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## NEWS DIGEST

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##### Challenging the best

PORT ORANGE — What did Lyman earn with its two-point victory over DeLand last night? A date with the state's top-ranked team, the Mainland Buccaneers, tonight at 6:30 p.m.  
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#### People

##### Junior Optimist Club formed

Dr. Robert Leidner and several teachers at Pine Crest Elementary School have formed a Junior Optimist Club, the Alpha Club, under the sponsorship of the Sanford Optimist Club.  
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### BRIEFS

#### Honors bestowed

SANFORD — Sandy Emmert, of Sanford, and Arthur J. Arrowood, of Orlando, are to be honored in Orlando today. The two are credited with having saved the life of a Florida Highway Patrol trooper involved in a fiery crash on Feb. 10.

FHP director, Colonel Ronald H. Grimming, is scheduled to make a presentation to Emmert and Arrowood today in appreciation for their lifesaving efforts when they pulled trooper Michael R. Jordan from his burning wrecked vehicle.

Jordan's patrol car was forced off the Eastern Bellway about 4 p.m., and crashed into a bridge abutment, light pole and guard rail before bursting into flames.

The man and woman, driving separate vehicles, both stopped and pulled Jordan from the burning car in the midst of exploding ammunition and intense heat.

Jordan remains hospitalized with a broken leg and second and third degree burns.

A brief ceremony was scheduled this morning at the conference room of Orlando Regional Medical Center. Trooper Jordan's wife Amber, and Jordan's physicians were to be on hand for the presentation.

#### Deputies in Geneva

GENEVA — Personnel from the sheriff's office District 4 will be moving into a new service center today at the old Geneva Elementary School, First and Main Streets.

Until now, sheriff's personnel have been operating out of a temporary service center in a trailer.

Sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough says the new center will allow the sheriff's office to better serve the citizens of District 4 which includes Geneva, Chuluota and Otebo.

#### Sinkhole situation

LONGWOOD — Seminole County Public Works Director Larry Sellers said crews have backfilled and compacted the dirt in the sinkhole which opened up earlier this week on County Road 427 at the Baywood Commercial Center. Longwood Gravel and lime rock are being added and the area will be paved if the ground remains stable. The road work was done after Longwood utility workers repair the water main which ruptured when the sinkhole opened.

Sellers said the county will do soil borings and use ground-penetrating radar in the area, "to get a look see," before beginning the planned.

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My apple trees will never get across, And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him. He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors.'

-Robert Frost



Today: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. Wind southeast 5 to 10 mph.

For more weather, see Page 2A

# AIDS: Women at risk

## Dramatic increase in victims across county, nation

By SANDRA ELLIOTT  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The number of women contracting AIDS through heterosexual sex is on the rise although the growth of the disease is leveling off in the population as a whole.

As of this month, there are 59 women in Seminole County reported infected with HIV/AIDS, according to data from the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS).

Spokesman Stuart Doyle said the most recent statistics show 25 white women, 19 black women and 15 Hispanic women with AIDS.

In 1993, there were 16 whites, 8 blacks and 12 Hispanics with the disease while in 1994 the numbers were 23 whites, 13 blacks, and 13 Hispanics.

Cases of AIDS must be reported to health officials, however, it is not required that HIV infections be reported. HIV is the virus that

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### WOMEN WITH AIDS

	Feb. 1993	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1995
Whites	16	23	25
Blacks	8	13	19
Hispanics	12	13	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>



378 ADULT MEN & WOMEN AIDS CASES IN SEMINOLE  
Source: Florida HRS statistics. Herald photo by Cheryl Smith

### Hopping to it



Alonica Jones, 3, is a hoppy little girl. Recently, she and her friends at the First United Methodist Preschool in Sanford, helped out Easter Seals by participating in a Hop-a-Thon to raise money for the charity. The two, three and four year olds hopped and bounced for the sponsorship dollars.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

# Call for answers

## Automated system for alimony, child support

By SANDRA ELLIOTT  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — When questions arise about child support payments, alimony checks and court dates, the answers are now available to the public anytime through an automated information and response system put on-line Wednesday in the Seminole County Courthouse.

Domestic Relations is the first department under Circuit Court Clerk Maryanne Morse to use AT&T's (American Telegraph & Telephone) trademarked Conversant voice response system. Plans call for the system to be

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# How much will property owners pay for road work?

By NICK PFEIFAUPE  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — It's not a party, but everyone has been invited to attend. Tonight may be the night for a decision on property owners' assessments for paving and water lines along Sun Drive.

The Lake Mary City Commission has sent letters to all owners of property along the roadway, asking them to attend tonight's commission meeting. The matter is presently scheduled after the city manager, mayor and commission reports. City Attorney Donna McIntosh is expected to outline the procedures which will be required for this matter.

According to plans, the commission is to discuss the special

assessments in an open forum with the public and affected property owners.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing a board discussion will be held, and if a decision is made to approve the levy, the commission must adjourn the meeting and convene as the Equalizing Board. At that time, they will hear and consider any and all complaints as to the special assessments. Decisions are then to be made regarding any changes after which the Equalizing Board meeting will be adjourned and the commission meeting will again get underway. If no decision is made to levy the assessments, the Equalizing Board meeting will not be required.

The whole matter involves an agreement made eight years ago to

have Sun Drive paved and water lines installed. The city was supposed to ask property owners and businesses on Sun Drive to help pay the bill once the work was completed.

Due to confusion over the payback, however, the matter has remained unresolved. Every time it has been brought up for discussion by the commission, various property owners have voiced objections to the amount they may be forced to pay or the methods used to determine the amounts.

Among methods which have been considered in the past to determine which property owner would pay what amount, the city has considered allocations based on front footage, 1987 property values, square footage, height footage, and

impacts.

Depending on which method is selected, various owners would either have their assessments go higher, or lower. An undeveloped property, therefore, would have no trip impact to pay for, if that were selected. If the property value on that same property is high, it would cause a higher assessment to be levied.

Originally, the city was seeking \$226,657.20 from the 11 property and business owners. The figure was subsequently revised to \$179,957.19 with Medplex already having taken care of a \$32,797 assessment.

Other commercial properties on Sun Drive include Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Barnett Bank, and a

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# No fencing the issue

By NICK PFEIFAUPE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The question concerned fencing, and for a while it appeared as though Martin Rak and the Sanford City Commission were doing just that.

For the past three months, Rak has been seeking approval to have a chain link fence at Fina Express Mart, 217 S. Park Avenue. According to his application, he wants to replace an existing chain link fence along the north side of the property which was in disrepair.

The city's Historic Preservation Board had previously denied the request during a December 1st, 1994 meeting. In the statement of denial the board explained, "Chain link fences are discouraged in the historic downtown commercial district."

Based on the single word "discouraged," Rak and attorney Alex Ford presented their case before the Sanford City Commission Monday night. "Under your own guidelines," Ford told the commission, "they don't state you cannot use chain link fencing, only that it's discouraged. It doesn't ban them outright."

The question was brought up regarding how long the old fence, which was to be replaced, was on the property. Although Rak's application indicated the fence was still on the property but in need of repair, Commissioner Lon Howell said he hadn't seen it since there for over seven years.

We replaced the fence in November of 1991.

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### Almost finished



Resurfacing work on a portion of Seminole Boulevard along Sanford's lakefront is expected to be finished by the end of today.

Crews Wednesday were finishing a new top on the road between Myrtle Avenue and the Sanford Senior Center.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent



## POLICE NEWS

### ID card caper

Albert Henry Desmedina, 37, 3401 Decotion St., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at the drivers license office on Airport Boulevard Tuesday. Police said he was reportedly trying to obtain a Florida ID card, and had given an incorrect Social Security number as well as denying that he had a driver's license in Florida. A check reportedly revealed he had obtained a Florida license in July of 1983. He was charged with fraud in an attempt to obtain a Florida ID card.

### Assaults

©Dennis M. Williams, 39, 508 Magnolia Ave., Sanford, was arrested at his residence by Sanford police Tuesday following a reported dispute with his wife. He was charged with aggravated assault, domestic violence.

©Laura Ann Burke, 28, 1918 Lake Ave., Sanford, was arrested Tuesday by Sanford police. According to the arrest report, she had been accused of having been involved in an altercation with a 60-year old man on Jan. 28. She was charged with aggravated battery. Police also found she was wanted on a warrant for uttering a forged instrument.

©Mary Ann Fudge, 23, 1608 W. 23th St., Sanford, and Annette Marie Akins, 28, 304A Geneva Gardens, were both arrested by Sanford police Tuesday after the two reportedly were involved in a fight at Geneva Gardens. Fudge was charged with disorderly conduct, and Akins was charged with battery and aggravated battery.

### Traffic stop

Joseph Jerome Holden, 27, 2324 E. 21st St., Sanford, was stopped by deputies on Briscoe Avenue near State Road 48 Tuesday. Deputies said the license plate on his car was assigned to a different vehicle, and the tag on it was possibly from still another vehicle. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license (habitual offender), having an altered license plate, expired tag, and attached tag not assigned.

### Warrants

©Patricia Denise Hooks, 31, 3414 Marshall Ave., Sanford, was served two warrants at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Tuesday. She was wanted for failing to appear on charges of retail theft, and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

©Orion L. Waldo, 28, 2210 Southwest Road, Sanford, was located at his residence Tuesday by deputies. He was wanted on a writ of bodily attachment for contempt of court.

©Ernest Earl Fields, 48, 3018 Dixon Ave., Sanford, was located by deputies at his residence Monday. He was wanted on a writ of bodily attachment.

©Thurman L. Byrd, 27, 3370 Granby Ave., turned himself in to deputies at his residence Tuesday. He was wanted for obtaining property with a worthless check.

©Christopher Clark, 21, 230 Pineview, Oviedo, was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of introduction of contraband.

©Ronald N. Coffield, 23, 3700 Washington St., Sanford, turned himself in at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted on warrants for having a suspended driver's license, violation of probation on a conviction of sale in lieu of controlled substance, and possession of cocaine with intent to sell/distribute.

©Tramaine D. McClary, 20, 158 Carver Ave., Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for grand theft.

©Connie Jo Nelson, 33, 258 S. Fourth St., Lake Mary, turned himself in at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for driving under the influence of alcohol.

©John Murphy Rows, 33, 174 Lakeside Ave., Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for failing to appear on charges of having a suspended license, and running a stop sign.

### Sheriff reports

©A vehicular burglary was reported Tuesday, in the 300 block of Miller Road in the Lake Jessup area. Five travelers checks, for \$1,000 each, in addition to some private papers, were reportedly taken.

©A TV, VCR and microwave oven with a total value of \$1,100 were reportedly stolen Monday in the 1500 block of Emmett Road near Paola.

### Sanford police reports

©A 1984 Chevrolet was found abandoned Tuesday, with the motor still running, on Airport Boulevard. When police reported the discovery, Longwood police reported they were in the progress of investigating the theft of the vehicle.

©A storage shed was said to have been burglarized Tuesday in the 500 block of West 11th Street. Police say a dining room table, six chairs and a twin bed boxspring, with a total value of \$400, were missing.

©A jar with an estimated \$30 in coins was reportedly stolen Tuesday as the result of a burglary at a residence in the 1800 block of Sumner Avenue. A second report was also filed, for a burglary at the adjacent house, with a telephone answering machine valued at \$150 said to be missing, along with approximately \$500 worth of coins.

### Police reports

©Numerous items were believed to have been stolen early Monday from a fenced compound at the Southern Bell complex, 132 Commerce Way, Sanford.

©Apparent burglars shut off the alarm and smashed a front glass window of a business early Monday in the 1900 block of Country Club Drive, Sanford. Police do not believe any entry of the building was made.

©Two boys, ages seven and 11, reportedly found a rusty 38 caliber revolver in tall grass 60 feet north of 12th Street on Jasmine Avenue, Sanford Saturday. Police said the revolver was listed as having been stolen in North Carolina in 1988.

©A 32 caliber handgun, valued at \$45 was reportedly stolen Saturday during a vehicular burglary in the 500 block of 29th Street, Sanford.

©An estimated \$500 in items were said to have been stolen Friday in a vehicular burglary in the parking lot of Seminole Community College.



Holly Baschore, student council president presented a check to Holly Baschore to help finance her trip to Australia this summer. Assistant principal Cynthia Holt-Miller, principal Bill Moore and Holly's mother Judy Baschore look on.

## SMS student chosen program ambassador

By VICKI BOBROWSKA  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Middle school is a time of decision for young people.

"They must find the right steps to take in order to ensure they are on the proper path toward a successful future."

Holly Baschore is an eighth grader at Sanford Middle School. She has been selected to serve as an international ambassador to the People to People program this summer.

"Holly is a very special student," said assistant principal Helen Goodson. "She is active in school and is a good student as well."

People to People is an international program begun in 1955 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The program was designed to help promote peace in the time of the Cold War. Though the Cold War is over, the call for global peace is still strong. It is hoped that people can make a difference in that effort.

Eisenhower once said that he would have liked to have believed that "people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than governments."

Baschore is one of those people who can make a difference, she represents the People to People think.

This summer, Baschore will be spending three weeks in Australia with representatives from many other countries. They will get to know one another and talk about issues that are important to themselves and to the whole world.

They will be entrenched in the multi-cultural event and learn about their fellow ambassadors and their homes.

Baschore will be among more than 7,500 students representing more than three dozen countries in Australia.

Baschore is an honor student at Sanford Middle School and she has been named as the school's Student of the Week.

She is a member of the school's advanced band and qualified to play flute and bassoon in the Seminole County All-County band. She also voluntarily plays the piano as an accompanist for the school's chorus.

She has been honored by the Sanford Optimist Club as an outstanding music student and by the Sanford Optimist Club for her outstanding academic work.

She was also selected as this year's Sanford Middle School representative to Disney World's Dreamer and Doer program.

"But that's not the most exciting thing," Goodson said. "The students are really supporting her."

In order to show their support for Baschore and her efforts, the school's student council is contributing \$100 toward her expenses in traveling to Australia. In addition, her academic team "Team Comets" is matching that gift.

"We are so thrilled to be able to help such a fine student participate in this special effort," said student council sponsor Sue Ellen Duncan.

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(southern sector)

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROGRESS

Seminole County is a recipient of federal grant funds through a number of programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These include the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME housing grant program (Volusia and Seminole counties formed a consortium in 1991 to qualify for this program), and the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG). These programs are designed primarily to assist the County's low and moderate income residents. In order to streamline the administration of these programs, HUD has consolidated all of the local planning and citizen participation requirements of these various federal programs into a single administrative process: "The Consolidated Plan".

**1995 - 96 Grant Amounts:**

CDBG	\$2,871,000
HOME	\$785,000
ESG	\$92,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,748,000</b>

**Range of Activities:** The County can undertake a wide range of activities under these programs if they benefit low/moderate income people or areas where the majority of the people living there are low/moderate income.

**Initial Public Hearing:** An initial public hearing to report on the performance of the County's existing program, the citizen participation process, and solicit citizen input on housing community development needs will be held on March 2, 1995, at 6:30 p.m. in the BCC meeting chambers.

**Additional Information:** A copy of the complete Citizen Participation Plan, or a Citizen Assistance Packet can be obtained from the County's CD Office. Contact: Anthony Pelt at (407) 321-1130, extension 7384.

## Facelift OK'd for SHS stadium

By VICKI BOBROWSKA  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Seminole High School's stadium was built more than two decades ago.

During that time there have been hundreds of football games, track meets, soccer matches, graduations and other events that have filled the stands to capacity.

While coat after coat of paint and a mural or two have been splashed over the walls over the years, the structure has remained with little more than routine maintenance work. The school has been un-

dergoing extensive renovations and the construction of a new facility for the Academy of Health Careers. At the time that project was started, the school and the school board agreed to not do any work to the stadium.

The board agreed this week to allow a more simplified plan for the work to be done there.

The architectural firm of Burke, Bales and Mills, which is in charge of the other Seminole High projects, has met extensively with school officials to develop the pared down plan.

The new plan for the stadium work is far less costly, officials said.

The proposed work includes enclosing the stadium risers, resurfacing the exterior finishes, upgrading the toilets throughout the facility, providing a small concession stand under the south end of the stadium, a new roof for the structures that are under the stadium and upgrading the facility's systems.

The estimated budget for the planned work is \$350,000.

The proposed architect's fee, which includes the cost of structural, mechanical and electrical engineering, is \$25,000.

The board approved the additional services fee for the architectural firm.

# Editorials/Opinions

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### EDITORIAL

## Promises, promises

State and local governments were very pleased last year when Congress enacted the crime bill. It provided \$10 billion, to be distributed to various law enforcement agencies, with which to hire additional officers. The drive was to help fight the rapidly growing crime problem in our nation. Recently, the first allocations were announced. Sanford is to get enough money for two new officers. Lake Mary and Longwood will each get money for one more.

The catch is that the government will pay 75 percent of the cost the first year, 50 percent the second year, and 25 percent the third year. After that, cities will have to agree to continue employing the new officers.

OK, we can live with that. It will mean our cities will have to pay for such items as health benefits and other necessities, and eventually we'll have to eat the entire cost.

But we see it as an excellent starting place. As of this past Monday, Sanford Police Chief Ralph Russell has not been officially informed that he will be receiving a \$132,561 grant. It has been publicly announced, however, so he expects it will be a done-deal.

The ink had hardly dried on the papers announcing the grants, however, when members of Congress started fighting to change the entire package. Now, some people want to change the entire package, and give money to cities, to use in any way they want to, (hopefully to fight crime).

Let's face facts. Some of the cities in our nation are pretty strapped for funds. This added money may be used in a million different ways under the guise of helping combat crime. Perhaps it's to buy a new city car, erect "City Limits" signs, or be used to build a new park. We all know that, if we really squeeze the point, these could be considered by some governments as crime fighting, but not to the average citizen, however.

We are in no way suggesting Sanford, Lake Mary, Longwood, or any of the other cities scheduled to receive new officers under this program would try to do that. We are suggesting, however, that the federal government should stick to its original plan, at least through the three-year time period.

It's like offering a child a certain amount of candy during the next three years, then changing it to say that you will give their parents some spinach or broccoli, to do with as they choose.

Let's get in contact with our leaders in Washington, and tell them how we feel. Do we want more police officers to help protect our very lives, or do we want our cities coffers to be fuller, to do with as they might?

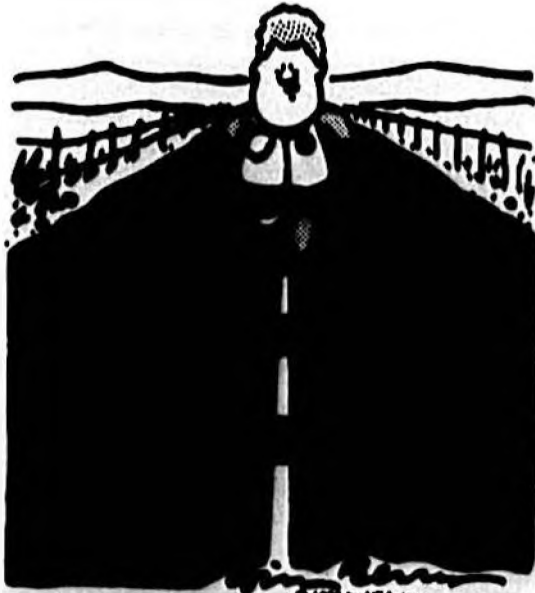
### LETTER

## Ode to caregivers

What would we do without them —  
Humane Society  
Who helps all creatures great and small —  
a better life to be.  
They give them love and give them care  
for all the time that they are there.  
We thank them all for all they do —  
their devotion — God Bless You.

Edna M. Burns  
Sanford

## Berry's World



MID-COURSE CORRECTION?

### WILLIAM A. RUSHER

## Just why are the voters upset?

Ever since the smashing Republican victory in last November's congressional elections, it has been agreed among political commentators that the voters were badly upset. ABC's Peter Jennings accused them of having a collective "tantrum."

It was soon apparent, though, that if the voters had a tantrum, it was a highly selective one. Not a single Republican incumbent, running for re-election as governor, senator or congressman, was defeated; all of the losses among incumbents were on the Democratic side.

This selectivity plainly contradicted Tip O'Neill's famous dictum that "All politics is local." If that were true, then the losses would have been distributed more evenly between the parties, in response to varying local circumstances.

Even more puzzling was the apparent contradiction of the slogan emblazoned on the wall of Mr. Clinton's 1992 campaign headquarters by his canny manager, James Carville: "It's the economy, stupid!" In 1992 the economy was indeed the Democrats' best issue, and Carville was absolutely right to insist on its high priority. He certainly didn't want to discuss foreign policy (President Bush's strong point), let alone get into a debate over character.

But Carville's shrewd insight has, in the past three years, been elevated into a permanent rule of politics, supposedly applicable in all cases, everywhere. Yet last November, when the economy was markedly more robust than it had been two years earlier and President Clinton might ordinarily have been expected to reap the benefit, the voters turned on the Democratic Party like a Rottweiler killing a rabbit. What on earth got into them?

London's Economist is a highly respected magazine, and it observes the American scene with shrewd and basically friendly eyes. Its passion is free-market economics; for the rest its



In other words, it's social and moral issues, stupid.

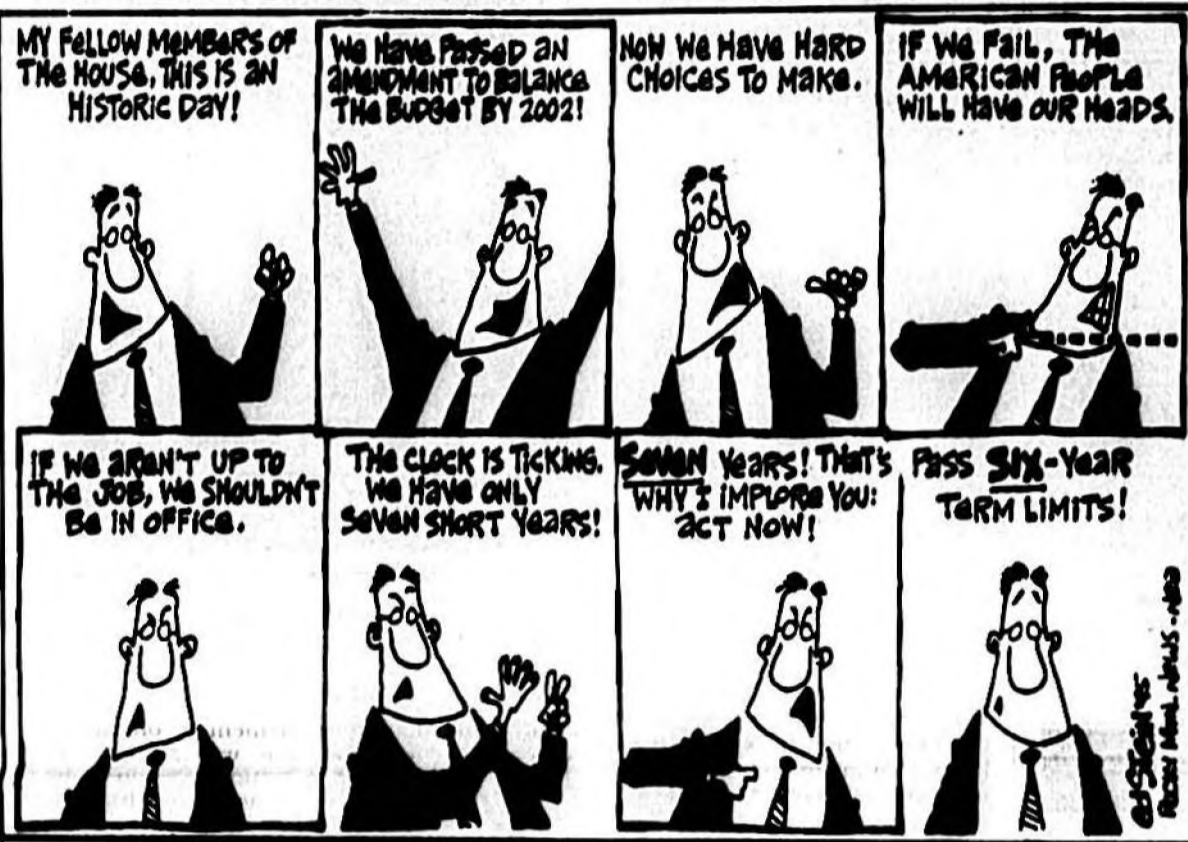
views are, in American terms, roughly centrist. In its Jan. 28 issue, it studies and tries to make sense of the current attitude of the American electorate.

For more than two pages it seeks an explanation in terms of economics. Unemployment is down; consumer confidence is up; job tenure is steady. Why, then, is Mr. Clinton so unpopular, and why did his party take such a drubbing?

Do these signs of economic health impact the voters unevenly, or perhaps not at all? Or is there something the matter with the statistics themselves? On and on the editors go, considering and rejecting every conceivable explanation.

And then, in its last three sentences, the article stumbles onto the truth:

"If economic worry weighs less heavily on voters than many have assumed, then Mr. Clinton's attempts to pander to the middle class with tax cuts, or to the working poor by raising the minimum wage, may be futile. The greater unease may be over social and moral issues rather than the economy, in which case, Republicans may well have a better handle on the state of the union than Mr. Clinton does."



## Why justice system is broken

At the risk of seeming to be repetitious, let's take another extended look at some additional reasons why more and more good and sincere people are feeling and saying our justice system is broke — broke — broke.

The reasons that keep popping up as news releases from all over occur with sickening regularity. Idiocy seems to be almost totally boundless as reported in the various news media.

What follows is a partial additional compilation of what many of you Seminole County folks continually state you feel is a growing cancer in society's gut and is in dire need of immediate correction.

First will be a dateline, followed by the "sub-head as presented," with Grandpa's comments, bringing up the rear encompassed in [ ]s.

Dateline Los Angeles: "Judge bars California from enforcing Proposition 187." (Another federal district judge, one Judge Mariana Pfaltzer by name, came up with a beaut with her alleged reason for hollering "whoa." Something about conflicting with the federal government's authority to regulate immigration. Hell's fire! If the federal government enforced its present immigration policies — whatever they are — there wouldn't be any illegal aliens anywhere in the US of A, let alone in Florida and California.)

Dateline Chicago: "Wanted by FBI for nine years, two freed on \$100,000 bail." (Another federal judge, one U.S. District Judge James Morgan, granted bail to two alleged violent people. Reason — their lawyer stated that they had been leading a quiet life and posed no risk of flight. What did he expect? A full page ad in the local paper screaming "Here we are! Come get us!")

Dateline Chicago: "Chicago judge won't lock up boy, 11, who killed neighbor." (One Judge Stuart F. Lubin by name, decided — all by his lonesome self — that a mere five-year probation in his parent's custody followed by therapy was sufficient punishment/correction for a violent throat-slitting murder of an 83-year-old senior citizen. Maybe if Judge Lubin's mother was the victim, he might have taken a wee bit sterner view. Maybe!)

Dateline London: "British students who killed a dare get life sentence." (Two British elite students of the Gordonstoun School finally met justice — British style — in the throat-slitting murder of a "total stranger." Should have been death by hanging but "life" is one whole hellava lot better than "five years probation" followed by therapy.)

Dateline Harrisburg, Pa.: "Judge removed from bench after numerous convictions." (Ex-Judge Rolf Larsen finally got the boot for allegedly screwing up royally and repeatedly while sitting as a presiding judge. Grandpa's



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only comment will be "What took so long to get it done?")

Dateline Tallahassee: "State's top court delays execution of Florist's killer." (Why? Mr. Paul W. Scott had his trials. New (?) evidence! What new evidence? This major felon's first death warrant was signed in 1983 for a crime committed in 1979 or before. Once again — what is taking so long... and why?)

Dateline Tallahassee: "Top court turns back anti-tax amendments." (Once again, some elite court participants have decided that they know more than several million of a state's citizenry. What the taxpaying-hardworking "grunts" want and are willing to pay for cuts no ice whatsoever. The message is crystal clear. "Do it our way or you don't do it at all." Democracy? Justice? Dinosaurs?)

Dateline California: "Strike three, you're not out." (The people spoke — at the voting booths). The California judges spoke — (We're not going to abide by what you want. We don't like what you did — and we're not gonna do it.)

Dateline Minnesota and Texas and G.O.K.: "See you in court — litigation being used to quiet critics." (Nothing like it. Live your life within the law... as decreed by the lawmakers... and get hung by sundown... as decreed by the law interpreters... our ever lovin' jurisprudence system of judges, lawyers and courts of law. Please note the total abstinence of the word justice.)

You know something folks? More and more good, sincere, hardworking and churchgoing people of all ages are wondering more and more just who is running our country? I, too, have given at least a passing thought along that line.

The president proposes. The Legislature legislates. And the judicial countermands — all too often.

The governor proposes. The state Legislature creates. And the state judicial countermands — again — all too often.

Remember, if it can happen "there," it can happen "here." Now, there's something for you to chew long and hard on.

### JACK ANDERSON

## Pressler shaken by Barney's roar

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., finds himself bruised and battered in his battle with Big Bird and Barney.

As the new chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, Pressler holds legislative sway over some of the most powerful corporate executives in America. But he can't seem to get his arms around the cuddly children's characters who have come to symbolize the opposition to his plan to cut taxpayer support for public broadcasting.

"My message isn't getting through very well," a clearly frustrated Pressler told us. "All they say is I want to cut or kill Barney. That's not true at all."

Pressler apparently underestimated the will of the Public Broadcasting Service — and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting — to engage in trench warfare in defense of the \$285 million it receives from the taxpayers each year. Although the subsidy represents a mere 14 percent of public broadcasting's revenue — and .02 percent of the federal budget — the battle of Barney v. Pressler has become an unwelcome imbroglio for GOP budget cutters.



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PBS fans, officials and employees at some of the 1,000 TV and radio stations that depend on the subsidy are not taking Pressler's assault lying down. The Swan Lake set are not intending Pressler's attack to be any swan song for them.

"Pressler is trying to treat a case of a little dandruff here and there with decapitation," one PBS official told our associate Dale Van Atta.

Responding to his critics, Pressler says he's simply been misunderstood. His plan would not kill public broadcasting, he says, simply remove the taxpayer subsidy in favor of new revenue sources.

"They (PBS) have a treasure trove of profits that the taxpayers could get relief by getting a percentage of," Pressler says. Among other things, Pressler wants public broadcasting to recoup some of the profits generated by the marketing and merchandising of PBS characters such as Barney, the popular purple dinosaur. "The point I'm making is there's some creative ways of having it be self supporting."

With polls showing PBS enjoying 70 percent public support, Pressler has his work cut out for him. Some of his critics believe he is playing fast and loose with the truth as he tries to make his case. PBS officials predict that Pressler will find some of the stiffest criticism coming from his own backyard — his constituents in South Dakota. Support for public broadcasting is strong there, and federal funding is a vital lifeline for the tiny radio and television stations there. As one PBS official put it: "The scorpion's own tail is going to come around and sting him." Not so, says Pressler, who believes South Dakota stations will get more funding under his plan.

While Pressler gripes about the lavish programming budgets of some of the big-market public stations, public broadcasting officials say such complaints are shortsighted. Ninety percent of PBS funds go directly to the 1,000 TV and radio stations, most of which are rural. Big city stations may get less than 4 percent of their budget from the feds, while rural ones may get up to 40 percent of their revenue from the government. If Pressler succeeds, the first to black out may be the small stations with no other options.















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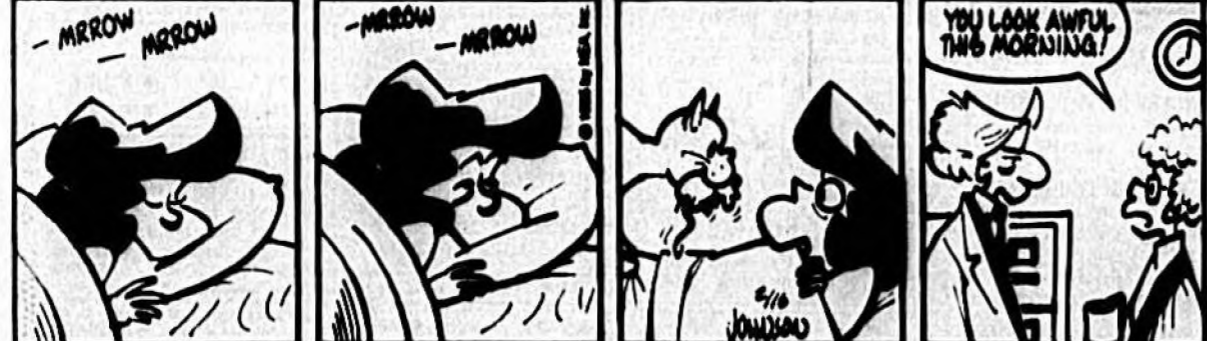
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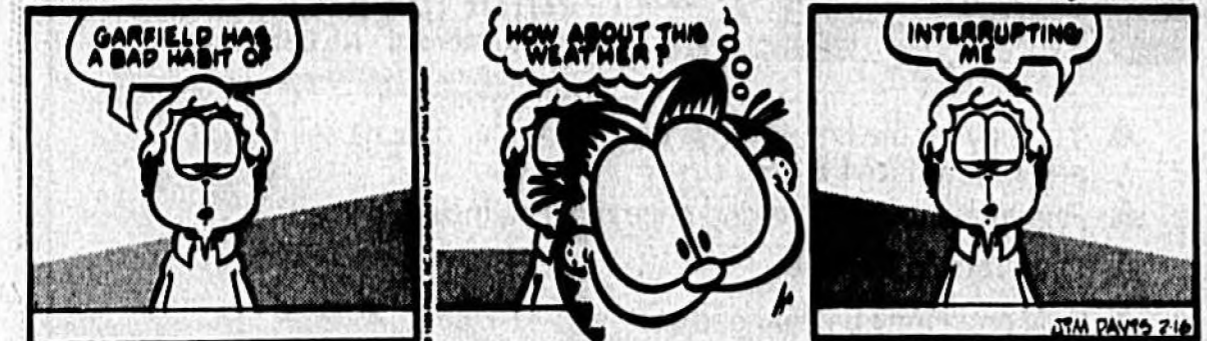
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Medicine beats vinegar for pain of arthritis

DEAR DR. GOTT: In treating arthritis, folk medicine prescribes two spoonfuls of apple cider vinegar...

and many medications, especially those used for cardiovascular disorders. Although I'm not necessarily blaming your medicines for your paresthesias...



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DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a gas problem that has become a great embarrassment to me. I work in an office and for a long while now, no matter what I eat, I pass gas shortly thereafter...

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes the skin on my left shoulder, neck and ear to tingle? I'm constantly massaging these areas. I take high blood pressure medicine and suffer from arthritis...

Word puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder Today's mystery name is Philip Silverman. How did we know him? And no, he wasn't the sister of yesterday's Belle Silverman (Beverly Sills).

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, South, East, and West.

HOROSCOPES

By Bernice Bode Goal YOUR BIRTHDAY Feb. 17, 1990 In the year ahead, you might find more profitable uses for your creative, artistic and inventive talents...

Cartoon strip titled 'ANNIE' by Leonard Starr, showing a character with a speech bubble.