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Today: Partly cloudy and hot with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. Wind south 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain less than 20 percent.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Open house

SANFORD — Crooms Academy will hold an open house on Thursday, May 9 for all parents and students considering Crooms for the 1996-97 school year.

Crooms Academy is Seminole County's alternative secondary school with programs for discipline problem students, disinterested students and teen age parents.

The open house will begin at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room, which is in the school's Administration building.

There will be an informational meeting, followed by a short tour of the facilities.

Crooms Academy is located at 2200 W. 13th Street in Sanford.

For more information, call the school at 322-6022.

Salute to mothers

SANFORD — There will be a special salute to mothers at a Pre-Mothers Day Service on Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at First Shiloh Baptist Church, 7005 Elm Avenue.

Sanford recording artists Minister Marlow Smith, Vernon "Papa" Jones, Cynthia Cassanova Brown, Mary Liggins DeRose, Jay Sam Bell, Eddie Montgomery Jr. and others will be the featured performers.

Children should bring their mothers to be honored on this special night.

Minister Smith will organize a special choir to sing at the service. Anyone interested in singing should attend a rehearsal Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at First Shiloh.

There will also be a Mothers Day dinner at the Sanford National Guard Armory on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Donations for the dinner are \$10 each. For information about the dinner or tickets, call Mary Guy at 321-6008.

For more information about the Pre-Mothers Day Service, call Charles D. Jackson at (904) 532-2335.

Watch your TV

SANFORD — The CBS Television movie, Our Son the Matchmaker, will be seen at 9 p.m. on Wednesday evening, May 8.

The movie, which stars Ann Jillian, was filmed on location here in Central Florida. Much of the filming was done in Sanford.

Many of your friends and neighbors are probably in the movie as the producers hired locals to serve as "extras" in the film.

The movie will be shown locally on WCPX-Channel 6.

Watch for your friends and your town on the television tomorrow evening.

Drivers wanted

SANFORD — Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County is in need of volunteer drivers to work at the Thrift Store, U.S. Highway 17-92 at Airport Blvd. Volunteers are needed Fridays and Saturdays to pick up donations with the Humanity truck, in various areas in Seminole County.

For further information or to volunteer, phone Lynne Torchia, 328-9717.

Correction

Despite what you may have read in the Sanford Herald on Sunday, May 5, the St. Johns River, as any Floridian worth his salt knows, flows south to north. Starting in the southern prairies, it flows into the Atlantic at Jacksonville.

Compiled from staff reports

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SA mugwump is a fellow with his mug on one side of the fence and his wump on the other.
—Harold W. Bodes

Experience commuter rail service

By **DORIS BLOODSWORTH**
Herald Staff Writer

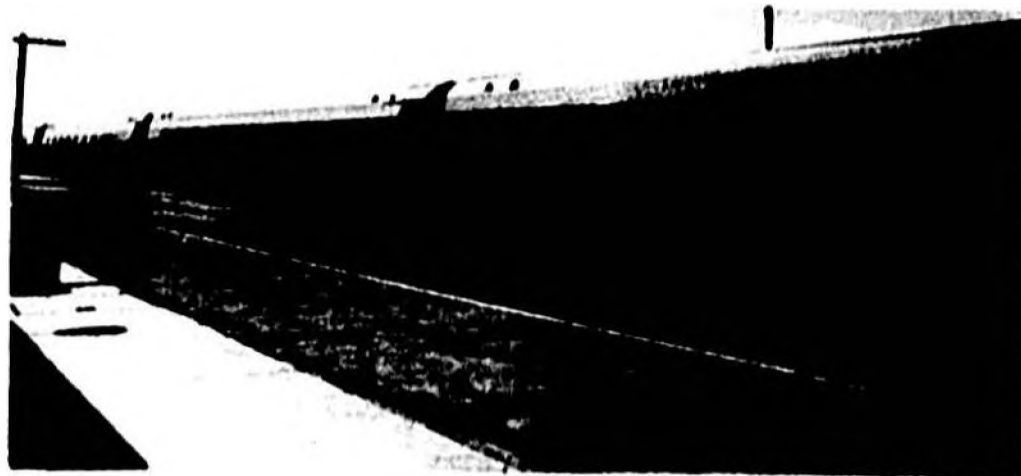
SANFORD — Traffic problems may be caused by today's drivers using tomorrow's cars on yesterday's roads. But Congressman John L. Mica hopes to change that with a commuter rail demonstration on May 17-18.

"It is my hope that community decision makers can come together and move forward to ensure that we will have a fixed transit system and alternative to Interstate 4," Mica said. "With 168,000 cars on a road that was built for 64,000, gridlock on our roadways will only be solved by providing a convenient rail alternative."

According to Sharon Pinkerton, Mica's legislative director, CSX Transportation and the Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority are assisting Mica's efforts by allowing the use of their track, as well as the Tri-Rail double-decker passenger cars for the two-day demonstration.

"The congressman is convinced that it is important to get

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The Sanford Amtrak station is a designated stop for the commuter rail demonstration to be held May 18 for the public. The demonstration is free.

What does Lake Mary taste like?



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Tony Volley, chef at Cafe New Orleans in Winter Park, dishes up some authentic Cajun and Creole cuisine, to participants in Monday night's Taste of Lake Mary. Among those in attendance were Chandra Burch and James Partlow, both from the Sanford law firm Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert, Whigham and Simmons P.A. Various restaurants and grocery stores displayed edible wares, much to the delight of guests.

More kids smoking cigarettes, using marijuana, hallucinogens

By **The Associated Press**

GAINESVILLE — Use of marijuana and hallucinogenic drugs are on the increase and cigarette smoking is the highest ever reported among young people, a survey of nearly 200,000 American schoolchildren showed.

"These findings are alarming and should convince us

to focus efforts at middle school prevention and at reinvigorating parents' groups, national education and prevention activities," said Mark Gold, a professor of neuroscience, psychiatry, community health and family medicine at the University of Florida medical school, who analyzed the study.

Children are much less fearful of illicit drug use or

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Man charged: 300 counts of mail theft

By **JEFF BERLINICK**
Herald Staff Writer

Crime is not only a night job. "It's a misnomer that crime only occurs at night," Seminole County Sheriff's Lt. Paul Jaynes said after the arrest of Donald L. Shapiro, 27, on more than 300 counts of mail theft, most of which occurred in the middle of the afternoon in broad daylight.

Shapiro, driving a red sports car with white stripes containing a 30-gallon plastic trash bag, was arrested Monday at the Windsong Apartments on Bullard Street in Altamonte Springs.

A resident along Markham Woods Road reported the suspect looking through his mailbox and contacted the sheriff's department.

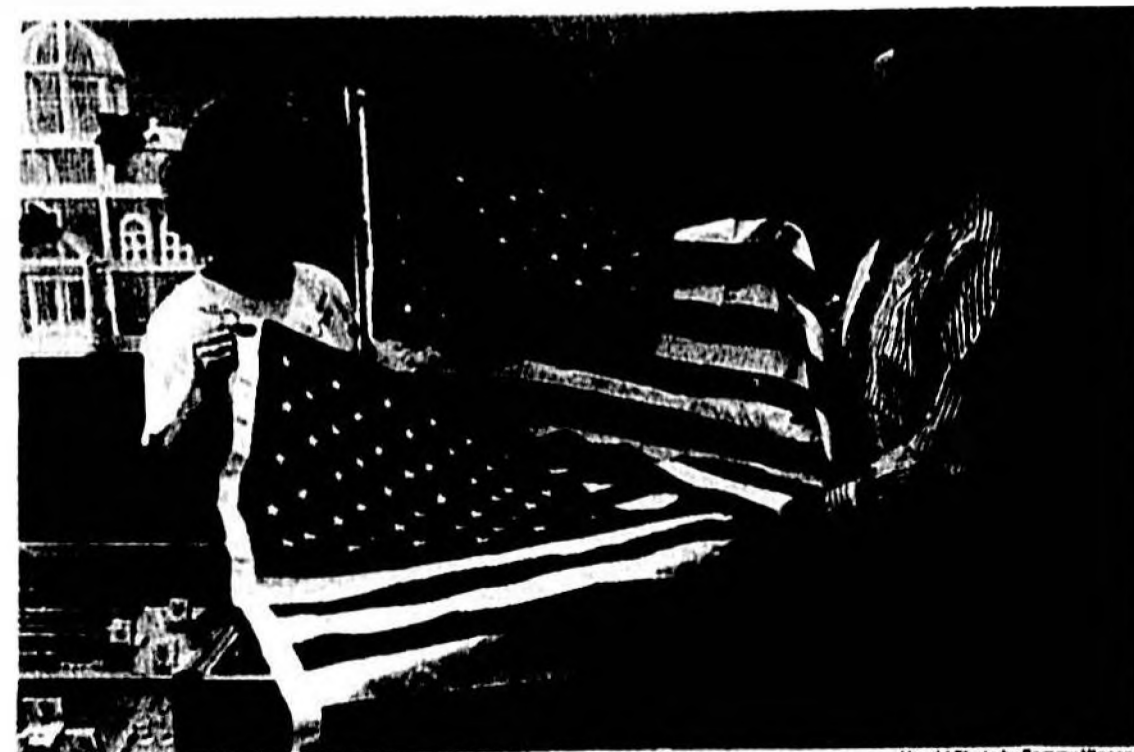
Jaynes said he became aware of mail theft in the Longwood and Altamonte area last Friday and began investigating. He was tipped off at 2:30 p.m. Monday and he and deputies stalked out Shapiro's apartment complex. Shapiro didn't give up without a fight.

"He was going to take off when he saw us," Jaynes said. "He did a complete 180 and spun around but, by then, we had him boxed in."

Inside the vehicle, police found the bag containing over 300 pieces of mail, everything

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Flying the flag for a good cause



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

The Seminole High School Athletic Booster Club is making some money for their favorite teams through the sale of American flags just in time for Memorial Day. Vice president Linda Johnson and president Brent Carll show off a couple of the flags that are for sale. Large

flags (5-by-3 feet) will sell for \$25 each and smaller ones are available for \$15. They may be purchased at William Howard Jewelers in Sanford, at Allstate Insurance in Lake Mary and at Sanford Flower Shop in Sanford.

Ritz grant awaits governor's signature

By **VICKI DeBORNIA**
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Ritz Theatre, with her long and glorious past, is slowly making a revival as a premier theater in Sanford.

The arduous task is getting some help this week from both the government and from volunteers who are hard at work to make the transformation from fallen lady to grand dame complete.

An \$88,490 grant from the Florida Department of State, if it is approved by the governor, will allow for a major portion of the renovation of the theatre to be done.

"They've got it, but not officially yet," explained Fred Gaskey, of the State Department's Division of Historic Preservation. "The legislature has approved the funding for the grants, but if the governor doesn't sign it, they don't have it."

The third time was the charm for the theatre, Gaskey said. This is the third time the theatre organizers have applied for a grant, he noted, and they were finally approved.

"They've worked hard for this money," Gaskey said. "They'll be able to do quite a bit with it."

According to Gaskey, the scope of work called for in the grant application includes treating the building for termites, painting the exterior of the building, putting in new doors and windows, installing a new fire sprinkler system and replacing the floor of the stage.

While the grant money, if it is approved, will pay for professional

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Police: Teen-age gang lived for "vortex of blood"

By The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Walt Disney World was the next stop for the leader of a group of teens accused of going on a crime spree that included the murder of a high school band director, police said.

Deputies patrolled Rivardale High School as police investigated whether Kevin Foster, nicknamed God, planned to go on a racist killing spree at the park during the annual "Grad Night" festivities.

"The potential carnage that could have been unleashed is just unthinkable," Lee County Sheriff John McDougall said.

"Something galvanized these kids into violence and bloodlust, and it was unquenchable," he said. "It was like a vortex of bloodlust and arson. It was consuming them. They couldn't get enough."

Four teen-agers are charged with first-degree murder in the shooting of Rivardale High band instructor Mark Schwabe. Schwabe, 33, was shot in the head with a 12-gauge shotgun

Tuesday as he stepped from his home to answer a knock at the door.

Several members of the self-described Lords of Chaos, told authorities they shot Schwabe because he caught two of them as they planned to burn down the high school auditorium as part of an arson spree.

Schwabe, who did not realize the seriousness of their plans, let the teens go but told them he would report them to school authorities, McDougall said.

The teens also shot Schwabe in the buttocks, McDougall said, because they thought he was homosexual.

Authorities were looking into whether the group was also plotting to shoot black people at Disney World, as one of the teens told police, McDougall said.

"They were homophobic, as well as racist," McDougall said. "They were all white, all heavily armed. ... There was some real hatred involved here."

Members also confessed to other crimes, including torching

a church and restaurant, and an armed robbery and carjacking at another restaurant.

The teens said they considered themselves an armed militia, not a street gang, McDougall said. Police confiscated dozens of weapons from their homes and cars, including M-16s, semiautomatic rifles, silencers, ski masks and camouflage outfits.

McDougall contacted the FBI on Monday to investigate whether the teens had contact with militia groups. He also contacted the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms because of the large number of weapons involved.

The leader of the group — and the one accused of pulling the trigger in Schwabe's death — is 18-year-old Foster, a former Rivardale student and the son of a local gun dealer.

Other members of the group called Foster "god," McDougall said.

"The others orbited around Foster," he said. Without him, "I don't think any of these individuals could have done this."



Look to the stars
Second grade students from Heathrow Elementary School recently visited the planetarium at Seminole Community College. The students were greeted by SCC President E. Ann McGee. SCC hosts many programs about stars and space through its planetarium.

Device to microwave enlarged prostates

By LARRY HERRING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has approved a machine to literally microwave enlarged prostates, the first alternative to drugs or surgery for millions of men.

The Prostatron takes one hour to kill excess prostate tissue by sending microwaves into the gland to heat it.

The FDA approved the machine Friday night, based on studies that show it may relieve the symptoms of enlarged prostates better than drugs and clearly is safer than surgery.

The prostate is a walnut-sized gland that surrounds the urethra, which carries urine to the penis. Prostates enlarge as

men age, squeezing the urethra and making it difficult to urinate. Eighty percent of men have the problem by age 80. Some 4.5 million men over age 60 will be diagnosed this year.

Surgery to trim the prostate is the most common and most effective treatment. But the \$8,000 to \$12,000 operation usually requires up to three days in the hospital and can cause such complications as impotence or incontinence.

There are two drugs that shrink the prostate or relax its hold, but they offer only modest relief and cost hundreds of dollars a year.

With the Prostatron, a catheter is threaded through the urethra into the prostate. A computer pulses microwaves through the

catheter, heating the prostate to at least 111 degrees, killing prostate tissue and clearing room for the urethra to better function.

Cooling water circulates inside the catheter so the urethra is not burned — and so patients don't feel any heat.

Manufacturer EDAP Technomed Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., did not immediately say when the Prostatron would be available, but has estimated it would cost about half as much as surgery.

The outpatient procedure, done with local anesthetic, treats

most symptoms effectively, with no significant effect on sexual function, the FDA said today.

In a test of 375 men over age 45, 75 percent saw improvement in prostate symptoms. Half the patients felt the benefits lasted four years, but EDAP will continue studying the Prostatron's long-term effects to prove how many men need retreatment.

The Prostatron does not correct all the problems of an enlarged prostate, the FDA warned. It had little effect on incomplete emptying of the bladder, and only modestly helped speed urine flow.

Clinton endorses adoption tax credit

By GUYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Seizing a Republican idea, President Clinton endorsed legislation Monday that would create a \$5,000 tax credit for adoptions and remove obstacles to adoptions across racial lines.

In a letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Clinton said the legislation would ease the cost of adoption for many families and end "the historical bias" against interracial adoptions.

"I look forward to working with you so that the dreams of the waiting children in this country to have permanent homes and loving families can become a reality," Clinton wrote.

"Promoting adoption is one of the most important things we can do to strengthen American families and give more children what every child in America deserves — loving parents and a healthy home."

The tax credit, due for House action this week, was part of the GOP's "Contract With America" and was included in a massive budget proposal that Clinton vetoed last year.

It also is the latest in a string of GOP-touted ideas that Clinton has latched onto and made his own. The biggest is a balanced federal budget, a cause Republicans championed en route to congressional victories in 1994.

"After having twice vetoed similar measures contained in our welfare bills, I am encouraged by President Clinton's words of support for our adoption legislation," Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said in a statement.

Archer was referring to provisions in a welfare-overhaul bill and in the GOP's broader balanced budget legislation.

Monday, the White House denied taking the adoption issue away from the GOP.

"That's been a President Clinton theme since the beginning of his tenure in office," said presidential spokesman Mike McCurry. "There's been a lot of stuff that he has done along the way."

In his letter, Clinton stressed his record on promoting adoptions, citing his support of family leave legislation and general advocacy by his administration that has helped increase adoptions of children with special

needs by 60 percent.

The legislation, called the Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1998, would provide a \$5,000 tax credit to families earning up to \$75,000 a year and gradually smaller breaks for those earning up to \$115,000. Families earning more than \$115,000 would not be eligible.

The goal is to help find homes for the estimated 500,000 children in foster care. Only about 50,000 adoptions are approved each year, some of them at an exorbitant cost.

The bill makes no distinction between adoption of American children and of children brought from foreign countries, although overseas adoptions are less common, said Ari Fletcher, a spokesman for the Ways and Means Committee.

Such a tax credit would reduce tax revenue by \$1.7 billion over seven years, losses that the GOP plans to offset by enforcing new anti-fraud provisions on foreign trusts and repealing a tax exclusion for businesses purchasing energy conservation measures.

The legislation also would penalize states whose adoption agencies delay placing children until a family of the child's race is found.

Supporting that provision puts Clinton at odds with a key segment of his political constituency: black Americans who worry that more interracial adoptions would cause too many black children to grow up with little or no knowledge of their racial culture and heritage.

The National Association of Black Social Workers, for example, has taken a position that interracial adoption should be approved only after exhaustive attempts to find a relative or black adoptive parents have failed.

White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said Clinton is "aware of this controversy" and remains committed to fighting discrimination in adoptions.

"Generally, there should not be barriers. Children should not wait for adoption," she said.

Following the president's lead, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., also endorsed the tax credit. Gephardt has sponsored similar legislation in the past.

"With 400,000 kids still in foster care in this country, now is the time to provide incentives for families wishing to adopt," Gephardt said.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS



Election year push can't be blocked

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are conceding they can't block an election-year push by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and other Republicans to temporarily cut the federal gasoline tax.

"They're in the majority. They have the votes," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Monday.

Democrats are forgoing a fight even though many are criticizing the reduction, saying it could amount to a windfall for oil companies if they don't pass along the cut to consumers. And environmentalists maintain the tax cut would encourage more energy consumption and hurt the environment.

Republicans were hoping to unveil details of the bill today and, in the Senate, possibly vote on it. Dole, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, said he would discuss the timing of the vote with Daschle as well as the possibility of voting on the minimum-wage increase long sought by Democrats.

Raging wildfire bombed

QUESTA, N.M. — Airplanes bombed a raging wildfire with water and fire retardant, slowing the march of a blaze that headed toward a ski resort after charring at least 37 buildings and forcing hundreds of residents to flee.

The fire, which has burned across more than 7,500 acres of tinder-dry ponderosa pine in northern New Mexico's steep mountains and canyons, was also slowed Monday by light winds.

"In some areas it's kind of creeping," said Carson National Forest spokesman Gary Schiff.

The fire was about seven miles southwest of Red River, which sits at the base of a ski area at an elevation of nearly 8,700 feet. Most of the 450 residents packed up and fled the approaching fire.

Getaways in the shadow of the Capitol

WASHINGTON — It's not talked about openly, but at least a dozen special interests maintain getaways in the shadow of the Capitol where they can entertain and lobby members of Congress while raising thousands of dollars in campaign contributions for them.

Companies like United Parcel Service and prominent lobbyists like Tommy Boggs increase their clout by maintaining private town houses where they can conveniently and discreetly host fund-raisers, and lobby lawmakers away from office distractions.

"It reinforces the fact that you're helping the incumbent, and other lobbyists come," said one well-known lobbyist, who discussed the subject only on condition of anonymity. "It increases the perception of being more of a player."

The list includes UPS, whose political action committee doled out \$3.5 million to federal candidates over the past three years — more than any other. UPS hosts two or three events a week at its gray, two-story brick townhouse three blocks from the Capitol.

Illegal immigrants

SAN DIEGO — Pickup trucks, moving vans, even a portable toilet.

Of the innumerable ways illegal immigrants sneak into the United States from Mexico, the vehicle crammed with people seems to be the method of choice lately.

In four accidents in the last five weeks, 10 illegal immigrants were killed and dozens were injured in car wrecks and chases on Southern California roads and freeways.

The most recent came Sunday when a truck fleeing a state trooper and carrying up to 30 illegal immigrants flipped on its roof, spilling its human cargo onto the roadway. Three were injured, 10 were arrested and the rest ran away.

Street fighters still battle

MONROVIA, Liberia — Young street fighters battled in Liberia's looted, torched capital even with one of the main warlords out of the country and another calling for a cease-fire.

Charles Taylor, head of one of the militia groups that have ravaged Monrovia in a month of bloodshed, called for a truce Monday, but his fighters still tightened their siege of a rival force's encampment.

The fighting Monday also pulled U.S. Marines into action. The Marines fired on militiamen outside the American Embassy in response to gunfire, U.S. military officials said. It was unclear whether the Liberians had aimed at the compound or at opponents outside.

No one was injured in the clash. Marines killed two Liberians in a similar confrontation last week.

Pepsi to widen testing of drink

NEW YORK — While many Brazilians consider the guarana berry to be a sexual stimulant, PepsiCo is making no such claims about its new soft drink made with the exotic Amazon fruit.

"Let's just say people are drawn to guarana by its powerful image and mystery," said Brad Shaw, a spokesman for Pepsi at its headquarters in Somers, N.Y.

PepsiCo said Monday it is expanding the test-marketing of Josta, a carbonated beverage made with guarana, which contains caffeine.

The No. 2 soft-drink maker behind Coca-Cola said Josta sales in Phoenix, where Pepsi has been testing the product since late December, have been successful and warrant test-marketing in a wider area.

"We want to see how well it can do elsewhere," Shaw said. Guarana-based drinks are a novelty in the United States but are common in Brazil.

Shaw declined to specify where Pepsi would test-market Josta beyond Phoenix but said the expanded sales would begin as early as this week. A 20-ounce bottle of the reddish-colored drink costs \$1.

"It's got an interesting flavor that everyone seems to describe differently," Shaw said.



International war crimes trial

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A Bosnian Serb bar owner went on trial today on murder and torture charges in the first international war crimes trial since the aftermath of World War II.

Dusan Tadic, accused of killing and torturing Muslims in and around Serb-run prison camps in northwestern Bosnia, was charged with breaches of the Geneva Conventions, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

He also had been charged with rape, but in the opening minutes of the trial the court agreed to drop the rape charges at the request of prosecutors, who said the victim was too frightened to testify.

Tadic, 40, has pleaded innocent to all the charges, claiming he is a victim of mistaken identity.

From Associated Press reports

Another showdown over minimum wage

By JOE ARNONE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans are trying again, both with a show-down vote and talks, to come to grips with Democratic demands for an immediate vote on raising the minimum wage.

In their latest maneuver to force the Republican hand, Democrats said Monday they would filibuster a bill to help fund White House travel office employees unless it was combined with a minimum wage vote.

Without that, Democrats say they will defeat an attempt today to end debate and bring the travel office bill to a final vote. Sixty votes are needed to cut off debate in the Senate.

Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who has seen his legislative agenda obstructed by the minimum wage issue, said Monday that he would meet Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota today to offer a proposal on the timing and conditions of a minimum wage vote.

Resolution of the minimum wage issue was needed, he said, "so that we might proceed with the business of the Senate and not have to file cloture on every bill."

Democrats, who are asking for a 90-cent raise over two years in the \$4.25 minimum wage, have

sought to score political points in this election year by portraying Republicans as opposing help for the working poor. Republicans say a raise in the wage would cost hundreds of thousands of entry-level jobs, but have agreed to eventually take up the issue if it is linked to measures supported by Republicans.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., predicted Sunday that a minimum wage vote would take place in a month to five weeks. He suggested it could be part of a welfare or Medicare overhaul bill.

Senate Democrats in recent weeks have tried unsuccessfully to attach minimum wage amendments to immigration, term limits and national parks

bill.

The current legislation is to reimburse legal expenses of the seven former employees of the White House travel office who were fired in May 1993 so that Republicans charge, the office could be staffed by friends of President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The White House also initiated an FBI investigation of possible mismanagement of the office and the office director, Billy Dale, was charged with embezzlement. He was acquitted last year.

The House passed a measure to reimburse legal expenses of the seven by a 350-43 vote on March 19. "What happened is simply unconscionable and we have to right these wrongs,"

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, in urging the government to provide some \$500,000 to Dale and his six colleagues.

Hatch accused Democrats of playing a "two bit game" in blocking the legislation over the minimum wage. "I think that's pathetic."

But Daschle responded that Democrats had "no choice" but to keep bringing up the issue until the Republican majority allows a vote. The Republican leadership, he said, "underestimates the extraordinary frustration that Democrats are feeling" over their inability to get a vote.

The travel office bill is H.R. 2937.

Phone companies want \$10 boost in basic rates

By JEANNE ARNONE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Telephone companies are proposing that the cost of the most basic level of local phone service be allowed to rise \$10 a month over the next five years for most Americans, a coalition of consumer groups says.

In a filing to be made today to the Federal Communications Commission, the Consumer Federation of America and the American Association of Retired Persons projected the increase after examining 13 "universal service" filings nationwide.

The proposals were submitted by seven regional Bell telephone companies, four long-distance companies, the United States Telephone Association and Pacific Telesis and Pacific Bell, which filed jointly.

The phone companies acknowledge the basic service rates would rise but contend that for most consumers the total bills would not go up. They contend that fees for other services, such as caller ID or call waiting, would go down.

"The basic rate may go up, but not the total bill," said Bill McCloskey, a spokesman for BellSouth Corp. "Consumers should get reductions in other parts of their bill."

"Essentially, what the companies are asking for is to shift a big portion of the cost (of universal telephone service) onto the local Bell and make it more expensive to get local phone service," said Bradley Stillman, telecommunications director for the consumer federation.

The rate increase proposals have drawn some initial opposition at the FCC. Today's editions of The Washington Post quoted the agency's chairman, Reed Hundt, as saying, "I'm totally focused on the need to keep the local phone bill affordable."

Nationwide, the cost of basic service averages about \$18 a month, according to industry officials.

The phone company documents were filed as part of a proceeding to implement the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The FCC, at Congress' behest, is looking into revamping the current system used to pay for and make telephone service affordable to rural and other high-cost areas and to low-income customers.

Proponents of the Telecommunications Act had argued that provisions of the new law designed to foster competition would exert pressure on phone companies to keep prices down. Opponents said the possibility of mergers in the telecommunications industry would tend to drive prices up.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Recreation Volleyball results

SANFORD — Monday night's results from the Sanford Recreation Department Spring Recreational Volleyball League.

Merthle Basketball Camp

SANFORD — The Bernard Merthle Summer Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 14 will be held in three sessions.

O'Cubs lose again

ORLANDO — Pedro Swann drove in three runs as the Greenville Braves beat the Orlando Cubs 6-2 Monday night at Tinker Field.

Marlins break losing streak

MIAMI — Al Leiter struck out nine en route to his fifth victory Monday night, and the Florida Marlins beat the New York Mets 4-1 to break a five-game losing streak.

Mourning has surgery

MIAMI — Heat center Alonzo Mourning had outpatient surgery on a chronic dislocation problem on the ring finger of his left hand.

Stewart hits 237 MPH at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Stewart, the U.S. Auto Club short track champion, scorched the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at more than 237 mph.

Locals lead Florida

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Four Florida players had three hits each Sunday as the top-ranked Olatras beat South Carolina 13-6.

Ward, Foreman shine in Girls SB

SANFORD — Stephanie Foreman and Tonetta Ward had scrap book days in the Sanford Recreation Department Girls' Spring Slowpitch

Elks "horning" in

Devil Rays get into Babe Ruth American race

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Elks Lodge #1241-Devil Rays are back in the Sanford Recreation Department Babe Ruth Baseball League American Division race.

The Devil Rays pulled off their second big victory in 72 hours Monday evening as they scored all of their runs in the second and fourth inning and went on to defeat the Knights of Columbus Cardinals 9-3 at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

In the other game Monday, at Zinn Beck Field, the Marlins also won by a 9-3 score over the Braves.

On Saturday, the Devil Rays had broken a two game losing streak by jumping to a 5-0 lead in the first inning and going on to bounce the Kiwanis Club-Indians 11-2.

In a monster game, the

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Tug Daniels (left) was two-for-two and gave up seven hits as the undefeated National Division-leading Moose Lodge-Pirates edged the Nobles Construction-White Sox 7-6 on an unearned run in the seventh inning.

Perkins, Knight lead Senior Phillies

From Staff Reports

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Terrance Perkins hurled a six-hitter and Perkins and Joe Knight hit home runs as the Sanford Towne Center-Phillies knocked off the Longwood-Marlins 4-2 in Senior Babe Ruth Baseball League action at Eastmonte Park Monday evening.

Perkins struck out four in throwing the complete game and gave the Phillies an insurance run with his home run in the sixth inning. Knight hit a two-run home run in the third inning to break a 1-1 tie.

In games from Saturday: the Sanford-Royals edged the Longwood-Marlins 8-4; the Sanford-Marlins whipped the Altamonte Springs-Diamondbacks 12-3; and the Longwood-Blue Jays bopped the Sanford-Phillies 14-4.

Today at Sanford Memorial Stadium, the Sanford-Royals battle the Longwood-Blue Jays at 5:45 p.m.

Monday

Sanford-Phillies: two hits — Perkins (home

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run). Alvin Smith (double, run), one hit — Knight (home run), Corey Murkey (run), Rick Kitchens, Terry Murkey, Charlie McLain.

Longwood-Marlins: one hit — Chris Vaughn and Bentley (run), B. Hukill, Ryan Donoghue, Kevin Hoey, Charles Tobin.

Saturday

Sanford-Marlins: three hits — Kevin Whittington (two doubles, three runs), Patrick Reynolds (three runs), two hits — Joby Gorman (two doubles, run), Alex Jacot (double, run).

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Altamonte Springs-Diamondbacks: two hits — Reece (two doubles, run); one hit — Malby, J. Herryhill; run — Brooks, Lowdermilk.

Sanford-Royals: two hits — Adrian Knight (two runs), Aaron Knight (run); one hit — Jeremiah Cline (triple, run), Marcus Johnson and Robert Randall (run), Bruce Carter, Nate Cline.

Longwood-Marlins: two hits — Bobby Chronowski; one hit — Keith Barnes and B. Hukill (run), Rudy Perez, Kevin Hoey; run — Andrew Diemer, Charles Tobin.

Longwood-Blue Jays: three hits — Erin Mayo (triple, double, two runs); two hits — Jamie Epperson (home run, two runs), James Lawell (double, two runs); one hit — Luke Steel (home run, two runs), Derek Keefe (two runs), Eric Hall and Clyde Williams (run); two runs — Chris Huber.

Sanford-Phillies: two hits — Trel Green (triple, run), Joe Knight (double); one hit — Rick Kitchens (double, run), Corey Murkey (double); run — Terry Murkey, Charlie McLain.

Little Majors winding down

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Heading into the final week of the Sanford Recreation Department Little Major Baseball League season, the teams that will compete in next week's City Championship Series has all but been decided.

Saturday, the American Division-leading Stairs Realty-White Sox clobbered the Rich Plan-Indians 12-1 and the second-place Sunniland Corporation-Red Sox whipped the Fisher, Laurence, Deen & Fromang-Blue Jays 18-2 to lead everyone else by at least three games.

The same situation exists in the National Division, where the division-leading Enterprise Trucking-Braves blanked the Ken Rummel Chevrolet-Pirates 7-0, while the runner-up United Trophy-Expos outscored the Railroaders-Diamondbacks 12-5. In the other game,

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Rinker Materials-Devil Rays clobbered the Neth & Son Roofing-Marlins 18-8.

In the American Division, the White Sox are 11-1, while the Red Sox are 10-4. Trailing are the Athletics

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Church softball league opens with close contests

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SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department Spring Church Slowpitch Softball League got started Saturday at Chase Park with three tightly played contests.

The league got off to a slow start as All Souls forfeited to Deltona Trinity Assembly of God-Majesty. Then things got interesting.

Central Baptist trailed Majesty 8-2 but rallied to win 10-9 with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The 1st United Methodist-Flames trailed First Church of the Nazarene 5-0 but came back to win 14-10.

This Saturday, All Souls plays the doubleheader against Nazarene at 9 a.m. and Church of God at 10 a.m.; Majesty takes on the Flames at 11 a.m.; and Spanish Assemblies faces Central Baptist at noon.

Providing the offense were: Central Baptist; three hits — Mike McCoy (three runs), Jay Crutchfield (run); two hits — Chris Denman and Robert Thacker (run, two RBI), Asa Evans (run, RBI); one hit — Kevin Whittington (RBI), Chuck Hunt and Randy Hoacac (run), Mel Himes, Ken Perry, Bobby Dyer; run — Chuck Fink; RBI — Doug Luce.

Majesty: three hits — Smokey Slabolnik (two runs, three RBI), Ruben Quinones (run); two hits — Jeff Pandoff (run, two RBI), Toody Roosa (run, RBI), Marc Viret (two runs), Steve McGuigan; one hit —

Rob Mullett (two runs), John Lavere and John Capelli (RBI); RBI — Ike Mendoza.

Flames: three hits — Robert Smith and Otis Raines (run, two RBI); two hits — Jack Eltonhead (run, four RBI), Jerry Camus (two runs, RBI), Robert Jones (run); one hit — Mark Whitley (double, run, RBI), Dean L. Smith (run, two RBI), Lenard Richardson and Bill Gracey (two runs), Mark Blythe (run); run — Brantley Brumley.

Nazarene: two hits — Phillip Sutherland (double, two runs), Sonny Eubanks (three RBI), Ron Cardell; one hit — Frank Turner (double, two runs, two RBI), Brian Howard (two runs, RBI), Todd Morgan (run), Doug Lotz (RBI), Tom Clark, Carem Gager; two runs —

Perry Heatler; one run — Donnie McCoy.

Spanish Assemblies: three hits — Manuel Rodriguez (triple, two runs, four RBI); two hits — Luis Rivera (run); one hit — Adrian Lucca (double, two runs, RBI), Moises Navarro (double, three RBI), Carlo Morales, Justo Delgado Sr.; two runs — Joe Santoro; one run — Justino Rolon, Justo Delgado Jr.; RBI — Luis "ito" Rivera.

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STATS & STANDINGS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Southern League Baseball

Greenlee at Grims, 7 p.m.

Prep Baseball

Class 6A-North Region I championship, Lake May at Dr. Phillips, 4 p.m.
Class 6A-North Region II championship, Lyman at Sarasota-Riverview, 7:30 p.m.

Sanford Youth Baseball

SENIOR BASE RUTH LEAGUE, at Sanford Memorial Stadium, 5:45 p.m. - Sanford-Royals vs. Longwood-Blue Jays.
LITTLE MAJOR LEAGUE, at Roy Hollar Park, 5:45 p.m. - Devil Rays vs. Pirates; 7:45 p.m. - Red Sox vs. White Sox; at Lakeside Park, 5:45 p.m. - Indians vs. Royals; 7:45 p.m. - Blue Jays vs. Athletics.

Sanford Recreation Softball

Women at Chase Park and Pinckney Park, 6:30 p.m.

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Babe Ruth

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underdog Moose Lodge-Pirates overcame a 4-0 first-inning deficit to tie the game at 6-6 and then won the game when, with two out and no one on base in the bottom of the seventh inning, Alex Scott walked, stole second and scored on an error to give the Pirates a 7-6 victory over the American Division leading Nobles Construction-White Sox.

Girls

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Softball League at Pinhurst Park on Saturday. Foreman had a grand slam, two-run double and an RBI walk for seven RBI as Tire City remained undefeated with a 15-0 whitewashing of the Sanford Optimist Club; and Ward hit three home runs in three at bats, two three-run shots and a two-run blast, to account for eight RBI as the Sanford Kiwanis Club stayed in the race with a 15-9 triumph over West Sanford Boys and Girls Club.

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With the weekend results, the White Sox (8-2) only hold a one-game lead over the Devil Rays (7-3) in the American Division and it is tight behind them. Trailing the lead duo are the Royals (6-4), the Indians (5-5) and the Athletics (5-5). The Pirates game was 10-0 in the National Division and are comfortably ahead of the Cardinals and Marlins (both 6-5), the Expos (2-5) and the Braves (1-10). Wednesday, at 5:45 p.m., the Expos challenge the Pirates in Sanford Memorial Stadium and the White Sox take on the Indians at Zinn Beck Field.

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Providing the offense were: BOWMAN Devil Rays: two hits - Barry Porter (triple, double, two runs), Thomas Berrios (run); one hit - Justin Nettles (home run), John Bryant, Adam Dryden, C.J. Thompkins and Brian Porter (run); run - Jason Scott. Cardinals: one hit - Eric Mundy and Willie Bennett (double, run), Ramone Raines, Eric Sperry, William Kirby; run - Levi Raines Jr. Marlins: three hits - Ben Weigert (two runs); one hit - George Shannis (double, two runs), Terrance Houston; run - Phil Hunt, Darryl White, Den Milton, Chris White, Willie Blackman. Braves: one hit - Shane Burnead (run), Drew Beatty, Justin Cooper, Chris Burnett; run - Rick Wells Jr., Brett Landquinet. SATURDAY Pirates: two hits - Tug Daniels (two runs), Jason Drake; one hit - Fred Joey (double, run); Alex Scott and Donald White (two runs), Adam Frank, William Cleveland. White Sox: three hits - Joe Mendosa (double, two runs); one hit - Freddie Hawkins (double, two runs), Kendall Kennon (double, run), Joe Watson (run).

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People

At-Arson group meets in Sanford

If you are troubled by the destruction of a friend or relative, there is help. Arsonists, an At-Arson group for friends and family of arsonists, will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Senior Club, 2297 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 322-4122.

Overeaters to gather

A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, corner of Park and 5th, Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0827.

Non-Arson to offer help

Non-Arson, a support group for relatives and friends of arsonists, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 322-2224.

Slugging classes formed

The Old History Sluggers offer free beginner slugging classes. Instruction and advanced lessons also available. Meetings are at the DeLone Civil Association on Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. Call 322-6222 for more information.

Take off pounds sensibly

Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1207 Sanford Ave., Sanford. The group now has a private room to weigh people between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m.

Each week a different program on weight loss will be conducted. For more information about the club, call 322-1785 or 322-1684.

Testmasters meet

Seminole Community College (SCC) Testmasters Club #2851 will meet every Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at the old Lake Mary City Hall on Country Club Road. Contact Rosalee Benham at 322-2224 for more information.

Longwood-Lake Mary Lions to meet

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

Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types blood - especially O-type donors - to donate at its Sanford branch, 1205 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0823.

Optometrist Club meets weekly

The Sanford Optometrist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome. Call 322-2124 or 322-0222.

Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club of Sanford holds its weekly business meeting every Wednesday at the DeLone Civil Club, 1205 Sanford Avenue at the intersection. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information call Walt Smith, 322-2222.

Dancing for seniors

The Over 50 Dance Club dance to hold every Wednesday, from 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the DeLoneans 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

Club takes the lead

L.E.A.D. to Success, a club formed to share business connections, will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Public Creek Apartments clubhouse, 780 Crosswater Terrace, Lake Mary. One of the focal points of the meeting is to exchange business cards. Only one member of a particular type of business or profession is allowed to join. For more information, contact Linda Short at 327-2180.

Welcome Wagon newcomers' coffee

Seminole Spokes Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County holds a coffee for newcomers the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. until noon. For information on address, call Betty, 622-0144, or Lucy, 322-7877.

Widowed Persons meet

All widowed persons are invited to meet at 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Cassiberry Senior Center, 300 Lake Triplet Drive, Cassiberry.

Her heart goes out to Girl Scouts

By GLENN WATSON
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — As a Lake Mary resident for the past nine years Betty Lieble has put her heart and soul into her volunteer work with Girl Scout troops. She has invested over five years giving her time freely to not only assist with her daughter's troop but others.

She was formerly active with the Church of the Annunciation in Altamonte Springs with the Fellowship for Youth program. With more than 20 years of working, caring for home, husband and children she decided to concentrate her efforts on one area.

Girl Scouting became that area. Volunteering since 1981 and laboring from as little as two to five hours per week this working mom stays on the go much of the time.

Her initial interest was sparked by her daughter's desire to join a Brownie Troop. "I checked around and I just couldn't find one," she said. "Someone told me if I wanted her to be in a troop I would need to start one myself, so I did."

Memories from her own days of scouting helped this drive. "I had been a girl scout and really enjoyed it," she said. "I started the work and have enjoyed it ever since."

Beginning in 1981 Lieble began as a Brownie leader with 10 children and remained in that capacity for three years. From that position she then moved to a Junior Girl Scout troop as their leader for one year. "There were about 15 girls in that troop," she said.

Following her year with the Junior girls Lieble then stepped up her efforts and started her position as a co-service unit coordinator for another year. "Part of my job as the coordinator was working with another coordinator," she said. "We worked together and were one of the units in the Sanford area."

This year Lieble has focused her energies on being the unit chairman of the service unit and of her daughter's troop. "I am responsible for keeping track of the money and cookie sales," she said. "I coordinate both sales. As the chairman of the service unit I have to make arrangements to get the boxes of cookies to the troops and organize them for the troops."

She continued by saying, "They give me the receipts. I have to make sure the money was deposited. I have paperwork for them and some of my own to pass on to the council."

Lieble did cite that most of the work involved with the cookie sales is handled during the months from November to March. Hours vary depending on sales and activity.

She closed by saying, "My daughter has a wonderful troop that has three leaders. My daughter wanted me to be a leader so back then I did. She



Betty Lieble with troop leader Bob Lightfoot.

still wants me to be involved. She enjoys it and so do I. I enjoy working with the girls and the other leaders."

Lieble has been married to her husband, Frank, for 12 years. They have resided in Lake Mary for nine years. The couple has

two children Amy and Taylor. Lieble is employed part-time as a bookkeeper at All Saints Catholic School in Sanford.

Citrus trees need full sunlight, a well-drained soil, no mulch

Citrus trees need very little care once established in your yard, but a few simple practices are necessary for good fruit production. Some of the most important things to remember are that citrus trees grow best in full sunlight, they need a well drained soil and should never be shaded.



For good fruit production, a good fertilizer program is necessary. The amount of fertilizer to use will depend on the size of the tree and the expected fruit production. It is recommended that a special citrus fertilizer that contains minor elements such as magnesium, manganese and boron, be used to fertilize your trees. If a citrus fertilizer is not available, a 6-6-6 or 8-8-8 general purpose fertilizer can be used. Some nutrient deficiency symptoms may appear during the growth of the trees; they can be corrected by using a complete nutritional spray, and in most garden stores, which contains all the necessary elements needed by the plants. Fertilizer applications should be made between the months of February to October. As a general rule, citrus trees should be fertilized three or four times a year. A method suggested is to measure the circumference of the trunk at the soil level and apply a pound of fertilizer per each inch of its circumference per year. For instance: if the trunk circumference measures 4 inches, apply one pound of fertilizer four times a year in total four pounds per year. Spread the fertilizer uniformly over the area from about one foot from the trunk to three feet past the "drip line" of the tree.

Irrigation: Citrus should receive between 84 to one inch of water each week. Citrus trees need very little care once established in your yard, but a few simple practices are necessary for good fruit production. Some of the most important things to remember are that citrus trees grow best in full sunlight, they need a well drained soil and should never be shaded.

There are many insects and disease problems that occur in citrus and some of them can be very serious. Natural biological control is usually sufficient to keep these problems at very low levels. For diseased citrus trees it is recommended that heavy insecticides or oil sprays be used to control the common pest problems. Some diseases that affect the leaves or fruits such as greasy spot or melanose can be controlled by using a copper fungicide. Make sure that you identify the problem correctly so that adequate controls can be used. The citrus leafminer, a new pest of citrus trees, can be controlled by spraying 1-2 tablespoons of oil per gallon of water during flushing of the trees because the insect attacks only new leaves. Trees more than five years old can tolerate more damage by this insect and in many instances do not require control. Avoid the use of highly residual insecticides because many times these types of insecticides upset the biological or natural control.

(A Fertilizer in Seminole County Urban Horticulture, Insecticide may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 220 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32776 or phone 322-2222, Ext. 6222.)

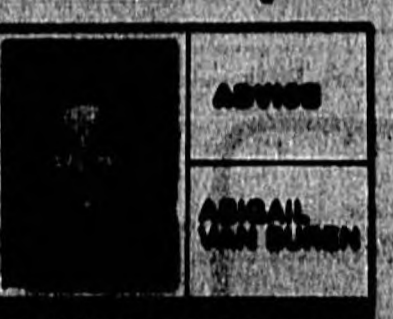
Smokers don't need pain of guilt

DEAR ANNY: My heart went out to Betty, who wrote regarding her mother's death from lung cancer and people questioning whether her mother had been a smoker.

I am now in the advanced stages of emphysema and am currently on the waiting list for a lung transplant. I, too, have been tormented with that question when anyone hears of my disease. Believe me, the guilt I had in work through was enough without having it compounded by that question. I have often been tempted to ask, "What difference does it make?" But I know in my heart they are ignorant of the pain they are causing.

I'm sure the same people wouldn't think of asking those suffering with heart disease if they ate bacon and eggs every morning — yet condemn me when I eat that they deserve their suffering.

After your conversation in Betty's letter was so heartwarming, how much more can be a little less concerned to think of us who are living with emphysema. I am a smoker and I am a smoker. I am a smoker. Thank you for all your love and over the years to put me down.



before the public. You may use my name.

JOAN K. TURBO,
SEBUIA, WASH.

DEAR JOAN: He need to thank you. Betty's letter was so heartwarming. Thank you for all your love and over the years to put me down.

just returned from Hilton Head, S.C., and we have a trip to Florida planned for July. I have talking my wife that these long (12 to 14 hours a day) drives are tiring. Is this writing, or I can't afford to take of more time to allow for more travel time.

My wife suggested I wear pants. She said she remembered feeling in your column about pants and those redneck attitudes. Is there any truth to this, or is she just trying to shut me up? If the answer is yes, I will give them a try. Is there a specific style that should be worn?

I know this is a strange request, but if it works, who cares.

SOUTHBROOK, ILL.
DEAR FRED: Your wife... I know this is a strange request, but if it works, who cares.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MAY 7	7:30 P.M.	AT-ARSON GROUP MEETING	SENIOR CLUB, 2297 S. SANFORD AVE.
MAY 7	7:30 P.M.	NON-ARSON MEETING	ORLANDO GENERAL HOSPITAL
MAY 7	7:30 P.M.	TOPS MEETING	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1207 SANFORD AVE.
MAY 7	8:00 P.M.	SLUGGING CLASSES	DELONE CIVIL ASSOCIATION
MAY 7	8:30 P.M.	OVER 50 DANCE CLUB	SANFORD CIVIC CENTER
MAY 7	9:00 P.M.	WIDOWED PERSONS MEETING	CASSIBERRY SENIOR CENTER
MAY 8	7:30 P.M.	TESTMASTERS MEETING	SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MAY 8	7:30 P.M.	LONGWOOD-LAKE MARY LIONS	RAMADA INN, S.R. 434
MAY 8	8:00 P.M.	WELCOME WAGON COFFEE	SEMINOLE SPOKES
MAY 8	10:00 A.M.	WIDOWED PERSONS MEETING	CASSIBERRY SENIOR CENTER

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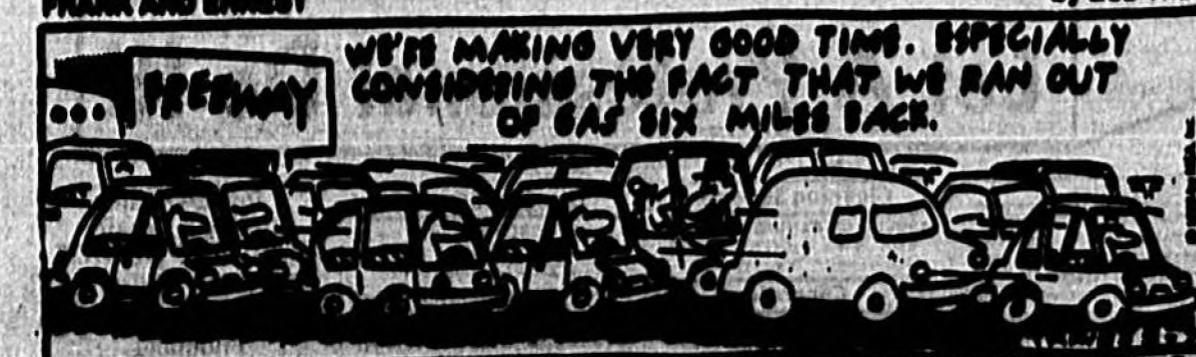
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Hernia may not require surgery

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have an umbilical hernia with a rope-like protrusion alongside an incision site that was made in 1948. The hernia has only been present for about two years. Since there is no pain or discomfort, my doctor has not suggested repair. Is there any danger in letting this go?

DEAR READER: A hernia is simply an abnormal opening through which something that shouldn't protrude is protruding. In your case, a defect in the area of the umbilicus has permitted a small portion of bowel (or bowel covering) to stick out under the skin.

As long as the bowel is free to slip back into the abdominal cavity, there is no harm in the situation. However, if the herniated tissue becomes wedged and twisted (incarcerated hernia), you will experience severe pain and will require emergency surgery to repair the hernia.

Many people with this condition are content to wait for problems to develop before considering surgery. However, others take the position that they don't want to risk an unexpected incarcerated hernia during a back-packing trip in the Rockies, so they choose to have hernia repair BEFORE it's necessary. This is a personal decision with which you will have to wrestle.

I should tell you that most modern hernia operations can easily be performed using a laparoscope ("Band-Aid" procedure, which is less complicated and less expensive than the traditional technique and may be performed under local anesthesia.

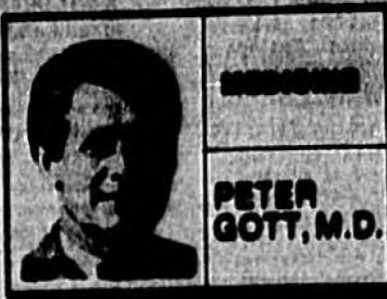
Ask your doctor to refer you to a surgeon for a second opinion.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10116. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is Paget's disease and what can be done for it?

DEAR READER: There are two major types of Paget's disease: a rare form of cancer that affects the skin of the penis, the breast or the external female genitalia; and the much more common, non-malignant bone disease. I assume from your question that this latter disorder is what interests you.

Paget's disease of bone is a chronic disorder of the adult skeleton, marked by areas of rapid bone turnover leading to soft, poorly calcified portions. In all healthy people, bone is a living tissue that constantly and slowly changes; as parts of the skeleton degenerate, the body grows new bone and replaces it. For unknown reasons,



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This process is accelerated in Paget's disease. The new bone is poorly calcified and is weaker than normal.

This process typically occurs in a spotty distribution. If the skull is affected -- as it often is -- symptoms may not appear for decades.

On the other hand, if weight-bearing bones become diseased, pain, deformity and fracture are early signs. Common symptoms include headaches, fatigue and increasing thirst.

The diagnosis is made by blood tests and X-rays, although biopsy may occasionally be necessary because Paget's disease can mimic a number of disorders, including metastatic cancer and multiple myeloma.

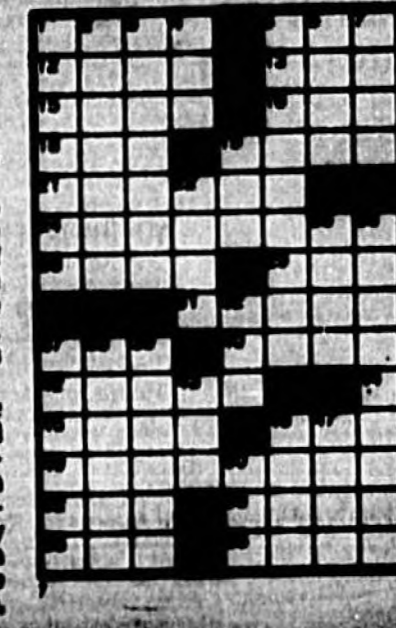
Paget's disease is treated with drugs, such as Dichloral, that slow bone metabolism. The disorder is treatable and need not progress to the point where it is a menace to health.

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Just a little more

By Phillip Alder

What, according to Washington Irving, is "the only edge tool that grows longer with constant use?"

At the bridge table, when you are declarer, finding a line that has an edge over every other is desirable. In today's deal from last year's Cleveland Invitational Pairs, how would you plan the play in four hearts after West begins with the top two spades?

As a secondary matter, how do you treat South's ruff in three hearts? Most assume it is pre-emptive, trying to silence the opponents. My partner and I use it as asking for good trumps. But this wife-and-husband pair, Linda and Robb Gordon, play that it is mildly invitational with no particular side-suit weakness. Here, Linda, who was super-maximum for her in-

tial single raise, rushed on to game, not knowing Robb didn't have his bid.

After ruffing the spade king at trick two, declarer played a trump to dummy's king and East's ace. Back came a trump. Robb won in the dummy, ruffed the spade jack in his hand, played a club to dummy's king and led a club back to his 10.

This gave declarer three chances for his contract. The clubs might be 3-2, allowing an eventual diamond discard from hand. The diamond squeeze might work. Or, as here, West might have started with honor-doubles in clubs. Now West could either lead a diamond away from his queen or return a spade, which declarer would ruff in the dummy while discarding a diamond from hand.

Irving thought that a sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows longer with constant use. There was no edge to Linda's voice after this deal, though.

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Bridge hand analysis. Includes a table with North and South hands, a list of cards, and a note: 'Opening lead: ♠A'.

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