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WINTER HAVEN — Five Seminole Community College men's basketball players were in double figures as the Raiders dumped North Florida Junior College 99-86.
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BRIEFS

Boy suffers burns to upper body

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — An 11-year-old Altamonte Springs boy is in serious condition today after suffering second and third degree burns to 25 percent of his upper body when his model airplane engine's fuel exploded Saturday morning.
Michael Mosseri, 325 Brantley Club Place, Altamonte Springs, was injured in his garage at about 10:14 a.m. Saturday when he apparently tried to use a cigarette lighter to shrink a rubber fuel pump line that was too large for his model plane, Seminole County Deputy Fire Marshal Troy Strader said today.
Strader said the boy's father had earlier said he would shrink the fuel line with heat. Strader said the boy apparently tried the operation himself. When Mosseri applied the heat, fuel that had spilled onto his clothing and the floor exploded, Strader said.
Strader said Mosseri's mother was inside their home when the boy was injured. He is in Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women where he is being treated for facial burns and injury to his respiratory system, Strader said.
The fuel the boy was using is highly volatile and available to hobbyists through mail order, Strader said.

SHA to meet Wednesday

SANFORD — The Sanford Housing Authority will hold a special meeting Wednesday night to, among other things, appoint an interim director to replace Linda Williams. Williams was fired from that position last week.
The meeting, called for 7 p.m. in the Redding Gardens Community Building, is also scheduled to approve a bid from J.D. Pirata Company to reconstruct the 85 units at William Clark Court.
Since Williams is listed as the contracting officer, the board will also have to name a new contracting officer.

Residents of the housing projects and several members of the community strongly criticized the board for their dismissal of Williams at a meeting last Thursday. Williams, who had been an employee of the Housing Authority for 18 years, was named interim director in September, 1988, after the board fired its last executive director, Elliott Smith.

Fort Lauderdale has Lotto winner

TALLAHASSEE — The winning Lotto ticket worth \$13 million was sold in Fort Lauderdale, Lottery Secretary Rebecca Paul said Sunday.
The grand prize winner picked all six numbers drawn Saturday. The numbers were 01-06-22-23-34-47. The money will be paid in 20 annual installments.

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HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

Cloudy today, lots of rain

Cloudy today, tonight, and tomorrow with lots of rain.
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School break unresolved

Board of education wrestles with split polls on year 'round school

By VICKI DeSOMNER
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Two recent surveys show that while a small majority of the county's population would like to see year 'round school, there is still a substantial number who are undecided on the matter.

The Seminole County School Board discussed year 'round school in a work session Friday. They said year 'round school could both slow down their building program and improve the district's quality of education. The board will decide in January if they will consider year 'round school.

The terms "year 'round school" and "modified school calendar" are both used to describe a school year in which students attend classes all year long. The students are broken into groups and have several vacations throughout the year. The most common year 'round calendar has students going to school for 45 days, then having 15 days off throughout the year.

One advantage to year 'round school is that remedial learning, now done in summer school, could

be done immediately following each quarter rather than at the end of the year, board members said. "This is helpful to the educationally disadvantaged student," said board chairman Ann Neiswender. This way, the student can get help before going on to a new subject, rather than having to wait until the end of the year, she said.

Two surveys were presented to the board at the work session. The first was conducted for Seminole
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Christmas music
The Sanford Middle School band, lead by Christmas mood music to help them better director Jack Bacon (right) gave shoppers at a purchase their gifts. local department store Thursday some

Low-income housing keeps pace with county

By J. MARK GARFIELD
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — The need for affordable housing in Seminole County is not as immediate as area officials thought, although the need will continue to increase, according to the preliminary results of a Seminole County Planning Department study.

Seminole County commissioners have formed a task force to study lower-priced housing and homes in the area that first-time buyers can afford. The task force uses standards developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUD), which describes housing as affordable when it can be bought with 30 percent of the household income. For renters, the affordable lease payment is 35 percent of household income, HUD states.

The study shows the median income of Seminole County workers has increased faster than the cost of housing during the last nine years, meaning a greater portion of the county's residents can afford homes. The figures come from the U.S. Bureau of Census, Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security and other sources.

"Our results show we're a lot better off than
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Although found innocent, Gardner's troubles remain

By BRAD CHURCH
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Stephanie Gardner remains in jail a month and a half after she was found innocent of murdering her parents. Although there was no doubt that she was her parents' killer, a Seminole County Circuit Court jury found her inno-

cent by reason of insanity. She is in the Seminole County Jail awaiting commitment to a state mental hospital.

Testimony at the trial for Gardner, 32, left no doubt in the jury's mind that she shot her parents, Daniel Dinda, 66, and his wife, Carolyn, 60, in their Oviedo home in June 1988, and Gardner's

defense attorneys did not dispute the fact that she shot them.

Defense attorneys contended Gardner was, and is, insane and the jury agreed. While the jury found Gardner innocent by reason of insanity of two counts of murder, they convicted her of shooting a gun within a dwelling. The verdict was delivered Nov. 6 after a week-long

trial at which psychiatrists and relatives testified to Gardner's sometimes bizarre behavior over the past five years.

Judge O.H. Eaton Jr. said after a hearing Monday he will commit Gardner to the custody of the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services as soon as
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Sanford commission to discuss skateboard, 'boom box' ordinances

By BRAD CHURCH
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Sanford city commissioners will consider two ordinances of special interest to young people tonight. The commission meets at city hall at 7 p.m.

The commission is scheduled for first readings of ordinances regulating the construction of skateboard ramps, and the level of noise emanating from "boom boxes" in motor vehicles.

The ordinance pertaining to skateboard ramps would require they be set back a specific distance from buildings and the street. The ordinance was drawn up after a complaint last month that skateboarders were disturbing a neighborhood.

The ordinance setting a decibel limit for sound systems in motor vehicles was drawn up at the suggestion of Commissioner Bob Thomas who said loud stereo systems disturb people within a wide range of the vehicles they are in.

The commission is also scheduled to consider an ordinance regulating the advertising of and length of time yard sales can be conducted.

Commissioners will be asked to approve an architect selected by the Henry Shelton Memorial Library and Museum Advisory Board for the first phase of the proposed renovation and addition to the museum.

A proposed ordinance supporting the construction of an Interstate 4 interchange at Co. ... Road 46A (25th Street).

Titan 3 rocket is 'go' for tonight's launch

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL — A powerful Titan 3 rocket carrying a pair of foreign-owned communications satellites was readied for a delayed maiden launch Monday in a major milestone for the nation's infant commercial space program.

Engineers made final preparations Sunday and officials with rocket-builder Martin Marietta Astronautics Group said all systems were "go" for liftoff at 7:20 p.m. EST from launch complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station adjacent to the Kennedy Space Center.

An Air Force spokeswoman said forecasters expected a 40 percent chance of rain and thick clouds at launch time that could violate tough post-Challenger guidelines.

Mounted piggyback inside the \$100 million rocket's nose cone was Skynet 4A, a British military communications satellite, and JCSat 2, a \$150 million commercial relay station owned by Japan Satellite Communications Co. and Hughes Communications Inc.

The Titan 3 is the most powerful rocket ever built by a U.S. company as a private venture and as such, the booster's maiden flight marks a major milestone in the post-Challenger commercial space program.

In the wake of the 1986 Challenger disaster, President Ronald Reagan banned commercial satellites from the manned shuttle to encourage development of a private sector launch industry to compete with the European Ariane rocket and others being

marketed by China and the Soviet Union.

McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co., General Dynamics and Martin Marietta then decided to build Delta, Atlas-Centaur and Titan rockets, respectively, on a commercial basis to cash in on the lucrative market created when dozens of costly satellites were left grounded by the Challenger disaster.

The Titan 3 is the most powerful rocket of the three, a modern version of Martin Marietta's Titan 34D, an out-of-service booster used to put large military satellites in orbit for the Air Force.

So far, Martin Marietta has sold four Titan 3s: one to launch JCSat 2 and Skynet 4A, two to carry a pair of large Intelsat 6 communications satellites into orbit in February and June and one to send NASA's Mars Observer on its way in the red planet in October 1992.

The 155-foot Titan 3, made up of a liquid-fueled "core" vehicle and two 90-foot-tall solid-fuel boosters, had been scheduled for takeoff Dec. 8, one day later than originally planned, but stormy weather forced Martin Marietta to order a delay.

Because of an Air Force Delta rocket launch the following Monday, two Trident submarine missile launches last Wednesday and Friday and the originally scheduled liftoff of the shuttle Columbia Monday, the Titan was rescheduled for launch this Wednesday.

But last week, NASA delayed Columbia's flight, allowing Martin Marietta to book Air Force tracking equipment for a Monday launch.



This baby llama was born Dec. 10.

Zoo welcomes arrival of solid white baby llama

By LAURA L. SULLIVAN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — An infant llama is the latest addition to Central Florida Zoological Park's menagerie of more than 400 animals.

The solid white llama was born Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the zoo. The infant joins one adult male and two adult female llamas.

Fred Antonio, general curator at the zoo, said the birth went without complications. The gestation period for a llama is about 10 months, he said.

Birth in captivity is not unusual, Antonio said. The animals, used as pack animals in the Andes
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Florida's economy seen as stable

JACKSONVILLE — An economic forecast released Monday for the coming year said Florida residents should consider themselves lucky to be in the Sunshine State for 1990.

The Florida Times-Union economic forecast to a compilation of forecasts from a series of experts. It says that while the state's economy will slow down in 1990 along with that of the rest of the nation, Florida will still fare better than most other states.

Strong tourism and a growing population are expected to be the main two buffers against stagnation. The experts say Florida will add 189,000 new jobs in 1990. While that's lower than this year, officials say it's still rather strong.

The one unknown is how much the state's Growth Management Act will affect the economy. Staff laws regulating growth could lead to job cuts in the construction and highway-building sectors.

But authorities say any change in the law would mitigate the effects quickly, and that some local governments could offset the situation by their own action.

Most of the analysts said a recession is not likely in the coming year, and predicted the unemployment rate would be stable.

Salt water incursion studied

BROOKSVILLE — Officials of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and other regional water officials are talking about new rules that would ease the threat of saltwater incursion into the Florida Aquifer.

The aquifer supplies drinking water to millions of people in west-central Florida. But recent dry weather, the current dry season and increased water use are increasing the chances the aquifer will begin sucking up more saltwater from the surrounding ground.

One suggestion is to reduce the amount of water pressure for water pumped to the region. Another is to have local governments impose water surcharges, making water more expensive and forcing residents to use less.

Some of the restrictions might vary from area to area, depending on how much particular wells are subject to saltwater incursion. Another meeting to discuss the situation is set for next month.

Man kills girlfriend then stabs himself

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A Miami Beach man who stabbed his girlfriend to death and then attempted to commit suicide was in serious but stable condition Monday, police said.

Emiliano Mejia, 42, had been arguing with his girlfriend, Rosanna Paramo, 33, just before he stabbed her at 3:05 a.m. Sunday. Paramo died about 8 p.m. at Mount Sinai Medical Center, said police spokesman James Hyde.

Mejia was charged with first-degree murder in Paramo's death and was in Jackson Memorial Hospital's prison ward.

Mayor under guard because of threat

MIAMI — Mayor Xavier Suarez has been under the 24-hour protection of plainclothes city police officers because of a possible death threat, officials said Monday.

Suarez was put under police protection about two weeks ago, after the Florida Department of Law Enforcement produced information of the threat, said Law Wilson, special agent in charge of the FDLE's Miami office.

"We've received information indicating there might be a threat to several individuals, including the mayor and governor," Wilson said. "The threats were attributed to certain factions of the Colombian cartel."

The FDLE routinely provides agents to guard Gov. Bob Martinez, he said.

Exiles plan Castro postal blitz

TAMPA — Cuban exiles once imprisoned in their homeland are planning a new assault against Fidel Castro. This time, they are using letters, envelopes, stamps and information as their weapons.

The Worldwide Federation of Former Cuban Political Prisoners drafted a proclamation in Tampa about a week ago that it plans to circulate through Cuba in a torrent of mail too huge to be completely intercepted.

The proclamation promises the exiles will not seek retribution against their former captors if Castro's government collapses like other communist governments in Eastern Europe.

Zee Zee kicked out of Prince's film

MIAMI — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed al-Faisal reportedly kicked actress Zee Zee Gabor out of a proposed \$50 million film about Saudi Arabia after an aide overheard Gabor make a disparaging remark about the prince.

Al-Faisal and Gabor were preparing to hold a news conference to formally announce that Gabor would star as a royal mother in a film tentatively titled "A Whisper in the Wind" when things went awry. The Miami Herald reported today.

From United Press International reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Shuttle launch delayed again

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL — Launch of the shuttle Columbia, already running three days late, fell another day behind schedule this weekend, slipping from Thursday to no earlier than Friday amid ongoing problems that could push the flight beyond Christmas.

NASA managers planned to hold a teleconference Monday, Columbia's original launch date, to review the progress of around-the-clock work to ready the veteran spacecraft for liftoff on the eighth post-Challenger mission, the sixth shuttle flight of 1989.

"We're reexamining the launch date," a NASA spokeswoman said Sunday.

The countdown had been scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. EST Monday, leading to a launch attempt at 6:04 p.m. Thursday, three days later than originally planned because of problems getting launch pad 39A back up to flight status. The pad was last used in 1988.

Shuttle program director Robert Crippen said Friday he was "reasonably confident" the spacecraft and its three-man, two-woman crew would be able to take off Thursday.

But within hours of Crippen's statement, the second launch delay announcement in four days, engineers ran into more problems at the launch pad and by Saturday, managers had decided they would be unable to start the shuttle's countdown Monday as planned.

If at all possible, NASA would like to launch Columbia before Christmas. Agency managers have repeatedly ruled out launch attempts on Christmas eve or Christmas day to give workers time off over the holidays.

The goal of the 10-day mission is the launch of a Navy Syncom communications satellite and the high-priority retrieval of an orbiting science package that otherwise will fall back to Earth in March.

But the flight has been repeatedly delayed by problems reactivating launch pad 39A,

which was last used Jan. 12, 1986, just 16 days before the Challenger disaster. The previous seven post-Challenger flights took off from nearby pad 39B.

While most engineers expected problems getting the sprawling launch complex back to flight status, NASA's "success oriented" schedules do not typically allow time for unexpected snags. And while such schedules work on paper, they do not always work in the nuts-and-bolts reality of the rocket business.

Despite claims to the contrary, NASA is under intense self-imposed pressure to launch Columbia before the end of the year and ideally, engineers would like at least two launch opportunities in case problems prevent an on-time takeoff.

Among the options believed to be under consideration by NASA:

—Launch Columbia on Friday, at 5:20 p.m., if at all possible.

—Go ahead and delay the flight to around Dec. 27 outright.

Utility lobbyist spent \$175,000 in two years for entertainment

United Press International

TALLAHASSEE — A lobbyist for a Pensacola power company spent \$175,000 over two years to wine, dine and entertain state officials and members of Congress, according to documents released in a rate case.

Earl Henderson, lobbyist for Gulf Power Corp. of Pensacola, reported spending only \$7,327 on state legislators in 1988 on non-detailed spending reports lobbyists are required to file every six months.

But expense accounts he filed with his employers — and which were turned over to the state Public Service Commission in a recent rate case — document at least \$37,000 in expenses directly related to legislative lobbying that year.

Besides lavish entertaining of lawmakers, the reports document several times when Henderson entertained members of the PSC, possibly in violation of a state law against commission members discussing ongoing rate cases with utility officials.

Public Counsel Jack Shreve, who represents consumers in rate cases and released Henderson's expense forms to re-

ports, said he plans to look into the entertaining of PSC chairman Michael Wilson and members Gerald Gunter, Tom Beard and Tom Herndon.

"I think it's inappropriate," Shreve said, "and I would want to hear the explanation by the Public Service Commission."

Henderson reported spending \$1,179.58 to attend a conference in Washington last year, listing a "series of meals and entertainment" for Wilson, Gunter and Beard. He also reported discussing PSC issues with Wilson, Beard and Herndon during an Aspen, Colo., conference in April 1988.

He reported spending nearly \$240 that October as Gulf Power's share of dinner for Wilson and four other people.

The commissioners denied any wrongdoing. "I certainly don't recall having any kind of discussions with him that would have been appropriate," Herndon said.

The documents offer a rare look into the high life provided state officials by well-heeled lobbyists.

For example, Henderson reported spending more than \$11,000 in Tallahassee's liquor

stores stocking up for legislative parties. His bar tab at Clyde and Conello's, a watering hole just down the street from the Capitol popular with the state's movers and shakers, was \$3,000.

He was one of 10 lobbyists who picked up the \$8,100 tab for a 50s-motif party at a Tallahassee night spot in 1988 for House Democrats Fred Lippman of Hollywood, Jack Tobin of Margate and Carl Carpenter of Plant City.

A few months later, Lippman became chairman of the Rules Committee and Tobin was appointed head of the Science, Industry and Technology Committee, which considered all the bills affecting power companies.

Henderson's reports show he spent at least \$7,200 over the two years on Lt. Gov. Bobby Brantley and his wife, Patti, at a time when Brantley was Martinez's legislative liaison.

During the 1987 debate over the services tax, he spent \$500 for a Republican dinner he wasn't even permitted to attend. He paid \$156, one-fifth of the total cost, for a GOP breakfast

Church group objects to Bakker term

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — The North Carolina Council of Churches says television preacher Jim Bakker's 45-year prison sentence didn't fit the crime, and he should instead be given 10 years ministering to the poor.

The council, which represents 25 denominations, unanimously passed a resolution over the weekend calling the sentence too harsh. But it also left little doubt that it believes the PTL founder was guilty as charged.

"We are pleased that the exploited ministry of Jim Bakker has ended and that the public has been alerted to the possibilities of corruption in Christian television," the resolution said.

Bakker was convicted in October on 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy related to his money-raising tactics at PTL.

Prosecutors left little doubt he had connived to bilk believers of their money through lifetime partnership sales promising annual vacations.

Sloan: Threat forced resignation

United Press International

GAINESVILLE — Former University of Florida basketball coach Norm Sloan has confirmed that he resigned his job because he was threatened with a federal indictment if he refused, it was reported Sunday.

Sloan and his lawyer told The Gainesville Sun the threat was passed from former U.S. Attorney Michael Moore through UF lawyers Pam Bernard and Tom McDonald, who talked to Moore just after the prosecutor had spoken with State University System Chancellor Charlie Reed.

"Moore said Norm Sloan would not coach his first game (of the season) unindicted," Sloan said.

Reed would not talk about the

resignation, which grew out of investigations of the Gator basketball program by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and the NCAA.

Several athletes have acknowledged using drugs while at the university and accepting payments from sports agents and coaches. UF football head coach Glen Hall resigned after his program was implicated in wrongdoing. But Sloan forcefully denied Oct. 17 any wrongdoing and vowed to remain at the university, prompting speculation of his motives when he did resign two weeks later.

Dexter Douglass, Sloan's lawyer, now says the indictment may have been a bluff, but one he decided would be too expensive to call, since Sloan would risk a lengthy criminal trial and possibly conviction.

"In the final analysis, I could not tell for sure whether coach Sloan would be indicted if he didn't retire. But the situation was orchestrated in such a manner that I had to assume that he would be indicted, whether there was evidence to convict him or not," Douglass said.

Reed acknowledged he spoke with Moore about the case but will not say what advice he gave the federal prosecutor.

Moore also refused to discuss the chancellor's role. But he did say he sees nothing wrong with the U.S. attorney talking to a state official about a case.

"I personally believe that the taxpayers who support both offices... expect that public officials will work together," Sloan, 61, insisted he did nothing criminal.

Tyke's finger cost \$119,000

United Press International

MIAMI (UPI) — A Dade Circuit Court jury has ordered the estate of a Miami doctor to pay \$119,000 to a little girl whose injured finger was amputated after a technician acting at the doctor's direction improperly bandaged it.

Audra Porter, then 3, lost her finger due to gangrene after it was bandaged too tightly, cutting off circulation to the girl's right middle finger.

Plastic surgeon Irwin Lighterman died in an airplane crash three months ago, but attorneys for Porter, now 6, transferred the suit to his estate.

THE WEATHER

Today...Cloudy and rainy all day. Highs in the 70s.

Tonight...Cloudy and rainy all night. Lows in the 60s.

Tomorrow...Cloudy and rainy all day. Highs in the 70s.

Extended outlook...Partly cloudy Wednesday with some showers. Highs in the 70s. Turning cold Wednesday night with lows in the 40s.

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy 68-40

WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy 61-43

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy 66-45

FRIDAY
Sunny 68-62

SATURDAY
Cloudy 70-52

LAST
Dec. 16

FIRST
Jan. 4

NEW
Dec. 28

PULL
Jan. 11

MONDAY:
SOLAR TABLE: Min. 10:00 a.m., 10:25 p.m.; Maj. 3:50 a.m., 4:10 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: high, 12:08 a.m.; low, 5:59 a.m., 6:40 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 12:13 a.m.; low, 6:04 a.m., 6:45 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 12:28 a.m.; low, 6:19 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 3 to 4 feet and very choppy. Current is to the south with a water temperature of 58 degrees. **New Smyrna Beach:** Waves are 3 to 4 feet and very choppy. Current is to the south, with a water temperature of 58 degrees. Sun screen factor: 11.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet: Today...northeast to east wind 15 kts. Seas 3 to 5 ft. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Occasional rain north part. Widely scattered showers south part.

Tonight...east to southeast wind 10 kts shifting to southwest 10 to 15 kts.

The high temperature in Sanford Sunday was 70 degrees and the overnight low was 55 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Monday totalled 0.50 inch.

The temperature at 8 a.m. today was 56 degrees and Sunday's overnight low was 54, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.

NATIONAL TEMPERATURES		
City & Forecast	Hi	Lo
Albuquerque	62	37
Anchorage	37	25
Atlanta	25	19
Baltimore	30	14
Birmingham	57	40
Birmingham	57	40
Bismarck	67	45
Boston	39	19
Brownsville	49	28
Buffalo	42	16
Burlington	35	19
Chicago	18	10
Cincinnati	18	10
Cleveland	22	15
Columbus	24	16
Dallas	62	37
Denver	23	11
Des Moines	15	08
Detroit	18	09
Duluth	13	05
El Paso	59	34
Hartford	27	12
Honolulu	80	61
Houston	57	32
Indianapolis	13	09
Jacksonville	70	45
Las Vegas	59	34
Little Rock	27	17
Los Angeles	46	30
Louisville	37	19
Memphis	39	17
Minneapolis	20	04
Mississippi	14	08
Nashville	24	15
New Orleans	39	24
New York	31	18
Oklahoma City	28	19
Omaha	18	04
Philadelphia	25	14
Pittsburgh	45	34
Pittsburgh	11	07
Portland	29	09
Portland Ore.	25	34
St. Louis	25	06
Salt Lake City	28	20
San Diego	57	36
San Francisco	53	39

LOTTO

In addition to the jackpot winner, 238,380 other Lotto players won prizes:

- 160 players matched 5-of-6 numbers for \$6,375.00 apiece.
- 10,594 players matched 4-of-6 for \$140.50 apiece.
- 227,408 players picked 3-of-6 for \$5 apiece.

In the next Lotto drawing Dec. 23, the grand prize will be worth about \$5 million.

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Neiswender's pay OK'd

By A. MARK KATZ

Wanted man's salary

SANFORD—Former county administrator Edgar Neiswender will cost the county \$78,000 for the next 30 weeks until the county hires a new full-time manager.

On Nov. 28, Seminole County commissioners voted to hire Neiswender at his consulting rate of \$2,600 weekly for 30 hours each week. Today, they voted to pay Neiswender with \$78,000 saved from last year's fleet contracts and equipment repairs, and retirement and social security savings from vacancies in the offices of county manager and two deputy county managers.

They also transferred \$1,751 from the fleet and personnel funds to pay a Wall Street Journal advertisement for an executive search firm to hire a new county manager.

Former County Manager Ken Hooper was asked to resign in October by a majority of the commission. As part of his resignation agreement, Hooper will be paid a year's salary, \$83,000, to serve as a consultant through October 1990.

Two commissioners, Fred Streeter and Jim

Hooper, opposed hiring Neiswender as a consultant, saying Hooper was already under contract to the county as a consultant. Both said they preferred hiring Neiswender as a full-time, interim county manager. Other commissioners said they were hesitant to get Neiswender, county administrator from 1978 to 1982, in any capacity.

Acting County Manager Bob McMillan said Neiswender is currently reviewing county purchasing and contracting methods and just completed assistance on updating the county Administrative Code, required under the county charter. McMillan said Neiswender has also worked with several county departments in assessing programs are on track, including next year's budget.

McMillan said another task Neiswender has begun is reviewing the possibility of using a portion of gasoline tax revenues to help secure a bond for the Seminole County Expressway Authority to build a scaled-down version of the expressway.

McMillan said he has not called on Hooper for more than two weeks.

Home search reveals drugs, police reports

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

Two men were arrested Friday night when a search of their apartment revealed 15½ grams of cocaine, six bags of marijuana and three marijuana plants. The seizure, with an estimated street value of more than \$9,000, culminated a three-week investigation by Altamonte Springs police.

Shawn Dubois Alexander, 23, and David Michael Franz, 23, both of 608 Camino Court, were arrested shortly before midnight following the search. Franz was arrested near the residence as he drove away.

Franz was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of more than 30 grams of marijuana, possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana, possession of less than 28 grams of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, cultivation of marijuana and driving with a suspended license. Alexander was charged with cultivation of marijuana, possession of less than 30 grams of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Two Sanford residents face drug charges

SANFORD—Two Sanford residents, 26 and 29, were arrested on drug-related charges at their homes at 701 E. 14th St., Sanford, at about 7 p.m. Thursday.

City County solicitor James Smith said a warrant searched the couple's homes and revealed finding cocaine, marijuana, a system gas and 8100-lead. Both were charged with possession of cocaine to distribute, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and possession of a stolen firearm.

Drugs, paraphernalia found in search

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS—Traffic Stop, 51, of 600 Lake Mills Drive, Altamonte Springs was charged with possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia after City County Investigative Bureau agents with a warrant searched his house Thursday night.

Agents said they found cocaine in Black's bedroom and a smoking device and a console coffee cup in the house.

Armed robbers strike pizza restaurant

LAKE MARY—Two men armed with a gun robbed Lake Cousins Pizza, 3717 Lake Estates Blvd., rural Lake Mary, at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday. Seminole County sheriff's deputies reported the two fled with an undetermined amount of cash from the store's register.

Wife reports drug usage

SANFORD—City police were called to the home of James Clifford Huntington, 35, of 2404 Ely Ave., because his wife reportedly said he was showing up with cocaine in the garage.

When police arrived in the garage at about 2:45 a.m. Sunday, they said they knocked a syringe from Huntington's hand as he was trying to inject cocaine into his arm. Police said Huntington picked up a syringe that held cocaine for free-basing and injected it. Police searched the garage and seized Huntington with possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia and resisting without violence.

Three more syringes were found in the garage and several pieces of crack cocaine were found in Huntington's mouth, police said.

Pregnant woman slapped

A woman who allegedly slapped the face of a woman who is 9-months pregnant while Seminole County sheriff's deputies were trying to evict a dispute at the Chabona victim's house, has been charged with battery.

Trena Marie Chabona, 18, of 503 E. Orange Ave., Longwood, was arrested at 11:43 p.m. Saturday at 361 Fourth St., the house of victim Elizabeth Wins.

Woman charged with more burglaries

SANFORD—A woman held in the Seminole County Jail awaiting trial for November burglary has been charged with two more burglaries after Sanford police matched her fingerprints with those found in the two additional homes.

Ruby Huggins Robinson, 27, 1937½ Airport Blvd., Sanford, was charged for the Nov. 15 burglary of a West 30th Street residence where \$610 in items were taken. She was also charged with the Nov. 18 burglary of a Holly Avenue residence where \$1,530 in items were reported taken.

She was charged with two additional counts of burglary and one charge of grand theft, adding a total of \$4,000 to her bond.

Woman accused of false report

LONGWOOD—Elizabeth Marie Thompson, 34, 205 Lazy Lane, Longwood, was arrested in front of her home by a Seminole County deputy Friday at about 7:30 a.m. on a December arrest warrant, charging she gave Longwood police a false report.

Man charged with battery

SANFORD—James Letterbeter, 35, 2580 Ridgewood Ave., was arrested at his home Friday shortly before midnight by Sanford police, charged with aggravated battery.

Letterbeter's wife, Gwendolyn Letterbeter, reported to police he hit her with a crowbar during a fight, injuring her foot. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Druggist's complaint brings arrest

SANFORD—William Duma, 35, 1410 Magnolia Ave., Sanford, was charged with obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation Friday afternoon by Sanford police after he obtained Diasepan, a form of Valium, from Touchton's Pharmacy on First Street.

Touchton's pharmacist told police someone claiming to be Dr. Fred Schroder ordered the drug for a John Whitney.

But when the pharmacist called Schroder's office, he found no prescription had been made. Duma later appeared, saying he was picking up the prescription for Whitney. He was arrested at the scene. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Drugs, weapons found

SANFORD—Two men were arrested Saturday morning by a Seminole County deputy after he found marijuana and weapons in their car while they were parked near Lake Dot.

Lewis Clyde Alexander, 19, 107 W. Woodland Drive, Sanford, and Dennis James Mixon, 19, of Osteen, were arrested shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday after a deputy found them sitting in Mixon's car by the Lake near Collins Drive.

The deputy reported finding three bags of marijuana, several partially-smoked marijuana cigarettes and drug paraphernalia. The deputy also reported finding a .22-caliber automatic handgun and a hunting knife.

Mixon was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a concealed firearm and a concealed weapon. Alexander was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Each man was held on \$10,000 bond.

Six charged with DUI

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

• Hillard Ramey, 57, of 1041 Alameda Drive, Longwood, was arrested Sunday after his car was in an accident on County Road 427, Longwood.

• Alan Lawayne Cason, 29, of Orlando, was arrested at 6:29 p.m. Saturday after seen driving carelessly and speeding on State Road 434, Winter Springs. He was also charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Paul Allen Holcomb Jr., 35, of Orlando, was arrested at 5:28 p.m. Saturday after he staggered to a truck and tried to drive out of a parking lot on State Road 434, Altamonte Springs.

• Mark Douglas Purdy, 32, of Orlando, was arrested at 5:07 a.m. Sunday after his car was seen weaving on Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary. He was also charged with possession of a concealed weapon.

• Jeffrey Douglas Dickey, 23, 207 Lake Blvd., Sanford, was charged with DUI Friday at 7:30 a.m. by a Florida Highway Patrol trooper on U.S. Highway 17-82 at White Pine Lane following an accident investigation. Bond was set at \$500.

• Michael Arthur Butt, 20, 1812 Paloma Ave., Sanford, was charged with DUI Friday at about 11 a.m. by a state trooper following a single-car accident on County Road 15. Bond was set at \$500.

Rest stop robbery reported

LONGWOOD—Haleon Totten, 58, of Orlando, reported three men, one armed with a pistol, robbed him of \$400 at the eastbound rest stop of Interstate 4, rural Longwood, at about 4:40 a.m. today.

Accidents worry stunt workers at Disney Studios Theme Park

United Press International

ORLANDO—The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is looking into complaints about the safety of stunt performers following accidents at the Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The newspaper said the inquiry, which federal officials hope to complete next month, was prompted because three performers were injured during stunts at the Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular since the attraction opened in May.

Disney says the operation is safe and the injuries are no worse than might result from a professional football or basketball game.

One in three freed felons repeats crimes

United Press International

ORLANDO—Nearly a third of all central Florida felons freed from prison under the state's early release program was charged with new crimes when they should have still been behind bars, according to an analysis published Sunday.

Last March that the recidivism rate for inmates freed under the program designed to ease chronic overcrowding in the prison system was 1-in-4, but updated figures through October showed the situation was worsening, according to the newspaper report.

The newspaper scrutinized the records of 4,485 central Florida felons freed during the first two years of the early release program, which began in early 1987. A computer analysis showed 2,329 were rearrested and more than half of those — 1,263 — were charged with new crimes that ranged from attempted murder to drug offenses during a period covered by their individual early release credits.

In other words, the crimes might not have been committed had they been serving their full sentence, the newspaper said.

Some 90,000 inmates have enjoyed sentence reductions since the program was begun in 1987, meaning at least 30,000 new arrests might be the result if the newspaper's findings apply throughout Florida.

The early release program was a response to a federal court order to stop overcrowding in the state's prison system. Officials have approved construction of thousands of new prison beds, including 9,000 approved this year alone, to boost the system's capacity to 50,062 by September 1991.

However, projected admissions for 1991 are more than 65,500.

The system provides for various types of gain time to reduce sentences for good behavior and for attending classes and work. Provisional release credits are granted to most classes of inmates as an administrative tool whenever the inmate population threatens to overwhelm the system.

Rudolph Red-Nosed Reindeer turns 50

United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO—Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer celebrates his 50th birthday this year, as popular as ever, with an updated look designed to keep him contemporary.

Like many popular icons, Rudolph has had his image changed often. Rudolph's licensing company, Applause Inc., just had him redrawn for "a slightly perkier look," said Virginia Herz, Rudolph's manager and one of six children of Robert L. May, who created the Christmas tale.

Rudolph has been seen in more than 500 guises over the years, endorsing products and entertaining millions of children on television specials. He has earned the family "a modest fortune at best," the family said.

But he started life as a promotional gimmick for a department store.

Herz said her father worked until 1939 preparing Montgomery Ward catalogs. Then a supervisor asked him to write a children's book in verse, because he "always was writing limericks and funny poems for people's retirement parties."

"For the first children who got to know Rudolph, the story started like this:

"Twas the day before

Vandal apologizes for trashing yule display

United Press International

FALL RIVER, Mass.—A young vandal who didn't "want to be a grinch" says he's sorry for destroying Santa's sleigh and other Christmas decorations that an elderly homeowner displayed on his front lawn.

"I'm writing you to say that me and my three friends are very sorry for destroying your sled and reindeer," said the letter sent to John Brilliant, 65, whose annual yuletide display attracts admirers from throughout the city.

"Please forgive us and have a Merry Christmas. Sorry, Yours truly," The letter was signed, "I don't want to be a grinch."

The vandals struck the night

of Dec. 8 soon after Brilliant and his wife took in their dog and went to bed.

They tipped over a statue of Santa and his sleigh and scattered some stuffed animals that were part of the display. But they did their worst damage to the hand-painted, Masonite reindeer Brilliant had made.

The vandals ripped off the reindeer's heads and antlers and broke their legs in several places so there would be no chance of repairing them.

"I was angry at first, but after that letter arrived, it cooled me down a bit," Brilliant said Sunday. "It looks like it was younger people who were responsible. And just knowing that they were sorry makes me feel good."

Home search reveals drugs, police reports

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

Two men were arrested Friday night when a search of their apartment revealed 15½ grams of cocaine, six bags of marijuana and three marijuana plants. The seizure, with an estimated street value of more than \$9,000, culminated a three-week investigation by Altamonte Springs police.

Shawn Dubois Alexander, 23, and David Michael Franz, 23, both of 608 Camino Court, were arrested shortly before midnight following the search. Franz was arrested near the residence as he drove away.

Franz was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of more than 30 grams of marijuana, possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana, possession of less than 28 grams of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, cultivation of marijuana and driving with a suspended license. Alexander was charged with cultivation of marijuana, possession of less than 30 grams of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

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EDITORIALS

Tougher regulation

M. Danny Wall once was touted as the healer of the nation's sick thrifts. As the federal government's chief savings and loan regulator, he would take a faltering institution and merge it with a healthier one. He seemed destined to earn the label of deal maker, a master of compromise.

What finally brought his demise was not a deal gone sour, but one that never took place. Wall ignored his examiners' warnings that Irvine, Calif.-based Lincoln Savings and Loan was recklessly managed, financially hemorrhaging and on the slide. The failure to act, which dragged on for two years, may cost the taxpayers more than \$2 billion.

After a barrage of congressional criticism, Wall resigned recently as chief of the Office of Thrift Supervision, a scaled-down replacement for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Wall contends that he is being made a scapegoat.

Bitter though he may be, Wall had to go. He wasn't solely to blame for the S&L debacle of an entire decade. Far from it. Indeed, the worst damage had been done by the time he took control as head of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in 1987.

Yet, during his tenure, the agency was thoroughly discredited and disgraced. It was inundated with failures and insolvencies, of which Lincoln was only one. When Congress approved bail-out legislation for the ailing thrifts, Wall underestimated the extent of the disaster — a disaster that eventually could cost taxpayers \$280 billion.

Moreover, the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, chaired by Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, has disclosed disturbingly cozy encounters between Wall and Lincoln's owner Charles Keating. Again, Wall wasn't the only one. Five senators, all of them beneficiaries of Keating's campaign largess, expressed extraordinary concern that Lincoln not be over-regulated.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Times reported that Lawrence Taggart, California's top thrift regulator in 1983 and 1984, was exceptionally permissive with Keating and Lincoln S&L. After leaving his state post, Taggart reportedly was rewarded handsomely when he was employed by a company partially owned by Lincoln.

Also nurturing the schemers and the unscrupulous was an "anything goes" climate during the 1980s. It was a time when regulation was a dirty word and anyone cunning enough to seize control of a thrift institution could divert its assets to win friends and influence politicians.

The nation still doesn't know the extent of the damage, which is why it would be a bad idea to abolish the Office of Thrift Supervision, as some analysts suggest. It is true that the agency no longer supervises the thrift industry's deposit insurance system. But this should leave it free to regulate the savings and loan industry as never before. Who knows how many other Lincoln S&Ls are operating, when it would be in the public's best interest to close them?

As for who should replace Wall, the successor should be credible and incorruptible. Regulators who initially blew the whistle on Lincoln ought to figure somewhere on the list.

Berry's World



"They tell me you're in peephole journalism."

CHUCK STONE

How far can you trust the media?

WASHINGTON — When it comes to truth, integrity and national pride, you've been had. The Japanese have bought Rockefeller Center. Philip Morris cigarettes has bought the Bill of Rights. NBC-TV has bought Jane Pauley's replacement on the Today show. Absolut vodka has bought Esquire magazine's editorial integrity. network news has bought theater into reporting, and a U.S. Appeals Court has bought the Ninth Commandment, which orders us not to bear false witness against our neighbor. Nobody has any shame.

Of the above six purchases, the one that bothers me least is the Japanese purchase of Rockefeller Center. I regard it as life insurance. If Japan ever declares war on us, they'll never bomb us. They'll just send out eviction notices.

But the other five purchases reflect a shameful collapse of values. That antiquated parchment, the Declaration of Independence, has been replaced by a hipper, videotactic version.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all media are created equal and endowed with their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are the right to lies, flimflam and the pursuit of deceptiveness."

I grew up believing that the Declaration of Independence belonged to the people of the United States.

Now, the cancer-peddling corporate octopus that shamelessly masquerades under the respectable-sounding name of Philip Morris has

co-opted the Bill of Rights. It has purchased an imprimatur from the National Archives to send copies of the Bill of Rights to people who will call an 800 number.

"We're going to go out and corner the market on parchment," gleefully boasted Guy Smith, a Philip Morris vice president.

But Philip Morris has plenty of company. Esquire magazine crossed a once inviolate line separating editorial and advertisers by permitting the importers of Absolut vodka, Carillon Importers, to be part of the panel that judged the winners of a short story contest

sponsored by Esquire.

In another exercise of questionable media ethics, TV network news departments have been crossing the once strict line between news stories and dramatic re-enactments. CBS's "Saturday Night With Connie Chung" is no much theater as it is reporting. Most worrisome of all to the sacred trust readers have invested in the media is a U.S. Court of Appeals decision in San Francisco that permits a reporter to falsify quotes — even make them up — as long as they do not contradict the sense of the interview.

Worse than the court's ruling was the reaction of several prominent editors who are First Amendment absolutists in applauding the court's decision.

As for NBC-TV's purchase of Jane Pauley's replacement for the Today show, what can I say? NBC-TV certainly has a constitutional right to pursue the practice of prostituting broadcast talent instead of journeymen journalists.

The well-liked Jane had two problems. One, she was just as professional as that insufferably pompous nerd, Bryant Gumbel (and that drove him up his pointed-head wall). Two, she wasn't as blond as her replacement, Deborah Norville.

In journalism, we have a saying, "If your mother says she loves you, check it out." The question today is, check it out with whom?



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ROBERT WALTERS

Old hotels for the elderly

LA SALLE, Ill. — In hundreds of communities throughout the country there stands a handsome old hotel that once was the focus of social and economic activity but in recent decades has become merely a historic building with little or no function.

Typically a sturdy, multi-storied, brick building constructed in the middle of the downtown business district during the late 19th or early 20th century, that once-grand hotel provided the only accommodations for overnight visitors; was the preferred location for weddings, proms, and other major social events; and offered function rooms where community leaders could meet over breakfast, lunch or dinner.

In the 1950s and 1960s, however, that monopoly came to an end as new motels with appealing amenities were built on the edge of town. By the 1970s and 1980s, the neglected downtown hotel had lost virtually all of its business and was in a state of disrepair. Local residents who remembered its earlier prominence feared the day when it would be destroyed by a wrecking ball.

That description applies not only to the Kaskaskia Hotel in LaSalle but also to the Calhoun Hotel in Anderson, S.C.; the Paddock Hotel in Beatrice, Neb.; the Tioga Hotel in Chanute, Kans.; the Algonquin Hotel in Cumberland, Md.; the Bothwell Hotel in Sedalia, Mo.; the Harrington Hotel in Port Huron, Mich.; and the Newcomb Hotel in Quincy, Ill.

But those properties — and others — now have something else in common: They have been purchased, renovated and equipped to serve the needs of elderly people by the Westin Financial Group of Berkeley, Calif., under a company program known as Historic Housing for Seniors.

After Westin rehabilitates the buildings, it rents individual living units for \$650 to \$1,100 per month — substantially less than many other firms charge for specialized housing for the elderly. Moreover, there are no endowments, entry fees or other expensive initial charges required for admission.

In addition to private rooms for individuals or couples, the monthly charge pays for three meals daily in a dining room, all utilities, weekly housekeeping and linen service, social and recreational programs, cable television and local transportation in a hotel-operated van.

Skilled medical care is not provided, but a nurse is present for several hours each day for consultations and to offer blood pressure

testing, glaucoma screening and other routine medical services.

Staff members are in the hotel throughout the day and night. In an emergency, residents can contact them by activating a portable transmitter that is worn around the neck during the day and placed on a bedside table at night. It transmits a digitally coded signal identifying the individual in need of assistance.

The multiple benefits of placing seniors in refurbished downtown hotels include bringing new customers to withering business districts and giving the elderly easy walking access to stores. In La Salle, for example, the hotel is surrounded by a bank, a post office and various retail outlets.

Historic Housing for Seniors is financed through the sale of shares in limited partnerships. Investors can take advantage of two tax credit incentives — for historic preservation and for low income housing — offered by the federal government.

"Westin has coupled social responsibility with brilliant niche marketing," says Washington, D.C., securities dealer Donald Green. "The concept would seem to offer the best of all possible worlds."

The program, Talansky notes, combines "a socially desirable real estate product whose market is burgeoning, a sensitive contemporary use for historic buildings and a low-risk investment opportunity."

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JACK ANDERSON

U.S. nursing homes in need of attention

WASHINGTON — Behind the walls of some American nursing homes, mice nest in the hair of once-dignified ladies and forgotten people drown in bathtubs.

These are not throwaway stories from a less enlightened era. They are fresh accounts of the abuses that still go on in many nursing homes, where the elderly pay for care and attention and instead get neglect and intimidation.

Our associate Jim Lynch obtained an unreleased report of an investigation by the Department of Health and Human Services into abuse of nursing home residents. The draft report concludes that the abuse often goes unreported and that there is no effective system to investigate complaints.

The most common complaint is neglect. Residents are scalded when left unattended in hot showers. Others are strapped to their beds and chairs for too long, or not allowed to go to the bathroom when they need to.

Those are the everyday abuses — the result of undertrained, underpaid and overworked aides. Other abuses are criminal.

At a Michigan nursing home, two aides devised a way to silence chronic complainers. One would stand guard while the other would smother a resident with a pillow. The smotherer got life in jail. The lookout is on probation.

Investigators found that many nursing home staffers lack empathy for the elderly because they lack the knowledge necessary to understand problems such as Alzheimer's disease.

The elderly are easy to abuse because so many of them can't stand up for themselves and have no one to act as their advocate. If they don't report abuse, who will?

There is a sense of hopelessness among the victims. More than half of the nursing home residents questioned as part of the investigation believe that abuse is only rarely reported to authorities. Many of the nursing home aides were painfully honest. Thirty six percent of them recalled seeing at least one case of physical abuse in the preceding year. Ten percent said they themselves were the abusers.

Reports of abuse rarely make it as far as the local police. The investigations are left to state ombudsmen or Medicaid fraud units. Rarely is anyone arrested.

They get away with it because there are no witnesses, one ombudsman told us.

Where were the witnesses when the mouse built a nest in the hair of a woman at a Maryland nursing home? Mice were so prevalent there that intravenous food lines to residents had to be taped over so the mice wouldn't chew through them.

All of the state ombudsmen we talked to said that many nursing home owners have the money but not the will to make improvements.

The crisis will only get worse. Modern medicine is keeping the elderly alive and making them the fastest growing population segment in the United States. The number of Americans over 65 is expected to double in the next 40 years. If the number of nursing home beds has to double too, what will happen to the quality of care?

Modern medicine will be no advantage if the reward for growing old is abuse and neglect by the young.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

U.S. blames Noriega for 'lawlessness'

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney blamed Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega for the "lawlessness" that led to the killing of a U.S. military officer in Panama but the administration remained cautious in its reaction.

Cheney convened a meeting Sunday of key officials from the Pentagon, the National Security Council and other agencies to look into the killing of an American fleeing from a confrontation with Panamanian Defense Forces officers.

The Pentagon also revealed that a U.S. Navy officer and his wife were beaten after witnessing the killing at a checkpoint near the headquarters of Panama's military.

"Ultimately, it is General Noriega himself who has encouraged this kind of lawlessness," said Cheney, blaming Noriega for creating "an atmosphere where Panamanian Defense Forces feel free to fire on unarmed Americans." Cheney's comments indicated a rise in temperature in U.S.-Panamanian relations after the administration first reacted cautiously to the killing of the American officer.

The White House deplored the violence, but was careful not to accuse Noriega of a violent new turn in his campaign against the United States, which has publicly sought his ouster for almost two years.

"The Noriega regime is isolated both domestically and internationally and has been using force and intimidation to thwart

the will of the Panamanian people," said deputy White House press secretary Roman Popadluk. "Acts such as those of last evening are the consequence of such a regime."

President Bush, who refused Saturday to recognize the Panamanian National Assembly's move Friday to formalize Noriega's power, declined to comment on the shooting after attending church services at Fort Myer, Va.

"We've seen General Noriega brutalize the people of Panama, crack down on his own civilians and the military alike after the last coup attempt, designate himself the leader of the country and declare a state of war with the United States," Cheney said in a statement after his meeting.

Decriminalizing of drugs urged

DETROIT (UPI) — Rep. George Crockett, D-Mich., reportedly has become the first congressman to publicly call for the decriminalization of drugs.

He said in an interview published Sunday that the move is the only answer to the nation's drug problem.

When told of Crockett's call for decriminalization, national drug policy director William Bennett cursed the Detroit Democrat.

Collor Brazil's new president

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (UPI) — Rightist candidate Fernando Collor de Mello has been declared the winner of a close presidential race by three exit polls and was reported ahead today in unofficial vote counts by three television stations.

Early unofficial returns from urban centers gave Collor's rival, left-wing leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a lead that was overcome as later returns came in from rural areas, the bastion of conservative voting strength.

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IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

Stockton spurt sparks Jazz

MINNEAPOLIS — John Stockton scored 10 of his 25 points in an 18-3 fourth-period run Sunday night that lifted the Utah Jazz to a 123-112 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Jazz, 15-6, moved into the Midwest Division lead by one-half game over the San Antonio Spurs. A home crowd of 23,262 saw the Timberwolves drop their fifth straight and fall to 5-17.

Karl Malone scored a game-high 34 points and 12 rebounds for Utah, which trailed 99-93 with 6:36 left. The Jazz converted a season-high 51-of-88 free throws including 15-of-16 by Stockton in winning their third in a row.

Minnesota took its first lead at 68-67 midway through the third on a jumper by center Brad Lohaus, who scored 12 points in the period after hitting just two in the first half.

Elsewhere in the NBA, Portland downed Indiana 121-113 and Phoenix drilled Sacramento 125-113.



TENNIS

West Germany takes Davis title

STUTTGART, West Germany — Boris Becker crushed Mats Wilander, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2, Sunday to give West Germany its second straight Davis Cup championship at the expense of Sweden.

"We are the best team in the world," Becker said following his country's 3-2 decision over Sweden, though it was his own sustained brilliance over the three days of the final that gave West Germany a repeat of last year's final.

Becker, who turned 22 last month, pounded Stefan Edberg, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4, in his opening singles Friday and was the driving force in West Germany's doubles victory Saturday.

He was even more menacing against Wilander, who just a year ago reigned as the world's No. 1 player.

BASEBALL

Jays trade last original member

TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays Sunday traded veteran catcher Ernie Whitt and minor league outfielder Kevin Batts to the Atlanta Braves for pitcher Rick Trickett.

Whitt, the last player of the original Blue Jays (1977), had to agree to the trade because of his 10-5 status, 10 years in the major leagues and five with the same club. Whitt, 37, hit .262 with 11 homers and 53 RBI last year in 129 games.

"My No. 1 priority was to get an opportunity to play," Whitt said from his residence in Mt. Clemens, Mich. "I was told by Atlanta I would get that opportunity."

"I will probably play in a platoon situation, like I did in Toronto."

Whitt was drafted by Boston in the 1976 expansion draft. In 11 years, Whitt batted .253, hit 132 homers and had 521 RBI.

Batts, 23, was with Knoxville of the Southern League (AA). He hit .222 with 1 homer and 25 RBI in 81 games last season. Batts played in six games with the Blue Jays.

HOCKEY

Mogilny, Buffalo silence Flyers

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Soviet defector Alexander Mogilny may have known he was playing against the league's most outspoken anti-Soviet team Sunday night.

Mogilny had his first two-goal game in the NHL, registered a game-high five shots and was a plus-two to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

The Flyers, who blew a 3-1 lead, are owned by the Sniders, a family that has made it clear that they feel the league's ties with the USSR should be limited.

"He's got some good speed," Flyers defenseman Mark Howe said of Mogilny. "But their whole team is pressing you."

Scott Mellanby opened the scoring 1:20 into the game when he beat Buffalo goaltender Daren Puppa on the Flyers' first shot.

In other NHL action Montreal blanked New York's Rangers 2-0; New Jersey whipped Boston 3-1; Chicago trimmed Edmonton 6-5; and Quebec tied Vancouver Vancouver 2-2.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

BEST BETS ON TV

FOOTBALL
 8:00 p.m. — (WFTV, 9), Philadelphia Eagles at New Orleans Saints. (L)

Top girl cagers in town

No. 7 Apopka leads field of Lady Patriot tourney

By MARK BLYTHE
 Herald sports writer

The second annual Lady Patriot basketball tournament will tipoff this afternoon with three Seminole county teams participating in the eight-team event.

The event will begin with Sarasota Riverview and Oviedo battling at 2 p.m., followed by Sarasota Christian and Venice at 4. Venice and Winter Park at 6 and Apopka and Lake Brantley at 8.

"We have a strong field," Lake Brantley coach Cindy Frank said. "We had a team drop out and had to shuffle the bracketing, but it's a pretty balanced group."

Apopka and Riverview are the early favorites with Apopka sporting all-state Conya Johnson, a 6-1 center who carried the Blue Darters to the 4A state tournament last year.

Apopka comes into the tourney ranked seventh in Class 4A. Squaring off against such a team in her own tournament was not Frank's idea, but with the reshuffling things turned out that way.

"We've played Winter Park and the two county teams," Frank said. "I didn't know anything about Sarasota Christian. I thought playing Apopka would only help us. It can show us some things we have to work on."

Frank feels the Patriots must find its offensive attack to pull off an upset. Lake Brantley's defense has been strong for the past two weeks. Its offense, though, has had trouble putting points on the board.

"We've been playing real good defense," Frank said. "Our offense has to get rolling. Apopka will score a lot of points. We need to score ourselves to stay in the ballgame."

Venice enters the tournament with the tallest lineup, having four players 6-foot or better on the roster. Riverview returns most of the players to its squad that won the tournament a year ago.

"I don't know what type of team Venice has but they are loaded with size," Frank said. "I'm not sure but I think Riverview has beaten them already this season. Riverview returns almost everything and appears to be strong again."

Oviedo dropped its first four games of the season but has bounced back to win its last three, including a big win over DeLand. Lake Howell is always scrappy and if it can put together three strong games it could come out on top.

"We're looking for a good turnout," Frank said. "There are two boys tournaments going on and a lot of the student body will be on vacation. We did well last year, though, and hope for the same this year. Most of the teams have good followings."



Herald Photo by Kelly Jordan

Tara Gibson and the Lake Brantley Patriots will host the second annual Lady Patriot basketball tournament beginning today and lasting through Wednesday. Play begins at 2 p.m. with Oviedo meeting Sarasota Riverview.

SCC ends 1989 with a blowout

From staff reports

WINTER HAVEN — Seminole Community College placed five players in double figures as the Raiders ended their pre-Christmas schedule with a 99-66 clubbing of North Florida Junior College in the consolation game of the Polk Christmas Tournament.

Herb Brown (13), Richard Brown (11), Alvin Mobley (10), Nate Washington (10) and Stephen Blackmon (10) paced the Raiders as all 13 players who dressed scored at least three points.

The win was the 12th of the season for SCC against seven losses. The Raiders will now take off until Jan. 10, when SCC will return to host Santa Fe in a Mid-Florida Conference encounter.

"I really dislike these types of games," said SCC head coach Bill Payne. "It's nice to get a win, especially going into the Christmas break, and let everyone get some playing time, but we go into every game looking to improve on some part of our game so we will be ready for conference. I don't think we got anything out of today's game."

North Florida, which has not won a game all season, looked like they meant to make the Raiders their first victim of the year as Jack Kelly scored six points to push NFJC out to an 8-1 lead.

But Washington came off the bench and teamed with Blackmon to lead a surge that finally saw SCC take a lead at the 10-minute mark. Washington and Blackmon scored eight points each on combined eight-of-nine shooting as the Raiders took a 49-31 lead into the intermission.

Richard Brown (7), Mobley (6) and T.J. Scaletta (6) also had good first halves for the Raiders while Kelly had 15 points to lead North Florida.

The second half started like the first as NFJC scored the first five points to cut the advantage to 49-36.

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vessell

Burger King coming up

This year's Burger King Soccer Classic will begin with eight games at Lake Mary and Lyman high schools this coming Wednesday. At 2 p.m. at Lake

Mary, Shannon Sundvall (No. 12) and her Seminole teammates will face St. Thomas Aquinas of Fort Lauderdale.

Lake Brantley gets set for Burger King

From staff reports

TAMPA — Tara Harding scored two goals as Lake Brantley shut out Tampa-Berkley Prep 5-0 in prep girls' soccer action Saturday afternoon in Tampa.

Now 10-1, the Lake Brantley Patriots will return to action at 8 p.m. this Wednesday against Dr. Phillips in the first round of the Burger King Classic at Lyman High School. Lake Brantley will be going for its third consecutive Burger King championship.

"We played very well, considering we have seven girls either sick or injured, four of which are starters," said Lake Brantley coach John Schaefer on Saturday. "We played very well. We're just hoping to recover by Wednesday."

Harding gave the Patriots a 1-0 lead when she converted a pass from Carrie Larson early in the first half. Stephanie Sanders made it 2-0 on assist from Beth Schaefer before Harding scored her second goal, this one on an assist from Melissa Frue.

Traci Finley closed out the first half as she scored on a corner kick from Beth Schaefer that was touched on by Staci Fox.

The only score in the second half was an own goal by Berkley Prep. Nicole Delahoussaye ripped a shot that bounced off a Berkley Prep defender and into the goal.

With starting goalie Kimi Kurz out with an injury, backup Marcel Stark played and registered her second consecutive shutout for Lake Brantley, making three saves on Berkley Prep's three shots.

Rookie guard boosts Rockets while sinking Magic

United Press International

HOUSTON — Rookie point guard Byron Dinkins continues to prove his worth to the struggling Houston Rockets.

Dinkins earned four consecutive free throws in a 27-second span Sunday night to ensure Houston's 109-94 win over the Orlando Magic.

"When I'm in the game, it's my job to push the ball up the floor," said Dinkins, who scored 12 points. "One of my better assets is my speed."

After the Magic's Reggie Theus hit a 3-point basket to bring his team to within 97-90 with 2:30 remaining, Dinkins sank four free throws in

the next 27 seconds to put the Rockets ahead, 101-90.

"When you have guys like Akeem (Olajuwon) and Otis (Thorpe) and Buck (Johnson) to pass the ball to, it makes my job easier," added Dinkins.

Houston's win was highlighted by Olajuwon's second triple-double of the season and the fifth of his career. He scored 32 points, tied a career high with 25 rebounds and blocked 10 shots as Houston, 11-12, ended a two-game losing streak.

"I was just going after every rebound," Olajuwon said. "We wanted to put them away as early as possible. When someone released their man in the lane, I came across and went for the

block."

Olajuwon leads the league in blocks, averaging 4.6 per game.

"Once he got a sense of what we were trying to do, he was tough on us," Orlando coach Matt Guokas said. "Most players in the league, when they play great shot blockers like that, hear footsteps."

Theus, who paced the Magic with 29 points, said Olajuwon's play in the fourth quarter was the difference.

"He played well," Theus said. "He came on in the fourth quarter and did what he was supposed to do."

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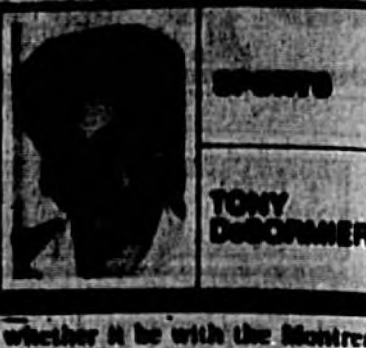
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Area athletes, coaches get hypothetical gifts

Christmas is just a week away. Pondered your shopping yet? Got the list up and down? Good. This is a wonderful time of year...



TONY DANZINGER

whether it be with the Montreal Expos or wherever. To the Lake Howell baseball team: a permanent on-campus field. To Lake Brantley cross country runners Amy Ginette and Joyce Tuille: injury-free senior years. To Lyman runner Teddy Mitchell: a spring track season hitting a four-time state champion. To Oviedo resident and Bishop Moore soccer player Amy Gels: the national career scoring record. To Oviedo graduate Mark Marchant: a starting job in the Seattle Mariner outfield next year. To former Seminole County resident and tennis pro Jim Courier: a Grand Slam victory in 1990. To Seminole Community College basketball coaches Bill Payne and Illeana Gallagher: standing-room-only crowds for home games. To Orlando Magic center Dave Corzine: complete recovery from his knee injury. To Lake Howell running back Marquette Smith: a record-setting senior year. To Lake Mary swimmer Brad Bridgewater: an Olympic team berth. To Seminole High girls' basketball coach John McNamara: a return trip to the state championship game in Lakeland. To all the sports fans of Seminole County: more championships than we can count and a safe, happy 1990.

Sloan confirms threat caused him to resign

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida basketball coach Norm Sloan has confirmed that he resigned his job because he was threatened with a federal indictment if he refused. It was reported Sunday. Sloan and his lawyer told The Gainesville Sun the threat was passed from former U.S. Attorney Michael Moore through UF lawyers Pam Bernard and Tom McDonald, who talked to Moore just after the prosecutor had spoken with State University System Chancellor Charlie Reed. "Moore said Norm Sloan would not coach his first game (of the season) unindicted," Sloan said. Reed would not talk about the resignation, which grew out of investigations of the Gator basketball program by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and the NCAA. Several athletes have acknowledged using drugs while at the university and accepting payments from sports agents and coaches. UF football head coach Galen Hall resigned after his program was implicated in wrongdoing. But Sloan forcefully denied Oct. 17 any wrongdoing and vowed to remain at the university, prompting speculation of his motives when he did resign two weeks later. Dexier Douglass, Sloan's lawyer, now says the indictment may have been a bluff, but one he decided would be too expensive to call, since Sloan would risk a lengthy criminal trial and possibly conviction. "In the final analysis, I could not tell for sure whether Coach Sloan would be indicted if he didn't retire. But the situation was orchestrated in such a manner that I had to assume that he would be indicted, whether there was evidence to convict him or not," Douglass said. Reed acknowledged he spoke with Moore about the case but would not say what advice he gave

Trudeau, Dickerson burn Dolphins, 42-13

INDIANAPOLIS — Jack Trudeau played one of the best games of his career, running back Eric Dickerson was vital to the Indianapolis passing game and as a result, the Colts control their NFL playoff destiny. Trudeau, who suffered a concussion a week ago, threw for 198 yards and a career-high four touchdowns Sunday, sparking the Colts to a 42-13 rout of Miami. Trudeau completed 23 of 35 passes and threw touchdowns (ones of 6 yards to Albert Bentley, 6 yards to Andre Rison, 1 yard to Mark Boyer and 5 yards to James Pruitt. "It has got to be one of my best games," Trudeau said. "I'm happy. I had to do what

they allowed. They have the type of defense you have to march down the field on. You have to think them. I executed the game plan exactly like I wanted." If Indianapolis (8-7) wins next week at New Orleans, the Colts will be in the playoffs. If the Colts win and Buffalo loses to the New York Jets next week, the Colts would be AFC East champions. If Indianapolis and Buffalo both win, the Colts would have a wildcard berth because only the Los Angeles Raiders among non-division winners can record a finish ahead of Indianapolis in record or tiebreaker procedures. "We just go from week to week," Colts coach Ron Meyer said. "Jack was magnificent handling the ball and getting it to the

right people. Jack had to play his finest game." Dickerson rushed for 107 yards on 21 carries and scored touchdowns on runs of 1 and 2 yards. The seventh-year running back also caught a career-high nine passes for 63 yards. Dickerson did not speak to reporters after the game. "The key to the passing game was Eric running the pass routes on the back side," Trudeau said. "When you have Eric running around back there, it has got to be scary. Eric did something we usually don't ask him to do. He ran the routes and got open. It was a pretty good mix. I don't think they knew what we were going to do."

Detroit whips Bucs for fourth straight win

PONTIAC, Mich. — Tampa Bay wanted to stop Barry Sanders first and the Detroit Lions second. Turns out they were 0 for 2. Sanders ran for 104 yards and a club rookie rushing record Sunday while journeyman Bob Gagliano threw a pair of touchdown passes in leading the Lions to a 33-7 rout of the Buccaneers that gave them their first four-game winning streak since 1980. "I'm proud of this football team," Detroit coach Wayne Fontes said. "When we started out in July, we said we were going to take it one game at a time and that's what we've done. "No one gave us much of a chance to do

what we're doing now. They've showed tremendous character. They've had a tremendous amount of trust in each other, in what they're doing and in their coach." The Lions, once 1-7, moved past the Bucs out of the NFC Central Division basement with their fifth win in six games. They lost their first shutout since beating Tampa Bay, 11-0, Sept. 4, 1983, on a 69-yard touchdown pass reception by Mark Carrier on the last play of the game. "Avoiding the shutout doesn't mean anything," Tampa Bay coach Ray Perkins said. "The fact remains we lost the ballgame. I think I caught them off guard (with the pass call). It kind of surprised them." Detroit's Eddie Murray had just kicked his

fourth field goal, instead of the Lions running out the clock, with 20 seconds to go. It gave Tampa Bay time for one last play. Detroit is now 6-9 while Tampa Bay dropped to 5-10 with its eighth loss in 10 games. The first loss in the Bucs' slide was a 17-16 defeat to the Lions. "They outplayed us, no question about that," Perkins said. "We were out-coached, out-played. If they've got cheerleaders, we were out-cheered. We could probably have saved ourselves a lot of time and money if we hadn't even showed up. "We made a lot of mistakes. It's time for us to stop it. We've been doing it all season."

Raiders

Continued from 1B 40-30. But the Raider defense would hold North Florida scoreless for over the next nine minutes as SCC went ahead by as many as 47 points to turn the game into a rout. Herb Brown was the big man for SCC as he had eight rebounds and four assists to go with his 13 points. Also having big days were Richard Brown (11 points, nine rebounds), Alvin Mobley (10 points, nine rebounds, three blocked shots), Washington (10 points, four rebounds, four assists) and Mike Gaskill (five points, three steals, three assists). Kelly was a one-man gang for NFJC (0-17) with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Devin Stephenson was the only other player for NFJC in double figures with 11 points. Todd Sanders had seven points and Jon Vaught (brother of University of Michigan player Loy Vaught) chipped in with six points and five rebounds.

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People

IN BRIEF

Seniors to meet

SANFORD — The Sanford Senior Citizens will meet Tuesday at the Sanford Senior Center for a covered dish Christmas luncheon party. Attendees are requested to bring a small Christmas-wrapped gift for the nursing home. Members over 55 years old invited.

Library shows set

The Seminole County Public Library System will conduct "Christmas Fun" shows at all branches this week, including puppets, songs and skits.

Monday — 2 p.m., West Branch, 345 Hunt Club Blvd., Longwood, 862-2382.

Tuesday — 2 p.m., Northwest Branch, 580 Greenway Blvd., Lake Mary, 321-9419, 7 p.m., Central Branch, 815 N. Oxford Road, Casselberry, 338-4000.

Wednesday — 2 p.m., East Branch, 310 Division St., Oviedo, 368-8150.

Thursday — 8 p.m., North Branch, 150 N. Palmetto Ave., Sanford, 322-2282.

Museum guild to sponsor open house

DELAND — The DeLand Museum of Art Guild will sponsor an open house at the museum, 449 E. New York Ave., from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18. The event is open to the general public. Refreshments served. The current exhibition is "Humorous Touch."

Cloggers classes held

LAKE MARY — The Dixieland Cloggers hold classes from 7-9 p.m., Mondays, at the Lake Mary Fire Department. More information, call 321-5287.

Historic home tours conducted

LONGWOOD — Visit the historic 1880 14-room Victorian Bradlee-McIntyre House, 133 W. Warren Ave., every second and fourth Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission charge. More information, 332-6820.

Holiday cactus produces flowers at tips of stems

By COLLEEN WHITE
Herald columnist

You may be lucky if you receive as a gift this year a lovely Christmas Cactus. Actually, there is some confusion about the difference between Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter cactuses as they are usually collectively called Holiday cactus.

These plants are all in the family Epiphyllum. The beautiful Orchid Cactus is also in this family, but these cactuses bear their flowers at the sides of the stems where Holiday Cactus produces flowers at the tips of stems.

The varieties used for Christmas Cactus, usually hybrids of Zygocactus, have leaves with pointed lobes, often clawlike, and bloom from Thanksgiving to Christmas if the conditions for flowering are right.

The flower buds of the Easter Cactus take longer to develop than those of the Christmas Cactus and will therefore flower later. Easter Cactuses are often hybrids of Slumbergera and have wider stem segments which are rounded. These will bloom from Christmas to Easter if flowering conditions are met.

Both temperature and length of daylight effect flowering of Holiday Cactus. If night temperatures are maintained between 50 and 55° F., flower buds will develop regardless of day length. If the night temperatures remain

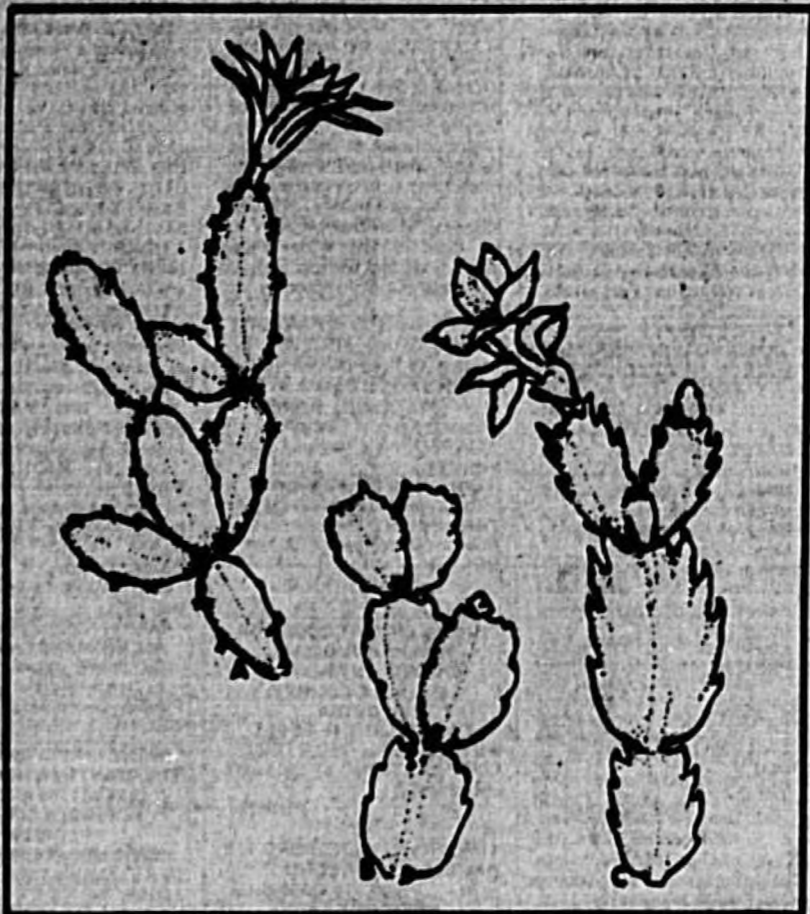
above 70° F., few flowers will form. If the temperature is above 55° F. but below 70° F., 13 hours of uninterrupted darkness will cause flower buds to form. After flower buds are well developed, the Holiday Cactus can be placed in normal temperatures and day lengths.

Holiday cactus prefer a well-drained soil with organic matter added. A good potting soil with perlite added for drainage would be an excellent medium.

At home, put the Holiday Cactus in an area that receives filtered light while enjoying the flowers during the Christmas season. After that, the cactus can be put outside, but do not put it in full sunlight, as it will burn. Filtered light is best for it outdoors also.

Watering is always important as too much or too little water will cause the flower buds to drop. Holiday cactus should be treated like other succulents. They prefer a slightly moist but never wet soil. Good drainage is also important. From late August until blooming, reduce watering and stop fertilizing to help induce blooming. After the cactus blooms and new growth begins, regular watering and fertilization can begin.

Holiday cactuses make excellent container plants. Their growth habit makes them perfect for hanging baskets. Although they will not survive the cold winters in Central Florida outside, during the warm months they look great hanging among the orchids and



The graphic shows the different types of Holiday cactus. From left to right are, the Easter Cactus, Christmas Cactus and Thanksgiving Cactus.

bromeliads. When a cold front is expected, just bring the cactuses in with the other cold sensitive plants.

For more information about growing Holiday cactus, please call me and request a free fact sheet.

All cooperative extension service programs are open to all, regardless of race, color, sex or national origin.

(Colleen White is Seminole County Extension Urban Horticulturist. Phone: 322-8886, ext. 5688.)



Door decorating

Senior citizens got a chance to display their artistic talents in a door decorating contest held recently at Howell Place of Sanford. Clara and Lucille Gaimar (left) took first place for their



decoration depicting Santa going down the chimney. Second place went to Henrietta Edwards for her elaborate tree and other decorations.

MONDAY'S

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For 24-hour listings, see TV Week issue of Friday, Dec. 15.

Dropping grades not fair punishment

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to stress my agreement with your opinion of teachers inappropriately using grades as punishment for students' behavior.

I still carry resentment (after 15 years) over such an experience in high school. Toward the end of our senior year, five of us were tardy for math class. It was intentional — a conspired "hark" — and the teacher knew it. Our punishment was a drop of one letter grade for the semester.

Following a mild protest by the parents and students involved, and a little push from the principal, the teacher agreed to give us a "second chance." We would have to earn an "A" on a math test especially designed by this teacher. Only two of us opted to try. Well, I failed the test, and so did the other student. Although I was a straight-A student, I never in all my life had seen a more difficult test!

Granted, intentional tardiness was immature, but none of us had ever given this teacher any trouble before. The punishment might not have remained so clearly in my memory except for the fact that it prevented me from becoming salutatorian of my class, which would have meant a lot to my parents.

It is said that people can touch the lives of others in very significant ways through the smallest of actions. You can bet I'll never forget that teacher's name.

FROM KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: I didn't think I'd ever write to Dear Abby, but I can't resist commenting on the controversy about whether a teacher should lower the grade of a student for giving or accepting "help" from another student during an examination.

Many who responded seemed to feel that a student should receive the grade he or she earned and not have it lowered for any reason.

Well, in the state of Idaho, a student must attend 90 percent of the classes or he/she will get no credit for that class. In our school district, that means students who miss seven days of school in a trimester will receive no credit, even if they have done all the work and would otherwise get an "A". To add insult to injury, students are counted absent if they miss a class due to a school activity — band, sports, drama, debate or even counseling. In the parents' handbook sent home from our school, it states that if students have missed more than six days, they will receive no credit, but are still expected to attend school and do all the work. I cannot imagine anything that would do more to encourage a student to drop out of school!

I am all for preparing our young people to live pro-



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ductively in the adult world. However, I firmly believe that those students who have done all the work and passed all the tests should be given full credit for the class.

UPSET IN IDAHO

DEAR UPSET IN IDAHO AND FROM KANSAS: Many readers disagreed with me, but I still maintain that for cheating, skipping school and unacceptable behavior, appropriate punishment is in order. Expulsion or suspension might be an alternative, but teachers should not tamper with a student's scholastic record.

If character references are required, the student's character blemishes should be clearly stated, but a student's grades should reflect that student's scholastic ability — and nothing else.

DEAR ABBY: "Happy and Shows It," who was criticized for her perpetual smile and cheerful attitude, asked for an appropriate comeback to a rude woman who remarked, "You must be either very stupid or incredibly lucky, because nobody can be that happy all the time." You advised her not to get into a wrestling match with a snunk.

Abby, we must battle the snunks of the world, or they will gain undue influence. I submit that an appropriate response (to paraphrase Voltaire) might have been: "You think I'm either stupid or lucky. I thought you were a refined woman. Perhaps we were both mistaken."

NEEK JOHNSON,
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VS. ARTHUR A. BOOTHE, JR., ET AL. NOTICE OF ACTION TO: ARTHUR A. BOOTHE, JR. RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN...

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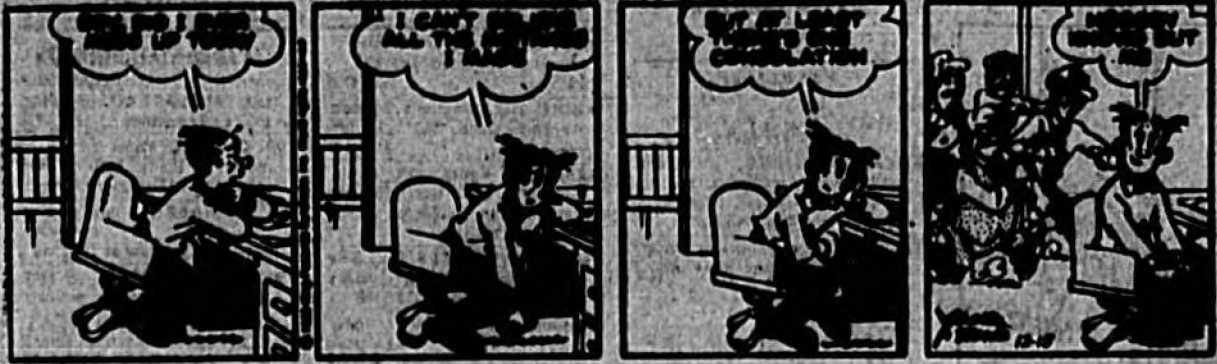
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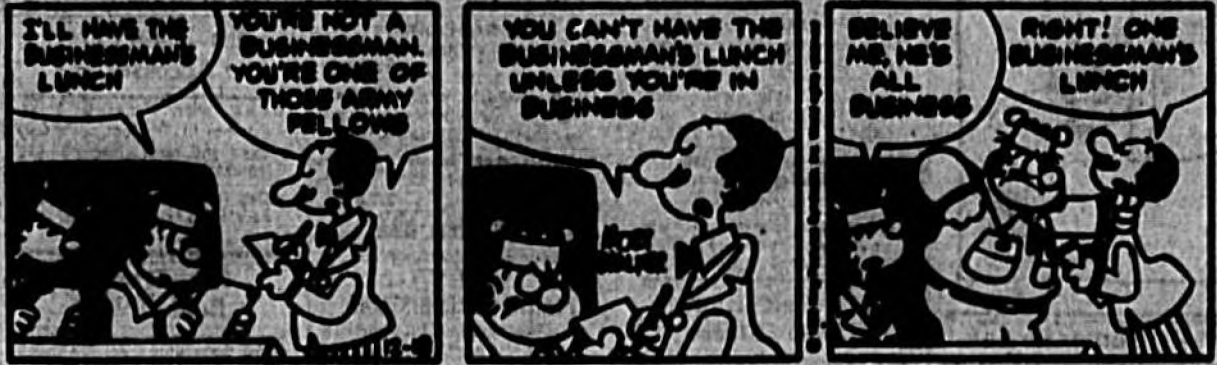
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Drug being tested to shrink benign gland

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is finasteride?

DEAR READER: Finasteride is a drug made by Merck and Co., Inc. for treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH, in men. BPH is non-cancerous overgrowth of the prostate gland, leading to blockage of urine. The customary treatment for BPH is surgery, to remove part of the gland and allow proper drainage from the bladder.



PETER GOTT, M.D.

It is easier to use and is less messy than ordinary ice. The application of mineral ice (and regular ice) helps certain conditions, such as sprains, bruises and chronic inflammation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Will you please comment on therapeutic mineral ice? I have some shoulder problems that appear to be helped by this.

DEAR READER: Mineral ice is a compound that becomes cold due to a chemical reaction.

Because BPH affects most men as they age, the development of a drug to shrink the prostate would have far-reaching consequences. As yet, finasteride has only investigational status, meaning that until it has been fully tested, it will not be released for general use. However, preliminary reports are encouraging.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 15-year-old daughter has not begun menstruating yet. While our family doctor does not seem too concerned, he thinks it might be a good idea to start her on hormone treatments. I don't like exposing her to this, unless it's really necessary. Please give me your opinion.

DEAR READER: I don't believe hormone treatments are necessary for your daughter.

The age at which menarche (first menstruation) appears varies greatly from culture to culture and race to race. For example, young black African girls customarily experience menarche several years earlier than their white American counterparts. Even among healthy white youngsters, first menstruation follows a variable pattern: some girls menstruate at 11 or 12, others don't mature until their midteens.

I think your family doctor is correct in adopting a "laid back" attitude, but I disagree with the recommendation to start hormone treatments. In my opinion, the use of hormone pills to stimulate menstruation is inappropriate for a 15-year-old. I suggest you wait a year or two. If your daughter has not menstruated and shown signs of adult sexual development by the age

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By James Jacoby

The only threat to three no-trump is the defender's club suit. With the 10 in West's hand, North would have to misguess terribly to fail. Why then did leading South bid four spades? Perhaps he wanted to give me a declarer play to write about.

It was easy to see that the heart three was a singleton lead. Rather than be set immediately, declarer grabbed the ace. With only nine tricks, South was in trouble but not ready to surrender. Sometimes, in such desperate straits, running all the trumps can cause a defensive miscalculation. But declarer should first try to visualize a legitimate play for the contract. A workable plan does exist if spades are 3-3 and East holds only two diamonds. And one other thing — the club 10 needs to be with West.

Declarer played Q-J of spades, happy that everyone followed suit. Then he cashed A-K of diamonds, happy to see the queen from East. Next came the jack of clubs. Would you care to defend? If East wins the ace and plays K-Q of hearts, dummy's jack becomes a trick. If he cashes only one high heart and leads a club back, declarer simply discards a diamond and later throws a losing heart on dummy's good club queen. And what if West wins the first club with the king? He can cash a diamond trick, but now, when he leads a club, declarer will put in dummy's nine, forcing East's ace and making the queen a winner once again. All well and good, but three no-trump would still have been easier.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (revised with his father, the late Gerald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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By Bernice Bode Cool

YOUR BIRTHDAY
Dec. 18, 1989

Your material prospects look more hopeful for the year ahead than they have been for quite some time. A weak spot, however, could be financial involvements with pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Monitor your intensity today and strive to operate in a gentle manner. Once your forcefulness is set in motion, it might be difficult to control. 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 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) All you have to do is check your reflection if you want to find out who your worst enemy is today. Guard against impulses that could be self-defeating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might be better off today functioning as independently of others as possible, because your way of doing things and theirs

could be diametrically opposed to one another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If possible it might be wise to sidestep, making binding commitments today. Tomorrow you might see matters from a different perspective and may wish to withdraw your promises.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful about the type of assistance you solicit from others today. You may get volunteers, but they could turn out to be all chiefs with no intention of being Indians.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When you discover your trust in another individual was misplaced, it might cause you some inner turmoil. Instead of collecting sorrow, use this experience for a future reference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The key word for you today is compromise, especially where domestic disagreements are concerned. Your attitude will play a key role in governing emotional levels.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be extremely careful today you do not poke your nose into situa-

tions where you haven't been invited. This is a critical area and problems could result if you miscalculate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Indifference or complacency could turn out to be quite expensive today. Keep a close tab on your resources and make quick adjustments if anything looks like it's getting out of hand.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let your vanity or ego get in your way today in your involvements with others. These are two facets of your character that can't be properly defended.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll have to come to the realization today that not everyone with whom you'll have dealings will be in accord with your viewpoint. Don't try to impose your opinions on companions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There is a possibility you might be taken in by a crafty individual today. Be wary of persons you know from experience have exploited your generosity.

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ANNIE

JUAN SAYS HE'S GIVIN' LA GALIZA, L.C. AN SHE DOESN'T LOOK TBE 180 YEARS OLD!

HA HA! YEAH—SHE'S PROBABLY DOESN'T LOOK A DAY OVER 180!

I DON'T BELIEVE HIM!

OH, THERE'S NO END TO WHAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE JUNGLE, WHETHER THERE'S ANYTHING THERE OR NOT!

MEANWHILE... I ONLY ASKED WHERE YOU'D BE SHOULD YOU HAVE TO BE CONTACTED, BRANDER.

I'LL BE AT THE RANCH, ANGELA! WHERE WERE YOU? B.S.E!

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