

Wekiva Cabin Owners Sue To Stop Evictions

**By Deane Jordan
Herald Staff Writer**

A suit to forestall the eviction of 39 campers or the destruction of their several dozen cabins on the Wekiva River, or both, has been filed in Seminole Circuit Court on behalf of the Wekiva Camp Owner's Association.

Association members and the state have been squabbling about their presence on islands in the upper

Wekiva for a decade.

Wekiva, which flows north, runs from Wekiva Springs, west of Altamonte Springs, to the St. Johns River north and west of Seminole County. The river is the boundary along three counties, Seminole, Orange and Lake. It has been designated by the state as an aquatic preserve and adjoins a state park.

Governor Bob Graham and the cabinet, also named in the suit, voted last

month to evict the cabin owners, a move that the state estimates could cost as much as \$100,000.

According to the suit, filed by the association's attorney, Michael Jones, of Winter Springs, the association maintains the state has not proven it owns the islands on which the camps are built. The association is asking for an injunction to prevent the state from tossing them off the sites

until the state proves has title to the land.

The suit also asks for an injunction preventing the destruction of the cabins by the state in the meantime.

The suit may have been filed in Seminole Circuit Court because Seminole County, unlike Orange and Lake counties, has recorded quit claim deeds for some of the island squatters, according to cabin owner Rowland Goble

of Lake Mary. While the state does own land along parts of the river, some of the campers have had cabins on the islands for up to 40 years and have deeds from previous owners. Goble said in an interview sometime ago at his river cabin. The river flows through the Wekiva swamp which was once the site of cypress lumbering by land owners.

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Longwood Polls Open

Voter Turnout Light

A "light but steady flow of voters" was reported turning out at the polls in Longwood city hall today to elect three city commissioners.

City Clerk Don Terry said at 10 a.m. 158 voters had cast ballots. He had predicted a 25 per cent turnout of the city's 4,843 voters, but said this morning that might be a little bit high.

In District 1, Mayor Harvey Smerlison, 43, who is seeking his second two-year term is opposed by former mayor and commissioner Steve Uskert, 72.

In District 2, incumbent commissioner June Lormann, 61, has no opposition.

There is a three-way race for the District 4 seat with incumbent commissioner Harold "Ed" Myers opposed by Charles "Chick" Pappas, 68, a former commissioner, and John Hepp, 45, a former mayor and commissioner.

The polls will remain open until 7 p.m. after which the ballots will be taken to the office of Supervisor of Elections Sandra Gourd at the Seminole County Services Building in Sanford for counting. Ballots are counted by computer.

Mrs. Lormann's only opponent, Dr. Fred Pearl, dropped out of the race after his wife was injured in an automobile accident, but the charter requires her name to be on the ballot anyway.

—Jane Casselberry



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Becoming A Lazy Boy

Sanford Postmaster James Covington, who retires today after 36 years with the postal service, tries out the recliner-rocker he was given this morning, a gift from post office employees. Surrounding are, from left, postal supervisors Martin Locke and Jamie Wardwell, carrier Dan Heacock and supervisor Kent Planck. Wardwell wheels in retirement cake for celebration before the office opened this morning.



Lawton Chiles

Chiles Doing Fine After Bypass

LAKELAND (UPI) — Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., was awake and alert early today and had tea with Dr. Gordon Moor, the cardiovascular surgeon who performed his quadruple heart bypass surgery.

"He is doing fine," said hospital spokeswoman Pat Hennessy. "He is alert, awake and sitting up. He is a little weak, but may be up walking later today."

"He is in good spirits and jubilant over the outcome of the football game last night," she said, referring to the 38-24 victory of the Miami Dolphins over the Chicago Bears.

Hennessy said Moor was at the hospital at 4 a.m. (EST) to have tea with Chiles. She said Moor promises his patients he will be at the hospital

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City Delays Bond Issue

**By Karen Talley
Herald Staff Writer**

Sanford has delayed its \$25-million wastewater management program bond issue and will hire soil experts to testify at its Yankee Lake condemnation proceeding. Mayor Bettye Smith and city staff members were to spend this afternoon giving depositions and data to the attorneys representing Nicholas Pope, defendant in the condemnation suit.

The city commission was scheduled to meet at noon today to authorize sale of the bonds. They would have then been offered on the New York financial market this afternoon.

City Manager Frank Faison said this morning the authorization will be delayed several days while the city seeks bond insurance. Once the insurance is obtained, the bond issue stands a better chance of receiving a triple A, or top credit rating, Faison said.

A portion of the bond sale will be used to purchase Yankee Lake if the city's condemnation suit is successful. As a means of "bolstering" its case, the city will hire soil experts, Faison said.

The 7.2 million gallons of daily effluent capacity that can be accommodated at Yankee Lake makes it the only viable location for the city's spray disposal

system, Faison said. This is born out in a study undertaken by Conklin, Porter and Holmes, the city's engineers, and will be expounded upon by the soil experts, according to Faison.

He said the supporting testimony is necessary in light of the "battery of attorneys the other side has amassed" to defend against the condemnation suit. "I suspect we're in for an attack," Faison said.

Since purchasing the 2,867-acre Yankee Lake property last week, Seminole County, in addition to its own legal department, has hired two Orlando law firms that specialize in eminent domain proceedings. Defendant Pope is an attorney. He is agent for Jeno Paulucci who sold the property to the county. Paulucci is utilizing two of his in-house attorneys and has also hired Sanford attorney Mack Cleveland to defend his interests. Sanford's legal force consists solely of City Attorney William Colbert, Faison said.

Although no longer the property's owner, Paulucci's interests in the suit involves a clause in the county's purchase contract calling for sewer capacity for his Heathrow development. The county plans to build a waste disposal plant at the property, and has guaranteed to

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Space Agency Chief Indicted For Conspiracy To Defraud U.S.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — NASA Administrator James Beggs and three former colleagues at General Dynamics conspired to defraud the government of \$3.2 million through overcharges for the Sgt. York anti-aircraft gun that was canceled because it did not work, a federal indictment alleges.

Beggs, a former General Dynamics executive, said he was innocent and NASA officials said he was not expected to resign because of the indictments.

The charges are the latest in a series of similar problems for General Dynamics, the nation's third largest defense contractor.

Beggs, former executive vice president and member of the board of directors of General Dynamics before being named administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1981, and three current General Dynamics

executives were named Monday in a seven-count indictment.

The indictment alleges that the four managers at General Dynamics' Pomona Division juggled the books in an attempt to recoup millions of dollars in non-reimbursable cost overruns on its \$39 million contract to build two prototype models of the Army's DIVAD anti-aircraft gun, also known as the Sgt. York.

They are charged with one count of conspiring to defraud the Defense Department from January 1978 to August 1981 and with six counts of making false statements.

If convicted, the corporation faces a maximum fine of \$10,000 on each of the seven counts. The individuals face maximum sentences of five years in prison and \$10,000 fines on each count.

A spokesman at General Dynamics' headquarters in Clayton, Mo., said the firm and the

individuals "intend to contest these charges vigorously."

"The issue is a highly sophisticated regulatory and accounting matter which should be resolved in a civil forum, not in a criminal case," the spokesman said.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa., who chairs a subcommittee that oversees defense procurement, said Beggs "should step aside" as head of NASA.

Beggs, 59, said that based on what his attorneys had told him, "I can state that I am innocent of any criminal wrongdoings and I intend to vigorously defend the case. ... I am confident that after all the evidence is aired, I will be exonerated."

At a Los Angeles news conference, U.S. Attorney Robert Bonner said the indictment was part of the government's "continuing crackdown

on defense contractors who through fraud are pillaging the United States treasury."

He said General Dynamics, "rather than absorb these losses" in the Sgt. York project, "illegally shifted \$7.5 million to overhead accounts reimbursed by the government." The Pentagon actually reimbursed about \$3.2 million, officials said.

The Sgt. York was supposed to provide anti-aircraft protection for ground troops, but the complex weapon — two radar-aimed cannons mounted on a tank chassis — did not work and in August, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger canceled the order.

General Dynamics has been rocked for more than a year by charges that it defrauded the government of millions of dollars from Pentagon

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Enclaves At Issue

County To Challenge Oviedo Annexation

The Seminole County Commission voted unanimously today to challenge in court the annexation by the city of Oviedo of 1,500 acres in the Riverwoods subdivision.

The county agreed to notify the city before filing the suit.

The county is claiming the annexation creates two enclaves, county land surrounded by city property, which are forbidden by state law.

Deputy County Attorney Bob McMillan said the suit will be dismissed if the enclaves are annexed within the next three months. McMillan said the county property appraiser's office had not received within the last two weeks petitions to be annexed from property owners of the reputed enclaves.

Oviedo annexed the property in November. The county has until Dec. 18 to challenge the annexation.

Oviedo City Council Chairman Jane Dees said the city had accepted applications by property owners in the out-parcels, which she called the first step toward annexation.

McMillan, however, said the county had received such petitions.

County commissioners in today's regular commission meeting, called the move to challenge the annexations the "fairest way" to clear up the enclave question with Oviedo.

—Sarah Nunn



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Unloaded

A wrecker crew chains a top-heavy truck for righting after it toppled Monday during a too hasty turn on Gen. Hutchinson Parkway in Longwood, spilling a load of utility poles. Blocked traffic caused a 3-mile long traffic jam for two hours. The driver, Donnie Ray Brown, 35, of 1506 Mulberry Ave., Sanford, was charged with failure to use due care and carry a driver's license. The truck, owned by Danella Construction, Melbourne, received \$5,000 worth of damage

Panel Seeks Municipal Pool, Rec Centers

**By Karen Talley
Herald Staff Writer**

A municipal swimming pool and a network of community centers, including one specifically for seniors, were top suggestions in a report the Sanford Youth Advisory Committee presented to an impressed and supportive city commission Monday.

Committee representatives from Seminole High School and Lakeview Middle School have targeted increased leisure activities for Sanford's

young and young at heart.

Topping the committee's list is a recommendation that the Airport Authority's swimming pool be opened to the community. The commission endorsed the proposal and Commissioner John Mercer said he will utilize his membership on the Airport Authority Commission to lobby for the facility.

Although the pool is currently utilized by the Sanford Bath and Tennis Club, diminished mem-

bership has forced the club to consider dropping its lease, according to city Parks and Recreation Department Director James Jernigan.

Mercer, however, said although he favors turning the pool into a community facility, some of his fellow authority commissioners do not support its continued use because "they don't feel it's conducive to the surrounding industrial area."

"It seems to me there would be

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Brinson Wins 58th Schaal Award

Coaches Honor Senior With 2 Other Awards

By Sam Cook
Herald Sports Editor

Brian Brinson, the heart and soul of Seminole High's football team, was named the 58th winner of the Peter Schaal Award Monday night at the Seminole football awards banquet at Seminole High School.

Brinson, a senior, received a standing ovation as he was presented with the distinguished award by Seminole High School Assistant Principal Bobby Lundquist.

"Brian Brinson is pound for pound one of the best defensive football players in Florida," Lundquist said about the stocky 5-9, 205-pound defender. "He is a leader off the field and in the classroom. Brian is a hard worker who is going to be a success in whatever field he chooses."

The Schaal Award is believed to be the longest consecutive-given sports award in the United States. Schaal, a former sports editor at the *Evening Herald* who passed away in 1979, gave the first award in 1928 to Lofton Edensfield. The decision is made by the Seminole coaching staff.

"He definitely deserved it," Seminole Principal Wayne Epps confirmed. "He was the most consistent player I've seen at Seminole in a long time. Brian

Football

gave an excellent performance every single game and the kids looked to him for leadership on and off the field."

Schaal characterized the award as the "player the team could not do without," generally regarded as its most valuable player. Brinson had no trouble living up to that billing for coach Dave Mosure's 4-6 Seminoles.

An All-County and All-Conference first-team choice a year ago as a defensive tackle, Brinson made the switch to linebacker at the urging of first-year defensive coordinator James Paul. "When I first saw him in the jamboree, I knew he had all the tools," Paul said. "He moved right in at linebacker and had a tremendous year."

Brinson, who was also named Seminole's Defensive Player of the Year and Outstanding Linebacker of the Year Monday night, led the county with 165 tackles (101 solos and 61 assists). He had four sacks, caused three fumbles, recovered two fumbles, blocked two kicks and intercepted one pass.

"I got a bunch of great
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Seminole's Brian Brinson gets a congratulatory kiss from his mother Peggy after being selected the 58th winner of the Peter Schaal Award Monday night.

Herald Photo by Sam Cook

Riggins, Asplen, Forsyth Spark County Victories

By Chuck Burgess
Special to the Herald

The Lady Fighting Seminoles basketball team opened its regular season Monday night with a come-from-behind win over visiting DeLand, 45-35, before 50 fans at Seminole High.

The Lady Seminoles, 2-2, outscored the Bulldogs, 14-6, in the third period as the play of freshman Aretha Riggins along with seniors Catherine "Kitty" Anderson and Kim "Big Wheel" Johnson ignited the turnaround.

Johnson was the catalyst in the third period when she popped a quick four points with 3:39 remaining in the period. Anderson added another shooting threat when she hit two key shots in pressure situations.

Anderson connected on six of her nine points in the third period to bring the Tribe to within four as DeLand held a 32-28 lead.

The beginning of the fourth quarter started much like the third as Johnson hit a short layup to bring the 'Nole girls to within two points.

With 5:48 left to play, Riggins took control of the game. The Lady Seminoles were down by one as Riggins swiped the in-bounds pass and sank an easy layup to give the Seminoles their first lead of the game at 36-35 with 4:18 left to play.

"The key to the game was when coach (Charles) Steele put in Kitty (Anderson)," Riggins said. "Our two big girls just took a little while to get going and the rebounding wasn't there until Kitty came in."

Riggins, who tossed in another basket to add to her game-high 18 points with 3:03 remaining, extended the late comeback lead

Basketball

to 38-35. The bucket couldn't have come at a better time for the Tribe and Steele.

"That's what did it for us," first-year coach Steele said. "We played a great game at the end and started to get things rolling after a slow start. We're kind of lucky to get a win."

Steele was happy because of Riggins' play in the latter stages of the game. Riggins hit the last five points in the home stretch to give the 'Noles a 10-point lead.

The Lady Bulldogs started the game with the outside shooting of junior guard Shawn Lane. Lane, who led the Bulldogs in scoring with her 16 points, sank four of DeLand's first six points to open the first quarter.

The Seminoles took an early 10-6 first quarter lead, but quickly lost it when they were outscored, 20-4, in the second period because of the shooting of Lane and C.C. Hayden.

Hayden put in eight of her 11 points on the night in the second period to pace the Bulldogs to a 26-14 lead at the half-time intermission. Much of Hayden's success came from the lack of defense put on by the Tribe.

"I don't know why we were so lethargic in the early going," Steele said. "I didn't have any problems with our small girls playing aggressive and going after the ball, but our big people just weren't playing intense ball tonight."

The beginning of the third looked like the Bulldogs were going to lock this one up for the night when Kathy Wyche hit a 15-foot jump shot to start things



Aretha Riggins, middle, goes up for a jumper against Oviedo. Seminole's freshman guard ignited a comeback to top DeLand Monday night.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

off for the first 1:21 of the period. However, when Johnson, Anderson and Riggins got red hot, the hope of holding off the

charging Seminoles was all but a memory for DeLand.

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Miami Bursts Bears' Bubble

Football

MIAMI (UPI) — The Chicago Bears' bubble has burst.

The Miami Dolphins, owners of the only perfect season in NFL history, made sure the previously unbeaten Bears did not equal their 1972 achievement by beating Chicago 36-24 Monday night before 75,594 fans in the Orange Bowl.

The Bears, now 12-1, were bidding to become the first NFL team to go 16-0 in the regular season. Miami, now 9-4 and tied for first in the AFC East, won 14 regular season games and three playoff games in 1972.

"I am very, very proud of this team," said Miami coach Don Shula. "They saved the Dolphin record for us old guys. That's important to us. The important thing for the new generation is that it puts us in a tie for the lead in the AFC East (with New England and the New York Jets)."

The Bears have clinched the NFC Central title.

"Nobody's invincible," said Chicago coach Mike Ditka. "Nobody's perfect. We're going to bounce back. It will be good for us."

"Life operates like that. Sometimes you get on top and you start thinking all kinds of things and you start believing the papers ... Now we either feel sorry for ourselves or bounce back."

The Dolphins raised their home record in Monday night games to 16-3, while the Bears are 0-9 on the road on Monday night games.

The Dolphins pulled the plug on the Bears dreams of a perfect season with a big-play offense that, as usual, centered around quarterback Dan Marino. Marino, who consistently came up with the big play in the first half, had three touchdown passes and finished 14-of-27 for

270 yards and an interception to go with the three touchdowns.

Miami scored on all five of its first-half possessions to take a 31-10 lead after 30 minutes. The Bears had posted two straight shut outs and had allowed only 127 points coming into the game. The 38 points were the most given up by Chicago since a 38-24 loss to St. Louis on Oct. 14 of last year.

Marino threw scoring passes of 33 and 6 yards to Nat Moore and 42 yards to Mark Clayton. Ron Davenport scored on two 1-yard runs, and Fuad Revez had a 47-yard field goal. Chicago scored on two 1-yard quarterback sneaks by Steve Fuller, a 19-yard pass from Fuller to Ken Margerum, and a 30-yard Kevin Butler field goal.

Chicago running back Walter Payton set an NFL mark by recording his eighth consecutive 100-yard rushing game. Payton, the NFL's leading all-time rusher, finished with 121 yards, but didn't care much for setting the record in a losing cause.

"I want to win," he said. "That's the key."

Miami wide receiver Mark Duper had 5 catches for 107 yards, the 11th time in his career he has passed the 100-yard mark. Fuller completed 11-of-21 passes for 169 yards, the touchdown and two interceptions. Jim McMahon came off the bench in the fourth quarter when Fuller sprained an ankle and completed 3-of-6 for 42 yards and an interception.

Game balls were given to defensive line coach Mike Scarry and offensive line coach Sandusky, and to Marc Buoniconti, the paralyzed son of former Miami great Nick Buoniconti.

Openers: 'Noles Visit DeLand; Lyman Hosts Boone

By Chris Fister
Herald Sports Writer

Defense and rebounding are the main concerns of Seminole High coach Bill Klein as the Fighting Seminoles open the season tonight at 8 at DeLand.

After tonight's game, Seminole will return to action Wednesday in the Winter Park Rotary Tournament. The Tribe will take on Oak Ridge Wednesday night at 7:30. Pregame tickets will be on sale at the high school today and Wednesday.

With high-scoring forward Rod Henderson and postmen Rod Fosatt and Craig Walker controlling the inside, and Robert Hill and Andre Whitney the outside threats, Klein isn't worried about the Tribe's offensive firepower.

"If we can rebound and play defense I think we can play with anybody," Klein said. "Those are the two big question marks. We have the size but size by itself doesn't rebound."

Both Walker, a sophomore, and Fosatt, a senior, stand 6-7 while Henderson, a powerful junior, is 6-3 but plays like 6-7. The Tribe also has size on the bench in 6-9 junior Brad Baird and 6-4 junior Steve Hathaway.

Henderson has the most experience of any of the inside players having started as a sophomore a year ago.

"He's one of the few we have with varsity experience," Klein said of Henderson. "We're looking for him to have a great year. The kids look to him for leader-

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ship even though he's just a junior."

Klein said Walker played the end of last season on varsity and looked good in spurts while his inexperience showed at other times. Fosatt played all of last season on junior varsity where he was one of the team's top scorers and rebounders.

Whitney, a 5-10 sophomore, will run the point with Hill, a 6-0 senior, the off guard. The Tribe's sixth man will be 5-9 senior Mike Wright who will play both point and off guard.

"Mike (Wright) is just like a

starter," Klein said. "He will play as much as anyone. He can play for Andre (Whitney) or Robert (Hill) whenever we need him."

Others who will see plenty of action for the Tribe include 6-0 senior Joe Holden, 6-0 junior Jerry Parker, 5-6 junior Mike Edwards, 6-0 junior Mike Franklin and 6-1 junior Todd Knebbe.

"Everyone can play and will play," Klein said. "The guys are ready to go. They've been practicing for a long time and want the season to start."

While the Seminoles open on the road, coach Tom Lawrence's Lyman Greyhounds will tip off against the Boone Braves tonight at 8 in Longwood. Lawrence,

entering his eighth season as head coach, seeks to erase last year's 5-20 rebuilding year.

"We don't talk about last year," Lawrence, 35, said Monday night. "We did get a lot of experience for our younger kids, though, which should help."

Ralph Philpott, a 6-5 senior center, who has started since his sophomore year is one big returnee while 5-10 senior T.J. Scaletta, 5-10 junior Robert Thomas and 6-3 senior Brett Marshall all started last year. Marshall has been hampered by a sprained ankle.


Philpott, Scaletta and 6-3 super soph Craig Radzak will join newcomers Vince Florence and Matt Fitzpatrick in tonight's starting lineup. Shawn Newton,

a 6-3 senior, Shawn Heater, a 6-6 junior, and Ricky Moulton, a 5-11 junior, complete the 10-player roster.

Lawrence is high on Fitzpatrick, a move-in from Ohio, who he calls "the best fundamental player on the team." Florence, a 6-1 junior leaper, played two years at Luther before coming to Lyman this year. "Vince is a real player," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said he is viewing the year with guarded optimism. "We have really shot the ball well in practice," he said. "We should be able to run the (fast) break some and with our experience and new kids have very respectable year." — Sam Cook

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Supreme Court To Hear Appeal By Drug Maker In Bendectin Case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court Monday stepped into the legal battle over Bendectin, an anti-nausea drug blamed by hundreds of women for birth defects in their children.

The justices agreed to hear an appeal by Bendectin's maker, Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals of Cincinnati, of a lower court ruling that said lawsuits filed by two foreign women who took Bendectin were improperly transferred to federal court.

The case, while involving a technical matter of jurisdiction, could determine whether Merrell Dow will have to face trial in Ohio state court on charges of fraud, negligence and breach of warranty in the manufacture and sale of Bendectin.

Bendectin, an anti-nausea drug used by pregnant women, was sold from 1956 through 1983.

Lawyers for Merrell Dow, in their appeal, said the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was wrong when it ruled the Bendectin lawsuit centered on questions of state law.

"It looked beyond the cause of action which raised the federal question and examined the entire complaint to see whether (the women) might prevail on the state law negligence claim," they said. "Thus a new rule of law was articulated."

The foreign women, from Scotland and Canada, said their claims should be considered in Ohio court because federal drug law does not set up any legal channels for private negligence suits.

"The Ohio law prohibits the manufacture of any drug which is misbranded or which is sold with false and misleading advertising," they said. "Therefore, it is for an Ohio court to choose the standard it will utilize in determining legal culpability."

The case also could affect more than 200 Bendectin lawsuits filed by Ohio residents that have been on hold in state court pending resolution of the jurisdiction matter.

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Volunteers Aid Belize

By Cheryl B. Chapman
CRIQUE SARCO. Belize (UPI) — Every year volunteer medical teams from Amigos Internacionales travel from the United States to tiny, impoverished Belize where the care available is sporadic and the suffering chronic.

Dr. David Nichols, a dentist from Tyler, Texas, has had his share of frustrations during trips to the multi-racial Central American democracy.

"You're not going down there to cure all the deformities in the country," he said. "You're going to get the pus out of their mouths."

Shipwrecked British seamen founded little Belize by accident in 1638 and the nation's progress from British colony to protectorate to independence has been marked by that same a-d-h-o-c, seal-of-the-pants quality.

Formerly British Honduras, Belize is snuggled against the Caribbean between Guatemala and the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. It never was the most remote nation in Central America, only the most inaccessible, thanks to a treacherous 190-mile offshore reef.

Until air travel, it was so tough getting to Belize that Aldous Huxley was moved to remark in 1934, "If the world had any ends, British Honduras would surely be one of them."

The nation scatters its population of 160,000 over a jungle about the size of New Hampshire, some 8,867 square miles. One-third of the people cluster in Belize City, the nation's largest town and leading seaport, a metropolis with no traffic lights and a sewer system dependent on catfish.

The pathway that reaches from Texas to Belize is paved by philanthropy.

"In 1962 a group of men in Athens, Texas, formed an international philanthropic organization — Amigos Internacionales," said Dr. Kerfoot Walker, director of the Tyler-Smith County Health Department, which coordinates the expeditions. "They wanted to put their energies and money together to reach out to people in ways other than those practiced by their individual churches."

"In early 1970, we struck an agreement with the government of Belize promising them regular — but intermittent — dental and medical service."

Because medical supplies are hard to come by in Belize, the Amigos take along everything they can

jole from U.S. drug companies.

"Once when I went there the district hospital at Punta Gorda had only eight antibiotic tablets left," Walker said.

As Nichols put it, "Going on one of these medical missions is kind of like going to war."

Amigos sent 12 there this year: Dr. George Skipworth, Columbus, Ga.; Nichols, Dr. Tom Cooper, Dr. Jim Holton, Dr. Ernest Brady, Dr. Andrew Quiroz, surgical nurse Loraine Jewett, nurse anesthetist Bill O'Neal, and medical assistants Debbie Morris and Carolyn Jones, all of Tyler; Dr. Mike Kennebrew, New Orleans; and medical assistant Cheryl Chapman, Dallas, who also is a UPI reporter.

The group split. Skipworth, Brady, Nichols, Morris, Jones and Chapman continuing to the jungle and Holton, Kennebrew, Quiroz, Cooper, O'Neal and Jewett staying at the hospital in Belize City.

The trip by dugout from Punta Gorda to the interior Mayan jungle village of Crique Sarco took five hours, a long time to sit motionless on a narrow wooden boat seat.

"Toledo District sometimes is called the forgotten district," said nurse Dorothy Wingard, a Menominee health care worker in Crique Sarco. "It's the one furthest from the seat of government, and perhaps the most isolated."

The medics began work immediately as twilight fell.

Wingard accompanied Skipworth, Brady and Nichols to the thatched hut of the Choc family. Candelaria Choc was having problems in the final week of her ninth pregnancy, but she refused to leave her husband and eight children to get care.

Choc's husband, stricken with malaria, lay passively in his hammock. The dusty room stank of fever and chickens trailed in and out through the door.

"If she doesn't want to go to hospital, nurse, I won't make her," the husband said. "If God wants her, she die. If He doesn't, she won't."

Some stories, like that of Stephanie Johnson, 3, a cripple, had happier endings.

Stephanie, daughter of village schoolteacher Genevieve Flores, had been playing outside their former home in Belize City when a heavy hurricane door propped against the house fell on her leg.

"The doctors there couldn't set it," Flores said. "They just put a cast on it the way it was."

The knee is growing away from the child's

body at about a 30 degree angle. Arrangements will be made through Amigos to bring an orthopedic surgeon from the United States to Belize Hospital for the corrective surgery. Skipworth said, "and after that, she'll grow and run and play like any healthy child, like it never happened."

Nichols said most of the Indians' health problems were caused by diet, especially the popular highly sweetened coffee, which he said eventually killed its devotees.

"Because their (the Indians') teeth rot out early on, they want you to pull all those teeth. They don't realize that when they get rid of their teeth, they're cutting about 20 years off their lives, and this loss of teeth is a real factor in their short lifespan," he said. "It's just sugar, sugar, sugar, and once their teeth are gone, all they can eat are tortillas soaked in that old sweet coffee."

Clinic began shortly after daybreak with the village's most critically ill.

Initially, Skipworth suspected Martin Pop, 10, had Hansen's disease, commonly called leprosy. His parents were convinced the child was under a curse and had been treating him with charms.

Albina Choc, 36, was another suspected victim of Hansen's disease. Juan Isham Jr. came in with malaria; Timothy Bo, 7, had beefworms.

Most patients had parasites.

"If you could whip the enteric (intestinal) diseases, they'd be the healthiest people in the world," Wingard said.

But parasites pull down many of the children and adults so they succumb to dehydration or minor ailments.

"The people have a closed system of dealing with human waste, and as far as they're concerned, it works very well," Wingard said. "The pigs eat it. Then the villagers eat the piglets."

From Crique Sarco the medical team returned to the coast, to the Black Carb village of Barranco scattered back from the shoreline through groves of hibiscus, mango and sawgrass.

Barranco is a regular stop, and the word of the team's arrival is run up the path by children while the dug-out hollers the doctors and supplies still wallows in the chop several hundred yards off the dock.

The Black Caribs of Barranco, descendants of African slaves and man-eating Red Carib Indians, tend to gloss over suffering with cheerful carelessness.

District nurse Vicki Nolberto hustles patients into noisy, laughing lines, trying to get and keep those with more serious complaints up front.

High blood pressure is endemic because of the Black Carib's salty seafood diet.

The litany of complaints varied. Paula Pouleno, 82, who has lost one breast to cancer, had a heart murmur. Roberto Isabel complained of "sweet blood" and tested positive for diabetes. In addition to



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having parasites colonizing his feet.

Diseases rare in the United States turn up with oppressive regularity.

"I thought leprosy was dead and gone but it's not, not here," observed medical assistant Carolyn Smith. "It's a chronic, communicable disease, and we've seen it in several forms. I don't know what can be done for them (lepers) in the jungle."

Mostly, they die, as do the syphilitics, after years of misery.

Madeline Sambulo, 85, bedridden from feet swollen to the size of buckets, smiled sweetly and toothlessly at Skipworth in her hut. Cataracts had blinded her; syphilis had deafened her, eaten away her nose, and collapsed the bones in her legs. She was partially paralyzed and open sores patterned her body. Her temper was sunny, her outlook optimistic, her

chance of recovery zero.

Back at the clinic, the next patient wasn't in much better shape. Enrique Serrano's hernia demanded urgent care. In addition the 60-year-old man was diabetic, blind in one eye and had had his left leg broken at the hip socket. The hernia swelled visibly during examination and the doctors cut clinic short to make an emergency surgical run to the Punta Gorda hospital.

Serrano, in his best shirt and nautical cap, perched in the dug-out's bow.

A storm hit just north of Barranco. For hours the dugout bucked northward along the coast, salt waves smashing over it, rain driving in sideways, all available tarps covering the precious medicines and everybody hailing. There were no life jackets, and because of the sharks, no need for

them. Serrano sat erect, unflinching.

The storm blew inland at dusk as the battered dugout limped into the quay at Punta Gorda. Nichols touched Serrano on the shoulder to pass the elderly man with the mooring rope and Serrano fell backwards into the backpacks, out cold.

Bystanders and the doctors carried him two miles to the hospital and checked him in.

Perhaps he made it. Perhaps he did not.

"I don't feel like I finished what I started," Jones complained. "I want to know the end of the stories. I want to know if the man with the hernia lived, if they operated or just let him lie there. When we see patients in Tyler we see them until they're well. But we don't know — and won't know — what happened to the ones we treated on this trip."

Edwards Admits Mistakes ...Denies Ever Conspiring

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Gov. Edwin Edwards testified in his fraud and racketeering trial he "may have made some mistakes" but denied he ever conspired to cheat the people of Louisiana out of "honest, loyal" government.

Edwards, expected to face cross-examination today from U.S. Attorney John Volz, also testified the FBI greatly exaggerated his gambling losses by putting them at \$2 million.

The prosecution is offering the gambling losses as a motive for the governor's alleged role in a scheme with seven codendants to obtain and sell hospital and nursing home construction permits for \$10 million.

Edwards spent the day Monday responding to questions from James Neal, his lead defense attorney, who asked the governor straight out if he plotted to defraud the state of Louisiana and its citizens of "honest, loyal and faithful services" as alleged in his indictment.

"I may have made

some mistakes, Mr. Neal, but I gave them the best I had," Edwards said.

Edwards appeared confident after his day on the witness stand and promised, "The best is yet to come" as the two-month-old trial nears its end.

The governor has acknowledged earning about \$1.9 million from four hospital ventures when he was out of office, between his second and third terms.

Edwards also allegedly saw to it that health department employee John Landry was promoted 10 civil service grades at one jump as a reward for making sure certain hospital permit applications were approved.

Plains Blacks Threaten Suit

PLAINS, Ga. (UPI) — Blacks in former President Jimmy Carter's hometown have threatened to file a federal lawsuit and possibly boycott businesses if their candidates do not beat whites in elections Monday for three city council seats.

The town of 687, where officials say blacks comprise about 60 percent of the population, has 314 registered voters — 150 black, 164 white. It has not in recent years had more than one black among its six council members.

The one black councilman, Bowman Wiley Jr., is running for his seat again against two white challengers. A black and a white are squaring off in both of the other elections.

All the council seats are chosen at large, rather than in districts — a system blacks denounce as unfair.

They held a protest march Saturday to

mobilize voters, but only 35 people showed up. Black leaders blamed the small showing on a large police force that escorted the marchers.

Brenda Pickett of the Plains Concerned Citizens Group, which sponsored the march, said blacks want some positions of political power, jobs in white-owned businesses and election by districts.

"What we're trying to do is get district voting," she said. "If we can't get it this way, we'll file a suit. We have asked since last year about redistricting. We feel it's time for them (the council) to do this."

"We're going to wait until after the election, and if all three don't get in, we're going to file suit with the Justice Department," Pritchett said.

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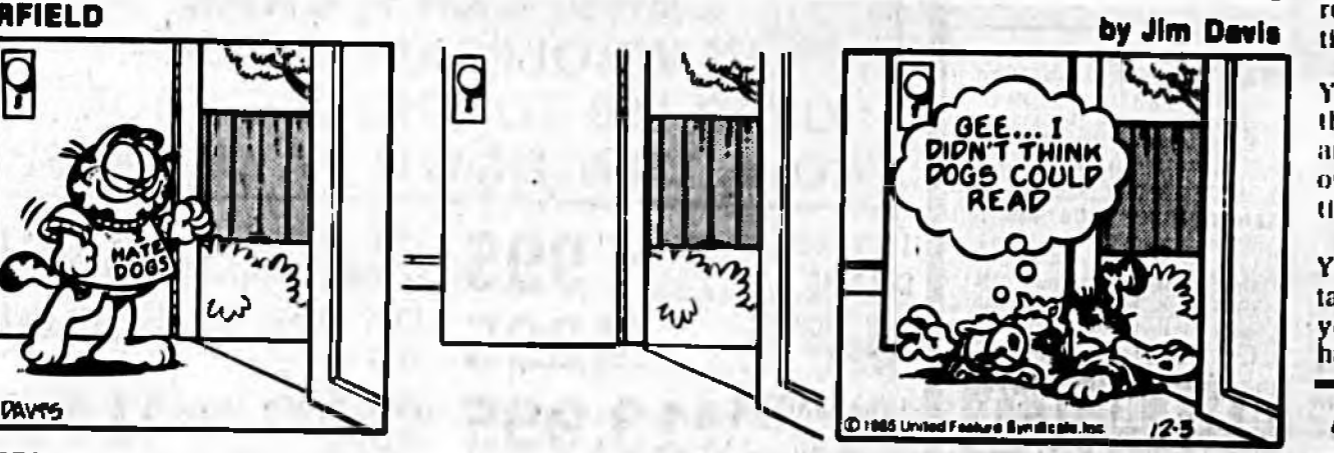
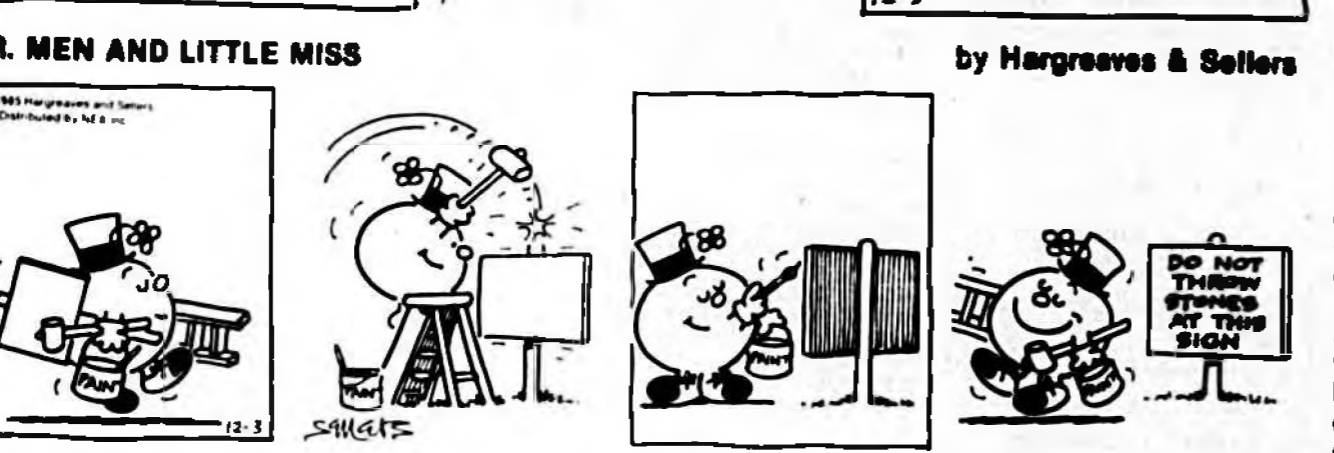
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Tonics And Elixirs With Different Names



Years ago, health tonics were widely believed to be beneficial agents that helped cure disease. They made people feel better. They were popular over-the-counter medications.

Tonics have been replaced now with new formulations. Since scientists discovered that alcohol was the major ingredient in many tonics, the public developed scorn for old-fashioned brews. Yet elixirs and tonics are still very much with us — under different names.

Today's products are marketed primarily for cough, colds and congestion. They contain new chemicals, but the chemicals are still diluted with alcohol. More than 500 proprietary medications contain alcohol in concentrations of up to 68 percent (136 proof). Many are liquid vitamin mixtures.

This alcohol is not innocuous. It can increase gastric acidity, depress brain function and produce dangerous reactions in recovering alcoholics. Of more potential importance are the long-term effects of administering alcohol-containing compounds to young children.

Prescription drugs may contain alcohol — for example: Donnatal Elixir (23 percent alcohol, plus phenobarbital), Elixophyllin Elixir (20 percent alcohol), Quibron Elixir (15 percent), Benadryl Elixir (14 percent), Propadrine Elixir (16 percent) and Terpin Hydrate Elixir (42 percent).

More significantly, common nonprescription liquid preparations contain high concentrations of alcohol: Dristan (12 percent), Nyquil (25 percent), Vicks 44 (10 percent) and Geritol (12 percent). Children are frequently given Novahistine expectorant (5 percent), Phenergan expectorant (7 percent), Tylenol Elixir (7 percent) and Cheracol (3 percent).

Many consumers are concerned about the overuse of alcohol in medicines. Fortunately, many reputable drug companies share this concern and are manufacturing alcohol-free medicines. Some common liquid medicines that contain no alcohol are: Actifed-C expectorant, Codimal expectorant, Conar A, Glycotuss syrup, Hycomine Pediatric

ACROSS

- Red (comb. form)
- Kind of gas
- Pigtail
- Contemporary painter
- Cry of despair
- _____ glands
- Made editing mark
- Honshu bay
- Paving substances
- Travel on horseback
- Dead heal
- Vetch
- Ritual
- Polynesian god
- Not in
- Basic machines
- Front-runner
- Chemical suffix
- River in Yorkshire
- Housetop feature
- CIA predecessor
- Bank payment (abbr.)
- Move quickly
- Domination
- Actress Babin
- Unpredictable
- Collector (of facts, etc.)
- French river
- Squatter
- Lazybones
- Maker of earthenware
- Musical symbol

DOWN

- Kings
- Warms
- Expel

4 Of (Fr.)

- College degree (abbr.)
- Spooky
- Bird class
- Eating alcove
- Last queen of Spain
- Of the (Sp.)
- Asian country
- Mine entrance
- Female saint (abbr.)
- Coastal area of Ethiopia
- Consign
- Noun suffix
- Dawn goddess
- Street (Fr.)
- Latin greeting
- _____ to Joy
- Compass point
- Burmese
- One (Ger.)
- Most esthetic

Answer to Previous Puzzle

WHAT	LED	WAM
AUG	TER	AUTO
FRED	MAY	YELP
FLAPPED	ELITE	
OLD	IRA	
JELLY	ASSYRIA	
ALOE	WRIT	IST
III	WOLF	WONT
LANDER	JETTY	
IVE	LAG	
JERRY	MUNDANE	
APPE	LAC	IVAN
WID	LI	NEMO
BCAT	BAD	ONES

36 Genus of maples
37 Commencement
38 More loxy
39 Dry, as wine
41 Rajah's wife
42 Track sections
44 Norse night
46 West by car
47 Economic indicator (abbr.)
48 Fifth zodiac sign
49 Be mistaken
52 Iridium symbol

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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby

Myopic Minnie Bottoms was sitting East on this deal during our fictional Christmas-time bridge match. After the four-spade contract had been passed out, Minnie's partner unsurprisingly led the four of diamonds. Once again Minnie's not-so-young eyes mixed up the king and jack, and so she played the diamond jack on dummy's lone queen. That told a story to declarer — namely, that the diamond king was actually held by West. Of course all of us know better, since our eyes are fine, but the declarer saw no other line of play than to go ahead and take the spade finesse, since it seemed that the spade king might very well be with East. And so — down one.

At the other table, on the replay, the bidding was the same, but this time East had no trouble with tired eyes. He smartly covered the queen of diamonds with the king. Declarer, of course, won the ace. Now, however, South could do a little card-placing. If West had no king of diamonds for his opening bid, shouldn't he at least have the spade king? And mightn't that key card be sitting in the West hand unprotected? Accordingly, declarer banged down the spade ace and caught the singleton king to make his contract. That's not the percentage play when you're missing three to the king, unless you are very close to certain that the hand behind you must hold the king to justify the bidding.

NORTH 12-5-86			
♦	10 7 5 3		
♥	J 5 3		
♠			
♣	K Q 9 6 4		
WEST			
♦	K		
♥	A 6 4 2		
♠	10 8 7 4 2		
♣	A J 5		
EAST			
♦	6 4		
♥	K 9 7		
♠	K J 9 3		
♣	10 8 3 2		
SOUTH			
♦	A Q J 9 8 2		
♥	Q 10 8		
♠	A 6 5		
♣	7		
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: West			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

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What The Day Will Bring... YOUR BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 4, 1985

Two people you have long known in a purely social sense will play helpful roles in your life in the year ahead. One is a male, the other is female.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be extremely lucky at this time regarding new ventures or projects that you originate. If you have something ready to go, don't waste more time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are going to come out better than you first thought regarding an old obligation that has been owed you for quite a while. Sit tight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your hopes are justified pertaining to something important you've been wishing would happen. Keep the faith, even if others disagree.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Ambitious objectives are now attainable. Lady Luck will intervene when she sees you're doing the best you can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An old relationship that has lain dormant for many months is going to be revitalized. This friend no longer lives in your vicinity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A positive change will start to stir today in a situation that is financially important to you and another. Hindrances will be alleviated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Alliances you establish in this time frame with people of integrity have excellent chances of working out for your collective good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Work habits can be revised beginning today so that you'll be more productive, thereby improving your chances for increased earnings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take measures today to try to establish a relationship with someone you recently met whom you'd like to know better. This person feels the same way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not let your confidence be shaken today regarding the outcome of an important event. Hold positive thoughts and act accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you've been contemplating involvement in a new social circle, this is an excellent day to start making some inroads. Contact the "in" people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to divest yourself at this time from unprofitable arrangements so that you can make space for things that will be more lucrative.

