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Partly Cloudy

Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers. High in the mid 70s. Wind becoming southwest 10 mph chance of rain 30 percent.

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TODAY



Armed robbery suspect sought

The Seminole County sheriff's office Major Crime Section has released a composite sketch of the suspect in an armed robbery that occurred on Friday, Nov. 29 outside the Target store on Red Bug Lake Road in Oviedo. According to the sheriff's office report Victoria Bush, 31, had been shopping at the store at about 3 p.m. when she left the store with her two children. After placing the children in the back seat of the car, reports noted, she got into the car. It was at that time that the suspect ran up to the car and stuck his arm in the door, they noted. The sheriff's office said he showed her the barrel of a gun under his jacket and demanded her purse. According to the report, Bush had just bought a new purse in the store, so she through the window and sped away. The purse he got was empty. Bush called 911 when she arrived home. The suspect is a white male, 26 years old, 5'8" tall and weighs 140 pounds. He has brown hair, which he wore in a pony tail, and brown eyes. Bush also told deputies he spoke with a Hispanic accent. He had a mustache. Anyone with information about this man is asked to call the Sheriff's office at 330-6800.

Heroes honored in Lake Mary

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary City Commission will formally recognize Audrey and Leighton Frasier and two officers from the Lake Mary Police Department who helped apprehend a home invasion suspect last month. The armed home invasion occurred on Nov. 3 at the Frasier's home on Oakland Terrace in Lake Mary. The perpetrator was arrested after the victim's daughter called 9-1-1 and relayed critical information to the operator there. The two officers who were dispatched to the scene arrested the invader inside the Frasier home. The city commission meets tonight at 7 in the Lake Mary City Hall, 100 Country Club Road, Lake Mary.

Junkanoo cancelled

The Sanford/Olando-Bahamas American Junkanoo and Goombay Cultural Festival Inc., has cancelled its festival scheduled to be held Dec. 6-9 in downtown Sanford.

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'Start that war on drugs'

By VICKI BOESCHNER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The City of Lake Mary, which was the site of October's U.S. Congressional Subcommittee hearing on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, is not going to let the subject of drugs in the

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Lake Mary and community representatives discussed the growing problems of drugs in the community at a summit at Lake Mary City Hall yesterday. Those on hand for the workshop included Lake Mary mayor David Meador, former mayor of Lake Mary Lowry Rockett, Lake Mary

Police chief Richard Barry and Herman Martinez and Ric Hershey, both of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Also present: Randy Pawloski from Seminole Community College and John Litton, Lake Mary city manager.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Firefighters, pilot to the water rescue



A Seminole County Sheriff's Department helicopter piloted by Capt. William T. Armstrong hovers over Lake Monroe in an air-water rescue

operation in preparation for this weekend's Sailfest Regatta.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Sailfest safety enhanced by pros' drop and rescue skill

By RUSSELL WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Four and one-half minutes. That's the maximum response time for a helicopter-drop rescue should it be required this weekend on Lake Monroe during the Seminole County Sailfest Regatta. Rescue squads from the Seminole County Sheriff's Department Tactical Air Operations, the Sanford Fire Department and Seminole County Fire Department are triple-teaming this year's regatta. As in the past, two rescue boats also will be deployed at the regatta - the air rescue unit is making its regatta debut. The regatta is a weekend-long event at which spectators are welcome along the shore of Lake Monroe. The team effort is unique in Florida - Dade County being the only other area that has such an air-water emergency operation. Capt. William T. Armstrong of the Sheriff's Department's Air Tactical Operations said a

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Season comes alive with song

By VICKI BOESCHNER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford community will come together in a celebration of music and light on Friday evening to kick off the holiday season. The Sanford Community Choir will strike the first chords of the city's Christmas celebration when they perform for the first time publicly in the Magnolia Square just

prior to the lighting of the city's Christmas tree. Beginning at 6:45 p.m., the 20-member choir, representing many of the community's churches, will take the stage to perform an hour-long concert of traditional Christmas music. The Community Choir is under the direction of Dan and Libby Sellars. Dan is the music minister at the First United Methodist Church of Sanford.

Home for the holidays

"This has always been a dream of mine...to bring the whole community together like this. It's not just the historic district, it's everyone in Sanford," said Cathy Bossett, who has been organizing the event.

After the conclusion of the concert, the Christmas tree will be lit and the group and the audience will join voices to sing "O Christmas Tree." That is hardly the end of the festivities, however. The singers will lead the crowd on a leisurely, song-filled walk from Magnolia Square to the Cultural Arts Building at the corner of 8th Street and Oak Avenue where there

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Annual youth, adult conference to heal past, build the future

By MARVA HAWKINS
Herald Columnist

The 4th Annual Youth and Adult Conference Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Seminole Community College again will feature outstanding presenters who will give a vast amount of information to those attending. Over 180 young people and adults have pre-registered for the conference with a theme called "Recognition of Excellence, Healing the Past, Building the Future." Concurrent sessions will run from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon; a luncheon is scheduled from 2-3:30 p.m. Attendees will receive a continental breakfast from 8-9 a.m. The opening session will begin at 9 a.m. with Corine Varn-Wilson, Executive Director of Central Florida Chapter of International Black Women's Congress. Seminole Community College President Dr. E. Ann McGee will deliver the greeting, and the National Chapters of IBWC President Dr. LaFrancis Rogers-Rose will be the guest speaker. Scheduled topics for discussion throughout the conference are for the youth sessions, as follows:

- "Teen Parenting," presented by Stewart Washington and Bernice Parker Bell. These issues will relate to parenting, skill building, when to ask for assistance, nurturing, discipline and making time for yourself.
- "Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself," presented by Larry Williams and Monica

Buggs. Topics will include intimacy, responsibility in a relationship and abstinence.

- "We've Got to Get Up! Get Out! and Get Something!" presented by Derryl Hanson and Joan Fuller. Learn to make decisions, develop skills, set goals, goal setting for daily living, peer advice and pros and cons.
- "Toward the Year 2000 and Beyond," presented by Delaine Priest and Denise Epps. Learn the value of an education, what type of education is important, career development and exploration: "Yes, I can be whatever I want to be!"

Adult sessions will address the following topics:

- "Healthcare for African-Americans," presented by Dr. Billie Jean Pace and Willie B. Newman. Issues explored will include managed care for African-Americans, fears, myths and development of health concerns chronological to age.
- "Destroy the Root of Debt and Live a Prosperous Life," presented by E. Gallon-McQuee. This is especially designed for indebted individuals searching for a way out and wanting to take back control of their lives.
- "Don't Give Up: Downstaging and Entrepreneurship," presented by Dr. Charles English. This session will focus on current employment issues, alternatives, career change, training, self marketing and effective job searching.

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Ready to attend Saturday's conference of empowerment are Beverly Robinson, Corine Wilson, Jackie Bailey and Connie Anderson.

Herald Photo by Marva Hawkins



Alico and SFWMD to conserve land

LA BELLE — Alico Corp., one of the state's leading dairy farmers, and the South Florida Water Management District closed a deal to buy 21,700 acres of Alico land for conservation purposes.

The parcel of wetlands, known as the Okaloocoochee Slough, lies in Hendry County just southwest of Lake Okechobee in central Florida.

The water district paid \$11.5 million for the land, which will be left in its pristine state of hammocks and uplands. The deal closed Wednesday.

Alico has long used the land for grazing livestock and logging.

"We are pleased to provide this unique parcel to the state for preservation," said Ben Hill Griffin III, Alico's president and chairman of the board. "The sale is consistent with Alico's policy of selling land which is not an integral part of our agricultural operations."

Tourism growing too fast for workers

DESTIN — Tourism is growing fast on the Florida Panhandle's beaches, but there aren't enough seasonal workers for businesses catering to visitors.

The tourism boom has pushed housing costs beyond the reach of most hotel, restaurant and retail workers.

About 60 Destin area community and business leaders met Tuesday to begin searching for solutions before the summer tourism season.

The focus is on bringing in workers from surrounding communities, such as Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, DeFuniak Springs and Gulf Breeze, up to an hour's drive away.

The Destin Area Chamber of Commerce is studying the idea of van pools, but Destin Development Co. president Bob Boness said that probably will be just a first step. He said that at some point, the area will need a bus system.

A task force expects to produce a van pooling proposal by next month, and three job fairs are planned to advertise jobs and gauge interest in the van plan.

Chamber officials envision charging a fee, possibly \$1 per trip, but say that still could save employees up to \$2,500 a year on the cost of driving their own car.

Daughter accused of filing false report

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The daughter of a Clay County commissioner has been accused of filing a false, politically motivated report charging another commissioner with child abuse.

Rebecca Adams, 23, daughter of Commissioner Larry Lancaster, is scheduled to be arraigned Dec. 26 on a charge she filed a false report about Commissioner Charles W. "Buddy" Griffin.

Griffin said Tuesday the false report was a vendetta because he had campaigned against the re-election of Lancaster, a high school government teacher. Lancaster's brother is the sheriff.

If Ms. Adams is found guilty, Assistant State Attorney Timothy Collins said he would recommend the court withhold adjudication of guilt and sentence her to six months probation, 120 hours of community service, a \$1,000 fine and court costs.

The maximum penalty is 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Griffin said a state abuse investigator came to his home a few months ago and told him someone had accused him of abusing his 6-year-old son. He and his wife were preparing to take the child to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for a fourth operation to repair a congenital heart defect.

FPL paid penalty

JACKSONVILLE — Florida Power & Light paid a \$100,000 civil penalty for firing a senior nuclear engineer after he accused the utility of putting profits ahead of safety, a company spokeswoman said.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission imposed the fine for alleged discrimination against Richard R. Robinas, 49. FPL paid the penalty Wednesday.

"In taking this action, FPL has not admitted any violation of NRC requirements," utility spokeswoman Janice Brady said. "FPL management made the decision to pay the fine so that we could put this issue behind us."

FPL and the engineer reached an out-of-court settlement in October under which the utility paid Robinas an unspecified amount of back pay and damages, and he waived his right to reclaim his job.

Before the settlement, Robinas said that his firing reduced him to delivering newspapers. He since has been hired as a part-time teacher of electrical engineering at Florida Atlantic University.

Robinas said he had been blackballed by the nuclear power industry.

FPL says he was dismissed on Aug. 19, 1981, because he refused to undergo psychological testing as part of NRC requirements.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Teens drank blood, planned murder

By LISA HOLMWA
Associated Press Writer

EUSTIS — Hours before Richard and Ruth Wendorf were bludgeoned to death, their daughter's friend aliced open his arm and a girl drank his blood, a witness says. Then, she says, he calmly made plans to kill the couple, calling their daughter for directions to her home.

"He said it was because he wanted their car. I didn't think he would ever be capable of doing it," Shannon Yohe said Wednesday. "I didn't think he was dangerous, not until that night. Then I felt a little afraid of him."

Yohe, 16, was named as a witness to the plot in an affidavit released Wednesday, after one of the murder defendants made her first court appearance in Florida and was denied bond.

The Wendorfs were killed Nov. 25 at their home near Eustis, a small town 30 miles northwest of Orlando. Police say a group of vampire-obsessed teens killed them and stole their car to go to New Orleans. Their 16-year-old daughter is among those charged with first-degree murder.

Police say the youths drank their own blood and that of mutilated animals. Investigators

believe the teens became attracted to vampires because of a best-selling, role-playing game.

Yohe was close friends with defendant Roderick Ferrell, 16, who had moved to Murray, Ken. from Eustis. She knew Heather slightly through school and mutual friends, she said.

"When I knew him, he was normal, to a point," Yohe said. "There were things that were weird about him, but there are things that are weird about any high school kid. ... I thought I knew him."

But on the night of the murders, she said, Ferrell visited her with three Kentucky friends: 19-year-old Dana Cooper, 10-year-old Sarah Remington and 18-year-old Scott Anderson.

She said he no longer acted like the friend she once knew. For one thing, Yohe said, his arms were scarred with slash marks. And shortly into the visit, he began rummaging through her kitchen for a knife.

"He took one and slit his arm, and I was like, 'Oh my God,' she said. Ms. Cooper sucked the blood from his arm, she said.

"Then they started talking about where the best places to cut were, which parts taste best. I was like, 'Get out of my house.'"

A short time later, she said, Rod began talking about murdering the Wendorfs in order to steal their car.

"The others just sat there and nodded. One of them, she (Remington) didn't really seem like she was into it."

Ma. Cooper appeared in Lake County (Fla.) court Wednesday and was denied bond. The other teens are awaiting extradition from Baton Rouge, La., where they were arrested on Thanksgiving.

Ma. Cooper, Ferrell, Anderson and Heather Wendorf face first-degree murder charges. Ms. Remington is charged with being an accessory to murder.

According to the affidavit, Heather asked her older sister weeks before the slayings if she had ever considered murdering their parents.

"(Heather) went on to state that she (Heather) had decided that Rod Ferrell would be a person to ask if you wanted someone killed," the affidavit said.

Jennifer, 17, told investigators about the conversation soon after she found their parents' bodies. She also told police that her sister and Ferrell had written to each other for more than a year before the murders.

Those who know Heather said Wednesday she was a quiet, artistic and generally well-behaved sophomore at Eustis High School.

Several students said she was slightly in the shadow of her older sister, an outgoing and popular cheerleader. Their mother worked at the high school as a volunteer, filing papers and helping with other tasks.

"Some people think that Heather was jealous of her sister, but I don't know," Yohe said.

Another friend worried about Heather's friendship with Ferrell, who seldom came to class during the brief time he was enrolled at the school. Students said he dressed in black, dyed his long hair black, and painted his fingernails black.

Classmate Lortasha Crosby, a friend of Heather for the past three years, was among those who said she was wary of Ferrell.

"He would say he would kill me, that he would stab me with a pencil," she said. "I was scared of him, yes I was."

Crosby said she knew Heather's parents "got on her nerves" but she had never heard her discuss killing them.

They come in peace

Members of the local Star Trek group, who often conduct fundraisers for charity and for community efforts, took some time out of their busy schedules to watch the premiere of the new Star Trek movie *First Contact*. While at the Regal Cinema in Lake Mary for the first showing of the film, the clerk at the refreshment counter learned they no longer use money in transactions and she offered them some snacks.

Harold Photo by Roger Hornack



Appellate court upholds Baby K's adoption

By JOEY PASCETTI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Rachel and Orlando Ventura heaved a sigh of relief for adoptive parents everywhere.

In a Wednesday move that could bolster the rights of those couples, a state appellate court upheld the adoption of the Venturas' 4-year-old girl. Last September, a judge had reversed the adoption of the girl — known as Baby K — because her biological father came forward and wanted custody.

"I'm ecstatic," Rachel Ventura said about the decision. "I believe this case is going to write history as it goes along. It feels great to know that no one will be put in the predicament that we were in."

Child advocate Karen Gievers said the decision by Florida's

Third District Court of Appeal clarified that biological parents who have had their parental rights terminated cannot participate in the adoption proceedings.

"I think this is a major decision," said Gievers, who represented Baby K. "It should give encouragement to people who are thinking of coming forward to adopt a child."

Baby K, a blonde with hazel eyes who had been abused by her mother's boyfriend, was not the first child the Venturas wanted to adopt.

An infant they cared for was killed in April by her biological mother. The state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services — now known as the Department of Children and Families — had pushed for the baby to be returned to her nat-

ural family in New York.

After the Venturas adopted Baby K, HRS said her biological father, George Setters of Fort Lauderdale, had come forward. An initial search for him may have been flawed, the agency said.

HRS filed a motion to set aside the adoption, and Dade Circuit Judge Arthur Taylor agreed last September.

On Wednesday, the Third District Court of Appeal reversed that decision. The court said the adoption is valid because Setters' parental rights were severed when the adoption was originally finalized on May 1.

"He was a stranger to the proceedings, and the fact that he was supposedly the child's father was legally irrelevant," according to the decision handed down by the three-judge panel.

His attorney, though, said the decision was expected, and Setters hopes to prevail next month in juvenile court to restore his parental rights and gain visitation.

"This isn't an alleged dad," said attorney Elizabeth Daugherty. "This isn't just some guy off the street saying, 'Hey I'm Dad.' He's just relieved to get moving in juvenile court."

Yet, what legal standing Setters had was no doubt undermined by the ruling Wednesday. The valid adoption gives him no right to Baby K, the Venturas claim.

"I don't want to count my chickens before they are hatched, but I'm getting more confident," she said.

Antia Bock, head of DCF for Dade and Monroe counties, says she hopes the case is over.

MIAMI Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
6-22-21-25-7

Cash 3
0-1-0

Play 4
1-3-5-9

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THE WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers. High in the mid 70s. Wind becoming southwest 10 mph chance of rain 30 percent. Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Low in the mid 50s. Wind becoming northwest 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Friday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Wind north 10 mph becoming southwest 10 mph. Saturday: Increasing clouds with scattered showers by afternoon. Lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Highs in the mid to upper 70s.

THURSDAY Pty cldy 52-74	FRIDAY Pty cldy 57-75	SATURDAY More cldy 58-77	SUNDAY Showers 55-68	MONDAY Fair 45-68

MOON PHASES

New Dec. 10th

First Dec. 17th

Full Dec. 24th

Last Jan. 1st

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and choppy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 68 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and choppy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 68 degrees.

SOLAR TABLE: min., 2:15 a.m.; 2:50 p.m.; max., 8:10 a.m., 6:30 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: high, 3:59 a.m., 4:11 p.m.; low, 10:17 a.m., 10:25 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 4:04 a.m., 4:16 p.m.; low, 10:23 a.m., 10:30 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 4:19 a.m., 4:31 p.m.; low, 10:37 a.m., 10:45 p.m.

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Thursday: Wind southeast 10 to 15 knots early becoming south to southwest 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet increasing to 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop becoming a moderate chop. Widely scattered showers. Thursday night: Wind southwest 15 knots becoming west to northwest 10 to 15 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet.

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 72 degrees and the overnight low was 48 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Thursday, totalled 0 inches.

☐Sunset.....6:28 p.m.
☐Sunrise.....7:03 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 10. Better wear hat and sunscreen.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

City	Hi	Lo	Pre	Ch
Amarillo	56	31	city	
Anchorage	36	19	city	
Atlanta	66	38	city	
Austin	54	49	33	city
Baltimore	48	31	city	
Boston	46	28	city	
Brownsville	76	64	city	
Burlingame	36	30	47	city
Burlington, Vt.	37	23	city	
Casper	38	14	city	
Charleston, S.C.	48	27	city	
Charleston, W. Va.	48	28	city	
Charlotte, N.C.	54	32	city	
Chattanooga	56	38	city	
Chicago	38	19	city	
Cincinnati	39	26	city	
Cleveland	38	28	44	city
Concord, N.H.	38	28	city	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	54	49	44	city
Denver	34	18	city	
Des Moines	37	21	city	
Detroit	48	28	41	city
Honolulu	88	75	41	city
Houston	48	31	city	
Indianapolis	37	21	city	
Jackson	39	28	city	
Kansas City	54	38	city	
Las Vegas	68	38	city	
Little Rock	68	38	city	
Los Angeles	78	51	city	
Los Angeles	78	51	city	
Memphis	51	38	city	
Minneapolis	38	28	city	
Mobile, Ala.	54	38	city	
Nashville	47	38	city	
New Orleans	48	31	city	
New York City	48	31	city	
Oakland	48	31	city	
Ocala	54	38	city	
Philadelphia	47	38	city	
Phoenix	54	38	city	
Pittsburgh	48	31	49	city
Portland, Maine	48	31	city	
San Antonio	54	38	city	
San Diego	68	41	city	
Shreveport	48	31	city	
Tulsa	54	38	city	
Washington, D.C.	54	38	city	

Will biker get new murder trial?

By **ANNON BATE**
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Seven justices will now decide the question that may determine whether Joseph "Crazy Joe" Spasiano lives or dies: Did key witness Anthony DeLisio lie originally? Or is he lying about having lied?

The court heard from lawyers arguing both sides of the question Wednesday. The justices' decision next spring will determine whether Spasiano dies in the electric chair or gets a chance at freedom through the parole process.

Spasiano's lawyer argued that DeLisio, the main witness against him in his 1976 murder trial, lied when he told jurors how Spasiano three years earlier had shown him the body of an 18-year-old hospital clerk at a dump.

The attorney general's office argued that DeLisio told the truth 20 years ago, and lied this January when he testified that he fabricated his earlier testimony.

Technically, the court will be deciding whether Seminole Circuit Judge O.H. Eaton properly or improperly granted Spasiano a new trial in the murder of Laura Harberts. But that decision will likely turn on whether justices think DeLisio lied this year or 20 years ago, as a drug-addled 18-year-old.

Justice Charles Wells asked Spasiano's lawyer, Jim Russ, why the court should believe a man today who swears he was a liar before. "Why should he be believed in 1997?" Wells asked.

Russ, of Orlando, said that DeLisio grew up with an abusive father and a stepmother who carried on a sexual relationship with DeLisio until the day she married his father.

In contrast, the past few years have seen DeLisio become religious and, as a result, want to recant the untrue testimony that put Spasiano on death row.

"The conviction of Mr. Spasiano rests solely and entirely on the shoulders of Anthony DeLisio," Russ said.

Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Nunneley, though, said that Eaton ran the January hearing with the preconceived notion that DeLisio lied in 1976 and was telling the truth in 1996. Eaton's order, granting a new trial, is unsupported by the testimony of the hearing, Nunneley said.

"What Judge Eaton did in this case was absolutely wrong."

Woman sentenced in baby's death

By **The Associated Press**

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — A 19-year-old woman who pleaded no contest to smothering her baby moments after giving birth alone in her bedroom got three years and 10 months in prison.

Kay Marie Dunlap had become frightened when the boy started to cry and put her hand over his mouth until he died, prosecutors said.

She kept the body in her bedroom for two days before burying it in a hand-dug grave near a cemetery in her hometown of Turon, in south-central Kansas.

Ms. Dunlap, who pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter last month, was sentenced Wednesday at the Reno County District Court.

Judge Steven Becker said he took into account that Ms. Dunlap was repeatedly sexually abused by her stepfather, starting when she was 14.

Ms. Dunlap said she hid the pregnancy from her parents — and the young man who fathered the child — out of fear of being kicked out of the home. Her parents were out of town July 24 when she gave birth.

Nunneley said. Justice Leander Shaw, however, pointed out to Nunneley that Eaton's role was to decide whether Spasiano deserved a retrial, and the Supreme Court's role was to see if Eaton acted within his bounds in doing so.

"We are not a fact-finding tribunal here," Shaw said.

If the court rules that Eaton acted correctly, then prosecutors will have to try Spasiano within 90 days on a case that, without DeLisio's testimony, is unlikely to result in conviction.

Although police have been working to tie Spasiano to other murders, so far those efforts haven't been fruitful. A second skeleton found with Harberts' at the Altamonte Springs dump has never been identified.

If Spasiano were retried and acquitted of Harberts' murder, he would escape a death sentence and would periodically come up for parole on a rape conviction until he dies or is released.

If the court strikes down Eaton's order, Spasiano would return to death row, where he so

far has dodged five death warrants in his 20 years in prison. Nunneley said he expects a ruling from the court in the next four to six months, but he can't

predict what it might be. "I learned a long time ago not to try to guess what they'll do. And I don't play the lottery, either," Nunneley said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Domestic violence

John Dykeman, 37, of 1763 Angle Rd. in Longwood, was arrested outside Columbia Medical Center in Sanford on charges of battery and domestic violence stemming from an incident earlier in the day. The suspect allegedly assaulted his girlfriend at a local motel in Sanford, entering through the front door, allegedly then attempting to choke the victim. The victim said she was punched and threatened with her life as the suspect fled. A warrant was issued and the suspect was found at the hospital later in the day. He is being held on bond.

Jewelry stolen

An 18 karat gold band with an emerald cut diamond was stolen from a residence in the 2300 block of South Sanford Ave. The band is valued at \$3,500 and there are suspects.

Truck stolen

A 1999 white International Tractor with South Carolina license plates was stolen at the intersection of First Street and Pomegranate Avenue in Sanford. The truck is valued at \$40,000 and there are no suspects.

Theater burglarized

A cellular phone, handgun, \$500 in cash and \$1,000 in payroll checks was stolen at the United Artists Theatre in Sanford.

Stolen car located

A 1991 Oldsmobile was found at the 2300 block of Park Ave. in Sanford after being stolen from a residence in the 1000 block of Mangoustine Avenue in Sanford.

Thirty thousand pounds of Xerox paper in the back of a 1985 International truck which toled a 1996 trailer was stolen from the Food Lion parking lot on Orlando Drive in Sanford.



Tiny Tim remembered

MINNEAPOLIS — With a ukulele on his chest and six mauve silk tulips beside him in his coffin, Tiny Tim was remembered as a courtly entertainer who loved to please his audience.

"He always wanted to exceed the expectations," his widow, Susan Khaury, wrote in the funeral program. "If he was supposed to do one song, he did three. If he was supposed to do two or three, he did five. No matter how he felt, the show must go on."

About 400 people gathered Wednesday at the Roman Catholic Basilica of St. Mary to eulogize the scraggly haired singer best known for his ukulele, falsetto voice and 1968 hit song "Tip-toe Thru' the Tulips with Me."

Fans came from as far away as California, Florida and the East Coast for the service.

"Tiny Tim was a great performer — that's who Tiny Tim was," said Hal Stein, a cousin who grew up with the singer.

Tiny Tim, who lived in Minneapolis, died Saturday night after suffering a heart attack while singing his trademark song at a benefit in the city. He was 64.

Before the service, visitors filed past the open coffin. The tulips and a small white stuffed rabbit were at his side; the ukulele sat on his chest. The coffin was to be placed in a mausoleum this afternoon in a private ceremony.

Fan Terri Marika, who tucked the tulips beside Tiny Tim, said the singer will never go out of style. "He's just someone who will stay with you forever."

Government overstates inflation

SUN CITY, Ariz. — An advisory panel concluded Wednesday that the government overstates inflation.

The panel, led by Stanford University economist and former Bush administration adviser Michael Boskin, proposed changes that would slash the deficit but raise taxes for millions of Americans and leave Social Security and government pension recipients with a smaller annual increase.

Congress and President Clinton would have to approve the proposal.

It would mean a decrease of \$6 a month, or \$66 a year, in the annual adjustment for Social Security the first year it took effect, according to projections by the Social Security Administration.

The projections show that by the 10th year, the monthly Social Security benefit would be \$108 lower than it would have been otherwise, resulting in a cumulative loss of \$6,504 for the average retiree during that period.

The panel said the Consumer Price Index exaggerates inflation by 1.1 percentage points annually and should be replaced with a true cost-of-living index, producing \$601 billion in deficit savings over a decade.

Criticism Intensifies

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are intensifying their criticism of measures that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic is taking against opponents, but they have carefully refrained from criticizing Milosevic himself.

Massive post-election protests in Serbia have left U.S. diplomats scrambling over how to react to possible political changes in once tightly controlled Belgrade and fueled a debate within the administration over the impact on Bosnia.

Initially, the United States responded to the protests with guarded criticism of the Serbian government. But as the unrest spread, U.S. condemnation intensified. It culminated this week with the State Department threatening to impose economic sanctions on Serbia.

Crowds reaching 150,000 have been demonstrating in Belgrade for the past two weeks over the annulment of last month's local elections. The ballot gave an opposition coalition control over Serbia's largest cities for the first time since communists took power 50 years ago.

The Serb government responded by cracking down on the news media. As a result, the State Department said Wednesday that the Voice of America will expand its broadcasts to Yugoslavia.

Divided over illness

WASHINGTON — Five years after the Persian Gulf War, researchers remain deeply divided over why thousands of veterans who fought are still sick. Several doctors claim their jobs are threatened because they are offering new theories that dispute government findings.

"Washington and officials have to realize that the enemy is an unknown disease and it's out there in the desert," said Lebanon, Pa., epidemiologist Katherine Murray Leisure, one doctor who says her job at a VA medical center is at risk. Thousands of veterans returned from the 1991 war with such symptoms as memory loss, joint and muscle pain, depression, skin rashes and chronic fatigue. Suggested causes include chemical or biological weapon exposure, experimental vaccines, parasites and environmental pollutants.

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EDITORIAL

Shoplifters beware

People who regularly read the police reports in the *Sanford Herald* will easily notice a rash of people being arrested on charges of retail theft. One grocery store in Sanford is prominent in the news, with five to 10 such arrests each week.

Just in the past few weeks, people have been arrested for talking or attempting to take various types of cosmetic and food products from store without paying. As they go through the exit door, an alarm goes off, and store security officials or police have been doing an excellent job in apprehension.

On almost all of the arrest or incident reports, there is one statement which stands out, and hopefully should stand out to people who think they can get away with retail thefts. It says, "The store will prosecute."

In other words, even taking a 39 cent candy bar, as was one of the more recent cases, will result in prosecution, just as readily as an attempt to take \$40 or \$50 in food products.

One would think that the people who commit these thefts are homeless folks who have no food and no money. Generally, such is not the case. A few of the people arrested have been listed as living in some relatively well-to-do neighborhoods, or seen driving newer and rather expensive vehicles.

The caliber of people who are arrested can also be judged by the type items they attempt to take, such as suntan lotion or facial cream.

The punishment for retail theft generally isn't very stiff. People aren't going to end up spending 10 to 20 years in jail because they stole a pack of hotdogs, but repeated violators find themselves in probably more hot water than they may believe could be thrown at them.

We commend the store management for pursuing prosecution. We hope there are very few who just accept this as "part of the business." Losses through retail thefts are generally compensated by increased prices.

One major business, with nationwide retail stores, has publicly stated that they automatically mark the cost of merchandise up 10 percent or more, to compensate for losses caused by shoplifters. In other words, everyone is paying the cost for this type of business loss.

This same retail store often hires four to six persons strictly to deal with attempted shoplifting and retail thefts. Again, it's a cost passed on to the regular customer.

Looking at it this way, we should be pleased with the number of retail theft arrests our law enforcement officers are reporting. Yet there are many more, some where the person is not apprehended, others where the theft has not been detected.

When shopping, be aware of others. If shoplifting is believed to be under way, report the incident to store personnel. It may be real or imaginary, but even major stores could use a few extra pair of eyes.

As for those who will be placing an item in a bag, cram it under clothing, or attempt to hide it in other ways, be warned. Store personnel, the law, and the entire society doesn't like what you do. If you are caught, you deserve the punishment given to you. If you continue to do it, the punishment will grow, and habitual retail thieves will get more than they thought from their actions.

LETTER

Audit, please

Seminole County mirrors what's wrong with governments throughout the United States today, whether local or Federal.

In Seminole County, we have a County Commission either with knowledge of a cover-up of tax monies, or of unwisely used funds, at the very least. Unless they open this mess up to the public, there is going to be a cloud hanging over county government for some time. The present County Commission will be remembered as one of, or the worst, in county history.

I would strongly suggest the County Commission stop wasting time fighting between yourselves, and vote for a full audit of the Roads and Public Works Department before more comes to light by other means, and the public loses what little faith they MAY have left. It's time for the citizens to know what's going on. It's clear that's what the press wants. Why, or what are Randy, Dary and Win afraid of? Is it worse than we imagine?

Geoff Cook
Sanford

WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Prepare to weep for welfare

"If you have tears, prepare to shed them now." So said Antony to the Roman crowd. In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," as he showed them the stab-wounds in Caesar's corpse.

The words would be equally appropriate coming from our liberal media, as they prepare to cover the welfare arrangements of the 50 states. Beginning Jan. 1, under the welfare reform act passed by the Republican Congress and signed by President Clinton, the states will assume responsibility for all welfare payments.

The federal government will continue to provide the money, in the form of grants to the states, but each state will be authorized, and indeed required, to decide who gets welfare payments, and on what conditions, and how big the payments will be.

Every state has its own ideas on this subject -- and rightly so, since each state is different, and local conditions may well call for different solutions. In addition, the hope is that the techniques invented and used in certain states will prove more successful than others, and be capable of wider application.

But there are bound to be shortcomings, especially in the beginning: states that fail to meet reasonable standards, or in which innovative ideas simply don't work as planned. It is there that the liberal media will be prowling, as the Great Experiment unfolds in 1997. You can

expect that your TV screen and your local liberal newspaper will be full of grim stories about helpless single mothers and their sad-eyed children, all of whom face immediate starvation because the State of Mississippi isn't doing its job.

In fact, the media are puckering up already. "WELFARE CUTS CALLED DEVASTATING," shrieked the biggest headline on Page 1 of the *San Francisco Examiner* on Nov. 30. "Recipients fear they won't be able to cover the basics," added the subhead. And the lead paragraph maintained the pace:

"When her welfare benefits are slashed in January, Tina Bolden doesn't know how she'll pay the bills that stack up each month for her and her three children. Bolden's family is one of 2.7 million in California whose benefits will be reduced starting Jan. 1. The reductions stem



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from the state's plan to implement federal legislation governing welfare payments. ... 'I'm going to barely be able to afford a roof over my head,' said Bolden, who lives at the Hamilton Family Shelter. ...

"The latest cuts will mean a single parent in San Francisco with two children who now receives \$594 a month in Aid to Families with Dependent Children will get \$565 in January. ... To offset the reductions, food stamp allotments will be increased. For every \$3 cut in welfare, recipients will receive an extra \$1 in food stamps ..." -- or, in other words, an extra nine or 10 dollars in food stamps. A recipient's over-all payment will thus be "slashed" about \$20, or slightly more than 3 percent. That's on top of her regular food stamp allotment, housing subsidy, etc.

States that have already instituted welfare reforms report that one immediate result is a drop in the number of people on the welfare rolls. Evidently a good many recipients quickly make other arrangements when the welfare spigot starts to go dry.

For Ms. Bolden, that may or may not be an option. If not, however, she may soon receive a visit from the first lady. Mrs. Clinton has announced that she plans an active role in monitoring the implementation of the welfare reform act by the states, and we can expect to see (and hear) her showing up in inner cities around the country.



MORTON KONDRACKE

Standing against reform stampede

As the media, the political "reform" movement, the White House and many members of Congress stampede to further limit campaign spending, it's good to have at least one honest politician stand up and say, "Whoa."

That politician is Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has blocked reform legislation before and is vowing to kill the bipartisan McCain-Feingold plan to make congressional campaign finance look like the sieve-like system that now governs presidential campaigns.

Instead of trying to limit campaign spending, McConnell wants to make raising money easier and to require total disclosure of every penny raised and spent.

Before long, McConnell will be accused of resisting virtue and motherhood, when actually campaign finance is a subject for deep philosophical debate between honest opponents.

On one side are Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., two other straight-shooters, whose bill has been endorsed by the White House, most campaign-reform groups and editorial pages.

The premise of the bill -- and for pressure for enactment in the first 100 days of Congress next year -- is that the public is fed up with special-interest domination of politics, is demanding "reform" and wants less money to be spent on politics.

As McCain said recently on ABC's "This Week" program, "I believe that the American people are demanding campaign finance reform and we'll either enact it or the people will replace all of us."

What McCain, Feingold and allies like Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., propose is banning "soft money" -- contributions that individuals, corporations and labor unions can make on a nearly unregulated basis to political parties for "party-building" activities that often include -- thanks to court rulings -- open advocacy of specific candidates.

They also want to create a system encouraging candidates to voluntarily limit spending by offering them a limited amount of free TV time and discounted broadcast and postage rates. And they would sharply curtail political action committees, PACs, which raise money from like-minded individuals in companies, unions and other special interests.

One thing wrong with the McCain-Feingold proposal is that it almost certainly will be declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, which increasingly holds that campaign spending is a form of free speech under the First Amendment and can't be curtailed.

In 1978, the court ruled that rich individuals can't be stopped from spending whatever they like on their own campaigns -- leading to vast expenditures by such candidates as Senate wannabe Michael Huffington in California in 1994 and presidential contender Ross Perot in 1992 and 1996.

This year, the court widened the floodgates by ruling that a political party -- specifically, the Colorado GOP -- could spend its money on "independent expenditures," i.e. campaign ads, favoring specific candidates and blasting the opposition.

The court decisions led other reformers, like outgoing Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., to favor a constitutional amendment permitting Congress and states to pass laws limiting spending and contributions.

The Democratic leaders of the House and Senate announced recently that they would shortly introduce a constitutional amendment, although they acknowledged the difficulty of gaining a two-thirds majority in Congress for the measure.

Even if Congress passed the amendment, they said, it would have no effect on 1998 races. So, the Democrats are likely to also favor the McCain-Feingold approach.

Against this massive tide stands McConnell as one of the few politicians to say that reform is headed in exactly the wrong direction. He disputes that too much money is being spent on politics or that the public truly is clamoring for "reform." As columnist George Will pointed out on TV Sunday, all the political ads run on TV this year accounted for only 1.3 percent of all commercials and the amount spent on political advertising equaled the amount spent to advertise yogurt.

The problem, as McConnell sees it, is that the amounts individuals and PACs can contribute to campaigns have been limited to \$1,000 and \$5,000, respectively, since 1978 and ought to be raised so that candidates don't have to spend all their time raising money and instead can communicate with voters.



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JACK ANDERSON

Aussies hope Clinton won't neglect them

SYDNEY, Australia -- The first couple went through the usual motions here as they arrived for a post-election visit: They buttered up their hosts, and got a friendly reception in return.

But President Clinton is unlikely to follow up on promises he made to renew America's interest in this far-away ally. At least that's the view of some Australian officials -- and some U.S. diplomats in the region -- after the Clintons' recent vacation here, which misquered as a state visit.

None of these officials would speak on the record with our associate Dale Van Atta, whose visit to Australia coincided with the Clintons'.

Interviews conducted after Clinton's departure suggest that the only Australian officials truly optimistic about the first couple's visit were those in charge of tourist promotion.

"He just said what we wanted to hear," groused one parliamentarian, who had attended Clinton's address in Canberra, the nation's capital. "He was all smiles and attention, and (said) we must be closer to each other than before. But after (playing) golf with Greg Norman and walking all over our Great Barrier Reef, we will be just a distant memory."

A key U.S. diplomat in the region was even more laconic: "Just because he played here, doesn't mean he'll give us a second thought." The diplomat added that "it is hard enough to get Clinton's ear for anything that is foreign policy, but getting him to focus on the issues of the Pacific region is positively hopeless -- and will continue to be so, despite all this hoopla and his promises to his Australian mistress of the moment."

Another American diplomat said he had hoped for more public protests during Clinton's visit. "At least then he would have known there is more serious business going on here than vacations," the diplomat said.

Indeed, Clinton's visit was surprisingly uneventful considering what happened the last two times an American president paid a visit Down Under.

When Lyndon Johnson came in 1966, the Vietnam War was just heating up and Australians staged violent demonstrations in the streets. Some signs even insulted the first lady, calling her "Lady Bird-butcher bird."

A quarter-century later, President George Bush visited the country on a friendly, three-day jaunt. But demonstrators were soon booing him in Canberra and Melbourne over issues like Australian farm subsidies.

This time, Australian officials made sure demonstrators would have limited access to the Clintons. Publicly, few words were spoken about a simmering trade dispute between Australia and the United States. "We didn't want anything to mar the visit," explained one Australian official. "We wanted him to be happy about Australia, and think of us with a smile."

The downside of that objective is that presidents tend to only care about the squeakiest wheels in the world -- one reason why Australia was barely an afterthought during Clinton's first term.

A U.S. National Security Council source told us that "the only country Clinton thinks about in the Pacific is Japan, and the rest aren't even on the horizon." That could change in the coming months, as Clinton's close relationship with Indonesian business magnate James Riyadi has stirred an uproar in Washington.



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Drugs

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community go unresolved. On Wednesday afternoon, community leaders met at Lake Mary City Hall to begin formulating a plan on strategies for tackling the growing problem.

"The commission has committed to take the lead in establishing a private/public partnership to focus our community on this area's growing drug problem," City Manager John Litton said.

The congressional subcommittee, at the invitation of Congressman John Mica, met on Oct. 14 to hear how the problems of drugs affect the community, from law enforcement, to community leaders, to families.

The problem, they showed, did not plague only rich or poor, men or women. It affects the whole community.

Litton said yesterday's meeting will be a core group of law enforcement and judicial representatives.

"It is the position of the city that we have to take a proactive stance," Litton said. "We have to

really try to take on the problems head on through prevention and education."

The task force that is being formed will unite public services and private money. Litton promised to make for a strong coalition to send a forceful message to those who are using drugs or even considering their use.

"I think it's best described as a tough love approach," he said. "We're offering the education and the assistance and we want people to make the right choices."

Wednesday's meeting was designed to establish a direction for the task force. Ten or so people will be in attendance at today's meeting, but Litton hopes to at least triple the size of the group with both business leaders and government officials.

"Several business leaders have already committed to helping with this approach," he noted.

Litton said it was time to do away with the cliché of a war on drugs and actually start that war.

Conference

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"Welfare Reform: The Impact," presented by S. McClervy. Topics will include major welfare reform issues and unexpected impact training. Counseling will be available.

The closing panel will discuss: "Excellence in Review," "The Year 2000" and "What Will My Contribution Be?"

This conference will answer many questions in the minds of its participants. There are still openings available; call Corine Van Wilson at (407) 331-5666. This non-profit organization registration fee is \$10. for youth and \$20. for adults.

Kisha Stewart, the "Yes, I Can." award recipient will highlight the luncheon session.



Sheriff's Department pilot Captain William T. Armstrong instructs Sanford and Seminole County Fire Department divers on how to

position themselves to the skids on the side of his rescue helicopter.

Rescue

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copter can be off the ground in three minutes or less and to the crisis area in another minute and a half.

Two expert divers from either the Sanford or Seminole County fire departments stand securely strapped - on skids on each side of the copter, ready to be dropped into the lake to make a rescue.

"This is a select group of well-trained, well-fit divers - a SWAT team of rescue workers," said 43-year-old Armstrong, an Orange County officer for 21 years and a pilot for 10 who has been with the Seminole County Sheriff's Department the past year and a half.

Seminole County has two copters - Alert I and Alert II - which Armstrong says can get to any lake in the county within six minutes after leaving the hangar at Sanford Airport. The copters also serve the lakes of Orange County.

Lt. Max Buffkin said that the Sanford Fire Department has 13 expert divers - 12 men and one woman (Stacey Dunning) on its water rescue team. These divers will work on each of the three days of the regatta.

In recent weeks, Buffkin and others have worked with Seminole County Fire Department divers, making their initial drops into Lake Monroe.

"We want to be as efficient and as quick as possible," Buffkin said. "Dropping into the water takes getting used to. You might be a little hesitant at first but as you feel the adrenaline build, it's all in place. You simply do what you're trained to do."

The divers carry only a minimal amount of equipment, which is stored in the copters and dropped separately into the water.

If a copter is at a rescue site - as at the regatta this weekend - the divers simply jump on the skids. If not at a site, the copters and divers meet at designated staging points. In this case, the divers would be inside the copter because of the height the copter might need to fly.

Usually, 10 to 15 feet is as high as a copter will operate with divers out on the skids. "We may kid about going higher," Buffkin said.

Rescue time, not hang time, is what matters, of course

Choir

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will be another event around the 18-foot Christmas tree at the center, which will include bell ringers from First United Methodist Church and some more singing.

Crafters will also be on hand to sell their wares at the Cultural Arts Building.

After a few songs and some refreshments, everyone will be invited to walk along a luminary-lit path along Oak Avenue from the 500 block to the 800 block to see beautifully decorated houses and back in the glowing light of the 1,000 luminaries that will be placed along the path.

Carol Leonard donated the bags and Ace Hardware gave the sand to make the luminaries. A local gentleman who prefers to

remain anonymous gave the money to purchase the candles. Bossert said the residents in the historic district have been responding to her plan. She hopes the community will also turn out to support the event as well.

Friday night's activities will be a preview of the weekend events, including the Holiday Tour of Homes and "Structural Drama," a collection of architectural pieces salvaged from old homes, which will be on display at the First Street Gallery from noon until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday (simultaneous with the home tour).

At 4 p.m. Saturday, an ensemble from the First Baptist Church of Sanford will perform Christmas music and secular favorites at the gallery.



DEATHS

GASTANO F. "GUY" DI BENEDETTO
Gastano F. "Guy" Di Benedetto, 84, Landover Drive, Sanford, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1998, at the Island Lake Nursing Home in Longwood. Born Oct. 8, 1912, in Cambridge, Mass., he moved to Central Florida from Connecticut in 1974. He was a retired manager of First National Stores. Mr. Di Benedetto was a member of Church of the Nativity. Survivors include wife, Esther, Sanford; daughter Susanne Henaley, Sanford; brother, Louis, West Haven, Conn.; two grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

HENRY ISAAC
Henry Isaac, 67, West 13th Street, Sanford, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1998 at Park Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Maitland. Born July 26, 1929, he was a lifelong resident of Sanford. He was employed as a farm helper. Mr. Isaac was a Baptist. Survivors include wife, Carrie J.; sons, Anthony People, Alton Isaac, Sunnie Isaac and Henry Wilson, all of Sanford; daughter, Debra Sweet, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; brothers, Reddick Isaac and Alton Isaac, both of Sanford; and sisters, Mary Isaac and Juanita Johnson, both of Sanford. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN T. ROBINSON JR.
John T. Robinson Jr., 77, Miller Road, Sanford, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1998, at his residence. Born Oct. 17, 1919, in Elkridge, W.V., he moved to Central Florida in 1976. Mr. Robinson was a retired coal miner. He was a Baptist. Survivors include sons, William E. and John T. II, both of Sanford; sisters, Helen Gilmore, Sanford, Dorothy Cook, Hampton, Va., Mildred Booker, Charleston, W. Va. and Wanda Robinson, Calif.; brothers George Robinson, Sanford, Angus Robinson, Hampton, Va.; 26 grandchildren, one great grandchild. Beacon's National Cremation Society, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 98-2046-CA-14-W
HOME SAVINGS OF AMERICA, F.S.B. f/r/o Home Savings of America, P.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
HAMID WAGHFI and HAMID WAGHFI AKA HAMID WAGHFI, if living, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants; and unknown persons in possession of the subject real property.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Hamid Waghfi if living, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants; and unknown persons in possession of the subject real property.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 34, LAKE GRANLEY HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, AT PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written answer, if any, to it, on FREDERICK J. MURPHY, JR., Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, Donald S. Murphy, 248 South Central Avenue, Post Office Drawer 30, Sanford, FL 32321, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS OBLIGED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on NOVEMBER 26th, 1998.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 98-1813-CA-14-W
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, suing through the U.S. Trustee in Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Plaintiff,
vs.
KENNETH SOTO, a single man; and BEBE MORALES, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SEMINOLE
TO: KENNETH SOTO, last known residence and address: 1200 Holden Avenue, #217, Ocala, FL 32669
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Seminole County, Florida: The North 18 feet of Lot 15, Lot 16 and the South 30 feet of Lot 17, Block 2, ALLEN'S FIRST ADDITION TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 23, Public Records of Seminole County, Florida, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written answer, if any, to it, on FREDERICK J. MURPHY, JR., Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, Donald S. Murphy, 248 South Central Avenue, Post Office Drawer 30, Sanford, FL 32321, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.
DATED on the 31st day of November, 1998.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION, AT 301 NORTH PARK AVENUE, SANFORD, FLORIDA 32771, TELEPHONE (407) 323-4330, EXT. 4287, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) OR VOICE (V) 1-800-955-8771 VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.
(SEAL)
MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk of Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 98-1946-CA-14-L
J.I. KIBLA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF
vs.
ALLAN D. DEBOWERY; LUPITA DEBOWERY; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 19th, 1998, entered in Civil Case No. 98-1046-CA-14-L of the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit in and for SEMINOLE COUNTY, SANFORD, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY Courthouse located at 301 N. PARK AVENUE in SANFORD, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 1999, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK T, HOWELL COVE GOURTH SECTION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGES 47 AND 48, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Dated this 20th day of November, 1998.
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)
MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Derahly W. Bolton
Deputy Clerk
THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given: McConnel Towing will sell at Public Auction for Salvage for Cash on demand to highest bidder, the following described vehicle:
87 Dodge 1B3BA44E2HG1992861
88 Dodge 1B3BD31DFQ234778
89 Amer 2J4FY39M3KJ112433 1B-22-98
78 Chevy 1N3BU01196828 1B-26-98
86 Amer 1M2AC8888FK161718 1-8-97
88 Chevy 1G11LV11WJ6J232370 83 Volvo YS1488S1044247 1-3-97
84 Ford FAP1P1R3K230888
The Auction will be held at 12:00 pm on said date above. McConnel Towing & Recovery, 2800 Sanford Ave., Sanford, FL 32773. Prospective bidders may inspect vehicles one hour prior to sale. Terms are cash or certified funds. McConnel Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
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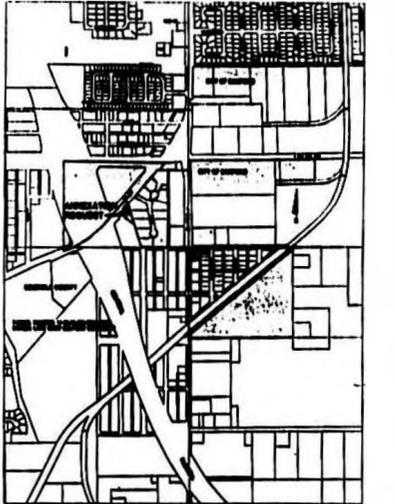
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 98-1820-CA-14-W
SUNTRUST BANK, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
DAVID EARL RICH, his wife; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); HOUSE OF DAVID ASSEMBLY, INC.; JACK JAGGERS and CNA INSURANCE COMPANIES, as Subrosee of Jack Jaggars; SOUTHEAST TITLE GROUP, INC.; VIRGINIA COWARY and
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ORDINANCE NO. 2819
TO ANNEX A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD 427 AND NORTH WAY AND BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD 427 AND KEYES AVENUE; AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW:
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Legal Notices

GARY E. MASSEY, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case in the Circuit Court in and for Seminole County, Florida, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder in cash at the West front door of the Courthouse in Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, at the hours between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., on DECEMBER 15th, 1998, that certain parcel of real property situated in the County of Seminole, State of Florida, more particularly, described as follows:
The West 160 feet of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, South of Railroad, less road right of way on South, lying in Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, Seminole County, Florida, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 301 N. Park Avenue, Suite N-301, Sanford, Florida 32771 not later than five days prior to the proceeding. Telephone: (407) 323-4330 ext. 4287, (703) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. DATED this 7th day of NOVEMBER, 1998.
MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By Jane S. Jasevic
Deputy Clerk
Robin L. Morris, Esq.
Post Office Box 3288
Orlando, Florida 32802
(407) 426-2271
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 98-1820-CA-14-L
WYSTRHAUSER MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANK L. WILLIAMS, III, et al., Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: PATRICIA WILLIAMS
Residence Unknown
If any, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against PATRICIA WILLIAMS, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described. You are hereby notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in SEMINOLE County, Florida: LOT 4, HOWELL COVE, a subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 31, 32, and 33 of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida, a/k/a 167 Winton Drive, Sanford, Florida 32771
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written answer, if any, to it, on Robert S. Kahane, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Suite 300, 1870 Madras Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33149, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Sanford Herald and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 21st day of NOVEMBER, 1998.
(SEAL)
MARYANNE MORSE
As Clerk of the Court
By: Patricia F. Mills
As Deputy Clerk
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People

IN BRIEF

Sunrise Kiwanis meets Friday

The Seminole Sunrise Kiwanis Club meets every Friday, at 7 a.m., at Shoney's, US 17-92, south of Airport Boulevard. Guests are welcome. For information, call Tony McDaniel at 324-0460.

Free clinic every Friday

GENEVA - A free clinic to include blood pressure check, blood sugar screening and immunizations will be held every Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Geneva Elementary School in the old school building, corner of First and Main Street in Geneva. The clinic is sponsored by the Seminole County Health Department in conjunction with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Geneva Elementary School. For information, call 349-9284.

Substance abuse discussed

SAFE, Substance Abuse Family Education, is conducting a "Families in Crisis" outreach program. Interested organizations wanting to contact the Life Savers Club of SAFE may call Libby Kuharske at 291-4357.

COMA announces meetings

The Concerned Organization of Men in Action (COMA) meets the first and third Friday, at 6 p.m., in the church annex at St. James AME Church, Ninth Street and Cypress Avenue, Sanford.

Sunbelt Daylily Club to meet

Sunbelt Daylily Club meets the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. through April at the Ag Center in Sanford. The club educates members on daylily growing through slide shows, guest speakers and trips to daylily gardens. There are no club dues. Call 886-3198 for more information.

Weight Watchers meet on Thursdays

A local chapter of Weight Watchers meets at the Lake Mary Community Building every Thursday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Omni Toastmasters meet at Heathrow

The Omni Toastmasters Club #6861 will meet at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at the AAA building, 1000 AAA Drive, Heathrow. Guests and prospective members are welcome. Call Bertram Glick, 323-6089, for more information.

Depressive/Manic Support Group

Depressive/Manic Depressive Support Group meets at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Thursdays, Lakeside Alternatives, 434 W. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville; and 10:30 a.m., the second Saturday, at the downtown Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. For information, call 381-5070 or 645-4375.

Brain Food: Feed for the brain

No kidding, all seriousness aside

A man named Alan Caruba will announce on Monday the Most Boring Institute's 13th annual "Most Boring Celebrity."

Caruba, the Institute's founder and lone member, says he has had to choose from an enormous list of over-qualified candidates.

O.J. Simpson, the winner the previous two years, is not eligible. Caruba, speaking to us from his headquarters in gorgeous Maplewood, N.J., said he wanted to avoid killing a good idea.

Biggest bore for 1997, based on "massive media over-exposure," will be somebody else.

Caruba - you can call him Al - says he wants to be fair and funny and give the Biggest Bore his or her just due.

He's surely thrilled still by TV's Ellen DeGenera, commenting, "I can't wait for her to come in or out of her closet."

Like most of us, Caruba's just tickled silly by Bob Dole.

He believes Chicago Bull Dennis Rodman is definitely a



Russ White
STAFF WRITER

drag. "He's a role model from Hell," said Al. "A tattooed cross-dresser who gives weird people the creeps." He suggests Rodman and trash-mouth Howard Stern double date. "Each other."

Unsurprisingly, Caruba is fond of Marge Schott and Kathie Lee Gifford.

And he loves the Macarena. "Very tough pick this year," Caruba said.

Boring celebrities, he explained, have had to compete with some dreadfully boring events this past year. He found the Olympics awfully enter-

taining. As was the Macarena until Al Gore tried to dance," he said.

Princess Di would be a nice try.

So, too, would the Shaq guy. Caruba, 59, is a longtime public relations counselor, editor and writer and says he gets interviewed 1,000 times a year (this is his first by the Sanford Herald). The New York Times and Good Housekeeping are two of his favorites.

In order to make an honest living, Caruba "Don't you love the name...there aren't many Carubas," he said) is publisher and huckster of a book, "Beating Boredom."

In March, he will announce his latest Most Boring Films of the Year Awards, just before the Academy Awards thing.

He dreams of one day leading a Boring March on Washington.

If that doesn't work out, Caruba envisions a "Million Alan March on Washington."

Seems he has recently formed

a group known as the International Forum of Alans.

Says he got the idea from the universally successful Jim Smith Society.

He says he is making a worldwide challenge to see the splendid name, Alan, achieve a new prominence.

Naturally, he names an Alan of the Year.

Last year's recipient: Alan Park, O.J. Simpson's limo driver.

All Alans or Alaynes or Alanas are welcome to join. Send him \$10 for membership if you live in the U.S. It's \$15 otherwise. In either case a steal.

Each "fellow" will receive a certificate of Alan authenticity.

One way or another, Alan Caruba seems to have found his niche - celebrating boredom and elevating Alandom.

"Unless we get some nonsense into our lives, we will die of ennui," he said.

We won't argue with this. Let's give the man a mullet.

Holiday shopping without going broke

If you do nothing else to keep costs down this holiday season, follow this one simple rule:

LEAVE YOUR CREDIT CARDS AT HOME!

Studies show that, during the holidays, people who use their credit cards to buy presents spend over 30 percent more than those who use cash. Add in all the finance charges and you could spend up to 50 percent more on your holiday shopping.

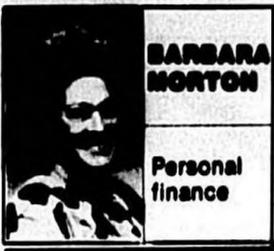
The month between Thanksgiving and Christmas is the busiest shopping time of the year. It also seems to be the one time of the year people forget about their personal finances. They simply head to the mall with their credit cards in hand and spend hundreds of dollars on impulsive purchases. Some people make that trip to the mall two or three times.

And of course, they have to get a little something for themselves, a new outfit or a new pair of shoes.

If you would like to save money on your gift-buying this year, make a list of all the people you are buying for and how much you want to spend on each person. Most important, stick to it.

Once you have made your list, get your shopping out of the way as early as possible. The closer it gets to Christmas, the more people seem to get caught up in the "spending atmosphere." Also, by getting your holiday shopping over with, you can enjoy the rest of the season free of stress.

Avoid offers of free gifts to open a department store credit card. Having a long list of credit cards available to you damages your credit report.



BARBARA MORTON
Personal finance

Furthermore, these types of cards have exorbitantly high interest rates. Other cost-saving tips include:

Make your gifts. If you are artistic and like doing crafts, give people something you have made by hand. First of all, it is more appreciated by the person receiving the gift. Second, it is less expensive to buy the materials than it is to buy the gifts themselves.

Try a gift exchange. If you come from a large family, put everyone's name in a hat and then draw names for who goes on your shopping list. That way, everyone buys one present instead of ten.

Ask people what they want. If you want to make sure people enjoy the presents you buy, ask them ahead of time to make a list of what they want. Or ask their spouse or parents so it remains a surprise. Another way to ensure that a

present will be appreciated, and a sure way to stay within your budget, is to buy a gift certificate.

Avoid expensive stocking stuffers. Get small snacks, like bags of dried fruit or nuts, for the stockings. Other inexpensive gifts include socks or paperback books.

In the future, one of the best ways to save money on holiday shopping is to plan for it through the year. Many people buy gifts year-round, then store the presents in the closet until the holidays get closer. Opening a Christmas Club account at a bank or credit union is another great way to spread the cost of the holidays out over the whole year.

If you would like to see huge savings on next year's holiday decorations, purchase all your gift-wrap, bows, tags and invitations right after Christmas this year. They are usually marked down by up to 50 percent because the stores want to get rid of any inventory that is left over.

Make this holiday one of the most enjoyable ever, and do it wisely. With a little effort, you will have money left over for 1997.

Barbara Morton is Education Director for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Florida, a non-profit, United Way-affiliated organization that assists individuals in resolving credit problems. Please address all letters to her at CCCC, 276 Sanford Herald, 288 N. French Ave., Sanford, FL 32771. For more information call (407) 423-CCCL.

Neighbor's street is her own lover's lane

DEAR ABBY: For some time now, an adult neighbor I'll call "Greta" has been meeting her lovers on her street. She lives a couple of blocks over, but she apparently doesn't want her teen-agers to see her meeting these men. She and her dates arrive separately, then join each other in one car and don't drive away until some deep kissing and partial disrobing have gone on. I thought Greta was a prostitute until I found out where she lives.

It is embarrassing to walk out in our front yard and come upon this scene. I have been tempted to call the police several times, but my wife keeps telling me to mind my own business. She says you never can tell what Greta's story might be, so I haven't called.

Recently I heard that she had divorced her husband, and the episodes seemed to stop. It hasn't been long, though, and the car-hopping has started again. Greta may



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

be protecting her own teen-agers by meeting her boyfriends on our street, but she sure gives the young children and teens on my block a great show. I am fed up, and even my wife now says to go ahead and do what you want.

I think Greta needs help. I'm hoping you'll print my letter so she will recognize herself and stop this before I call the police.

CONCERNED IN OCEANSIDE, N.Y.

DEAR CONCERNED: A more straightforward way to handle the problem would be to write your neighbor a letter warning her that if she continues meeting with her boyfriends on your street, the residents will have no choice but to report her to the police.

She and her partners are at the very least guilty of poor judgment, and an arrest for lewd conduct would be embarrassing for all parties concerned.

Let's hope she wakes up before someone files a formal police report.

DEAR ABBY: You asked your readers to add to your collection of random acts of kindness. Perhaps you will be interested in mine: I have multiple sclerosis and am

unable to feed myself. I have an aide on weekdays, and on the week-ends the wonderful women from my swim group come to assist me.

I have never talked about my illness or my limitations, although they are progressively more apparent in the swimming pool, shower room and dressing room. One day, a member of my swimming group approached me and asked if I could use any help. When I answered yes, she organized other willing helpers from the group who have consistently signed their names to a schedule and show up to help.

Such generosity is not what one would expect from the many reports of violence, rudeness and disrespect that fill the media. When I thank these generous people, they thank me for "allowing" them to help me. I consider myself fortunate to have experienced so much that is wonderful about the human race.

SUBAN CLAVER, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

DEAR SUBAN: The most precious gift we can give to others is the gift of ourselves. Your swimming group should call themselves the "floating angels."

What seems need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$2.95 (\$4.95 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

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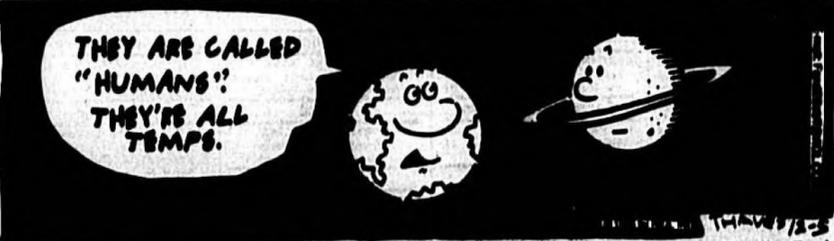
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FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN

by Jim Meddick



Protein drinks aren't all bad

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on the new fad of high-protein drinks that are heavily advertised on TV. Do they really improve performance and mood?

DEAR READER: Synthetic protein/vitamin/mineral drinks, such as Ensure and others, play an important role in maintaining adequate nutrition in people — especially senior citizens — who are unwilling or unable to consume a nutritious natural diet.

For example, because of stress and time constraints, many people forgo meals — particularly breakfast. In such cases, a protein drink can supply needed nutrients quickly and easily. Similarly, older folks, who fall — for one reason or another — to consume an adequate diet, often develop nutritional deficiencies that can be corrected by liquid protein supplements.

In general, the purpose of these drinks is to add (not replace) nutrition. However, many older people can gain strength and endurance from the judicious use of these products, particularly if their diets are deficient. In my practice, I encourage the use of liquid protein drinks as a supplement in people who don't eat a balanced diet.

For instance, I recently examined an 88-year-old man whose ill-fitting dentures prevented him from chewing. He was obviously protein-deficient because he couldn't eat a balanced diet. While his dentist performed the necessary adjustments, my patient was able to improve his nutrition, mood and feeling of well-being by drinking protein supplements.

These drinks should not be considered to be an easy dietary "fix" for the finicky eater, but they do have a place in treating some nutritional deficiencies. Those individuals who regularly consume a balanced, healthy diet do not need such protein supplements.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard recently that high blood pressure medications affect sexual desire. My lover of over 22 years is taking Lasexin and Atenolol every day and his passion for me is gone. I'm feeling rejected, abandoned and grief-stricken at the loss of physical and emotional intimacy that we had. Could the simple act of changing medication be the first step in recapturing the sexuality we have shared for so many years?

DEAR READER: Absolutely. Doctors are becoming increasingly aware of the wide variety of prescription medications that can lessen both sexual desire and performance. The list is endless and covers the gamut from anti-depressants to anti-hypertensive drugs.

Atenolol is such a medication. Although it is an extremely effective and safe remedy for high blood pressure

and heart disorders, this beta-blocker can, in some cases, cause sexual dysfunction. (Lasexin, a heart stimulant, is less likely to do so but can in unusual circumstances.)

Your lover should check with his physician, who may choose to change from Atenolol to another anti-hypertensive, such as an ACE inhibitor.

If the changeover is ineffective, your partner should be examined by a urologist — because, as you know, prescription medicine is only one cause of impotence and loss of sexual interest.

In any case, don't take the issue personally.

First of all, I doubt that your lover's inability reflects a deterioration of your close relation. It's likely that his diminished passion has a physical cause that can be corrected or treated.



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Second, there's no reason why you both can't continue to enjoy physical intimacy. For many adults who experience waning sexual function, hugging, kissing and getting close to provide pleasurable sensations as well as re-affirmation of emotional/physical commitment.

Your feelings of rejection, abandonment and grief are entirely normal but may drive a wedge between you two at the very time when you need more closeness and understanding.

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Deception is delightful

By Phillip Alder

One of the hardest parts of the game to master is deception. Perhaps this is because, for most players, it goes against the grain to "waste" high cards unnecessarily. Also, when you are on defense, there is the danger that partner will be the one fooled, not declarer. And it can be difficult to foresee the effect of a falsecard.

Some help is at hand in "Step by Step: Deceptive Declarer Play" by Barry Rigal (Batsford; \$19.95, postpaid, from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124). In a workman-like examination of the subject, Rigal also discusses points of good technique.

In this deal from the book, plan the play in three no-trump after West has

led the heart king.

If the opening clubs are spitting 3-3, you have eight top tricks. (If the clubs aren't 3-3, you are probably going down.) So, if the diamond finesse is working, you're safe. But if it's losing and you take the first trick, you'll surely lose five red-suit tricks.

Perhaps you should duck the first trick, hoping West will lead another heart. It's fine if he does, but it's big trouble if he switches to spades. How can you encourage West to continue hearts?

The answer is to drop the jack at trick one. Win the second heart and take the diamond finesse, safely setting up your ninth trick.

As I expect you are aware, ducking the first trick with this heart holding is called the Bath Coup. This play of the jack is apparently known — though it is news to me — as the Dirty Coup.

North 12 00 98

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ 7 3 2
♦ A J 7 3
♣ Q 4

West East
♠ Q 7 2 ♠ K J 10 5
♥ K Q 10 8 5 ♥ 9 4
♦ 9 5 ♦ K 10 8 2
♣ J 9 3 ♣ 10 6 5

South
♠ 5 3
♥ A J 6
♦ Q 6 4
♣ A K 8 7 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♥ K



Friday, Dec. 8, 1988

Things could work out for the best in the year ahead if you continue along the same course. Do not make changes until you see the lay of the land.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you go out with friends today, keep everything on a level plane. Do not make unreasonable requests. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each and \$35 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1788, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10108. Make sure you state desired zodiac signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A kity objective might not be achieved today, and it will be your fault. You will know

what you have to do to succeed, but you might not want to pay the price.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Try not to feel sorry for yourself today. It will be an exercise in futility, because your friends are dealing with their own problems.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Keep your curiosity in check at this time, especially pertaining to a matter a friend is reluctant to discuss. He might be trying to spare your feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Associates might not tolerate your behavior today if they think that you are inconsiderate. Make sure to finish what you start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be indifferent regarding logical health habits today. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When dealing with business associates today do not believe everything you hear, especially if you are involved with unfamiliar people or firms.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen to your intuition today. Do not make a commitment if you feel uncomfortable. Your perceptions might be more accurate than your logical assessments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Ignoring an assignment today because you hope to get around to it tomorrow will not be wise. procrastination could cause complications in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When shopping today, guard against the inclination to buy merchandise you do not need. Make a list in advance, and restrict it to essentials.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do not anticipate disappointment today. Look on the bright side; the probability of winning will be equal to the probability of losing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) You are a compassionate person, but today you might suppress this noble instinct. Later, you will feel guilty about someone you could have helped but didn't.

