

Sanford Herald

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Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Wind northwest 15 mph.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Private meeting

LONGWOOD — The Longwood City Commission will meet in executive session this Wednesday evening. The meeting however, will not be open to the general public or media.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss labor negotiations. Collective bargaining discussions between the chief executive officer and the legislative body are exempt from the Sunshine Law and therefore the public will not be permitted to attend.

City taxation

OVIEDO — The Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting this Thursday beginning at noon, at Toucan Willie's Restaurant. City Manager Gene Willford will be the special guest, scheduled to discuss how city taxes are being put to work. Information regarding preparation of 1995 personal and small business tax returns from Barnocky's Accounting and Tax Service, Inc. will also be included in the meeting.

Reservations are requested by no later than the end of business hours today. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. For information and/or reservations, contact the Oviedo chamber office at 365-6500.

Town meeting

GENEVA — The Geneva Citizens Association and the Seminole County Ombudsmen will meet Monday, Jan. 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall, First Street, Geneva.

The program will be on land fill and waste management, versus privatization of the Osceola Landfill.

The public is invited to this meeting, which will feature a special guest speaker from the waste management office.

Festival planning

LONGWOOD — The City of Longwood Historical Commission subcommittee will hold a special meeting tonight beginning at 7 p.m. It will be the organizational meeting for the Spring Arts & Crafts Festival.

The meeting will be held at City Hall, 175 W. Warren Avenue.

Navy people named

The Central Florida Council, Navy League of the United States, has appointed its officers for 1996. President is Richard T. Sloane of Oviedo. Edward Elbert of Orlando is vice president. Thomas Moore of Winter Park is treasurer and Rosemary Wensing of Winter Park is secretary.

The Navy League is an independent, non-profit civilian organization dedicated to education of the public and support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.

For information on the league, phone 365-3192.

When someone dies

The 21st annual meeting of the Funeral Society of Mid-Florida has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, at Lankford Orange City Chapel, 190 S. Holly, Orange City, near the intersection of U.S. Highway 17-92 and Graves Avenue.

The program is free and open to the public. Spokesperson Gail Burnett said the program for the public will bring a new level of understanding of what must be done when a loved one dies.

The meeting is scheduled to begin with a social period at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting is to start at 10 a.m.

For additional information, phone Gladys Donald at 668-6822

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There is no sin except stupidity. —Oscar Wilde

Drawing school zones

Officials will mull attendance guidelines for elementary grades

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The process of drawing lines for the attendance zones of public schools can be a complicated and painful one.

Tonight, the Seminole County school board, will discuss some options they have in the rezoning of the elementary schools in the northern portion of the district.

Over the next two years, new elementary schools will be opened in Winter Springs, in Oviedo and in Sanford. As the new schools open, the student attendance zones will have to be redrawn in order to fill the schools.

Parents often see the rezoning process as one which rips

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Deputies probe first homicide of the year

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Thirteen day into the new year the Seminole County sheriff's department had its first homicide to investigate.

The victim shot Saturday was identified Monday as Steve Rodriguez, 44, of 1254 Seminola Blvd. in Casselberry. He was a waiter at an area restaurant.

According to sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough, deputies believe Rodriguez may have driven his car to an area at Jackson and Merritt streets, near Altamonte Springs, possibly to purchase crack cocaine.

"Apparently there probably was some type of difficulty in this," McDonough said. "and Rodriguez was shot several times."

McDonough said Rodriguez, even though severely wounded, was able to drive his car to Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs, but was

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Carrying on the dream



Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

Rev. Vinton Goodwin of Daytona Beach and Rev. Sanford wearing traditional African attire



Kennease Jones of Sanford, brought her godson 6-month-old Issis Hayes of Sanford, to see the Martin Luther King Day Parade Monday

Parade honors Dr. King

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — They couldn't have asked for a better day.

Bright sun and a cool breeze kept the weather perfect for the parade honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which snaked its way through Sanford's historically black community to the lakefront at Ft. Mellon Park.

The parade, organized by the Rev. H.D. Rucker of the First Shiloh Missionary Baptist

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Achieving peace and civil unity

By MARVA HAWKINS
Herald Columnist

Sanford's Mayor Bettye Smith and her husband, Dr. Robert Smith, along with City Commissioners Kerry Lyons and Robert "Bob" Thomas, joined many citizens of Sanford and Seminole County yesterday, to observe the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative weekend activities in Sanford.

Many paused in their busy activities to remember this former drum major whose philosophy was the concept of service, that everybody could be great

because anybody can serve. He stressed that one of the best ways to achieve peace and civil unity is for the people to help others, however they can.

The 1996 theme was "Help Somebody. Every American Can Make a Difference."

The message was, "Open your hearts and offer your hands to your fellow human beings. Stop hatred, jealousy, violence, and killing. Fight drugs and crime. Help our youth at risk. Promote interracial cooperation, justice and peace, and do much

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Elita Photos

Joseph Spaziano spent this past week in a Seminole County courtroom. He was returned Monday to Death Row, and is awaiting word from Judge O.H. Eaton, who will decide if the ex biker gets a new murder trial

Judge is weighing recanted testimony; will rule on new trial

By IKE FLORES
Associated Press Writer

SANFORD — After 20 years on death row, "Lazy Joe" Spaziano will wait another week to find out whether a change of story by the man who sent him there will get the former biker a new murder trial.

Circuit Judge O.H. Eaton Jr. will decide whether Anthony Dilasio lied at Spaziano's 1976 trial, or whether he has falsely recanted that testimony. Spaziano was convicted of the stabbing death of an 18-year-old Orlando hospital clerk.

"I think the state has shown that Tony is lying now," said Art Harberts, the father of murder victim Laura-Lyn Harberts.

Dilasio, a confident, well-dressed witness, told Eaton he prepared himself when he told the 1976 Sanford jury that Spaziano had shown him two bodies at a rural dump site, and that he bragged about torturing and killing women.

The state produced a series of witnesses, including teenage friends, two of Dilasio's sisters, a Spaziano brother, and a former

Outlaws leader — to contradict Dilasio's new story.

Prosecutor Tom Hastings rested the state's case Monday after calling to the stand Donna Dilasio Yonkin, one of the sisters. She testified that "it was not unusual" to see her teenage brother and the older Outlaws biker together around the Dilasio home in Maitland in the early 1970s.

Dilasio, 38, an automobile restorer in Pensacola, told the judge last week that he barely knew Spaziano and that he was coerced by police, a hypnotist and his abusive father into testifying against the longhaired, wild-eyed biker.

Dilasio, a self-admitted former drug addict and juvenile delinquent, said he came forth last summer not to save Spaziano's life but because he had newly found God and wanted to make restitution for his sins.

Spaziano was arrested in Chicago in 1975 and convicted in Orlando in the rape and torture of a 16-year-old girl. He was sentenced to life in

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FLORIDA BRIEFS



Parents may be charged

FORT MYERS — Authorities have not decided yet if they are going to charge the parents of a 3-year-old boy who found a gun in the couple's house and fatally shot his younger sister.

The boy, Colton Hinke, found the loaded .25-caliber pistol in a drawer in his parents' bedroom, police said.

Kaile Hinke, 2, was pronounced dead at Lee Memorial Hospital Sunday night, about 30 minutes after the shooting Sunday evening.

The children's mother, Sherri Hinke, 24, was in another room. The father, 27-year-old Michael Hinke, was at work.

Parents can be charged with a misdemeanor if they leave loaded guns accessible to children. If a child injures or kills someone with a gun, the parents could be charged with a felony and get five years in prison.

Woman allegedly wanted judge killed

TAVARES — A judge is flabbergasted over learning that a 30-year-old woman who was in his court on a cocaine charge allegedly tried to hire someone to kill him.

Julienne Massad Williams, of Leesburg, entered a plea last week that she would not fight a charge of cocaine trafficking. Authorities say she then tried to hire someone to kill the circuit judge, Jerry T. Lockett, and two witnesses in the cocaine case.

"Understanding she had already submitted a guilty plea, what on earth entered her mind?" Lockett asked. "What would she gain if I were killed? There's no logic to this."

Williams was charged Friday with solicitation to commit murder and was being held at the Lake County Jail.

"I'm innocent, and I'll prove it in court," Williams told reporters Friday after Circuit Judge G. Richard Singletary denied bail for her.

Grapefruit glut dropping prices

LAKELAND — Florida's grapefruit farmers are bemoaning the fact that they planted more grapefruit trees in the 1980s after freezes boosted the price.

Growers say there is a glut in the market now.

"You can't give red grapefruit away," said grower Adrian Chapman.

Industry experts predict the low prices may force some farmers to refuse to pick their fruit because the market price isn't worth it.

Processors are working on ways to make the taste of grapefruit juice more consistent. Experts say another problem is the increased number of juice blends now in the market.

Florida has nearly 147,000 acres of the produce, more than anywhere else in the world. The state produces eight out of every 10 grapefruits grown in the United States, and nearly a third of the world's output.

Cops don't know bad guys

TAMPA — A man who says he called 911 after he was beaten by two other men was shot by a deputy sheriff who apparently mistook him for one of the bad guys when he appeared with a gun.

Dale Morris, 30, says he yelled, "You shot me! I'm the one who called 911!"

He is in good condition in Tampa General Hospital. He was shot in the chest.

Deputy Jeff Gibson is on administrative leave while authorities try to sort out what happened. They say Gibson was sent to Morris' home in Plant City after a mostly unintelligible 911 Saturday afternoon.

Morris said he was holding the gun because his brother-in-law and another man had attacked and threatened to kill him.

The deputy says that he found a man holding a shotgun as he stood in the door to Morris' mobile home, according to Hillsborough County sheriff's spokesman Jack Espinosa.

Espinosa said Gibson told investigators that the gun was pointed at him, something Morris denies.

Another meningitis case

CORAL SPRINGS — A baby grew critically ill from a meningitis-related infection hours after being sent home from a hospital accused of providing questionable care to two children who later died.

Six-month-old Joey Coffey is fine today.

But he was diagnosed with the deadly virus three hours after first being sent home Jan. 4 by the emergency room pediatrician at Coral Springs Medical Center, said the child's mother, Laurie Coffey.

Mrs. Coffey said the doctor initially told her the baby had a minor virus. But three hours later, Joey developed a fever of 106.5 degrees.

"They almost killed him," said Mrs. Coffey, 22. "The (nurses) all kept saying how lucky I was, that I caught it in time and saved his life."

But the hospital and the Coffeys' pediatrician, who was not called that night, said the emergency room acted properly in Joey's case.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Lawmaker wants to tax sex services

By ADAM YERGANIS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — A state lawmaker wants sex in Florida to pay.

Scantly-clad women modeling lingerie and bikinis, lap dances, peep shows and other adult entertainment services would be subject to the state's 6 percent sales tax under a proposal by Rep. Shirley Brown.

Brown, D-Sarasota, has proposed a bill (HB 545) that would require "adult entertainment establishments" to pay sales tax on admissions.

Brown said she doesn't know how much money the measure would raise. She hopes to earmark additional dollars in next year's state budget for treatment

programs for children who are victims of sexual offenders.

"Any tax dollars out there not being paid are significant," she said Monday. "It's not fair to the rest of us who pay our fair share."

Many nude clubs already pay sales tax on admissions, said John Chambers, a former owner of Cafe Risque near Gainesville.

"It's not a problem unless she knows something I don't know," said Chambers, who now operates two nude dance clubs in Georgia. "She's a politician. If I were her I would stick to politics and leave the nude clubs to the nude club operators."

Brown said she became concerned after she saw newspaper advertisements for adult establishments that offered

private lingerie and bikini modeling sessions.

She said the state Department of Revenue has been unable to collect sales tax from those types of businesses. She said they argued that the current law does not authorize sales tax on their establishments and they perform a service exempt from the sales tax.

Luke Lirot, a lawyer who represents nude clubs such as Mons Venus in Tampa, said adult clubs already pay taxes that "amount to millions of dollars a year" and are heavily regulated.

"To me it would be an administrative nightmare," said Lirot. "It seems more of a chilling effect" on adult entertainment than a practical attempt to

raise tax money.

For instance, the bill would require an adult establishment where women offer lap dances to pay sales tax if customers were required to pay up front. But if customers were only required to tip the dancers, the money would not be subject to the tax.

Some clubs have a "suggested" price for lap dances but dancers are allowed to negotiate their own fees.

Lirot said he advises his clients, which include some lingerie shops that offer private modeling sessions, to comply with the law and pay their taxes.

"If they don't do that, they're not going to pay any attention" to a new law, he said. "People either play by the rules or they don't."

VIPs at the VFW

VFW Ladies Auxiliary - Department of Florida president Mickey Kay Nelson, left, was the guest of honor at a dinner at Longwood Post 8207 last month. She joined Wilma Rescoe, right, the District 18 President of VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a member of Sanford's Auxiliary 10108. Nelson was presented with a gift by the Sanford, Longwood, Winter Springs and Pine Hills auxiliaries.



Ornamental fish farmers kept from disaster relief

TAMPA — Ornamental fish farmers, hit hard by freezing weather, are steamed about being denied federal disaster aid while alligators and even Christmas trees are worthy of tax dollars in times of dire need.

"It's really not fair, if it's available to everybody else," said Tim Hennessey of Gibson's Ekk Will Waterliffe Resources, the world's largest tropical fish farm with more than 1,000 ponds. "We're pulling our hair out trying to figure it out."

The weeklong Christmas chill and recent freeze, which killed most of the tropical fish at some Florida farms, highlighted the problem. Without crop insurance or a shot at disaster relief, the fish farmers are on their own.

"Somebody in Washington doesn't care for us too much," said Alan Peirce, Florida Department of Agriculture aquaculture specialist. "And we can't figure out who."

Gouramis, mollies, guppies, swordtails, platys and cichlids comprise a \$60 million annual business in Florida, largely in Hillsborough County.

The ornamental fish farmers were barred from seeking disaster relief in an amendment introduced as the Senate made its final compromises with the House version.

When it got to the Senate, the

bill included as crops coming under the disaster reimbursement program "wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, extra long staple cotton, rice, peanuts, oleaceae, sugarcane, sugar beets, tobacco, or non-program crops including ornamental crops, nursery crops and ... aquaculture production."

During Senate work on the bill, the words "excluding ornamental fish" were added.

Peirce's colleague at the department, Kal Knickerbocker, said federal distrust of ornamental fish farmers goes back to the freezes of the late 1970s.

There were "some abuses" with disaster payments because federal farm agents didn't realize dollar estimates of crop losses were wildly inflated by some farmers, Knickerbocker said.

According to a March 1994 letter from Bob J. Nash, undersecretary for Small Community and Rural Development, to U.S. Rep. Karen J. Thurman, D-Dunnellon, tropical fish have been relegated to nonfarm status since "as early as the fall of 1988."

Nash pointed to the definition of a "nonfarm enterprise" that includes "such enterprises as raising earthworms, exotic birds, tropical fish, dogs, and horses for nonfarm purposes, welding shops, road stands, boarding horses and riding stables."

Bank mogul fled to Fla. but feds are hot on tail

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ronald Lee Rodgers, founding president of the Bank of Newport, moved to Florida two years ago in hopes of salvaging something from personal bankruptcy and his bank's failure.

He may have been better off staying home.

Rodgers, 63, is about to emerge from bankruptcy in Orlando with little to show for a 40-year career except \$3.2 million in debts.

"He thought he was going to move here, file bankruptcy and have his debts discharged," a federal regulatory source told the Los Angeles Times for Monday's editions. "Having the discharge denied is a pretty serious thing."

A judge, finding that Rodgers "simply lied under oath," refused to cancel his debts. The ruling means that the federal receiver and other creditors can still pursue Rodgers through the courts for payment.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the receiver liquidating the bank's assets, originally claimed \$335,000 in unauthorized expense account binges and more than \$25 million in bank losses.

The agency settled for about

63 percent of the money collected after court costs and fees.

Rodgers formed Bank of Newport in 1972 with his customers from another bank and with founding Chairman Herbert W. Kalmbach, then President Richard Nixon's personal attorney.

Kalmbach resigned quickly in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal and his conviction on federal campaign financing violations.

But Rodgers built the bank into one of Orange County's largest independents with assets of more than \$300 million at its peak in 1991.

Bad real estate loans shook the bank. Regulators in August 1992 chastised directors for failing to pay enough attention to business. Rodgers resigned under pressure seven months later.

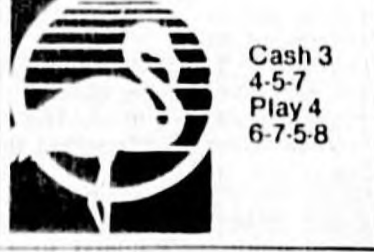
A major fraud by a borrower was discovered in 1994. The fraud and a run on deposits led to bank failure in August 1994.

By then, Rodgers was gone. In February 1994, he quickly left California, and creditors spent months tracking him down. They found him when he filed a bankruptcy petition that July in Florida.

LOTTERY

MIAMI — Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
12-11-1-23-14



Cash 3
4-5-7
Play 4
6-7-5-8

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a high near 70. Wind becoming south 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Low in the lower 50s. Wind southwest 5 to 10 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Highs in the mid 70s to near 80. Friday: Cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly during the morning. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Highs in the 70s. Saturday: Partly sunny and cooler. Lows in the upper 40s north to upper 50s south.

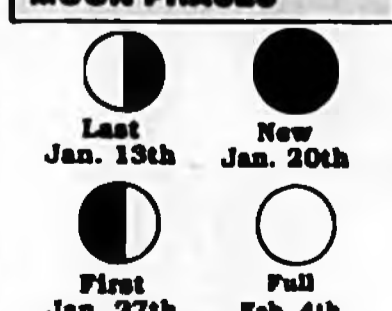
FLORIDA TEMPS

City	Hk	Lo	Pct
Daytona Beach	64	37	00
FT. Lauderdale	71	54	00
Fort Myers	73	45	00
Gainesville	64	37	00
Jacksonville	69	38	00
Kay West	71	42	00
Lakeland	71	40	00
Miami	73	50	00
Pensacola	67	52	00
Sarasota	70	41	00
Tallahassee	70	43	00
Tampa	70	43	00
Vero Beach	73	44	00
W. Palm Beach	72	51	00

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fair 48-72	Ptly cldy 53-75	Ptly cldy 62-80	Cldy 55-78	Ptly sunny 49-62

MOON PHASES



BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 2½ feet and rough. Current is running to the southeast with a water temperature of 55 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 1 to 2 feet and choppy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 56 degrees.

TIDES

TUESDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: min., 12:55 a.m.; 1:10 p.m.; maj., 7:00 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. TIDES:
Daytona Beach: highs, 3:37 a.m.; 3:53 p.m.; lows, 10:02 a.m.; 10:10 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 3:42 a.m.; 3:58 p.m.; lows, 10:07 a.m.; 10:15 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 3:57 a.m.; 4:13 p.m.; lows, 10:22 a.m.; 10:30 p.m.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Tuesday: Wind east to southeast 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Tuesday night: Wind east to southeast 15 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Widely scattered showers southern part.

NATIONAL TEMPS

City	Hk	Lo	Pct	Dir
Albuquerque	46	24	00	cdy
Anchorage	1	14	00	clr
Atlanta	67	42	00	cdy
Atlantic City	44	30	00	clr
Austin	73	46	00	cdy
Baltimore	47	30	00	cdy
Boston	42	31	00	cdy
Brownsville	67	54	00	cdy
Buffalo	11	11	00	cdy
Burlington, Vt.	10	1	05	cdy
Casper	50	37	00	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	71	41	00	cdy
Charleston, W. Va.	44	28	00	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	44	28	00	cdy
Cheyenne	24	26	00	cdy
Chicago	27	20	00	cdy
Cincinnati	33	26	00	cdy
Cleveland	20	20	00	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	52	41	00	cdy
Dallas Ft. Worth	42	29	00	cdy
Denver	47	36	00	cdy
Des Moines	28	10	00	cdy
Detroit	21	16	00	cdy
Honolulu	86	84	00	cdy
Houston	79	55	00	cdy
Indianapolis	37	27	00	cdy
Juneau	32	23	00	cdy
Kansas City	37	2	00	cdy
Las Vegas	67	44	00	cdy
Little Rock	51	41	00	cdy
Los Angeles	72	55	00	cdy
Memphis	59	51	00	cdy
Minneapolis	24	14	00	cdy
Mpls. St. Paul	19	0	00	cdy
Nashville	42	37	00	cdy
New Orleans	75	57	01	cdy
New York City	28	28	00	cdy
Omaha	39	30	00	cdy
Philadelphia	23	8	00	cdy
Phoenix	61	28	00	cdy
Pittsburgh	31	24	00	cdy
Portland, Maine	17	17	00	cdy
Sacramento	52	43	08	rn
St. Louis	35	32	00	cdy
Salt Lake City	37	27	00	cdy
Seattle	53	45	02	rn
Shreveport	73	55	00	cdy

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 70 degrees and the overnight low was 48 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Tuesday, totaled 28 inches.

Sunset.....5:43 p.m.
Sunrise.....7:19 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 7. Better wear hat and sunscreen.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

0.1-2	minimal
3-4	low
5-6	moderate
7-8.9	high
10-	very high

POLICE BRIEFS

Switch scam

Sanford police arrested two persons Sunday at a retail store at the Seminole Towne Center. Officers said a couple went to a jewelry counter and asked to see a diamond ring valued at over \$5,000. The clerk reported the couple looked at the ring then handed it back, but it was reportedly a fake ring which looked similar to that they had obtained. After being confronted regarding the switch scam, the arrest report said the man gave the ring back. Police said after an altercation, the two were placed under arrest. As the woman refused to give her name, she was arrested as Jane Doe, age 36, of Orlando. Her companion was identified as Fernando Boria, 31, also of Orlando. Each was charged with grand theft, conspiracy, battery, and resisting an officer without violence.

Police said a check of the vehicle they were driving revealed some other types of jewelry. An investigation into the case is continuing.

Walking woman

Linda Ann Robinson, 40, of Maitland, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at the Lake Jessup toll plaza on the GreeneWay early Monday. Deputies said they were summoned when the plaza clerk told them a woman had been seen walking on the roadway, talking off her clothing, and had come close to being hit by a passing vehicle. When deputies arrived and interrogated her, they said she attempted to give a false name. She was arrested on charges of disorderly intoxication, and resisting an officer without violence.

Double arrest

Sanford police were called to 1208 Myrtle Avenue early Monday, regarding a reported family dispute. As a result, they arrested Chester Raymond Decker, 40, of that address, on a charge of battery, domestic violence. The woman with whom he had reportedly been fighting, identified as Deborah Jean Dennis, was also placed under arrest when officers discovered she was wanted on an active Seminole County warrant for failing to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Warrants

Stacey Turner, 22, 1203 Cedar Creek Circle, Sanford, was served a warrant at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Monday. Turner was wanted for violation of probation.

Robert Smith, Jr., 287 Academy Avenue, Oviedo, was arrested by Oviedo police on CR-419 Monday. Police found he was wanted on a warrant for robbery. Following a search, police also charged him with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Evangelina Terzi, 45, 409 W. First Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at her residence Sunday. She was wanted for failing to appear to pay a fine.

Olds tops list of most-stolen cars

By MIKE McKEOWN
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — If thieves gave a car-of-the-year award, it would go to the Olds Cutlass Supreme. For the fourth year in a row, it topped the list as the nation's most stolen car.

In fact, Cutlasses captured the top three spots on the 1995 list compiled by CCC Information Services Inc. The 1986 Supreme was No. 1, the '87 model second and the '84 third.

The top 10 also included the 1994 Toyota Camry, the 1987 Chevrolet Caprice and five Honda Accords.

"When you're America's best-selling car, it's the price you have to pay," quipped Andrew Boyd of American Honda Motor Co., which likes to tout the Accord as the car chosen most often by individual buyers in the United States.

CCC senior vice president Bill Geen says there's truth in Boyd's wit.

"You're looking at vehicles that are popular not only with consumers, but with thieves ... most importantly because their parts are in great demand," Geen said Monday.

Cutlass Supreme has led the CCC list for four years for two main reasons — Oldsmobile sold a lot of them and many Cutlass parts can be used in repairing similar General Motors Corp. cars, he said.

"If you ever had a vehicle in the last few years that just overnight became a 'hot vehicle,' ... everybody wants 'em," said Geen, using the 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee as an example.

It moved from No. 54 on the 1993 list to No. 2 last year. It stayed in the top 25 in 1995, at No. 17.

Geen said the rankings have little to do with how easy a car is

to steal. "I think law enforcement and our customers, the insurance industry, would agree," he said. "If there's a need and desire to have (a particular vehicle), a thief is going to get it."

CCC is hired by insurance companies to set the value on cars and trucks that are stolen or destroyed in accidents. In 1995, it handled information on 1.8 million vehicles, including about 180,000 that were stolen.

The Chicago-based company's annual theft list is drawn from analysis of that information.

The 25 most stolen cars in 1995

The top 25 stolen vehicles in 1995, according to a study by CCC Information Services Inc.

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| 1. 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme | 12. 1995 Cadillac Deville |
| 2. 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme | 13. 1992 Honda Accord LX |
| 3. 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme | 14. 1989 Chevrolet Caprice |
| 4. 1988 Honda Accord LX | 15. 1991 Honda Accord LX |
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Racing toward disaster

A 1985 Lincoln and a 1988 Ford, driven by Lavern O'Neal and Marvin Turner, both of Sanford, were involved in an early morning accident on McKakin Road on Monday. According to Sanford Police, the Lincoln, driven by O'Neal and the Ford, driven by Turner, were both eastbound at a high rate of speed on McKakin when the Lincoln clipped the Ford. The Ford

knocked over two power poles and cracked the exterior security wall at Grooms Academy before coming to rest. The Lincoln merely spun out into an empty field across the street. No injuries were reported. O'Neal and Turner were both charged with reckless driving and with failure to maintain proof of personal injury protection.

CDC study: Infections are killing more Americans

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Deaths from infectious diseases rose 58 percent between 1980 and 1992, with the AIDS virus, respiratory diseases and blood infections the main culprits, government scientists said today.

The increase made infectious diseases the third-leading killer of Americans — either the main cause of death or the underlying cause — and proves the bugs are a rising, if underappreciated, threat to health, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

"We have never been more vulnerable," Nobel laureate Joshua Lederberg agreed in an editorial accompanying the

report in a special edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The development of antibiotics once had doctors predicting that infectious diseases would be conquered by now. Instead, in the past decade new infections such as the HIV virus suddenly began killing thousands and such older diseases as tuberculosis re-emerged, sometimes strong enough to defy treatment.

"Despite historical predictions that infectious diseases would wane in the United States, these data show that ... mortality has actually been increasing in recent years," said Dr. Robert Pinner, who headed the CDC study.

The study examined every death certificate filed between 1980 and 1992. Infectious

diseases sometimes were the obvious cause of death, such as pneumonia, but Pinner delved further to see if deaths attributed to, for example, heart disease really were endocarditis, an infection of heart tissue.

Pinner found that 65 deaths among every 100,000 people in 1992 were caused by infectious diseases, up from 41 of every 100,000 in 1980.

Even when he adjusted for the aging of the population during those 12 years — because the elderly are most vulnerable to infectious agents — the rise in fatal infections was 39 percent, the study found.

Only heart disease and cancer killed more people in 1992, Pinner said. Infectious diseases were the No. 5 killer of Americans in 1980.

The AIDS virus accounted for the largest portion of the mortality increase. When Pinner excluded HIV-related deaths, the infectious disease mortality rose just 22 percent between 1980 and 1992.

Mortality from septicemia, a rapid form of bacterial blood poisoning, increased 83 percent, and deaths from respiratory tract infections rose 20 percent.

The increase in respiratory deaths stems mostly from an aging population, but Pinner said public health specialists must discover how greatly antibiotic resistance and other factors may have affected the numbers. He was at a loss to explain the rise in septicemia.

Murder

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pronounced dead shortly after being admitted.

Rodriguez is survived by a

wife and three children.

McDonough said deputies are now seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed this shooting, or persons who may have some information regarding Rodriguez's whereabouts immediately prior to the incident.

Witnesses are being urged to contact the sheriff's department at 330-6650.

McDonough said this is the first homicide of this year in the unincorporated areas of Seminole County.

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EDITORIAL

Make agendas work for you

Questions are occasionally asked about why the *Sanford Herald* lists agendas for upcoming governmental meetings. The answer should be obvious. They are presented as news, the same as items which would be considered news stories.

The reason however, is slightly different. While news stories report on actions taken and discussions held by the various bodies, an agenda is designed to give citizens an opportunity to know in advance what is to be discussed, and act accordingly.

Using this only as an example, if someone requests approval to build a garbage dump on property next to yours, reading the agenda will alert you. Merely reading a news story about what happened after the commission or council heard the request may not be what you want. By that time, it may be too late.

Government buildings regularly post a full list of items scheduled for agendas at the various meetings. Citizens can depend on finding the complete lists as soon as they are available.

But only a small percentage of the population goes to a city hall or county building. We believe everyone should know not only what is being proposed for their own areas of interest, but throughout the area.

The only difficulty we encounter from time to time, is when an official brings up an item during a formal meeting which was not listed on the agenda. They often use the explanation, "I just got this at the last minute," or "this just came up." For those situations, there is little we can do to alert people in advance, but hopefully, this is not the norm for all of the government entities.

A difficulty encountered by our commissions and councils is occasionally caused by people who are not informed in advance of a particular topic. Citizens turn out after an ordinance or resolution has been passed, and ask that it be reconsidered. How much better for everyone concerned, if the people would attend the meetings and speak up when items are first brought up for discussion.

Also, opportunities present themselves for citizen comments at all of the meetings. While the Lake Mary Commission and Oviedo City Council place public input early in the agenda, Sanford's commission holds theirs until the very last.

We can see logic in both of these approaches. Some may wish citizen input early to allow for the convenience of citizens so they will not be required to wait through a lengthy meeting before being allowed to speak.

On the other hand, items for citizen input are often scheduled at other points in the meeting. Therefore, it would be a waste of time for people to attempt to speak out early, only to find the item has been scheduled later in the same meeting.

Considering each of these points, we make several suggestions: (1) That citizens closely study the various meeting agendas to determine if they should provide input when the items are brought up during the meetings. (2) That they attend and speak up at meetings on items which concern them. (3) That government officials try to avoid, if at all possible, bringing items up at the last minute which should have been given adequate advance publicity, and (4) That each of our government bodies make it a distinct point to call for citizen input on items either on the agenda, or those which may not have been scheduled but suitable for commission or council consideration.

We have some excellent government bodies in this area of Central Florida. While governing must be done by our elected officials, they must be assisted in their decisions by the people they were elected to serve.

LETTER

Family values

The citizens of this country keep insisting on family values. Meanwhile, we allow topless bars and sex clubs to exist in our cities. Family-oriented companies like Disney are acknowledging lesbian and gay marriages for benefits.

Even though Congress has not recognized them in decades, KKK members are still advocating narrow-minded views of white supremacy. Hate and immorality are tearing America apart. Keep on insisting, America. Maybe someone will respond before it is too late.

Kevin L. Smith
Winter Springs

NAT HENTOFF

Court blesses a lesbian marriage

In 1986, Michael Bowers, Georgia's attorney general, won an unusually controversial victory in the Supreme Court. In the case, *Bowers v. Hardwick*, the bitterly divided justices decided by a 5-to-4 vote that it was constitutional for Georgia to enforce a state sodomy law against homosexuals while not implementing it against heterosexuals. The constitutional right of privacy, said the majority, does not extend to private consensual sodomy among homosexuals.

In dissent, John Paul Stevens said that "from the standpoint of the individual, the homosexual and the heterosexual have the same interest in deciding how he will live his own life ... State intrusion into the private conduct of either is equally burdensome."

The fifth vote was that of Lewis Powell who, after his retirement from the court, told a questioning law student, "I think I probably made a mistake."

Michael Bowers is still the attorney general of Georgia, and last December, he appeared to have suffered a significant defeat in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Bringing the case, *Shahar v. Bowers*, was an attorney, Robin Joy Shahar, who had been offered a position in Bowers' Georgia Department of Law. Bowers withdrew the offer when he found out Shahar was going to be

married -- to another woman.

In the lawsuit, Shahar claimed that Bowers had violated her First Amendment rights of intimate and expressive association, as well as her freedom of religion (the wedding was to be a Jewish wedding, presided over by a rabbi from the Reconstructionist Movement, a legitimate branch of Judaism). Also at a constitutional issue, Shahar added, were denial of due process and equal protection of the laws.

In 1993, a federal district court dismissed her suit on the ground that the attorney general had the right to maintain an office that was both credible and efficient. Bowers had



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charged that Shahar's forthcoming marriage demonstrated that she did not believe in and was not going to uphold the laws regarding marriage and sodomy. Furthermore, he said, her presence in the office would have a "disruptive" effect on her co-workers.

Shahar's appeal of that decision was heard by a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit. They disagreed among themselves concerning some of her constitutional claims, but they were unanimous in concluding that Robin Shahar had made a persuasive -- if not yet finally determined -- case that her loss of a job offer violated her First Amendment's "fundamental right of intimate association."

The three-judge panel has ordered the attorney general to show -- in the trial court below -- that he had "a compelling government interest" when he withdrew the job offer to Shahar. He will have to meet a "strict scrutiny" standard.

Dissenting in the attorney general's 1986 case, *Bowers v. Hardwick*, Justice Harry Blackmun reminded his colleagues of Louis Brandeis' declaration that "the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized men" is "the right, against the government, to be left alone." Michael Hardwick lost that right; Robin Shahar may have regained it.



ELLEN GOODMAN

Both sides need to resume talks

After all the pain they've already put the country through, it's crazy and irresponsible for President Clinton and congressional Republicans not to work as hard as they can to reach a balanced budget agreement.

In breaking off their budget talks recently, both sides were careful not to enrage the public by seeming unwilling to talk further, but a day later both had gone into attack mode and were talking about gaps being unbridgeable and about the voters having to decide the budget issue in November.

The Republicans have begun a PR offensive designed to portray President Clinton as a "big spending, big taxing liberal" allied with the most liberal elements of his own party.

The campaign is evidently designed to combat Clinton's effort to create an image as a "new Democrat" seeking centrist "common ground" and to accuse Republicans of being right-wing "extremists."

House Republicans plan to parade before microphones to replay the themes that Clinton passed "the largest tax increase in history," sponsored a 1994 health care reform plan representing the "biggest government intrusion into the private economy in history," and now is siding with House Democrats in refusing to bring entitlement spending under control.

The administration so far is merely arguing that President Clinton went farther in seeking a budget agreement with the Republicans than they did with him, but it won't be long before White House aides begin charging again that the Republican leadership can't act because of pressure from "extremist" House GOP freshmen.

In fact, both sides have come a long way toward agreement. The gaps remaining are bridgeable. The pain ahead without agreement may be worse than that already endured during two protracted government shutdowns.

And both the public and the financial markets clearly want a compromise.

Start with the pain ahead. If no budget agreement is reached by Jan. 26, the government may shut down yet again. The polls are confusing about who gets blamed more for gridlock, but chances are that both sides will suffer if they can't come to agreement after so much to-ing and fro-ing.

The government can be run by continuing resolution, but if they can't reach a budget agreement with Clinton, Republicans are likely to fully fund only those programs they care about and slash or eliminate Clinton favorites, including national service and the Commerce Department.

Then, sometime in February, Treasury Secretary Bob Rubin is likely to reach the end of his ability to borrow more money in the absence of congressional passage of a new debt ceiling.

Republicans realize that allowing the government to default on debt payments is the political equivalent of a hydrogen bomb -- its effects are lethal for everybody -- but they could miscalculate and trigger a crisis.

Finally, Republicans are in the process of trying to embarrass Clinton by putting together a coalition with conservative Democrats capable of passing a new balanced budget bill and overriding a Clinton veto. Even if the GOP can attract 60 House Democrats, it seems most unlikely that they can win over 12 in the Senate.

But the closer the GOP comes to succeeding with this play, the more Clinton seems out of the national mainstream. Failure to pull it off, however, would also be an embarrassment to Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Rather than going to the mattresses, Mafia style, the two sides ought to repair to their drawing boards and find ways to reach an agreement.

On Medicare, the Republicans have moved from an original proposal of \$228 billion in cost reductions to \$168 billion. Clinton has moved less, from \$97 billion to \$102 billion. But it's not so huge a gap that it can't be closed, and Clinton is the one who should make the bigger step.

On Medicaid, the Republicans have moved from \$133 billion in savings to \$85 billion. Clinton is stuck at \$52 billion. On welfare spending, the GOP has dropped from an original position of \$63.5 billion in cuts to \$60 billion, while Clinton has cut nothing at all.

Issues of high principle exist on Medicaid and welfare -- notably, whether the poor should be guaranteed benefits in hard times -- but these can be compromised by maintaining entitlements for the very vulnerable.

Clinton is proposing to cut discretionary spending by \$295 billion, the Republicans by \$349 billion. And the GOP is proposing net tax relief worth \$177 billion, while Clinton proposes \$87 billion.

A combination of Republican concessions on tax cuts, joint action to reduce subsidies and tax breaks for corporations and Democratic concessions on Medicare could mean significant progress toward a deal.



The pain ahead without agreement may be worse than that already endured during two protracted government shutdowns.

JOSEPH SPEAR

Washington keeps America laughing

Everybody keeps saying government costs too much and taxes are too high, but everybody forgets the entertainment factor.

Seriously, would there not be a black hole in our lives if we did not have politicians and assorted functionaries to keep us chortling? If we had no Clintons or Gingriches to deliver a daily dose of guffaws? We'd have a hoot deficiency. Leno and Letterman would have to go back on the club circuit.

I think it's worth something to be continually entertained by this caliber of talent, and I for one am willing to pay a few extra bucks if that's what it takes to keep the quality up.

Go ahead, rewind the tape, stop it anywhere. There's Ollie North frantically shredding documents and his secretary Fawn Hall stuffing her bra full of papers and sneaking them out of the White House. There's Nancy Reagan asking her astrologer whether Ron should invade Grenada on a Monday or a Tuesday. There's Bill and Hill on "60 Minutes" discussing his love life.

Go all the way back to 1946, when Richard Nixon first came on the scene, and sit back and prepare to watch 50 years of fun and games. The Trick was so entertaining that even after his demise he continues to create jobs for a host of writers, producers, directors, camera crews and grips.

Come on up to the present and this Whitewater thing. What you've got, essentially, is a cover-up in search of a crime.

You've got an Arkansas governor and his aggressive wife mixed up with a pack of oily poils and swindlers. It's basically an Ozarks thing, but the Gov goes on to become president, and now it doesn't look so good to folks in, say, Beaver Creek, Ohio.

Suddenly memories start to go blank and records disappear. We start calling it "Whitewatergate."

The Republican opposition senses this is an opportunity to rack up points and maybe get the public to forget a few "gates" of their own creation, so they name a committee to look into it and appoint as their front man on this ethical matter a tempestuous senator named Alfonse "You Can Call Me Al" D'Amato.

This is such an exquisite scene, it cannot be described in mere words. No other senator in that august assembly of legislators is as ethically challenged as Al D'Amato.

A decade ago, he intervened with the Pentagon on behalf of Wedtech, a Bronx company accused of bribery and fraud, which also contributed \$30,000 to his campaign. He sought defense contracts for Unisys Corp., which not only contributed to his campaign but also retained his brother Armand as an attorney. He went to bat for the company that ferried passengers to Liberty Island and, coincidentally, contributed to his campaigns and retained Armand D'Amato as legal counsel.

The Senate Ethics Committee eventually took a long look at Al D'Amato's activities and came up with one of those we-know-you-didn't-do-it-but-please-don't-do-it-again findings on most items and rebuked him for allowing his brother to carry on lobbying activities in his Capitol Hill office.

What makes this scene even more surreal is the fact that D'Amato is utterly shameless. He drones on and on about White House "lies," "distortions," "obfuscation," yet he refuses to release his own Ethics Committee report, insisting it would not be "standard procedure" to do so.



Everybody keeps saying government costs too much and taxes are too high, but everybody forgets the entertainment factor.

Celebration

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more to make our community, our lives, happier and safer."

King believed that by doing what is required of a nation, a people, we can change the way. We think about ourselves and others, not just for one day, but for the rest of our lives.

The weekend celebration saw families gathered to remember this leader, who often during his lifetime reminded the people that nothing is so much needed as a secure family life, especially for people seeking to rise out of poverty and backwardness.

Remembering Dr. King activities began Saturday, January 13, when over 250 guests attended the commemorative banquet. Master of ceremonies was Trevor Pettiford of television Channel 9. National gospel recording artist Vernon Jones gave the pre-banquet music.

Greetings to the guests on behalf of the city of Sanford was given by Mayor Betty Smith. A welcome on behalf of the MLK Steering Committee was offered by Sherilyn Brinson.

Guest soloist Laterica Quinn, a student at Seminole High School, gave her rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Highlighting the evening, and presenting the 1998 Brotherhood and Community Service Award was Dorothy Brown of the MLK Steering Committee.

The 1998 Brotherhood Award honor was presented to Charles Jackson, founder and president of Sanford/Central Florida Interdenominational Musicians Guild. Under his leadership, the guild has sponsored the first Golden Music Achievement Awards ceremonies where church musicians throughout the Sanford/Central Florida area were honored for their contributions to the field of church music.

Accepting the honor of the first Community Services Award for 1998 was Thelma W. Mike, administrator of the Good Samaritan Home. She was described as a community activist and Christian leader.

Following the dinner, former

Sanfordite Larry D. Bailey of the National Tax Department of Coopers & Lybrand financial consultant, was guest speaker. He reminded the audience that they are great Americans and must draw from talents of all people. He said that people needed to move forward and prepare themselves because there are still hard times and hard knocks ahead.

Music of the evening was provided by the MLK Celebration Choir. Others participating included the Seminole High School Air Force ROTC with Colonel Charles Gibson, and the youth department of St. Matthews Baptist Church.

The celebration continued on Sunday with the Inter-Faith Religious Service, dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Mary Whitehurst, whose vision it was to organize the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Choir.

Her legacy of Christian music was described as living on, as she impacted the lives of thousands of her students.

The MLK Celebration Choir performed under the direction of Gloria Williams and her associates, Charles Jackson and Sylvia Stallworth, filling the hearts of the audience with many spiritual, gospel and contemporary songs.

Rev. R.T. Davis, pastor of Second Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church presided over the ceremonies.

Others who participated in the religious service Sunday included Rev. Amos Jones, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Leonard Jenkins-Wilson, pastor of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Mayor Betty Smith, Rev. R.T. Davis, Major Richard Matthews, Rev. Bruce Scott, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Deacon Freddie Hudson, Deacon Raymond Gaines, and Elder Michael Hall.

In addition to the choir, special music was supplied by Gloria Lewis, Gay Garner Gloria Williams, and Gina Joseph.

Guest speaker, was Major Richard Matthews, a native of Sanford, now in the U.S. Army.

The closing of the two-day celebration featured remarks by the MLK Steering Committee chairman Sylvester Wynn, Sr., with the benediction by Rev. Robert Doctor.

Special thanks to St. Matthews Baptist Church Usher Board, all church choir members and pastors.

Beginning with this observance, the MLK Steering Committee plans to continue activities. It will pay tribute to one of the citizens of the City of Sanford each month, and undertake activities to increase youth participation beginning next month.

Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students after the oratorical contest to be held in February.



Special awards were given out during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. banquet held Saturday at the Sanford Civic Center. Left to right, Charles Jackson, recipient of the MLK Brotherhood Award, banquet speaker Larry D. Bailey, MLK Community Service Award winner Thelma W. Mike, Master of Ceremonies Trevor Pettiford of Channel-9 news, and MLK Steering Committee Chairman Sylvester Wynn.

Parade

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Church, brought together members of the religious and the secular communities for a lively show of community solidarity.

A large law enforcement contingent was sprinkled throughout the group that made its way slowly from the parking lot at Croome Academy, along 13th Street and then down Laurel Street to First Street and the park.

Other vehicles included Cadillacs and pickup trucks draped in red and blue crepe paper and decorated with images of the slain civil rights leader's face. Vans from local churches were hung with neon poster boards promoting one Sunday School class or another.

One class sang "Happy Birthday" to the slain leader. Another group danced on the hoods of their car and on the street around it.

There were no professionally-crafted floats in the parade. Each vehicle was decorated by those who chose to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of King's birthday.

This year marks a decade since the Martin Luther King holiday was first recognized as a federal holiday. Rucker has brought together churches, law enforcement and individuals for the celebration for nearly that long.

Shazara Brighton comes from Deltona every year to see the parade and take part in the celebration that follows in Ft. Mellon Park.

"I think this is a real community celebration," she said. "This isn't some event put together by some committee of people who think they know what Dr. King's message was all about. This is about people who feel what it was about and come out to show how it was."

David Lincoln said he enjoys the way people from all over the community are a part of the celebration.

"I think it's great that everyone comes together for this," he said. Lincoln, who is white, was unhappy that more whites do not take part in the celebration.

"This isn't a black thing," he said. "It's a people thing. It's about everyone getting along with everyone else."

At Ft. Mellon Park, amid barbecue stands and vendors selling popcorn, young people played basketball and climbed on the playground equipment. Adults listened to various speakers, shopped and chatted with one another.

By 2:30 yesterday afternoon, Fort Mellon Park was still packed with several thousand partici-

Zones

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youngsters from the loving grasp of their neighbors, thrusting them on cold yellow buses and shipping them to schools with strangers. Sometimes, they perceive it as tearing whole neighborhoods from the only possible school that can give their youngsters the education they deserve.

District administrators, on the other hand, see it as a purely necessary procedure needed to make sure the schools are filled with the appropriate number of students to ensure the best education for all.

This evening's work session is designed to find a happy medium between the two sides as the board prepares to dive into the rezoning process once again.

Last year, as the district prepared for the opening next school year of Winter Springs High School, the attendance zones for each of the high schools in the district were redrawn.

This year, the board finds themselves doing it all over again for the elementary schools in the north part of the county.

Next year, the middle school zones will be put under the microscope for dissection and rearrangement.

Elementary schools are scheduled to open in Oviedo and Winter Springs for the 1996-97 school year. In Sanford, a school is scheduled to open for the 1997-98 school year at Airport

Boulevard and Old Lake Mary Boulevard.

The plans the school district has looked at for the realignment have, until now, been based on the public request for neighborhood schools. A premium has not been placed on the 1970 federal desegregation order which designated the ratio of black to white students in schools, especially in Sanford.

A consultant hired to look at the rezoning plans has warned the school district the percentage of blacks in Sanford schools will rise if any of the new plans are adopted.

According to school records, the percentage of African-American students at Goldsboro Elementary School will rise from 45 to 62 percent; at Hamilton Elementary, it will increase from 55 to 67 percent; and at Idylwild Elementary, it will go from 34 to between 43 and 46 percent, depending on the plan adopted.

The attendance zones in Sanford, once changes are adopted, will not be altered until next year. Those for the Oviedo and Winter Springs schools will change in time for the school year which begins in July.

The school board will look over the options they have in terms of rezoning at the 7 p.m. meeting tonight. No final decisions will be made on the matter.

The board meets at the new Educational Support Center, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford.

DEATHS

JAMES ROY CAMPBELL
James Roy Campbell, 57, E. Georgia Avenue, Longwood, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 1998 at his residence. Born Aug. 25, 1938 in Huntington, W.Va., he moved to Central Florida in 1957. He was a trade specialist for the City of Winter Park. He was a Nazarene.

Survivors include wife, Irene; daughter, Kelly Martin; Longwood; brother, Bradford; Casselberry; sister, Sue Fichtenberg, Deltona; step-sister, Ellen Sparks, Deltona; one grandchild.

Gaines Carey Hand Garden Chapel Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

JUANITA JOHNSON
Juanita Johnson, 77, Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1998 at Volusia Medical Center, Deltona. Born May 3, 1918 in Blacksaville, S.C., she moved to Central Florida 60 years ago. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include daughter, Eva Mae White, Sanford; son, Willie Lee Johnson, Sanford; brothers, Reddick Isaac and Henry Isaac, both of Sanford, Alton Isaac, Syracuse, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MITCHELL JONES
Mitchell Jones, 73, W. 13th Street, Sanford, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 1998 at his residence. He was born July 22, 1923 in Monticello. He was a farm helper. He was non-Protestant.

Survivors include son, Eddie Lee Bailey, Sanford; daughter, Patty Jean Jones, Sanford; sister, Alberta Schuler, Monticello; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

FRANCIA STEFFENS
Francia Steffens, 85, Mounts Bay Court, Longwood, died Friday, Jan. 12, 1998 at Family Living Center, Altamonte Springs. Born Sept. 30, 1910 in Columbia, South America, she moved to Central Florida in 1966. She was a retired seamstress. She was a member of Church of the Annunciation.

Survivors include daughter, Rosie Brown, Sanford; brother, Clarence Troutman, Lake Monroe; sister, Mattie Williams, Lake Monroe.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

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Survivors include son, Fred, Longwood; three grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral home, Semoran-Forest City Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

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Al-Anon gathers

If you know, or live with an alcoholic, there is help. Al-Anon is an anonymous, non-profit organization, open to anyone who is a relative or friend of an alcoholic.

Serenity Won Al-anon meets Tuesday and Thursday. (Thursday non-smoking) evening at 8 p.m. Meetings are held in the back room of the Sahara Club, 2567 South Sanford Ave., Sanford.

For additional meeting times and locations in the Central Florida area, or for more information, call 321-9122.

Overeaters to gather

A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, corner of Park and 5th, Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0857.

Nar-Anon to offer help

Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 869-6364.

Clogging classes formed

The Old Hickory Stompers offer free beginner clogging classes, intermediate and advanced lessons also available. Meetings are at the Deltona Civic Association on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 349-9529 for more information.

Take off pounds sensibly

Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1807 Sanford Ave., Sanford.

The group now has a private room to weigh people between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. Each week a different program on weight loss will be conducted.

For more information about the club, call 323-1768 or 323-1664.

Toastmasters meet

Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #8581 will meet every Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at the old Lake Mary City Hall on Country Club Road. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-9284 for more information.

Longwood-Lake Mary Lions to meet

The Longwood-Lake Mary Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, S.R. 434 in Longwood. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend.

Kennel Club to meet

The Central Florida Kennel Club meets the third Tuesday of every month, at 8 p.m., at the Lake Island Recreation Center, 450 Harper, Winter Park.

Anyone interested in the betterment and protection of pre-bred dogs or in breeding or showing dogs is welcome to attend meetings and apply for membership. Call 671-7440.

Group targets good health

Deltona Health Education Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Center for Better Living, 2922 Howland Blvd., Suite 4, Deltona, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in health and well-being is invited to attend.

For information, call (904) 532-9290.

Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types blood - especially O-type donors - to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

Optimist Club meets weekly

The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome. Call 323-2194 or 322-0298.

Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club of Sanford holds its noon luncheon meetings every Wednesday at the Sanford Civic Center, North Sanford Avenue at the lakefront. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information call Walt Smith, 323-5088.

Dancing for seniors

The Over 50 Dance Club dance is held every Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the Deltonians 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

Volunteer of the Week

Helping kids helps ex-teacher

By SUSAN WENNER Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Who says being a senior citizen is just rocking all day in a rocking chair on your front porch and pattering around the house? According to Rose Jacobson, "you can only dust and clean so much and it gets a little boring."

Jacobson has discovered that by giving of her time and talents in a volunteer work she not only helps others but fills a void within herself. She now devotes over 20 hours per week as a Dividend with the Seminole County School Board, primarily assisting Mrs. McQuatters with her kindergarten class at Hamilton Elementary School.

Although Jacobson was a little reluctant about media attention, she graciously told a little of her beginnings in education and her desire to be involved and active.

She has worked within the boundaries of the Dividend program for six years. Other schools in Seminole County such as Wilson and Idylwild have benefited from Jacobson's efforts in working with the educationally impaired.

Jacobson commented, "I really enjoyed that group. It was so exciting when they finally grasped a concept and that light would turn on in their head. It was a pleasure to see them grow and learn."

She continued, "Before I was married I was a teacher. I enjoy teaching, so after my husband died I found that it was very gratifying to get back into that work."

Although Jacobson owned and operated Ro-Jay in the



Dividend Rose Jacobson (seated) makes learning fun for Priscilla Hamilton (left), Justin Smith and Amanda Murphy while teacher Ginny McQuatters joins in.

downtown area of Sanford for many years, she decided it was time to turn operations over to her daughter and to pursue other endeavors. Now with over 500 hours invested, Jacobson has discovered her niche.

"I volunteer with the schools as much as I can," she said. "It's very gratifying to walk into the room and all the children run to

you and hug you. It's great to get that love and respect from the kids. You help yourself, you help the kids and you help the teachers."

Aside from her constant vigilance with these children, Jacobson does prefer a little time to herself. From her membership and public affairs chairman position with the Sanford

Woman's Club to her membership in Hadaasah (Hebrew name for Esther), a Jewish woman's club, she still makes time for family.

This 68-year resident of Sanford has one daughter, Sara, and a son, Samuel, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Grapes an interesting backyard plant

One of the most interesting plants to grow in your backyard is the bunch grape. The vines produce one of the most valuable fruits in the world and the plants grow very well on the sandy soils of Central Florida. Grape vines tolerate lower temperatures than citrus trees and are rarely damaged by freezing temperatures.

A plant with so many qualities has only one major drawback. Bunch grapes are affected by a bacterial disease called Pierce's Disease. The disease, transmitted by leafhopper insects, has been a limiting factor for the budding wine industry in Central Florida.

Eleven cultivars with resistance to this disease are available. For commercial white wine production, the cultivars "Stover" and "Suwannee" are recommended. "Conquistador" has purple fruits and is one of the most interesting cultivars for the home garden because of its potential for the fresh market. Another green fruited cultivar is the "Orlando Seedless" which requires grafting to a rootstock such as "Tampa" for vigor and yields.



GARDENING AL FERRER

Bunch grapes grow well in moderately drained soils with a pH of 5.8 to 6.2. Plants will not do well in excessively drained, deep, sandy soils or on poorly drained sandy or organic soils. Bunch grapes are planted eight feet in the row and 10 feet apart. The vines must be trellised to wires along the full length of the row; each vine must be staked and trained up to the trellis wire, then pinched out at the top and trained along the wires. Each winter all growth older than one year must be removed. Irrigation is very important for grape production and sprinklers are recommended for plants growing in sandy soils. Fertilizer requirements of a mature vineyard are estimated to be around 1,500 lbs. per acre per season.

In Florida, up to 14 fungicide sprays per season may be required to control fungal diseases. Insect problems are the grape flea beetle, grape leafhopper and grape root borer. The root borer is the most important of these insect pests, because a single larva can kill a

vine. The muscadine grape on the other hand, does not have major insect or disease problems and can be used much the same as the bunch grape. The muscadine grape is native to Florida, has smaller leaves and the fruits have thicker skins than the bunch grapes. Fruits are harvested as single berries instead of bunches as is the case with the bunch grapes.

Sixteen cultivars of muscadine grapes are available for planting in Florida. For home gardens, Dixie, Doreen, Granny Val, and Triumph with bronze fruits are recommended. Cultivars with black fruits include Albemarle, Cowart, Nesbitt, and Southland.

Be sure to use cultivars with perfect flowers to avoid pollination problems. A common form of propagation is known as layering. In June, peg a long cane into a trench dug in the ground leaving the cane attached to the vine. To promote root production, make a superficial cut the bottom of the cane, and cover with soil, leaving the shoot tips exposed. In the winter, the layers are uncovered and rooted shoots are separated from the mother cane. Softwood cuttings taken in June or early July can be propagated under mist.

Grapes can be planted in many soil types, about the same types of soils used for citrus. A soil pH of about 6.0 is desirable. Planting in Central Florida is in February. Dormant pruning in

Central Florida is in January and February. All branches that are less than 3/16 inch in diameter must be pruned, leaving 2 to 3 buds per spur. Remove most of the spurs located at the top of the trunk to reduce excessive foliar growth.

Fertilization for the first year should be 1/4 lb. of 6-6-6 in lateral bands 1 foot away from the plant. Repeat this application in May, July and September. The second year, 3/4 lb. of the same fertilizer should be applied in late March, May and just after harvest. Fertilizer rates should increase consequently after the second year up to 4-8 lbs. per vine per year. Watering is very critical, apply 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water every 2 weeks during April and May.

Cultivation should be done carefully since grapes have a very shallow root system. Mulching is recommended to control weeds and conserve moisture but an area of at least 6 inches in diameter must be free around the trunk of each vine.

Muscadines mature in August and early September. They should then be harvested, and if not used immediately, they can be stored at 40°F to keep their quality.

(Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 323-2500, Ext. 8888.)

Peanuts deadly with allergy

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your column on the danger of food allergies.

I have had a lifelong allergy to peanuts, but only in recent years have I seen anything in print about this problem. Well-meaning but ignorant people have told me I am "spoiled" and "fussy," and it's only my imagination! Adults and children alike have tried to persuade me to eat peanuts, or even worse, have tricked me into eating them.

My allergy has become much more acute as I've grown older. At one point, I suffered a full-blown anaphylactic reaction. Your readers might find a chronology of the symptoms of an allergic reaction educational.

Here's what happens usually within minutes. It is a true medical emergency, and every second counts: Your mouth starts to feel "funny" inside, then your wrists and hands begin to itch, followed by your armpits, then your crotch. That's just the beginning.

Your eyes and lips begin to itch and swell, then bites start to puff up and itch over your entire body



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

save you. You will probably hear from other readers about the danger of food allergies. Thank you for making people aware.

ELIZABETH A. CURRAN

DEAR ELIZABETH: Almost every year there is some mention in the media about an allergy-related tragedy or a close call experienced by someone who was not as fortunate as you.

(Problems? Write to Dear Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.)

TUESDAY'S PRIME TIME

Table listing TV programs and channels for Tuesday's prime time. Columns include time slots (6:00 to 11:30) and program titles across various channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, etc.

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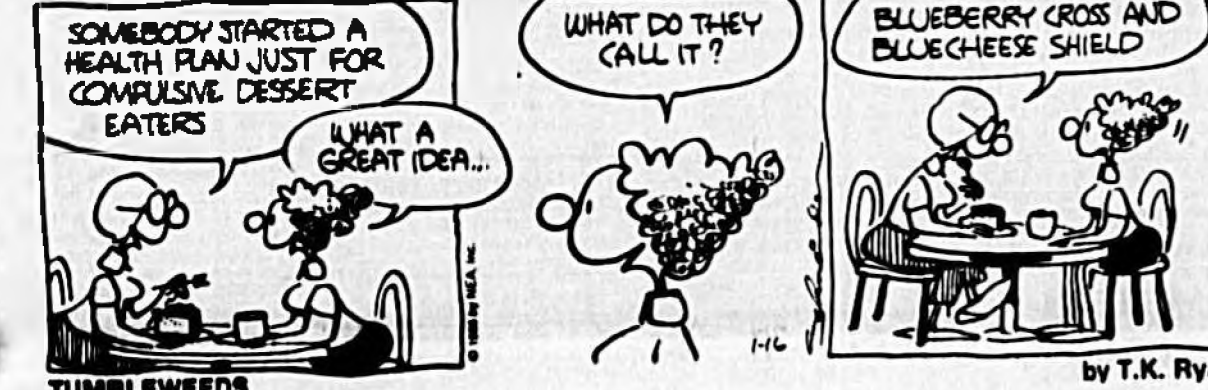
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ROBOTMAN



Why alcoholics need extra thiamine

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read that you recommend thiamine as a possible cure for alcohol neuropathy...



DEAR DR. GOTT: I had three children and then had my tubes tied. Sixteen years later I have a chance to have a happy life with a wonderful man...

DEAR READER: People who consistently abuse alcohol usually develop vitamin deficiencies...

During a period of abstinence, such as occurs during detoxification, seizures can occur. These "rum fits" are often prevented by vitamin supplements...

I am not aware that oral doses of thiamine when taken by an active alcoholic will improve neuropathy. The continued use of intoxicants virtually neutralizes any beneficial effects...

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158...

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 77 and suffer from an odd erection problem. My penis may get hard, but it collapses backward...

DEAR READER: You appear to be suffering from a common disorder called Peyronie's disease. The cause is unknown, but the result is predictable: progressive fibrosis (scarring) of one or both erectile cylinders...

If you have Peyronie's disease, the situation will not improve. You should be examined by a urologist. There are several surgical procedures that have been developed to treat Peyronie's disease...

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with temporomandibular joint syndrome that causes me great pain in my left jaw...

DEAR READER: Temporomandibular joint dysfunction is a common disease, marked by irritation and slight dislocation of the jaw joint in the cheek. This leads to pain and headache.

nosed. When the patient opens his mouth wide, an audible or palpable "click" is noted within the joint.

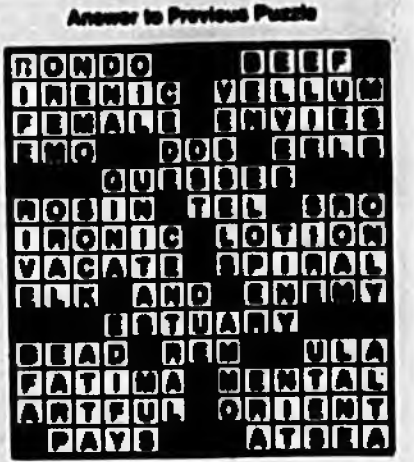
Initial therapy for the affliction includes analgesics and a bite plate, a dental device to prevent the patient from grinding his teeth at night...

I recommend that you ask your dentist to refer you to a colleague who specializes in TMJ dysfunction.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

Birth in slow motion

By Phillip Alder

Did you see that incredible photo taken by the Hubble space telescope of the gas and dust clouds that are six trillion miles high? Inside, new stars are being formed...

The key moment in some bridge deals comes immediately; in others, it is well down the 13-trick road. Which is it in this deal? West leads the spade queen against your contract of four hearts.

Over the takeout double, responder's jump to two no-trump showed a maximum pass with at least four hearts. With a balanced 10 or 11 points and fewer than four hearts, responder would have redoubled.

When playing in a suit contract, check your losers. Here, there are four: the heart ace, the club ace, the second round diamond loser and the third round spade loser...

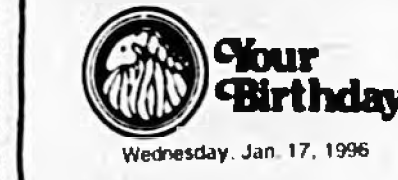
If, after winning the first trick, you play a trump, West will win and lead a second spade. Then, when West gets in with the club ace, he will cash a spade trick. The unavoidable diamond loser to come will mean defeat.

However, you must also watch your entries. Win the first trick in the dummy and play a club. Let's suppose West ducks this trick but wins the next club and returns the spade 10. You win in hand with your king and discard dummy's last spade on your club winner...

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Bridge score table with North and South hands, vulnerable status, and opening lead.

HOROSCOPE



Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996

Objectives you thought were far beyond your scope late last year could be within your range in the year ahead. You have a great deal of potential. Express yourself! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The people who have authority over you in some manner will hold you in high regard today...

others today, you will outpoll everyone in a popularity contest. Assume an enthusiastic attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Actions precipitated today could promote something beneficial for your family as a unit. Put their collective needs above your own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have ample reason to view life optimistically in this time frame. Now it will be up to you to think positively and establish desirable objectives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you center your efforts on ways to make money, you should do well for yourself both today and tomorrow. Get an early start and stick to your game plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The important thing to keep in mind today is the knowledge that you can successfully manage anything in which you become involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is one of those days where it might appear to be darkest before the dawn if you can keep the faith, things should work out to your satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you've hoped for something that isn't of a material nature, your wish will have an excellent chance of being fulfilled quicker than you think. Good luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Working conditions and associates could provide a favorable mix for you today in commercial and career areas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may experience a wave of good fortune at this point in time, and as a result, you may find fewer obstacles in your path than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today someone who is fond of you might try to rectify a matter that has aggravated you. It will be better not to discuss his or her support with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep in mind today that the bottom line will count more than the little spurts that take you in negative directions. ©1996 by NEA, Inc.

by Leonard Starr

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