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Blood drive at Flea World

SANFORD — The Central Florida Bloodmobile will make its first stop of the new year at Flea World and Fun World on Sunday, Jan. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The drive is co-sponsored by the Seminole County Harley owners group and the Seminole chapter of ABATE.

Fun World will donate a free game of miniature golf on the newly-remodeled Dodge City course for each blood donor who gives during this special drive.

A fantasy come true

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Lottery Department on Thursday released the following information on payoffs in its "Fantasy 5" game.

The game produced one first-prize winner on Wednesday night and the winning ticket sold in Opa-locka is worth \$778,603.

In addition to the first-place winner, 541 people won \$409 for picking 4-of-5, and 19,286 people won \$5.50 for picking 3-of-5.

The winning numbers for Wednesday night were 02-13-25-33-35.

Odor in the court

KEY WEST — Live and dead rats, as well as bugs, mold and mildew have combined to chase a long-suffering judge out of his chambers and into a temporary trailer.

"The rats were falling through the ceiling, falling on the clerk's desk," County Judge Wayne Miller said. "It was pretty disgusting."

There's always been dripping water and terrible air circulation there, making Miller sick, he said. He said he has been constantly ill, and is now taking medicine.

Conditions in the courtroom are horrendous, conceded court administrator Theresa Westerfield.

"Rats in the walls, and bugs. Mold, fungus and mildew — mildew growing on the law books," she said.

County workers even left poison, "causing rats to die in places you couldn't get to. Which then caused decomposition," said Westerfield.

The problems come from the dilapidated Monroe County Jail above the courtroom.

"The worst part of the jail is right over the judge," said county's public works director Dent Pierce. "The prisoners get upset and stuff their jump suits down the toilets and keep flushing the toilets. The water flows down and into the judge's office."

The county cleaned out the air conditioning system and air ducts and replaced the ceiling tiles. The old tiles were heavy. The new ones are slimy, which turned out to be much easier for the rodents to chew through — dropping them down into the rooms below.

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Thick fog, clouds



Mostly cloudy with patchy fog during the morning then partly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers. High in the mid to upper 70s. Wind northeast 10 mph.

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New year, new laws

Local convenience store clerk ordinances change

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A state law calling for two clerks in convenience stores late at night goes into effect today, forcing a change in ordinances already established in Sanford and Lake Mary.

"Our ordinance requires two clerks between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.," said Sanford City Manager Bill Simmons. "The state law gives the hours of 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., so that will have to be the law we follow." He added, "The state has the jurisdiction over our ordinance."

There has been a 60 percent reduction in crimes at convenience stores within the city limits since this ordinance went into effect.

—Former Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett

Lake Mary City Clerk Carol Edwards said her city's two clerk ordinance for convenience stores

is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

"We have had this ordinance since Dec. 1989," said outgoing Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett yesterday. "We have conducted an extensive three year analysis of the results and I can report there has been a 60 percent reduction in crimes at convenience stores within the city limits since this ordinance went into effect."

Harriett added, "Of course the two clerks are just one requirement Sanford had. Their ordinance also involved parking lot and building lighting requirements, the placement of security

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Father Time and Baby New Year



Herald Photo by Richard Hopkins

Joe DiLorenzo, 64, a resident of Lakeview Nursing Center in Sanford, and Danzel LaRon Richardson, 2 months, of Sanford ring out 1992 and ring in 1993 together at Lakeview on New Year's Eve.

Cops seek leads in bar shooting

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

MIDWAY — Seminole County sheriff's investigators were seeking leads Thursday into a shooting at Whiskey River Bar Wednesday afternoon. No one was wounded during the shooting but a store clerk received a minor cut from flying glass, said sheriff's spokesman George Prochel.

The shooting began at about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday after four men entered the package store of the bar, 3730 State Road 46. The store clerk, a 40-year-old Sanford woman, re-

ported the four men started shouting so she ordered them to leave. The men became abusive with her as they left, she reported.

A store patron, a 33-year-old Sanford man, told deputies he thought the men were assaulting the clerk, so he pursued them and knocked the last man to leave to the ground.

The four men returned to a car outside, but the man who had been tackled returned with a handgun and fired four shots into the store.

Prochel said the patron obtained a tag number, but apparently got the numbers wrong.

City supports drug free zone expansion

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The City of Sanford has agreed to support state-wide improvements in drug free zone areas. The drug free distance around schools would be expanded from 200 to 1,000 feet.

City Commissioner A.A. McClanahan is a member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, which had submitted a written request for support. The committee also gave the city a copy of a suggested resolution previously approved by the City of Boynton Beach.

"This is a request for the city to draft a resolution urging the legislature to create a state-wide ordinance making these changes," McClanahan said.

Police Chief Steve Harriett explained the use of the zones. "Persons caught with drugs in such zones would have charges increased

to a stronger degree felony," he said. "This would result in a higher prison sentence on a conviction."

In his written comments regarding the request, Harriett stressed, "What really is needed is truth in sentencing." He added, "When a drug dealer is arrested and convicted, they should be sentenced to a meaningful period and not released early or not incarcerated at all due to problems with sentencing guidelines."

During commission workshop discussion, Harriett also suggested the addition of the drug free zones around schools, churches and city facilities.

"For that matter," he said, "they (the State) should declare Florida as a drug free state and implement some measures that will address the revolving jail door syndrome."

On a consensus vote, the commission instructed City Manager Bill Simmons to have a resolution

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1992: Year of change, major projects for cities

Lake Mary roads, tortoises, parks, sports complex

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

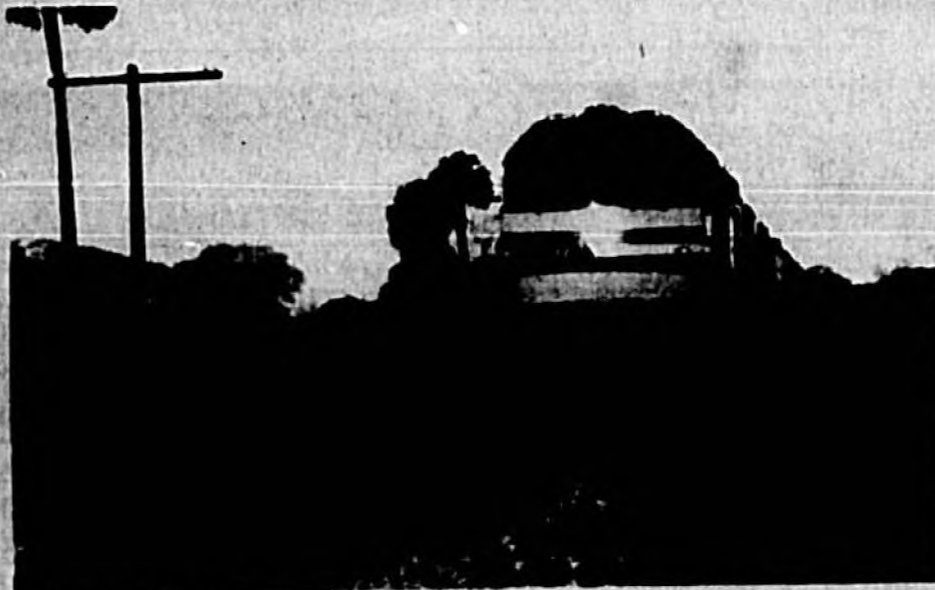
LAKE MARY — Much of 1992 was spent dodging construction hazards in Lake Mary. As the year began, motorists were faced with bulldozers and construction crews widening Lake Mary Boulevard from Country Club Road to Markham Woods Road.

As the year ended, there was no construction, but vehicles were dodging hazards caused by raised manholes, uneven pavement, and dirt piles near entrance driveways.

Although it was often the subject of discussion, the widening project has been under control of Seminole County, rather than Lake Mary. The city's portion of the project included the undergrounding of power lines along the construction route. Most of that work was completed during 1992.

An additional construction hazard that had an effect on Lake Mary during 1992 came in the form of gopher tortoises. Land clearing work on the multi million dollar Lake Mary sports complex off Rantoul Lane was underway. When a large group of the gopher tortoises were discovered on the property, all

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Sanford officials met with Amtrak officials to discuss Autotrain.

Sanford: Renovation, mall, movies, trains and planes

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A great deal of hope for future growth and prosperity was born in Sanford during 1992. Plans for the Seminole Towne Center Mall, downtown development, historical area restoration and growth at the airport all took root.

While problems continued to

emerge, some were quickly averted.

Prompt action resulted in mid-year when plans were revealed concerning the possible move of Autotrain out of Sanford. Mayor Bettye Smith, City Manager Bill Simmons, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dave Farr and others went to Washington, D.C., to meet with Amtrak/Autotrain officials. Before the talks concluded,

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Longwood: Cop consolidation, image, flooding

By GEORGE DUNCAN
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — The wild and rambunctious nature of Longwood and Longwood politics did not get any tamer in 1992 and the disputes may well continue into 1993.

Several candidates in their campaign for the city commission in 1992 noted the nickname of the city as "Wrongwood" and said they would attempt to change the reputation of the city.

However, as the year ended, the city was still embroiled in verbal fights. An exchange during a December commission meeting between Commissioner Steve Miller and City Administrator Jim McFellin was an indication that the heated politics had not yet cooled down in the city.

A referendum during the year may have ended the argument about the police consolidation issue...for a while.

Backers, including Commissioner Paul Lovestrand, wanted to consolidate the Longwood police department with the Seminole County Sheriff's department. Supporters said the move would save money without any loss of police protection.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Woman says shotgun held to head

Uleacy ONeal, 27, 2071 W. 18th St., Sanford, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault and possession of a short-barreled shotgun by Sanford police early Thursday morning. A woman told police during an argument with ONeal, he held a shotgun to her head and threatened to shoot her.

Drug charges filed

Marie Small, 35, 2584 S. Elm Ave., Sanford, and Ronnie Vallbona, 28, 800 S. Oak Ave., Apt. 18, Sanford, were arrested on drug-related charges at Small's residence by Sanford police following a search of the home.

Police report Small was in possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia and charged her on those counts. Police report Vallbona had a cocaine pipe stem in his pocket and charged him with paraphernalia possession.

Cocaine possession charged

Kenneth Lamar Gadsen, 18, 400 Pine Ave., Sanford, was arrested on a charge of cocaine possession by Sanford Special Investigations Unit agents conducting a street-level drug sale sting at the vicinity of Sixth Street and Cypress Avenue. Agents report seeing Gadsen holding a small piece of crack cocaine.

Traffic violation leads to arrest

David Charles Layng, 21, Mingo Trail, Longwood was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license and probation violations for a driving with a suspended license conviction.

A Seminole County deputy reported stopping Layng at about 9 p.m. Wednesday after seeing him drive through a stop sign at Jackson and North streets. The deputy reported when Layng was asked his name, he responded David Charles Lang. After confirming Layng's name with his employer, the deputy arrested Layng and subsequently charged him with obstruction of justice by disguise.

Drunken driving charged

Christopher Lynn Donaldson, 22, 171 Franklin Road, Lake Mary, was charged with drunken and careless driving by a Seminole County deputy following an accident investigation near the intersection of Palm Springs Drive and North Street at about 3:40 a.m. Wednesday.

Michael Scott Hasner, 28, 309 Sabal Palm Park Place, Longwood, was charged with drunken driving by an Altamonte Springs policeman at about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday in the parking lot of a Wekiva Springs Road shopping center.

Police stopped the car Hasner was driving after two women reported he had followed them.

Offer to perform sex act

Kimberly M. Wassmer, 24, 206 Westwood Drive, Longwood, was charged with offering to commit prostitution by Seminole County sheriff's investigators Monday.

An agent with the City County Investigative Bureau who was working undercover in the vicinity of Plumosa Avenue and Anchor Road near Casselberry reported Wassmer offered to perform a sexual act for \$15.

2 teens charged in stabbing death

By Associated Press

TAMPA — Two teen-agers have been charged in the stabbing death of a woman with cerebral palsy, and authorities searched Thursday for others who may have helped dispose of the body.

David Sheren, 16, of Tampa, and a 15-year-old girl whose identity was withheld both waived extradition and were transported Wednesday night from Indianapolis, where the couple had been staying with Sheren's relatives.

Both were being held without bond on charges of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of 18-year-old Linda Kaye Bonck, a frail woman who suffered from cerebral palsy.

She had been missing since Dec. 8 until her body was found behind a west Tampa shopping center Tuesday. The discovery came after Sheren confessed to Indianapolis police and drew them a map showing the location of the body, police said.

Hillsborough Sheriff's Capt. Gary Terry said Sheren and his girlfriend met Bonck in the neighborhood just days before the killing. An argument allegedly provoked the attack, but Terry wouldn't provide further details.

Investigators who searched Sheren's Tampa home found a bedroom splattered with blood and 65 posters that asked for information on Bonck's disappearance.

Also impounded was a white pickup truck believed to have been used in transporting

the body, and Terry said a search was on for friends who may have helped the couple.

"We believe there were other people present after the homicide," Terry said, "who may have been involved in cleaning up after the homicide and moving the body."

Bonck's parents held a news conference Wednesday morning in which they described their reaction to the murder. They didn't know then of the pending charges against the 15-year-old.

"We're talking about someone who's very cold inside," mother Linda Golden said of Sheren. "I wish that he gets tenfold of the torment that went through our minds for three weeks before they found her body."

Home alone

Couple accused of leaving kids alone released on bond

By MELANIE MADER Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — A couple who left their two young children home alone while they vacationed in Mexico were released from jail today after posting bond.

David and Sharon Schoo walked quickly out of the Kane County Corrections Center into an awaiting station wagon. Neither responded as a swarm of reporters shouted questions at them.

The couple was arrested Tuesday at O'Hare International Airport as they returned from a nine-day vacation to Acapulco. Each posted \$5,000 today on a \$50,000 bond.

Their lawyer, Gerard Kepple, said the Schoos would not return to their home but would be taken elsewhere to shield them from the extensive media coverage that the case has drawn.

Authorities say the Schoos left their 9-year-old and 4-year-old daughters to fend for themselves in a comfortable, Tudor-style home in rural St. Charles, a western Chicago suburb.

Kepple said Wednesday that when the facts are known the case would "turn out quite differently" from people's impressions of it.

David Schoo, 45, is an engineer with a local smoke-alarm manufacturing company.

System Sensor, Mrs. Schoo, 35, is a homemaker.

Each faces two counts of child abandonment and two counts of cruelty to children. Each of those counts is a felony with a minimum sentence of a year and a maximum penalty of three years, said David Clark, administrative chief for the Kane County state's attorney's office. They also each face two misdemeanor counts of child endangerment, with a maximum penalty of one year in prison.

On Dec. 21, the day after the Schoos had left, a minor household emergency prompted their 9-year-old daughter, Nicole, to call 911, tipping authorities that

she and her 4-year-old sister, Diana, were alone.

The Schoos are to appear for a preliminary hearing Jan. 5. Meantime, the children are in the care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Neighbors said the Schoos kept to themselves in the semi-rural, middle-class neighborhood of St. Charles. The yard of their split-level home contains a swimming pool, swings, child's playhouse, slide and picnic deck.

"Nobody in the neighborhood knows them very well," said Connie Stadelmann, a neighbor

who took the children in after they had called 911. "They're real reclusive and secretive and they wanted their privacy."

Nicole told reporters she was lonely and wondered what her parents were doing, but Ms. Stadelmann said Nicole didn't seem too upset that her parents were gone.

"She really didn't talk about her parents too much, just that they were in Mexico," Ms. Stadelmann said.

Ms. Stadelmann said Nicole told police that her parents left them alone for four days last summer when they went to Massachusetts. Police declined to confirm that report.

Fuel line culprit in plane crash?

By The Associated Press

MIAMI — A fuel line problem may have caused the crash of a Cuban refugee organization's plane last week that left the pilot a paraplegic, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Jorge Prellazo, regional director for the board's southeast region, said Wednesday the investigation may be concluded by next week.

There were rumors that the Brothers to the Rescue plane had crashed because it ran out of fuel.

"We don't work with rumors. We work with facts," Prellazo

said. "I don't think it ran out of gas."

The plane made a forced landing on Christmas Eve in the Everglades when pilot Jorge A. Lares Jr., experienced engine trouble.

The Cessna 310 twin-engine plane was leased by the group of volunteer pilots who fly over the Florida Straits searching for Cuban rafters.

Lares, 20, who suffered a spinal injury, was moved Wednesday out of intensive care to a regular room at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Doctors have been cautiously optimistic that Argentine native may walk again after surgery last week.

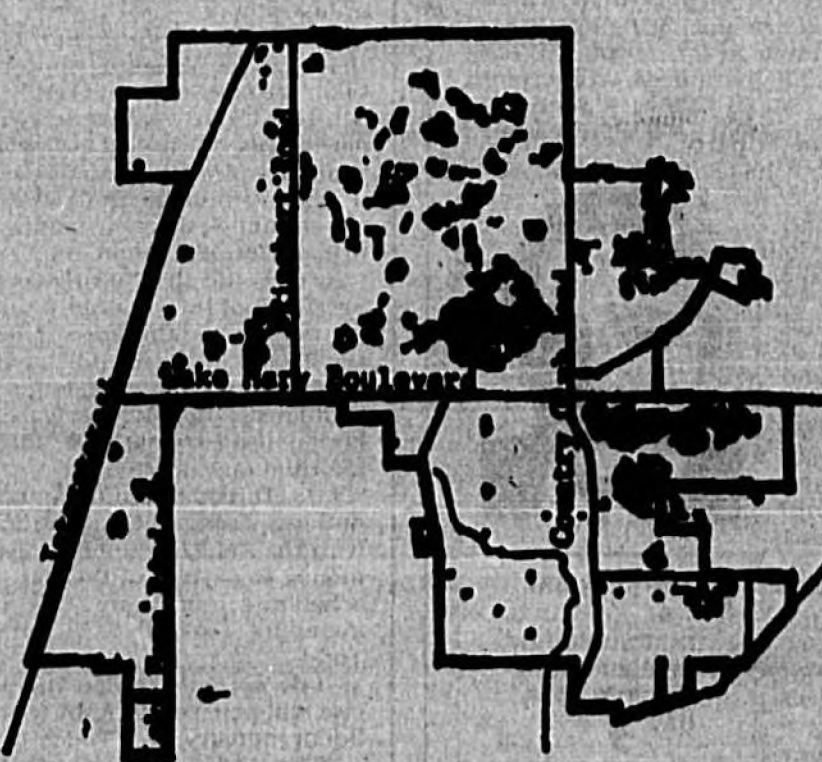


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS A CHANGE IN THE REGULATION OF LAND USE IN THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION OF LAKE MARY

The City Commission of Lake Mary, Florida will hold a public hearing to discuss the final draft of the City's Comprehensive Plan for transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs. Areas of discussion may include, but are not limited to: Transportation, Land Use, Intergovernmental Coordination, Solid Waste, Potable Water, Drainage, Groundwater Aquifer Recharge, Sanitary Sewer, Housing, Recreation and Open Space, Conservation and Capital Improvements. The policies outlined in this document will affect all property within the City of Lake Mary as shown below:



The purpose of this hearing is to approve the changes directed in the stipulated settlement agreement as approved by the Department of Community Affairs. This meeting will take place on January 7, 1983 at Lake Mary City Hall, 100 West Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary, Florida at 7:00 p.m.

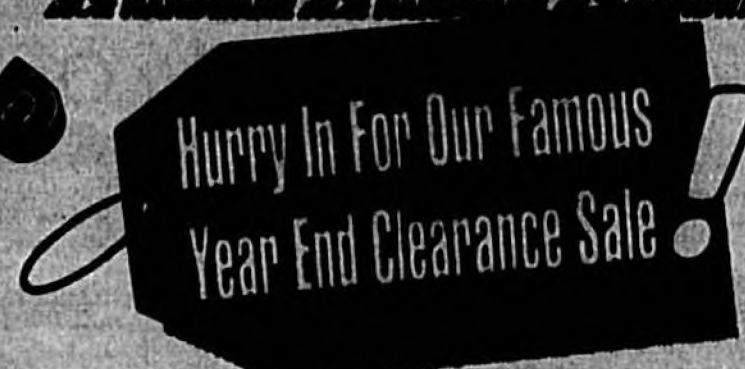
Interested parties may appear and be heard regarding issues addressed in the Comprehensive Plan and/or written comments may be filed with the City Clerk at 100 West Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary, Florida. Copies of the amendments may be viewed and inspected at City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: PERSONS ARE ADVISED THAT A TAPED RECORD OF THIS MEETING IS MADE BY THE CITY FOR ITS CONVENIENCE. THIS RECORD MAY NOT CONSTITUTE AN ADEQUATE RECORD FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPEAL FROM A DECISION MADE BY THE CITY. ANY PERSON WISHING TO ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MAINTAINED FOR APPELLATE PURPOSES IS ADVISED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AT HIS OR HER OWN EXPENSE. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (407) 324-3024.


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EDITORIALS

Some New Year's resolutions we would like to see

The various governmental bodies in northern Seminole County have not released any formal New Year's resolution lists. Therefore, we offer the following for their consideration:

...County Commission

Establish a garbage collection program that provides service and is cost-efficient. The county commission has demonstrated a lack of leadership in this issue for more than two years. It has yet to decide on a permanent program. Each time a customer yowls or a garbage company executive roars, the commission wavers.

There is a reasonable plan on the table for mandatory collection in suburban areas and voluntary service in rural areas. It won't make everyone happy. Nothing will. The plan should be given serious consideration, with action taken early this year.

...School Board

The board should resolve to rezone the district's high schools to bring Seminole High up to capacity and put it on an equal footing with the other schools in the district.

It should also resolve to start the new year with more interaction with the superintendent and staff, so that the public will have a better understanding of the impact of school-related decisions.

...City of Sanford

Entering into the final stages of negotiations for the establishment of the Seminole Towne Center Mall is a big move that requires a great deal of work. Be it resolved that each step be given serious examination before any agreements are made.

The city would also do well to continue work started in 1992 on making improvements in the historical residential district, downtown business area and along the lakefront. Consideration must be given to what is economically feasible and equitable for all.

...City of Lake Mary

There is no question. The most prominent New Year's resolution is to get the Lake Mary Boulevard widening project completed in 1993. As 1992 ends, prospects appeared good that the project might be finished on time, by June 14. Although Lake Mary is not at liberty to resume the widening, the county and bonding agency are, we urge the city to pledge to get its companion boulevard beautification program moving and completed by the time the widening work is done and traffic can return to normal.

With a new mayor, new member on the city commission, new finance director and new police chief, Lake Mary should resolve to have no more personnel problems that plagued the government in 1992.

...City of Longwood

The Longwood City Commission should resolve to have fewer conflicts and more cooperation on important resolutions and ordinances. 1993 should be a great year for the city as well as all of its residents and businesses. May the commissioners spend less time in disputes among each other or with members of the city staff.

Each of these governmental entities deal with ordinances, resolutions and policies which involve the spending of taxpayers money. They also enact measures to protect and preserve the welfare of the people.

May all of their decisions for this new year be based on logic, economy and for the good of the people who elected them to office. Yes, even for the good of those who voted against them, or did not even vote.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

CHUCK STONE

Violence is a learned sickness

When I opened my mail a few days ago, there were no letters to me from ethnic-cleansing terrorists in Bosnia-Herzegovina or bomb-throwing Nazis in Germany or baton-wielding policemen in Los Angeles and Detroit or drive-by-shooting barbarians in Washington, D.C.

Instead, one letter tied all of those together with an eerie bow of tragic coincidence. It was a six-page "Report from King William's Town to South Africa" by a former colleague, photographer Susan Winters. She had just returned from a two-week trip there.

What gave her report its eerie quality of coincidence was that on the same day I opened her letter, front-page headlines reported the massacre of four whites by blacks in a country club in King William's Town. This sylvan scene community is over 600 miles away from the violence-choked black townships that surround Johannesburg in satellite symbiosis.

But why a page-one headline when murders have become so commonplace in South Africa? The reason may be the rarity of attacks by blacks on whites.

It's the same rarity that causes a higher concern to be registered in America when members of more privileged groups are attacked

or massacred.

The world has grown accustomed to black South Africans slaughtering each other. Even black South Africans place a lower value on their own lives.

Placing lower value on the lives of disprivileged groups is not an isolated pathology. It is as widespread among Los Angeles and Detroit policemen as it is among young black terrorists in Washington, D.C., young Nazis in Germany and youthful Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But in South Africa, black teen-age terrorists have gone beyond interethnic slaughters. Many of them have embarked on a campaign to murder freedom of speech.



This should be painfully obvious, but violence does not occur in a vacuum.

Last year, while I was on a two-week trip to South Africa, a disturbing booklet, "Man Mating the Media," was published. The booklet detailed a series of reports by black South African reporters who were threatened and occasionally attacked for publishing stories that young township thugs deemed hostile to their ethnic interests.

In the last few weeks, reports from South Africa reveal a frightening equal-opportunity sickness. Three months ago, 300 youths from Nelson Mandela's African National Congress surrounded a black reporter from South Africa's largest black daily, the Sowetan, and threatened to "necklace" him (place a burning tire around his neck) because they disapproved of articles that had been published in the Sowetan.

During the same month, two white reporters, one of them a correspondent for the Washington Post, were shot by four young terrorists in Esvaton, a black township. Both reporters survived.

This should be painfully obvious, but violence does not occur in a vacuum. It is a learned sickness. When does the learning begin? That's a chicken-and-egg question.



ROBERT WAGMAN

Quandary over Yeltsin's crisis

WASHINGTON — Lights have been blazing late into the night at the State Department, the White House and international organizations all over Washington as officials — many in their final weeks in office — try to form a response to the biggest political crisis in Russia since Boris Yeltsin assumed power.

The Russian Congress of People's Deputies has just concluded a session so stormy that it was punctuated by at least one fistfight each day. The big news to come out of the session was the ouster of Acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar.

Gaidar, 36, was looked on by Washington and the international financial community as a champion of the tough financial measures needed to transform the Russian economy. He has been replaced by former vice prime minister in charge of oil and gas Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, 54, who Yeltsin called a "moderate with whom I look forward to working with."

But "moderate," in current Russian political parlance, means someone who does not want to return to Leninism. Chernomyrdin represents the broad faction within Russia that want to radically slow reform and to return to some considerable measure of state control.

A key person in the Russian economic-reform movement is Harvard economist Jeffrey Sachs, who is on-leave to act as an adviser to Yeltsin. He returned to the United States for the holidays just as Gaidar was ousted.

Sachs pulled no punches in his assessment of what had happened. Publicly, he identified Chernomyrdin as "one of the leading opponents of reform" within the Russian cabinet. He was much stronger in private, saying Gaidar's ouster means the return to power of the old Communist establishment.

Chernomyrdin, in his role as oil and gas minister, has fought against decontrolling oil and natural gas prices, an important international Monetary Fund requirement if Russia is to get massive new loans. He has also been very critical of allowing foreign currencies to be used within Russia and of the many small private shops that have sprung up.

While Gaidar's ouster has captured most of the attention, experts here are as troubled by the emergence to power of two former Communist apparatchiks — Parliament Speaker Rustan Khasbulatov and Arkady Volzky.

The latter holds no official position, but heads an organization called "Civic Union," which portrays itself as a group of centrist

reformers, but is actually the heart of the old Soviet military-industrial complex. Volzky is said to be very close to Chernomyrdin.

Even as the People's Congress was taking place, other Russian officials were making news in strange ways.

Here in Washington, the IMF was meeting to consider Russia's financial plight. On the eve of the meeting, Russia defaulted on a scheduled repayment of \$10.9 million in U.S.-guaranteed bank loans, bringing to \$40 million the amount it is in arrears on U.S. agricultural loans and guarantees. At the same time it drew down about half of a \$1 billion IMF revolving fund that had been set up earlier this year.

The IMF estimates that in 1993 Russia will need more than \$20 billion in loans or direct gifts to pay its import bills, and another \$8 billion in forgiven interest and previous loans it will default on.

IMF officials say new grants will not be forthcoming until it is clear that Russia will not go back on previously announced economic reforms. With key elements the increase in oil and gas prices coupled with a control of the money supply — all openly opposed by Chernomyrdin — the IMF is taking a wait-and-see approach.

Meanwhile, as the IMF was meeting on these critical issues to Russia's immediate financial future, the Russian representative to the body antagonized many by a spirited defense of Serbia's actions in Bosnia. This came as the IMF attempted to negotiate membership arrangements with the former parts of Yugoslavia.

As if all this was not bad enough, Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev gave a saber-rattling Cold War speech to a meeting of NATO ministers. He returned to the stunned hall within a few minutes to say it was all a kind of practical joke, but warned that the dire consequences he had predicted in the speech could happen if the West does not increase its assistance to Yeltsin.

Experts here saw the bizarre speech as a cross between a verbal blackmail letter and the liberal Kozyrev's near depression over the events of the People's Congress.



The session was punctuated by at least one fistfight each day.

JACK ANDERSON

AMA keeps some unusual company

WASHINGTON — In its crusade against tobacco, cholesterol and liquor, the American Medical Association keeps some strange bedfellows.

The same group that admonishes doctors against accepting gifts from drug companies — and owning a financial interest in laboratories where they refer patients — has a curious sponsor in its campaign to educate the public on alcoholism: the liquor industry.

While the AMA would likely be loath to take money straight from liquor manufacturers, it saw no problems with accepting funds from the Licensed Beverage Information Council, a non-profit group started 14 years ago to educate the public on alcohol-related subjects. The LBIC takes all its funding from the liquor industry.

Until several members objected to the policy at a recent meeting of the AMA board of delegates,

the AMA had accepted more than \$200,000 from the LBIC to produce a documentary called "New Frontiers: Diagnosing and Treating Alcoholism." The policy is now under review by an AMA committee.

Although the documentary won wide critical praise for its content, many doctors wondered if it's appropriate for the medical community's largest and most powerful lobby to accept money from the liquor industry.

"The LBIC is representative of an industry that has a different approach to alcohol-related issues than the AMA," says Dr. John Shale, a New Jersey physician who specializes in addiction science. Over the years, the AMA has run up against the liquor industry on issues from sales tax increases to advertising restrictions and warning labels on beer and liquor containers.

In fact, the LBIC's predecessor, the Beverage Alcohol Information Council came about in 1979 after Congress failed to agree on legislation that would have created cigarette-style warning labels for liquor and beer containers. Instead of warning labels, the liquor industry agreed to fund a public information campaign.

LBIC Director Monita Fontaine says there is nothing wrong with her group's relationship with the AMA — the LBIC also gives research money to several of the nation's top medical schools — and many AMA members agree, including Executive Vice President James Todd.

"I do not believe that the public or anyone else will believe the AMA was bought" by the liquor industry, said Todd.

"The LBIC did nothing besides write a check" to the AMA, Fontaine says. The AMA retained full editorial control over the project, with no strings attached. Fontaine also disputes claims by her critics that the LBIC is an advocacy arm of the industry. "The LBIC has never lobbied one day of its life on any issue, period," Fontaine told our associate Jan Moller.

But one person's educational seminar can sometimes be shameless advocacy to another. Critics complain that the liquor industry wins valuable credibility by simply being able to associate its name with the likes of the AMA. These critics point to a June 2 screening of the documentary on Capitol Hill sponsored by the LBIC. Every member of Congress and their staffs were invited to attend.

In advance of the screening, the LBIC sent out a press release endorsing the program "sponsored jointly" by the AMA and LBIC. The film was produced through a successful partnership between the alcohol beverage industry and the medical community. The version shown on Capitol Hill also contained a personal two-minute introduction by Fontaine explaining the film and her agency's role in it.



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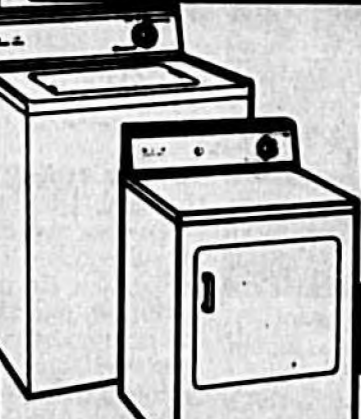
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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

JCC offering classes

MANLAND — Children's tennis and gymnastics classes will be offered beginning Sunday, January 3rd, at the Jewish Community Center of Central Florida, 854 North Manland Avenue (on the corner of Manland Avenue and Manland Interchange).

Tennis lessons will be available in Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Pre-School classes.

Gymnastic lessons will be offered for children three years of age and older. Available classes include: Pre-team Workout, Synchronized Tumbling Team, Beginner and Advanced Beginner Skill classes, and cheerleading.

Registration for these and other programs is now available. For more information, or to register, call 645-9933 extension 75.

Racquetball league planned

OVIDEO — The Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department is offering racquetball leagues for A and C level players beginning in January.

League play will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Registration will be available from Monday, December 14th through Monday, January 14th. The fee to register is \$20 for Oviedo city residents and \$25 for non-city residents.

For more information contact Cory Clarke at 339-3660.

Umpire clinic planned

SANFORD — The Sanford Umpiring Association has scheduled an umpire's clinic for the weekend of January 9th and 10th at the Downtown Youth Center, lower level of Sanford City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue.

The clinic, which will begin at 8 a.m. both days, is for anyone interested in becoming an American Softball Association certified umpire. The cost is \$20.

Prospective umpires must attend both days. Saturday's session will deal with situations and on-field training. Sunday will be used for mechanics and taking the test. Veteran umpires from throughout Central Florida will do the training.

For more information, call Duane Lafollette at 322-9026, or the Sanford Recreation Department at 330-5697 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Seminole PONY registration

FIVE POINTS — Seminole PONY Baseball will be registering players for its spring leagues on consecutive Saturdays, January 9 and 16, at the Seminole PONY complex on State Road 419.

Registration, which will be conducted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day, will be available to players between the ages of 5 and 16.

Players must be the designated age by Aug. 1, 1993. Proof of age is required if the player is new to the league.

The registration fees are, by league: Shetland (ages 5 and 6) — \$35; Pinto (7-8) — \$55; Mustang (9-10) — \$60; Bronco (11-12) — \$65; Pony (13-14) — \$75; and Colt (15-16) — \$75. An additional fundraiser commitment of \$24 will be required at the time of registration on all registering players.

For more information call 323-5570 and leave a message.

Seminole Softball registration

FIVE POINTS — Seminole Softball Club, home of the 14-and-Under National Champions, will be holding registration for the Spring girls' slowpitch season beginning Saturday, January 9, and running through Sunday, January 17.

Girls, ages 6-18, may register at the Five Points Seminole Softball Club complex on State Road 419 (between 17-92 and 434 near Winter Springs) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday's, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday's and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

League play begins on Saturday, February 6.

For more information, call 321-4985 during registration hours.



FOOTBALL Today

11 a.m. — ESPN, college, Hall of Fame Bowl: Boston College vs. Tennessee, (L)

1 p.m. — WESH 2, college, Cotton Bowl: Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, (L)

1 p.m. — WFTV 9, college, Citrus Bowl: Ohio State vs. Georgia, (L)

1:30 p.m. — WCPN 6, college, Blockbuster Bowl: Penn State vs. Stanford, (L)

4:30 p.m. — WESH 2, college, Fiesta Bowl: Syracuse vs. Colorado, (L)

4:45 p.m. — WFTV 9, college, Rose Bowl: Michigan vs. Washington, (L)

8 p.m. — WESH 2, college, Orange Bowl: Nebraska vs. Florida State, (L)

8:40 p.m. — WFTV 9, college, Sugar Bowl: Alabama vs. Miami, (L)

Saturday

12:00 p.m. — WFTV 9, NFL, NFC Playoffs: Washington Redskins at Minnesota Vikings, (L)

1 p.m. — WFTV 9, NFL, AFC Playoffs: Kansas City Chiefs at San Diego Chargers, (L)

5 p.m. — ESPN, college, Peach Bowl: North Carolina vs. Mississippi State, (L)

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County had golden '92



Reason to celebrate

Seminole County high schools won state championships in five different sports during the 1992 calendar year. Claiming state crowns were the Lyman girls' soccer team (above left), Oviedo boys' basketball squad, Lake Mary boys' tennis team, and Seminole baseball (right) and boys' track (bottom left) teams.



Individual accomplishments

While achievement in team sports generally is the result of a group effort, the efforts of individuals will stand out. During 1992, Lake Mary High School boys' soccer coach Larry McCorkle (left) notched his 300th win while Seminole High School graduate Jeff Blake (right) led East Carolina University to victory in the Peach Bowl.



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By TONY DeSORMIER
Herald Sports Editor

and then they woke up. For Seminole County sports fans 1992 was a bona fide dream year. Championships? We had 'em. Milestones? Records? Surprises? Dynasties? You name it, 1992 had it.

To begin with, Seminole County high schools collected five state championships during the last 12 months. The Lyman High School girls' soccer team, which lost all of one game during 1992, kicked things off by winning the point by winning its second consecutive Class 4A state crown.

Several weeks later, the Oviedo High School Lions stunned everyone, but themselves, by knocking off Miami Senior in the Class 4A boys' basketball state championship game.

Seminole High School won not one, but two state titles within a 24-hour period in May, laying claim to the Class 3A boys' track title on Friday and defeating Tampa team for the Class 3A state baseball crown the next afternoon.

Lake Mary High School's boys' tennis team finally put its collective hands on the state title it was expected to win the year before.

There were also a fair amount of individual accomplishments during 1992. For example, Seminole Community College basketball player Brian Nason was named the Mid-Florida conference player of the year, Florida Community College player of the year and a third team National Junior College All-American.

Seminole County athletes grabbed three of 11 individual titles at the Class 4A state wrestling meet last February. Lyman's Willie Campos won his second state championship while Lake Howell's Brandon Buckley and Oviedo's Nathan Muzzone each capped their prep careers with state titles.

Lake Mary High School boys' soccer coach Larry McCorkle celebrated the 300th win of his career, which included stints at Seminole and Bishop Moore high schools.

Speaking of dream years (which we were some eight paragraphs ago), Seminole High School graduate Jeff Blake had what many would consider a fantasy year. It began with Blake quarterbacking East Carolina University to a comeback victory over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl.

In the spring, Blake was drafted and signed by the New York Jets. He made the team in fall and saw some playing time during the regular season.

Also making the transition from highly regarded amateurs to the professional ranks were Seminole Community College's Stanley Evans and Chad Epperson, Lake Mary's Mike Merritt and Oviedo High School's Rick Werner, all of whom were selected in the baseball spring free agent draft last June.

Then there were the exploits of Jim Courier, Jason Varitek and Wendy Bruce. Courier, a former resident of Sanford, was ranked the No. 1 men's tennis player in the world, finished the year ranked No. 1 and was the top money winner on the ATP Tour.

Varitek and Bruce, both from Altamonte Springs, spent the summer in Barcelona, Spain, as members of the United States Olympic team. Varitek was the back-up catcher for the U.S. baseball team while Bruce was a member of the women's gymnastics team.

There are always comings and goings during the course of a year. Bill Payne stepped down as the men's basketball coach at Seminole Community College while Bill Scott retired as the football coach at Lyman High School.

Among the "new faces" were Larry Baker (who replaced Scott at Lyman), Bernard Merritt (taking over for Payne at SCC), Bob Trana (the new Seminole High School boys' basketball coach) and Bill Caughell (who came over from Lake Mary High School to take over the Seminole wrestling program).

What else happened in 1992? Lake Brantley's David Bush was a first-team selection to the Class 3A state football team. Lake Mary and Seminole played in the first Optimist Bowl football game. Sanford Parks and Recreation Department superintendent Mike Kirby won his second consecutive American Historic Racing Motorcyclists Association national championship. And the dream continues.



Leading the way

Every good team has a good leader. Over the last 12 months, Leon Lowman (left) earned Most Valuable Player honors at the Class 4A state basketball tournament while leading Oviedo to the state title.



Jason Appel (center) was the No. 1 singles champion while helping Lake Mary to the Class 4A team crown, and Seminole Community College's Brian Nason (right) was named Florida Junior College Player of the Year.



People

IN BRIEF

Free program to portray Malcolm X

SANFORD — A free program featuring a portrayal of the life of 1960's black leader Malcolm X will be held at 10:15 a.m., Jan. 15, at Seminole Community College Fine Arts Theatre.

Scholar/performer Charles Everett Pace will portray the controversial civil rights leader, now the focus of a major motion picture directed by Spike Lee. Pace's one-act monologue, entitled "X: Firebrand of Freedom," is a vivid reenactment based on the writing and speeches of Malcolm X, who was assassinated in 1965.

The program will conclude with a question-and-answer period in which Pace stays in the Malcolm X character, giving the audience a simulated opportunity to talk directly to one of the civil rights movements most dynamic personalities.

Funding is being provided by the Florida Humanities Council, with coordination by Florida A&M University's Department of Visual Arts, Humanities and Theatre.

Pace has been a classroom teacher for nearly 10 years, the last seven at the university level. He has performed the role of Malcolm X for the last two years in many states, and is currently pursuing his doctorate in American Studies at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

The program begins at 10:15 a.m. and is free and is open to the public. Because seating is limited call 323-1450, extension 630 or 622 to assure seats. For special needs accommodations or for more information about this program or about the Florida Humanities Council, please call (407) 323-1450, extension 438.

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.

Poets to talk verse

First Florida Poets meet at 10 a.m. every Monday at the Deland Public Library. Interested poets are welcome.

Sanford Rotarians to meet

Rotary Club of Sanford meets every Monday at noon, at the Sanford Civic Center.

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 236-9206.

Oddfellows schedule meeting

Lodge No. 27 of the International Order of Oddfellows meets the first and third Monday of every month, except July and August, at 8 p.m. at 101 Magnolia Ave., Sanford.

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.

New trends to share

1993 brings on many changes for the better

Happy New Year! A new year to change for the better, strive to be healthy and happy, and renew commitments to family and friends. I love January first because I always feel a new chance has been given to me. I hope 1993 brings all of the readers good health and much happiness!

I also like to find new trends to share. We are living in an incredible era!

Plants to Replace Plastics? Fibers from flax, wood, and cotton could one day take the place of conventional reinforced plastics. Researchers at the University of Wales are chemically altering such plant fibers into environmentally friendly "biocomposites." The advantages are the lightness and low costs of the natural composites, as well as lower energy input and easier disposal. Plant fibers can be as strong as glass and carbon fibers, but they tend to absorb water — a problem that the researchers have developed a patented process to solve. One result may be a new, renewable, high-value crop for farmers.

Shoes Made From Trash. The next shoes you buy might be made out of garbage. Walking shoes designed and distributed by Northwest Quality Innovations of Lake Oswego, Ore. are made from scrap plastic from diapers, tires and foam rubber, as well as sawdust, paper bags, and coffee filters. The DeJas shoe hit the market running last spring and may make it to stores throughout the United States in the near future.

Other recycled shoes coming out soon are called Air Escape, and it's the new recycled shoe from Nike. The athletic shoemaker, no stranger to innovation, has designed an athletic shoe that uses as much as 20 percent "filler" material from used, defective, and worn-out shoes. Research and field testing at the Nike Chemistry Laboratory in Beaverton, Ore. have devised a process to grind up old Nike athletic shoes, pulverize the resulting shreds into a fine powder and separate them into basic fiber (fluff) and rubber (filler) elements. Filler is



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then mixed with rubber resulting in a durable compound for the outsole of new shoes. The fluff material has value too — as a stuffing material for futons and as padding for leather briefcases. The Air Escape, scheduled to be released in spring 1993, is an outdoor cross-training shoe for women and men.

Washing Machine Analyzes Dirt. A fuzzy TV on the market in Japan automatically increases its brightness as the room grows darker and increases the volume when the viewer moves farther from the set. Appliances programmed with fuzzy logic are designed to react to changing conditions much like people.

Although fuzzy logic is often referred to as a new technology, you likely already own appliances using a similar concept. For example, in a dryer, a moisture sensor determines when the towels are dry; microwave ovens can use weight and moisture content of the food to automatically determine cooking time.

A prototype washing machine by Matsushita analyzes the degree of dirt in the wash and select the degree of washing. If their fuzzy logic washer-dryer gains sufficient interest Matsushita plans to set up manufacturing facilities in this country.

Other applications of fuzzy logic include: National-Panasonic's rice cooker (continuously monitors rice and water levels and adjusts the cooking temperature); electronic digital blood monitor (determines the ideal

cliff inflation level according to that user's systolic blood pressure and arm size); Fisher's FVC-770 camcorder (fuzzy logic iris control for more perfect images); plus many other applications in cameras, electronics, and appliances. The "Future" appliances that were only speculations in the conferences and publications of the '70s and '80s have arrived in the '90s!

Japanese Incinerators Use Microwaves to Zap Household Trash into Ash. Tokyo-Microwave energy not only cooks foods faster, but also incinerates the refuse left after dinner in some Japanese households.

First marketed about four years ago, microwave incinerators are gradually gaining acceptance in Japanese homes as an efficient and odorless way to dispose of household garbage.

To save on disposal cost, many homes here are equipped with composters that employ a fermentation/decomposition process to reduce kitchen trash into compost. But, those devices give off unpleasant odors that make them undesirable in condominiums and other high-density housing.

The new incinerators, however, use microwaves to heat garbage from the inside, thus drying it quickly so that it can be reduced to ash in only 1/20th to 1,000th its original volume. The machines require about three hours to produce 1.5 kilograms of garbage — a typical product of the Japanese household — to ash.

About the size of a compact refrigerator (slightly larger than a U.S.-made trash compactor), the machines are usually installed on outdoor verandas and are operated at night when electrical rates are lower. A full trash-to-trash operation costs about 60 yen (48 cents) per night, says a spokesperson for Matsushita Electric.

However, microwave incinerators remain costly. The most popular Matsushita model has a \$4,000 price tag, substantially more than the \$80 cost of the most expensive composter.

Take it one day at a time for a happy year

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition since 1973. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I have taken the liberty of using that theme with some variations of my own!

Just for today I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would appall me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those things I cannot correct.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call.

Column to resume

Mary Balk is on vacation. Her Drug Counselor column will resume next week.



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Just for today before I speak I will ask myself, "Is it true? Is it kind?" And if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable so

just for today let's all take good care of our equipment and celebrate many more happy New Years.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy new year!

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When the women consider him harmless.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in



ELBERT S. WILLIAMS

Marine Lance Cpl. Elbert S. Williams, son of Wanda W. Brewington of 1813 Strickland Ave., Sanford, recently participated in a command post exercise with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the exercise conducted Oct. 15 to 21 at Fort Bragg, N.C., Williams participated in a high-level field exercise designed to test the deployment and employment of the command, control and communication system/structure of the Division command post and supporting

security element.

The 1960 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 1960.

DAVID W. KUEHN

Marine Maj. David W. Kuehn, son of Ernest E. and Jane D. Kuehn of 4550 Canal Drive, Sanford, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

The 1976 graduate of Edgewater High School joined the Marine Corps in April 1977.

The following births have been recorded at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs:

Dec. 20 — Bridget and Gary Stripling, Sanford, boy

Dec. 21 — Linda and Maurice Cotey, Altamonte Springs, boy;

Shelly Fraley, Longwood, girl; Helen and KyungHo Bo, Altamonte Springs, girl

Dec. 22 — Alice and John Bonatakis, Longwood, girl;

Linda and Johnathan Boston, Oviedo, girl; Dianna and Robert Hendrickson, Altamonte Springs, girl; Bonnie and Franklin Barker, Altamonte Springs, boy

Dec. 23 — Tami and John Bush Jr., Sanford, girl; Sharon Anthony and Michael Finley, Oviedo, boy; Zolla and Lula Panora, Casselberry, girl

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Religion

IN BRIEF

A 'Journey Thru the Bible'

LAKE MARY - First Baptist Church Markham Woods, 8400 Markham Woods Rd., has begun a "Journey Thru the Bible" study...

St. Peter's honors parishioners

LAKE MARY - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 700 Rinehart Rd., elected Pat Connolly, DeBary, Mary Ann Duxbury, Sanford, John Miltonig, Lake Mary, and Bud Moughton, Lake Mary, to serve on its Vestry...

The Rev. Beverly L. Barge presented each member of St. Peter's Altar Guild with an Altar Guild Cross/Pin during the service of Lesson and Carol recently...

Those honored were: Barbara Chapman, directress; Alice Grant, sub-directress; Emma Frederick, linen chairman; Anne Barge, Peggy Billups, Shannon Connolly, Sherris Culver, Dr. Marion Dalley, Sally Green, Delores Morrissey, Alice Moughton and Ruth Wisner.

Also recognized were trainees Jean Armstrong and Su Wells.

Epiphany Sunday celebrated

LAKE MARY - Christian Fellowship Church, United Church of Christ, will celebrate Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 3, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Pastor A. Arthur Arvey will preach on the topic, "The New You."

Visitors are welcome. Worship services are at 10 a.m. at the Lake Mary Community Building, 260 N. Country Club Rd. For more information, call 323-3119.

Keep us informed

The Sanford Herald welcomes Religion news and announcements of events available to the community.

For publication of local happenings, following suggestions are recommended to expedite publication:

All items should be typed or written legibly and include the name and a daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted to answer any questions we might have.

FROM THE PULPIT

By The Rev. Frederick E. Mann

Expand parish visions for 1993

In September 1991, my ophthalmologist ran his yearly tests on my eyes and reported the reason for a growing number of eye strain problems as follows, "well, Father, when you turn 40 your eyes begin to make some changes. To sum it all up, you need bifocals..."

I consulted my optician friend, who has fitted me with glasses over the past several years. She suggested progressive lenses.

Such lenses go from the full distance prescription to the reading prescription with literally hundreds of minute changes along the way.

The lenses take some getting used to. The eyes must adjust to the curvature of the lenses. After two weeks of adjustment, wearing my "progressives" is a sheer delight.

This little journey into vision optics is by way of introducing the meaning of the Christmas/Epiphany season.

Prior to the birth of Jesus, the Hebrew people had fallen into some rather short-sighted practices regarding their relationship with Yahweh. The original intention was that the Hebrew people - literally wanderers - would be gathered together as a unique community under God and then take that message to the entire world.

However, the Hebrew people began to spend their time looking only through the "bottom lens" of this experience.

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-The Rev. Frederick Mann

their call to share the blessings, they looked only at themselves - keeping the law, maintaining their traditions and protecting the purity of what it meant to be born into their community.

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It seems as though original sin did more than separate us from God by our willfulness. It gave us a bad case of "lazy eyes." In essence, our vision tends to rest in only one optical range and makes focusing on objects in another range difficult and painful.



Heartwarming holidays

As the doors of the Rescue Outreach Mission opened on Christmas Day, volunteers, friends and residents of the community filled the dining room with holiday cheer.

Photos by Kelley Mitchell



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- ALLIANCE CHURCH: Community Alliance Church, 4815 East Lake Drive, Winter Springs...
ANGLICAN: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 700 Rinehart Rd., Lake Mary...
BAPTIST: First Baptist Church Markham Woods, 8400 Markham Woods Rd., Lake Mary...
METHODIST: Trinity United Methodist Church, 2401 S. Park Ave., Sanford...
PRESBYTERIAN: Deltona Presbyterian Church, Holland Blvd. & Austin Ave., Deltona...
OTHER CHURCHES: All Faith Church, Camp Seminoles, Weivore Park, Deltona...

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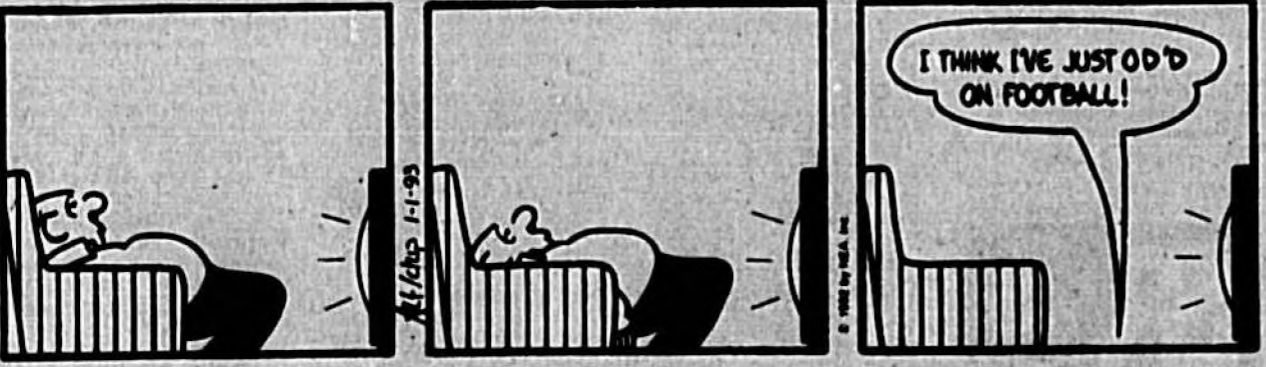
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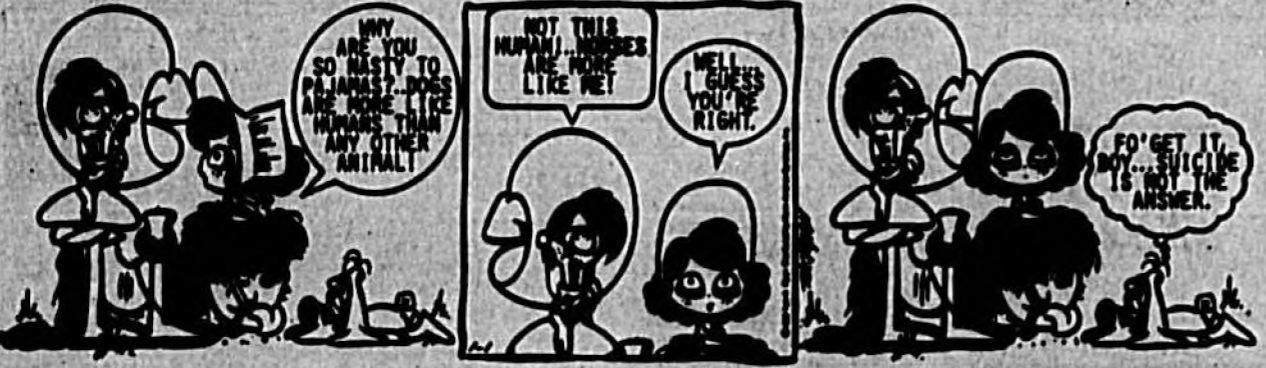
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by T.K. Ryan

ARLO AND JANIS



by Jimmy Johnson

FRANK AND ERNEST



by Bob Thaves

GARFIELD



by Jim Davis

ROBOTMAN



by Jim Meddick

Dietary supplements may not be harmful

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several people I know are taking green leaves of barley with ground brown rice and kelp for more energy, better sleep habits and improved respiration. What do you know about this remedy?
DEAR READER: This sounds like a reasonable dietary supplement, rich in vitamins and fiber. However, I doubt that it will lead to the beneficial effects you mention.

People perennially hope to discover a magic combination of foods that will cure mankind's ailments. The barley/rice/kelp combo won't do it. However, it is not, as far as I know, harmful.
DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a pilonidal cyst that recently became infected. My doctor lanced it and he now feels it has to be surgically removed. I've talked to people who have had cysts removed more than once, and they suffered for quite some time following the surgery. I'd really like to understand the situation better before I have the procedure done.

DEAR READER: A pilonidal cyst is an inherited abnormality involving the skin over the lower spine. The condition is marked by a dimple or opening in the skin that is connected to a cyst in the deeper tissues. Ordinarily, this causes no symptoms.

However, on occasion, bacteria can enter the defect, work their way into the cyst and cause an abscess that is extremely painful. Typically, the area around the coccyx becomes hot, swollen and tender. Pus and blood may leak from the skin opening.

These infections are usually treated with hot compresses and antibiotics. Surgeons sometimes open the abscess to promote drainage. Nonetheless, even if the infection heals, the potential for re-infection is high because bacteria can enter the skin defect and begin the process all over again.

In my experience, surgery (to remove the cyst and close the defect) is the only permanent answer. The operation is standard fare for most surgeons and is curative.

I don't know why your acquaintances' surgery was so painful and had to be performed more than once. This is very unusual. Perhaps they had more than one pilonidal cyst.

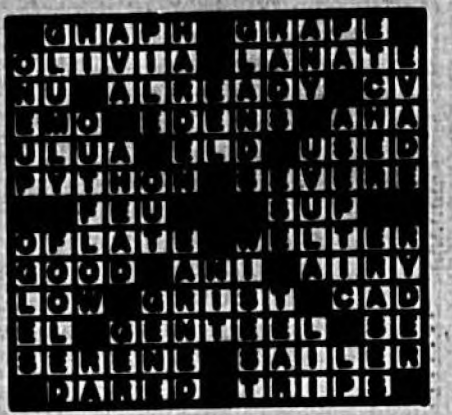


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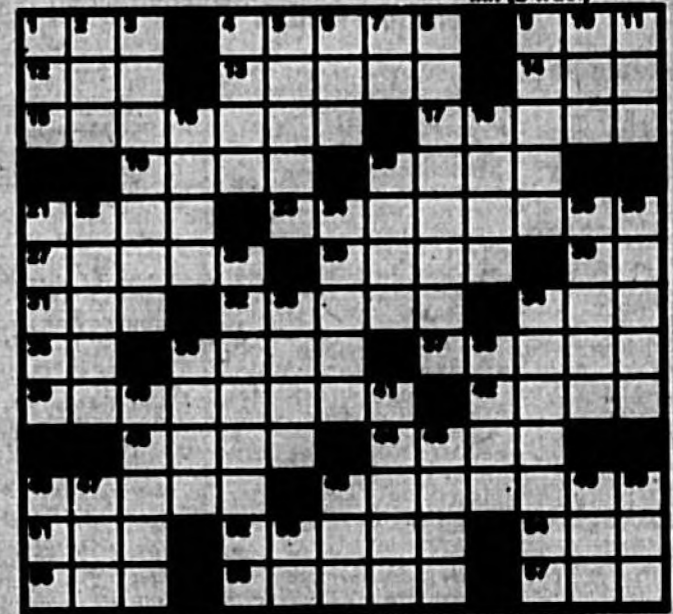
PETER GOTT, M.D.

Check with a surgeon to get answers about what procedure would be appropriate in your case. Its approximate cost and the estimated convalescence. Then go for it.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Southern blackbird
 - 4 Run away to be married
 - 9 Year (Sp.)
 - 12 — London
 - 13 Card game
 - 14 Phylum (pl.)
 - 18 Extremely
 - 17 Overcast
 - 19 — Knievel
 - 20 Steel
 - 21 Wood
 - 23 Antelope
 - 27 Record of events
 - 29 Rockfish
 - 30 A continent (abbr.)
 - 31 Life story
 - 32 Draw forth
 - 34 — Linus (abbr.)
 - 35 — (abbr.)
 - 36 Actress Fisher
 - 37 Nerve network
 - 38 Set on fire
 - 42 Between N.C. and Ark.
 - 43 See eagle
 - 44 Soccer score
 - 46 Rules for sport of
 - 48 Fraying
 - 51 River island
 - 52 British horse
 - 54 WWII area
 - 55 — the ocean to be ...
 - 56 Minerals
 - 57 Greek letter
- DOWN**
- 1 Motorists' org.
 - 2 Compass pt.
 - 3 Satan's domain
 - 4 Author Gardner
 - 5 Soothe
 - 6 Fog —
 - 7 Schedule abbr.
 - 8 Monera's kin (2 wds.)
 - 9 Nuclear weapon
 - 10 In no way
 - 11 Poem
 - 16 Layer of eye
 - 18 — Lisa
 - 20 Carnival performer
 - 21 Actor Clark
 - 22 Vegetable
 - 24 Fish with a moving line
 - 25 — a million
 - 26 Fashion designer
 - 28 Opposite of death
 - 29 Refer to
 - 34 Studio
 - 36 Encircled
 - 38 Coup d' —
 - 40 English poet
 - 41 Heron
 - 46 Rowing team
 - 48 Day
 - 47 32, Roman
 - 48 Bachelor
 - 49 — degree
 - 50 Sticky stuff
 - 53 Estimation



By Bernice Bede Oost YOUR BIRTHDAY Jan. 2, 1993

Planning your moves well in advance could be of critical importance for you in the year ahead. A sound blueprint will enhance your possibilities for success, so don't run a hit or miss operation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be more successful gathering information today if you ask indirect questions instead of blunt ones. Piece by piece the mosaic will come together. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your wit could be razor-sharp today, yet no one is likely to label you glib. Those who listen and observe you will be aware that what you say comes from your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If

you are making a choice today between profit or pride of accomplishment, it might be best to select the latter. Self-esteem could outweigh silver.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be alarmed today if a friend pokes his or her nose into your affairs. Your pal wants to help and might be able to make constructive suggestions that aren't obvious to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Patience is essential today if you hope to derive benefits from a joint endeavor. Your ally will have things under control, even though he or she operates at a slower pace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are already aware of everything you know, so it behooves you to listen to what others have to say, especially when you are in a discussion with a person whose mind you respect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Success is within your grasp today, provided your objective is in proportion to the assets you deploy. Be realistic regarding your capabilities for accomplishment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When

dealing with others today, make it a point to see that all are treated equally. If you follow this rule, each in turn will behave similarly to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An arrangement you have with one of your friends should turn out to be mutually rewarding today, even though the role you are apt to play won't be as significant as his or hers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Paia will welcome your company today, but try to keep your visits brief, whether you are putting in a personal appearance or merely chatting on the phone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you feel inclined to add some artistic touches to your surroundings, this is a good day to do it. Your creative instincts are strong and the results should be pleasant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are confronted by a costly development today, maintain your demeanor. Your composure might wince inwardly, but those with whom you are dealing will never know it.

By Phillip Alder

First of all, a very happy, healthy and successful New Year to all my readers.

Today sees the introduction of the new International Laws of Contract Bridge, which govern rubber bridge. There are three major changes. If the rubber is terminated early and you have a part-score below the line, you receive 100 points, not 50. The other two mirror the changes inaugurated in tournament bridge in 1987. If you make a redoubled contract, you receive 100 points "for the insult," not 50. If you go down in a doubled contract when non-vulnerable, the penalty-point sequence starts as always: 100, 300, 500. But then it accelerates: 800, 1100, 1400, and so on.

The new Laws book is available from the American Contract Bridge League for \$6.50

(800-284-2743).

Today's deal would be a nice way to end a rubber — since you are a careful declarer.

Against your four-heart contract, the defenders begin with three rounds of spades, East ruffing the last. He exits with a low club to your ace.

At first glance, it looks as though you need the diamond finesse to work. But you should embark on a mission of discovery. After drawing trumps, noting that West began with three, cash the club king. Next, lead a trump to the dummy and ruff the club seven in hand.

At this point, you know 12 of West's cards. You must hope that his last card is the 10 or queen of diamonds. Lead a low diamond from hand. When the 10 appears, win with dummy's king and finesse the diamond jack through East.

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♠ 10 6 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ K J 8
♣ 7 5 3

WEST ♠ A K J 8 7 6
♥ 10 4 3
♦ 10
♣ Q J 8

EAST ♠ 9
♥ 9 8 7
♦ Q 7 6 4 3 2
♣ 10 5 4 3 2

SOUTH ♠ Q 1 2
♥ Q J 8 7
♦ A 9 3
♣ A K

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South 1♥
West 1♠
North 3♥
East 3♠
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

by Leonard Starr

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