



AT&T slashes 40,000 jobs

Law, Mary Orlando facilities may be affected



Deborah Williams of Sanford takes the first wet weather shower during a party.

New year begins with a splash

By Vicki D'Sorville

It has been a long time since the first rain of the year has been so welcome. The rain has been a relief for those who have been suffering from the drought.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Board parents

SIB meeting

The Sanford School Board meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meeting will be the first of the year for the 1988-89 school year.

Oviedo chamber

Reservations are now being accepted for the first anniversary party of 1989. The party will be held at the Oviedo Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The party will be the first of the year for the 1988-89 school year.

Glitch in New Year's gala

If you had a few drinks New Year's Eve and thought you saw the ball at Times Square, stay in a few extra seconds past midnight. It wasn't the ball playing tricks on your eyes. Cecilia Dykstra, president of the Times Square Business Improvement District, confirmed that a spotlight operator was a few seconds late in shutting down a 10,000-watt beam aimed at the ball. The district spent \$75,000 to refurbish the ball with 12,000 chimes and space-age technology that included strobes and halogen lamps. "I can't say another district spokesman had more fun than we did," she said. "Every thing worked like a charm. The ball dropped. The chimes said the computerized ball and say 'Go high numbers did work perfectly, but a spotlight operator turned off his light about two seconds late. The ball was on time and the numbers were accurate," she said. "But it has the illusion of the ball still being on." The estimated half a million people thronged Times Square for the celebration, and millions saw the spectacle on television.

Compiled from wire and staff reports

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A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. -Francis Bacon

Government eating guidelines released

By Robert Greene

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has released guidelines for eating a healthy diet. The guidelines are part of a new report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The report is the first in a series of reports from the department on nutrition. The basic message of the report is to eat a diet that is low in fat, low in calories, and high in fiber. The report also recommends that people eat more fruits and vegetables. The guidelines are intended to help people make better choices about what they eat. The report is available for free on the internet.



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NAFTA criticized

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A group that opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement from the start says it has not lived up to expectations by supporters that it would improve the environment along the U.S.-Mexico border. Public Citizen, which has led a lawsuit against NAFTA, issued a report in a recent issue of its magazine that the trade agreement has caused new damage to the already overburdened border environment. After two years of NAFTA, the report documents that not only have the promises for environmental and health improvements not occurred, but in fact the conditions along the U.S.-Mexico border have gotten significantly worse, said Paul W. Ullrich, director of Public Citizen's border trade & environment program.

Captain of his ship



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FLORIDA BRIEFS



UF helping develop Palestinian state

GAINESVILLE — Diplomats are working to create an autonomous Palestinian nation in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, and the University of Florida also is helping the Middle East peace effort.

Its expertise in wetlands, recreation and development prompted the university to lend a hand in economic and social development.

University officials began traveling to and from Gaza in May, and decided to form a partnership in the fall. The university already has come up with firm proposals for designing a sewage system and housing.

"Gaza needs a complete overhaul," said Ahmed Jadallah, the Palestinian point man for the partnership. "We're starting from below zero."

Florida provides the model because Palestinians and Floridians live in a similar climate and face acute problems with water supply, coastal management and a population that overwhelms the infrastructure, said Jadallah, a son of Ali M. Jadallah, who helped build the Palestine Liberation Organization with Yasser Arafat.

University vice president Gene Hemp says the partnership gives professors and students a rare opportunity to help.

For example, Gabe Genauer, a graduate student in architecture, is already at work on the Palestinian project. He is plotting through Israeli archives, ferreting out details about Gaza water sources, transportation and geology.

Central Fla. woman helps wildlife

CROOM-A-COOCHEE — Nine years ago, someone brought Judi Carter an injured owl. Determined to help it and others, she founded La Guardar, a rehabilitation center for wildlife.

Since then some 400 injured animals have been treated each year at the center, located on a slip of land near the Withlacoochee State Forest in southwest Sumter County.

La Guardar is Spanish for "The Keep," the center of the castle where the owner's valuables were kept.

"At that time there were no vets in the area," Carter said. "Most of us who had horses or cattle had learned to do some of our own vet work."

That was thousands of missing wings, multiple fractures, bullet wounds, automobile run-ins and animal-trap amputations ago.

Since then the center has grown from the Carters' utility shed to a sizable compound including medical treatment rooms. Carter is licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

This isn't strictly an on-site operation. Carter's traveling show reaches schools, organizations, festivals, and parks. Her message: Wildlife, like all life, is worth saving.

Carter, 51, works seven days a week, feeding, nursing, scrubbing cages, cooing to her patients, driving from one end of the state to the other to rescue animals and as often as possible begging for handouts.

Death is as much a part of her routine as anything. But there is the other side.

"After I've helped an animal to recover and set them free, I know that I've given something back ... and I've given them a second chance."

Lower tolls to lure trucks from I-95

FORT LAUDERDALE — The state is experimenting this year with lowering truck tolls on the Florida Turnpike in an attempt to lure truckers from Interstate 95 and reduce truck congestion there.

The test began Monday. A trucking industry spokesman says it isn't the small change that will determine which road truckers use, but which route takes them closer to where they are going.

"If it's convenient for them, they will do it," said Tom Webb, president of the Florida Trucking Association. "If it's not convenient, they won't."

Most I-95 truckers are heading to coastal destinations, not trying to avoid tolls, he said.

Truckers who use I-95 because it's closer to their destinations probably won't detour to the turnpike, Webb said. The cost of running the trucks those extra miles would exceed the toll savings, he said.

Between Fort Pierce and the Golden Glades interchange in Dade County, tolls for trucks with five or more axles will be \$11.75 instead of \$17, a savings of \$5.25.

The Florida Transportation Commission, a citizen watchdog group that monitors the Department of Transportation, has objected to lower truck tolls. The smaller collections will wreak havoc on statewide construction plans and could jeopardize the turnpike's bond rating, the group said.

Whether the lower tolls will remain in place depends on what happens over the next year.

The state has installed vehicle counters on the turnpike and I-95, and will track the number of trucks that use the two roads.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

State jobs program could be model

By ADAM YEOMANS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida needs to "make some sense" out of an assortment of government job training programs worth more than \$1 billion in order to establish a high-powered economic development plan, Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay says.

MacKay, who has helped spearhead job creation efforts by the Chiles administration, said the state is moving to coordinate about 100 job training plans that spend an estimated \$1.6 billion in state and federal money.

It is part of a broader attempt to overhaul how the state, already among the nation's top job creators, attracts new businesses, assist existing companies and produces higher-paying jobs.

"The state that does this is going to gain tremendous advantages for its businesses and its workers," MacKay said.

The plan also would shift the duties of the state Department of Commerce to the public-private

organization Enterprise Florida, require welfare mothers to find jobs, reduce regulations on businesses, and improve the state's economic climate.

An effort in the 1995 legislative session to give Enterprise Florida more responsibilities was blocked by the Republican-led Senate.

But Gov. Lawton Chiles and MacKay are optimistic about their chances in 1996. One of the leading opponents last session, Senate Commerce Chairman John McKay, R-Irvington, has said the proposal is "going to happen" in 1996.

Lawmakers created Enterprise Florida in 1992 to help create 200,000 higher-paying, high-tech jobs by 2005.

Some lawmakers and business officials have questioned MacKay's motives in pushing to privatize the commerce department as part of the administration's plan to overhaul economic development.

He plans to run for governor in 1998.

"If what I'm doing has worked

and saved public money and made government work better, it'll help me. If it doesn't, it won't help me," MacKay said. "I'm pretty philosophical about that. I'm not going to get elected on glamour. I'm going to get elected on results."

The lieutenant governor said the state could serve as a model for the rest of the nation as the federal government moves to reduce funding for job training, welfare and other programs and give states more flexibility in spending under block grants.

"The question is, can we train young people so they can take advantage of these huge opportunities in our state or end up being bypassed by other people coming in here from other states?" MacKay said.

Among the 13 most populous states, Florida trailed only Texas in the number of jobs created for the 12-month period ended in October. The state created an estimated 192,500 jobs, or 3.3 percent over the prior 12-month period. The national change was 1.8 percent.

The state could do a better job with less dollars in job training for high-wage jobs if the federal

government cuts the strings that mandate how money is spent, MacKay said.

"I'm not against cosmetologists," he said. "But I suspect we're training enough hairdressers for rest of world and as a result don't have enough money to train medical technicians."

The administration is moving ahead to coordinate training programs now administered by the state departments of Labor, Health and Rehabilitative Services, Commerce and Education.

In December, Chiles signed an executive order to establish a framework to coordinate job training efforts under the state's new Jobs and Education Partnership. Lawmakers created the partnership under Enterprise Florida in 1994 to develop a skilled work force to compete in the global economy.

The goal is to get welfare mothers off the public dole, streamline the state's career assistance programs, and assist students to obtain apprenticeships and jobs.

Boy, taken by neighbor, found 120 miles away

By The Associated Press

INDIANTOWN — A deputy's intuition led to the safe recovery of a missing 6-year-old from Tampa who was taken by a convicted child molester and former mental patient.

While patrolling a lonely stretch of highway east of Lake Okeechobee on Monday afternoon, Martin County deputy Carmine Dipalo saw something that just didn't look right.

"Here you had an older guy with a young child out in the middle of nowhere walking," he said. "I mean, there's no sidewalk, and it was cloudy and both of them were dirty."

Dipalo said he drove past the pair but, after getting about 600 yards down the road, decided to turn back.

He discovered the man, 50-year-old Miller Frank Johnson, was wanted on charges of burglary, violation of probation, a lewd act on a child and kidnapping in Polk County. The boy was Jonathan Messer, reported missing when his mother went to pick him up at Johnson's apartment Friday.

"I knew something was wrong because as soon as I turned my car around and turned on the blue lights, a motorist flagged me down and told me she thought she saw the man and the boy on television," Dipalo said.

The boy's mother, Sherril Watson, had dropped him off at Johnson's apartment Christmas night for a sleepover. Last Tuesday, Watson couldn't reach Johnson.

Wednesday, he told her he would come by that afternoon, but didn't. Thursday, Watson went to Johnson's apartment and found a note saying the two

had gone to Sea World and would return Friday.

Police say Johnson persuaded the boy that they belonged together, after which the two left on foot with no money and no clean clothes. Authorities say Johnson took the boy 120 miles from home in four days, hitchhiking and sweet-talking their way into a series of free meals and favors.

Martin County sheriff's Lt. Richard Aichison said Johnson was being held on the two Polk County warrants but hadn't been charged in connection with Jonathan's disappearance. He will at least face charges of interfering with child custody, said Tampa police detective Steve Thurman.

Late Monday, after a medical exam that revealed no signs of abuse, Jonathan was returned to his mother.

"Everything is being investigated," Thurman said, including the fitness of Jonathan's mother as a parent.

"I'm a good mother," Watson, 27, said as she waited for the boy's return. "I may not have a lot of money to buy stuff, but I take care of my kids." Watson also has a 10-year-old daughter and 2-week old baby at home.

While a patient at G. Pierce Wood Mental Hospital in Arcadia, Johnson was one of five plaintiffs in a 1987 lawsuit that led to improved conditions and treatment for patients in the state mental health system.

Watson said until news reports following Jonathan's disappearance, she had no idea Johnson was a fugitive.

"If I had known this stuff I never would have let my son stay the night with him or even go over to that house," Watson said. "He was always so nice to us. He was so generous, so kind. I just didn't know."



Photo By Denise Ross

Whoooo are you?
This baby owl, still downy soft and learning about the world around him, was found abandoned in the woods in eastern Seminole County. The little fellow was a bit wary of those who came to help him and he snuggled closely to a tree that resembled his former home.

Tampa cops now need some college

By The Associated Press

TAMPA — The Tampa Police Department won't hire you if you haven't been to college.

A rule that kicked in yesterday requires applicants to have at least an associate degree or 60 hours of college credit — about two years of college.

Tampa joins nearby departments such as Largo, which implemented a college education requirement in 1988, and St. Petersburg, which raised its standards in October. Until now, high school graduates were eligible

to become Tampa police officers.

The theory is that better education makes better cops. Researchers have found that officers with higher education tend to have fewer discipline problems and often are more involved in their communities.

College "exposes folks — particularly in law enforcement where we are always dealing with gloom and doom and the underbelly of society — to a variety of ways of thinking and seeing the world," said Tampa Deputy Chief John Cuesta, who holds a law degree from Stetson University.

LOTTERY

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



Cash 3
6-6-4
Play 4
5-7-4-9

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Variable cloudiness. Breezy and warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Thunderstorms may become strong. High in the lower 80s. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. Tonight: Variable cloudiness with a 30 percent chance of showers. Low in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Wind becoming west 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday: Partly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of showers. High in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Thursday: Mostly clear and cold. Highs in the lower 50s north to the lower 60s south. Friday: Increasing clouds.

FLORIDA TEMPS

City	H	L	Pct
Daytona Beach	69	65	2/3
Fort Lauderdale	64	71	0/2
Fort Myers	79	69	1/1
Gainesville	69	63	2/3
Jacksonville	66	63	1/4
Key West	82	74	1/1
Lakeland	74	64	1/8
Miami	84	71	1/1
Orlando	62	59	1/2
Sarasota	72	69	1/10
Tallahassee	64	60	5/2
Tampa	70	64	1/1
Vero Beach	82	69	1/1
W. Palm Beach	65	71	0/0

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Vbly cldy 73-55	Ptly cldy 58-43	Mtly clear 60-46	More cldy 65-54	Cldy 73-55

MOON PHASES

Full Jan. 6th	Last Jan. 13th
New Jan. 20th	First Jan. 27th

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1 to 2 feet and rough. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 58 degrees.
New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 1 to 1 1/2 feet and choppy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 56 degrees.

TIDES

TUESDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: min.: 2:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., maj.: 8:20 a.m., 8:25 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 5:22 a.m., 5:36 p.m.; lows, 11:39 a.m., 11:42 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 5:27 a.m., 5:41 p.m.; lows, 11:44 a.m., 11:47 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 5:42 a.m., 5:56 p.m.; lows, 11:50 a.m.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Tuesday and Tuesday night: Wind southwest 25 to 30 knots. Seas 6 to 8 feet. Bay and inland waters rough. Occasional showers and thunderstorms.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 68 degrees and the overnight low was 66 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 4.03 inches.
Sunset.....5:41 p.m.
Sunrise.....7:19 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 3. Not bad, but still use your sunscreen, wear a hat.

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

NATIONAL TEMPS

City	H	L	Pct	City	H	L	Pct
Amarillo	37	29	0/0	San Francisco	53	40	0/0
Anchorage	37	31	0/0	Seattle	44	35	0/0
Atlanta	53	50	0/1	St. Louis	58	53	0/0
Atlantic City	44	35	0/0	Tampa	69	64	1/1
Austin	58	53	0/0	Tucson	41	36	0/1
Baltimore	41	36	0/1	Wichita	36	32	0/0
Boston	36	32	0/0	Yonkers	33	27	0/0
Braunsville	63	57	0/0				
Buffalo	32	29	0/1				
Burlington, Vt.	14	4	0/1				
Casper	29	19	0/1				
Charleston, S.C.	42	35	0/0				
Charleston, W. Va.	48	38	0/1				
Charlotte, N.C.	50	46	1/1				
Cheney	23	19	0/1				
Chicago	38	32	0/0				
Cincinnati	44	37	0/2				
Cleveland	40	33	0/0				
Columbia, S.C.	48	42	0/0				
Dallas Ft. Worth	44	44	2/1				
Denver	28	27	0/2				
Des Moines	34	32	0/0				
Detroit	38	33	0/0				
Honolulu	82	64	0/0				
Houston	72	55	0/0				
Indianapolis	36	34	0/1				
Jackson	37	34	0/0				
Kansas City	34	32	0/0				
Las Vegas	41	36	0/1				
Little Rock	47	46	0/1				
Los Angeles	75	58	0/0				
Memphis	50	48	2/1				
Minneapolis	36	33	0/2				
Mobile	32	30	0/0				
Nashville	44	44	2/1				
New Orleans	48	48	1/2				
New York City	41	38	0/0				
Oaklahoma City	37	37	0/0				
Omaha	34	31	0/0				
Philadelphia	42	34	0/0				
Pittsburgh	40	42	0/1				
Portland, Maine	28	27	0/0				
Sacramento	43	42	0/1				
St. Louis	38	35	0/2				
Salt Lake City	39	29	0/0				
Shreveport	33	48	0/0				
Tulsa	46	36	0/0				
Washington, D.C.	41	37	0/0				

POLICE BRIEFS

Petit theft charged

Ricardo Barksdale, 30, 1838 Hawkins Ave., Sanford, was arrested for petit theft and for trespassing after warning by Sanford Police on Friday.

According to Police, he took a set of glass containers, valued at \$6.97 from the Winn Dixie on Airport Boulevard in Sanford. He had been issued a trespass order for that location in July.

He was held on \$500 bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Man arrested for refusing ID

Alan Robert Schram, 31, address unknown, was arrested for resisting arrest without violence by Sanford Police.

Police said they were called to a home in the 2200 block of Coronado Concourse regarding a suspicious person there.

When they arrived, they found Schram asleep on a couch on the front porch. They also found a nearly-empty bottle of Mad Dog 20/20 in his hands.

They said he refused to identify himself and told them to commit a sexual act upon themselves.

He was instead taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held in lieu of \$500 bond.

Fraudulent returns alleged

Stephanie Rene Gray, 19, 1524 Musa Ct., Deltona, was arrested for fraudulent returns, resisting arrest without violence, with retail theft and with fraudulent use of an identification card by Sanford Police.

According to police, she traveled around the JC Penney's store at Seminole Towne Centre putting items into a Penney's bag and "returning" the items for cash. She did this in various departments before she took some items from the menswear department and left the store.

Police said she had used her sister's identifications when getting the refunds.

She was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held on \$2,000 bond.

Warrant arrests

• Randy Theodore Hunter, 26, 722 Land Ave., Sanford, for failure to appear in court on charges of driving without a license. He was held on \$500 bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

• Jesse Leonard Paige, 35, 30 Lake Monroe Terr., Sanford, on charges of violating the terms of his probation on charges of distributing crack cocaine. He was held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

• Shirell McConico, 35, 2230 Dolar Way, Sanford on an Alachua County warrant for retail theft. She was held on \$500 bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

• Dennis Lawrence, 27, 324 W. 20th St., Sanford, on charges of failure to appear in court on charges of selling cocaine. He was held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Outlaw haven Indian Ocean nation offers extradition immunity for a price

By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A tiny Indian Ocean island nation has attracted the attention of law enforcement officials in the United States and Europe after passing a law guaranteeing to protect from extradition anyone willing to pay a \$10 million citizenship fee.

The Republic of the Seychelles, with a population of 73,000, enacted the law in November as "part of a package of investment incentives proposed to enhance...serious private investment in Seychelles," according to a memorandum on the law published by the Seychelles government.

The legislation stipulates that in exchange for the \$10 million investment, the donor is granted "immunity from prosecution for all criminal proceedings whatsoever" — meaning they could not be extradited to any foreign country for trial there.

The sweeping legislation has quickly attracted the attention of law enforcement officials in the United States, Britain and France, spawning fears that, as one official put it, the law will create "a potential safe haven for wealthy criminals."

The only exception to this kind of protection, according to the bill, involves crimes of "violence and drug trafficking in Seychelles."

According to the bill, these far-reaching protections can be revoked only by a referendum supported by 60 percent of the nation's voters and subsequent approval of two-thirds of the Seychelles national assembly.

In addition, any Seychelles official who helps bring in a \$10 million investor is also granted immunity from prosecution for any sort of crime anywhere in the world.

"You don't want criminals renting a government anywhere," said Jonathan M. Winer, deputy assistant secretary of state for law enforcement and crime. "This kind of law is bad not only for the Seychelles, but the entire international community."

"We have some real concerns about this legislation, and we and other nations are making known our feelings," said another State Department official. "We certainly do not want to see this economic development bill used to promote a safe haven for criminals."

And one U.S. law enforcement official, citing intelligence reports, said that four men suspected of extensive criminal activities in Europe have already obtained citizenship in the Seychelles.

The official said that all four were immediately granted citizenship without the customary waiting period, and are now traveling back and forth to Europe using their Seychelles citizenship papers instead of their European travel documents.

"This is exactly the kind of thing we fear," said the official, who spoke only on condition that he not be identified by name.

Officials said the United States, Britain and France have made strong protests about the bill to France-Albert Rene, president of the Seychelles since 1977, who under the legislation would run a board that would negotiate with the potential investors.

In response to the objections from the international community, the Seychelles ambassador to the United States, Marc Marengo, has distributed a memo saying the investment law "does NOT provide a haven for criminals in Seychelles nor a haven for fugitives from justice from anywhere in the world."

The memo also states that all potential \$10 million investors will be screened by Rene's board, eliminating the possibility that criminals will be granted citizenship.

But while the memo also states that criminal activities will not be tolerated, both it and the legislation are silent on how potential investors will be judged on how they have earned their past millions.

Tourism is a staple of the Seychelles economy, and the controversial bill is part of an effort to boost business and spending in the 90-island chain. Travel to the island nation fell off sharply during the Persian Gulf war five years ago, and the current legislation is seen as an attempt to stimulate the economy.

U.S. influence in this matter may be minimal, because the government is already planning to withdraw its Peace Corps volunteers, shut down a U.S. Air Force satellite tracking station and close the embassy there at the end of the current fiscal year.

Son's quest, all for love Boy spends 8 years fighting for mom's freedom

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — It was Sept. 15, 1987, and Wade Burnett had just returned home from a dinner celebrating his 16th birthday when the phone rang.

His mother and stepfather were calling from their home outside Brownsville to wish him a happy birthday. Burnett, who'd left south Texas a month earlier to live with his father in Shreveport, La., had never really gotten along with his stepfather. But on this night, Burnett recalls, "He kept wanting to talk."

The next morning, as he was getting ready for school, the phone rang again: His stepfather was dead.

Burnett's mother said Bill Mowbray had shot himself in their bed. But eight months later, Susie Mowbray was sentenced to life in prison, convicted of murdering him.

Standing on tiptoes, desperate to catch a glimpse, the 16-year-old boy watched as sheriff's deputies escorted his mother from the courtroom.

Now, almost eight years later, as a result of a son's quest to prove his mother's innocence, Mrs. Mowbray may be released and granted another trial.

"I've always felt like a hostage here, and I've always believed at some point someone would come along and rescue me," she wrote in a letter to The Associated Press from prison. "I never dreamed that someone would be my son. He is my hero."

Wade Burnett, now a 24-year-old first-year law student at Louisiana State University, remembers all too well the day of his mother's sentencing. There were no tears, only anger: "I felt betrayed. I remember thinking, 'This can't happen. This cannot happen.'"

"All of us felt let down by the whole system. The criminal justice system is supposed to be set up to protect the rights of innocent people, and, here, those rights had been completely ignored."

Burnett skipped the summer camp he'd gone to since he was a toddler to attend the trial.

"What was told to us was this would finally clear everything up, that a huge mistake was made and once we got into the trial, it would be clear that she hadn't done it," he said.

But the case quickly became as sensational as a Hollywood movie.

Prosecutors played up the couple's wealth and affluence: Susie, a blond debutante who was a cheerleader and homecoming queen in her hometown of Shreveport. Bill, a wealthy Cadillac dealer who spent extravagantly on boats, shotguns and scuba-diving trips to the Caribbean.

Mrs. Mowbray, prosecutors alleged, shot her husband in the head while he slept because she wanted his insurance money.

Inside the courtroom, the couple's king-size bed sat center stage, complete with mirrored headboard and bloodstained mattress. On top lay a mannequin with a stick through the head.

The jurors heard evidence of an IRS investigation into Mowbray's finances because of suspicious transactions at his car dealership. They also were told of his suicidal tendencies: A psychiatrist testified Mowbray had attempted suicide nearly a year before by shooting himself in the chest.

But the most compelling testimony came from Austin police Sgt. Dusty Heasakew, the prosecution's blood-spatter expert.

Although no bloodstains were visible on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown, Heasakew testified that scientific tests had discovered microscopic blood-spatter. He also knelt by the bed and re-enacted how Mrs. Mowbray allegedly killed her husband, using the dummy and her nightgown as props.

After a three-week trial and two hours of deliberations, Susie Mowbray was convicted of killing her husband.

For the next five years, Wade Burnett clung to the hope, slim though it was, that his mother's conviction would be overturned on appeal.

He and his younger sister, Cricket, went on with their lives as best they could. They graduated from high school and started college. On weekends, they visited their mother in prison.

Those were the most difficult times, recalls Burnett's father, Gerald Burnett of Shreveport, who often drove his children to see their mother.

"Riding back was a terrific ordeal," he said. "Nothing can be worse than being 15 and 17 and going to see your mom in prison and realizing she might be there forever."

That realization sank in for Wade Burnett in the summer of 1993, when all his mother's appeals were exhausted. It was then he decided to take action.

"I wanted to know what happened," he said. "It no longer made sense that she could be in jail six years after this had happened for something that she didn't do."

With the help of his dad, an attorney who served on his ex-wife's defense team, he obtained copies of trial testimony, notes and newspaper articles.

For eight hours a day, he read and reread, formulating questions for his mother, father, witnesses and attorneys. He made several trips to Brownsville, in south Texas, to meet with people who knew the Mowbrays.

Five months after beginning his research, Burnett found what he had been looking for: evidence that appeared to contradict the state's expert witness on blood-spatter.

After meeting with several high-profile defense attorneys, including Texas legend Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, Burnett found Fort Worth appeals spe-

cialist Robert Ford. Ford immediately turned down the case, but Burnett spent four hours persuading him to change his mind.

"I get calls all the time where people say that one of their family members is in the penitentiary and they shouldn't be there because they're innocent," Ford said. "But after I read the record, and after he came up and talked to me about blood-spatter, it was clear that something was terribly wrong."

Together, the two wrote and filed a new appeal with the Court of Criminal Appeals, which ordered a hearing last August. There, Heasakew admitted his trial testimony about blood-spatter was scientifically invalid because a follow-up test was not done.

State District Judge Darrell Hester ruled that without Heasakew's testimony, "there was another equally reasonable hypothesis other than the applicant's guilt; Mowbray's death was suicide or an accident."

Another witness at the hearing was Herbert MacDonell, whom prosecutors initially asked to examine Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown in 1987.

MacDonell, an internationally recognized blood-spatter authority and expert witness at the O.J. Simpson trial, testified that he found no blood on Mrs.

Mowbray's gown when he examined it.

Prosecutors never called him as a witness, however, and "chose to suppress MacDonell's evidence" until days before trial, Hester ruled.

Prosecutors stand by their case, but won't say whether they will pursue a new trial if Mrs. Mowbray's conviction is set aside.

"I firmly believe that she is guilty," said Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz, who helped prosecute the case. "The fact of the matter is that 12 people heard the evidence, followed the law and found her guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

Burnett says he isn't concerned about the possibility of a new trial.

"There never should have been a first trial," he said, "and there's even less of a reason to have one now. We've won."

Both he and his mother say they are no longer angry about the time they've lost together. Instead, they look toward the day they can talk and touch and hug outside the suffocating walls of the Gatesville, Texas, women's prison.


"I want us all to spend the night under the same roof," Wade mother's wrote, "and wake up knowing all is right in our world."

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EDITORIAL

Drinking and driving

The concept of happy new year was diminished greatly this past three-day weekend because of highway accident fatalities. Law enforcement officers report 28 persons lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents.

While five have already been determined to be alcohol related, another 17 remained under investigation as of last night.

Additionally, officers said 11 of the 28 persons killed were not wearing seat belts.

There was no question that the severe rainfall contributed to many of the accidents and deaths on the highways of our state. But the fact remains people were clearly not paying attention to what was going on.

For those alcohol related deaths, the driver, undoubtedly, felt he or she was still capable of handling several tons of steel at speeds of possibly a mile a minute. When a person is influenced by alcohol however, reasoning often disappears. They may think they can drive, not realizing their thought processes have been slowed.

Then there were others who were with that driver. It's not easy to insist that he or she not drive. They often become angry, and disputes before getting behind the wheel can also contribute to misjudgments.

Those who feel it necessary to get drunk in order to enjoy New Year aren't the only ones who suffer. Their erratic driving may not affect them directly, but others who are not impaired in this way often find themselves having to veer out of the way of danger.

The weekend is over now. The Florida Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies have counted the dead and released the tragic numbers. Those persons who had loved ones or friends involved in accidents however, may find the tragedy far from over. Undoubtedly for a few, this New Year's event will bring sad recollections for many years.

People just didn't think. They caused death, injury, and damage. They ruined their lives as well as those of others.

Warnings were issued. Everywhere there were signs saying, "if you drink, don't drive." Traffic and DUI checkpoints were active. There were words of caution in newspapers, on TV and radio.

Yet people continued to think they could control themselves even after having consumed quantities of alcohol.

Now we see the results. It is a sad way to start a new year. These people need to reconsider what they are doing and add another New Year's resolution about drinking and driving.

If this is an example of what 1996 is going to be, we are not in for a happy new year.

Berry's World



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NAT HENTOFF

Rush Limbaugh's State of the Union

When I was a child, I used to listen every Saturday morning to "Let's Pretend," a network radio show on which classic fairy tales were dramatized. That program is long gone, but now I indulge my taste for fantasy by listening to Rush Limbaugh. As when he said derisively the other day that there actually are Americans "ungrateful for the greatest prosperity in this country that the world has ever known."

In my city, New York, many of those ingrates are complaining that their children in public schools are jammed into classrooms with 35 or more kids, in buildings that are falling apart, with more budget cuts coming.

According to the wit and wisdom of Limbaugh -- who could easily take the role of Mr. Bumble in Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" -- the parents of these ragamuffins clearly do not have the gumption to work hard and long enough to partake of the fruit of this greatly prosperous society and send their children to private school.

After the decisive Republican triumph in the 1994 congressional elections, Rush Limbaugh was made an honorary member of the freshman class in the House of Representatives. And well he should have been, for he is the most influential preacher of the Republican gospel.

That freshman class, along with many of the

veteran Republican members of the House, has created the most mean-spirited Congress in American history -- with Rush Limbaugh cheering them on for three hours every day. The largely disorganized Democrats are also culpable for what will inevitably be a rise in the misery index of millions of Americans.

But it is the Republicans who actively, genuinely, have so little concern for people who do not look like them, who do not live as comfortably as they do. They see those Americans who are strangers to their own experience as inferior -- morally, intellectually, and in other ways. During one floor debate in the House on

welfare reform, a Republican from Florida held up a sign familiar to travelers in his state: "Don't feed the alligators!"

There was laughter on his side of the aisle, but some poor folks interviewed later by reporters had the temerity to protest that they and their children are not animals.

Consider the way these Republicans are enforcing their contract on America. From an article by Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes in the New York Law Journal: "New proposals in Congress, which were first put forth by the House Republicans, would permit the states to set nursing home care standards, but would not define what those standards should be. They would also eliminate training requirements for nurses and nurses' aides, and permit inspections only once every two years."

"These changes, which were not sought by the nursing home industry, were initially rejected by the Senate, but were then restored in the House-Senate budget conference."

Without federal standards, with each state in charge of both money for nursing homes and standards of care, many of those in nursing homes will be treated as they were before federal supervision -- drugged with sedatives and tranquilizers, and held immobile in physical restraints.



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JACK ANDERSON

Stone's 'Nixon' only part of story

WASHINGTON -- Oliver Stone's controversial new film, "Nixon," is dramedge with engrossing scenes, devastating insights -- and grotesque distortions. For a Watergate reporter who helped bring down Richard Nixon and wound up high on his enemies list, the movie was a nightmare revisited.

There were really two Nixons: Stone dissected only one of them. His autopsy bared the dark, forbidding, monstrous Nixon at his worst -- with only fleeting glimpses of the other, human Nixon.

I must be the last person Nixon would have expected to rise to his defense. During the Watergate era, I found myself engaged in a mortal battle with this dogged, dauntless president. Each damaging story I published created a frenzy inside the White House, caus-



I must be the last person Nixon would have expected to rise to his defense.

WILLIAM RASPBERRY

Explain this, in English please

WASHINGTON--I've been trying to follow the debate over making English the "official" language of the United States. Now I'm asking for help. Will someone please tell me, in plain English, just what the argument is about?

I listen to each side in turn, often nodding vigorously my agreement. And yet, after each new installment in the long-running battle, I'm left wondering what is being attacked--or defended.

I agreed with Sen. Bob Dole (who triggered the latest skirmish with a September speech in Indianapolis) when he said America needs "the glue of language to help hold us together." Who could disagree? I approved his notion that the public "schools should provide the language classes our immigrants and their families need, as long as their purpose is the teaching of English" but not "multilingual education as a means of instilling ethnic pride or as a therapy for low self-esteem or out of elitist guilt over a culture built on the traditions of the West."

On the other hand, who isn't made a little uneasy over the idea of putting needless obstacles in the path of newcomers to America? Andrew Ward, who writes frequently for The Washington Post, speaks of the foreign-born who live and do business in his West Coast neighborhood, and asks: "What does their clumsiness with this complex and unfamiliar language have to do with their being Americans, with their wholehearted embrace of American principles, with their braving so much more to come to this country than the rest of us can even imagine?"

One side evokes Quebec, which recently came near to separating from Canada over the question of English-speaking dominance. The other evokes an elitist bigotry that is unsympathetic to newcomers whose language and culture are too "different."

And then I wonder: In what way does the current status of English threaten to dissolve the glue that holds America together? I have worried publicly about our too-easy tendency to split America into its component parts, to make too much of our differences and too little of our similarities. I have gone so far as to suggest that our pointless factionalism (around ethnicity, race, culture, sex, politics and virtually anything else that can serve as a group marker) threatens to rip us apart at the seams.

But of all the things that threaten our unity as a nation, language seems fairly far down the list. Indeed, apart from the single issue of bilingual education, usually involving Spanish-speaking immigrants, it's hard to think of a real-life target for Dole's proposal.

Is English-as-the-official-language just another stick with which to clobber Hispanic

Americans?

But if so, how? Surely no one has proposed that we should forbid Americans to speak in any language but English. Is the whole exercise aimed at ending the occasional publication of government documents in languages other than English? At removing the multilingual signs in California hotels? At eliminating Spanish-language ballots in south Florida? Would making English the official language mean that Washington, D.C., could no longer seek out bilingual police officers or 911 operators? That Chinatown's street signs would have to come down?

The more I think about it, the more I think it doesn't mean anything. A frequent argument of the English-first crowd is that bilingual education doesn't work very well--that it may even retard the development of fluency in English. They may be right. But isn't that the province of pedagogy rather than law? Surely Dole wouldn't want a national law forbidding any particular teaching technique.

Indeed it's hard to know what he does want with his "official English" idea. And it is equally hard to figure out what harm the other side fears "official English" would do.

What does seem obvious is that the English language is not just the glue that holds America together but also the sine qua non for academic, political and economic success here. But it also seems clear that most immigrants don't have much difficulty figuring any of this out.

So tell me, please. *Cual es el pleito?* Just what is this fight about?



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

Officials tackle domestic violence among cops

By YUMI KAGIYAMA
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — When his wife received flowers, the Detroit police officer struck her, grabbed her throat, threw her down on the floor and bit her upper lip.

The 10-year department veteran was suspended without pay for five days after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence.

Another Detroit officer was suspended for nine months and ordered to undergo counseling after he broke his wife's collar-

bone during a domestic dispute. He was told he would be dismissed if disciplined again in the next two years.

Twenty-eight percent of 123 police departments that serve populations of 100,000 or more across the country reported increases in the past year in domestic violence cases involving officers, a Texas-based study found.

The Detroit Police Department recorded 41 domestic violence complaints against its 4,000 officers in 1993 and 54 in 1994, according to Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon. There were 17

through May 1995, the latest month for which figures were available.

"I was shocked that we had that number," McKinnon said. "First of all, one is too many."

The Texas-based study, conducted by the Arlington, Texas, Police Department and the Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute in Richardson, Texas, found that nearly half the departments cited had no specific policy for dealing with domestic abuse. The study was released last year.

But now, a heightened

awareness over domestic violence has prompted police departments nationwide to initiate counseling, education and prevention programs.

"They're not going to wait until there's an episode that makes the front page," said Kevin Love, professor of management at Central Michigan University and a police expert. "They're more interested in doing a program to help the officers, to avoid the negative publicity all together."

One of the factors contributing to domestic violence among police officers is their work: Many find it hard to let go of the aggressive behavior often required on the job once they get home, said Detroit Police

Commander John Courie.

Some officers agreed. "Dealing with this job and coming home and trying to deal with a family — something's got to give somewhere," said Officer Ronnie McDade.

Most Detroit police officers arrested for domestic violence lose 30 days of pay, the same penalty given to those arrested for using marijuana for the first time, said Louis Feurino, an attorney at the department's discipline unit. Three officers involved in more serious cases during the past year were dismissed.

"We're not going to put up with it," he said. "Across the nation, police

departments are offering specialized training on anger management and problem-solving skills, said Stephen Curran, a police psychologist and chairman of the Police Psychology Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Detroit Police Department is setting up special counseling for batterers and has begun a computer-assisted investigation of the entire department to identify officers who may be at risk for the behavior.

"We're looking in terms of No. 1, education. Education for all officers," said Norde James, the department's director of personnel.

Phone customers may get new choices in new year

By ADAM YEHMANS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's push to deregulate local telephone service kicks in Jan. 1 when cable TV companies, long-distance carriers and others can offer local service for the first time.

Most consumers won't see any changes immediately.

But in the coming weeks and months customers, particularly those in urban areas, can expect to see advertising and other marketing efforts to lure them

away from their local phone company.

Florida, where \$7 billion a year is spent on phone service, is among a dozen or so states that have passed laws to foster increased competition.

"Ours is one of the most aggressive," said state Rep. Scott Clemons, a leading proponent of phone competition. "It also has some of the best consumer protections in it."

The phone deregulation law is one of a handful that take effect Jan. 1. Others will:

- Increase the gross receipts tax on dry cleaning businesses from 1.5 percent to 2 percent. The businesses could decide to pass along the tax increase to customers.

- Prohibit candidates from switching from one race to another. The law was passed to prevent a repeat of the political leapfrogging by Republican Jim Smith, who ran for governor, withdrew from a runoff, and then ran for agriculture commissioner. Smith lost to incumbent Bob Crawford.

- Increase the price of a gallon of gas by 0.3 cents. A 1990 law automatically increases the sales tax on motor fuel each year to track the consumer price index.

The telecommunications law was one of the major issues passed by the 1995 Legislature.

BellSouth, the state's largest phone company with nearly 4 million customers, has signed an interconnection agreement with a handful of prospective competitors who want to provide local service.

They include the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association in Tallahassee, Continental Cablevision in Jacksonville, Intermedia Communications of Florida in Tampa, Teleport Communications Group in Fort

Lauderdale and Time Warner AxS of Florida in Maitland.

The agreement potentially affects BellSouth customers from Key West to Jacksonville, including Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, West Palm Beach and Daytona Beach.

BellSouth-Florida president Joe Lacher said the agreement could serve as a model for the rest of the country.

"This agreement means that millions of consumers in one of the nation's largest, fastest-growing and trend-setting states will see widespread competition quickly," he said in announcing the deal in December.

Other local phone companies have not reached agreements with competitors but are expected to do so.

Clemons, chairman of the House Utilities and Telecommunications Committee, predicted that consumers would see the new providers offer lower rates as part of package deals.

Cable companies, for instance, may offer cable TV and phone service for one price on one monthly bill.

"In order for them to gain a piece of the market, they will have to offer better rates or better service," said Clemons, D-Panama City.

A federal telecommunications bill being considered in Congress could allow local phone companies to eventually offer cable TV and long-distance services, Clemons said.

Under Florida's law, nothing will change for customers unless they select an alternative phone company. Consumers who switch service can keep their same phone number.

They also must receive 911 emergency service, unlimited calls within a local exchange area, and other basic services.

Layoffs

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past Friday night, but with the holiday, the corporate offices haven't had time to evaluate how many chose to go along with this plan. That may take a couple more weeks.

A similar buyout package was accepted by about 6,500 of the 72,000 supervisory employees who were given the offer last November.

Berridge said there won't be any immediate information on the Lake Mary AT&T facility, which has approximately 700 employees, for several weeks. "It all depends on how many people who were offered the early-retirement incentive plan went along with it," he said.

The announcement was not a surprise. AT&T had said additional workers would be laid off beginning in January to meet the company's unspecified job-reduction goals as it breaks up into three separate entities — a communications services provider, a communications equipment maker and a computer maker.

It said fourth-quarter earnings would be reduced by \$4 billion after taxes to pay for severance packages and other restructuring costs.

Information from Associated Press is contained in this report.

Oviedo Council agenda

By NICK PFEIFFER
Herald Staff Writer

OVIDEO — The Oviedo City Council will meet Wednesday night. Items that pertain to ongoing growth in the city are expected to dominate discussion.

As of late this past week, the following items were listed on the agenda:

- Call to order
- Ceremonial matters — Honoring Oviedo Child Care Center for winning 4C Gold Seal of Excellence Award for 1995, and to present proclamation for "Week of the Working Parent."
- Public comments
- Consideration — Final plat and codes, covenants and restrictions — Wheeler Corners
- Ordinance 979 — 1st reading — Petition to vacate portion of Myrtle Street and alleys within the Alexandria Plan of Oviedo Subdivision, First Baptist Church of Oviedo.
- Comprehensive Plan amendment 96-1-02 — Land use amendment from rural to low density residential designation for property located on approximately 748 acres north of CR-419 and east of the Econolochatchee River — Richland Properties, Inc.
- Comprehensive Plan

amendment 96-1-03 — Land use amendment from rural to low density residential designation, and from conservation and suburban estates to low density residential, for property located on approximately 380 acres along Lockwood Boulevard, south of CR-426, and 27 acres adjacent unincorporated areas proposed for annexation — Estes Trust Partnership.

- Old Business — none listed
 - Consideration — Request to waive special event permit fee. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, parade and march on Monday, Jan. 15, 10 to 11 a.m.
 - Consideration — 182 S. Central Avenue/Sanitary Sewer.
 - Appointment to Code Enforcement Board
 - Appointment to Oviedo Police Officers' Pension Board — Reappoint member to 2-year term.
 - Consent agenda
 - Reports from mayor, councilmen, city attorney, city manager.
- There is no work session scheduled following the regular council meeting.
- The Oviedo City Council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996 at city hall, 400 Alexandria Blvd.

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The advisory committee's recommendations were characterized as too mild to be useful, taking far too kind a look at salt, sugar, cholesterol and

according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a private food watchdog group.

"I think everyone thinks that they are consuming a variety of foods in moderation already," said Michael Jacobson, the center's executive director.

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DEATHS

DOROTHY AITKEN
Dorothy Aitken, 76, Palm Way, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995 at Guardian Manor. Born May 2, 1914, in Spokane, Wash., she moved to Central Florida in 1985. She was a homemaker. She was Presbyterian.

Survivors include daughters, Judy Duffendack, Sanford, Linda, Poolsville, Md., Marilyn J. Manning, Dryden, Mich.; brother, Rolf Reierstad, Seattle, Wash.; two grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CURTIS A. FISHER, JR.
Curtis A. Fisher, Jr., 47, Lemon Bluff Road, Osteen, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Sept. 6, 1948 in Arlington, Va., he moved to Central Florida in 1972. He was a facilities technician for BellSouth. He was a member of Union Local 3113. He was the recipient of a Presidential Citation and Purple Heart during the Vietnam war.

Survivors include wife, Rose E., Osteen; son, Curtis A. III, Osteen; mother, Helen Fisher, Virginia; sisters, Brenda Mills, Virginia; Linda Phillips, Orlando.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

RUBY A. GREEN
Ruby A. Green, 88, Shaffer Trail, Oviedo, died Monday, Jan. 1, 1996 at Arbors of Orlando. Born Feb. 18, 1907 in Ancon, Panama, she moved to Central Florida from New York in 1990. She was a beautician. She was Christian.

Survivors include son, Arthur L. Blackwood, Ponce, Puerto Rico; daughter, Esmine Foreman, Oviedo; sister, Laurel Spence, Jamaica; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

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

ROBERT J. THOMAS
Robert J. Thomas, 75, First Street, Paola, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born March 8, 1920 in Lake County, he was lifelong Central Florida resident. He was a retired superintendent with a citrus packing company. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #62, Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Mattie; daughters, Patricia Stanton, Sanford, Barbara Bryant, Hollywood, Fl.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN E. WATSON
John E. Watson, 72, Sweet Briar Branch, Longwood, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995 at his residence. Born Dec. 17, 1923 in Lebanon, Tenn., he moved to Central Florida in 1979. He was an engineer for United Telephone Company. He was Protestant and a member of Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Peggy; sons, John E. Jr., Fort Lauderdale, Kenneth Talmage, Stamford, Vt.; daughter, Margaret Watson Tomme, Longwood; mother, Shelley, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; sister, Kathleen Sisco, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; three grandchildren.

Gaines Carey Hand Garden Chapel Funeral Home,

Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

NAMON WYNN
Namon Wynn, 93, Lake Monroe Terrace, Sanford, died Monday, Jan. 1, 1996 at Lifecare Nursing Center, Altamonte Springs. Born Jan. 1, 1903 in Camilla, Ga., he moved to Central Florida in 1980. He was a migrant farm worker. He was Baptist.

Survivors include son, Levi; Orlando; daughters, Leola Murray, Winter Park, Pinky Lee, Sarasota; stepdaughter, Mary Ann Hickens, Orlando; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Gold-enrod-Winter Park Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

THOMAS, ROBERT J.
Funeral services for Robert J. Thomas, 75, of Paola, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995, were held yesterday afternoon (Jan. 1) at Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, with Rev. John A. Bryant officiating. Interment was at Sylvan Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary.

WATSON, JOHN E.
Funeral services for Mr. Watson will be Wednesday (1/3) at 11 a.m. in the Gaines Carey Hand Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow services. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday (today) from 3 until 4 and 6 until 8 p.m. For friends who wish, the family suggests memorial donations to Hospice of Central Florida, 2500 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 300, Maitland, FL 32751.

Arrangements by Gaines Carey Hand Garden Chapel Funeral Home, Longwood, 767-3181.

Splash

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are repeating themselves as the year starts anew. The amphitheatre at Centennial Park in front of City Hall is once again more suited for fishing and small scale recreational boating than for musical productions.

According to city officials, Liberty Park on Country Club Road, reopened only last month after a summer of being submerged, is once again closed to the public as most of its facilities are under water again.

The rain that has been with us all year shows little sign of abating before the end of this week.

According to the National Weather Service prognosticators, today is expected to hold continued variable cloudiness in store. They are

expecting it to be breezy and warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms, which may become strong.

On Wednesday they are expecting it to be partly cloudy and warm with a slightly reduced chance of showers. On Thursday it's expected to be mostly clear and cold.

On Friday clouds will be increasing and by Saturday there will be a good chance of showers and thunderstorms again.

Law enforcement officials report an increased incidence of traffic accidents caused by vehicles skidding into one another on the slick roads. There have been no fatalities or serious injuries linked directly to the rain, but the number of fender benders has increased in the last few days.

NAFTA

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environmental impact. Public Citizen said illegal dumping of industrial wastes in Mexico has increased, air pollution has worsened, and hepatitis, dysentery and other diseases still exist in rates far higher than elsewhere in the United States.

Expectations that NAFTA would result in industrial expansion away from the border, into the interior of Mexico, also have failed to materialize, the Ralph Nader-founded group said. Employment at maquiladoras, the foreign-owned

assembly plants located just inside the Mexican border, has increased 20 percent to nearly 700,000 workers in the last two years, the study said.

The study, which reiterates Public Citizen's call for a repeal of NAFTA, was based on interviews with border officials, activists, federal authorities and media reports.

NAFTA boosters said the trade pact's effect on the border can't be measured yet.

"We need to be looking at the longer term," said Ralph Marquez, a commissioner with the

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the state agency that oversees environmental issues. "These are not problems that were created in two years and we cannot solve them in two years."

NAFTA has hastened cooperation between the United States and its border states with Mexico, Marquez said. Recently back from a trip to Mexico City to meet with Mexican environmental officials, Marquez said: "There is a real commitment to proceed with the environmental protections."



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NATIONAL BRIEFS



Budget shutdown is about people

WASHINGTON — To Joyce Rush, a \$21,000-a-year nursing assistant in a Los Angeles veterans hospital, the impasse that partially shut the government is not about trillion-dollar budgets. It's about the shutoff notice for her water and electricity.

The stalemate is not about multibillion-dollar tax cuts to Winifred Ruiz, a \$24,000 Social Security clerk in New York City. It's about her \$512 rent check.

After a one-day New Year's break, budget negotiations resume today — in Congress, on proposals to get furloughed workers back on the job, and at the White House, over a seven-year balanced budget.

But while lawmakers and President Clinton talk, Rush, Ruiz and other low-paid workers in unfunded agencies are in desperate financial straits.

Tobacco companies set for challenge

NEW YORK — Five major U.S. cigarette makers have united to argue that the Food and Drug Administration exceeded its authority with a proposal to restrict minors' access to tobacco products. The Wall Street Journal reported today.

The FDA's proposed rule, issued last summer, declares that cigarettes are a drug-delivery device, and therefore subject to FDA jurisdiction.

The proposal would require tobacco companies to fund a \$150 million annual advertising campaign to warn children of the health dangers of smoking. It also would ban cigarette sales from vending machines and impose restrictions on advertising tobacco products in areas deemed accessible to minors.

In a jointly submitted response, the cigarette makers said they will argue the FDA's proposal would violate U.S. law and even the U.S. constitution. The industry claims the FDA does not have federal statutory authority to regulate cigarettes, the Journal said.

WORLD BRIEFS



Military engineers shore up road

ZUPANJA, Croatia — American military engineers shored up a muddy stretch of dirt that threatened to suck in vehicles carrying U.S. soldiers, equipment and supplies over the swollen Sava River to Bosnia.

A pontoon bridge linking the river's banks is the U.S. Army's main gateway to Bosnia.

The army built the bridge between Bosnia and Croatia in two parts: The first covers the river and the second covers a flood plain on the Croatian side. In between is an ever-muddier stretch of dirt.

On New Year's Day, army engineers dumped truckloads of gravel on the mud-slick patch of river bank to firm it up, afraid U.S. military vehicles would get stuck there. Other vehicles moved in to smooth out the gravel between convoys that rolled across the bridge.

Tragic bus accident

SONOITA, Mexico — Several passengers had complained about brake problems on a bus that crossed into oncoming traffic and rammed another bus head-on in northern Mexico, killing 26 people and injuring at least 22.

From Associated Press reports

Timothy Leary speaks of death

Tripping out for good, cancer is claiming him

EDITOR'S NOTE — The man who urged the flower children of the '60s to "turn on, tune in, drop out" is ready to turn off. Timothy Leary is about to trip out for good and he finds the prospect fascinating.

By **DEBORAH HASTINGS**
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — He will tell you, with wide-eyed enthusiasm, that he is thrilled, yes, thrilled, to be dying.

Of all the things that could have killed him — the drugs, the booze, the cigarettes, the womanizing — an all too common killer is claiming anything but common life.

Dr. Timothy Leary is dying of cancer. First striking his prostate, it has run amok in his now-frail, 75-year-old body. Undergoing chemotherapy, he is left, the doctors say, with less than five years to live.

In his life, he has been called psychologist, LSD guru, author, lecturer, jailbird, heretic, pop icon, and friend to some of the greatest and weirdest minds of America's counterculture.

And for his ultimate trip, he is joyfully prepared.

"When I was told by the doctors — I've got 15 doctors and I can't even keep their names straight, but they're all nice guys — when they told me that I had cancer that was running loose, and this can be misunderstood," Leary says, leaning forward, his blue eyes wild with excitement. "I was really thrilled because I knew that this was the beginning of the most fascinating part of my life."

Really?
"Yeah, if you think about it, isn't it? I have a wonderful disease that is cancer of the prostate. Only men have prostates. It's fascinating that they can remove the prostate..."

This is the way Leary talks. Half-formed ideas bounce in his brain like pingpong balls. He's always been like this, but senility is yet another new infirmity and often he is unable to follow the whipsaw trajectory of his own thoughts.

"What were we talking about?" he asks continually during a recent interview at his home in the hills above Sunset Boulevard. His house, a salon, really, is full of people, many of them born long after Leary earned his nameplate in pop culture by advising the world in 1967 to "turn on, tune in, drop out." The phone rings every other minute.

"Scott? Hi. I heard that the script is written. Yeah, I don't think that any script should be over 90, but OK," he says to the producer of a movie being made about his life.

"You know my position," he says. "I'm not going to worry, I'm not going to complain, I'm not going to give you any trouble. You know that. Come on by some afternoon, when we can have a glass of wine and talk about it. I'm totally thrilled and

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positive about it. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you."

Who does Leary fancy to play him? "Grace Jones," he replies with bodacious laughter. "Grace Jones at Harvard. Can't you just see it?"

Born in Springfield, Mass., in 1920 to a mother who was a teacher and a father who was a dentist, Timothy Leary attended West Point, joined the Army, and earned an undergraduate psychology degree at the University of Alabama while in the military.

After earning a master's degree from Washington State University and a doctorate in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, Leary joined the faculty of Harvard University in 1959.

There he met Professor Richard Alpert, a man who would later change his name to Baba Ram Dass, and embarked on controlled experiments with psychedelic drugs. Both were fired in 1963 for using undergraduate students in the tests.

At Millbrook Estate, a 63-room mansion in upstate New York once owned by the Mellon family, Leary, Alpert and a cast of characters including William Burroughs, Abbie Hoffman, Jack Kerouac, Aldous Huxley and Allen Ginsberg expanded their consciousness through psychedelic research.

Meaning they ate a lot of mushrooms and LSD and assorted other chemicals.

By then, Leary had gained considerable fame. Law enforcement officers from the feds down were not impressed. Two decades of legal trouble followed.

In 1970, the Weather Underground and his third wife, Rosemary, busted him out of the California Men's Colony at San Luis Obispo, where he was serving a 10-year sentence for possession of two marijuana joints.

The Learys shuffled from country to country, stopping for a while in Algeria, where they stayed with Eldridge Cleaver, who rudely kidnapped his guests after an ideological falling out. The Learys escaped again, this time to Switzerland.

In 1973, Leary was arrested at the Kabul airport in Afghanistan by agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Back in the States, the feds took no chances. Leary was sent to Folsom prison in California. He was paroled in 1976.

He and Rosemary, who was living in hiding, divorced. Leary's life bounced between lecture tours, writing books, stand-up comedy, an obsession with cyberspace and the Hollywood party scene.

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"I think that I probably live one of the top-10 most interesting lives of anyone," he says. "It's a wonderful time to be alive."

Dying, it seems, makes it more so.

Paul Krassner, publisher of The Realist and one-time publisher of Hustler magazine, is tickled by all of the notoriety surrounding Leary's impending exit.

"Ever since he announced his terminal illness, he's become very popular," said Krassner, who has known Leary and tripped with him since the 1960s.

Dass, who changed his name to embrace Eastern mysticism, knows Leary better than most. "I'm afraid I'm as weird as he is," Dass said in a phone interview from his Northern California home.

"Timothy and I relate through consciousness. If he's in Los Angeles or in heaven, I can't imagine how that will change anything."

To Dass, Leary is a man of contradictions, a fun-loving Celt scarred by tragedy who prefers to live in a world of fast ideas and good times.

"He doesn't stabilize things. He's all over the place," Dass said. "I don't think he can balance his checkbook. He likes the chaos of it all. He likes it to be right on the edge of chaos."

Judging from the state of Leary's home, which might be better served by a revolving door, Dass is right.

A question is asked three times before Leary, between answering his incessant phone and greeting his countless guests, can answer.

Does he have any regrets?
Yes. Mostly with his family and his five wives, the first of which committed suicide, as did the daughter they had together.

But these are thoughts he does not entertain in depth.

"Basically I think I'm a good guy and I've done the very best I can," he says.

And how does he want to die?

Preferably without pain, here at home, surrounded by friends. He is not afraid and is considering having his head cryogenically frozen. He still turns on, and smiles wickedly as he first smells, then drops into a bedside drawer, a fat bud of marijuana left by an earlier visitor.

What does he think will happen at the moment of his death?

"The most interesting time of human life, I think, is when your heart stops, and for between two and 15 minutes, your brain is still running. I think the most interesting part of my life is going to happen in those two to 15 minutes. Because time doesn't exist then," he says, grinning broadly.

"When the body's gone and you've got 120 billion neurons whirring, it's like LSD. More can happen in one minute than in a thousand lifetimes."

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IN BRIEF

AROUND THE STATE

FSU rallies to win Orange

MIAMI — Florida State and New Year's Day remained an unbeatable combination.

Dan Kanell threw two of his four touchdown passes in the final 10 minutes and the Seminoles rallied from a 12-point deficit to beat Notre Dame 31-26 and win the Orange Bowl.

The No. 8 Seminoles (10-2) extended their NCAA-record streak of 11 consecutive bowl victories, and remained unbeaten in their past 14 postseason games.

For the ninth consecutive year, they reached 10 victories and will likely finish ranked in the top five, both NCAA records.

No. 6 Notre Dame (9-3), which was an 11-point underdog, appeared in command when it led 26-14 five minutes into the fourth quarter.

The Seminoles scored 17 unanswered points with Kanell connecting with E.G. Krug for an 11-yard pass with 9:47 left and then Cooper on 3-yard toss with 6:09 left.

A two-point play gave the Seminoles a 29-26 lead that was padded when Krug was hit in the end zone as he threw. No receiver was near the ball and he was called for intentional grounding.

ELSEWHERE

Favre NFL's best

NEW YORK — Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre was a runaway winner of the 1995 NFL Most Valuable Player award in balloting conducted by The Associated Press.

Favre, who set an NFC record with 38 touchdowns passes and threw for 4,413 yards, guided the Packers to an 11-5 record and their first NFC Central title in 23 years. It was their first 11-victory season since 1966.

Favre received 68 votes from a panel of 88 writers and broadcasters. San Francisco receiver Jerry Rice was next with 10 votes, followed by Dallas running back Emmitt Smith with seven and Indianapolis quarterback Jim Harbaugh with two.

Sooners name coach

NORMAN, Okla. — University of Oklahoma officials, after being burned by an outsider, turned to one of their own Sunday when they hired Jake Baker as the Sooners' next coach.

Baker, 34, enjoyed widespread fan support during the search and had the strong backing of Dallas Cowboys coach and former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer, who was on hand for the announcement. Baker replaces Howard Schnellenberger, who resigned under pressure Dec. 18 after a 5-5-1 season.

Baker was a defensive lineman at Oklahoma from 1980-83. He spent two years as a graduate assistant under Switzer, one year at Tulsa, and was a full-time assistant for four years under former coach Gary Gibbs. The last three years, Baker has been Dallas' defensive line coach.

Royals turn down Bretts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals have rejected a \$100 million offer from former star George Brett and his brother, Bob.

The proposed ownership group reportedly included conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, a former employee of the Royals.

In a complicated transition arrangement made by the late Royals founder Ewing Kauffman, the team has six years to find a buyer who will keep the team in Kansas City. After that, the team can be sold to anyone and the owner would have the option of moving it.

Yankees get Rogers

NEW YORK — Left-hander Kenny Rogers became the latest piece in the reconstruction of the New York Yankees, locked in a game of point-counterpoint with the Baltimore Orioles.

Rogers and New York agreed to a \$19.95 million, four-year contract. The Yankees have an option for 2000 that would make the deal worth about \$25 million for five years.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner made his move four days after the Orioles traded for lefty David Wells, who had been a Yankees target.

UMass stays No. 1

Massachusetts won three games in as many days in Hawaii, survived the scare of a knee injury to star center Marcus Camby and held the No. 1 ranking for the second week in a row.

The Minutemen (10-0) were the runaway choice Monday of the national media panel, receiving 62 of 65 first-place votes and 1,622 points, 94 more than Kentucky, which was No. 2 for the second week.

The top 10 stayed the same from last week, with Memphis, Kansas, Cincinnati, Georgetown, Connecticut, Villanova, Arizona and Iowa holding their spots. Memphis, Cincinnati and Connecticut each received one first-place vote.

BEST BETS ON TV

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 8:30 p.m. — WCPX 6, Fiesta Bowl: Florida Gators vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers. (L)

Mixed blessings

Brantley defeats Oviedo on PK's



Oviedo's Travis Weeks (left) made the all-tournament team, but the Lake Brantley Patriots edged Weeks and the Lions 1-0 in penalty kicks to win the 1995 Florida Invitational boys' soccer tournament.

By TONY DEBORRINI
 Herald correspondent

ORLANDO — When the Lake Brantley Patriots claimed the Florida Invitational championship with a 1-0 penalty kick victory over the Oviedo Lions, it was, to borrow a phrase, the best of times and the worst of times.

For the Patriots (9-6-2), it was their biggest win in terms of the season, a coming of age. For the Lions (15-2-2) and ranked third in the last Florida Athletic Coaches Association's Class 6A state poll, it was their first defeat since a season-opening loss.

But, to borrow another phrase, that was then, this is now.

"It's a big win in terms of the tournament," said Lake Brantley coach Jim Brody. "The kids really can enjoy it. They worked hard to get there."

"But in terms of the season, we go back to work on Tuesday (today). We play Oviedo Thursday in an important district and conference game."

On Saturday, the Patriots and Lions battled through 80 scoreless minutes of regulation and two more five-minute periods of offensive futility before advancing to penalty kicks.

After the first four passes, the teams were deadlocked at 4-4. After Danny Hines made his shot for the Patriots, Lake Brantley goalkeeper Philip Kopman came up with a save on Mike Varley's attempt.

In the third-place game, Brandon edged Boone, 3-2. Deltona blanked Lake Mary, 1-0, in the consolation bracket final.

Brody hopes that his team's success will serve as a springboard into the second half of the season.

"I think we developed some confidence in ourselves," said Brody. "We grew up some. I think this tournament will help us take that final step. There's not a lot of

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FLORIDA INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

By TONY DEBORRINI
 Herald Correspondent

ORLANDO — Given that three of the top six teams in the Florida Invitational boys' soccer tournament came from Seminole County, it's not surprising that seven members of the all-tournament team came from Seminole County.

What might be surprising is the fact that the tournament-champion Lake Brantley Patriots placed only one player on the 12-man team, striker Phillippe Cianculli.

The Oviedo Lions, who lost to the Patriots in the finals 1-0 on penalty kicks, placed four players on

the all-tourney team, including sophomore Mike Zigler (named the tournament's Defensive Most Valuable Player) and senior Cameron Zarbaugh (the Offensive MVP).

Oviedo senior midfielder Travis Weeks and junior goalkeeper C.J. Meert also were selected to the all-tournament side.

Other Seminole County picks were Lyman defender Rob Evans and Lake Mary striker Dusty Garber.

Rounding out the team were Deltona's Ryan Hartman (midfielder) and Mark Marella (forward); Miami-Killian defender Mickel Casadiaz; Boone midfielder Sebastian Salazar; and Brandon midfielder Mike Salvog.

Lake Howell girls get 7th in Hornet Classic

By GARY COATOAM
 Herald Staff Writer

ORLANDO — Stacey Gomes scored 21 points Saturday to lead Lake Howell to an easy 53-24 victory over Cocoa in the seventh place game of the 1995 Hornet Holiday Classic.

"We played good defense in all three games of this tournament," said Lake Howell coach Dennis Codrey. "We didn't shoot the ball well, but it's getting better. We got to play a lot of people the last three days, and it was a good way to get ready for the new year."

Gomes gave the Silver Hawks a quick 4-0 lead to open the game, and she later extended the advantage to 11-4 with 2:04 left in the first quarter. Lake Howell had a 12-2 lead at the end of the period, with Gomes scoring seven points in that span.

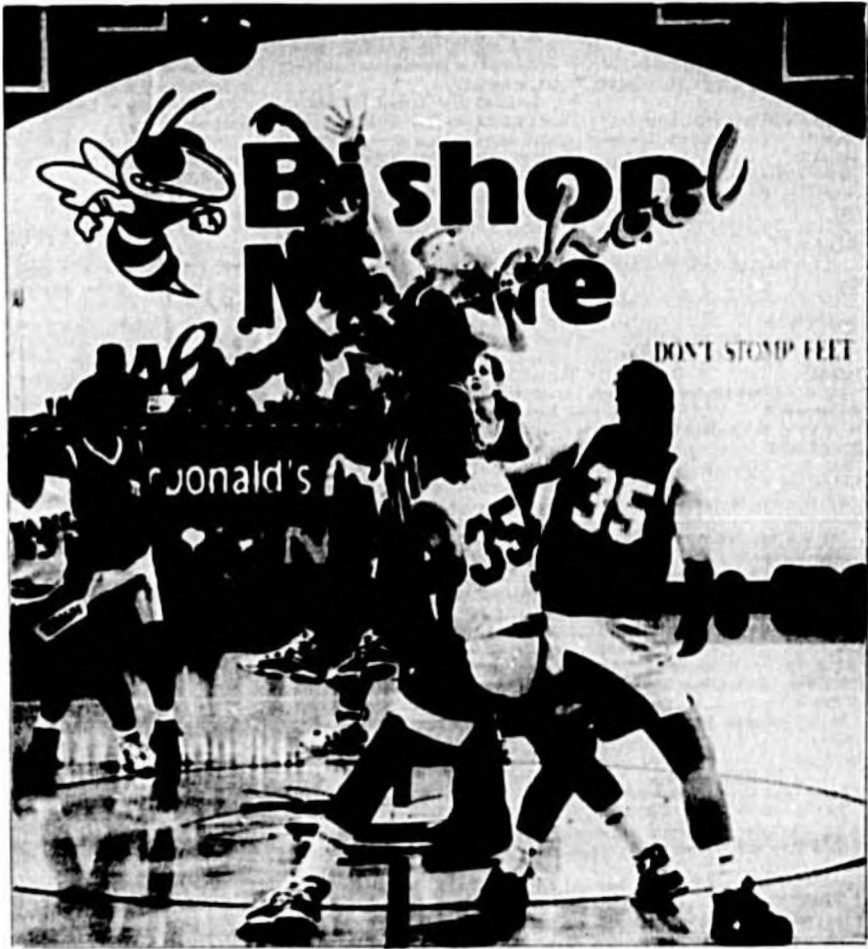
Kristin Alnsworth pulled Cocoa within 12-6 to start the second quarter, but Lake Howell built the lead to 26-11 by halftime. Gomes and Christine Brunning each had four points in the second quarter to

lead the Silver Hawks. Lake Howell, which posted its first win of the season, was never seriously threatened the rest of the way.

Brunning had eight points for Lake Howell. Angela Goff had six, and Allison Duncan added five. Khara Renthrope had nine points for Cocoa, while Piccola Durden added five.

Lake Howell plays at Central Florida Christian Academy today at 7 p.m., and host University at 7:15 p.m. Friday.

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Stacey Gomes (No. 35, dark uniform) scored 21 points as the Lake Howell Silver Hawks salvaged a seventh place finish with a 53-24 laugher over Cocoa in the Hornet Holiday Classic at Bishop Moore High School.

Gator Tales: Florida overcomes all odds

By GARY COATOAM
 Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — You either love Steve Spurrier and his Florida Gators football team, or you hate them. Either way, you have to respect what the intense University of Florida coach and his teams have done.

Three times in the six season Spurrier era, the

coach and his Gators teams have faced seasons that would have set most programs back a few years. All three times, the Gators have responded to disappointment by bettering themselves the next season.

In 1990, UF had to sit home on New Year's Day despite posting a 9-2 mark, including a 6-1 record in the Southeastern Conference. Probation wiped out a would-be SEC Championship and a

Sugar Bowl appearance that season, but the Gators could proudly claim the best record in the SEC. Since UF was on probation that season, the so-called experts said the Gators wouldn't win much in 1991 when their punishment was over.

In 1991, the Gators laughed in the face of their critics and gave their fans a reason to celebrate. There were losses to Syracuse and Notre Dame

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STATS & STANDINGS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

College Basketball

Men: Winter Park Rotary Club/Tangerine Tournament at Eryat-Alumel Fieldhouse, Winter Park; Embry-Riddle vs. Merrimack, 4 p.m.; Rollins vs. Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.

Women: Air Force at Rollins, 1:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Lake Howell vs. Lake Highland Junior varsity 5:30 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Lake Howell at Central Florida Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

AUTO RACING

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 Mar. 1 - Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, Va.
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 Mar. 20 - Pontiac 500, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Mar. 28 - Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Apr. 1 - Indy 300, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Apr. 18 - Indy 400, Indianapolis, Ind.
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Gators

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 that season, but they couldn't ruin the celebration in Gainesville. UF had won its first official SEC football championship, and no NCAA pennants could take the title away this time. The 1991 Gators were the first team in SEC history to win seven games in league play in one season. Spurrier's Gators 1, Adversity 0.

The Alabama Crimson Tide took the SEC title home in 1992 after Antonio Langham intercepted standout UF quarterback Shane Matthews for the winning score in the inaugural league championship game. All the critics started discounting the Gators' success of 1991 as a fluke. Things were still the same at UF, right? Wrong. Spurrier's Gators roared back to the top of the SEC the following season.

Despite losses at Auburn, and a loss to Florida State that snapped a 23-game winning streak at The Swamp, the 1993 Gators avenged the previous year's loss to Alabama in the SEC Championship game and took home the school's second league championship. UF, 10-2 that season, put the exclamation point on a fine season with a 41-7 thrashing of previously-unbeaten West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl. Spurrier's Gators 2, Adversity 0.

Hopes were sky high at UF in 1994 as the Gators earned the consensus preseason No. 1 ranking. The Gators raced out to a 5-0 record, but Auburn crushed UF's national title hopes by pulling off a 38-35 upset in The Swamp (the Gators' affectionate term for their home field). Suddenly, The Swamp didn't seem like such an intimidating place to play for opponents. A tie with FSU in the last game of the season, and a subsequent loss to the Seminoles in a Sugar Bowl rematch, left the UF faithful disappointed and pondering what this season held.

This season, there was no preseason top ranking to distract the talented Gators. UF started this season 5-0, but Auburn and the Bowden jinx loomed next on the schedule. The Gators dispatched the Tigers to end two years of frustration and exorcise half of the Bowden jinx. With three road games at Auburn, Georgia and

Louisiana State in the month of October, some of the football experts were predicting that the traditional UF failure would occur in one of those three games. The Gators lost their first game in October during the 1993 and 1994 seasons, and some UF fans feared it would happen again this season. Not this time. The Gators were 3-0 in October.

FSU was the next big test for UF in 1995. The Seminoles were only one of two teams that stood between the Gators and a trip to the Fiesta Bowl. Ironically, all the experts said that FSU would be playing Nebraska in the Jan. 2 bowl game. The Seminoles heartbraking road loss to the Virginia Cavaliers, coupled with UF's success, gave the Gators the inside track on a Fiesta Bowl berth.

UF took care of business by intercepting FSU quarterback Danny Kanell four times, while shutting down explosive running back Warrick Dunn, and the Gators prevailed 35-24. The Bowden jinx had been overcome, and only surprise SEC West champion Arkansas stood between UF and a berth in a national championship showdown at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.

The Gators embarrassed the Razorbacks and made travel arrangements for the Fiesta Bowl. UF tied an SEC record this season with its third consecutive league championship. At 12-0, and today's Fiesta Bowl showdown with Nebraska to go, this Gators team is arguably the best in UF history. Spurrier's Gators 3, Adversity 0.

I am a 1993 graduate of UF, and I have enjoyed this season. Spurrier has been masterful over the last six seasons, and this year has been the best of them all. The great thing is that each year, the Gators seem to get even better than they were the year before. Criticize Spurrier and his UF football teams if you will, but you must respect them.

After today, it is likely that every college football fan in the world will have to hail the Gators as the best team in the land. There is just one question: What will Spurrier and the Gators do for an encore in seasons to come? I can't wait to find out. It's great to be a Florida Gator!

Soccer

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 time until the district tournament. "Three of the games were wars. In the championship game, Oviedo controlled the first 20 minutes. I told the guys at halftime that we had weathered the storm. The second half was pretty even. It was a great match for people to watch. Oviedo played well. It's a shame someone had to lose that game."

Oviedo coach Joe Avallone said the championship match was an emotional and physical challenge for his squad. "The boys were really strung out emotionally," explained Avallone. "We played Boone (ranked second in the FACA Class 6A state poll) the night before and played our hearts out. It's tough to play back-to-back games like that."

"That's not to take anything away from Lake Brantley. They played a really good game. Give all the credit to Lake Brantley. Congratulations to Jim Brody and his team for winning the tournament."

That the Lions even got to the finals after injuries to three crucial players — David Schlatter (broken ankle), Leo Mejia (sprained ankle), and Ben Luker (pulled hamstring) — is an accomplishment. And not only

each played the same position, center midfielder, the soccer equivalent to football's quarterback or basketball's point guard.

"We've overcome so much with this team in the last few weeks," Avallone said. "Being able to get to the finals and beating the second-ranked team in the state (Boone) without those players is a definite step forward."

"Everyone's important on this team from A to Z. Our bench players stepped up and had to contribute during this tournament. I'm proud of the guys. In my three years, we've finished fifth, third, and now second."

Even so, the defeat was particularly painful for Avallone, who watched in disbelief as a personal piece of history repeated itself.

"When I was a senior at Lake Howell in 1985, we were undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state," said Avallone. "We made it all the way to the finals of the Pizza Hut Invitational (as it was known then) and lost to Clearwater Central Catholic on penalty kicks. I can't believe it happened again."

Lake Mary coach Larry McCorkle couldn't believe his team's offense disappeared.

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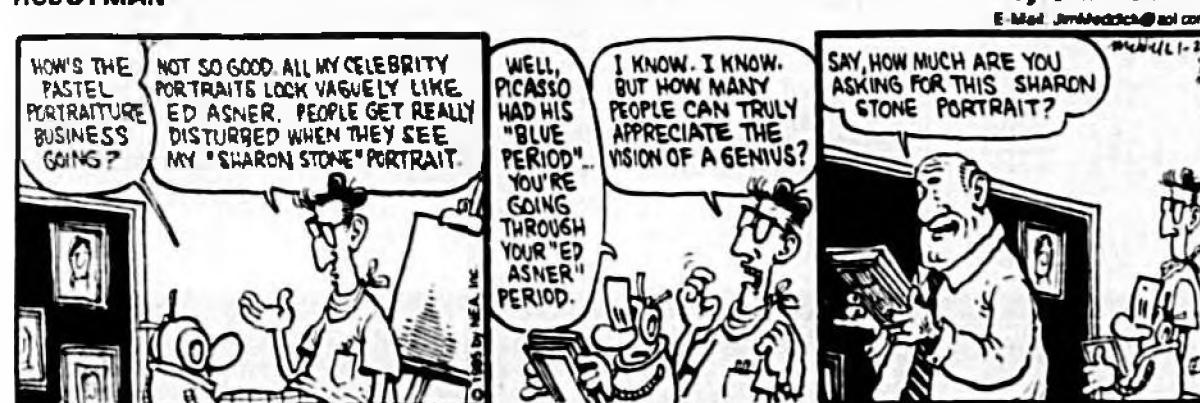
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Cut calories for steady weight loss

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I weigh 190 pounds and am trying to lose weight. I walk an hour a day and do aerobics twice a week. Would I benefit more from walking on a treadmill? Should I lift weights?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, it's far easier to lose weight by reducing dietary calories than by attempting to "burn" fat away by exercising. The reason for this is pure physics: because a pound of fat contains about 3,500 calories, a person would have to exercise really strenuously to lose this amount. For example, experts have calculated that such an endeavor would require about two hours of vigorous tennis singles on a hot summer day.

For most of us, a modest dietary restriction would accomplish the same goal, in what is probably a more realistic manner. For instance, by cutting back by 500 calories a day, even a sedentary individual could lose a pound a week (500 X 7 = 3,500 calories). Of course, any exercise would simply provide added benefit, although walking doesn't burn many calories.

Nonetheless, I applaud your commitment to regular exercise. The type and extent of the activity is probably not as important as your desire to use your muscles regularly. The risk of daily exercise is, as you've probably discovered, boredom. For this reason, I advise you to alter your routine. Lift weights one or two days a week, use a treadmill two or three days, too. Intersperse this activity with brisk walking, swimming, cross-country skiing, biking, skating — whatever the season permits.

At the same time, avoid calorie-rich edibles that have little nutritional value: candy, sweets, refined sugar, junk food, and the like.

You'll not only lose weight, but you'll feel better, too. Fitness and good health go hand in hand.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Calorie-Wise Cooking" and "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like copies should send \$2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read an article on the dangers of giving honey to an infant. The honey might settle in the lungs or bacteria might create problems. I don't remember the details, just that it was dangerous. Can you please tell me if this is true?

DEAR READER: Honey may contain types of bacteria that are harmful to infants but not to older children or adults. This is the reason many pediatricians recommend that honey not be fed to youngsters under the age of 1 or 2 years.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About seven years ago my forehead started itching. This spread to my ankles, legs, arms and onto my neck. One dermatologist said it was contact dermatitis. Two others said it was dry skin and prescribed prednisone. This did not help and I have now taken allergy shots for 14 months. No improvement. Would you have any idea what my problem could be?

DEAR READER: Itching can be a maddeningly difficult symptom to treat and the cause can be a real medical challenge to diagnose. Almost any skin inflammation — including contact dermatitis (an allergic skin reaction) and scabies (infection with the itch mite) — can lead to chronic itching that can be cured with appropriate creams or lotions.

Because your dermatologists seem unable to agree on your diagnosis, I recommend that you self-refer to a dermatology clinic at a teaching hos-



PETER GOTT, M.D.

pital, where super-specialists delight in difficult cases. In my opinion, you need an examination and further testing in such a diagnostic clinic.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

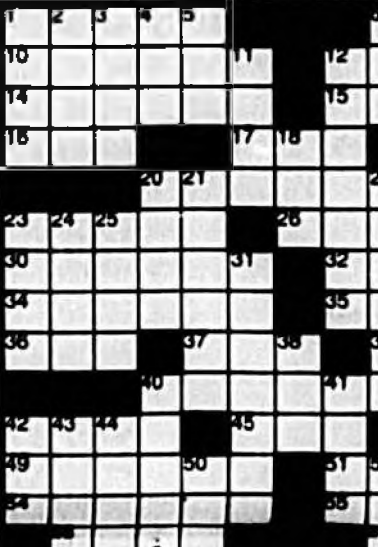
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- 1 Engul
 - 8 Blind call
 - 10 Pradatory birds
 - 12 Sewing instrument
 - 14 Actress
 - 15 Sour malt beverage
 - 16 Straps
 - 17 River island
 - 19 Actress — Word
 - 20 Aggressive
 - 23 In what place?
 - 28 Canoeist (food)
 - 27 Lincoln's nickname
 - 30 Gained
 - 32 Egg dish
 - 34 Collied
 - 35 Soups, e.g.
 - 36 Spanish aunt
 - 37 Annapolis grad
- DOWN**
- 1 It's off to work —
 - 2 Difficult
 - 3 Mild oath
 - 4 Law dog
 - 5 Actor Gibson
 - 6 — Aviv
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 - 10 Oceans
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- 28 Verben and namesake
- 29 Feminine suffix
- 31 Sequence of related rulers
- 33 Home of Adam
- 36 Wild sheep
- 40 Wight and Capri
- 41 Sioux Indian
- 42 Child's game
- 43 Enclose in paper
- 44 Freshwater fish
- 46 Assistant
- 47 South African of Dutch descent
- 48 Singer
- 50 WVN area
- 52 Opposite of post
- 53 Actor Cruise

WIN AT BRIDGE

They play well too

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I showed how close the U.S. team of '95 came to being eliminated from the Bermuda Bowl. I hope no one got the idea that this means Nick Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meekstroth and Eric Rodwell are always lucky. You don't win as much as this team unless you play better than everyone else. Here is a good example, from the semifinal of the Marlboro Bermuda Bowl against France.

The French North-South pair stopped in three clubs, winning 11 tricks when the declarer guessed the trump suit correctly. Hamman's one no-trump showed 13-17 points: either a normal strong no-trump or a weak no-trump with four or five clubs and no other four-card or

longer suit. (This is part of the Blue Club system that Hamman and Wolff play.) Wolff's three-club response was invitational. Hamman, with the strong variety and a good club fit, was happy to try three no-trump.

The defenders began with four rounds of hearts ending in East. He switched to the diamond 10. Hamman won in hand and cashed the club ace, East dropping the jack. The a priori odds favor playing a club to dummy's nine next. But Hamman doesn't rely totally on percentages. Before committing himself, Hamman cashed his other three diamond tricks, learning that East had started with only a doubleton. Judging that East was more likely to be 2-2 than 2-1 in the minors, Hamman played a club to dummy's king and claimed his contract when the queen appeared.

Use the percentage tables for direction, not as dogma.

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♠ J 3			
♥ 5			
♦ K 9 3			
♣ K 10 7 4 3			
WEST			
♠ K Q 4			
♥ K J 10 3			
♦ 7 6 5 2			
♣ 8 5			
EAST			
♠ 10 8 7 6 5			
♥ A Q 8 6			
♦ 10 4			
♣ Q J			
SOUTH			
♠ A 9 2			
♥ 7 4 2			
♦ A Q J 8			
♣ A 6 2			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			

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In the year ahead, you might become involved in an exciting enterprise with great potential. This opportunity may originate in your vicinity, but could also spill over to other venues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a very productive day for you, provided you do things in an orderly fashion. Without a feasible system, chaos could result. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you try too hard to enjoy yourself today, you might discard your sense of moderation

and overindulge in ways you shouldn't. Try to monitor yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today make it your responsibility to do all you can to bring peace and unity to a testy arrangement. You can help avoid a hassle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Early in the day you might be difficult to please. However, you will mellow out in the evening, and everyone will think of you as a delightful companion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) For the sake of your budget, don't get involved in something with friends if your share of the costs is undetermined. When the tab arrives, you may be floored.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It will be important to discern between assertiveness and aggressiveness today. If you cannot make this distinction, associates will make it for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use common sense when volunteering to help others today. Someone might try to dump something very undesirable in your lap

and he or she has been dodging.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) For the sake of everyone concerned, try to keep your friendship and business interests separate today. If you don't, you might lose something from each.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The people you'll deal with today might view your behavior with critical eyes. Make sure that your actions enhance, not tarnish, your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An unusual development that is not in immediate proximity to you could still negatively affect your plans today. Prepare to make a lane-change or even a detour.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not expect more than you're entitled to from a joint endeavor today. Make sure to show gratitude if you are invited to participate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It will be imperative to recognize your strong bargaining position today. If you negotiate from a weak standpoint, you might make unnecessary concessions.

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