCC wasted a great effort by Nate Washington (No. 24) in its season-ending loss to Daytona Beach CC.

Doubles, defense boost Seminoles

From staff reports

SANFORD — For the first time in the young high school baseball season, Seminole put together some solid hitting with errorless defense in a 13-3 win over Bishop Moore in the Seminole Invitational Wednesday at Sanford Stadium.

The win, which improves Seminole to 2-3, advances the Tribe to this evening's 7 p.m. game against Lyman at Sanford Stadium. A Seminole win would force a winner-take-all rematch on Friday at 7 p.m.

Against the over-matched Bishop Moore Hornets, the Seminoles pounded out seven doubles as they jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first inning on their way to ending the game by the 10-run rule in the fifth inning.

Actually, the big lead early had some adverse effects on the Tribe. Starting pitcher Tony Chavers, who was in control the whole time he was in the game, got stiff while waiting during Seminole's long offensive innings. Also, the Tribe let up once they had a sizeable lead.

"We got a little lackadaisical when we got up by 10 runs," said Seminole coach Mike Powers. "That's how Bishop Moore came back. We have to learn to finish the game with the same kind of intensity we start the game with."

Actually, the Hornets were never a serious threat to overtake the Seminoles. Trailing 11-0 after Seminole added two runs in the bottom of the second inning, Bishop Moore scored twice in the top of the fourth and once in the fifth to cut the lead to 11-3. But Seminole got the two runs right back in the bottom of the fifth to end the contest.

Jeff Bergman paced the Seminole attack with two doubles and an rbi as Anthony Roberts had a double, single and rbi. Mike Senechek and Jeff Derr each had a double and two rbi while Chris Dowling, W.L. Gracey and Erskine Howard each had one rbi. Gracey and John Wilkes each hit a double.

Chavers picked up the win to go to 1-0 on the year.

BISHOP MOORE 0 0 0 21 — 3 7 6
SEMINOLE 9 3 9 83 — 13 9 0

Kennedy, Lance (1), Mohay (4) and Lister, Chavers, Eshen (4) and Derr, Dowling (4), WP — Chavers (1), LP — Kennedy (3), 2B — Egan (Bishop Moore), Bergman, J. Roberts, Senechek, Derr, Wilkes, W.L. Gracey (Seminole), 3B — None, HR — None, Records — Bishop Moore 1 4, Seminole 2 3

Pistons run win streak to 13 games by routing Magic

United Press International

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Joe Dumars scored 22 points Wednesday night to reach 5,000 for his career and help the Detroit Pistons run the longest winning streak in the NBA this season to 13 games with a 140-109 victory over the expansion Orlando Magic.

Mark Aguirre had 21, James Edwards 19 and Isiah Thomas 18 to help Detroit surpass Philadelphia's 12-game winning streak as the longest in the league this season. The defending NBA champion Pistons are now 39-14.

Orlando played minus two starters — Otis Smith, who underwent knee cartilage surgery Thursday and will be out for 2-6 weeks, and Sam

Vincent, who has a broken toe.

The Magic were led by Murlon Wiley with 20 points. Jerry Reynolds had 16, Terry Catledge 15, plus 13 from Scott Skiles and 12 from Michael Ansley. Orlando is 0-4 against Detroit.

Catledge was not a factor in the early going because the Pistons double-teamed him down low and the Magic missed their shots when he was forced to throw the ball out.

Dumars nailed a 15-footer for his 5,000th point, making it 87-63 with 5:18 left in the third period. He came out of the game shortly thereafter and did not return.

Dumars and Edwards each had 15 points in the first half while Aguirre and Thomas scored 13 apiece for Detroit before the intermission.

John Salley blocked five shots in the first 4:05 of the second quarter as the Pistons expanded a 9-point lead to 45-33.

The Pistons' defense contributed to the Magic missing 11 of their first 12 shots of the period and gradually forced them into a 1 on 1 offense. Dumars and Thomas were scoring on Skiles at will, eventually driving him from the game even though he had 13 points in 16 minutes in the first half.

Skiles hit four of five shots for 10 points for Orlando in the first quarter but Detroit broke a 9-9 tie with a 16-4 spurt and ended the quarter with a 37-28 lead.

Scott Hastings came off the bench to score a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Pistons.

STATS & STANDINGS

TODAY'S PREPS

Baseball: Seminole Invitational at Sanford Stadium; Seminole vs. Lyman, 7 p.m.
BOY'S BASKETBALL: 2A-District 6 tournament at Kissimmee-Ocoola; Seminole vs. Leesburg, 5 p.m.
BOY'S BASKETBALL: 4A-District 9 tournament; Lyman of Lake Mary, Lake Brantley at Oviedo, Mainland of Spruce Creek, Lake Howell at DeLand.

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for Pacific Division, Wednesday Results, Thursday Games, Friday Games, and Saturday Games.

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for Free Throws, Three-point field goals, and Steals.

Casino joins Douglas in suit against King

James "Buster" Douglas Wednesday filed a lawsuit to break his promotional contract with Don King and signed a conditional contract to fight his first heavyweight title defense at The Mirage Hotel-Casino.

DOGS

Table of dog races with columns for race number, dog name, and odds. Includes sections for All Southeast-Orlando, 2nd Division, 3rd Division, 4th Division, 5th Division, 6th Division, 7th Division, 8th Division, 9th Division, 10th Division, 11th Division, 12th Division, 13th Division, 14th Division, 15th Division, 16th Division, 17th Division, 18th Division, 19th Division, 20th Division.

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for Orlando (1989), Detroit (1989), Seattle (1989), and Miami (1989).

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for Eastern Division, Western Division, and National Standings.

NHL STANDINGS

Table of NHL standings with columns for team names, wins, losses, points, and goals for/against. Includes sections for Patrick Division, Adams Division, Norris Division, Smyth Division, and Eastern Division.

NBA STANDINGS

Table of NBA standings with columns for team names, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes sections for Eastern Division, Central Division, Western Division, and Midwest Division.

Table of NBA leaders with columns for player name, team, and statistics for points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table of college basketball standings with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for East, Midwest, South, and West.

Greyhounds

Lyman led just 16-14 after the first quarter and held the same two-point edge, 30-28, at halftime. The Greyhounds created a little space between them and Lake Weir with a 16-13 third quarter.

Districts

Continued from 1B their last eight. They just beat Ocala-Forrest, who is favored to win the District 5 tournament. They're capable.

NBA LEADERS

Table of NBA leaders with columns for player name, team, and statistics for points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks.

MISL STANDINGS

Table of MISL standings with columns for team names, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes sections for Eastern Division and Western Division.

DOG RACING NOW

Advertisement for dog racing with text: "Pick 6 \$10,000.00 Winner". Includes details about the race and contact information for Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club.

SCC

Continued from 1B and in possession of the ball after a third consecutive Daytona turnover, the power went out. Because there are mercury vapor lights in the Lake City gym, it took more than 10 minutes before there was enough light to continue.

come back on Friday and play the winner of tonight's St. Cloud-Osceola game at 8 p.m. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. First rounds at home

traveling to No. 4 DeLand. The aggravation felt by locals involved in the tournament was kicked up a notch Wednesday night when Lyman beat Lake Weir (see related story) on Wednesday night for the right to play Lake Mary.

Advertisement for Baseball Card Show with text: "Over 30 Dealers Hourly Door Prizes Sunday, Feb. 25 10 AM - 5 PM". Includes contact information for Holiday Inn Altamonte Spgs.

Maitland Tractor & Equipment

Advertisement for Maitland Tractor & Equipment with text: "Special Values on Snapper Mowers, Riders, Trimmers, Blowers & Trimmers". Includes contact information for Maitland Tractor & Equipment.

People

IN BRIEF

Workshop targets budgeting

A workshop on basic budgeting skills, for volunteers or paid staff who work with low income individuals, will be offered 1-4 p.m., Feb. 27, at the Cooperative Extension Service, 250 W. County Home Road.

Topics will be basic grocery store shopping techniques, value and goal planning, and recipes which include food given to food commodity recipients.

Advance registration required.

Details, contact Barbara Hughes Gregg, 323-2500, ext. 5556.

Club to host meeting

DELAND — The New England Club of DeLand will host the Maine Club meeting again this year, today, at the DeLand Activities Center, Earl Brown Park.

There will be a covered dish dinner with individuals bringing their own place settings and either a casserole, salad or dessert.

Entertainment by "Show Stoppers."

Details, call Hank Gregg, 678-1406 or Glenna Davis, 734-6378.

Seminar slated

The Orange and Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are jointly presenting a seminar on Landscape Management for Homeowner's Associations and Property Managers in Central Florida, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, at the Casselberry Library meeting room, 215 Oxford Road.

Program is free and open to the public.

Details, call Celeste White, 323-2500, ext. 5558, or Tom MacCubbin, 244-7573.

Gong show planned

WINTER SPRINGS — The Winter Springs VFW Post No. 5405 and its Ladies Auxiliary are planning a Gong Show, 6-8 p.m., Friday.

Free buffet arranged by Ladies Auxiliary.

Proceeds go to community activity programs of post and auxiliary.

Details, call Jane Hall, 695-1824.

Hospital seminar set

LONGWOOD — "The Prostate in Health and Disease" is the title of a two-part education seminar to be held, 3:30 p.m., Feb. 28, in the classroom at South Seminole Community Hospital, Longwood.

Space is limited. For reservations, call Ken Peach, 767-1200, ext. 199.

CALENDAR

Charity auction planned

CASSELBERRY — The Rotary Club of Casselberry is sponsoring a charity auction, 7 p.m., Feb. 27, at Blen F. Gibson's Auction Barn, 290 Iris Road, Casselberry, just north of Highway 438.

Proceeds to be contributed to Rotary International's Polio Plus Campaign and the Casselberry Rotary Club's Charitable Foundation.

Auction items and/or monetary contributions may be dropped off at the Casselberry Senior Center, 200 N. Triplett Drive, 7:30 a.m. during the weekly Wednesday meeting, or call George Karcher, 695-3281; Gene Weimischke, 339-9559; Bob Johnson, 263-6010; or Bill Livingston, 671-3116 (evenings).

Cub Scouts to serve spaghetti

SANFORD — Cub Scout Pack No. 34 will hold its annual spaghetti dinner 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, in fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church, 419 Park Ave.

All-you-can-eat dinner including spaghetti, salad, bread sticks and dessert for donation of \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. Take outs available.

Fund-raiser aids cub scouts.

Details, call 323-6097.

Toastmasters to meet

Daybreakers Toastmasters meet each Thursday at 7 p.m. at Shoney's Restaurant in Sanford. No reservations are needed. For more information, call Dot Waller, president, at 323-3165.

Sweet Adelines to rehearse

Sound of Sunshine Sweet Adelines women's barbershop singing group rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Northland Community Church, Dogtrack Road, Longwood.



Understanding your rights

A divorce seminar, "Understanding Your Rights in Case of Divorce" was recently held at Seminole Community College. From left to right are Norman LaVin, Longwood attorney of family law, guest speaker; Dominic Salli, former circuit judge-attorney of family law; Midge Mycoff, coordinator of the Single Parent Displaced Homemakers Program at SCC; June Wallace, certified financial planner; and Patti Jarrell, participant.

Kiwanis presents concert

By Mervyn Hawkins
Herald columnist

SANFORD — The Kiwanis Club of East-West Sanford will present Carolyn Mobley in concert 7:30 p.m., Saturday, at St. James A.M.E. Church, 819 Cypress Ave.

Mobley, a Sanford native, will perform in a concert of sacred music.

Mobley, the daughter of Ms. Freddie Muller Mobley, is under appointment as a coordinator for Christian field work in Atlanta where she works with the placement of students working in Atlanta Mission Centers from Morehouse School of Religion and area Baptist student groups.

She has served on the home Mission Board in Michigan, was missionary associate/student intern at Clark Howell-Techwood Center, Atlanta and has worked as a youth and education director at Brown Mill Park, Atlanta.

She is a graduate of Crooms High School and of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta.

Mobley does consultant work, is a missionary field coordinator and gives religious workshops.

All proceeds from the concert will be used for community service projects by the Kiwanis Club.



Carolyn Mobley is a coordinator for Christian field work in Atlanta. She will appear in concert at St. James A.M.E. Church.



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am a U.S. Marine stationed in Okinawa and enjoy your column in the Stars and Stripes. Here's my problem: I'm too big. I'm 6 feet 5 inches and weigh 260. I have never lifted weights or worked out, but I look like a jock. The truth is, I'm lazy as a dog.

What's my complaint? I don't fit into small cars or airplane seats, and I have to have my clothes specially made. The average person assumes that I was a great football player. The truth is, I hated football but was forced to play. No matter where I go, some small guy wants to take me on because he has to prove something. If I fight him and lose, he's a hero and I'm a wimp. If I win, I'm a bully — even if he started it.

I'm sick of being told I resemble "The Hulk," "Frankenstein," "Herman Munster" or some other big bout. I could go on and on about how most people think all big guys are clumsy, insensitive and dumb — which they are not.

I'm big, but I'm human. I get thirsty, hungry and tired just like a smaller guy. I can't bench-press a bus, but I have feelings. I bleed when I'm cut, I love music, poetry, puppies and children. When I was 12 years old, the kids gave me a nickname that has stuck with me ever since. Sign this...

TINY

DEAR TINY: Read on for a letter from a woman who shares your king-sized burden:

DEAR ABBY: I have a complaint that has bothered me for years. It's size discrimination. I am a tall, big woman. All my life I've suffered humiliation because of my size. When I'd go out with kids my age on Halloween, adults would say, "Aren't you a little too old to be out trick-or-treating?" (I'd go home in tears.) And when I was 10 years old, the cabler, at the movie theater accused me of being more than 12 and trying to get in with a child's ticket.

The discrimination didn't stop when I became an adult. In my office job, I'm expected to lift heavy things, help move furniture, get supplies down from the top shelves and do chores only a man would be asked to do because I'm 5 feet 11 inches, broad-shouldered and husky. Because I'm big, people assume I'm strong as a horse and never get tired. Meanwhile, the petite women are constantly being helped and treated with courtesy and consideration.

Abby, please print this so others will realize that big women need as much consideration as smaller women. In fact, because big women have been discriminated against all their lives, they are even more sensitive and in need of kindness than the smaller sisters.

BIG AND BATTERED IN TULSA

DEAR BIG AND BATTERED AND TINY: Thank you for pointing out a form of discrimination practiced by many with no malice aforesaid. Fred was right when he said, "Anatomy is destiny!" Perhaps a few readers will reflect on this and act accordingly. I know I will. (Would I lie to you on George Washington's birthday?)

IN THE SERVICE

Airman Jennifer L. Glenn, daughter of Charles R. and Julia E. Nutting, 2150 Stone St., Oviedo, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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



Jennifer Glenn

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Glenn is a 1987 graduate of Oviedo High School.

Staff Sgt. Bruce G. Gibson, son of William A. and Jeannette P. Gibson, 1301 Wynewood Drive, Sanford, has been decorated with the Army Commendation

Medal at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Gibson is a communications maintenance supervisor with the 41st Field Artillery.

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BLONDIE

by Chic Young



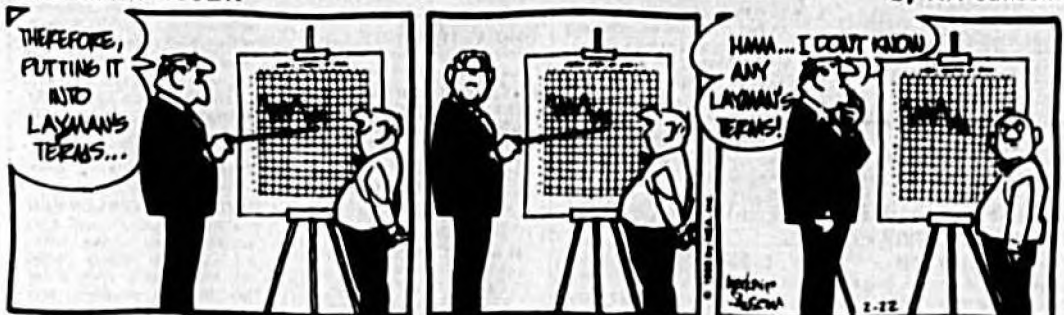
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Drinking tap water no threat to health

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm recovering from heart surgery and drink a lot of water. A friend indicated I should not drink tap water because of the bacteria in it, yet I always boil the water prior to drinking it. What are your feelings on this?

DEAR READER: I think you and your friend are overdoing it.

Tap water from municipal sources is carefully controlled; significant bacterial growth is prevented by treatment with chlorine and other agents. Tap water from private sources, such as springs or wells, can contain bacteria, but they're not the kind that cause disease in postoperative patients. If you are in doubt about the potability of your private drinking water, you can request a bacterial analysis by your local health department.

I believe you and your friend should realize that all of us take in uncounted trillions of bacteria each day — in the air we breathe and the food we eat. By and large, these bacteria are harmless; our bodies have marvelous natural mechanisms for identifying and destroying those that aren't. Therefore, there is little possibility that bacteria entering your mouth could cause infection, providing your water supply isn't grossly contaminated by human or animal waste matter.

A greater concern is that you could become infected by breathing in viruses and bacteria normally spread by the people in your environment — family, friends and acquaintances.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can an individual find out what health insurance plans are available, which cover pre-existing illness and what the cost might be?

DEAR READER: You can obtain this information by talking to a licensed insurance agent or by writing to your state's insurance commissioner. Many different plans are available, some of which are offered

through the work place and others by private subscription. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Insuring Your Good Health." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box



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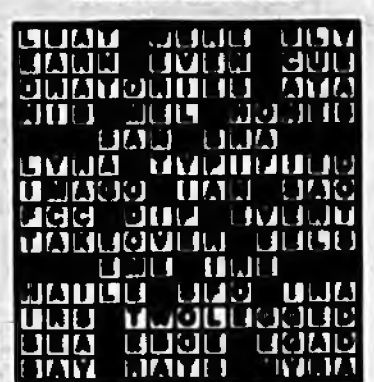
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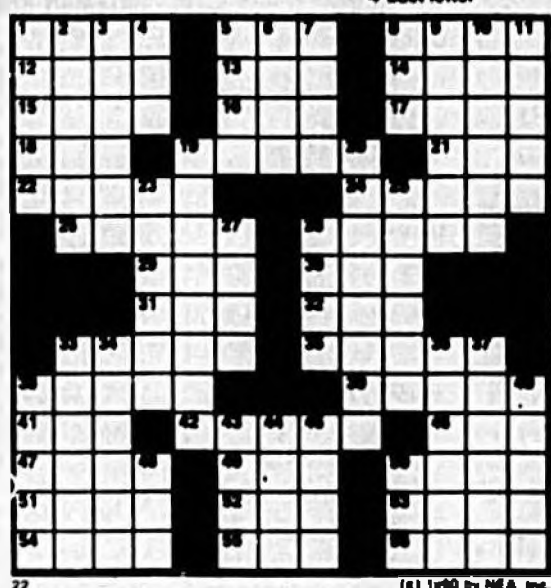
- 1 Santa —
- 2 Call.
- 3 Same
- 4 Animal's stomach
- 5 Author Gray
- 6 Yes
- 7 Mate well
- 8 Abstract being
- 9 Does in tone
- 10 Quote as an authority
- 11 Acct.
- 12 Crowded
- 13 Actor Sparks
- 14 Powerful
- 15 Soap
- 16 Actress Bo
- 17 Small and round
- 18 Gravel ridge
- 19 Military school (abbr.)
- 20 Indian
- 21 Baseball player Mel —
- 22 Appear suddenly (2 wds.)
- 23 Brother's daughter
- 24 Leader
- 25 Fragrant root in perfume
- 26 Kerosene, e.g.
- 27 Actor Errol —
- 28 Actress Hagen
- 29 Cut lengthwise
- 30 Thou
- 31 Very pale
- 32 Layer
- 33 —-o-dub
- 34 Ballerina's strong points
- 35 Lively
- 36 Letters of alphabet
- 37 Architect —
- 38 Searinen

Answer to Previous Puzzle



DOWN

- 1 Native of Prago
- 2 Scraped
- 3 Hazardous
- 4 Last letter
- 5 Fermenting agent
- 6 Vast period of time
- 7 Devices
- 8 New Deal program
- 9 Tare down
- 10 Blood vessel
- 11 Nutrance plants
- 12 Pigment
- 13 Ouster
- 14 Theoretical company
- 15 Spring festival
- 16 Maintain
- 17 Bleeding
- 18 Queen Elizabeth's husband
- 19 Slicker
- 20 Robinson — One or the other
- 21 Law charges
- 22 Arbitrary assertion
- 23 Northern constellation
- 24 Possessive
- 25 Lump
- 26 Attempt
- 27 Consumed food



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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby

Everyone knows that the play of a hand is determined by declarer's perception of the location of the defenders' key cards. That perception is of course guided by the bidding as well as the early defense. In today's deal, the defenders, Matt and Pam Granovetter, distorted the declarer's view of the location of the cards with devastating effect. Matt Granovetter led his fourth-best club. That was a step ahead of this writer. (I would have led club ace. Just in case I needed to attack a side-suit at trick two.) East won the jack of clubs, suggesting to declarer an original club holding of A-K-Q-J. Back came the jack of spades. South won in dummy and played ace and a heart. East won the king, and now West contributed to declarer's confusion by signaling with the 10

of diamonds. When East dutifully led a low diamond, declarer grabbed the ace, drew the last trump and then played spades. Declarer had to ruff the fourth spade and now led up to dummy's diamond queen. Needless to say, there was much gnashing of declarer's teeth when East turned up with the K-J. But declarer's play was quite reasonable. East would have a normal opening bid with A-K-Q-J of clubs and king of hearts, and West's raise to two clubs might be based on five little clubs and the diamond king. If that were the case, declarer could not afford to play low on East's low diamond. (West could win the diamond king and give partner a spade ruff.) Kudos to the Granovetters for creating an illusion, causing declarer to fail.

NORTH 2-23 36
 ♠ A K Q 8 4
 ♥ A 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ 3

WEST
 ♠ 10 9 5 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ A 7 5 4 2

EAST
 ♠ J
 ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ K Q J 8 6

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 6 2
 ♥ Q J 8 4 3
 ♦ A 7 6 2
 ♣ 10

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

South West North East
 1♥ 2♣ 3♦ 1♠
 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osol
YOUR BIRTHDAY
Feb. 23, 1990

Your possibilities for real progress in the year ahead look extremely encouraging. However, you must be careful not to repeat the same types of mistakes you've made previously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Honor agreements you make today, even though your second thoughts may indicate you could have improved your position had you bargained more adroitly. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Render full service today regarding what you promised to do for others. You'll think more of yourself if you resist inclinations to shave edges.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do

not operate against your better judgment today in matters that are meaningful to you careerwise. Taking foolish risks could cause you to trip and tumble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you do something nice for a loved one today, don't make him/her feel under obligation to you. Behavior of this ilk will make your deed meaningless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Guard against inclinations today to be either too possessive or too protective of someone you like very much. Restraints will hurt the relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a possibility things might not go all that smoothly for you today in several important arrangements. Be careful, however, not to blame others for things you do wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to make concessions under pressure today. If you think what's being asked of you is unreasonable, don't be bashful about standing up for your rights.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You

might not have too good an eye for bargains today, so be careful if you're negotiating for something rather costly. You may believe only what you want to believe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Evaluate thoroughly any propositions presented to you today and be doubly sure all of the key parts fit. If you don't have all the facts, don't act.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your insights could be very revealing today, but your procedures may leave a lot to be desired. Try to execute your thoughts as cleverly as you conceived them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be doubly certain there is justification for your material expectations. If they are unrealistic, you could have a disappointing day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your probabilities for achieving your objectives look rather "iffy" today. This is because you might become involved with people whose central interests could be in opposition to yours.

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