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On the road again

The Seminole Pony All-Stars swept to its sectional title last weekend while the West Seminole Bronco All-Stars labored through the losers' bracket to claim the state championship. **See Page 1B**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekend go-do guide

A number of events are scheduled for this weekend. They include a Christmas party, jet ski races and dress-up ball for the zoo. Also, two major retail stores will be holding parties on Sunday.

●Beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, it's Christmas in July, at Christo's Classic, 107 W. First St., in downtown Sanford. The event is the "Sprit of Kids" toy drive, part of a series of events to obtain toys for children to be given away at Christmas time. Chris Cranias promises fun and music. Admission is an unwrapped children's gift.

●Saturday night, beginning at 6 p.m., "Black Tie on the Wild Side" is scheduled for Disney World Dolphin Hotel. The event is a benefit dinner dance to support the Central Florida Zoo. Special guest will be Jack Hanna, director emeritus of the Columbus Zoological Gardens, and former director of the Sanford zoo. For information, contact the zoo at 323-4450.

●Hot Water Tour jet ski races will be held on Lake Monroe Sunday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., behind the Holiday Inn Lake Monroe. 75 to 100 participants are expected for the competition. For information, contact Debbie Jacques, 323-1910.

●A grand opening party will be held at the new Target Store, 3810 Greenwood Blvd., at Lake Mary Boulevard, in Lake Mary. Guests will be greeted from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the new store.

●A re-grand opening will be held at the Sanford Kmart store, 3101 S. Orlando Dr., in Sanford all day Sunday. The event marks the official dedication of the retail establishment which has now been doubled in size by a massive expansion project.

BRIEFS

Youth sentenced

SANFORD — An 18-year old Longwood youth will serve three years probation and perform 160 hours of community service work after pleading no contest to vehicular homicide.

Seminole Circuit Court Judge Alan Dickey withheld a formal ruling of guilt for Allan Maddox. Maddox pleaded no contest last month to the vehicular homicide charge which stemmed from a May 1992 accident in Lake Mary. Ryan Perkins, 16 was killed and several teens injured in the accident on Lake Emma Road.

Public invited to budget meeting

SANFORD — The public will have the opportunity to comment on the Seminole County school district's proposed budget on Tuesday, but the school board gave their vote of confidence to the proposal last night.

After nearly two hours of discussion, no changes were made in the budget.

The proposed budget calls for a small decrease in the amount of taxes to be paid by homeowners in Seminole County.

The board approved a budget that calls for a homeowner with a \$100,000 house with a \$25,000 exemption to pay \$753.23 in school taxes next year. That amount is about \$2.10 less than last year.

The public hearing on the budget will be held Tuesday night, July 27, during the regularly scheduled board meeting which will begin at 7 p.m. They meet at the district headquarters, 1211 S. Mellonville Ave., Sanford.

From staff reports

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Bright sunny day



Scattered evening thunderstorms otherwise fair. Low in the mid 70s. Light wind. Chance of rain 30 percent.

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Home invasion arrests

Victim may have been 'easy mark'

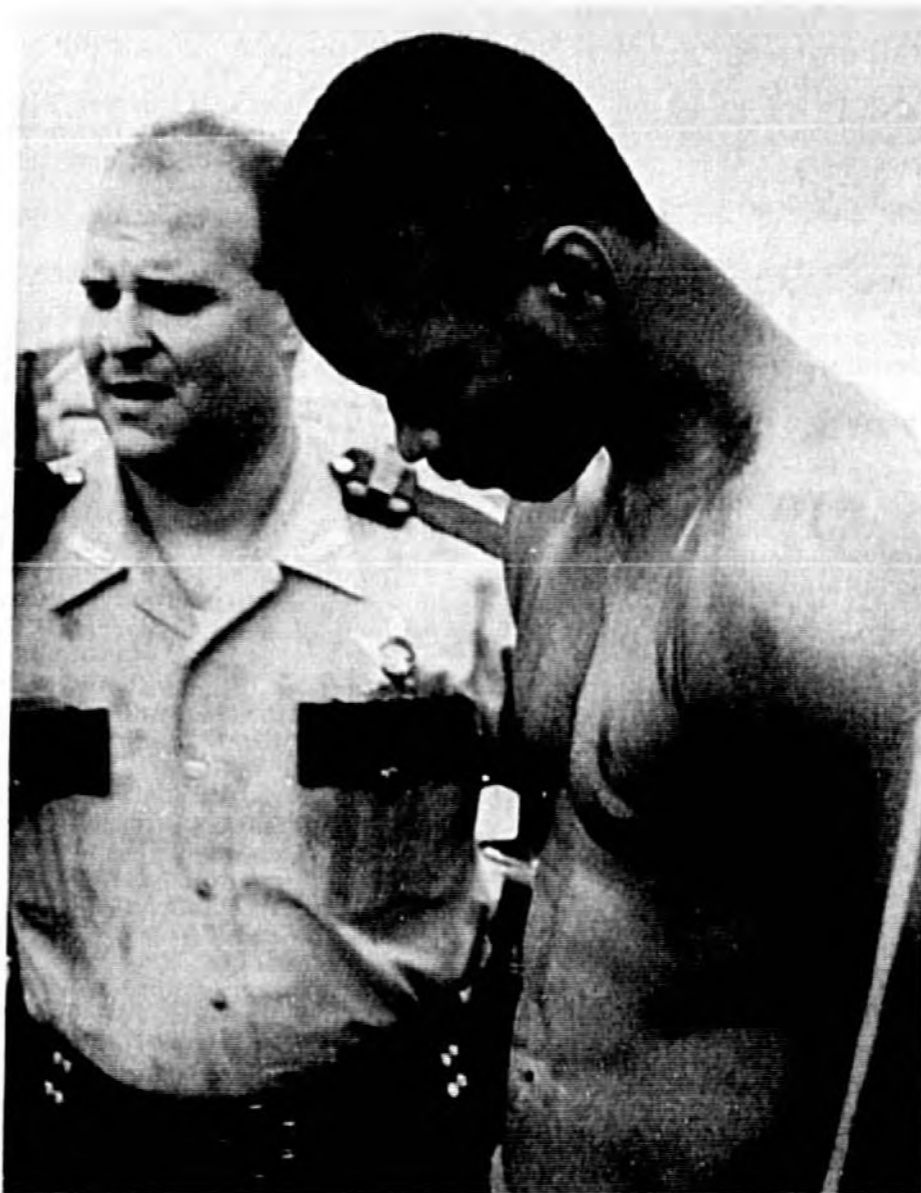
By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Two men will appear in court this afternoon after being charged Thursday with the July 16 home invasion, beating and robbery of a Sanford man.

The suspects told police they picked the 58-year-old victim because, "they thought he was an easy mark," Seminole County Sheriff's spokesman George Proechel said.

Charles Boykins, Jr., 24, 3395 Oneal Street, Midway and Ulesey O'Neil, 22, Bailey's Quarters, 18th Street and Southwest Road are being held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. They are charged with home invasion robbery, attempted murder, aggravated battery, armed burglary and theft. The pair are charged with kicking in the door of Robert Ansel's home in the 2000 block of Celery Avenue last week and severely beating the victim.

Proechel said the public aided in apprehending the suspects through calls to Crimeline and the sheriff's office. Police distributed photographs of a gray and black cap with a green and gold marijuana pin attached that one of the suspects allegedly dropped at the scene. Other physical evidence at the scene also led to the arrest of the two suspects, Proechel said. He would **See Arrests, Page 5A**



Ulesey O'Neil, 21, is lead away by Seminole County Deputy Sheriff John Borthoff after questioning at the sheriff's office Thursday. He was taken to jail on charges stemming from a home invasion on Celery Avenue July 16. A co-defendant in the case, Charles Boykins, Jr., 24, is also being held on no bond.

How safe are you from home invasion?

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Deadbolt locks on all doors and locked and secured windows are the main types of defense homeowners have against the possibility of home invaders. An active neighborhood crime watch network is also instrumental in protecting citizens, Seminole Undersheriff Steve Harriett said this morning.

A recent rash of burglaries and a home invasion on Celery Avenue last week where the homeowner was severely beaten puts everyone on alert to home-related crimes.

"We don't want people to feel like prisoners in their own homes," Harriett said, "but certain precautions can be taken to help secure their homes."

One of the first ways to protect yourself, according to Harriett, is utilize the Emergency 911 number.

"If there is a problem, or you think there is a problem, do not hesitate to dial 911," Harriett said. Seminole County has an enhanced 911 system so even if the caller is unable to talk, if the connection is made, police know the address. Keeping an open line, even if you can't talk enables the dispatchers to hear what is going on in the background while sending police to **See Safe, Page 5A**



Lon Howell
File Photo

Suber probe of Howell's residency pending

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — City commissioner Lon Howell said he anticipated being exonerated by a governor's office investigation of his residency — and he was.

The decision will not, however, curtail Property Appraiser Bill Suber's effort to deny Howell his **See Howell, Page 5A**

Grant money allocated

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — By a 3-2 edge, a majority of Seminole County commissioners agreed to provide \$1 million during the next five years to the Orlando Science Center.

Commission chairman Bob Sturm, in supporting the funding, said the money will likely come from \$3.4 million in cuts made earlier this week.

In other community grant decisions Thursday, commissioners agreed to contribute \$10,000 to the Sanford Main Street project. Organizers say that will all but complete **See Grants, Page 2A**

Science center funds debated

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County commissioner Larry Furlong questions the "regional" aspect of the Orlando Science Center effort to solicit millions of dollars from from Seminole County and other surrounding counties for their \$32 million expansion program. **See Question, Page 2A**

His legs ain't much



Pokey the Horse hasn't got much in the way of powerful legs, but that doesn't seem to bother Christian Brandel much. The little cowboy spent a recent afternoon riding the plains and grasslands of his Sanford homestead before taking a moment to rest beneath a tree, but soon it'll be back in the saddle again and off into the sunset.

Sewell's message as 'Honest Abe' aimed at kids and drugs

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Most people would never believe it. Former President Abraham Lincoln is a 1961 graduate of Lyman High School in Longwood. At that time however, his name was Homer S. Sewell III.

"I was born and raised here in Seminole County," Sewell says. "My father used to own a business here in Sanford, and I gave my first speech as Abraham Lincoln at Seminole High School in 1975."

For the past 18 years, Sewell has been portraying Lincoln at various functions throughout the nation, as well as at schools. "I've made 870 visits to schools and spoken to about 1.3 million people in that time," he commented. **See Sewell, Page 2A**

Most of his talks are of an anti-drug abuse nature, delivered to schools. He also has a show for adults called "Abe Lincoln's America." "This is patriotic, motivational, and entertaining as well," he explained.

His visit to Central Florida is two-fold. He is arranging for participation in the Liberty Bell Museum project in Melbourne, and visiting his mother, brother and sister in Altamonte Springs.

He constantly draws stares, as he is generally decked out in full costume, including the top hat and coat.

One of his big events was participation in the national dedication and 50th Anniversary Celebration of Mount Rushmore, South Dakota in July 1991, when he was sponsored by the National Park Service. **See Sewell, Page 2A**



After learning to read in front of a fire in his parent's log cabin, 'Abe Lincoln' graduated from Lyman High School in Longwood.

POLICE BRIEFS

Trespassing case

Monica Poe Partain, 51, 449 Ridge Drive, Sanford, was arrested at the Rescue Outreach Mission on W. 13th Street by Sanford police Tuesday. Officers said they responded when Partain reportedly refused to leave the mission after being requested to do so by an employee. She was charged with trespassing after warning.

Fake drugs

Johnnie Lee Acree, 30, of Osteen, was arrested as a result of an undercover drug sting operation by Sanford police at 6th Street and Cypress Avenue Tuesday. An undercover officer reportedly purchased what was to have been crack cocaine from Acree for \$10. A test of the substance however, proved to have negative results. He was charged with making a sale in lieu of crack cocaine, and resisting an officer without violence.

Stolen car recovered

Sanford police arrested Samuel J. Harrington, 47, of Fort Lauderdale, on Tuesday. Police said they saw a vehicle with a reported stolen tag, being driven in Sanford. After several sightings of the car, they found it stopped in the 1200 block of W. 6th Street, with Harrington reportedly attempting to remove the license tag. A computer check revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Harrington was charged with grand theft auto, and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Drunken driving

William E. Flakes Jr., 50, 143 Clear Lake Circle, Sanford, was arrested on a drunken driving charge following a traffic stop on Old Lake Mary Road early Thursday morning.

Warrant arrests made

The following wanted persons have been taken into custody:

- Brian Lee Emmert, 26, 312 Orange Ave., Longwood, was served with two warrants at the Seminole County jail Wednesday following his extradition from Nebraska. Emmert was wanted on two probation violation charges stemming from burglary and attempted burglary convictions.
- Gary Wayne Clough, 18, 114 Hilltop Drive, Longwood, was arrested Wednesday on a probation violation charge for a conspiracy to possess LSD conviction.
- Johnny Lee Williams, 22, 906 W. 11th St., Sanford, was arrested Wednesday on a writ on a charge of failure to appear before a Health and Rehabilitative Services hearing officer.
- Richard Thomas Magnotti, 37, 296 Maguire Blvd., Longwood, was returned to the Seminole County jail Wednesday to face a dozen charges. Magnotti is serving a 94-month sentence in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta on a bank robbery conviction.
- Brian Keith Knight, 27, 2441 E. First St., Sanford, was arrested on a failure to appear in court to answer to a suspended license charge following a traffic stop Wednesday.

Crimes reported to authorities

The following crimes have been reported to area law enforcement authorities:

- A Sanford man reported he was attacked by two men saying he owed them money as he entered a convenience store in the 3300 block of West State Road 46 at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday. The man reported the two men tore his clothing and took his wallet which contained \$65 before running away.
- A Sanford man reported he got in a fist-fight in the parking lot of a West Airport Boulevard bar at 1:15 a.m. Thursday and when he looked up, someone was driving away in his vehicle.
- A Longwood Yellow Cab driver reported he was robbed at gunpoint by a man who approached him in the parking lot near 87 Lake Monroe Terrace Wednesday. The cab driver reported the robber took his wallet which contained in excess of \$100 cash.
- David Scott, principal of Hamilton Elementary, 1501 E. Eighth St., reported on July 6, someone took \$275 cash from his briefcase which was in his office. On July 20, someone took \$225 from the briefcase, again located in his office.
- A woman reported someone attempted to enter her home in the 2800 block of Grove Drive in Sanford shortly after midnight Thursday morning. The woman reported someone had cut the telephone wire leading to her home and was trying to pry a window open when she looked out. The person ran away, she reported.

Sexual transmission now leading cause of AIDS for women

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — For the first time in the AIDS epidemic, more U.S. women were infected through sex than through drug use last year, health officials reported Thursday. And while the vast majority of patients still are men, the fatal disease is increasing almost four times as fast among women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"It's a continuing evolution of the epidemic," said Dr. John Ward, the CDC's chief of AIDS surveillance.

"They need to know their sex partners, and they need to know the drug and sex practices of that partner so they can ... make a more informed decision about whether to have sex with that person."

About 47,095 new AIDS cases were diagnosed in the United States last year, a 3.5 percent increase from the 45,499 cases reported in 1991.

Florida had three cities on the CDC's list of the 10 in the nation with the highest rates of AIDS among women: West Palm Beach, with 38.1 cases per 100,000 women; Fort Lauderdale with 34.1 and Miami with 29.1. The highest rate, 41.5 cases per 100,000, was in New York.

New cases among females — 6,642 — increased 9.8 percent, compared with a 2.5 percent rise among males, who accounted for 40,453 cases.

Until now, tainted drug needles have caused most female AIDS cases. Last year marked the first time that sex surpassed drugs: 50 percent of the new female AIDS cases were due to heterosexual contact, compared with 44 percent from intravenous drug abuse, Ward said.

Still, about 57 percent of the women infected heterosexually reported having had sex with a drug user, making drugs an indirect threat, the CDC said.

It was just a matter of time before sex became women's biggest AIDS risk, said David Kirby of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"Not only do they have sex with IV drug users, but with bisexual men," he said, adding that bisexuality is more prevalent in the United States than is commonly thought.

"This underscores the tremendous need for highly specific education aimed at sexually active women," Kirby said. "We have to help them empower themselves so they're able to negotiate having safer sex with their partners."

A big consequence of the increase among women is the spread of the HIV virus to their babies, who come down with

full-fledged AIDS much sooner than adults. The CDC recorded 624 new AIDS cases among infants and toddlers last year, a 16.6 percent increase.

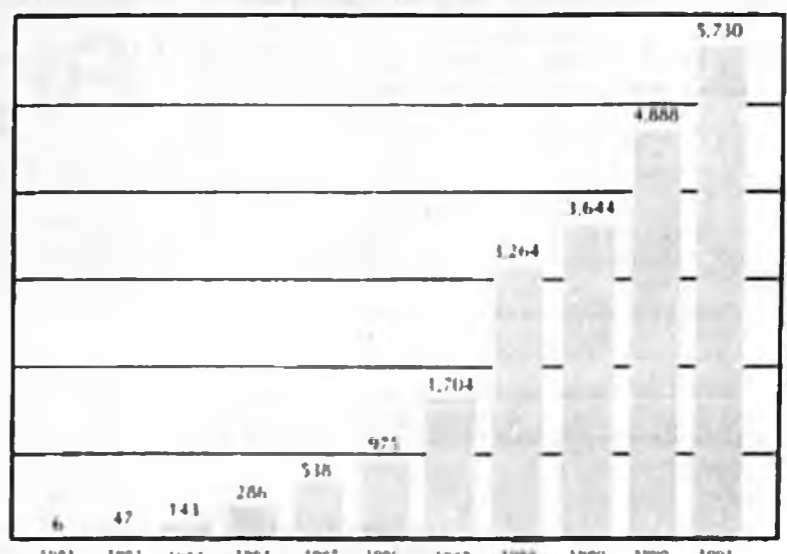
The CDC expects the trends to continue because all AIDS cases from heterosexual contact increased 17.1 percent last year, while those due to tainted needles increased only 1 percent.

More than half of 1992's new female AIDS patients lived in 10 metropolitan areas, with most — 1,581 — concentrated in New York City.

Homosexual and bisexual men, the first group hit by HIV a decade ago, still account for most new diagnoses.

YOUNG WOMEN AND AIDS

AIDS cases reported each year among adult and adolescent U.S. women age 13 and older.



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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE

The Local Planning Agency of the City of Longwood, Florida, will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 28, 1993, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Commission Chambers of the City Hall, located at 175 W. Warren Avenue, Longwood, Florida, for the purpose of considering making a recommendation to the City Commission regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Longwood, Florida.

The public hearing on plan amendments may involve the change in the use of land throughout the incorporated city limits of the City of Longwood, Florida.

CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA

The proposed ordinance will bring the Comprehensive Plan into compliance with the conditions set forth in the Stipulated Settlement Agreement between the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the City of Longwood. The Stipulated Settlement Agreement has previously been approved.

At this public hearing, the Land Planning Agency will consider making a recommendation to the City Commission on the adoption of Ordinance No. 93-1143 entitled:

An ordinance of the City of Longwood, Florida, amending the City of Longwood, Florida Comprehensive Plan to meet the objections of the State Department of Community Affairs; adding "Exhibit 1" to the cover of the Comprehensive Plan; amending the Introduction to clarify concurrency management requirements; amending the Land Use element to clarify the types of applications to be reviewed, to address infill development, and to clarify the applicability of wetland types affected by land use policies; amending the Conservation Element, to clarify the applicability of wetland types affected by conservation policies, to add a wetland buffer, to provide for innovative zoning techniques, and to provide mitigation measures for when wetlands are altered, and to clarify language; amending the Public Facilities and Services Element to address infill development and to clarify applicability of policies; and amending the Capital Improvements Element to address infill development; providing for conflicts, severability and an effective date.

Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Local Planning Agency with respect to any matter considered at this hearing will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose, will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is posted at the City of Longwood's Planning Department and may be inspected by the public. At the meeting, parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinances. This hearing may be continued from time to time until final action is taken by the City Commission.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the A.D.A. Coordinator, at (407) 260-3481, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Geraldine Zambri, City Clerk
City of Longwood

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EDITORIALS



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Old oak trees will be missed

Two long time residents of Sanford have now left us. Their departure took place Wednesday.

The residents were two large oak trees, on the northern side of Lake Carola, along Seminole Boulevard and the lakefront. An urban forester, investigating the trees for the city, has determined the root system has rotted and there is no hope of saving the trees.

The trees had browned by the lack of fluid flowing from their roots, and falling limbs had become more and more of a danger.

With an estimated age of 40 to 50 years, they have provided shade for many people during their lifetimes, especially since picnic tables have been placed under their large coverage area.

They have been on hand during the creation of Lake Carola by which they stand. They have seen the construction of the Monroe Harbour Marina complex, and survived Hurricane Donna's high waters.

Howard Jeffries, Grounds Maintenance coordinator with the city Parks and Recreation Department, has indicated plans are being made to replace the trees with others which will eventually provide the same comfort for area visitors. He said the replacements would be as large as possible.

There are times when nothing can be said or done to change a situation. The loss of these trees is an example.

This might be used however, as a suggestion that caution should be taken regarding the health of other large trees. Taking care of them now, with proper nutrients and other safety features, may do much to preserve them for future generations.

Our old friends will be missed. But in doing so, we extend our appreciation for the shade they have provided over these four or five decades.

LETTERS

Poor drainage

We have people complaining about poor drainage and rightfully so but nothing is ever done.

One half of Sanford is a floodplain and if \$50 million dollars was spent on the problem it would not be all corrected. The problem is not going away but work should be started on correcting the drainage. Forget the Main Street, historical issues, ballparks, lakefront project, First Street. Make and correct basic problems first. The city has owned Chase Park for 25 years. All they think of doing is ballparks. The area between the large drainage ditch and the property owners is a huge jungle, home to poisonous snakes, opossums and raccoons that could become rabid anytime.

Manager Simmons says he is going to tear up Celery Avenue, the Hamilton school yard and Scott Avenue and put up an 8 ft. tile. Then he would connect to a 3 ft. wide ditch in the county. That does not make sense.

If we would leave those areas that have 4 ft. tile in them and put in 4 ft. tile in the open ditch and a retention pond, it would be a big improvement.

Thirty-two property owners on Scott Avenue bordering this ditch have signed this letter.

Roy Wall
Sanford

Berry's World

ATTENTION:
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PROGRAM CONTAINS
VIOLENCE



CHUCK STONE

Right wing aims to eliminate Elders

This could almost be the rallying cry for every pro-life supporter: "Whenever I hear of a young girl having an abortion, I consider it a personal failure."

You can also consider that a statement by a person "of sorrow and acquainted with grief." It is a sentiment of one determined to "save the babies."

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, a pediatrician, has spent her life saving babies.

In 1987, then-Gov. Bill Clinton appointed her the doctor to the state of Arkansas. Now, President Clinton wants her to be doctor to the United States, although a cabal of congressional Republicans and right-wing groups have forced the White House to put her nomination on hold.

As Arkansas' public health director, Elders "came out smoking" on the health crises that had given Arkansas one of the worst health care records in America.

Whether advocating the dispensing of contraceptives on request in school health clinics, implementing prenatal-care programs geared especially to those who had never known what prenatal care was, or developing AIDS prevention programs, the outspoken Elders took no prisoners.

She denounced what she called the slavery of poor teen-age mothers, a condition "the 13th

Amendment did not anticipate." Joycelyn Elders is for real.

But, despite her pro-life beliefs, four right-wing groups composed mainly of white middle-class, middle-aged females are determined to prevent the appointment of Joycelyn Elders as surgeon general. As the first black woman to serve as surgeon general, she would follow Antonia C. Novello, the first Hispanic woman to hold the title, as the medical conscience of America.

Most of the groups who have announced their opposition to Elders have had precious little contact with minorities — other than those who washed their windows on Thursdays.



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The notion of a strong-willed black woman calling the shots for the nation's health agenda is, as Niosake Shange wrote, "a metaphysical dilemma (they) haven't conquered yet."

"We cannot afford to let Dr. Elders do to America what she did in Arkansas," sniffed Jan Parshall of Concerned Women of America, a powerful conservative organization with an anti-feminist agenda (a woman's place is in the house, not the Senate). CWA has one of the largest female memberships in the country, so when it speaks many politicians listen.

By itself, CWA could still be dismissed for its 19th-century mentality. But CWA has picked up three allies — the Traditional Values Coalition, the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council — for the "Eliminate Elders" mission.

And what are Elders' "sins"? According to CWA's Parshall, Elders "believes in comprehensive sexuality education beginning in kindergarten." Her enemies are accusing her of double-dipping (being paid as a federal government consultant while still on the Arkansas payroll).

But what really sends Parshall into a paroxysm of moral outrage is the fact that some of these kids "don't know their colors and numbers yet." Elders would violate their "innocence and modesty."



ROBERT WAGMAN

Ginsburg may have little effect

WASHINGTON — With the end of the Supreme Court's 1992-93 term, and the retirement of Justice Byron White, a lively debate has broken out over what effect the addition of Ruth Bader Ginsburg will have. The emerging consensus is probably very little.

It is likely that her addition will not significantly change the overall chemistry of the justices. Judging by her 13 years on the appeals court, Ginsburg is a cautious, centrist jurist who seems to rule on each case individually rather than from an overall, ideology-based judicial philosophy.

Her approach will fit well into the Rehnquist court, which has evolved into a non-activist court with no strong, overriding philosophy.

The past term was a strange one. Through much of the year, the justices decided few important issues, and the court seemed to drift. It appeared that the conservative philosophy of Chief Justice Rehnquist continued to decline, with the balance of power more firmly then ever in the hands of the court's center: Justices David Souter, Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor. However, over the final 10 days of the term, in a series of important decisions, that center shattered in all directions.

This year there were 19 cases decided with a slim majority of 5-4. In almost every one, the composition of the majorities and minorities changed. Even assuming that Ginsburg is more liberal than the justice she will replace, Byron White, the outcome of many of those cases would not have changed.

There is some speculation, though, that in one of the most controversial rulings of the recent term — whether white voters may challenge the constitutionality of racially gerrymandered voting districts — the result may well have been different had Ginsburg been voting.

But different how? In *Shaw vs. Reno*, the court was asked to rule on the constitutionality of a challenge made by three white North Carolina voters to the state's newly drawn 12th district — a bizarre looking area that snakes 170 miles along Interstate 85 to form a majority-black district.

The court could simply have ruled on the direct question presented, and asserted that the designers of the district had gone too far in trying to draw a minority district. But Justice O'Connor went much further. Writing for the majority, she opened to question the seemingly settled point of law that the provisions of the Voting Rights Act virtually mandating creation of minority districts might discriminate against non-minority voters.

Some believe that had Ginsburg been on the

court, the specific challenge to the North Carolina district might have been upheld. O'Connor might not have found a majority willing to go the next step and call the Voting Rights Act into question.

The big story in the '92-'93 term is the ever-widening split between the court's most conservative justice, Antonin Scalia, and Souter. They are without doubt the two most powerful intellects on the court, and a situation seems to have developed where, if Scalia is for it, Souter can be counted on to be against it.

More than ever, Scalia's votes seem the product of his unyielding conservative ideology. He finds himself increasingly writing concurring opinions. With regularity, many of the court's other conservatives — including White and Rehnquist — will agree with Scalia on the outcome of a case, but not on his rationale.

Souter showed the biggest shift in the '92-'93 term. In the previous term he voted with the majority 92 percent of the time. In the past term, more and more, he found himself aligned with the court's two most liberal justices, Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens. In 14 of the 19 cases decided 5-4, Souter was in the minority.

"Souter has gone over to the left," conservative court commentator Bruce Fein has concluded. But others view it more as Souter's seemingly visceral reaction to Scalia, more than any shift in his vision of the law. Increasingly, Souter seems to see his role as a counterbalance to Scalia.

Over the last two terms, the court's makeup has been Stevens and Blackmun on the left; Scalia, Thomas, Rehnquist and White on the right; and O'Connor, Souter — and less frequently, Kennedy — as the swing votes. Replacing White with another centrist will probably not result in a great change on the court.

A much more open question is what long-term change might occur if, as expected, Justice Blackmun retires next year. Should President Clinton replace him with another centrist, the court could well be shifted even more to the right.



Replacing Byron White with another centrist will probably not result in a great change on the court.

JACK ANDERSON

Indian Affairs loses tribes' money

WASHINGTON — Compared to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a mattress may not be the worst place in the world to save your money.

A century and a half of government mismanagement has enraged America's unluckiest group of millionaires: Native Americans. But nobody seems to know how some of their money vanished.

Held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, millions of dollars of Native American profits from grazing fees, oil and gas drilling and other income are unaccounted for due to government mismanagement, according to congressional investigators. Many Native Americans have not received a statement of their account balances in more than 70 years.

Records required to balance these accounts have been destroyed as a result of storage in leaky, rodent-infested warehouses.

"We can't even sue because (BIA) doesn't have any records," said Elouise Cobell, comptroller for the Blackfoot nation, one of the few Native American tribes to establish its own bank. "If this were any private trust, people would have been sued and people would have been put in jail." On the contrary, some BIA officials have received bonuses for their management excellence, according to one congressional report.

At times, the search for missing documents has literally called for an archaeological dig. One BIA official who manages these trust funds once told a group of Native Americans gathered in Washington that not only was some of their documentation damaged or contaminated with asbestos, but that at one site "some of the records were paved over and are now under a parking lot."

Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., a longtime critic of BIA, believes he can account for the apathy. "It's out of sight, out of mind. It doesn't touch that many people in the mainstream public. But for the hundreds of thousands it does touch, it has a tremendous impact." Synar told our associate Andrew Conte. "The BIA has no intention ... of coming in to solve this problem. Because they know that they've been able to survive 40 years even though they've mismanaged it."

Originally a division of the War Department, the bureau is now under the Department of Interior. Judging by its management practices, it might as well be back in the 1820s, when the government first began holding tribal lands in trust.

"The derangements in the fiscal affairs of the Indian department are in the extreme. One would think that appropriations had been handled with a pitchfork," were the words of BIA employee H.R. Schoolcraft in 1828, the first in a long line of BIA whistle-blowers.

Government investigators subsequently lashed out at the BIA trust fund several times over the years — 1928, 1952, 1955 and most recently, 1982. Since then, the Department of Interior inspector general and other public accounting firms have performed more than 30 audits. Each year since 1983, in-house Interior Department studies have revealed that the bureau has "serious, long-standing financial management problems," according to a report by the House Government Operations Committee.

Meanwhile, Native Americans suffer abject poverty. One-third of the 1.8 million Native Americans currently live below the poverty line, and most reservations have unemployment levels topping 50 percent. Cobell sums it up this way: "First they took our blood, then they took our land, and now they've got our money."



Compared to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a mattress may not be the worst place in the world to save your money.

Prominent directors of failed bank face suit

By CATHERINE WILSON
AP Business Writer

MIAMI — The former directors of Southeast Bank's parent company may be held liable for the decisions they made before the institution failed.

Ryder System Chairman M. Anthony Burns, Burger King founder James McElamore, former Harris Corp. chief executive Joseph Boyd and former Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach must defend their role as stewards of Southeast Banking Corp. under a ruling.

U.S. District Judge Sidney Aronovitz on Thursday kept alive only "a sliver" of the claims offered by William Brandt, Southeast Banking

Corp.'s bankruptcy trustee, but he said he was "ecstatic" over the decision.

Others defendants include former Southeast Chairman Harry Hood Bassett and Charles Zwick, former Saks Fifth Avenue chairman Melvin Jacobs and agribusiness giants Alfonso Fajul Jr. and Edward Duda. Zwick was President Johnson's budget director.

Similar lawsuits are being decided nationally over the liability of those who ran failing banks and thrifts in the late 1980s. Southeast, one of only two Florida banks to survive the Great Depression, went under in September 1991 at a loss of \$350 million.

"This is really cutting-edge law right now," Brandt said. "This case and other cases like it will

set the tone for the national banking industry for the next 20 years."

Stuart Baskin, attorney for non-management directors, said he was "pleased and gratified" by the decision because of the narrow grounds allowed by the judge.

The trustee was permitted to contest board decisions on the purchase of two troubled Florida thrifts, a related dividend and any new areas that meet the judge's standards.

Southeast's directors and officers were insured for their actions, but Brandt hopes to hold them personally liable.

"These are serious people. You don't sue these people lightly," he said. "The general thinking we

have is they're responsible for the failure of the bank."

Southeast's purchase of First Federal Savings of Jacksonville, which had \$1.2 billion in assets, and South Florida Savings of Davie, with \$128 million in assets, are covered by the ruling.

Bad commercial real estate loans brought down Southeast, and Charlotte, N.C.-based First Union Corp. bought its best assets a day after the Miami bank was seized.

Brandt wants an investigation of First Union's role in the failure, suggesting the one-time suitor hastened Southeast's demise after deciding against a purchase. First Union has said repeatedly it had nothing to do with Southeast's failure.

Book celebrates would-be outlaws who botched crimes

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — John Dillinger, Al Capone, Bonnie and Clyde — when it comes to crime, their exploits are legendary. But what about Gary Leonard who left a completed loan application on the counter of a bank he just robbed? Or Gregory Rosa, suspected of robbing vending machines, who paid his bail in quarters?

Leonard and Rosa are just two of dozens of would-be outlaws celebrated in "America's Least Competent Criminals," a new book about the ones who never ever get away.

Take Lee Hardyman who twice got so carried away playing Nintendo in homes he had broken into that he was still engrossed when the owners came home.

Or Khalil Fulton who appeared on national television as a contestant on "The Price is Right" while he was hiding out from police in a drug case.

And how about Bruce Damon, who told the teller he was holding up a Massachusetts bank that he wanted a check, not cash? He was arrested when he went to cash the check at a nearby bank.

Some of the craziest schemes are repeated all over the country. Like the burglars who try to squeeze their way into buildings through the chimneys or vents — and end up getting stuck, often hang-

ing upside down. Or the getaway car drivers who decide to get the cars washed while they're waiting.

The book's author, Chuck Shepherd, has made a career collecting strange stories like these from newspapers all over the country. His weekly column of strange tidbits, "News of the Weird," runs in 220 newspapers.

He says many of the true crime stories in the book come from newspaper clippings sent in by fans of his columns. And in the book's introduction, he includes his address and promises to send a thank-you note to anyone who sends in a good tale.

"I've always thought true stories are much more interesting than made-up ones," Shepherd said. "The truth really can be stranger than fiction."

Included in the book's 139 pages are some hard-to-believe true stories — from the 82-year-old man who robbed a bank and then tried to get away on a bicycle to the two criminals who hopped a barbed-wire fence to get away from police and found themselves in the San Quentin prison yard.

The book isn't a lofty tome; Shepherd says it's perfect bathroom reading. It's also good for those who worry too much about the dangerous world they live in.

"If these criminals were smarter, we'd have a lot more to fear," he said.

Anger vented over racial symbols

By MERRILL HARTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In one day, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun stared down a colleague over a 19th century Supreme Court decision sanctioning slavery and vanquished another in a floor fight over the Confederate flag.

Elected in November, sworn in and seated Jan. 3, the Senate's first black female member arrived, for real, Thursday. And scores of colleagues in a Senate in transition heard her wake-up call.

At the confirmation hearing for Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Moseley-Braun, an Illinois Democrat, told Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch she found his statement likening the 1857 Dred Scott decision on slavery to the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion "personally offensive."

Hatch said she misinterpreted his remarks. The Utah senator said his point was that both landmark decisions were drawn "from thin air" rather than constitutional principle.

But Moseley-Braun was having none of that. "I find it very difficult to sit here as the only descendant of a slave," she replied.

While immersed in the Ginsburg confirmation hearing, Moseley-Braun got word

that another Republican, North Carolina's Jesse Helms, was making a move on the Senate floor she opposed.

Helms was pushing to have the Senate renew an official government patent for the United Daughters of the Confederacy insignia containing the symbol of the Confederate flag.

After all, Helms reasoned, the Senate had done such three times previously with hardly a word of protest.

"There's not an evil member of the UDC," Helms said. "There's not a member of the UDC that wants to pick a fight with anybody."

Moseley-Braun, her voice breaking at times, declared that the issue was "whether or not Americans such as myself will have to suffer the indignity of being reminded time and time again that at one point in this country's history we were human chattel, we were property, we could be traded, bought and sold."

"I would like to put a stake through the heart of this Dracula," said Moseley-Braun, whose indignant stand swayed the votes of other senators in the tradition-bound Senate.

A first attempt to table the Helms proposal failed, 52-48. During that vote, only four members of Lincoln's Republican Party voted with Moseley-Braun.

But on a subsequent vote after her emotional appeal, the original four Republicans and 17 other GOP members joined Moseley-Braun and 53 other Democrats in tabling the Helms amendment, 75-25. She had persuaded 23 senators to change their minds.

They included Sen. Howell Heflin, an Alabama Democrat and grandson of a Confederate Army surgeon. His ancestors "thought what they were doing was right, but we are living today in a different world," he said. "We must get racism behind us and we must move forward."

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-Colo., who was with Moseley-Braun all the way on the Confederate flag issue, said he was sure some senators had voted with Helms earlier because of some "misguided idea that they were preserving some sort of tradition."

"I think you saw here today on the floor of the Senate one of the reasons why I and others have been saying for so long there is a need for diversity in this body," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del.

"The fact of the matter is that the senator from Illinois has pointed out something that has been sorely missing from this body — that one single voice speaking for millions and millions of voices in this country who feel like this body doesn't understand their problems," he said.

Government's survival on treaty vote today

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Declaring that a long, debilitating fight over European unity "cannot be permitted to fester any longer," Prime Minister John Major staked his government's survival on a vote of confidence in the House of Commons today.

Major called for the showdown Thursday night after losing the second of two critical votes on a treaty of European union, which has become the albatross of his term in office.

His opponents within the Conservative Party faced a choice of continuing their battle against the treaty or, by voting no-confidence, forcing an election.

Conservative officials were quietly confident this morning, well aware that most of their 332 members in Parliament do not want an election at a time when the party is sitting at the bottom of opinion polls.

"We will win this vote today," Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd told BBC Radio this morning. "Rebels know we're serious about a possible election."

The call for a vote of confidence capped a night of high drama and emotional debate over a Labor Party motion to force Major to sign on to the same charter of workers' rights adopted by Britain's 11 partners in the European Community. Some Conservatives voted with Labor as a tactic intended to kill the whole treaty.

Major, who says charter provisions such as paid paternity leave and a maximum 48-hour work week are too costly for industry, barely defeated the Labor motion — Speaker of the House Betty Boothroyd broke a 317-317 tie in the government's favor.

But on the main motion supporting the treaty without the charter, Major lost 316-324.

"Tonight's debate has shown that there is no majority in this house for the United Kingdom to join the social chapter. There is, however, as we know, a majority in this house in favor of ratifying

the Maastricht Treaty." Major said after the second vote.

"We must resolve this issue and it cannot be permitted to fester any longer," he said.

"I notice that the prime minister has been driven to use the confidence factor because he cannot win the vote on any other (basis)," said opposition Labor Party leader John Smith.

Major said the confidence motion would be worded to also endorse the treaty. Smith said he would seek yet another vote on the workers' charter.

Major would have lost the first vote on Thursday but for the support of nine Ulster Unionists, the largest Protestant-based party in Northern Ireland. It wasn't clear what the government promised in return, but one Cabinet official mentioned the possibility of creating a House of Commons committee on Northern Ireland.

John Taylor, an Ulster Unionist lawmaker, said his party would support Major on Friday because it fears an election which might bring the Labor Party to power. A Labor Party proposal for joint British-Irish government of Northern Ireland infuriated unionists.

Proud of its imperial past and jealous of its security of an island nation, Britain has long been the most reluctant partner in the European Community.

Arguments about ceding powers to Europe have bitterly divided Conservatives as well as Labor, and led to the downfall of Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, in 1990.

In treaty negotiations the following year in the Dutch town of Maastricht, Major took great pride in negotiating a British exemption from the so-called "social chapter."

After winning the national elections in April 1992 with a sharply reduced majority, Major was at the mercy of die-hard opponents of European union in his own party.

Major got a ratification bill through the House of Commons only by agreeing to one last vote on the social chapter — and that came Thursday night.

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IN BRIEF

Church, Christian Support Guide

A new publication designed at reaching newcomers and the unchurched is now available for the Orlando/Tri-Country area. Published by Eric & Maggie Mello of the Church of Our Savior in Merritt Island, the premier issue of The Church and Christian Support Guide is available at many grocery stores, convenience stores, real estate agents and other locations. The purpose of this guide is to help newcomers and the unchurched find a new church home or a support group. The guide also contains extensive information on the local Christian community, such as Christian childcare, schools, radio and TV schedules, bookstores and businesses.

Jews commemorate Tisha B'Av

By RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO Special to the Herald

Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, the day on which the Jewish people recalls the catastrophes which it has suffered and which have influenced its life and character, will be commemorated at community gatherings at Congregation Beth Am on Sand Lake Road in Longwood on Monday evening (July 26) at 8:15 p.m. and at Congregation Olney Shalom on Goddard Street just south of Lee Road on Tuesday morning (July 27) at 7:45 a.m. The historical events which Jewish tradition has associated most closely with Tisha B'Av have been the destruction in the year 586 before the common era of the Temple built in Jerusalem by King Solomon, the destruction of its replacement, the Second Temple in this year 70 of the common era and the expulsion, 591 years ago, of the thriving Jewish community of Spain. The commemoration is traditionally

marked by observing a day of mourning, by fasting, by prayer and by the recitation of Aicha, the Biblical Book of Lamentations often read with a hauntingly beautiful melody while sitting on the floor following the text by the light of candles. The day is especially meaningful because of the significance of the disasters which befell the Jewish people at this time of the year. The destruction of the First Temple sent the Jews into exile for the first time, and the awareness of exile galut in Hebrew remains a constant in the life of the Jewish people even today. With the destruction of the Second Temple, the Jews lost their independence and were scattered to the four corners of the world, and began careers as an eternal minority. Jewish tradition associates the Ninth of Av with additional calamities, as well. According to the Talmud, "On Tisha B'Av it was decreed that the generation that went out of Egypt would not enter the Promised

Land, the First and Second Temples were destroyed, Betar, the last stronghold during the Rebellion of Bar Kokhba in the year 135 was captured and the city of Jerusalem was plowed under and made uninhabitable by the Romans. It is clear from this passage that the Sages of old wished to create a day upon which the tragedies of the Jewish People would be remembered, marked with fasting and a special liturgy and help them to deal with and come to grips with the evil that has befallen them. The ultimate goal would be the setting in motion of a redemptive process on the part of the people to bring about redemption so that sufferings would cease.

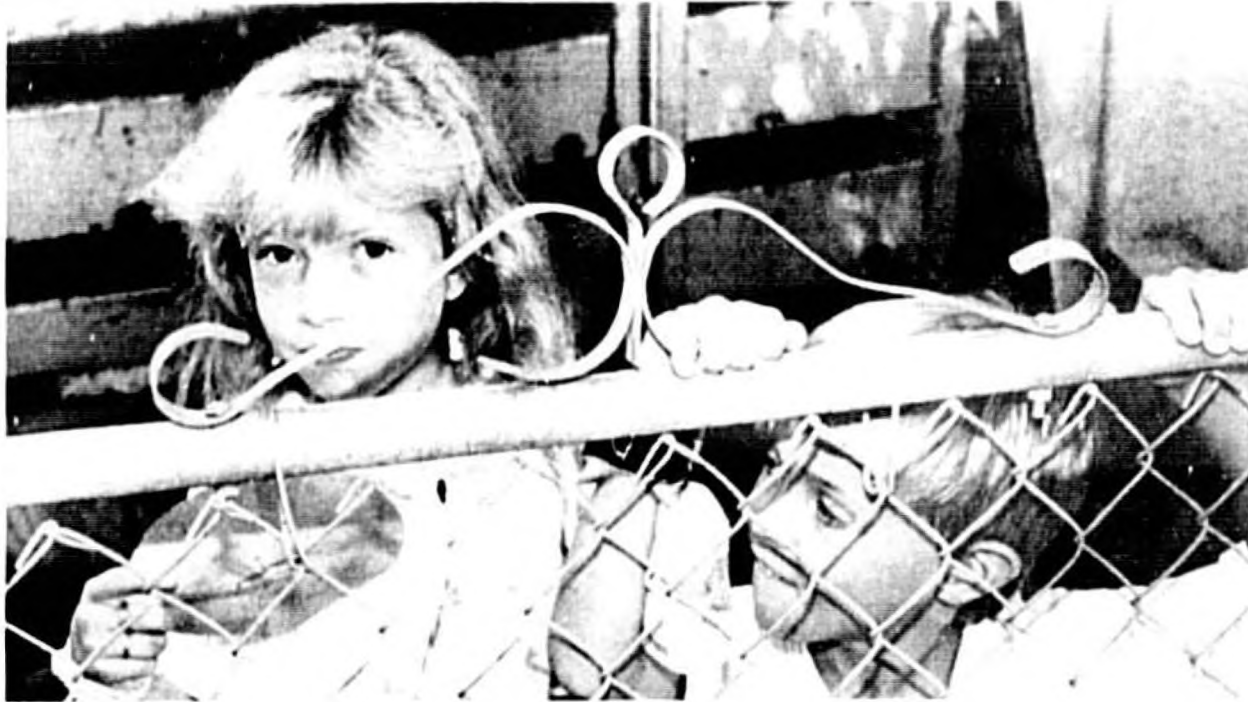
All are welcome to worship with the Jewish Community of Central Florida at Tisha B'Av services located at the heart of the Book of Lamentations and those services on behalf of the Redeemer.

Merrill Shapiro is a rabbi in Longwood, Florida, and a Sand Lake Road resident.

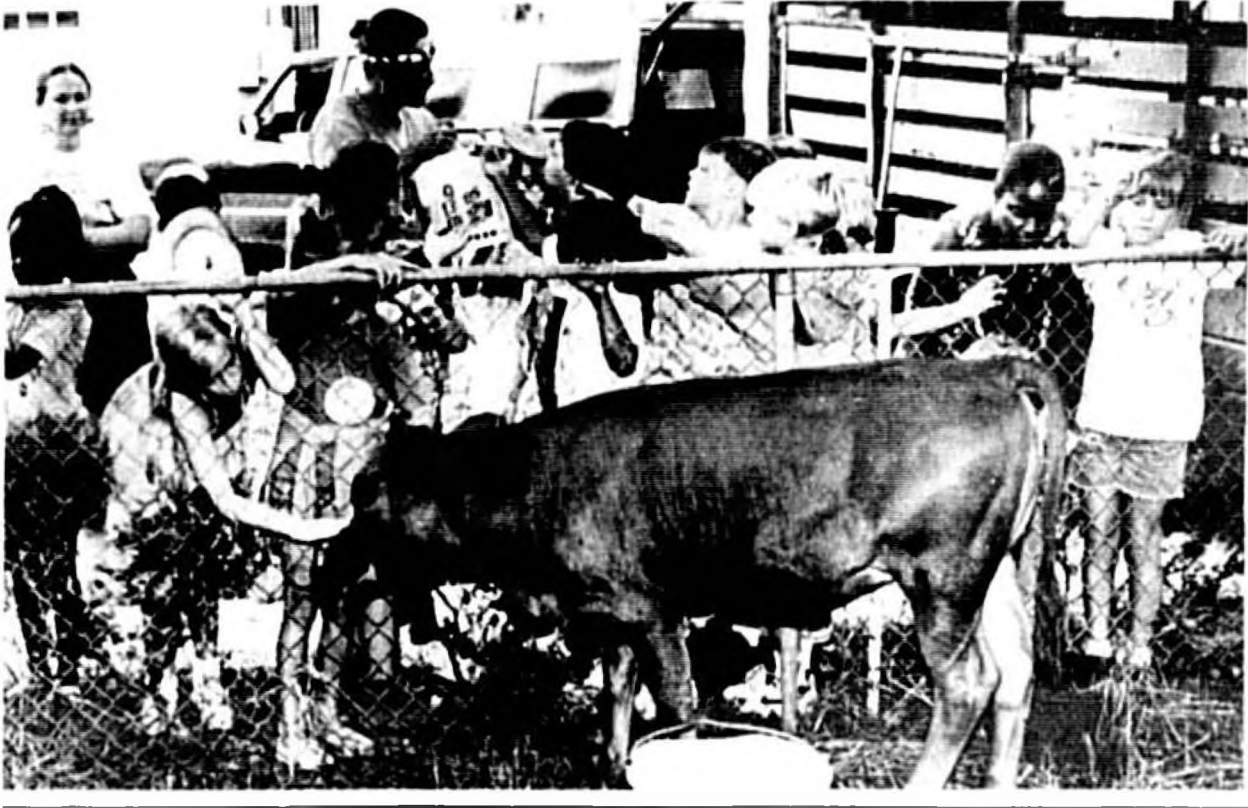
'Living in God's Creation'



To Church Vacation Bible School came to a moving close last week with the children partaking in a Heifer Project International program. Becky Oslo, top left, relaxes with her prized creation during the presentation as Amy Fitzgerald, 8, top right, and Jimmy Schmitz, 7,



wait for their close encounter with the guest of the day. Bonnie Schumacher, bottom left, education coordinator for First Presbyterian Church, explained the importance of Heifer Project to the children before going to meet and feeding a heifer from Wilbur Farms.



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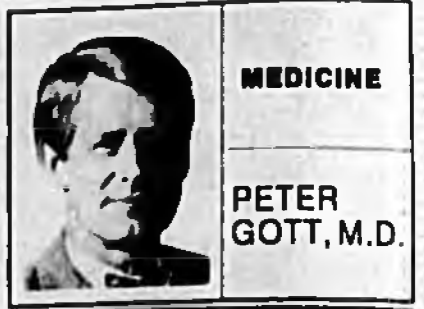
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By Bernice Bede Osol YOUR BIRTHDAY

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be perceived as a fault finder today who looks for the negative instead of the positive side of things...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're in a negative frame of mind today, you'll not only resent doing things for others...

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by Leonard Starr