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NEWS DIGEST

INSIDE

Sports

Smith, one of the best

ORLANDO — It's official. Lake Howell High School's Marquette Smith is one of the best. In a ceremony at the Radisson Plaza Downtown, Smith was honored as the 1990 Gatorade Circle of Champions National High School Football Player of the Year. See Page 1B

People

Roffe proves cooking expertise

SANFORD — Lida Roffe knows her way around the kitchen and has four strapping sons to prove her cooking expertise. See Page 5B

Winter Concert set for Thursday

SANFORD — The Seminole High School Band will present its annual Winter Concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The concert will feature seasonal music, in addition to a premiere of the band's new concert uniform. The concert is free and open to the public. The band recently earned a superior ranking for its performance in the District 8 Marching Festival.

The sweet side of a recession

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — A sagging U.S. economy should lead to boom times for ice cream sellers, a Penn State food scientist said Tuesday. "In a recession, sweet foods such as ice cream and candy generally do well," said Dr. Arun Kilara, professor of food science in the school's College of Agriculture. "In times when people don't have much money to spend, an ice cream cone or a candy bar becomes a big treat," Kilara said. Economy and regular brand ice creams each share one-third of the market, while super premium ice creams have a 20 percent share. Frozen yogurt, no-fat ice cream and other dairy desserts make up the rest of the market, Kilara said. The ice cream market will be among topics to be discussed at Penn State's 89th annual Ice Cream Short Course, set for Jan. 7-17, with participants from the United States and several countries.

From staff and wire reports

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Weekend looks good



Mostly sunny with a high in the low to mid 70s. Wind variable 5 to 10 mph.

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13 days until Christmas



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

City crews began demolishing the walls of a Sanford Avenue business row this morning following an overnight fire.

Inferno downtown

Spectacular overnight blaze destroys entire city block

By MICK PFEIFER
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Most of the western side of Sanford Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets lies in rubble today, the result of a massive overnight blaze that destroyed several downtown business establishments.

The blaze leveled Al's Army Navy Surplus store, which occupied the largest portion of the business structure, the recently acquired home of Amvets post 17 and a building that had been Polly's used furniture and upholstery store. Assistant Fire Chief Ron Neel said investigation of the blaze has been turned over to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Investigators say it may be late today or even tomorrow before any damage estimates or causes may be determined. Arson had not been ruled out pending a complete investigation. Sanford Fire Department dispatched three engines, a tower truck, and two rescue units to the scene, along with two engines from Seminole County following a report of the fire called in to 9-1-1 at 11:38 p.m. Tuesday night. Lt. Ron McNeil of the Sanford Fire Department said, "By the time we got there the fire had gone so far we couldn't slow it down. Flames were shooting out of the front of one store and smoke was pouring out of the roof and the rest of the buildings." Early this morning, the northern end of the surplus store had to be bulldozed in order to prevent walls from collapsing on firefighters. The rubble was piled on an adjoining vacant lot. While a fire on June 1 of this year at Food City, located directly across the street from the structure is being investigated as an arson case, no connection between the two incidents has been established. The Army Navy Surplus store, which had been owned and operated by Melvin Siskind since April 1950, was sold in July to Niel and Frank Crasnow. Niel was at the scene this morning, and said that he intended to continue the same business, "somewhere in Sanford," but was not certain whether it would be at

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'It looked like the block was afire, coming at me'

By SUSAN LEBEN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — "I saw the fire from the back. Fire was coming out the back door and the air conditioning vent. Smoke was rolling out of every corner of the building," Karen Webb, 26, said of the blazing Army Navy Surplus Store in a burning downtown Sanford business row this morning. Webb's apartment is directly behind the remains of 317 1/2 Palmetto Ave. Rescue workers ordered Webb and others in houses directly behind the fire to evacuate, as they labored to bring under control the blaze that ripped through old wood and block structures on the west side of the 300 block of South Sanford Avenue, beginning at about midnight last night. No homes were involved in the blaze. "I had never seen a fire up close. I got dressed. I got the



Herald Photo by Susan Leben

Karen Webb (left) holding her baby Christopher, was sheltered during the fire by Mary Robertson, with her baby, Gavin. diapers, the bottle and my wallet and left," Webb said. She and her 18-month-old son Christopher sought shelter with Mary Robertson, 32, a few houses to the south at 411 Palmetto Ave. See Witnesses, Page 5A

Seventh period day given go-ahead

By VICKI DESORMIER
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Despite a report that the state will cut the school district funding by five percent or more and pleas for restraint from the teachers' union, the Seminole County school board made plans to implement the optional seventh period in the school day beginning at the start of the January semester. "There are no guarantees in life," argued vice chairman Nancy Warren. "If you believe strongly enough in something then you find a way to pay." The board agreed to try the plan for one semester before making a decision to abandon it. "Nothing is ever done in concrete," Warren

said. "We have to be willing to take a risk." Nancy Wheeler, executive director of Seminole Education Association, called for the board to show "some fiscal responsibility" in making their decision. She noted that the \$10 per student that each school is currently expected to receive from the state would not cover the cost of textbooks for the students. She said textbooks cost an average of about \$25 or \$30 apiece. According to Jack Heisler, the district director of high school education, said preliminary surveys of students showed the majority of students who were interested in taking advantage of the optional class were planning to sign up for classes in physical education, drama, driver education and art.

"Those classes have a low demand for textbooks," Heisler said. There are no firm figures on the number of students who will participate in the program. Wheeler warned that caution should be taken when starting a new program in fiscally difficult times. "There are always unforeseen costs," she said. Mary Chambers, the assistant superintendent for business and finance, said there was enough money in the district's reserve funds. She declined, however, to make any promises that the state cuts would not cause problems for the program. "I can't make those kinds of promises," she said. Wheeler said she felt it was "ridiculous" to think the budget cuts would not take place.

Traffic advisory group seeks solution to Lake Mary, Longwood bottlenecks

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

LAKE MARY — A new Interstate 4 interchange recommended by homeowners could relieve traffic snarls at Lake Mary Boulevard. But the interchange at an extended Green Way Boulevard may not be built for years. Members of the Central Seminole County Traffic Advisory Committee made their recommendations to commissioners Tuesday. The county will study the suggestions and begin making some improvements by late 1991. The committee was an outgrowth of residents from the Woodlands neighborhood who had complained to the county about traffic using Tollgate Trail through their subdivision as a shortcut between E.E. Williamson Road and State Road 434.

Woodlands residents were divided as some sought several stop signs on Tollgate Trail and others sought to redirect Tollgate Trail traffic through side streets disrupting quieter streets. As the county studied the problem, they found the Tollgate Trail traffic problem encompassed a larger area that took in Lake Mary Boulevard and SR 434 between Markham Woods Road to Longwood-Lake Mary Road west and east of I-4. The committee was formed in January and comprised of representatives of several neighborhoods, Longwood, Lake Mary and county officials. Committee members and area residents suggested several area road improvements such as additional turn lanes at many intersections to help traffic move more smoothly and relieve "bottlenecks." But the committee's long-range

solution to the area's traffic problems was the new interchange. Committee member Barry Gainer of the Northridge subdivision said state road officials have responded favorably to the suggestion provided the county extend Green Way Boulevard west from Lake Emma Road to the Interstate and expand Lake Emma Road from two to four lanes between Lake Mary Boulevard and E.E. Williamson Road. Gainer said Green Way Road would not be extended west of I-4 to protect the large-lot neighborhoods of the Markham Woods Road area. The new interchange would serve the industrial areas east of the Interstate granting primary relief to Lake Mary Boulevard which serves as the entrance to the commerce parks west of Lake Emma Road. A computer traffic model showed if the interchange were already open

State officials pledge action on court bias

By MICHAEL MOLINE
United Press International

TALLAHASSEE — Top officials of the judicial and law enforcement communities pledged Tuesday to correct racial and ethnic bias that a Florida Supreme Court commission found throughout the criminal justice system. "The judicial branch will take a hard look at the (commission's) recommendations and ways to ensure that equality of justice and employment opportunities are realities in the state court system," said Chief Justice Leander Shaw in accepting the report by the court's Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission. Attorney General Bob Butterfield also pledged action. See Bias, Page 5A

Blaze in downtown Sanford



The buildings still smoldered at 7:15 this morning.



Firefighter John Smith throws debris off the roadway.

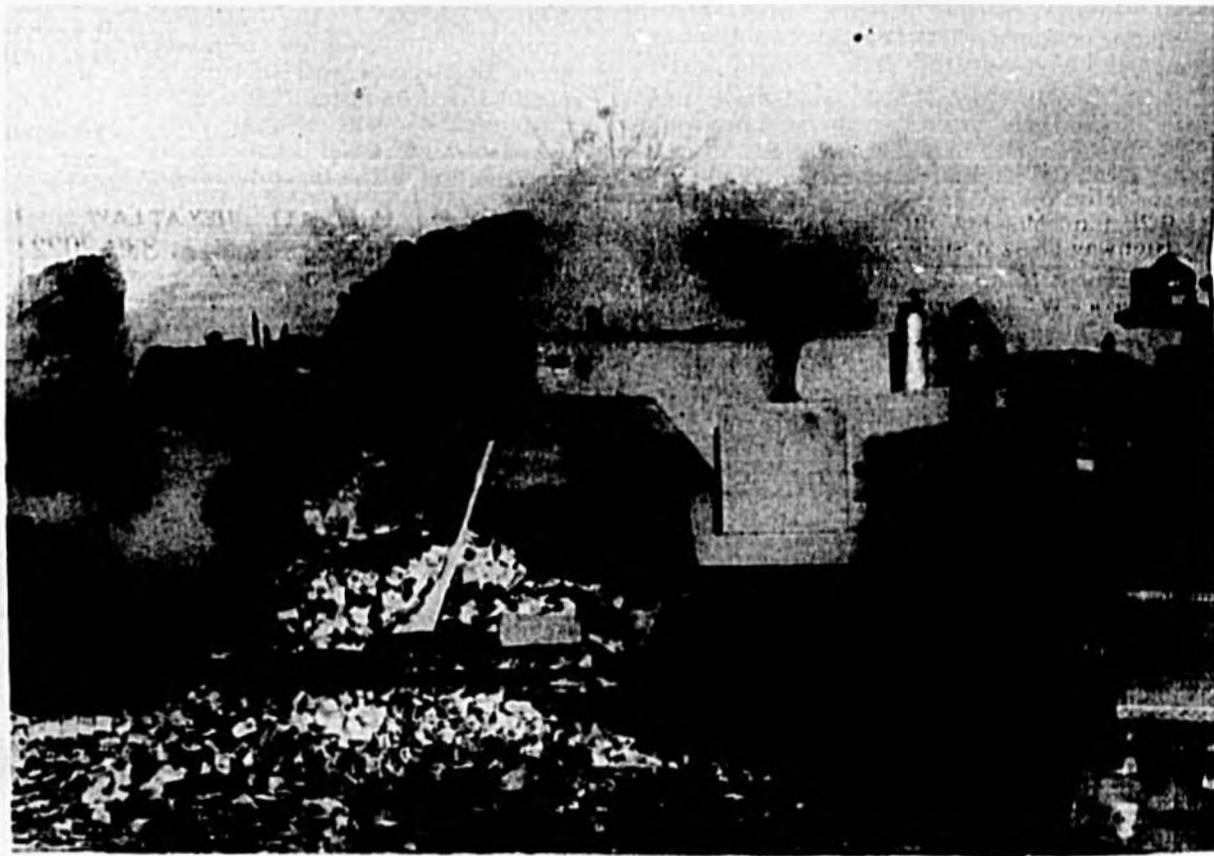


Firefighters Tim Benton (l) and Carl Helms, both of the Sanford Fire Department, take a break early this morning as a city crew knocked down the burned buildings on Sanford Avenue.



Firefighter Tim Benton in front walks the fireline in front of Polly's this morning.

Photos by Tommy Vincent



Most of the burned-out structures were knocked to the ground this morning.

LOTTERY

TALLHASSEE - The daily number Tuesday in the Florida Lottery CASH 3 game was **468**.

- Straight Play (numbers in exact order): \$250 on a 50-cent bet, \$500 on \$1.
- Box 3 (numbers in any order): \$80 for a 50-cent bet, \$160 on \$1.
- Box 6 (numbers in any order): \$40 for a 50-cent bet, \$80 on \$1.
- Straight Box 3: \$330 in order drawn, \$80 in any order on a \$1 bet.
- Straight Box 6: \$290 in order drawn, \$40 if picked in combination on \$1 bet.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today... Mostly sunny with a high in the low to mid 70s. Wind variable 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight... Partly cloudy and warmer with a low in the low to mid 50s and a 30 percent chance of showers late. Light wind.

Thursday... Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. High in the low to mid 70s. Wind variable 5 to 10 mph.

Extended forecast... Warmer Friday through Sunday with the highs in the 70s Friday and the 80s Saturday and Sunday. Lows in the mid 50s warming to the 60s Saturday and Sunday.

FLORIDA TEMPS

MIAMI — Florida 24-hour temperatures and rainfall at 7 a.m. EST Wednesday

City	Hi	Lo	Rain
Apalachicola	69	41	0.00
Crestview	72	34	0.00
Daytona Beach	74	40	0.00
Fort Lauderdale	75	52	0.00
Fort Myers	75	46	0.00
Gainesville	72	37	0.00
Lakeland	73	42	0.00
Key West	70	61	0.00
Miami	77	53	0.00
Pensacola	70	47	0.00
Sarasota Bradenton	66	40	0.00
Tallahassee	74	36	0.00
Tampa	72	41	0.00
Vero Beach	72	41	0.00
West Palm Beach	74	50	0.00

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
PtlyCldy 72-56	PtlyCldy 73-57	Sunny 74-85	PtlyCldy 75-86	PtlyCldy 76-87

MOON PHASES

FULL Dec. 2	LAST Dec. 9
NEW Dec. 17	FIRST Dec. 25

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1 foot and glassy. Current is slightly to the south with a water temperature of 64 degrees. **New Smyrna Beach:** Waves are 1 foot and glassy. Current is slightly to the south, with a water temperature of 62 degrees.

TIDES

WEDNESDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: Min. 1:10 a.m., 1:25 p.m.; Maj. 7:15 a.m., 7:35 p.m. **TIDES: Daytona Beach:** highs, 4:18 a.m., 4:36 p.m.; lows, 10:37 a.m., 10:36 p.m.; **New Smyrna Beach:** highs, 4:23 a.m., 4:41 p.m.; lows, 10:42 a.m., 10:41 p.m.; **Cocoa Beach:** highs, 4:38 a.m., 4:56 p.m.; lows, 10:57 a.m., 10:56 p.m.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet
 Today... Wind becoming southeast 5 to 10 kts. Seas 2 ft or less. Bay and inland waters smooth.

Tonight... Wind south 5 to 10 kts. Seas 2 ft or less. Bay and inland waters smooth.

Thursday... Wind variable 5 to 10 kts. Seas 2 ft or less. Bay and inland waters smooth. A few showers.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 73 degrees and the overnight low was 37 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Wednesday, totaled 0 inches.

The temperature at 9 a.m. today was 51 degrees and Wednesday's overnight low was 42, as recorded by the National Weather Service at the Orlando International Airport.

Other Weather Service data:

- Wednesday's high..... 73
- Barometric pressure..... 30.25
- Relative Humidity..... 83 pct
- Winds..... Calm
- Rainfall..... 0 in.
- Today's sunset..... 5:30 p.m.
- Tomorrow's sunrise..... 7:09

NATIONAL TEMPS

City & Forecast	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Albuquerque pc	60	29	
Anchorage sn	25	18	01
Atlanta sy	67	43	
Baltimore sy	45	25	
Birmingham sy	67	35	
Bismarck mc	34	31	03
Boston cy	38	32	
Brownsville pc	80	58	
Buffalo sy	33	29	01
Chicago sy	55	43	
Cincinnati sy	60	42	
Cleveland sy	46	37	
Dallas sy	72	55	
Denver cy	68	32	
Des Moines pc	53	40	
Detroit pc	43	28	
Duluth sn	33	22	02
El Paso sy	69	45	
Evansville sy	42	40	
Fargo mc	41	31	03
Hartford pc	35	30	
Honolulu pc	82	72	02
Houston pc	73	57	
Indianapolis sy	59	42	
Kansas City pc	64	43	
Las Vegas sy	62	51	
Little Rock pc	64	52	
Los Angeles pc	69	59	
Louisville pc	64	44	
Memphis pc	65	50	
Midvale pc	48	35	
Minneapolis dr	67	49	
Nashville pc	65	45	
New Orleans pc	68	54	
New York pc	39	35	
Omaha pc	62	27	
Philadelphia sy	40	27	
Pittsburgh sy	78	58	
Providence pc	53	31	
Richmond sy	67	49	
St. Louis pc	67	49	
San Antonio t	74	53	
San Diego pc	71	59	
San Juan cy	85	73	03
Seattle t	43	37	05
Spokane cy	39	25	
Washington sy	47	31	

POLICE BRIEFS

CCIB arrests three on drug charges

LONGWOOD — A woman and two men were charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after City County Investigative Bureau agents with a warrant searched their house.

Arrested at 181 Oak St., Longwood, at about 8 p.m. Monday were Linda W. Ard, Michael James Smith, 31, and William Brewer, 34.

Man arrested on assault charges

SANFORD — Robert Wayne Jenkins, 39, of the Slumberland Motel, French Avenue, Sanford, was arrested last night by Sanford police on charges of aggravated assault.

According to police reports, Jenkins and Ray Wages, who lives at 809 Rosalia Ave., Sanford, were involved in a verbal argument when Jenkins picked up a tire jack and pulled it over his head with both hands, threatening Wages.

A third party called the police to Wages' house and Jenkins was arrested.

The report did not indicate the subject of the argument.

Wanted pair arrested in Sanford

SANFORD — Daleen Perry, 26, and James Madonia, 26, both of 409 Mellonville Ave. were arrested last night by Sanford police on outstanding warrants. Madonia was also charged with having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

The two were parked at the corner of Eighth Street and Pine Avenue in Sanford, an area that the police report said is known for "drive up drug sales."

During a routine check, police found there was an outstanding warrant for the arrest of the two.

According to the report, they were arrested without further incident and taken to the county jail.

Man charged with tag tampering

SANFORD — Kenneth L. Jordan of Sanford was arrested yesterday on charges of driving with a revoked driver's license and with altering his auto tag illegally.

According to the report, when Jordan was stopped on a routine traffic check, a computer check revealed that his license had been revoked for a 60-month period in 1989 because Jordan had been a habitual traffic violator.

The report went on to say that a check of his auto tag showed no record of that number existed. Closer examination of the tag showed that the 1990 decal placed on the tag was registered to another vehicle.

Jordan was arrested without incident.

Sanford man charged in Grove theft

SANFORD — Gene A. Biddle, 23, 417 Second St., Sanford, was arrested Tuesday on charges of grand theft.

According to the police report, some time last week, he broke a rear window of the Grove Counseling Center, 218 Oak Ave., Sanford, and entered to steal \$2,592 in property.

The report stated that the property was found at his residence when his roommate, a fugitive from another state, was being arrested on a separate charge.

The report said the property was in plain sight in the residence and was clearly marked as belonging to the Grove.

Seminole County DUI arrests

SANFORD — The following person faces a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) in Seminole County:

- Warren Bynum, 65, 701 Wynn St., Sanford, was arrested at 6:26 p.m. Monday after his car was in an accident on U.S. Highway 17-92 at State Street, Sanford.
- Steven R. Mann, 22, 2234 Dana Drive, Deltona.
- Derrick Wayne Harper, 21, 682 Sasulato Blvd., Casselberry.
- Joseph R. Davis, 1002 W. 25th St., Sanford.

City honors hometown troops

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald staff writer

LONGWOOD — The city is going all out to honor American troops serving in Operation Desert Shield. A dedication sign, a specially designated Christmas tree, and a wall of honor pay tribute to their service.

The sign, which has been placed in front of Longwood City Hall, 175 W. Warren Ave., is adorned with red, white and blue ribbons. It says, "Dedicated with pride to our service personnel involved in Operation Desert Shield. You have our wholehearted support. Good wishes for a safe return." The sign is identified as being through the cooperation of the commissioners, citizens and city staff.

Inside the city commission chambers, the staff has erected a patriotically decorated Christmas tree, festooned with

red, white and blue ribbons, flags, and other symbols of Americanism. Beneath the tree are photos of men and women from Longwood.

The south wall of the commission chambers, still blank, will eventually have photographs and addresses of local citizens who are serving in the Middle East. "So far we have two names," said Don Terry, acting city administrator. "We hope to get their pictures soon."

Terry said the city is still seeking information on other service personnel from the Longwood area, and anyone having names and especially photos, is urged to contact city hall at 280-3340.

A proclamation, recognizing troops from Longwood, will be issued during the next city commission meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 17.



Sign pays tribute to soldiers in front of City Hall.

Heathrow Elementary pricetag at \$6 million

By VICKI DeBORMIER
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — It will cost the district \$6,031,000 to build Heathrow Elementary School, off of Markham Woods Road in Lake Mary.

It will cost the same amount to construct Partin Elementary School in Oviedo.

Given Construction of Florida was the low bidder on the project.

The company presented a base bid of \$5,397,500 per school plus \$74,000 to construct a physical education building and \$44,500 to complete irrigation and landscaping projects on the site.

The approximately 864 per square foot price includes all construction, interior finishing,

landscaping and site work. "It includes everything," said Richard Wells, assistant superintendent for facilities.

Board chairman Joe Williams said he was pleased with the cost.

"I think that is a good price for the work," he said. Both Heathrow and Partin elementary schools will be built using the same plans as were used for Stenstrom Elementary School, 1800 Alafaya Woods Blvd., Oviedo.

Reusing plans, which is becoming a more common practice in Florida school districts, will save the school board nearly \$1 million in architectural design fees.

The school district had estimated the cost of building the pair of new schools at

approximately \$11.9 million, even when they reused plans.

"We were very pleased with the \$900,000 savings," Wells said.

The bid does not include the cost of off-site water and sewer connections. That work will be bid in January.

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County moves to mandatory trash pickup

From staff reports

SANFORD — Seminole County commissioners authorized billing unincorporated residents for garbage collection and recycling costs on their annual tax bills next year, the first step towards a mandatory garbage collection policy. The unanimous decision was made without discussion.

Commissioners are considering a plan to require all unincorporated residents pay for garbage services whether residents use it or not. County solid waste officials say the mandatory collection will help reduce illegal dumping in woods and along roadsides.

The policy would also help the county meet the state-required disposal reduction of 30 percent.

After hundreds of complaints over increased garbage fees, commissioners are proceeding cautiously towards the mandatory collection policy which county officials fear will produce a greater outcry. Commissioners have said they will not consider the policy unless it includes a rate reduction and provides price breaks for seniors, single mothers and others.

If approved, the mandatory collection at all unincorporated homes would begin in October 1991.

Public school menu



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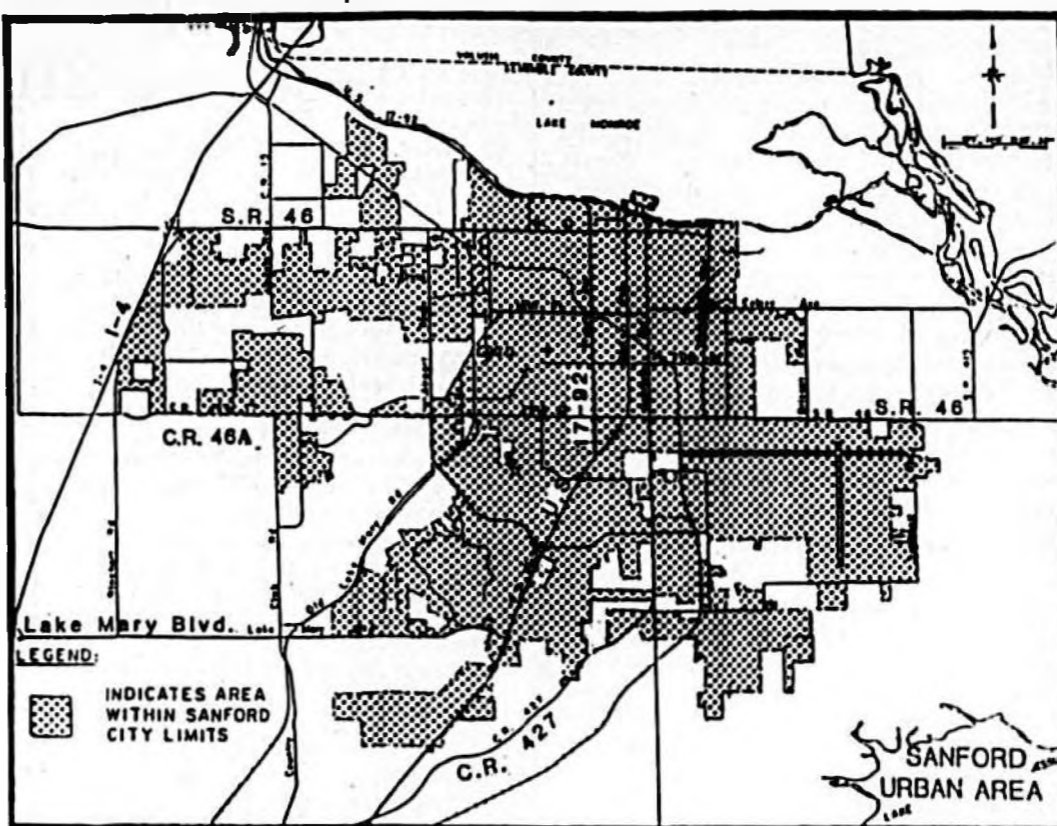
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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE

The City of Sanford proposes to change the use of the land within the area shown in the map of this advertisement.



A public hearing on the proposal will be held on Monday, December 17, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, by the City Commission of Sanford, Florida, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, Sanford Florida. The City Commission, will consider adopting an amendment to the Future Land Use Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding the adoption of the proposed plan amendment.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan are available at the Department of Engineering and Planning and at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, Sanford, Florida and may be inspected by the public.

By order of the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida.

ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC: If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter considered at the above meeting or hearing, he may need a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence, which record is not provided by the City of Sanford. (FS 286.0105)

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EDITORIALS

The musical legacy of Aaron Copland

He was a Brooklyn boy, who went to Paris after World War I to study at a summer music school at the Palace of Fontainebleau. He became a student of the legendary Nadia Boulanger, who taught a series of American composers. He was the first in that series.

When he returned from France in 1924, he promptly set about applying his newly acquired European musical sophistication to the creation of an American strain of serious music. How well he succeeded! In the 1930s, a series of populist works burst upon the musical scene, beginning with "El Salon Mexico," a brilliant work that is as fresh today as it was then. "Billy the Kid," "Rodeo" and "Appalachian Spring" followed, all of them ballets that employed the themes of American folk tunes and hymns. They were lively and they were indigenous and they were new. They have survived and will survive as standards of their kind of music, evocative of the 1930s and '40s in America.

Later, Copland turned to the 12-tone scale, and his compositions became less accessible to the common man. Finally, faced with the lack of popular interest, he simply stopped composing.

A plain and unassuming man, he accepted the fact that the urge to create music had left him and he lived out his bachelor years in solitude in Connecticut. He died Sunday (Dec. 2) at 90.

Here was a great musician who didn't feel the need for continual advertisements of himself. This modest man leaves us a legacy of creative vitality that will never die.

Sensible Germans

A year ago, when the Berlin Wall had just been breached and Germany's future was uncertain, a great deal of concern was expressed around the globe about the prospects of a united, more powerful Germany. The parliamentary elections held recently to choose a new all-German government should allay most of those fears.

In the first free balloting throughout Germany since November 1932, the voters reaffirmed the sensible political middle. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union was given a solid mandate to build on the policies that led to swift reunification.

Significantly, the voters in the east endorsed Kohl's vision in about the same ratio as the electorate in the west. And Kohl's vision is one of a united Germany firmly moored to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Community.

The Social Democrats, who once were expected to fare especially well among east German voters, had their worst showing in a decade. The Social Democrats did poorly in the east because of a general disaffection with the left and because they were less than enthusiastic about reunification than Kohl's Christian Democrats.

Extremists of both the left and the right also were rejected by the voters.

Germany's newest party, the far-right Republicans, have generated headlines for their neo-Nazi sympathies and emphasis on recapturing lands lost during World War II. A year ago, the Republicans were viewed by many as the embodiment of Germany's worst instincts. Now, however, they are little more than a footnote in German politics, falling far short of the 5 percent support needed to qualify for seats in the Bundestag.

Similarly, the anti-nuclear, militantly environmental Greens took a beating. Once seen as a symbol of Germany's drift toward neutrality, the Greens failed to reach the 5 percent threshold in the west. Consequently, the seven slots they will have in the new, 656-seat parliament will be held exclusively by east Germans, leaving the principal leaders of the party out in the cold. Even the old east German communists, who have changed their name to the Party of Democratic Socialism, gained more seats (14) than the Greens.

Barely a year after the Berlin Wall was toppled, Germans have voted for a united nation tied economically and militarily to the Western democracies. The once-widespread fears that German unity would wrack the Continent with renewed conflict suddenly seem overblown.

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. Letters are subject to editing.

CHUCK STONE

Does Bush have macho psychosis?

A deep political, ideological, racial, religious and socioeconomic split is developing over the Persian Gulf — one so deep that it has caused me to change my mind about the wisdom of initiating force. And the U.N. Security Council resolution approving the use of force adds no additional moral weight, as far as I am concerned.

We are being hustled pell-mell by a policy of Bush boneheadedness. The voters can replace George Bush in two years. But they will not be able to replace the lives of young Americans needlessly sacrificed to satisfy one man's macho psychosis. Ronald Reagan's jingoistic intractability caused the loss of 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Beirut; Bush's could carry a much higher price.

The 52 members of Congress (including one senator) who have filed a lawsuit to prevent the president from taking offensive action in the Persian Gulf without a congressional declaration of war are all Democrats. But evidence continues to mount that this mere 10 percent of the House and Senate more faithfully reflects the will of a 55 percent majority of the American people, who are opposed to Bush's boneheadedness.

In addition, 11 law-school professors, including several distinguished conservatives, joined the congressional lawsuit as amicus curiae.

Yet, amid the swelling chorus of opposition to

Bush's unconstitutional attempt to wrest respon-

sibility for war from Congress, two former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a former Secretary of Defense have added an impressive imprimatur.

The lawsuit may be rendered moot by a Bush-financed war. But in the meantime, Americans of all persuasions ought to start worrying about the irreparable divisiveness toward which this nation is inexorably moving.

Among the various races and religions, African-Americans are fast uniting in opposition to Bush's Persian Gulf belligerence.

More than 20 percent of the Desert Shield troops are black. Nationally, they symbolize an unacceptable paradox captioned by African Meth-



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odist Episcopal Bishop H.H. Bronkima of Los Angeles: "We are concerned about the disproportionate number of minorities being sent to the front line. Particularly in light of the president's veto of the civil rights bill." Desert Shield troops also include a disproportionately higher percentage of lower-income, non-college-educated young men.

The National Organization for Women has denounced the U.S. presence in Saudi Arabia because it asks American women to put their lives on the line for a country that would just as soon as enslave them and deny their humanity. Another disconcerting division is the difference of opinion on the sanctions-vs.-war choice among Catholic, Protestant and Jewish institutional leaderships.

The differences deserve sympathetic consideration. Because Jews have a special bond with Israel, they feel a keener sense of urgency for neutralizing Saddam Hussein's potential for genocide. Unarguably, the justification of historical experience is on their side.

But I am confident that history also will one day memorialize those 52 members of Congress who seek to uphold the Constitution, despite a put-down by Democratic Majority Whip Rep. William H. Gray III, D-Pa., who labeled them as "ultra-liberals."



JACK ANDERSON

Did Chinese ship nuclear arms?

WASHINGTON — The People's Republic of China may have shipped nuclear warheads to Saudi Arabia since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2, according to highly sensitive intelligence reports given to President Bush.

The warheads would be placed on CSS-2 intermediate-range ballistic missiles that the Saudis bought from China, equipped with conventional warheads. In 1985, when the United States found out about that missile sale three years later, both China and Saudi Arabia promised that the missiles would never be fitted with nuclear warheads.

But U.S. intelligence officials now fear that promise may have been broken. Intelligence reports note that the evidence is not conclusive, but it was serious enough to be included in the President's Daily Briefing. Only several dozen top administration officials see that document, which is used to brief the president on the most urgent intelligence matters. The material in the briefing is classified higher than "Top Secret."

One source told us he saw the information about the nuclear warheads in the Nov. 22 briefing.

The reports on the alleged transfer say that highly reliable sources used by the Central Intelligence Agency implicated the Saudi ambassador to the United States in the deal. The sources say that Prince Bandar bin Sultan asked the Chinese on Aug. 3, the day after the invasion, to give Saudi Arabia chemical and nuclear warheads for the CSS-2 missiles.

U.S. electronic intelligence has detected that the CSS-2s have been in a state of high readiness since Aug. 3.

Prince Bandar negotiated the original purchase of the CSS-2s on a trip to Beijing in 1985. The Saudis were so cagey that U.S. intelligence did not find out about the sale until January 1988. Saudi King Fahd then wrote to President Reagan saying there were no nuclear warheads on the CSS-2s and that Saudi Arabia was not looking for any. The recent top-secret reports on the CSS-2s, relying heavily on information developed by the Defense Intelligence Agency, say there has been an influx of Chinese nuclear missile technicians into Saudi Arabia since early August. To mask the buildup, the Chinese reportedly take secret flights to Pakistan and then to Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. intelligence reports maintain that if there are nuclear warheads in Saudi Arabia, the Chinese have insisted on controlling them. One top-secret DIA report says there may be as many as 1,000 Chinese military advisers in Saudi Arabia — more than 100 of them recent arrivals.

The same DIA report says there are about 50 CSS-2s at fixed and mobile sites in Saudi Arabia. The Saudis originally made a dozen or more of the missiles mobile so they could be hidden from U.S. and Israeli intelligence.

The CSS-2 has a maximum range of 1,678 miles. It is not considered highly accurate and would normally be used against large targets such as cities instead of hardened military targets where the strike would have to be precise.

The Chinese built the CSS-2 for use against the Soviet Union, other Asian countries and U.S. bases in the western Pacific Ocean. But they aren't above selling it, too. China is a major supplier of arms to the Third World, and the Saudis are good customers. In the last eight years, Saudi Arabia has been the largest Third-World arms buyer, followed by Iraq.



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LETTERS

Democracy brings Eastern Europe its first free Christmas in decades

We rejoice with those in Eastern Europe who during the past year have seen the barriers come tumbling down, who are able to enjoy the first free Christmas celebrations in many decades. As the Nativity Star shone over Bethlehem two thousand years ago, so the bright Star of Freedom is now shining into the lives of millions long stifled and restrained in expression and action. They have discovered the enchanting options of freedom of choice in politics, in religion, speech and in action. Open discussion, freedom to travel, crowds surging into once empty churches, are a few of the "fruits" of the freedom surge. The first public Christmas festivities permitted in many long years are being planned this year in former Communist controlled countries.

The bankruptcy of communism has brought new hope, new ideas, new freedoms, to those not long ago chafing under its restraints.

Mixed with our joy is concern and apprehension. The angelic choir sang "Peace on earth, good will to man." The strident tones of impending terrorism and destruction from Saddam Hussein has drowned out the message of the angels. Political storms blowing across the Middle-Eastern deserts have obscured the brightness of the Christmas Star of hope and promise.

Jesus of Nazareth keyed his gospel message, "Blessed are the Peacemakers!" Most of us would agree that the best Christmas gift of all would be "Peace!" Jesus spoke of peace as coming from the heart, a matter of attitude, an attitude which emphasizes compassion, concern, honesty, understanding, brotherly love.

In today's world this is translated into terms of human rights and liberties, of social justice and equal opportunities, of life with dignity and self-respect. Peace means assurance and joy in living in contrast to the fear and terror of existence in a police state, or of threatening war and conquest.

In today's climate of fear and uncertainty, the yearning for peace is there, deep in the hearts of the common folk of America...of Russia, of Arab, of Jew, of Syrian, of

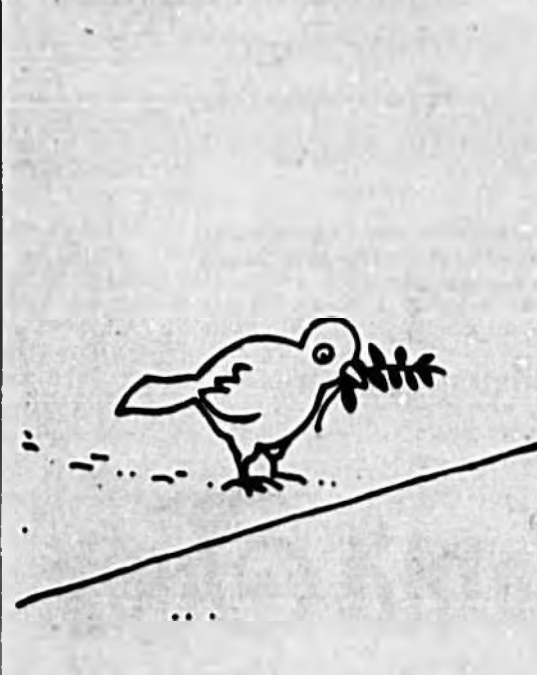
Lebanese...of all the world. Our prayer, our hope this Christmas season, is that in Washington, in Baghdad, in Beirut, in Cairo, in Moscow, at the United Nations, there will be those with an attitude of heart and disposition to accept the challenges and assure the world finds meaningful the angelic promise of years ago, "Peace on earth, good will to ALL MANKIND!"

May peace and freedom soon be shared, not only by the newly freed peoples of Eastern Europe, but by all those throughout the troubled areas of the Middle East. May Desert Shield find its climax as an effective instrument for "Peacemaking," and the diverse and hostile peoples of the world join together in the angelic chorus, "PEACE ON EARTH. GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND!"

James S. Speese
Chaplain Lt Col, USAFRet
Altamonte Springs

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Berry's World



LINE DRAWN IN THE SAND

Officials encourage rebuilding after fire



World Photo by Susan Lottin

James Bloese, who saw a pillar of flames from his Palmetto Avenue apartment at about midnight, and his dog Wolf walked around the block for a closer look at the fire site this morning.

By LADY BROWN
Herald People Editor

SANFORD — Sanford city officials said they hope once the ashes from last night's fire are cleared, rebuilding can begin. "We're hopeful the Army Navy store will rebuild," Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce Director Dave Farr said.

Inferno

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the same location. The Craasnows are nephews of Siskind.

There had been rumors of gunshots heard during the night in the area of the fire but Craasnow explained that there were guns and ammunition in stock in the store which would have exploded in the heat of the blaze.

Siskind, who still owns the property on which the stores were located, says the building was built in the 1930s by George Black, a prominent area investor who Siskind said was responsible for putting in some of the original sidewalks in the city of Sanford.

Dave Farr, executive director of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, said this morning, "The Army Navy Surplus has been an institution in Sanford for many years and it will be missed. It supplied items and needs that reflected a bygone era, and folks could find things there you couldn't find anywhere else."

Reflecting on the area when he purchased the property, Siskind said, "It consisted of Royal Furniture at 308 Sanford Ave., a bar at 310, a liquor store and Staper's Pharmacy on the corner."

Sanford Fire Marshal Richard A. Cohen said this was the first major blaze in the city of Sanford since the paint company fire on Airport Boulevard, in 1983. "We've been lucky in this city," he said.

By 10 o'clock this morning, bulldozers had almost leveled the entire structure.

Assistant Chief Neel said the demolition of the walls would not hinder any investigation into the cause of the blaze. He said he believed the fire may have started somewhere in the center of the structure, then spread outward in both directions, but admitted that was only an estimate at this time.

The only structure left standing on the west side of Sanford Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets is now the building formerly used by the Amvets at the corner of Third. There was no fire damage to any of the homes in the area surrounding the main structures that burned.

"They've been here since the 20s and have always supplied you with needs you can't find anywhere else."

Butterworth surveyed the damage this morning, expressing her regrets about the loss to the business owners and the city.

"I am extremely sorry for the owners' loss, but by far the most important thing for which I am most grateful is that there were no serious injuries," she said. Smith said she is also hopeful the Army Navy store will rebuild a bigger, better store.

"I'm optimistic. Anything the city can do to help, we will. What's rebuilt from the ashes could be even better," she said. Commissioner Lon Howell, who spent two and one-half hours at the scene last night, was disap-

pointed to see the historic building lost in the blaze.

"I'd like to see somebody come in and rebuild there if we can keep it in character with the historic district," he said. "This was a great loss but fortunately, firemen and policemen worked together keeping the fire away from other houses."

Farr said area businesses have traditionally rallied for each other when tragedy has struck. He cited the fire which destroyed the Robson Marine Store on Palmetto Avenue and First Street over a decade ago.

"It was a grand old building which burned 12 to 15 years ago. All the business owners downtown rallied together to offer Mr. Robson compassion, sympathy and support if he chose to rebuild," Farr said.

Robson did not rebuild, but others whose businesses have been hit by fire, were able to weather losses because of camaraderie between merchants.

Three businesses once located in an arcade near Magnolia Mall burned several years ago, according to Farr.

"People rallied and helped with storage needs for salvageable material. The restaurant that burned in the arcade was able to reopen as a catering business after the fire," Farr said.

Farr felt area businesses would help coordinate the cleanup for the Army Navy store and help store goods not damaged by the fire and smoke.

"All of our businesses support each other when there's a sense of tragedy," he said.

Witnesses

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"It was just a bad fire. Karen had to evacuate. I was afraid because of my babies inside my house. You could smell the thick smoke. The electricity and everything went out. It was scary. Smoke was so bad inside our house. I have five kids," Robertson said.

"I was going to bed," Webb said. "I smelled something burning. I thought I left something on the stove. I looked out and the place was covered with smoke. I heard guys talking and yelling for people to get out. Once I got here (to Robertson's) I realized they really did make me leave."

She thought about what she left behind and what she might lose if the fire spread to her house. Webb said it was up to her to find her own shelter.

Her baby, she said, didn't wake up until he was out in the 37-degree air. "He clung to me," she said, but added that Christopher didn't see the blaze. "I heard two bangs. I don't know what it was," Robertson said. "I kept thinking, what if there's ammo in there and it's going to blow up."

"It looked like the whole block was on fire and it was coming toward me," Robertson said.

Another witness recalled, "I came outside. There was a big tower of flame. From the second story all I could see was a pillar of flame." James Bloese 26, said of his view of the Army Navy Surplus Store site at about midnight.

Bloese lives one block to the west on the west side of Palmetto Avenue at the corner of Fourth Street. "I stood on Fourth street just before the Army Navy store or the store next door's roof collapsed. I heard sirens."

"Mostly around here it's old buildings. If the wind caught right I would have been worried, but at that time I wasn't," Bloese said.

At about 7:30 a.m. Bloese walked his dog Wolf around to the site of the still burning rubble, where the Army Navy Store was completely demolished and other buildings in the fireline on the west side of the 300 block of South Sanford Avenue were severely damaged. The area was cordoned off by polycarbonate yellow tape and the streets were still awash with water from fire trucks still on the scene.

Traffic

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today, 15,666 vehicles per day would use it.

The model showed that instead of 51,711 vehicles traveling between I-4 and Lake Emma Road on Lake Mary Boulevard daily, only 41,588 trips would be taken, more than 10,000 vehicles less. Instead of 26,711 vehicles driving between Lake Mary Boulevard and Greenwood Boulevard on Lake Emma Road, only 11,755 vehicles would make the trip daily. Traffic on I-4 would reduce from 89,133 to 81,200 vehicles daily between the new interchange and Lake Mary Boulevard.

Public Works Director Larry Sellers said the interchange proposal could take up to five years to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and would then need to be financed by the state.

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scene. "Wolf more or less wasn't interested. He didn't like the smoke. When I first came out I couldn't see down the street," Bloese said. He was in bed watching television when he first heard sirens around midnight. He looked out to the north and south and didn't see the blaze in the east. "I figured it (the fire) was a little ways down and no big deal," he said. Then he took another look and saw the towering flames.

A resident of Bram Towers, a high rise for the elderly off First Street and about two blocks east of the fire, said electrical power there was off between 1 and 3:15 a.m. because of the blaze.

Sanford police kept spectators back from the scene and directed traffic. Lt. Mike Rotundo said today.

Rotundo said police have no information that would confirm some unofficial reports of gunfire in the area prior to the discovery of the fire. He said the Army Navy Surplus Store did sell ammunition, and explosion-type sounds reported during the fire may have been from ammunition in the store set off by the fire.

DEATHS

GERTRUDE S. GARTELL
Gertrude S. Gartell, 78, Springs Valley Loop, Altamonte Springs, died Monday at Life Care Center, Altamonte Springs. Born April 8, 1912, in Binghamton, N.Y., she moved to Altamonte Springs from there in 1964. She was a secretary for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Survivors include son, Martin, Altamonte Springs; sister, Sadie Buchman, Clearwater; two granddaughters.

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

ANTHONY JAMES JACKSON
Anthony James Jackson, 37, 1175 North St., Altamonte Springs, died Monday at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Sept. 4, 1953, in Altamonte Springs, he was a lifelong resident. He was a drywall finisher and a member of St. John Baptist Church, Altamonte Springs.

Survivors include daughters, Tonya and Stacy, both of Altamonte Springs; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sr., Altamonte Springs; sisters, Patricia, Priscilla, Vera Elaine, and Christina, all of Altamonte Springs; brothers, Leroy Jr. and Randolph, both of Altamonte Springs.

Brinson's Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

LILLIAN EUNICE KIPP
Lillian Eunice Kipp, 90, 493 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Mary, died Tuesday at Longwood Health Care Center. Born May 1, 1900, in St. Louis, she moved to Lake Mary from Pompano Beach in 1984. She was a homemaker and a Christian Scientist.

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Survivors include sons, Frank E., Lake Mary, Charles Kenneth Jr., Mesa, Ariz.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Garden Chapel Home for Funerals, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM HILEY LLOYD
William Hiley Lloyd, 74, 167 Plumosa Drive, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Aug. 7, 1916, in Portsmouth, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida from Dayton, Ohio, in 1976. He was a retired carpenter and a member of Lakeview Baptist Church, Apopka. He was a member of the Carpenters Union.

Survivors include wife, Jessie O.; son, Darwin E., Plano, Texas; six sons, Emory Rader, Cincinnati; brothers, Donald J., Jackson, Ohio, Harold E., Huntington, W.Va.; sister, Anna Frances Lambert, Woodbridge,

Va.; four grandchildren. Cox-Parker Carey Hand Funeral Home, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

JOFFRAY J. MARCANTEL SR.
Joffray J. Marcantel Sr., 59, 4084 E. Maryland Place, Casselberry, died Tuesday at Florida Hospital, Orlando. Born Jan. 5, 1931, in Mamou, La., he moved to Casselberry from Virginia in 1967. He was a warehouse supervisor for a meat company and a member of the First Baptist Church, Geneva.

Survivors include wife, Ruth; sons, Joffray Jr., Michigan, Brian, Casselberry; daughters, Evelyn Cockrell, Lake Mary, Margaret, Casselberry; sisters, Dorothy Dupre, Jimmie Lee Fontenot and Carrie Smith, all of Louisiana; five grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

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Some U.S. citizens stay in Iraq

By LEE STOKES
United Press International

The evacuation of Americans from Iraq and occupied Kuwait appears to be complete, and as many as 500 Americans have chosen to remain in the two countries, the State Department said.

A U.S.-chartered Boeing 707 with 15 foreigners and no Americans left Baghdad Tuesday, evidence that the evacuation of all American hostages is probably complete, the State Department said.

Left behind are around 500 people entitled to American passports, many of them foreign-born children in families where one of the spouses is an American citizen.

In some cases, according to the State Department, parents decided that they belonged in Iraq or Kuwait and chose to stay.

In others, Kuwaiti or Iraqi-born husbands with dual nationality could not get exit visas from the Iraqi government and their families chose to remain behind with them.

But because of the remote possibility that some Americans may still be in hiding or had not had access to the Voice of America short-wave announcements about the freedom flights, another charter will be sent to Kuwait and Baghdad on Thursday.

That final flight may carry the last of the American diplomats in the beleaguered American Embassy in Kuwait, Ambassador Nathaniel Howell and four others, after which the embassy compound will be effectively closed down.

In Washington, Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and President Bush discussed the Persian Gulf crisis Tuesday and Shamir said Bush agreed the crisis triggered by Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait would not be settled at Israel's expense.

"He said it several times and he said it to me now again, that there will not be any deal at the expense of Israel," Shamir said after the meeting.

Desert Shield costs refigured by Pentagon

By ELIOT BRENNER
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Pentagon accountants are scrambling to figure the cost of Operation Desert Shield so Congress can work on a special request for money — some guess \$30 billion or more — when it returns next year.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said Tuesday the various branches of the armed services are calculating what they think a full year of the operation will cost and forwarding those estimates to the agency's comptroller. But he said there is no firm guess yet within the building on what the figures may add to.

Published estimates range from \$30 billion to \$39 billion.

The amount that the operation will cost, exclusive of any combat costs, will to some extent be offset by the cash and in-kind contributions being made by several nations, including the \$2.5 billion in cash that the exiled Kuwaiti government has contributed. Saudi Arabia also has contributed nearly \$1 billion in cash and goods and services.

Shevardnadze to meet with Bush, Shamir

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Persian Gulf crisis, aid to the Soviet Union and efforts to reduce nuclear arms topped the agenda of a meeting Wednesday between President Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

A Soviet source disclosed Tuesday that Shevardnadze also will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Itzhak Shamir on Wednesday. The meeting would represent the highest diplomatic contact between the Soviet Union and Israel in history.

Those talks were expected to focus on the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel and efforts by the Soviets to gain most-favored-nation trading status from the United States. A site for the meeting was not disclosed.

On Tuesday in Houston, Shevardnadze rejected suggestions that the Soviet Union would send troops to the Persian Gulf region to complement a U.S.-led multinational force.

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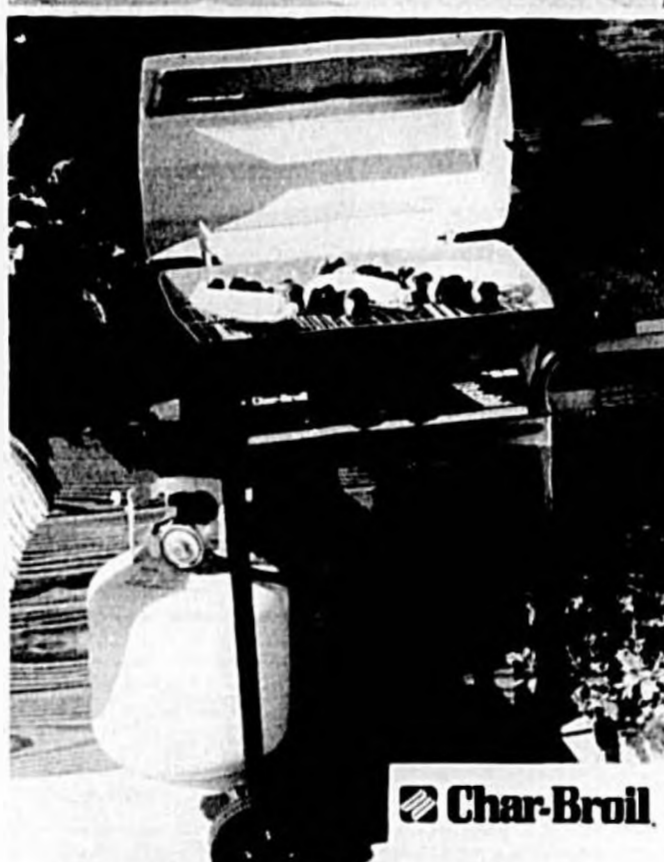
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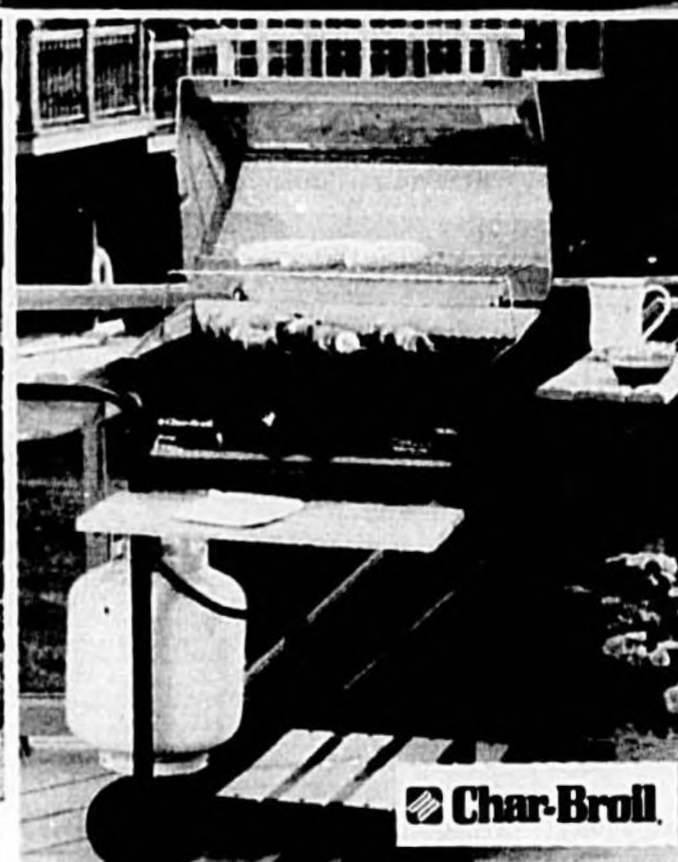
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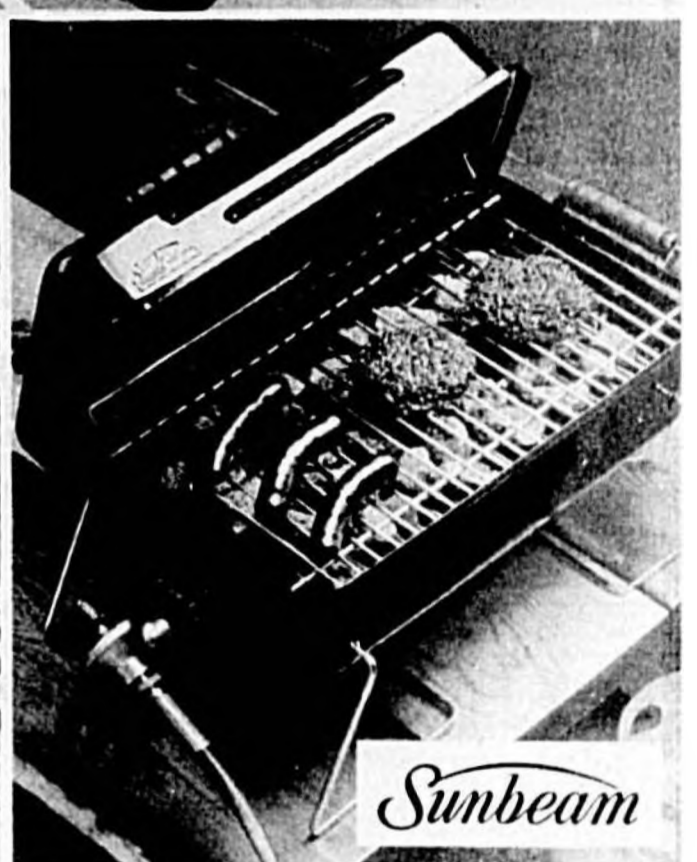
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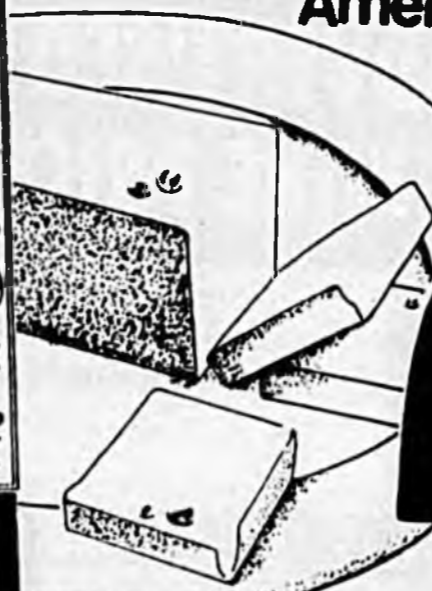
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Eastern appoints new president

MIAMI — A top executive at Pan American World Airways was appointed Tuesday as president and chief operating officer of Eastern Airlines.

Robert L. Gould, a pilot with more than 25 years' experience in the industry, replaces Phil Bakes, who left the president's post in April when the U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge overseeing the carrier's Chapter 11 proceedings appointed trustee Martin Shugrue to run the airline.

It was not immediately clear whether Gould would report to Shugrue or vice versa. Eastern has been operating under Chapter 11 protection from creditors since March 1989 after a strike crippled the carrier.

Gould, 52, resigned Monday as senior vice president of operations at Pan Am, whose corporate parent, like Eastern, has been experiencing financial strains. He and Shugrue are reported to be close friends who worked together as Pan Am pilots.

Orange estimate slightly down

The new orange crop, led by a robust recovery in Florida from last winter's devastating freeze, will fill 229.7 million boxes, the government forecast Tuesday, a slight decrease from its earlier estimates.

All the same, the new crop would be 23 percent larger than last season's crop, which was slashed dramatically by freeze damage in the South. Texas groves were damaged so severely the government expects little production this season.

Oranges are the dominant U.S. citrus crop and Florida is the No. 1 orange state, producing about two-thirds of the nation's total. Last season's crop totaled 186 million boxes, 11 percent smaller than the 1988-1989 crop.

The new numbers reflect the severity of last winter's cold snap. In one variety of oranges, Florida temples, the forecast "is more than double last season's freeze-reduced crop," the Agriculture Department said.

From United Press International Reports

Tampa hostage hid with his dog

United Press International

TAMPA — Tom Kreuzman survived the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait by hiding in air conditioning ducts sharing dry spaghetti and water with his only companion, his Scottish terrier named Chu Chu.

Kreuzman, 38, who arrived at Tampa International Airport Monday night, was among the 152 former hostages who returned to the United States after being released by the Iraqis.

"The heroes are back in Kuwait, giving us the food and helping us," Kreuzman said.

He urged quick military action by the United States against Iraq.

"The sanctions aren't going to work. There's food in the markets," the former U.S. Air

Force officer said. "I think we should teach them a lesson — take them out."

Kreuzman, who worked for the Kuwait Defense Ministry as a technician on their Hawk missile system, avoided capture for four months and at one point spent 23 days in an 8-by-3 air conditioning duct with his dog, said his mother, Elsie Janos, in Tampa.

However, he lost his dog Sunday at Baghdad airport in the rush to board the airplane. The animal had been with

Kreuzman throughout his ordeal.

Like Kreuzman's family, other hostage relatives spent months waiting for similar scraps of information about loved ones in the Persian Gulf.

Vera Jaquith of Largo screamed when she saw her son on television Monday night. A mechanical engineer for a foreign oil company in Kuwait, George Jaquith was trapped by the invasion and forced into hiding. His wife and three children had left the country just

weeks before the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait in Florida.

The Monday night that his father died of cancer Nov. 23, while he was trying to survive in Kuwait.

"I lost my husband, but at least I'll have my son," Vera Jaquith said.

Kreuzman told family members that the invasion caught everybody in Kuwait off guard. He lived in an apartment near a hotel where Iraqi officers were staying, but at one point managed to get a note out to his family saying he was all right.

Kreuzman told his sister that some of his Kuwaiti friends had been killed trying to smuggle food and water to him. He planned to join the Kuwaiti resistance if the Iraqis ever found his hiding place.

Martinez says Chiles may fill court vacancy

By MICHAEL MOLINE
United Press International

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Bob Martinez announced Tuesday that he will permit his successor to fill the Florida Supreme Court vacancy left by the retirement of Justice Raymond Ehrlich.

Martinez announced the move in a letter to Gov.-elect Lawton Chiles, quashing a potential legal battle over whether the incoming or outgoing governor should fill a vacancy that comes open on the day Chiles is to take his oath of office, Jan. 8.

Martinez noted that he was permitted to fill two Supreme Court vacancies under similar circumstances when he assumed office in 1987.

"Just as I had that opportunity four years ago, I believe it is appropriate that you have the same opportunity now," Martinez wrote.

"My deep appreciation for the institution of the office of the governor and for the precedent established by Gov. Bob Graham has led me to the determination that I will not name a successor to Justice Ehrlich," Martinez continued.

Graham is a two-term former governor currently serving as U.S. senator.

"While our choices may not have been the same, I am confident you will choose wisely in selecting the next member of Florida's Supreme Court," Martinez said.

The court appointment question had been a bone of contention between Chiles and Martinez since the Democrat defeated the Republican incumbent Nov. 6. Martinez earlier insisted it was his prerogative to name Ehrlich's replacement.

At the same time, Chiles insisted the choice belonged to him. He threatened a lawsuit if Martinez tried to make the appointment.

Three men convicted in IRA trial

United Press International

FORT LAUDERDALE — Three Irish men were convicted Tuesday of conspiring to buy a U.S. Stinger missile and other weapons to use against British troops in Northern Ireland.

After five days of deliberations, the federal court jury found Kevin McKinley, 33; Seamus Moley, 30, and Joseph McColgan, 39, guilty of two counts each — conspiracy and attempting to receive an explosive device through interstate commerce.

"This strikes a significant blow against the Irish Republican Army operations within the United States," said Robert Creighton, special agent in charge of the Miami District of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

U.S. District Judge Jose Gonzalez scheduled sentencing for Feb. 2. The men face up to 15 years apiece in prison.

They were found innocent of licensing violations, violating the Neutrality Act and attempting to export missiles for use against foreign aircraft.

Prosecutors alleged that the three were members of the Irish Republican Army and planned to use the Stinger shoulder-to-air missile to shoot down a British helicopter.

Undercover agents posing as arms dealers testified that the men paid \$50,000 to buy the missile. The agents secretly recorded negotiations in which the defendants discussed buying the Stinger, grenade launchers, 50-caliber sniper rifles and C-4 plastic explosives.

Hialeah tries to close club of Campbell

United Press International

MIAMI — The City of Hialeah sought an injunction Tuesday to close a lounge owned by rap singer Luther Campbell, noting that a weekend shootout at the club marked the 128th time police had been called there this year.

One man was killed and another wounded in the Saturday night gunfight at Strawberry's Too. Two men were wounded in a similar gun battle at the lounge in July.

"We cannot condone this type of establishment," said acting Hialeah Mayor Julio Martinez.

Hialeah City Attorney Alex Vitarello drafted a complaint Tuesday and said he would ask the Dade County Court for an emergency hearing to revoke the club's occupational license.

He said Strawberry's violated city code by calling for police or fire department service three or more times in a single year.

Saturday's shootout was the 128th time police were called to the club this year, and the 180th time in the last two years.

Vitarello said he hoped to close the club by Friday.

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Sanford accident

An accident involving a car, a pick up truck and a tree occurred yesterday afternoon on the corner of Third Street and Elm Avenue in Sanford. The drivers' names had not yet been released as of this morning. Both were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

County pursues more leaders; Neiswender hired by Orange

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Two Florida government executives are among four candidates Seminole County commissioners will interview next week for Seminole County manager.

And Seminole County's first full-time administrator has agreed to follow Phil Brown as Orange County's chief executive.

Commissioners hope the interviews the next week will produce a county executive and not a third strike out in their 13-month search. Two other candidates offered the job have turned it down. The second candidate offered the job has made two subsequent approaches to the county. Both ended without an offer. County officials received the latest list of names Tuesday.

Commissioners have sought a new manager since Ken Hooper was forced to resign Oct. 1989. Despite interest last month by commissioners Bob Sturm and Fred Streetman to bring Hooper

back, the majority of the commission decided they wanted a new person. Hooper himself decided not to pursue the position after commissioners Pat Warren and Jennifer Kelley said they would not support him.

The candidates that will be interviewed next week are Ron Rabun, city manager of Clearwater and former county manager of Manatee County. Rabun was previously county manager of Henry County, Ga., said acting Seminole County Manager Bob McMillan. The second Florida official is Michael Herr, deputy county manager of Hernando County, McMillan said.

Two other executives to be interviewed includes Gary Crider, county manager of Clarke County Ga. and Gary

Smoak, county manager of Orangeburg, S.C.

Meanwhile, former Seminole County administrator Roger Neiswender who was lobbied by commissioners to take his job back is awaiting confirmation by Orange County commissioners to become the next Orange County manager at \$105,000 annually. Neiswender had served as a management consultant to McMillan since January assisting in preparation of the annual county budget and completion of the comprehensive development plan now under review.

Neiswender said this morning he was contacted by Orange County Chairman Linda Chapin about two weeks ago and offered the Orange County position.

State insurance departments improving services

By KAREN TIMMONS
United Press International

WASHINGTON — All state insurance departments are not equal and some provide consumer services far better than others, a national study by consumer and insurance industry groups concluded Tuesday.

The study, which looked only at consumer services, such as providing information and handling complaints, concluded that overall state insurance departments are improving, but the quality of those services vary widely from state to state.

A summary of the study showed insurance departments in Delaware, Florida, Kansas, New York, Texas and Wisconsin were judged "strongest" in providing consumer services, but the report did not rate the 44 state departments that cooperated with the study from best to worst.

"The good news is that most departments offer many services to consumers," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America. "The bad news is that a number of departments offer few services and no state meets all the criteria of the model program," which included 26 criteria for providing consumer services.

Brobeck said New Mexico, Rhode Island and South Dakota particularly offer "very few consumer services," but noted the low populations in those states are likely contributing factors.

The study was prepared by the Consumer Insurance Interest Group, the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents, the American Insurance Association and the American Council of Life Insurance.

Harold Birchfield, chairman of the Professional Insurance Agents group's communications committee, said the "key areas" probed were how well the departments provided consumer information and education and handled complaints.

"Many departments are clearly making efforts to respond to rising consumer demand for insurance information and for help in solving problems," Birchfield said, noting that since 1989 consumer service budgets in the state offices rose an average of 12 percent.

The report showed half of the reporting states distribute price information on insurers, 43 percent provide information on insurer solvency and 41 percent offer consumers complaint ratios on insurance companies.

While the study failed to rank each of the states according to how well they provide

consumer services, some key findings were telling, according to officials of the study groups.

For instance, Delaware's proportionate budget for consumer services was highest at \$712 per 1,000 population, while Michigan's, at \$38 per 1,000 people, was lowest. Other states ranking well above the \$230 per 1,000 average were Florida, Montana, Colorado, Washington and Kansas. Those well below the average included Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Missouri and Michigan.

Another key yardstick, according to the experts, was the number of information requests received, with those states receiving proportionately more requests judged to be more effective. The study showed Oregon received the highest number of information requests at 29.1 per 1,000 population, followed by Texas, 28.2; Arizona, 28; Florida, 24.3; and Utah, 21.3.

Michigan was again lowest with 0.2 requests per 1,000, followed by New Jersey, Massachusetts, Hawaii and Kentucky, all with 0.1 per 1,000 of population.

Likewise, the study considered a high ratio of complaints received as evidence of an effective alternative for consumer redress on insurance issues.

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IN BRIEF

SOFTBALL

Winter meeting tonight

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting tonight for the winter slowpitch softball leagues that will start the week of January 7, 1991 at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Youth Center, lower level of Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Ave.
 Deadline for entry will be December 21, 1990 for returning teams and January 3, 1991 for new teams. Any returning teams not meeting the deadline will be considered a new team on a first-come, first-served basis.
 Registration is \$240 per team (non-residents will have to pay an additional \$10 each).
 For more information, call the Sanford Recreation Department at 330-8897.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Rollins trounces Webber

WINTER PARK — Senior guard Scott Martin scored a career-high 32 points in 21 minutes to lead Rollins to a 92-58 victory over Webber.
 Rollins (3-4) was 18 of 33 from the 3-point range, which was the major difference in the game. Martin hit 6 of 10 3-pointers. John Steele came off the bench to score 14 points. Cameron Forbes added 11 and David Wolf 10.
 Jimmie Atmore led Webber (6-3) with 18 points and Don Diedrick added 13.

PRO BASKETBALL

Magic close again

ORLANDO — Rick Mahorn and Manute Bol, often obscured by Charles Barkley's All-Star shadow, combined talents Tuesday night.
 Mahorn highlighted his 8-point fourth quarter with a critical 3-point play that ended a drought and lifted the 76ers to a 119-114 triumph over the Orlando Magic. Bol blocked six shots and changed the flight path of perhaps 12 others as the 76ers, 14-6, won their fourth straight.
 Barkley didn't exactly take the night off, scoring 28 points, grabbing nine rebounds and handing out six assists. Hersey Hawkins added 27 points for the 76ers.
 Rookie Dennis Scott scored a career-high 29 points for Orlando, which beat the 76ers twice here last year.
 Scott Skiles, who scored 18 points after intermission, tied Caldwell with 20 points for the Magic, who couldn't overcome a 36-16 disparity from the foul line. Scott and Hawkins each sank five 3-pointers.

PRO FOOTBALL

Walsh likes Tampa

TAMPA — Bill Walsh says he plans to wait until after the NFL playoffs to decide whether to stay in broadcasting or return to football, but the Tampa Bay Buccaneers would be his top choice if he chooses the latter.
 "If I pick a team to sign with, Tampa Bay would be at the top of my list," Walsh told the St. Petersburg Times on Monday. "But there's a lot that would have to occur before we finalized something."
 Although not in a hurry to make a decision about his future, he thinks Tampa Bay could be a good opportunity.
 "I have great respect for (owner) Hugh Culverhouse and great respect for the whole organization," Walsh said.
 "I also think Tampa Bay can become competitive and real contenders in that division (NFC Central) right away. It's just a matter of me looking into whether I want to leave the San Francisco area at this stage of my life. That would be the prime consideration."

AUTO RACING

Rudd wraps up tests

DAYTONA BEACH — Ricky Rudd ended the first segment of pre-season stock car testing at Daytona International Speedway on Tuesday with a quick lap epitomizing Hendrick Motorsports' team-oriented approach.
 Rudd turned a lap of the 2.5-mile trioval site of the NASCAR Winston Cup's season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 17 in 48.07 seconds, an average speed of 195.355 mph. He was in one of three Hendrick-owned Chevrolet Lumina's he drove during the Chevrolet Motor Division-sponsored test.
 Other Chevrolet drivers turning in quick laps included Ernie Ivan in the Morgan-McClure Lumina, 194.847; and Jimmy Spencer in the Travis Carter Racing Chevy, 193.757.
 Buick Motor Division teams, including Bobby Allison Motorsports with driver Hut Stricklin; Stavola Brothers Racing with Rick Wilson; and Speedway Motorsports with Tommy Ellis, will begin a three-day test on Wednesday.

Compiled from wire and staff reports.

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 Complete listing on Page 28

National player of the year



Marquette Smith

Marquette Smith joins Circle of Champions

By TONY BOGGERMAN
 Herald Sports Editor

ORLANDO — On Tuesday afternoon, Scholastic Coach magazine and Gatorade confirmed what many Central Florida high school football fans already knew — Lake Howell High School's Marquette Smith is one of the best.
 In a ceremony at the Radisson Plaza Downtown, Smith was honored as the 1990 Gatorade Circle of Champions National High School Football Player of the Year.
 "This is a very special award because my family is here and I'm able to share it with the people who are close to me," said Smith, who thanked his family and teammates during his acceptance speech.
 Smith was named the best in the nation by the Gatorade Circle of Champions Advisory Board, a panel of two national and eight regional sports writers. The selection was based on overall athletic and academic performance.
 His accomplishments on the gridiron are the stuff of legends, compiling nearly 8,700 yards rushing during his career to finish third on the all-time Florida list, scoring 88 touchdowns. In

his senior year, Smith gained 2,388 yards on 223 carries, scoring 31 touchdowns.
 And as Lake Howell Coach Mike Baccaglia pointed out, Smith compiled those impressive career stats despite sitting out 10 quarters last year in blowouts and at least six quarters this year, a total of four complete games.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to have a player like Marquette," said Baccaglia, who will have Maurice Smith, Marquette's younger brother, next year as a freshman. "Marquette was never satisfied with the status quo. He concentrated and worked harder. He's always striving to improve himself."

Initially, Smith was selected the Florida Gatorade Circle of Champions Player of the Year. He then received one of the eight regional awards.

Smith's award marked the second time in the six-year history of the program that the Gatorade national football honors has gone to a Florida native. Emmitt Smith, now with the Dallas Cowboys, was the recipient in 1986 while a senior at Pensacola-Escambia High School.

Other past honorees include Indianapolis Colt quarterback Jeff George (1985), University of Pittsburgh linebacker Curtis Bray (1987), University of Virginia running back Terry Kirby (1988) and Ohio State University running back Robert Smith (1989).

Mau, Merrick lead Rams past Deland

By PAUL SMYTH
 Herald Correspondent

LAKE MARY — Melissa Mau scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Lake Mary Rams to a 55-42 victory over the Deland Bulldogs Tuesday evening in a Seminole Athletic Conference girls' basketball game at Lake Mary High School.
 LaShawn Merrick scored 10 of her 14 points in the first half to stake the Rams to a 32-21 halftime lead.
 Lake Mary extended its lead to 41-23 with a 9-2 run in the third quarter. Mau scored twice on offensive rebounds while the Ram defense held Deland scoreless for over three minutes.
 But the Bulldogs finished the quarter with a 7-2 spurt to cut the margin to 43-31 at the end of the third quarter. Krystal Williamson and Melanie Myers each scored a bucket early in the fourth quarter for Deland to cut the margin to 43-35.
 That's when Mau took charge of the game, scoring eight consecutive points for the Rams and putting the game out of reach.
 "We did a lot of things well tonight," said Lake Mary Coach Bob Smith.
 See Hoops, Page 3B



Melissa Mau

Wymore Tech tops Lake Mary boys

By DEAN SMYTH
 Herald sports writer

EATONVILLE — For the second straight year, Lake Mary fell way behind at Wymore Tech. And for the second straight year, the Rams made a tremendous comeback. But just like last season, they fell just short as the Bobcats held on for an 86-61 victory Tuesday night.
 The loss was the first of the year for Lake Mary as it fell to 3-1. The Rams will play another big road game Friday when they travel to Lake Howell to take on the Silver Hawks. Wymore improved its record to 3-2 and will host Melbourne Florida Air Saturday night.
 "We waited too long to play ball," said Ram Coach Willie Richardson. "Just like last year, we got behind by 22 and tried to come back. I was very impressed with how we came back, but we can't give that many points away and expect to be able to come back and win."
 See Boys, Page 3B

Tribe comes on to beat Hawks

By TONY BOGGERMAN
 Herald Sports Editor

WINTER PARK — For the first two quarters Tuesday night, Seminole High School was outshot and outrebounced by Lake Howell in the Seminole Athletic Conference girls' basketball game between the two schools.
 And then the Seminoles woke up.
 Executing their press much better and dominating play off the boards, the undefeated Fighting Seminoles turned a two-point halftime deficit into a 67-58 win over the host Silver Hawks.
 Seminole got things started in the third quarter by outscoring Lake Howell 14-0 over the first 5:31 of the period.
 "We had an awful night shooting," said Seminole Coach John McNamara. "But you can't worry about that. The girls were taking good shots. They were getting down on themselves at halftime, but you can't do that."
 "We played a heck of a third quarter. They came out with a lot of heart. That was the difference in the game. We did a heck of a job on the boards and we did a good job on the press."
 Koecia Kennon led Seminole with a game-high 16 points. Nikki Washington added 14 points and 15 rebounds while Ruthann Williams had 11 points. For Lake Howell, Elizabeth Mills scored 12 points (including a pair of three-pointers) and Quiya Hawkins netted 10.
 The Silver Hawks actually outscored the Tribe 47-46 from the floor. The difference was free throws. Seminole making 21 of 36 while Lake Howell made 12 of 17.
 In the junior varsity contest, Lake Howell hammered Seminole 64-14.
 Now 7-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference, Seminole will play again this Thursday night, hosting Lake Brantley in another SAC game. Lake Howell, 3-7 and 0-3, plays at Lake Mary Thursday.

SEMINOLE (67)
 Sanders 2-1-2, Ware 2-2-6, Williams 4-3-11, Jones 0-0-6, Kennon 4-6-10
 Mills 3-4-12, Washington 3-4-12, Alexander 1-0-4, Mullins 2-3-9, Francis 1-0-2
 Totals: 23-21-58-67

LAKE HOWELL (58)
 Barrera 0-0-6, Lewis 1-0-2, Hawkins 2-3-9, Winston 2-2-6, Mills 5-0-12
 Iyoha 2-2-14, Bayers 0-0-6, Clarke 3-1-5, Hill 1-0-2, Arles 3-1-7, Totals: 22-11-58

Lake Howell
 19 13 16 17 — 67
 18 16 4 20 — 58

Three point field goals — Lake Howell 3 (Arles 2, Hill 1). Total fouls — Seminole 16, Lake Howell 21. Fouled out — None. Technicals — None. Records — Seminole 7-0 SAC; Lake Howell 3-7, 0-3 SAC.

Hawks rout 'Noles with big second half

By PAUL SMYTH
 Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Jenny Yearick and Jessica Cardarelli each scored a hat trick and two assists to lead the Lake Howell Silver Hawks to an 11-2 thrashing of the Seminole Fighting Seminoles Tuesday afternoon in girls' soccer action at Seminole High School's Thomas E. Whigham Stadium.
 "We didn't play our best until they scored on us," said Yearick. "That opened our eyes up and we picked it up a little bit."
 The Seminoles, now 6-5-0, controlled the match early on and took a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute when Ginger Tackett took a corner kick and Chell Hathaway headed it into the net.
 Lake Howell, now 7-4-1, gained control of the midfield late in the first half and never looked back.
 In the 31st minute, Beverly Dickerson scored the first of 10 unanswered goals for Lake Howell to tie the game a 1-1. Yearick scored her first goal six minutes later from a pass by Cardarelli to give the Silver Hawks a 2-1 lead going into halftime.
 Three minutes into the second half, Seminole was called for a handball in the penalty box and a penalty kick was awarded. Michelle Harris converted the attempt, which started a five-goal outburst over a 5:55 span.
 "The girls got down after the penalty kick," said Seminole Coach Suzy Reno. "They didn't have the same intensity after that."
 Harris threaded a long pass to Michelle Cook, who blasted a shot into the net in the 45th minute.
 See Soccer, Page 3B



In the middle of things
 Lake Mary's Leanne Bazile (left) and Lyman's Danielle Garrett (right) each scored a goal to help their respective teams to victories last night.

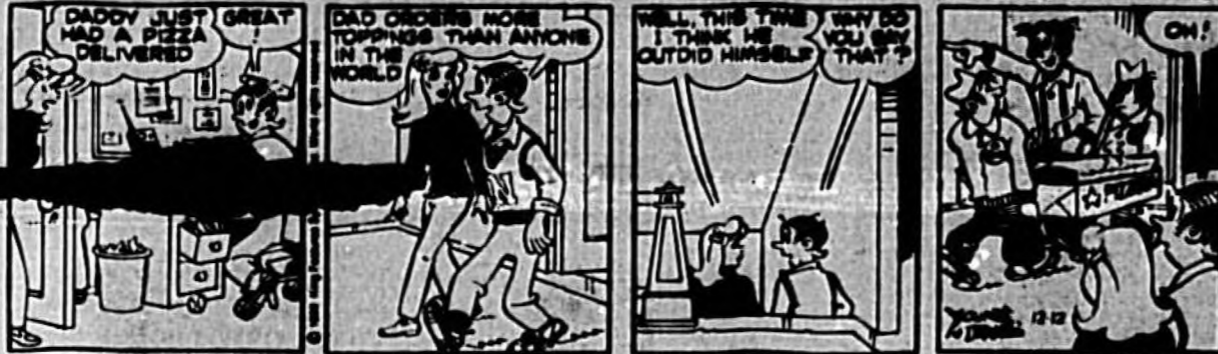
Lake Brantley plays to draw with Mustangs

From staff reports

MERRITT ISLAND — Lake Brantley was unable to take advantage of several solid scoring opportunities early and had to settle for a 0-0 tie with the Merritt Island Mustangs in a boys' soccer match Tuesday.
 According to Patriot Coach Jim Brody, both teams had chances to break the scoreless deadlock but were unable to break through.
 For Lake Brantley, Bob Hartmann, Mark Torres and Eric Ryan each just missed scoring.
 "We were always a half second away from scoring," said Brody.
 "While the score was 0-0, it was a very exciting game. Some people don't understand that. Both teams played well. It was a very even match."

Merritt Island outshot Lake Brantley 14-11 but the Patriots had a 5-3 edge on corner kicks.
 Now 2-2-1, Lake Brantley will play again Friday in a match at Seminole High School.

BLONDIE



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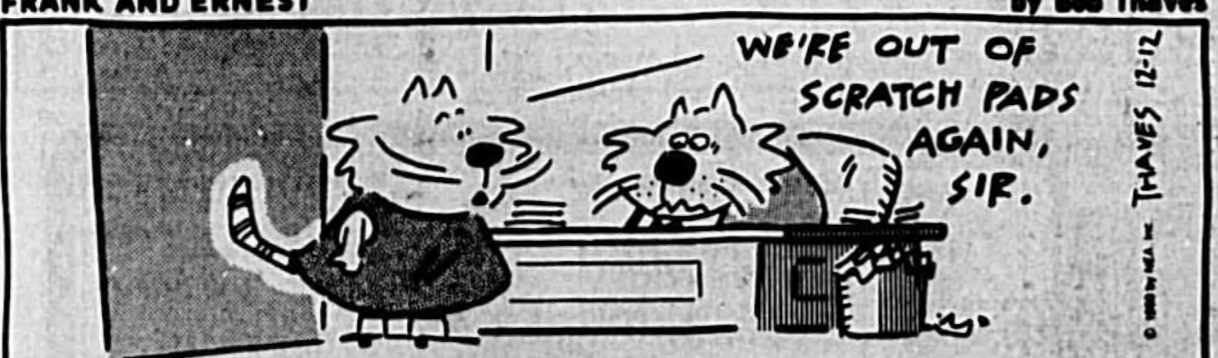
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Eye drops can help corneal dystrophy

DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you please explain the eye condition called Fuch's corneal dystrophy? Is there any treatment available other than transplant?
DEAR READER: Fuch's corneal dystrophy is an inherited abnormality of the cornea, the clear part of the front of the eye. The condition is characterized by too few cells lining the cornea, which swells, thereby affecting vision. Corneal dystrophy rarely causes problems before middle age, a time when age-related corneal changes aggravate this cellular deficiency to cause the corneal edema.
 Treatment includes methods to shrink the cornea: by heat (some patients gently apply a hair dryer to the eyes) or by eye drops. If the dystrophy cannot be controlled medically, corneal transplants may be necessary.

more difficult to cure, however, because the growths cannot be controlled by radiation therapy or chemotherapy. Thus, metastatic renal cell carcinoma has a poor prognosis. Therapy is "comfort-oriented": Pain and other complications of the disease are treated as they appear.



PETER GOTT, M.D.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders."

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 47-year-old husband was diagnosed five months ago with metastatic renal cell carcinoma. What are the facts on cause, treatment and prognosis?
DEAR READER: Renal cell carcinoma, often called hypernephroma, is a malignant kidney tumor, more common in men, that accounts for about 2 percent of adult cancers. It is a dangerous tumor because it is highly malignant, is rarely discovered early and metastasizes (spreads) rapidly, especially to the lungs. The cause is unknown.

Patients with this affliction usually have blood in the urine, followed by flank pain and fever. The tumor is "staged" — meaning that its precise location and extent are determined — by CT scanning (special X-rays of the abdomen and pelvis). Surgical removal of the affected kidney (and the surrounding structures) is the preferred therapy for renal cell carcinoma that has not spread; this leads to a reasonable chance for cure in localized disease.

Metastatic carcinoma is much

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42 Border
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby
 When a contract looks easy to make, you show your expertise by figuring out what could happen to cause you to fail, and then protect against it. When you are doing this, sometimes it is right to go to great lengths, perhaps even sacrificing an overtrick, to guard against a particular unlikely distribution. Today's declarer blithely won East's king of diamonds with his ace and played ace of clubs and another club. With a normal club distribution he would have an easy 10 tricks. Unfortunately West showed out on the second round. When declarer gave up a club trick to East, a diamond back gave the defenders four more diamond tricks for down one. What was declarer's counter to this unfortunate lie of

the cards? Rather than lead the ace of clubs, declarer should lead a low club toward the K-Q at trick two. When West plays the jack, declarer can let him hold the trick. West cannot attack declarer's J-9 of diamonds. Whatever he returns, declarer can then take five club tricks, the A-K of spades and two red aces for a sure nine tricks. Of course this layout is quite rare. But it is clear that first playing a low club toward dummy costs nothing. If West follows small, declarer will rise with an honor and come back to the ace, bringing in the entire suit if it divides 3-2. Declarer will lose a trick he could have made if West puts up the club jack from Jack doubleton or tripton.
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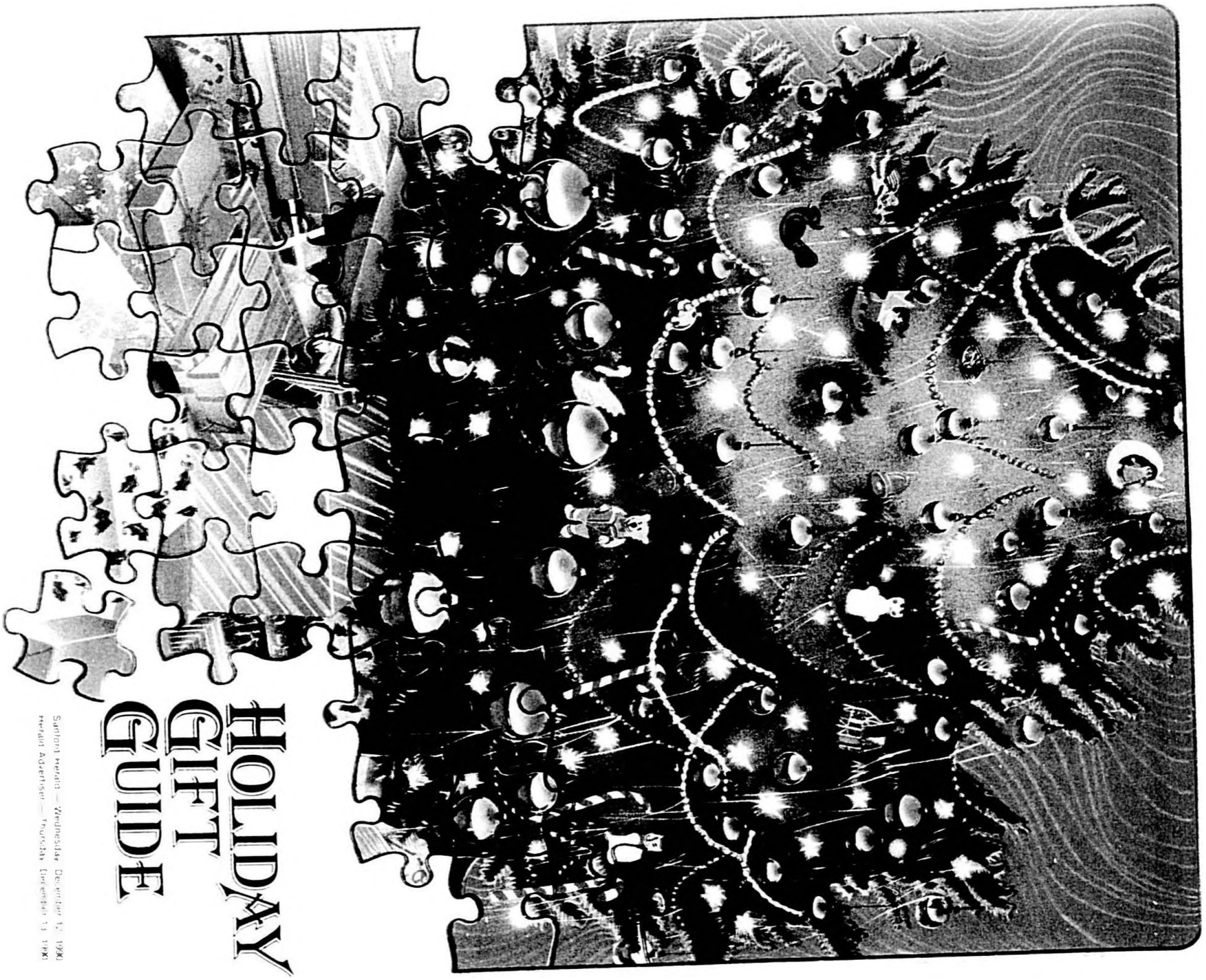
By Bernice Bede Osoi
YOUR BIRTHDAY
 Dec. 16, 1990
 Projects or endeavors you personally originate or control have promising potential for the year ahead. When you begin something, be sure to see it through to a desired conclusion.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do as little delegating as possible in this time frame, because no one can handle your personal interests as competently as you can. Self-sufficiency enhances your chances for success. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.
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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

beginning today you could now be in a better position to fulfill an important, ambitious goal you've thus far been unable to gratify. Keep the faith.
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ingenuity and creativity are trending upwards. Good things can result if you start capitalizing on your new ideas. Don't just think about things, do something about them.
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by Leonard Starr



HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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Give kids a gift for making family memories

One of the best gifts a parent can give a child is memories of time spent together reading a story, playing a game or working on a project. To provide parents with ideas for simple, inexpensive projects for young children to make, Better Homes and Gardens® Books created a series of 18 Max the Dragon™ Fun-To-Do™ project books. Some of the projects featured in the books include: "Ugfuuz" monsters made from dryer lint; a cereal box that



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The Fun-To-Do books are excellent gifts for children ages four and up, or for parents or grandparents of young children. Each book features 32 pages of colorful illustrations, four-color photographs and easy-to-follow directions for projects children and adults can make together. Items needed to complete most projects can be found around the home. All of the projects have been tested by kids. At \$4.95 each, the hardcover books are great for stocking stuffers.

Family memories of this holiday season can include making cinnamon-scented teddy bear ornaments from homemade clay. The following project is from the book "At the Zoo."

HOMEMADE CLAY ORNAMENTS

In a large saucepan, mix together 1 cup cornstarch and one 1-pound box baking soda. Gradually add 1 1/2 cups water. Cook the mixture over low heat, stirring occasionally. The mixture will

get bubbly, then thicken. Stir constantly until the mixture forms a ball.

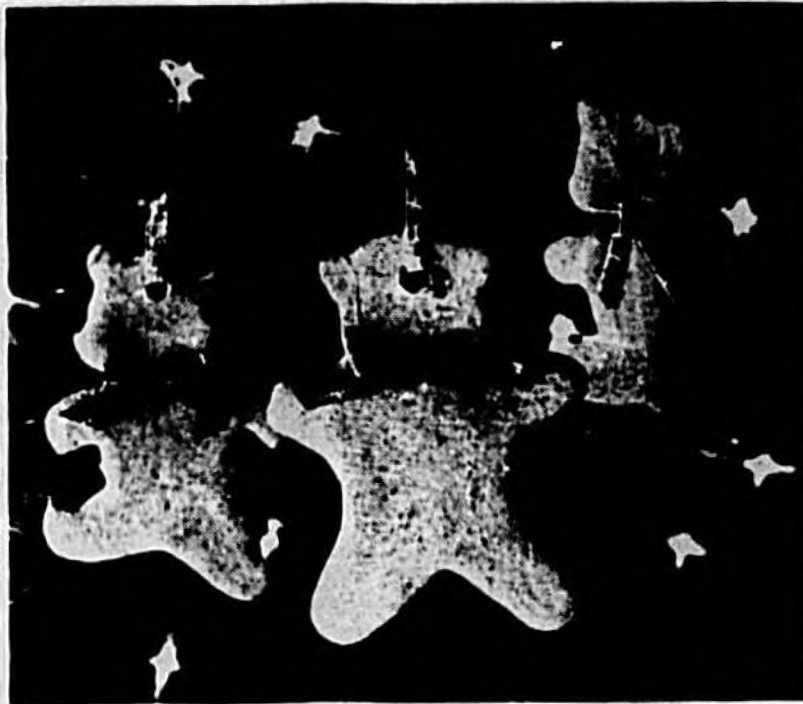
Remove from heat, and turn clay onto plastic wrap or foil. It will thicken more after being removed from the heat. It will be cool enough to handle within a few minutes.

Knead in 1/4 cup ground cinnamon.

To make the bears or other shapes, tape waxed paper to the work surface. Let your children roll out the clay to about 1/8-inch thickness. Use cookie cutters to make shapes. Poke a hole for a hanger with a toothpick.

The ornaments may take from a few hours to a day to air-dry. To speed drying, place the ornaments on a baking sheet in a 300 degree oven for 30 minutes. Shut off oven and let cool for one hour. Continue to air-dry until ornaments harden.

Unused clay can be wrapped and placed in a refrigerator or freezer. Thaw frozen clay at room temperature and, if necessary, knead before using.



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The most exciting formal footwear trend for the holiday season, surprisingly, is Western boots. According to fashion trend setters, holiday party-goers who want to dress in the latest black-tie and formal fashions should look to classic Western boots to add flair to the season's dress-up attire.

For men, the tuxedo is standard formal-wear attire. A pair of elegant black lizard skin boots is recommended to add a flash of individuality to the standard tuxedo. In fact, George Bush initiated this look by kicking-off his presidency with the first-ever "Black-Tie and Boots" inaugural ball.

Many women today are wearing fitted tuxedo jackets paired with chiffon slacks and silk suits to formal affairs. The Western boot in colored lizard is the perfect accent to this already bold fashion statement.

Women should, of course, not limit their boot-wearing to pant suits: Western boots come in many varieties of skins and colors, making them appropriate for both skirts and dresses. A black taffeta skirt and a gold lamé blouse, for instance, is transformed into a trend-setting outfit when paired with mink iguana lizard boots.

"We are seeing a rise in the popularity of Western boots in all sectors of the fashion world," says Frank Scivetti, vice president of sales and marketing for Fort Worth, Texas-based Justin Boot Company. "Western boots are no longer solely suited for casual wear."

Western boots are a great holiday gift idea for the entire family that fits all budgets. A pair of all-leather hand-crafted Justin boots, for example, can be purchased for as little as \$75.



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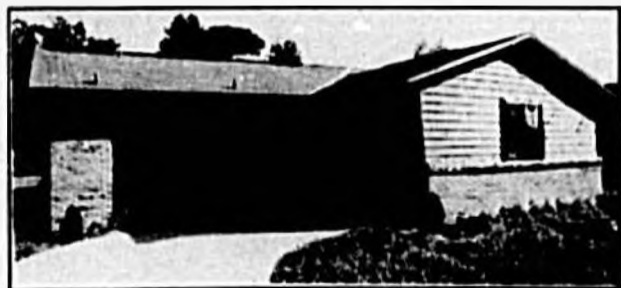
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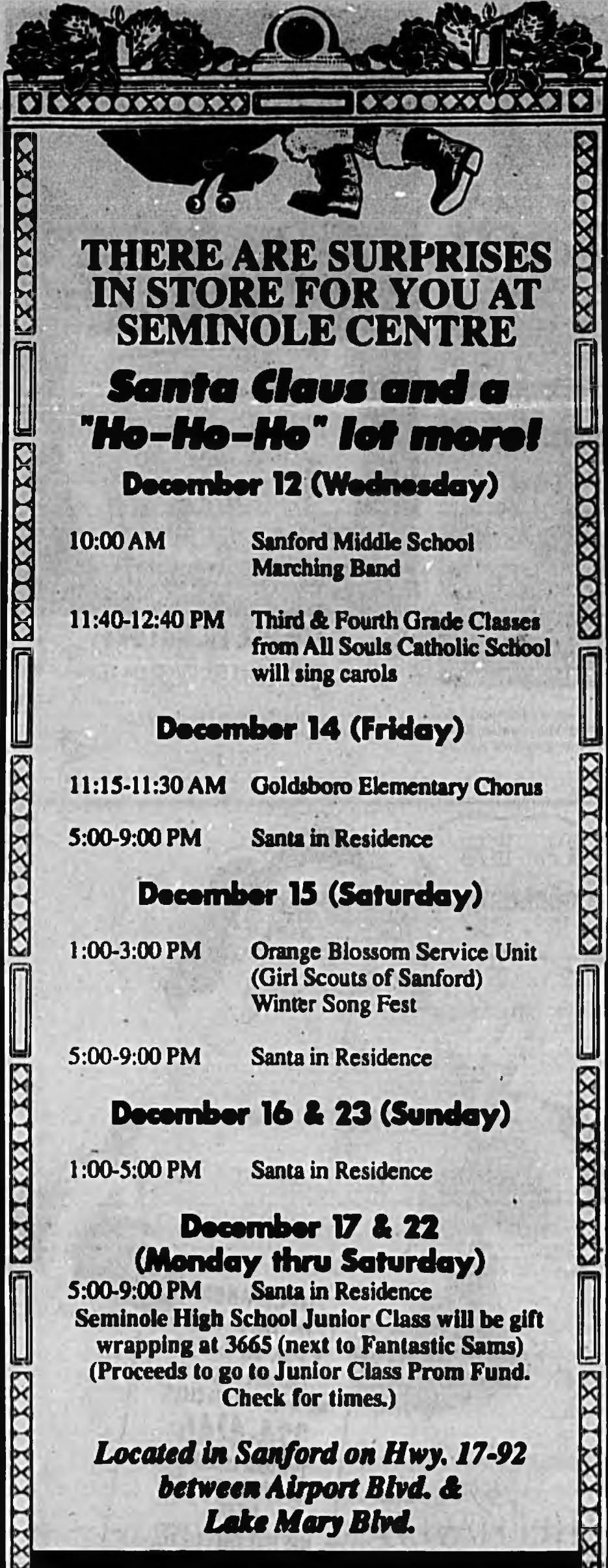


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Tips for making the holiday season less stressful, more fun

The holidays can be the most joyful—and the most stressful—time of the year. Along with the pleasure of spending time with relatives comes the fear of potential conflicts. Along with the fun of holiday parties comes the fear of weight gain from all the delicious holiday goodies. Along with the excitement of exchanging gifts comes the dread of receiving the bills in January.

Not all of these pitfalls are avoidable, but holiday stress can be minimized and holiday joy maximized. Let's start with the family: Anyone who reads the advice column in the newspaper knows that many families are far from perfect. Holiday gatherings can turn into an excuse to revive family feuds and air old resentments that should have been put to rest—or resolved privately—by now.

Then, the divorce epidemic of the past two decades has brought family situations that our grandparents never had to deal with. If you've been spending Christmas or Hanukkah with your brother's wife for the past 10 years, and now she's not part of the family anymore, it's natural to feel a sense of loss. That feeling is compounded if she has custody of the kids, and they're spending the holiday somewhere else.

The best solution for situations like family feuds and divorce is to not even try to bring the whole group together for one big gathering. Why go through the stress of playing mediator or being asked to take sides?

A series of small gatherings through-

out the season will allow you to spend time with your whole family, and really get a chance to talk to each person. The gathering doesn't even have to be a party. It could be a shopping trip downtown, or a carriage ride in the park, or an afternoon of sledding or ice skating, or anything else you can think of.

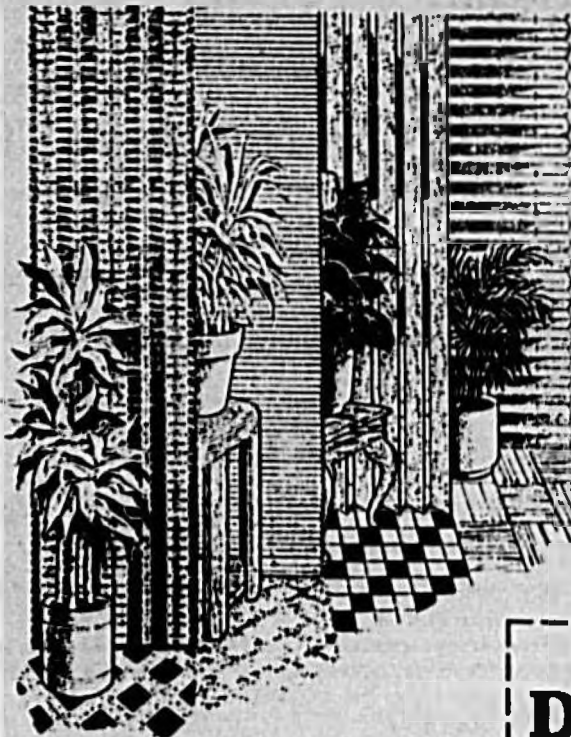
Weight gain and spending too much money are other sources of stress. The solution here is common sense and moderation. If you starve yourself all day, of course you're going to pig out at the party. And if you put off holiday shopping until the day before you'll exchange gifts, of course you'll spend more money than you planned.

Don't even try to resist all those holiday goodies. Eat sensibly before the party, nibble a little of everything once you're there, and don't start thinking you're a terrible person if you eat an extra cookie. As far as money goes, if you make up a shopping budget before you start, decide on gifts or at least general categories for each person, and shop early for the best selection, you should be able to keep your spending under control. Just don't use the season as an excuse to go wild.

More stress-reduction tips: Make time for private time and exercise every day—both are sure stress-busters. When you're shopping, don't let your guard down just because it's a joyful season—pickpockets don't take a Christmas vacation! And never, ever drink and drive.

Most important, take time to appreciate the uniqueness of the way you celebrate the holidays. *HL905274*

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