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Go easy on the shears

Cold-sensitive plants are apt to get damaged when the temperatures drop. In her gardening column today, Tricia Thomas cautions gardeners not to be too hasty to prune these plants.

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BRIEFS

Boulevard closed Tuesday

SANFORD — Lake Mary Boulevard between U.S. Highway 17-92 and South Sanford Avenue will be closed Tuesday, beginning at 9 a.m. Traffic will be detoured to Airport Boulevard.

Crews building the Seminole County expressway will be placing beams for a bridge over the boulevard. Traffic may resume on the road after 4 p.m.

Accident investigation continues

SANFORD — One person remains hospitalized following an auto accident Christmas Day in Sanford. Robert Watson, 47, was listed in stable condition this morning at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Saturday, Watson was reported to be in serious condition.

Watson and Ulyses McCray, a passenger in the second vehicle, were airlifted to ORMC following the accident. A spokesperson at the hospital said this morning that McCray was treated and released shortly after his arrival on Friday.

According to Sanford Police, Watson's vehicle collided with one driven by Johnny Lee Williams, 22, near 8th Street and Cypress Avenue late Friday afternoon. McCray was a passenger in Williams' vehicle.

Initial reports said Williams was not seriously injured.

"The accident is still under investigation, and I don't know what charges will be filed in connection with the case," Sanford Police Capt. Ralph Russell said this morning.

Tree reservations accepted

SANFORD — The Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District will reserve packets of a dozen tree seedlings prior to Jan. 6 for its annual tree sale Jan. 8 and 9. The packets may be reserved by calling 321-8212.

Each packet contains two seedlings each of southern red cedar, river birch, dogwood, redbud, red maple and Shumard oak. The trees will be distributed from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Big Tree Park near Longwood, Red Bug Lake Park near Casselberry, and in Oviedo at the former First Federal of Seminole office at 77 Geneva Drive.

Two killed in crash of small plane

JACKSONVILLE — The wreckage of a small plane and two bodies were found today after a 10-hour search hampered by darkness and heavy fog.

The plane went down in a swampy area near Craig Municipal Airport, said Howard Curry, a spokesman for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

The plane was reported missing at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, he said. It was approaching from the east and had just made a right turn when it vanished from radar screens.

Rescue workers searched for the wreckage on foot and in four-wheel drive vehicles, but darkness and dense fog hindered the search.

The plane and victims were finally located around 8 a.m. near the end of the runway, he said.

The names of the victims have not been released.

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Slightly warmer



Partly cloudy with a high in the mid 70s. Wind northeast 10 mph.

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Mall a step closer

Agreement presented tonight

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford shoppers are getting closer to their own mall today. Another step toward starting work on the Seminole Towne Center mall will be taken tonight. A redevelopment agreement is to be presented to the Sanford City Commission for approval.

In dealing with the mall project, the City Commission also acts as a Community Redevelopment Agency. As such, the commission will change hats and serve as the

agency during the regular commission meeting.

Bill Hammer, from Shotts & Bowen, a legal firm in Orlando, will be making the official presentation of the agreement. It covers all aspects of the project required by law as well as the many agencies which have certain jurisdictional rights.

Included in the agreement are developer as well as city agreements on construction of the mall, access roadways, the sale of bonds for financing the project, and the many legal requirements to assure compliance.

In the redevelopment agreement, the mall is described as "a regional shopping center consisting, at full build-out, of an approximately 1,250,000 square foot multi-tenant retail mall."

Commissioners were given copies

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City to air drug-free zones and sentencing

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission will discuss expansion of drug-free zones tonight. Police Chief Steve Harriett suggests better sentencing of drug users would be a better deterrent.

The matter is scheduled for the commission workshop meeting. It is based on a resolution passed in October by the City of Boynton Beach.

While the Boynton Beach City resolution adopted a change

from 200 to 1,000 feet as the distance around schools and city property for the drug-free zone, it also proposed the Florida Legislature take action to make it a statewide proposal.

It suggests other cities pass a resolution, "strongly urging legislators to increase the distance requirement for parks and recreation facilities and public housing within the municipal boundaries of the city."

The original purpose of establishing drug-free areas was to allow for stricter penalties to be

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Shelter groundbreaking



At the groundbreaking of the Rescue Outreach Mission's shelter today for women and children on 13th Street in Sanford, Mother Blanche Bell Weaver, center, gets ready to swing a sledgehammer. On hand for the ceremony were Cal Conklin, left, who sits on

the mission's board of directors, Don Nolte of Habitat for Humanity, who has volunteered to help build the shelter and Mayor Bettye Smith. The shelter, which will house 27 clients in four dormitory-style rooms will cost \$250,000 to build. Weaver is still looking for donations

McFellin issued warning

By GEORGE DUNCAN
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — A verbal exchange between two Longwood City Commissioners and City Administrator Jim McFellin may have prompted an angry letter to McFellin by retired businessman Jimmy Ross.

Ross sent the letter to McFellin with copies to Mayor Paul Lovstrand and Commissioner Steve Miller. The letter implies McFellin has objected to alleged conversations between Ross and the two city officials.

The letter states, "Commissioners Lovstrand and Miller have called my attention to the fact that you often use my name in conversations. It is my understanding that my name has been used as if I did not have a right to communicate with anyone I choose or meet with anyone I choose."

"You are put on notice that I will exercise my rights under the First Amendment wherever and whenever I choose, and if you don't like it, you have a problem."

McFellin said he had never used Ross' name in his conversations with either Lovstrand or Miller.

"No, nor directly, not his name," McFellin said. "You are further advised that Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution is very clear. I will not tolerate your intrusion into my private life."

McFellin said he has never intruded into Ross' private life.

"Absolutely not," he said, when asked.

Ross concludes his letter by saying, "You may be a big wheel down in city hall, but you have no control, direction or supervision over me, a private citizen. I repeat, I will not tolerate your intrusion into my private life. My private life includes my meeting with anyone whom I choose and exercising my First Amendment rights."

McFellin shrugged off the letter, saying it "doesn't rate a response."

The city administration said he had never tried to interfere with Ross' freedom of association or speech and doesn't intend to.

McFellin said he "has no idea" what prompted the letter. However, he said Ross might have thought some of the discussion at Monday night's commission meeting could have alluded to him.

Ross has been linked to Lovstrand and Miller by Longwood Police Chief Greg Manning who charged that both men follow the advice, if not the directives, of Ross. Both men called the charge ludicrous.

Ross has an unlisted phone number and could not be contacted.

Bright students optimistic country will not get worse

By VICKI DESORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The nation's brightest high school students are gloomy about many of the same domestic ills that drove their parents to vote in record numbers this election — their economic futures, violence and AIDS.

In Sanford, Seminole High students who are in the top 10 of the senior class, say they are optimistic that things won't get much worse than they are.

The 23rd Annual Survey of High Achievers, issued recently, found nearly one-third of the students had considered suicide, more than 40 percent had experienced violence in schools and

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Cindi Meriwether



Derek Westfall

Probe continues in Christmas gas leak

By VICKI DESORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Christmas Day might have been quite an explosive holiday if a Sanford Police officer hadn't stepped out for a breath of fresh air and not found any.

According to Battalion Chief William Ellenburg of the Sanford Fire Department, a representative of the Sanford Police Department called them on Friday morning to report a strong odor of gas in the air outside the station. They believed that the smell originated at the Therm-O-Tane Gas and Appliance Company at 414 W. 9th St., about a block from the police station.

Ellenburg said that it appeared that someone

had intentionally opened the line of liquid gas on one of gas trucks that was parked in a locked fenced area at the facility.

There are no leads on who might have done that, Ellenburg said, but an investigation is continuing.

"The situation was never very serious," Ellenburg said, "but it could have been."

Robby Robertson, manager of the company, said that he knew exactly what the problem was when he drove up and saw the truck.

"It took all of two seconds to shut the thing down," he said.

He said that he estimates that about 200 gallons of the gas had been released. He said that it would take about 10 to 12 hours for that amount of gas to get out.

"I hope that it was someone trying to fill a tank to stay warm rather than someone trying to hurt people," Robertson said.

He noted that the day before a lawn mower had been stolen from the property and added that he "can handle people stealing things, but not people trying to hurt others."

Robertson said that he and his safety team do not believe that the valve on the truck could have opened by itself.

"Someone came in and intentionally opened it," he said.

Ellenburg said that a two block area was cordoned off for about a half an hour while the leak was brought under control and explosives experts declared the area safe.

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE



Solar Energy Center Introduced

COCOA — If it's energy efficiency you want, plan to check out the new Florida Solar Energy Center complex. The state-funded research institute on the Brevard Community College campus will offer a sampler of commercially available energy technology. "One of the goals of this building is to demonstrate to the citizens of Florida what can be accomplished right now," said deputy director Philip Fairry. "All of the efficiency measures are off-the-shelf technology. We haven't done anything bizarre or used any technologies that are not available to anyone." Construction is to begin next month on the \$7 million, 80,000-square-foot office complex for an opening in mid-1984, said spokeswoman Ingrid Meloy. The energy-efficiency measures are expected to cut electrical consumption by two-thirds, save \$75,000 a year in utility bills and pay for themselves in two years. "That's what we think is the most exciting aspect of this building," Meloy said. "This building will be a living demonstration of how these technologies can save the taxpayers and consumers incredible amounts of money." The center has been on Air Force property at Cape Canaveral since it opened in 1975, but the military needs the land and offered money for relocation. The Legislature kicked in \$4 million for the new showpiece.

Quilt of memories keeps husband warm

ORLANDO — Two sisters solved the perplexing problem of what to do with their late mother's clothes by using them to make a comforter for their father and in the process created a new business. "The beautiful thing is that even though momma is no longer with him, every winter he can sleep under something that she wore during their marriage," said Rose Davis. Davis and her sister, Alento Warner, didn't want to part with the closefit of clothes after Edna Perry died but didn't want it to go unused either. The keepsake quilt keeps alive their mother's memory, once in a humorous way. When their father got tangled up in the quilt one night and fell out of bed, Davis told him, "Daddy, Momma's still fighting you from the grave." The Orlando sisters went on to stitch mementoes for others. The sisters have made floral arrangements from purses and shoes and decorative wreaths for the holidays from the clothing of deceased loved ones. The largest items — the quilts — cost \$50. Prices are so low because the sisters mostly sew for friends.

Six-car pileup delays I-75 traffic

GAINESVILLE — Heavy holiday traffic came to a standstill on Interstate 75 Sunday morning, after a six-car collision, authorities said. No one was seriously hurt in the accident, which took place about a half mile south of Williston Road in Alachua County. But traffic was backed up about 30 miles to Ellersville, just south of Lake City and closed down the interstate for more than two hours, according to sheriff's spokesman Spencer Mann. The 10:30 a.m. accident started when Herbert Brown, of Harrisburg, Ark., hit a car that was slowing down in front of him in the southbound lane, causing a chain of hits. Brown was driving a van and towing a trailer when he slammed into the rear of Gary J. Zapata's car. Then Zapata, 53, of Tallahassee, struck the car in front of him, driven by Chester Godfrey, 74, of Lake City. In turn, Godfrey hit the car in front of him, carrying George Kratz, 64, and Barbara Kratz, 46, both of Sterling Heights, Mich. Then Kratz, who also had stopped in traffic, hit the rear of Roger F. Fenn, 43, of Valparaiso, Ind., who in turn struck the sixth car driven by Michael Clark, 43, of Palm Harbor. Brown was charged with careless driving, according to Florida Highway Patrol trooper David Denny. Edith Bucala, 59, of Tallahassee, a passenger in Zapata's car, was the most seriously injured. She was in stable condition at North Florida Regional Medical Center Saturday night. Chuck Zapata, 19, was being treated in the emergency room at North Florida Regional Sunday evening, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Search launched for missing inmate

STARKE — Searchers were hunting for a prison inmate who vanished in heavy fog today as he walked to work at Florida State Prison, a prison spokesman said. Michael McCloud, 31, left the prison with co-workers to go to the garment factory about 5:30 a.m., but when they arrived at the nearby complex, he had disappeared, said Gene Morris, a prison spokesman. McCloud is described as a black male, 6-foot-8-inch tall and weighing 170 pounds. He has a rabbit head tattoo on his upper arm, Morris said. From Associated Press reports

St. Johns River under attack

JACKSONVILLE — The St. Johns River — a giant among waterways in Florida — is being destroyed bit by bit by an army of Lilliputians in the form of septic tanks, sewage, farm chemicals, heavy metals and paper mills. The northerly flowing river is being choked and damaged by the combination and quantity of the materials that flow, or are dumped or poured, into its 300-mile length. John Adelt, of the environmental group Stewards of the St. Johns, said little is actually known about the St. Johns River, which has an average one inch fall per each mile from its start in Indian River County to its mouth near Mayport. Although the river has been viewed as a valuable resource, providing recreation and a living for fishermen, it also has been seen by industry and individuals as a way to

The biggest problem is we've treated the St. Johns as a toilet or garbage can for the last 100 years and now we have to pay the price. —Pat McSwaney

study of the river and how pollution, tides and other factors affect the river. There are problems along the length of the river, including mercury contamination in Lake Sawgrass to Lake Monroe in Brevard, Orange, Seminole and Volusia counties in high sewage levels and heavy metals in Putnam, Clay, St. Johns and Duval counties. Many of the problems are in the lower St. Johns basin, which runs from Palatka to where the river empties into the Atlantic Ocean, east of Jacksonville. Tidal action results in some of the river's problems because it can't quickly flush its contaminants into the ocean. The lower St. Johns has to deal with pollution from paper mills, hundreds of farms and the 840,000 people who live in Jacksonville. Fish in the river have been found to contain high levels of heavy metals, pesticides and PCBs. The toxins could be one of the reasons that many fish have ulcers and tumors, said Bob Brody, a water district scientist.

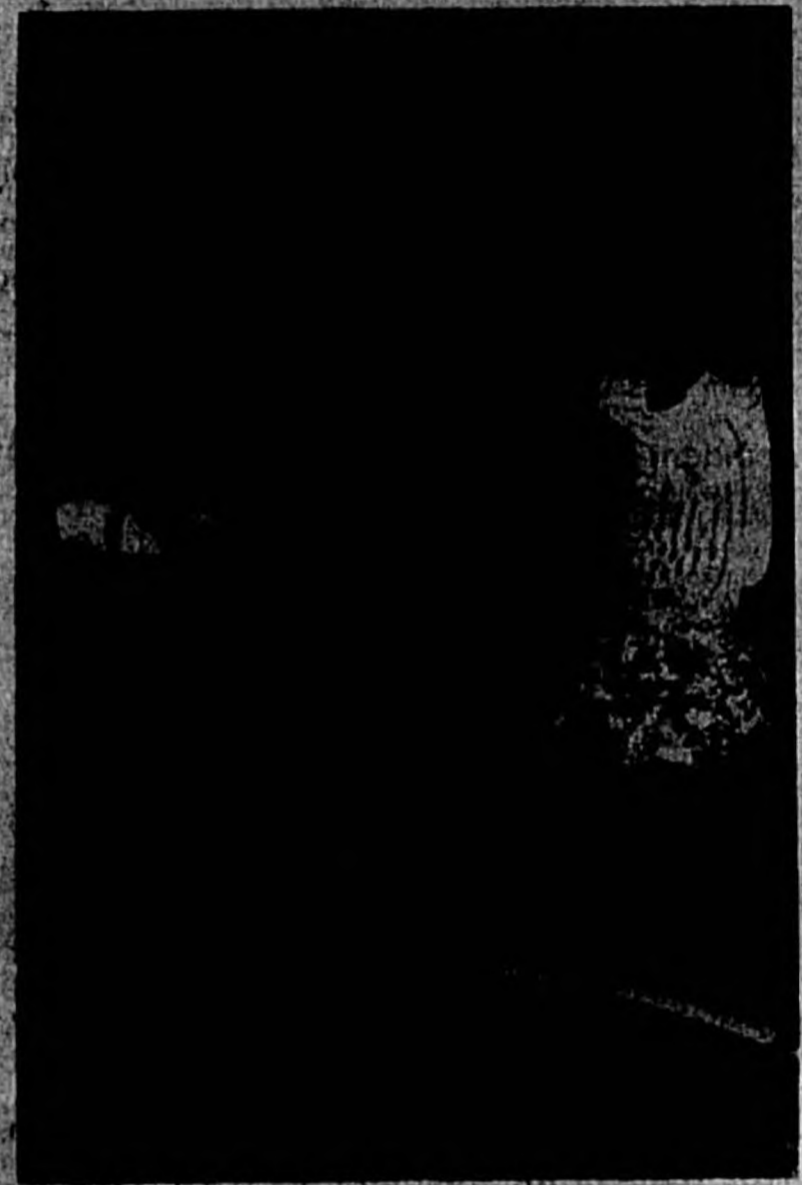
HRS computer costs double original bid

The computer automation of Florida's welfare programs was supposed to pay for itself through increased efficiency, but that could take years as the system's costs have more than doubled from the original bid. The computers installed at the State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services will cost \$338.5 million, according to a preliminary analysis of its cost efficiency. Shutdowns, delays in response time and programming errors have driven its price far beyond the \$164.3 million bid won by Electronic Data Systems Federal Corp. of Herndon, Va., in June 1980.

Beach Post. The report, the first of three Price Waterhouse cost-benefit studies, was commissioned by the state to provide an independent check of the cost and value of automating the welfare system. For the past 90 days, the FLORIDA system has experienced its best performance. Food stamps and checks have been issued accurately and with little delay, HRS said. Still, HRS has already spent \$108 million on the project and must pay more to consultants working to fix the system. The figure also does not include \$48 million in unpaid bills EDS is trying to recoup in a lawsuit or the \$12.7 million HRS owes EDS for the latest computer installed on the project.

It may be years before the system known as Florida On-Line Recipient Integrated Data Access, or FLORIDA, will save money because of the added cost of poorly trained workers, poor computer performance and mismanagement of the project, according to the report done by Price Waterhouse. HRS officials said the report's findings don't represent the computer system's present performance. "I think our current situation is light years different than when this report was done," said Lucy Hedi, HRS deputy secretary for management systems, which oversees all of the agency's computer projects. The study was completed in July, but HRS released it last week at the request of The Palm

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Jammin' Christmas

The Flaming Bananas performed their act at the West Sanford Boys and Girls Club during the organization's Christmas party. Members sang, danced and entertained each other throughout the celebration which included gifts and goodies.

Cubans denounce aerial rescue as dangerous

MEXICO CITY — Cuba's official press denounced a Cuban doctor's rescue of his family as a Hollywood stunt and said it jeopardized future civilian flights near the Communist island. "He did not hesitate to risk the lives of revolutionaries to create the juicy image of a Hollywood star," said the weekly newspaper Juventud Rebelde in an editorial Sunday. The editorial carried here by the government news agency,

Proceso Latina, was the first official reaction to the Dec. 19 rescue. Orestes Lorenzo Perez, a former major in the Cuban Air Force, defected in 1961 by flying his MIG-23 fighter to the United States. In his latest feat, he swooped into his homeland in a borrowed Cessna, picked up his wife and two sons on a coastal road and flew them to the United States. Juventud Rebelde said Cuban air defenses will now be less likely to be tolerant of small private planes, such as the one

Lorenzo used. "If the approach of a light plane is capable of provoking an emotional response from Cuban authorities and they give orders to open fire against any plane that penetrates national territory, traffic in the region would become extremely dangerous," it said. The report referred to planes that unintentionally stray over Cuba, which is along the route from Florida to the Caribbean islands. "The crew of this airplane could have been an innocent and

off-course tourist, a top executive of a U.S. company or an airplane in trouble," the newspaper said. Juventud Rebelde criticized the United States for giving Lorenzo a hero's welcome. President Bush welcomed Lorenzo and his family at the White House on Tuesday, and U.S. movie producers have already been bidding for rights to his story. The newspaper accused the outgoing Bush administration of assisting Lorenzo on his mission.

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Florida Lottery.
Lotto 1-8-23-34-39-40
Cash 3 0-9-9
Play 4 8-4-7-7

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THE WEATHER

Today: Patchy early morning fog then partly cloudy. High 75 to 80. Wind northeast 10 mph.
Tonight and Tuesday: Partly cloudy with areas of dense late night and early morning fog. Low in the 60s to upper 50s. High in the upper 70s. Wind northeast 5 to 10 mph tonight and 10 to 15 mph Tuesday.
New Year's Day: Partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the upper 70s.
Extended forecast: A stationary front across central Florida will slowly dissipate as high pressure centered over the northeastern U.S. ridges over the state resulting in drier air and slightly cooler temperatures.

Weather forecast table with icons for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Monday: Partly cloudy 75-80; Tuesday: Partly cloudy 75-80; Wednesday: Partly cloudy 65-80; Thursday: Partly cloudy 65-80; Friday: Partly cloudy 75-85.

Solar table: Min. 9:05 a.m., 9:39 p.m.; Max. 2:55 a.m., 3:15 p.m.; Sunrise 7:05 a.m.; Sunset 5:05 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach high, 11:19 a.m.; low, 5:08 a.m.; 5:44 p.m.; Cocoa Beach high, 11:34 a.m.; low, 5:59 p.m.

Beaches: Waves are 3-5 feet and real choppy. Current is strong to the south with a water temperature of 65 degrees. New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 3-4 feet and semi choppy. Current is to the south, with a water temperature of 64 degrees.

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet: Small craft advisory is in effect. Tonight and Tuesday: Wind northeast 15 knots, Sea 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

The high temperature in Sanford Sunday was 73 degrees and the overnight low was 64 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue. Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Monday, totaled .10 of an inch. The temperature at 10 a.m. today was 57 degrees and Monday's early morning low was 55, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.

- Other Weather Service data:
□ Sunday's high.....73
□ Barometric pressure...29.99
□ Relative humidity...100 pct
□ Winds.....North 7 mph
□ Rainfall......06 of an in.
□ Today's sunset.....5:57 p.m.
□ Tomorrow's sunrise.....7:17

Temperature table: Lists temperatures for various cities including Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York City, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, and Washington, D.C.

Lake Mary

IN BRIEF

Elders Affairs Commission sets meeting

The City of Lake Mary Elders Affairs Commission will be holding its monthly meeting at 100 W. Lake Mary Blvd., City Hall Chambers, on Jan. 7 at 10 a.m.

The special guest speaker will be Pam Sanders from Hospice of Central Florida.

Hospice of Central Florida is one of the oldest and most experienced hospice in Florida. The organization is known most of all for the caring professionals and volunteers, bringing hope and comfort into the homes of those facing life-limiting illness.

The Elders Affairs Commission welcomes the general public to all its meetings. We would like to invite all interested parties who wish to interact with the commission and our guest speaker.

Camera club monthly meetings

The Seminole Lake Mary Camera Club meets the second Wednesday every month in Old Lake Mary City Hall, 158 N. Country Club Rd. at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Grace at 321-4723 or Sel at 323-8691.

Club takes the lead

L.E.A.D.S. to Success, a newly formed club to share business connections, will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Pebble Creek Apartments clubhouse, 780 Creekwater Terrace, Lake Mary. One of the focal points of the meeting is to exchange business cards. Only one member of a particular type of business or profession is allowed to join.

For more information, contact Marcia Kurtze 646-0609.

Rotary meets early

Rotary Club of Lake Mary meets Thursday mornings, 8 to 9 a.m. at the Timacuan Country Club, on Rinehart Road. Contact Paul Osborne, president, at 321-4764.

Lake Mary Optimists meet weekly

The Optimist Club of Lake Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at 109 E. Crystal Lake Ave. (corner of Crystal Lake and Country Club Road). Visitors are welcome.

Woman's Club to meet

Lake Mary Woman's Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Contact Sheila Sawyer at 321-7947.

Historical Commission gathers

The Lake Mary Historical Commission meets Mondays at Old City Hall. Contact Mary Wolff at 321-5666 for more information.

Clogging group to have classes

Dixieland Cloggers hold classes from 7-8 p.m. each Monday at the old Lake Mary fire station, First Street and Wilbur Avenue.

Weight Watchers meet on Thursdays

A local chapter of Weight Watchers meets at the Lake Mary Community Building every Thursday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Youth Center open on Friday nights

Every Friday night, the Lake Mary Community Building is transformed in a Youth Center from 7-11 p.m. Area youth are welcome to participate in the fun.

Sunbelt Daylily Club to meet

Sunbelt Daylily Club meets the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. through April at the Old City Hall, Highway 15A near Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary.

The club educates members on daylily growing through slide shows, guest speakers and trips to daylily gardens. A May flower show and plant sale is planned. There are no club dues. Call 886-3196 for more information.

Let us know what's going on

The Sanford Herald welcomes announcements about social activities and club news for publication in the Lake Mary pages each Monday. There is no charge.

1. All items should be typed or written legibly and include the name of a person who can be contacted and a daytime phone number.

2. The deadline is 11 a.m. Thursday before publication.

Arnettes treat friends to holiday tour

An occasion to remember and talk about for ages was the holiday celebration provided by one of Heathrow's most charming couples, Shannon and Glenn Arnette.

The invitation was incredibly unusual. The front read "Join the Arnettes for a Christmas Holiday - Reservations a must! See reverse side for details."

The front was surely in line with most invitations, but the reverse side is what was so unusual and creative. It said "Journey into Christmas with selected friends as the Arnettes offer a tour to remember, spiced with the holiday flair! A special chartered party bus has been ordered to deliver you, our guests, to points of interest."

Actually there were two busses and there were three boarding areas starting at Bay Hill and then moving up to Winter Park and on to the Shoppes of Heathrow.

From beginning to end, the Arnettes entertained the two bus loads with cocktails, gooey snack bags and musical videos.

The first stop was in St. Augustine where we boarded a coach train and had caroling along the historical streets of old St. Augustine. Then, as it was quite chilly and all were certainly feeling Christmasy, all were provided with an afternoon toast, Key West style, at the famous Conch House.

The group then boarded the busses and were transported to a Christmas Wonderland, for dinner and entertainment at the Four Seasons in Flagler Beach, owned by the Arnettes.

Guests were returned "exhausted" to their starting destinations by midnight.

'Bride Brats' exchange gifts

The South Seminole 4-H Club, known as the "Bride Brats" held its holiday party and gift exchange at the Springdale Farm in Longwood, where the club meets.

Each member of the club chose a name out of a hat at the last meeting and were to buy a gift for the person and vice versa. Parents were invited to the celebration which included barbecued hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and covered dishes brought by parents, members and the Canady family who own and manage the farm.

A holiday treat

The Heathrow Women's Club held its business meeting and holiday luncheon meeting at the Heathrow Country Club recently.

They began their program with a candlelight installation of new members. Each held a candle and lit it as the club president, Peggy Pyle, installed them. They were each presented with a rose with baby's breath.

The invited guest was Marly Grigsby from the Hacienda Girls Ranch in Melbourne. Grigsby was there to take back to the girls, age 6 to 18, all the wonderful gifts the members of the club purchased for the residents, whose names were chosen during the last meeting. Members were provided with the girl's name, size, age, desires, favorite color and could choose to buy an entire outfit or a toy or whatever they wanted to do. Hacienda Girls Ranch was also



LAKE MARY HEATHROW
SARABECA ROSIER



Herald Photo by Sarabecca Rosier

Shannon and Glenn Arnette welcome their guests to the party bus.



Herald Photo by Sarabecca Rosier

Lake Mary High School Choir madrigals presented a renaissance Christmas.

New board members selected

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary City Commission recently re-appointed or selected new members for a number of boards that provide various services to the commission and city.

All of the boards have a number of persons with terms expiring at the end of this year.

Appointments and re-appointments are as follows:

●Business Advisory Board - 1-year term. Linda Teeter, Fran Sledzinski and Terry Duffy, re-appointed. Christopher Curtin appointed to fill the term held by Craig Spearman. Also to be included on the board are De-

nnis Courson, Pat Calloway and Bill Harkins, who were nominated by the Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce.

●Planning & Zoning Board - 3-year terms. Bob Foley, re-appointed. James Castello, Jr., replacing Bill Greene. Craig Spearman named to fill the one year left in the term of Lowry Rockett, who resigned with his election as Mayor of Lake Mary.

●Board of Adjustment - 3-year terms. John Hauck and Mary Wolff, both re-elected.

●Elderly Affairs Commission - 3-year terms. John F. Baumbach and Rev. A.F. Stevens, re-elected. Carolyn Yates to replace Cindy Brown.

●Historical Commission - 3-year terms. Re-elected were Ette Jane Keogh, Mary Jane Duryea, Barbara Gorman, Harriett Boyd, Bettye Dedman and Shari Brodie. One position, held by Pat Neff, who had one year remaining in her term, was not immediately filled.

●Local Planning Agency - 3-year terms. Rev. Paul Hoyer and Ty Dedman, re-appointed. Sheila Sawyer named to replace Stephen Tanzer. Richard

Schultz named to fill the remaining one year term of Gary Brender, who has been elected Lake Mary City Commissioner.

●Parks and Recreation - 3-year terms. Ed Suggs, Jetta Woodall and Kathy Gehr, re-appointed.

The board appointments approved by the City Commission were for expired terms only. Most of the boards have additional members.



Garden of the Month

The property of Mr. and Mrs. James (Olivia) Cambless, 174 W. Third St., Lake Mary, was chosen as the Yard of the Month by the Lake Mary Garden Club.



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The students of the choir researched and helped make their costumes.

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People

IN BRIEF

Al-Anon group gathers

Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. Call Flora at 349-5576 for more information.

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Sanford

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the House of Goodwill, 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

Help for gamblers offered

Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon for family and friends, meet separately Monday and Friday (non-smokers) at 7:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 331 Lake Ave., Maitland. For more information, call 238-9206.

Cancer support group meets

Support, Hope and Recovery, S.H.A.R., meets every Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Central Florida Regional Hospital in the far corner of the dining room. This is a self help support group for all cancer survivors, whether in treatment now or finished with it. Call 324-8737 or 322-7785 for more information.

Help for child support enforcement

Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, ACES, will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Seminole County Library, Casselberry branch, S.R. 436 and Oxford Road. Meetings are free. Call 263-5838 for more information.

Toastmasters meet at SCC

Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #6581 will meet every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Seminole Community College. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-8284 for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Casselberry meets

Kiwanis Club of Casselberry meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., at Village Inn, corner Dog Track Road and US Highway 17-92 in Longwood. For information, call 831-8545.

Weekly Lions Club meeting

The Sanford Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion on South Sanford Avenue. For information, call 321-0700.

5 4-H members attend roundup in Louisville

Five Seminole County 4-H members represented Florida at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in November in Louisville, Ky. The Roundup which is part of the North American International Livestock Exposition, provides youth enrolled in 4-H projects the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a national competitive setting. The event includes Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Public Speaking, individual and team demonstrations, and Hippology contests.

Representing Florida at the National Horse Bowl contest were: Jill Huff, Winter Springs; Kim and Carrie Nugent, Alta-

monte Springs; Kelli Philpot, Winter Park and Jennifer Spencer, Sorrento. The team was coached by Debbie Biechle, a former Seminole County 4-H'er who is a student at Barry College in Georgia.

The Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup is a joint effort of the North American International Livestock Exposition, State Cooperative Extension Service, USDA and National 4-H Council, a not-for-profit educational organization that uses private resources to help expand and strengthen the 4-H program. All programs are offered without regard to race, handicap, color, or national origin.

Pruning sensitive plants

Don't be too hasty to prune out cold-damaged areas

Hibiscus, allamanda, poinsettia, citrus, ixora and thryallis are a few examples of cold sensitive plants. If these sensitive plants are damaged by freezing temperatures this winter, don't be too hasty to prune out the dead areas. The degree of cold damage in many instances cannot be determined until growth begins in spring.

By pruning before all danger of frost has past you may remove wood that could give protection from future freezes. The dead leaves and stems can afford some protection to the undamaged parts of the plant. If pruned, later freezes may do more damage than what would have been done if the dead parts were left on the plant. If you do prune now, cover the plant during freezing weather to protect it. Even if the entire top of the plant is killed back by a freeze, it may send up new shoots next spring. Wait until warm weather arrives after the plant has an opportunity for regrowth before giving-up totally.

Frozen banana stalks and bird of paradise stems may be removed as soon as you can determine how much is dead. Banana stalks become brown and soft when frozen. New shoots will appear from the ground next spring. With the bird of paradise there is no true stem, only leaf stalks. These will turn brown soon after freezing. You may remove them or leave them on to protect the root system until spring. It is very doubtful that a bird of paradise that was killed back to the



GARDENING

TRICIA THOMAS

ground will flower next spring or summer. Following a freeze, it generally takes from 12 to 15 months for the plants to flower again.

Freeze damage to citrus is not easy to determine since damage to the trunk may not show up for several months. Citrus trees should be pruned as soon as possible after the extent of the damage is determined. As a rule of thumb, you will know where the damage has occurred after the second flush of growth following the freeze. Branches that fail to produce new growth should be removed.

It often takes this long for freeze damage to the trunk to show up in the growth of the plant. In citrus, it is possible to have limited damage to the foliage and severe damage to the trunk. Remember, too, that most citrus is grafted and if the tree is killed back below the graft union, the new shoots will need to

be grafted again or else you will only get small, poor quality fruit from the rootstock. In other words, if your citrus is killed back to the ground it will probably not produce the kind of fruit that it used to produce.

Freeze damage to azaleas usually affects the flower buds and stems. If the flower buds are damaged the plant will usually produce little or no flowers. Stem damage appears as dieback or death of branches in late spring or early summer. Dead azalea branches should be pruned out as they occur.

Camellia damage is probably confined to flower buds and leaf burn. Cold damaged flower buds will either drop from the plant or only partially open with a brown center. Leaf damage on camellias will not be long lasting. As new leaves come out in the spring, the old damaged ones will drop from the plant.

The best protection against extensive cold damage is to keep plants as healthy as possible and provide as much protection as you can during cold weather. From a landscape standpoint it is better to mix the hardy and tropical or tender plants so that the loss of a few tropical ones will not destroy the effect of the entire landscape when losses occur. If you are interested in planting only hardy plants in your landscaping, there are selection guides available at the Agriculture Center to help you choose the best plant for your location.



Grandmotherly love

Grandmother's Club entertained juveniles in the Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center at a Christmas party. According to Mary Smith, club president, "Our purpose is to prove to them as grandmothers we love them." Shown with Smith (right) in photo are club members Edythe Wright (left) and Allen Gibson.

Herald Photo by Richard Hopkins

Chicks' and chickens' anatomy different

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle an argument I recently had with a friend.

We were in a chicken restaurant discussing chicken anatomy after I had ordered a breast of chicken and was served half of a chicken breast. Abby, does a chicken have a singular breast or two breasts? So far, we have consulted vets, science teachers and butchers in several grocery stores; nobody seems to know. I say a chicken has only one breast, not two — only two halves. I would appreciate any help you can give me on this one.

DICK IN DENVER



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR DICK: Over the years, I have dealt with problems involving "chicks," hen-pecked husbands, dumb clucks, and all manner of "fowl" play; however, at the risk of laying an egg, I'll try to answer your question.

Unlike humans, chickens do not have two breasts. In the chest area, they have one "breast," which is divided by bone and cartilage.

DEAR ABBY: Please remind nurses and other health care professionals that a person's weight is a personal and private matter.

The scales in my doctor's office are right beside the receptionist's desk, and only a few steps from the waiting room. The nurse who weighed me on my last visit saw fit to announce my weight loudly enough for my husband as well as the other eight people in the waiting room to hear.

Abby, I am not ashamed of my weight, but it doesn't have to be a matter of public record. Incidentally, the nurse who blurted out my weight was plenty large enough to assure me that she would not care to have her weight announced.

Later, in the privacy of the examination room, this same nurse was struck mute when I asked her what my blood pressure was. I guess that information would require a security clearance from the government, but a patient's weight can be shouted to the multitudes.

This may seem like a small matter compared to some of the problems you hear about, but in this weight-conscious, eating-disordered society it would seem that a little sensitivity would be in order.

I thought I was the only person who felt this way, until others — men as well as women — began voicing the same sentiments. Abby, people don't need another reason to avoid going to their doctors, and this practice of weighing in and loudly announcing the results is one of the reasons people dread this checkup. I finally told that nurse, "Write it down and show it to the f! aak!"

KEEP IT PRIVATE, MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR KEEP IT PRIVATE: I'll bet this letter will be tacked up on a few bulletin boards. Thanks for writing.

DEAR ABBY: On Nov. 3, 1992, Hugh Friedman of Palm Springs, Calif., said that Milton Saylor, also of Palm Springs, donated 18 gallons of blood to top David Rubin, of Staten Island, N.Y., who had just received his One Gallon Club pin. Ms. Carole Steiert, United Blood Services employee in Scottsdale, told me that Cliff

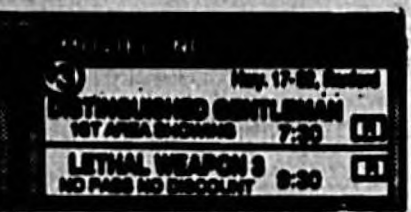
Eaton of Prescott, Ariz., has donated 33 gallons of blood.

Abby, our former senator, Barry Goldwater may have donated more than 33 gallons, but his name is no longer in the United Blood Services computer because he hasn't donated for a few years.

Please try to find out who holds the record for blood donations. It might help to recruit new donors. We need them.

JAY GASKING IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR JAY: Great idea! I just heard from Bruce Dutton of St. Petersburg, Fla., saying that Wallace D. Edgington has donated 34 gallons and 2 pints of blood — and he's still donating. Can anyone top that?



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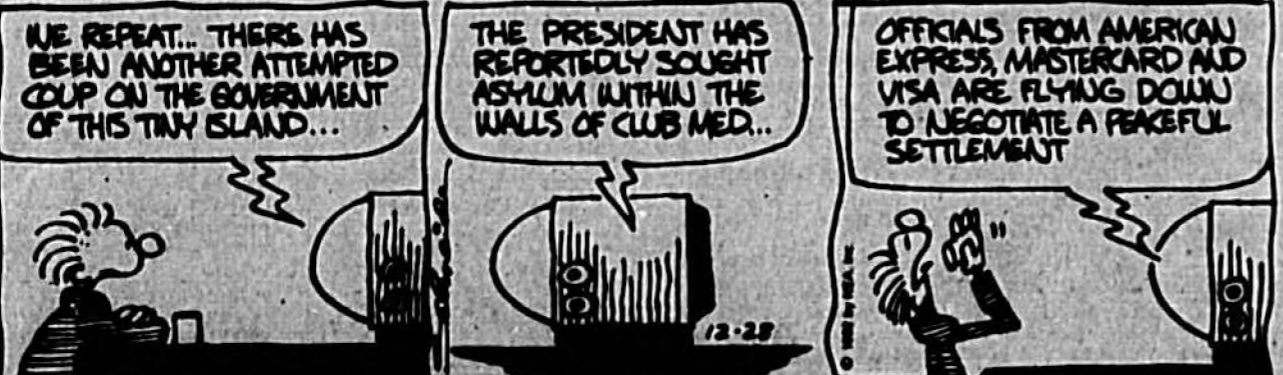
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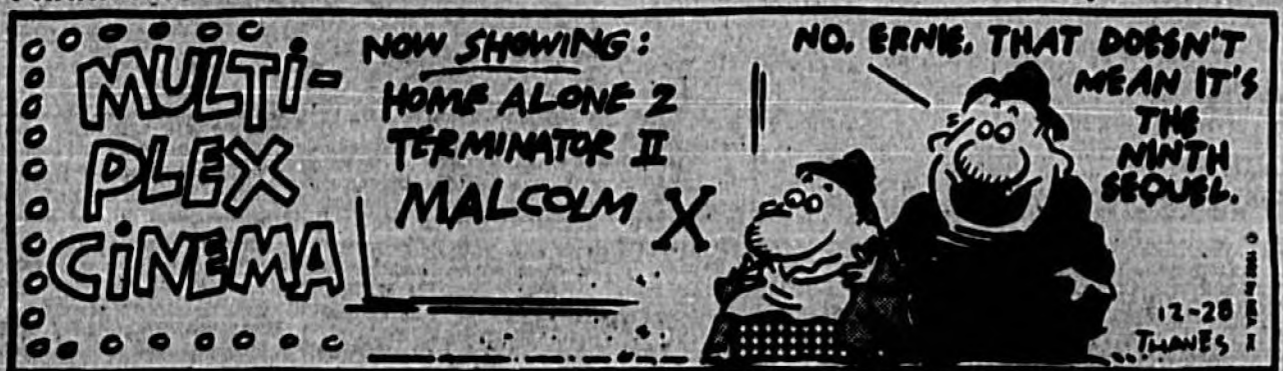
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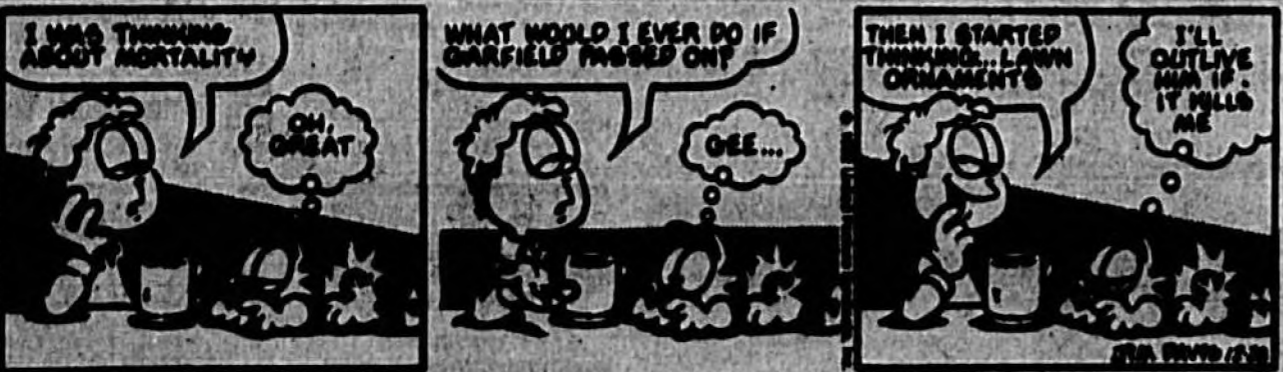
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Medication reactions not allergies at all



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm allergic to all types of sinus, pain and antibiotic medication. My doctor recommended an allergist who, in turn, told me there are no tests for allergic reactions to medications. My main fear is entering a hospital in an emergency situation and being given antibiotics that will have an adverse reaction.

DEAR READER: Medications should not be confused with (non-allergic) reactions to them. You may be merely sensitive to certain drugs, not allergic.

Because there are no reliable tests to document your "allergies," I suggest that you make a list of the medications to which you adversely react and carry it with you. In the unlikely event that you require emergency antibiotics and are unable to participate in the decision about which one, the list could save your life.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been having severe mid-thigh bone pain for over a year. After enduring and undergoing a lot of tests, my orthopedic specialist diagnosed the problem as a possible stress fracture. He's now considering Paget's disease. What is this and how is it treated?

DEAR READER: Paget's disease of bone causes excessive bone turnover. Thus, patients have patchy areas of bone loss with surrounding areas of new bone formation. Unfortunately, this new bone is structurally weaker than normal, so patients with Paget's disease often suffer spontaneous (non-traumatic) fractures of weight-bearing bones.

The diagnosis is established by the typical X-ray appearance ("moth-eaten" bones), in conjunction with an elevated level of the bone enzyme alkaline phosphatase. The diagnosis may be confirmed by biopsy or by a bone scan.

There are amazing new devel-

opments in the treatment of this disorder. Calcitonin, etidronate and other drugs show great promise in retarding the abnormal bone turnover; they cause the defective bone tissue to calcify, thereby restoring its normal strength. (This is one reason that these drugs are now being used to treat osteoporosis, a bone disease marked by loss of calcium.)

It sounds to me as though your

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By Bernice Bode Ouel YOUR BIRTHDAY Dec. 28, 1992

Either by choice or circumstance you may undergo a change of attitude in the year ahead. Your altered personality will make you stronger and more positive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are very perceptive today and it shouldn't be too difficult for you to know when someone is not telling the truth. However, you would be wise to keep your perceptions to yourself. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might be a bit more generous than usual in your business dealings. This could be either good or bad, depending upon how far you go in your giving ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Situations you personally manage or direct could have better chances for success today than those where you are under the direction of another. Do your own thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Don't let something that occurred in the recent past cause you to prejudge what is developing today and make you resentful. The two events are unrelated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Seek companions today who match you in generosity and sharing. If you make poor selections, you might end up a giver surrounded by takers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you may secretly think that your way of doing things today is better than your contemporaries' methods, for harmony's sake, let everyone have some sort of input.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be one of those days where you might create problems for yourself in areas where there are no reasons for problems to exist. Don't rock the boat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be helpful to friends today, but try not to become too immersed in their problems. Getting in too far could cause a loss of objectivity,

and your ability to help could decrease.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you may do certain things that are worthy of praise and acknowledgment. However, you won't look good if you blow your own horn. Let the accolades come from others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone whose help you might want today could back off if he or she feels you're asking assistance in something you can do for yourself. When requesting assistance, be sure it's out of dire necessity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be upset or jealous today if someone you like gets more attention from others than you do. Everything moves in cycles and shortly it will be your turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Domestic conditions in general look rather pleasant today, provided you don't rehash an old issue that recently disrupted the family.

By Phillip Alder

These days you can get a calendar featuring just about anything: cat photos, curmudgeon quotes, jokes, sports trivia; the list is almost endless. Now you can even buy a calendar containing bridge deals. It is called "The 1993 Tops and Bottoms Wall Calendar" (\$12.95, Granovetter Books, 218-371-5849). The 12 deals, taken from the book "Tops and Bottoms," are a mixture of technical and humorous. My favorite is in today's diagram.

You are in six hearts. West leads the spade seven; six, jack, ace. How do you continue?

South was Henri Szwarc, a great French player who won the World Team Olympiad in 1980 and the European Championship three times.

After winning with the spade

ace, Szwarc drew trumps in three rounds. Then he cashed the diamond king. When East discarded, the hand had counted out. Taking East's pre-emptive opening bid into account, declarer knew West had started with 1-2-7-3 distribution and East with 7-3-0-3. It looked as though Szwarc had to guess which opponent was holding the club queen. If it was West, Szwarc could take the finesse. If it was East, he could be strip-squeezed in the black suits.

Yet Szwarc found a play that avoided the guess. He led a club to dummy's king and cashed the club ace, discarding his diamond ace. Next, he ruffed a club, which brought down the queen. Finally, declarer led his last diamond toward dummy's jack. West had to let Szwarc to cash a couple of clubs and discard his spade losers.

Bridge hand diagram showing North and South hands, vulnerable status, dealer, and opening lead.

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