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80s.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Spaziano appeal rejected

The 5th District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach on Tuesday declined to reopen the 1975 rape case of Joseph "Crazy Joe" Spaziano, upholding an earlier ruling in Orlando. Spaziano has spent 20 years in prison on death row for a 1973 killing in Seminole County. Appeals resulted in a new murder trial which is planned for July. The rape will be used as a reason to give him the death penalty again, according to Seminole Assistant State Attorney Tom Hastings.

Child neglect

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office investigators have arrested a Casselberry woman for child neglect after she and her three children, ages 12, 14 and 16, were found living in deplorable conditions. Kathlene Lein, 38, was arrested about 1 p.m. Tuesday and charged with one count of neglect of a child, a third degree felony. Lein was released from the Seminole County Correctional Facility after posting \$1,000 bond.

SCOPA to meet

The Seminole County Port Authority will meet June 18 at 4 p.m. at the administration building at the Port of Sanford, 1510 Kastner Place.

For information, call 322-4798.

Water conservation

The St. Johns River Management District is asking residents of the Wekiva River Basin to conserve water because of below normal rainfall and falling water levels in the Wekiva River. The Wekiva River Basin is a 300-square mile area of Lake, Orange and Seminole counties. To conserve water, residents should inspect sprinkler systems for leaks in all hoses and fittings and also inspect and replace leaky parts on toilets and faucets. The St. Johns District already requires that there be no watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Expansion means 300 jobs

Software Support Inc., in Heathrow International Business Park, will double its work force by hiring 300 customer service representatives. A job fair will be held Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. at its headquarters on Heathrow International Parkway. The salary range will be between \$21,000 to \$35,000.

Habitat homes

Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County is looking for low income families with a desire to own a home. There will be an orientation June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 700 W. 24th St., Sanford.

For information, call Sharon Shoemaker, 788-1167.

Father-Daughter Ball

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida will hold its second annual Father-Daughter Ball June 14 at the Southwest Club, 5055 Raleigh St., Orlando. All fathers and daughters, members and non-members, are invited. Girls interested in attending the event and whose father is not available will be escorted by volunteer police officers and other adults.

For information, call 841-6855.

Crossing guards needed

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office will be accepting applications for school crossing guards June 16 to June 30 at 1345 28th Street, Sanford. Applicants must be 18, have a high school diploma or GED, and available Monday to Friday in the morning and afternoon. The pay is \$8 an hour. There will be fingerprinting and a criminal history query.

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Firefighters win EMS contract

Win Adams to the rescue

By **RUSS WHITE**
Herald Staff Writer

The million-to-one shot came in. Hell froze over. Seminole County's roaring EMS-ambulance chase came to a screeching halt at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday with a motion from Commissioner Win Adams: Why not give the contract to the county's firefighters - not a private company.

The response time to Adams was instantaneous.

The 200 or so crammed into the BCC chambers stood to cheer. Many were the firefighters and many others concerned citizens like Ellen Rose from Lake of the Woods. "We've won, haven't we?" said Rose who came to chambers some five

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Citizens packed the Seminole County commission chambers for decisions on emergency rescue service and adult entertainment. The commissioners awarded the EMS contract to firefighters instead of the private company, LifeFleet. Stringent adult entertainment ordinances are currently being drafted.

Board mulls advertising in schools

By **STEVE BARNES**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - The Seminole County School Board delayed taking action on a bid by Adopt-A-School, Inc., to become the district's exclusive agent for in-school advertising.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Hagerly had recommended that the board approve the contract at Tuesday afternoon's meeting. Approval would have given Adopt-A-School exclusive rights to sell advertising space within the schools as part of a plan to increase cor-

porate sponsorship of the county's financially strapped school system.

Board member Larry Furlong objected to the move on the grounds that more research should be conducted to determine if giving Adopt-A-School exclusive rights would jeopardize the school board's ability to raise funds through other advertising venues. He also expressed doubts about Adopt-A-School, saying they "have no customers and no track record." He said the board could be "giving away the farm" by limiting itself to one unproved contractor.

He cited an article published in the June 4 issue of Education Week about the Grapevine-Colleyville school district in Texas which is pioneering new ways to allow advertising within the school system.

That district allows advertising on school buses, on signs hung on the walls of the school and on the in-school television station. It is also negotiating a multi-million dollar deal with a soft drink manufacturer to rent space on the roof of a school for an ad which would be visible to airplane travelers as they approach a nearby airport.

There was some confusion on the part of the board as to exactly what rights would have been given to Adopt-A-School. Hagerly stated that the three year contract would cover only in-school advertising such as posters and other forms of advertising which could be mounted on walls.

In the end, the board directed staff to review the matter in more detail and report back to the board no later than the meeting scheduled for 7/22 for appropriate action.

Coalition's mission: Erase harmful drugs

By **STEVE BARNES**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - The Central Florida Prevention Coalition hosted an evening of inspirational speeches, entertainment and recognition of supporters, Tuesday night at the Sanford Civic Center.

The Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the incidence of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and the related health problems in targeted areas. The group is sponsored by The Center for Drug Free Living, Inc., The Grove Counseling Center, Inc., and funded by the center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The event was kicked off by stu-

dents from Tajiri Arts, who received a standing ovation for their performance.

Sanford City Commissioner Dr. Velma Williams, spoke on the need for cooperation between residents in order to make positive changes occur in troubled neighborhoods. She repeated the oft-maligned African folk saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." That philosophy resurfaced repeatedly throughout the affair.

Youth leader Contona Thomas, of Winter Springs High School, stressed the importance of young people getting involved in community affairs. He praised the efforts of Orlando Fights Back, an organization which he says helped him grow as an individual and

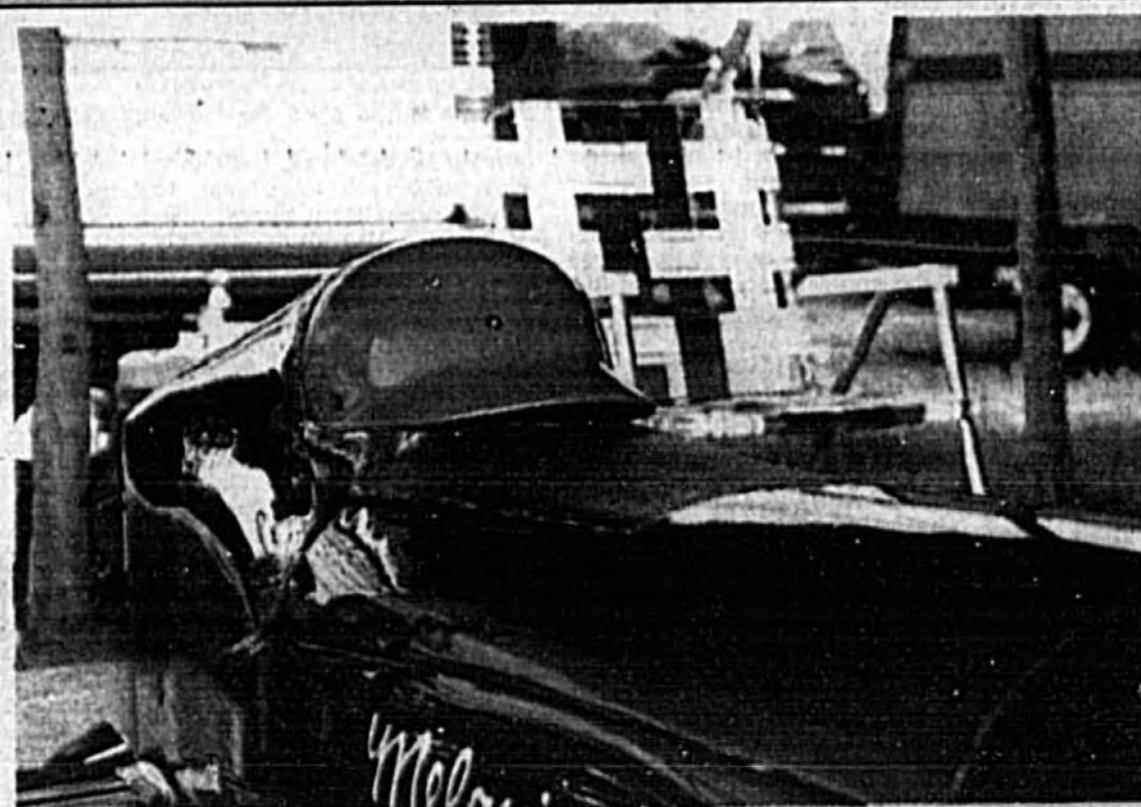
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Herald Photo by Steve Barnes

Sanford Commissioner Dr. Velma Williams delivers an inspirational message to those gathered Tuesday for a better community.

The thrill of the Soap Box Derby



Herald Photo by Steve Barnes

Longwood's Melanie Kirby peeks from beneath her Soap Box Derby helmet, ready to compete in this past weekend's qualifying event in Sanford, enabling winners to compete in Akron, Ohio this summer. Story Page 1B.

Middle school's test scores break mold of mediocrity

By **VICKI DeBORMIER**
Herald Senior Staff Writer

While test scores for standardized tests in Seminole County Public Schools have fluctuated and, in many cases, gone down over the last half decade, one middle school has steadily climbed out of the academic hole in which it had been mired.

Lakeview Middle School in Sanford has outperformed all other middle schools in the district on the CTBS (California Test of Basic Skills) test which the district uses as a measure for the progress of all fourth, eighth and tenth graders in the county.

The eighth graders at Lakeview have consistently improved one year to the next. Principal Jim Shupe said, because the school begins in the sixth grade working on reinforcing all the basic skills: reading, writing and math.

Lakeview has also shown a marked improvement in the Florida Writes! Test scores.

According to Dave Winger, director of testing for the school district, Lakeview's change in the reading scores for the CTBS test over the last five years has been 10 points, which he said is five times the cumulative change of any other middle school in the district.

In the math category, Winger said, Lakeview had the highest change of any middle school with a nine point increase from 1993 to 1997.

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Shawna needs your help to survive



Thomason

Shawna Thomason needs your help. Thomason has been diagnosed with acute leukemia and is very ill right now. The 14-year old has only one hope for survival. She must have a bone marrow transplant if she is going to live. Her medical problems are increased by her financial woes.

Her father died in 1994 leaving a widowed mother to raise a daughter alone. She was denied Medicaid and Medically Needy assistance. She can't get help from Florida Children Hospitals because she has no insurance or ready cash. Bills from Arnold Palmer Hospital and All Children Hospital already total more than \$30,000. She is having difficulty paying these bills and needs assistance meeting those obligations. If she is able to afford it, Thomason hopes to get into St. Jude's Hospital in Tennessee where she hopes to get that bone marrow transplant that could save her life. She needs money for the operation as well as for traveling costs, prescriptions, motel bills and meals while she travels to get the help. A help trust fund has been set up for Thomason at Barnett Bank. Donations made be made to the trust fund at any Barnett Bank in the state. For more information about Shawna Thomason or to make a donation, call 321-2582.

Parents' Dinner set

The Celery City Lodge No. 542 and Evergreen Temple No. 321 invites the community to attend a special dinner. The Parents' Dinner is being held at the Elks Lodge on 7th Street and Cypress Avenue from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 14.

Tell us your story

The *Sanford Herald* welcomes news about you, your family, friends and neighbors. But, we need your help by submitting information to us. Requests for photo coverage should be made at least three days in advance by calling our office. Your organization's publicity person should arrange for photo coverage and submit a news release about the event no later than three days following. Engagement and wedding forms are available at our office. If desired, these may be accompanied by a black and white or color photo. These stories are usually run on Sundays and should be submitted on Tuesday before the publication date. Weddings more than three months old will be published in announcement form without a photo. Our address: The *Sanford Herald*, P.O. Box 1667 or 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, 32771. Phone: 322-2611. Fax: 323-9408.

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Wednesday, Scattered Thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the mid 80s. Thursday, Scattered Thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday, Scattered Thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday, Scattered Thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the mid 80s.

SUN INDEX

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for the Orlando area is 10.

FLORIDA TEMPS

MIAMI - Florida 24 hour temperatures and rainfall at 8 a.m. today

City	Hi	Lo	Rain
Apalachicola	83	69	00
Daytona Beach	81	72	tr
Fort Lauderdale	85	75	.05
Fort Myers	81	70	.01
Gainesville	79	63	.01
Jacksonville	83	73	.01
Key West	83	73	3.13
Miami	81	77	2.48
Pensacola	84	68	.00
Sarasota	90	69	.01
Tallahassee	80	63	.03
Tampa	85	72	.06
W. Palm Beach	81	74	3.00

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 3 to 4 feet and choppy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 76 degrees.
New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 3 to 4 feet and rough. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 78 degrees.

TIDES

WEDNESDAY SOLUNAR TABLE: min., 10:55 a.m., 11:25 p.m., maj., 4:45 a.m., 5:10 p.m.
TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs: 12:40 a.m., 1:12 p.m., lows: 7:04 a.m., 7:28 p.m.
New Smyrna Beach: highs: 12:45 a.m., 1:17 p.m., lows: 7:09 a.m., 7:31 p.m.
Cocoa Beach: highs: 1:00 a.m., 1:32 p.m., lows: 7:24 a.m., 7:45 p.m.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 80 degrees and the overnight low was 70 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue. Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m. Tuesday totalled .07 inches. •Sunrise.....6:27 p.m. •Sunset.....8:23 p.m.

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Tipster led cops to killers, robbers

It's a good time to don a grass skirt and do the hula. Actually, the celebration is much more serious in Hawaii today. This is the day the citizens of that state celebrate their heritage with King Kamehameha I Day in honor of the Hawaiian monarch who led the native people of that area from 1737 until 1819. Other states have grand celebrations as well. In Canyon, Texas, the history of the panhandle area of the state is told through a musical drama that is performed below 100 foot cliffs. A cast of 80 will take part in the 32nd season of this event this year. More than 100,000 people are expected to see the play which will run through Aug. 23. The Virginia Pork Festival celebrates the pork industry in

Today Is...
VICKI DeSORMIER
 Staff Writer

that state in the largest food festival on the east coast. More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the event which will feature 37 different kinds of pork products that will be served on an all you can eat basis. This is also the anniversary of the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991. The long dormant volcano erupted with a violent explosion that spewed ash and

gases into the air that could be seen for more than 60 miles. Rainstorms combined with the ash to create mudstorms that covered much of the surrounding area including Clark and Subic Bay air force bases. This is the anniversary of the release of the song *Space Oddity* by David Bowie. The release of the song was designed to coincide with Apollo 11's trip to the moon during which Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed and walked on the moon. Today is Shavuot, the Jewish holiday which celebrates Moses receiving the Torah (the law or commandments) on Mount Sinai. The Hebrew date is Swan to in the year 5757. This is the anniversary of Ben Jonson's birth. Jonson, an English poet and playwright was born on June

11, 1572. "Talking and eloquence are not the same," Jonson wrote, "to speak and to speak well are two things." This is also the birth anniversary of composer Georg Strauss, who was born on this date in 1864. The German composer, musician and conductor is best remembered for his works *Till Eulenspiegel* and *Also Sprach Zarathustra* and *Don Quixote*. He died at the age of 85 in 1949. Among the birthdays of the rich and famous are actress Adrienne Barbeau who is 52, explorer and scientist (who invented SCUBA) Jacques Cousteau who turns 87, actor Raymond Cramton (better known as U. S. F. Everitt) who is 61, football player Joe Montana is 42, auto racer Jackie Stewart is 58 and actor Gene Wilder is also 58.



Thank you Mrs. Amos Jones was presented with a plaque on Monday in honor of her late husband. Her husband had served on a variety of committees...

Buddy is a surprising treat for filmgoers

Buddy (PG) I honestly thought that Rene Russo was going to be caught in the undertow of cuteness abundant in her new film *Buddy*. That pleasantly didn't happen. It almost seems taboo in the movie industry for actors to work with animals or kids. But Russo shows that it can be done, and done well. *Buddy* is about a 1920s socialite named Gertrude "Trudy" Lintz who is a cross between Dr. Doolittle and Diane Fossey. Her backyard is a zoo -- one that Michael Jackson would be proud of -- with all sorts of critters. She has a tendency to call out to them not in words, but in these bizarre shrieks, screams and yells. Her husband simply sits at his desk in his home office moving his head side to side in bemusement of her. I would assume, daily routine.



Rene Russo stars as an eccentric socialite who raises an infant gorilla as her child in *Buddy*.

Lintz receives a phone call from the zoo about a baby gorilla in need of medical attention. She takes it back to her home and, with the help of her doctor husband, nurses the baby back to health. Buddy, as she names him, grows bigger each and every day. Large food supplements feed him, her rotund husband's hand-me-downs cloth him and chairs, simply, cannot hold him. Lintz develops a mother-son bond with Buddy, and, soon, Lintz is able to read her gorilla like any mom would her own child. She senses when Buddy is happy and when he is sad. Not only is Lintz affected by this maternal instinct, but the eccentric woman wants to prove to the experts -- she calls them "the most dangerous people in the world" -- that a gorilla can be domesticated. But Buddy starts to feel his primate blood pumping, and Lintz must decide what is best for the gorilla or face his growing, erupting uneasiness. Executive produced by Francis Ford Coppola (*The Godfather*) and Brian Henson, Jim Henson's son, *Buddy* is the first summer sleeper. Surprisingly, it is a well-acted, tender story based on Gertrude Lintz's autobiography, *Annals*

Are My Hobby. Now, the movie may strike you as similar to other primate pictures like *Mighty Joe Young* and *Bedtime for Bonzo*, but this movie is given its distinction by its writer-director, Caroline Thompson. Caroline Thompson is an excellent story teller and no stranger to family fare like *Buddy*. She made her debut with the children's classic, *Black Beauty*. Her scripts have included *Edward Scissorhands*, *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* and the screen adaptation of *The Secret Garden*. Her *Buddy* may be a little intense for the younger viewers, but it turns out to be a slice of joy for everyone. Her direction is a little obvious at times as she intercuts scenes frequently. Maybe too frequent. But, altogether, the movie told a moving story of a woman that makes a lasting connection with this beautiful animal -- her child, so to speak. Even though it was not directly addressed, I thought that Lintz and her husband could not conceive children of their own which is why there

are so many animals to fill their lives. *Buddy*, the gorilla, is a wonder of animatronics and another triumph for Jim Henson's Creature Shop. The Shop played an integral role in the making of the creatures for the 1995 Academy Award nominated *Babe*. Through the creature effects and Thompson's interpretation, we get a sense of what this gorilla is going through. Thompson gives this a level treatment not becoming too cutesy or overly sentimental with it. Russo (*Ransom*) is the true gem of the film. Her performance deserves major praise for the feat that she has achieved. She makes Lintz, with her good motherly intentions and penchant for eccentricity just as watchable as the animal co-stars. She brings the right amount of drama to her scenes where Lintz comes to the realization that keeping Buddy may be the worst thing for him. Robert Coltrane (*The Adventures of Huckberry Finn*) plays Dr. Lintz who is extremely tolerant of his wife's "hobby". Alan Cumming (*Romy and Mi*

Chloe's High School Reunion) plays loyal assistant to Gertrude Dick Kroener. Kroener usually spends most of his time with the chimpanzees, and they are a handful. Cumming looks as though he had a great time working with his simian pals which makes his performance all the more natural. Irma P. Hall who is noted for her role as Aunt T in *A Family Thing* is comical as the Lintz housekeeper. She is annoyed sometimes by the animals, but she finds them as infectious as we do. And, surprise everybody, Pee-wee Herman lives -- with less hair, though. A bald Paul Reubens makes a distinguished cameo as a renowned gorilla expert. *Buddy* is a charming picture; not at all what I had expected. My fear of it being a sugary and goey kiddie picture, to my delight, quickly subsided. And, thankfully, *Buddy* is not another deplorable marketing showboat. It is a thoughtful, heartwarming story that proves you don't have to be a Disney animated picture to restore the family's faith in the movies. Three stars (out of four).

David Frazier
 Screen Tests

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EDITORIAL

The naked truth

Imagine the Chicago Bulls and Utah Jazz trying to play TWO Championship games on the same day or a couple of NFL teams playing TWO Super Bowls the same day.

The Board of Seminole County Commissioners accomplished a rare DOUBLE on Tuesday, coming up with a heckuva victory in one action and getting down to bare facts in another.

The Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance issue is history. By a 4-1 vote the BCC chose the county's fire-rescue division over a private company (LifeFleet Atlantic) to take over all EMS calls and transport. We believe the public is served well by this decision.

How the Commissioners had the energy and wisdom to reach the EMS call after a two-hour morning agenda review meeting and for nearly five more hours addressing the adult entertainment-sexually oriented business issue, is a small miracle. Michael Jordan should have as much endurance.

The BCC chambers buzzed with activity from 1:30 p.m. to dusk. The place was jammed early with lawyers, pastors, a sheriff and his deputies, body scrubbers, a nudist colony director, lounge patrons, and a variety of citizens who each had a strong opinion about what the BCC should do about passing its new adult entertainment ordinances.

Commission Chairman Randy Morris allowed everyone to get his or her say, allowing some comic relief when there was a need but jawing away several times with an attorney who represented the adult entertainment business.

The BCC didn't have to vote on the adult-entertainment issue Tuesday, and will take further public comment at a 7 p.m. session on June 24. It was suggested Tuesday that the June 24 meeting be held at a larger facility - the Sanford Civic Center, perhaps.

What did the commissioners find out Tuesday?

- More than a half million people a year frequent legal adult-entertainment clubs in the county.
 - No one wants these clubs in their neighborhood.
 - There's going to be a long, costly fight to close or even move any of the clubs.
 - A good number of folks think the best solution would be to just let things stay the way they are. That the more fuss made over matter, the worse it will be.
- Loosen your ties, fellows.

LETTER

Recycling

Those who buy or those who bought glass should reinstate this policy, because some had depended on this for extra money.

These recycling plants get paid for the glass; so why not pay the people who would collect the glass? One hand washes the other, or have you not heard of this?

Next, I suppose, those who collect, their income will drop even further on aluminum by cutting this out, which would not be fair, people need this!

The stores who sell 'Yoo-Hoo' drinks, should buy back their bottles instead of having to buy more bottles to put the drinks in or doesn't this make sense?

George M. Tudor,
Sanford

Berry's World



GET IN LINE TO SEE "THE LOST WORLD: JURASSIC PARK."

IAN SHOALES

Falling in love with George Bush

There was an article in The New Republic of June 9 about the George Bush Revival, a movement that has gained momentum ever since our 41st president jumped out of an airplane last March. I don't see how skydiving brings you dignity, but apparently it worked for him.

The article informed me that there is a First Church of George Herbert Walker Bush. Run by a handful of evangelicals who hold that Bush is the reincarnation of Christ. They apparently believe that the Gulf War was Armageddon, and Saddam Hussein was Satan. The First Church's head priest, Tom Ratold, told TNR that "... people are beginning to fall in love with George. They are beginning to understand his power."

This is the sort of thing that causes me to mutter, "Whatever," and turn the page. But there was even stranger information to be found in this article. It seems there is another, more secular group called CFFPI, The Committee for the Former President's Integrity. "Every Bush birthday," the article claims, they bring a "party, complete with cake, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and every Election Day, a funeral ceremony outside the White House."

The group meets irregularly to read aloud the



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works of George Bush, and "the text of legislation that Bush supported." They also gather to sneer at journalists who criticize Bush. The group's leader, a Mary Ung, calls The Washington Post "the rag of blasphemy." Well, history is supposed to judge how good a president a president has been, and I'm certainly not history. I have no opinion one way or another about President Bush. But I never would have expected him to become a cult figure. Kurt Cobain, yes; Coltrane, certainly; David Duchovny, maybe. But George Bush?

It gives me a strange sort of hope. If a pronoun-impaired former president can inspire such devotion, well, maybe there's hope for me. Heck, near as I can tell, George Bush's reputation didn't even need rehabilitating.

Mine could use all the help it can get. But how do I kick things off? I don't think I can handle skydiving. The very idea of plummeting through space -- the only assurance that I won't make a greasy spot on the ground being a flimsy bundle of nylon and ropes on my back -- makes my stomach flop. Even if I had secret service agents to jump with me, I just don't think I could do it.

And I won't bungee jump. Forget it. I can't roller blade, and the wheels of my bike are flat. I could ride a roller coaster, I suppose, if it's not one of the wilder ones. Maybe somebody could just videotape me running for a bus. That might do it. A bigger problem, however, remains. President Bush combined American and allied forces to whup Iraq in Operation Desert Storm. What have I done? I returned some overdue library books, and paid the fine without complaining. OK. What else? When a cashier gave me change for a twenty, and I'd only given her a ten, I pointed out the mistake. Not bad.

Oh, I know! Last summer, I was vacationing by a mountain creek. A local boy miscalculated a jump and broke his leg on a submerged log. I dragged him out of the water, and waited with him until an ambulance showed up.



JOSEPH SPEAR

Shakespeare on CD bodes ill

People keep misunderstanding my anxiety about the future.

They keep telling me, in letters and cards and sometimes in person, that I fear it. For the record: I do not fear the future. Just because I am put off by electronic things that require dense manuals to operate and just because I am leery of cyberbalaoney in general does not mean that I fear the future.

What's to fear? There will never be a shortage of flakes and fools in Washington, D.C., and thus I earn my living burrowing about in an everlasting vein of gold. As long as the Lord gives me the faculties to mine it, I am on easy street.

There are other things that give me great comfort and will be around for a long while. Pencils and paper clips, for example. And blue jeans and Jell-O and Ferris wheels and Coca-Cola and Arm & Hammer baking soda and toothpicks and baseball. It does bother me a bit that baseball is becoming a game that only CEO's can afford to attend, and I worry that the damn fools who run it are someday going to install time clocks. But by and large, baseball is a thing that soothes and lifts the spirits.

There are some new things coming down the pike, also, that will help to make the future a desirable and enjoyable time in which to live. Laboratory-grown replacement body parts, for example. Super Glue surgical stitching. Voice-command appliances that will hop into action when you say, "Bake a loaf of honey-nut" or "Fricassee that flank steak." Cloned pets. The end of male-pattern baldness. Robotic automobiles. Rider mowers with enclosed cabs, air-conditioning, CD players and cell phones.

Concern. That's a better word than fear. I am concerned about a few of the trends that seem to be developing. To wit:

-- Text is disappearing. They're putting more words on various forms of disks, and I don't want newspapers and magazines that you have to have a search engine to read. I want rub-off-on-your-fingers ink. I want things I can line the birdcage with or roll up and smash spiders with. Who would put Maxell MF2-DDs under the macaw? Who ever heard of swatting bugs with a compact disc?

And books. Confound, I would miss the heft and feel and smell of books. I can see putting encyclopedias on CDs, but Plutarch and the Bard and Elmore Leonard? Please. I hereby vow that I will never take a computer to bed with me.

-- The possibility is growing that senior citizens, like yesterday's Fords and Chevies, will be exported to Third World countries. It is



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already happening in Japan, a society that once revered the elderly. But the Japanese are go-go people now, all caught up in the flux and gush of the hi-tech age, and grandparents are a pain in the posterior. So, the seniors are being exported to retirement homes in less expensive and conveniently distant places, such as the Philippines. How long can it be before this development spreads across the Pacific to California and thence to all of America?

-- Cybercash is coming. Heck, it's already here. I'm sure you've seen the grocery store payment devices through which you swipe your ATM card and your checking account is instantly debited. Take it a step further and you can see the day coming when you carry no coins or bills at all. Just a plastic card with a magnetic strip. You want a soda? Swipe your card through the machine. You want to give a handout to a homeless person? Swipe your card through his portable payment device. What will we slip to start a football game? What will the treasure hunters of tomorrow look for at the bottom of the sea?

-- You may not be able to visit the potty without a pin number. Those progressive Japanese are at it again: They've invented toilets with keypads. Johns that massage your back, analyze your urine, wash your bottom, blow you dry. Loos that entertain you. Problem is, you'll have to know how to work them.

I will not, repeat not, buy "Flushing for Dummies."

Let your voice be heard

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SARA ECKEL



"There's nothing dangerous or sexy about the Internet."

Let's make a deal, baby boomers

I'd like to cut a deal with the baby boomers. My generation will shut up about the Internet if yours will get over the 80s.

Because the two things are very much related. For the past decade my generation has been criticized for its failure to produce cataclysmic collective experiences. Every time there is a Live Aid or a Lollapalooza the media is quick to declare it OUR Woodstock. When the event fails to live up to its billing, we are left with the conclusion that Generation X just can't get it together.

Let's get one thing straight. We're not going to have a Woodstock. It doesn't work that way. We're also not going to have a JFK assassination or a Vietnam War. Can we please just move on?

Of course, what we do have is the Internet, and boy have we milked that cow. We've tried very hard to have the boomers believe that there is something wild and daring about going on line. One of the biggest perpetrators of this myth is Douglas Rushkoff, whose new novel "Ecstasy Club" is advertised as "a cyberbale about Gen Xers who encounter computer viruses and cops in their search for a plugged-in utopia."

For those who have not yet begun the quest for an electronic nirvana, let me assure you that there's nothing dangerous or sexy about the Internet. It's a very useful tool; that's about it. Yesterday, for example, I had an on-line conversation with a friend living in London. We do not choose to communicate this way because we find it exciting; we do it because it is cheap. And while it was great to talk to my friend for the price of a local phone call, I did not get to see her smile or hear her laugh or know from the tone in her voice that she was making a joke. If talking on the phone is one notch below talking in person, "chatting" on the Internet is a step below that.

I think the reason we are trying so hard to awe you with our technological prowess is that we're still smarting from all those snippy articles at the beginning of the decade that portrayed us as do-nothings whose ambitions did not reach higher than viewing the entire collected works of "Scooby Do."

Now Time magazine has recanted. In a recent cover story it offers the not-very-shocking revelation that there are many, many people under the age of 35 who are accomplishing things. The so-called Generation X turns out to be full of go-getters who are just doing it," says the cover line. The article then goes on to reveal that members of my generation are starting small businesses, making independent films and, gasp, "even taking up causes."

Well, of course we are. Did anyone really think that the people who finished college in the late '80s and early '90s planned to spend the rest of their lives foaming milk for cappuccino? We're older. We're moving up in our companies. We're getting our acts together. Why is this so surprising?

Of course, even as Time praised my generation for finally putting down the clicker, it still got in its jabs. In a sidebar on Dinah Mohajer, who made a fortune selling that blue toenail polish everyone was wearing last summer, the sanctimonious boomer reared its head. "For all her success," the story said, "Mohajer's attitude is distinctly Gen X, light-years from the boomers' idealized image of their own youth, forged in the crucibles of civil rights, antiwar and feminist

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People

Father's Day feast focuses on cook-out fare

My own dad hated Father's Day. He thought it was a greeting-card-company gimmick designed to con his family out of his hard-earned money.

This is all by way of saying that I don't have a lifetime of Father's Day celebration memories to draw on here.

You can hold this cook-out -- a kind of retro 1950s-style barbecue -- on YOUR favorite pond, or in your own backyard.

The recipes come from some real "guy" books: Marcel Desaulniers' "Burger Meisters," Bob Sloan's "Dad's Own Cookbook," and the multi-authored "Patio Daddy-O" (Gideon Bosker, et al.).

BLUES BURGER
For the barbecue sauce:
4 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard

Make the barbecue sauce:

FOOD



MARIALISA CALTA

Heat all sauce ingredients in a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then adjust heat and allow to simmer for 30 minutes, stirring frequently.

Make the burgers: In a 5-quart stainless steel bowl, gently but thoroughly combine the beef, cumin, paprika, black pepper, chili powder, salt and cayenne pepper.

Place 1/2 ounce blue cheese into each indentation, top each with another patty, and gently form into 1-1/4-inch thick burgers.

2 tablespoons sour cream, or additional mayonnaise or plain yogurt
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Prepare a grill or a nonstick skillet set over medium heat. Just before cooking, lightly season the burgers with salt and pepper, then coat with barbecue sauce.

Recipe from "Burger Meisters," by Marcel Desaulniers (Simon and Schuster, 1993).

RED POTATO SALAD
For the salad:
2-1/2 pounds small red potatoes, scrubbed but not peeled

1 medium red onion, peeled and sliced thinly
2 scallions, green parts chopped (white parts discarded or used for something else)

For the dressing:
1/2 cup mayonnaise

Put the potatoes in a large pot. Cover with cold water to about 1 inch above the potatoes and bring to a boil, uncovered, on high heat.

Make the dressing: Combine all dressing ingredients in a small bowl.

When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, quarter them and transfer them into a large bowl. Add the vegetables and chopped parsley.

THE BEST BACKYARD BROWNIES YOU EVER ATE
1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

Melt the butter and chocolate in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, stirring until smooth.

2 cups sugar
2 tablespoons (yes!) vanilla extract
2/3 cup unbleached all-purpose flour, sifted
2 cups coarsely chopped pecans
Powdered sugar for dusting

Beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla until blended. Add the cooled chocolate mixture, using a rubber spatula to scrape out every last bit.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for about 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out almost clean.

Let cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Cut into 1-inch squares. Pour some powdered sugar into a sieve, and dust the top of the brownies with the sugar.

Recipe from "Dad's Own Cookbook," by Bob Sloan (Workman, 1993).

Teen's baby-sitting experience will pay off later in life

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in reference to the teen-age girl who feared that her mother's pregnancy would mean more baby-sitting duties.

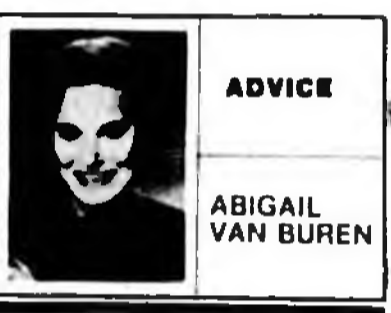
I remarried when my daughter, Tracey, was 8 years old. Within the next four years, we added two more children to our family.

It was also agreed that if we needed a baby sitter for any other reason, Tracey would be asked to baby-sit, with hourly pay.

This worked beautifully. Tracey is now 33 years old and the mother of two stepchildren and four foster children.

DEAR JUDY: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. The arrangement you worked out with your daughter seems like a very fair one.

DEAR ABBY: I was the youngest of four children, and 8 years old when my parents had my younger sister. I spent countless hours changing diapers and often made



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

ADVICE
DEAR ABBY: I recently took a date, her daughter and her daughter's friend to a large hall.

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best times in her life. RACHEL JOHNSTON FISHER, CHICAGO

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Sports

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Insurance World wins Women's SB crown with sweep

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — An anticipated battle for the championship turned into a pipe dream as Insurance World claimed the title of the Sanford Recreation Department Women's Spring Slowpitch Softball League Tuesday night.

Just two weeks ago, six of the seven teams in the league were still in contention for the championship. But in the end, Insurance World stood alone at the top.

Playing at Chase Park, Insurance World scored seven runs in the fifth inning to erase a 10-7 deficit and held off the Night Mares 15-12 in the opening game.

The two teams then played another game and this one proved to be all Insurance World as it scored seven runs in the first two innings and coasted to a championship clinching 7-0 victory.

The championship of the league actually was decided when Insurance World won the first game because Paul's Auto and Truck Repair, which entered the night's action just a half-game behind Insurance World, saw Vaughan score four runs in the fifth inning and score a 6-5 upset, all but ending Paul's Auto and Truck Repair's chances.

If Paul's Auto and Truck Repair had won its game and Insurance World would have split its doubleheader, there would have been a tie and a one-game playoff. Or if Paul's Auto and Truck Repair won its game and Insurance World would have been swept, Paul's Auto and Truck Repair would have been the champions. But such was not the case.

In the other games played at Pinehurst Park, the Sharks wrapped up a third-place finish by sweeping a doubleheader from Ritchey's, scoring five runs in the top of the eighth inning to win the first game 12-9 and scoring an easy 20-7, six-inning victory in the nightcap.

The final standings of the league were: Insurance World (10-2), Paul's Auto and Truck Repair (8-4), the Sharks (7-5), the Night Mares, Ritchey's and She-Devils (all 5-7) and Vaughan (2-10).

This was the final Sanford Recreation Department Spring Softball League title to be decided and the teams will now take off until after Labor Day in early September. The meeting for the Fall Leagues will be on Wednesday, August 6th at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Youth Center on the lower level of Sanford City Hall on Park Avenue.

Powering Insurance World in the first game were Robin Hetzel (one triple, one double, two singles, one run scored, two RBI), Michelle Berning (three doubles, three runs scored, one RBI), Diane Colangelo (one double, one single, one run scored, two RBI), Charlene Lingard (one double, one single, two RBI) and Gina Scimeca (two singles, two runs scored, one RBI).

Also hitting were Coleen Degue (one double, one run scored, three RBI), Gayle Minnig (one single, two runs scored), Angela Whitney (one single), Lisa Garrett (two runs scored) and Darlene Capps (one run scored).

The Night Mares were led by Theresa Finck (three singles, two runs scored, one RBI), Katy Barbour (one triple, one single, two runs scored, three RBI), Jennifer Kibler and Terri Talton (two singles, one run scored and one RBI each) and Sue Bagley (two singles, two runs scored).

Also, Chris Clark (one single, two runs scored), Lynn Smith (one single, one run scored), Sharon Ritchey (one single, one RBI), Kathy Prager (one RBI) and Debbie Harris (one run scored).

Pacing Insurance World in game two were Robin Hetzel (one triple, one single, two runs scored, two RBI), Michelle Berning (one double, one single, one run scored, two RBI), Charlene Lingard (two singles, two RBI), Gayle Minnig (two singles, two runs scored), Coleen Degue and Darlene Capps (two singles and one run scored each), Gina Scimeca (two singles) and Angela Whitney (one single).

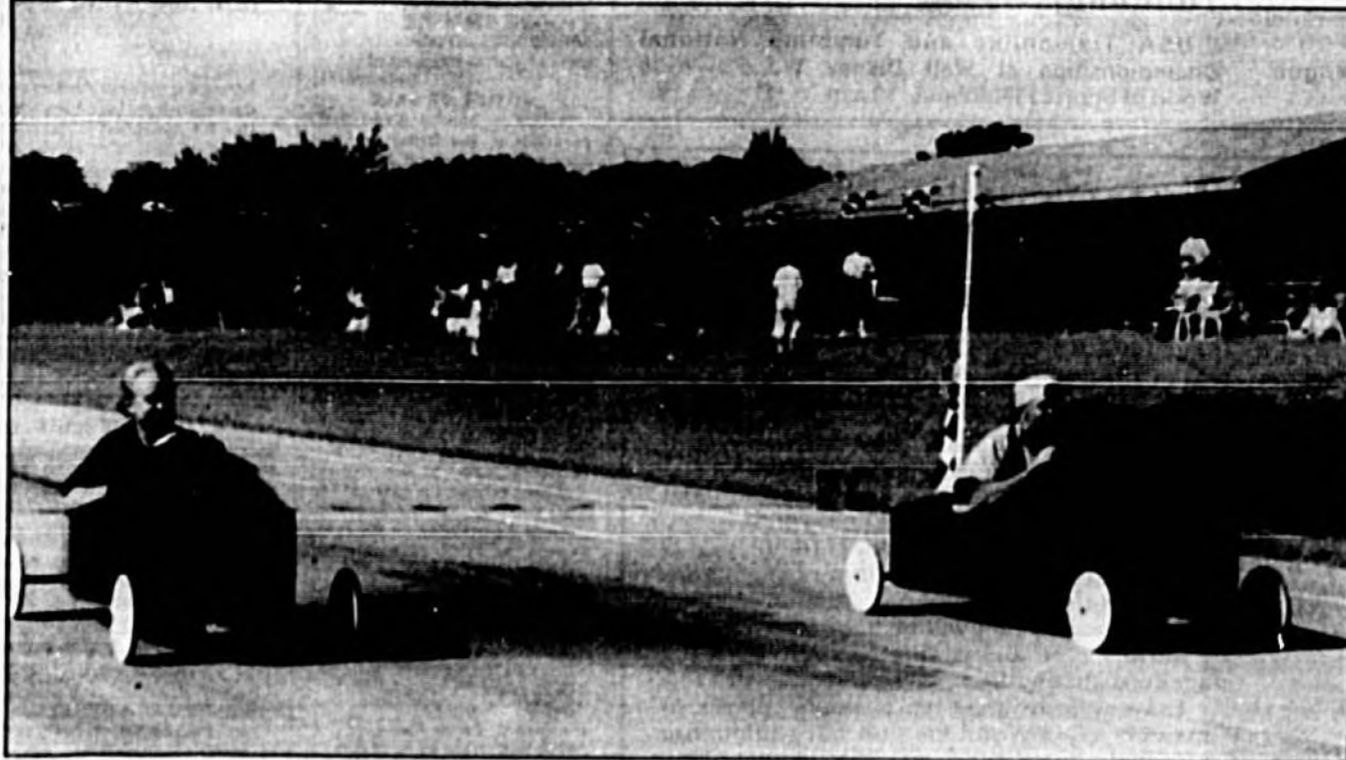
Hitting for the Night Mares were Katy Barbour and Becky Simpson (two singles each) and Terri Talton and Sharon Ritchey (one single each).

Leading Vaughan were Bonnie Chaplin (three singles), Melissa Bishop (one double, one single, one run scored, one RBI), Gina Green (two singles, one run scored, two RBI), Carol Garner (two singles, one run scored, one RBI), Donna Horn (two singles, two RBI), Margaret Clevenger (two singles, one run scored), Lori Catoc (one single, one run scored), LuAnne MacIsaac (one single) and Lynn Webb (one run scored).

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Derby Day 1997



Trio of racers earn a trip to Akron

By STEVE BARNES
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford Mayor Larry Dale won the race of his life Saturday as he kicked off the Ninth Annual Central Florida Soap Box Derby by nudging out his rival in the first celebrity race of the day. Dale's race followed the grand opening celebration and dedication of the Sanford Derby Park, which is the only permanent soap box derby track in the south east.

Excitement ran high as 50 racers from all over Central Florida competed for a chance to go to the All American Soap Box Derby Championship to be held in Akron, Ohio in August.

The race is a family affair for the Dale family of Mt. Dora, who entered three cars in the event, and picked up awards in each category.

"This is really cool," said Morgan Daly, who raced in the stock division. "It's exciting to be out here racing against all these other kids."

Daly placed fourth in her division. Her brother Damien finished fourth in the masters division.

Billy finished first in the superstock division. Last year Billy finished fifth in that division.

Mayor Dale praised the wholesome nature of the event, which often brings entire families together to build and race the cars. "How wonderful for friends and families to participate in wholesome competition that encourages creativity and self achievement," he said.

Mike Kirby executive director of the Sanford Recreation Department, has been building cars with his daughter Melanie for several years and last year Melanie finished third in the superstock division and this year took third in the masters division.

Kirby encourages kids to start entering the races when they're nine years old. The recreation department offers assistance to those people who are interested in entering any of the Soap Box Derby events.

This year's event winners were:
Masters Division First place: Veronica Herman of DeLand; Second place: Ben Griffin of Winter Park; Third place: Melanie Kirby of Longwood; Fourth place: Damien Daly of Mt. Dora; Fifth place: A.J. Scarlato of Winter Park.

Superstock Division First place: Billy Daly of Mt. Dora; Second place: Erin Brandt of Cocoa; Third place: Andy Jennison of Titusville; Fourth place: Bryant Manning of DeLand; Fifth place: Paula Modesitt of Winter Park.

Stock Division First place: Joshua Welch of Mims; Second place: Scott Gemeinhart of Pierson; Third place: Ben Walker of Orlando; Fourth place: Morgan Daly of Mt. Dora; Fifth place: Nick Brandt of Cocoa.

The top winners in each division will move on to the national finals.

A few of the sights at Saturday's Central Florida Soap Box Derby found Sanford Mayor Larry Dale (top photo, right) edging McDonald's Jack Corder in the Celebrity Race; Sanford Recreation Supervisor Tom Kelly (middle, left photo) looking on as Cole Allen weighs in his car; several cars lined up in the pit area (middle, right photo); Mike Kirby (white shirt in truck, above photo) looking on as the cars are taken to the starting area; and Erik Hurd (right) smiling almost as much as his shark car is. The three winners from Saturday's three divisions, in which 50 cars competed, all earned a trip to Akron, Ohio in August to vie for the national championship at the All-American Soap Box Derby.

Herald Photos by Steve Barnes



Quicksilver vying for AAU fastpitch title

Special to the Herald

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Quicksilver from Winter Springs and the Florida Cougars from Apopka will head up a field of five teams from three states heading to Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports Softball Complex to compete for the Amateur Athletic Union's (AAU)

Girls Fastpitch 12-and-Under National Softball Championship today through Friday.

Joining the Cougars and Quicksilver will be the Tampa Mustangs, the Blacksburg (Va.) Indians and the Nashville (Tn.) Nighthawks.

This is the first year that the AAU has held a national championship in softball.

"We are definitely trying to make softball grow

as an AAU sport and we have several more events on the calendar for next year," said Debbie Balz, a sports manager for the AAU.

The Quicksilver team is no stranger to championships, though. Having been formed just this January, Quicksilver has finished first in six of 12 tournaments the team has entered.

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I DON'T REMEMBER THE PART IN "SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT" WHERE BURT LIES TWITCHING FROM STUNGUN WOUNDS...

Is a mini-stroke treatable?

DEAR DR. GOTT: You recently wrote that "mini-strokes" are treatable. However, my mother's doctor says that her dementia, which is caused by such strokes, is untreatable. Was she diagnosed too late?

DEAR READER: Some people, as they age, suffer tiny strokes caused by blood clots that travel to the brain and become wedged, depriving the tissue of oxygen and leading to very slight nerve malfunction.

A patient may be totally unaware of these painless episodes or may—at most—experience a momentary "lapse," with loss of memory and slightly slurred speech.

Although each "attack" may be trivial, year after year these tiny strokes continue to occur; eventually when there is enough cumulative nerve damage, symptoms—such as forgetfulness and impaired judgment—will appear. Thus, mini-strokes are a common cause of dementia, the end result of tens—possibly hundreds—of isolated instances of blood clots in the brain.

In the early stages, this situation is treatable, using anticoagulant drugs, such as plain aspirin. But there is a hitch: Doctors have great difficulty diagnosing mini-strokes before symptoms develop. The problem is that our testing is just not sensitive enough to do the job.

Obviously, in the later stages, when permanent impairment is evident, tests—such as CT or MRI scanning—will show the damaged areas in the brain. Unfortunately, at this point, therapy is largely unsuccessful, as in your mother's case. Therefore, most doctors do not rely on laboratory tests when deciding whether to treat temporary brain malfunction. Instead, we prescribe aspirin to prevent further damage.

This is a long-winded way of saying: "Yes, your mother's diagnosis was delayed."

Here is how I resolve the situation in my own practice. If an elderly patient comes to me with a history of transient, inconsequential nervous system complaints (suggesting mini-strokes), I'll order blood tests, a CT scan, a carotid Doppler (ultrasound examination of the carotid arteries in the neck), and an EEG (brain wave test).

This will tell me if the patient has had bleeding into the brain, a seizure disorder or some other identifiable cause for the symptoms. If the tests are negative (normal), I assume that a

mini-stroke was to blame, and begin therapy with one adult aspirin a day. In many cases, this approach seems to prevent further damage from occurring.

However, once the neurological deficits are obvious, aspirin treatment is usually insufficient; I have to be content with treatment of the symptoms, as they progress. This may mean ultimate nursing-home placement.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the dif-



ference in effectiveness between zinc gluconate and zinc acetate lozenges in treating the common cold?

DEAR READER: Supplemental zinc compounds, which are available over-the-counter, have been reported to shorten the duration and lessen the symptoms of the common cold. My consultants tell me that the form of zinc is immaterial; either gluconate or acetate will do.

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ACROSS

- Up to this point (2 wds.)
- Astor Ed—
- Lee's son
- Worship
- Not performed
- Army command (2 wds.)
- Peggy and Spike
- Cruise or Koolhaer
- Painted foot
- Shoulder of fear
- Nasty
- Tack
- Tibetan gazelle
- Crescent-shaped
- Being fond of
- One who runs off to wed
- Gets up
- Year (Sp.)

DOWN

- Spurious wing
- Strength
- Ring
- Swiss-style
- Adam's grandson
- Decade number
- Vehicle
- Whale
- TV's Peeples
- Annapolis grad
- Female sandpiper
- Waspier
- Tardy
- de-sac
- Fence opening
- Protection (2 wds.)
- First-rate
- Picks on
- Short sleep
- Tin
- Arm bone
- Midday
- Artist Toulouse—
- Irritation
- Set of tools
- Regard
- Houston ballplayer
- Gentle
- Target
- sooner
- Unseen
- Kinda
- Foot part
- Shark
- Legal deg.
- Comparative suffix
- Recent (pref.)
- Acorn or cashew

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WIN AT BRIDGE

Back to an old favorite

By Phillip Alder

The Notes & Queries column in The Guardian newspaper in England used to be extremely amusing. Now it is more educational. For example, someone asked: "What happens to the caffeine from decaffeinated coffee?" Well, what do you think?

In today's deal, how would you plan the play in three no-trump? West, having opened one of the suit, leads the spade queen.

Foreseeing no problems, South won the first trick and immediately led the diamond jack from hand. Accurately, West won with the ace and continued with the spade 10. South took this trick and cashed the diamond king. When East discarded a club, South's jaw sagged noticeably. Knowing West

had the club ace for his opening bid, South conceded defeat.

"Please get me some coffee," South asked his partner. "I need to wake up."

The declarer had realized he should have led his low diamond at trick two. If West goes in with the ace, South has nine tricks via two spades, three hearts and four diamonds. Yet if West ducks his diamond ace, South wins with dummy's queen and switches to clubs, getting home with two spades, three hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

Back to the initial question. Two answers came in, one from England and the other from Canada, saying that the extracted caffeine is sold to Coca-Cola. I was distinctly skeptical the first time, but with the Canadian confirmation I became a believer. And if you think the diamonds wouldn't split 4-1 on this deal, don't! A 4-1 split will happen almost 30 percent of the time. It isn't at all unlikely.

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North 06-11-97

4
A K 4 3
Q 7 6 4 3
K J 2

West East

Q J 10 9 7 8 6 3
J 8 10 9 8 7 3
A 10 9 8 5
A 4 7 6 5 3

South

A K 5 2
Q 5
K J 2
Q 10 9 8

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South West North East
1 A Dbl. Pass
J NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: A Q

HOROSCOPE



Thursday, June 12, 1997

In the year ahead you might be luckier in material ways than you've been previously. This does not, however, give you a license to be extravagant. Hold onto what you acquire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A situation that has been a thorn in your side lately looks like it will be eliminated soon, perhaps even today. Be patient and expect positive results. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you

expect things from others today, disappointment is a possibility. Conversely, if you provide help, rewards are likely for all concerned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Strive to be generous in your dealings with friends today, but also be sure that your out-of-pocket cost is not more excessive than theirs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Arrangements that could generate personal gains are likely to be the luckiest for you today. Think in terms of financial growth and don't think small.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A matter that is of significance to you might start off today in a sluggish way today. However, Lady Luck may accelerate the pace in a surprising manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Shifts in conditions over which you have no control are indicated today. However, you'll like the way matters transpire in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may think that a recent agreement could

have been worked out more to your advantage, but nevertheless it will produce desirable end results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In competitive career developments today, be alert so you'll be able to capitalize on mistakes made by your competition. Several are probable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will fare better in the long run today if you don't take yourself too seriously. Play to win, but also play for the fun of it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you attempt to put yourself in the other guy's shoes today, mutual benefits can be derived in your personal relationships. Fairness generates fairness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This can be a productive day for you, provided that you deal with your assignments in totality as opposed to piecemeal analysis.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not toy with speculative financial issues today. You are apt to be the luckiest when you stay within traditional measures.

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ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

OH...THAT'S SWEET. OLIVER—YOU DON'T WANT TO THINK OF ME AS A TERROR.

I REFUSE TO THINK OF YOU THAT WAY, TALIA!

OKAY, THEN LET'S SAY I TERRORIZED MY PRISONERS FOR THEIR OWN GOOD. IS THAT BETTER?

HUH? TALIA, YOU'RE MAKING ME CRAZY!

WHILE... YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU MARRY, YOU CANNOT FULFILL YOUR DESTINY...

...IF BECOMING THE KEEPER OF THE SWORD IS MY DESTINY, UNCLE PUNJAB...