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Murder-for-hire plot: Preacher accused

By JEFF HUNT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Born again Christian and television radio evangelist George Leslie Crossley Jr. was arrested Wednesday afternoon for allegedly attempting to hire an undercover agent to kill his lover's husband.

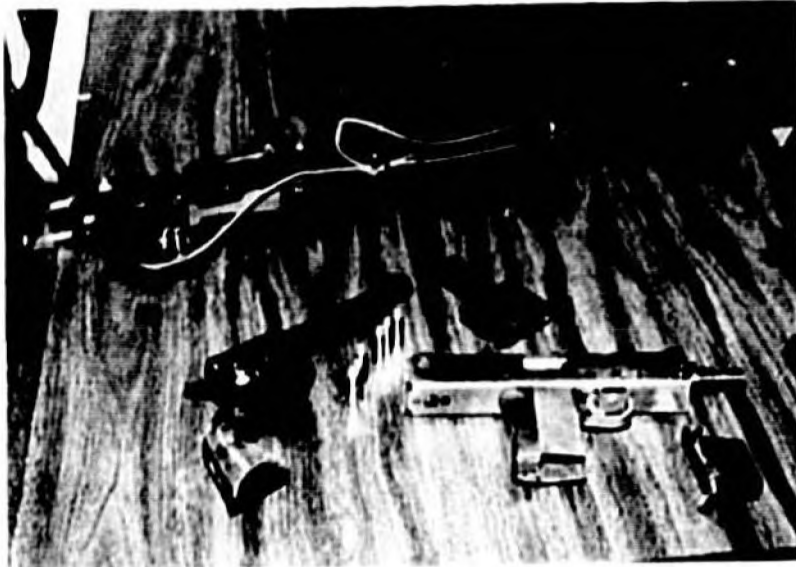
Seminole County Sheriff's deputies and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents arrested the preacher after arranging a meeting between an undercover officer and Crossley at the Sanford Orlando Airport. During the meeting, Crossley allegedly told agent Steve Martin that he wanted Waldo "either hurt or done in completely."

Police said Crossley changed his mind and told Martin that hurting Waldo would not solve his problems, so he definitely wanted him killed. Crossley said he wanted this done by putting a 9mm bullet into Waldo's head, then instructed the agent to dispose of the body where he just can't be found.

In exchange for killing Waldo, Crossley allegedly offered an unregistered 9mm firearm he valued at \$650. He also supplied the agent with a box of ammunition, a photograph of Waldo and his address.

"This guy wants a piece of me and he's just not going to let go," Crossley allegedly said on

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Far left, Evangelist George Crossley is led away in handcuffs Wednesday by a Seminole County law enforcement agent. Crossley, a local vocal spokesman for Christian values, is accused of soliciting a hit man to kill his lover's husband. At the time of his arrest, sheriff's deputies and agents, with the federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms unit, discovered loaded weapons and ammunition at the scene. Sheriff Don Eslinger makes a statement to the media concerning the arrest. Eslinger said he is saddened by the circumstances in which the popular radio preacher has found himself.

Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent - Jeff Hunt

TODAY

BRIEFS

Development review

SANFORD — The Seminole County Development Review Division will hear several applications Wednesday, July 19.

At 1:30 p.m., the committee will hear a request for site plan approval for a 2,065 square foot Chick-Fil-A Restaurant, located on the south side of SR-436 near Bear Lake Village Shopping Center. The restaurant plans include an 808 square foot playland.

At 2 p.m., a rezoning application will be heard for an area west of Maitland Avenue and north of County Line.

At 2:30 p.m., Auto Nation Orlando has submitted a site plan for a 44,900 square foot automobile sales and service center to be located on the south side of Wayside Drive, 800 feet south of SR-46, just west of Interstate 4 and west of the Sanford City limits.

The Development Review committee meets in the Planning and Development conference room, Room 2108, on the second floor of the County Services Building, 1101 E. First Street in Sanford.

PolitiBits

LONGWOOD — Carmine M. Bravo, P.A., of Longwood, will kick off his campaign for County Judge on Monday, July 15, from 6 until 8 p.m. at Sweetwater Community Center, 810 Fox Valley Drive, Longwood. Donation is \$50 per person.

Correction

The radio station attributed in a photo of six men on page 2A of Tuesday's *Sanford Herald* was incorrectly identified. The men, Ralph Smith, Jim Grant, Rupert Strickland, A.L. Wilson, Forrest Breckenridge and Douglas Stenstrom were shown operating a ham radio station W4JZV owned by Breckenridge, and not at radio station WTRR as had been indicated.

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Today: Partly cloudy, hot and humid. High in the lower to mid 90s. Wind west 10 mph.

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Saluting our flag for Independence Day

THE GREAT PARADE

The parade will be held on Thursday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on U.S. Highway 17, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and U.S. Highway 92 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and U.S. Highway 192.

Participants should arrive at the parade route by 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 4. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will end at 1 p.m.

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The view toward Sanford's lakelakefront near the Seminole County courthouse includes the majestic city flag, flown at half mast in memory of soldiers

killed recently in a Mideast terrorist attack. We remember this Fourth of July all who fought for independence.

Help, help help Volunteers desperately needed

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

The Center for Community Involvement (CCI), a service of Heart of Florida United Way, is looking for volunteers. CCI recently published a list of specific jobs available in Orange, Osceola and Seminole County.

The following were listed in the Seminole County area:

●ESOL — ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES — Seminole Community College. Position is administrative assistant who can handle typing, copying, filing and answering phones. 10-15 hours per week, daytime. Minimum age, 19. For information contact Ruth at 328-1722, ext. 3375.

●HAVEN FOR INJURED AND ORPHANED WILDLIFE — 610 Birch Avenue, Altamonte Springs. Position, animal caregiver to clean cages and feed animals. 3 to 40 hours per week, daytime. Minimum age, 16. For information contact Mary Jane at 269-6137.

●ROSPICE OF THE COMFORTER — 595 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs. Finance Department assistant for posting

deposits, data entry and filing. Financial background required. 2 to 4 hours per week, days. Minimum age, 16. Position, administrative support to assist with filing, copying, typing and phones. 2 to 4 hours per week, days. Minimum age, 18. For information contact Sarah at 682-0808.

●HUMANE SOCIETY OF SEMINOLE COUNTY — 2800 County Home Road, Sanford. Kennel and feline helper wanted. 4 to 40 hours per week, days and evenings. No minimum age. Clerical assistant wanted. 4 to 40 hours per week. Call for details. No minimum age required. Contact Volunteer Coordinator at 323-8085 for information.

●SANFORD LAKE MARY UNIT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY — 201 W. First Street, SanTrust Building, Sanford. Clerical assistant to answer phones, filing and assisting patients. Training provided. 10 hours per week, days. Minimum age, 21. For information, phone Karen at 332-0849.

●SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE — 100 Welton Blvd., Sanford. Position, tutor for math and English to adults. Training provided. 1 to 2 hours per week, evenings. Min-

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Clinton: Curbing truancy must be national priority

By DEB RIECHMANN
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation must do more to keep its children from cutting school, President Clinton said Wednesday, offering \$10 million in grants for innovative programs to make public schools safer and keep kids there.

"The difference between success and failure in life for our children is whether they're learning on the streets or in the school where they belong," Clinton told 10,000 delegates of the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union. "The street is not an acceptable alternative to the classroom."

Clinton held up a new Manual to Combat Truancy, which is being sent to school districts nationwide. Developed by the Education and Justice departments, the manual is a guide to setting up programs aimed at chronic school skippers. It includes information about cities that have worked to address the problem.

In Milwaukee, attendance is taken every period in all high schools, police pick up truants, and take them to counseling and parents are called at home, Clinton said. "Daytime burglaries are

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POLICE BRIEFS

Traffic stop

Al Collins Cooke, 22, of 2411 Dollar Way, Midway, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Tuesday near the intersection of Brinson and Celery Avenues. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license, and possession of narcotics.

Domestic cases

Travis T. Davis, 22, of 2580 Ridgewood Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Tuesday as the result of a reported altercation with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Johnell B. Brewington, 23, Groveview Way, was arrested by Lake Mary police Tuesday at a restaurant parking lot in the 4500 block of W. Lake Mary Boulevard. Police said he had been in a confrontation with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Forgery

Longwood police were called to a bank Tuesday on U.S. Highway 17-92 in regard to a possible forgery. They said a woman identified as Deborah W. Tucci, 40, of Casselberry, attempted to cash a check for \$1,000 from the business at which she was employed. Police said the person responsible for issuing checks at the business came to the bank and reported he had not authorized or signed the check.

Tucci was arrested for forgery, uttering a forgery and grand theft. Police said a search of her purse uncovered a bottle of pills. She was subsequently charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Burglary

A burglary was reported to the Seminole County sheriff's office on May 25, at a residence in the 4600 block of Richard Allen Street in the Bookertown area. Items taken included a VCR and bottle of cologne with a total value of \$291.

On June 27, a woman living in the residence told deputies she had been contacted by a pawn shop regarding payment on the VCR. Deputies managed to locate the item.

Line-item veto challenge dismissed

By **SABANDRA DUNWELL**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A federal judge dismissed a legal challenge to the line-item veto Wednesday from a federal employees' union that argued it would allow the president to undermine government workers' pay and benefits.

Judge Charles Richey of the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia ruled that the National Treasury Employees Union had no standing in the case.

In the challenge, union members claimed that the line-item veto would negate some of the employment gains they have achieved through lobbying and dilute the power of Congress.

But Richey said the union's claims "are too speculative and remote to constitute an injury sufficient to confer standing on the plaintiffs."

The union represents about 140,000 federal employees in the executive branch of the federal government.

The line-item veto for the first time gives the president the authority to cut specific items from the federal budget. It doesn't take effect until Jan. 1, after the presidential election.

Fulfilling a GOP "Contract With America" promise, the House passed the legislation on March 28 — a day after the Senate acted. President Clinton signed the bill into law April 9, promising unprecedented scrutiny of "the darkest corners of the federal budget."

Since the nation's founding, the president has been forced to approve or reject legislation in its entirety.

The ability to cross out individual items from spending bills allows the president to kill low priority or pork-barrel projects. It also permits the president to eliminate spending for new entitlement programs that Congress might establish or additions to the food stamp program.

The union filed its challenge to the line-item veto hours only after Congress approved it. The union said it feared that a hostile president would veto pay raises for government workers.

They called the bill "a device that subverts the Constitution's separation of powers."

The new law "unconstitutionally shifts broad lawmaking power from Congress to the executive branch," the union said. "The act severely hampers NTEU's efforts to protect federal employees from bearing an unfair share of deficit reduction by making it more difficult for NTEU to exert a positive influence on spending legislation that determines the wages, benefits and working conditions" of its members.

Clinton and former Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole agreed to delay any use of the veto until 1997 to avoid having it become a campaign issue.

Opponents complained that it gave too much power to the executive branch and abridged Congress' control the nation's purse strings. But constitutional considerations were overcome by the demand for new tools to combat the federal deficit.



Gold-medal winner to carry torch

Twenty-four years after carrying the standard for the United States, as a gold medal winner in 800-meter relay, Fred Tyler will represent his country again Sunday as a torchbearer in the Olympic Torch Relay. Tyler, the swim coach for Lake Mary High School, is pictured with Katie Quinn, daughter Jennifer Tyler and Sarah Richardson. Tyler teamed with swimming phenom Mark Spitz on the relay team that bested the rest of the world. Spitz won seven medals at the 1972

Munich Olympics. Tyler fulfilled his dream with one. On being chosen to carry the torch, the former Olympian said, "It's a neat opportunity to stay connected with the Olympics." The Olympic torch will arrive in Orlando Sunday, July 7, at the city hall, at 6 p.m. Tyler will carry the torch, beginning at 6:51, for one kilometer, starting at the Orlando Fashion Square, near Publix, on East Colonial Drive.

File Photo

Over-the-counter nicotine patch OK'd

By **LAURAN HERRIGARD**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration approved the first nicotine patch for sales without prescriptions Wednesday, giving smokers easier access to Nicotrol to help them kick the habit.

Smokers already could buy nicotine chewing gum over-the-counter, but have called for nonprescription patches as well because they could send stronger doses of nicotine into the bloodstream.

The FDA's decision means McNeil Consumer Products will be able to beat its competitors to the pharmacy shelves with a one-dose nicotine patch that smokers are supposed to take every day for six weeks.

Nicotrol by prescription hasn't been a cure for the cravings smokers experience as they try to quit, and the over-the-counter version won't be either, the FDA warned.

About 20 percent of smokers who tried nonprescription Nicotrol, which comes with a special audiotape support program, succeeded in quitting for a month, about the same success rate of various anti-smoking aids.

"If you still have cravings after six weeks, check with your doctor," advised Dr. Debra Bowen, the FDA's director of over-the-counter drugs. "It can take a couple of tries for people to quit."

McNeil said smokers can buy the first nonprescription Nicotrol on July 18.

No one should smoke or use any other nicotine product, even the chewing gum, while using Nicotrol because he could get a nicotine overdose, causing such symptoms as an irregular heartbeat, palpitations, nausea or vomiting, the FDA warned.

Anyone experiencing those effects or suffering skin irritation that doesn't wane should stop using Nicotrol, the agency said. And people with serious heart disease or who take prescription medicine for depression or asthma should ask their doctors before using Nicotrol.

Some 46 million Americans smoke, and the government says it kills 400,000 a year. Surveys show three-fourths of smokers want to quit but have failed or fear trying. Yet prescription sales of the nation's four nicotine patches and Nicorette, the nicotine gum, have stagnated in recent years as smokers become frustrated with the relatively low success rate in quitting.

Drug makers are hoping that switching the products to non-prescription sales will revive the market, saying 70 percent of would-be quitters don't want or can't afford to see a doctor for help.

The switch may end up taking more out of smokers' pockets, because most insurance plans cover prescription anti-smoking products but not those sold over-the-counter.

The patch resembles a big bandage, worn on the upper arm.

Prescription versions release nicotine through the skin in smaller and smaller doses to wean smokers off cigarettes. But to simplify selling directly to consumers, the nonprescription Nicotrol will come only in one strength — 16 milligram patches to be used as necessary, for no longer than six weeks.

The FDA's approval lets McNeil beat Nicorette, made by Hoechst Marion Roussel, to the market. Nicoderm plans to offer 21 milligram, 14 milligram and 7 milligram patches, so smokers can gradually wean themselves over 10 weeks.

Study: Steroids do make you bulk up but don't cause rage

By **DANIEL G. HANEY**
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON — Body builders already believe it, and science has finally proved it: Steroids make big muscles. But researchers found no evidence that steroids make users prone to outbursts of anger known as "roid rage."

The carefully controlled study showed convincingly for the first time that a few weeks of male sex hormone injections substantially beef up arms and legs and increase strength.

Men who exercised and took steroids for 10 weeks put on an average of 13 pounds of virtually pure muscle and could bench press an extra 48 pounds.

In addition, psychological tests and questioning of the men's spouses found no evidence that steroids made them angrier or more aggressive.

Steroids are widely thought to cause extreme mood swings, and people charged with violent crimes have pleaded "roid rage as a defense.

But among steroid users who are mentally healthy, "testosterone doesn't turn men into beasts," said Dr. Shalender Bhasin of Charles R. Drew University in Los Angeles. Bhasin left open the possibility that in people who are mentally unbalanced to begin with, steroids can make them worse.

Bhasin and his colleagues said their results in no way legitimize steroid use by athletes. But they do suggest steroids might be a good way to help AIDS patients and others whose muscles waste away because of disease.

Possession and distribution of steroids without a prescription is a federal crime, punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine of at least \$1,000.

Doctors have warned that the potential tide effects include sterility, testicular shrinkage, acne, abnormal liver function, baldness, high blood pressure and heart disease. In 1991, former football star Lyle Alzado publicly blamed steroid use for his inoperable brain cancer.

Despite the seemingly obvious evidence of weightlifters' bulging pecs, some doctors have doubted whether steroids really work. They argue that exercise, not injections, explains their muscles.

"Intense debate on this issue has been raging for 30 or 40 years," Bhasin said.

Earlier studies were flawed, in part because researchers gave only small amounts of steroids and failed to control the volunteers' exercise or diets.

To help settle the question, Bhasin and colleagues recruited 43 male volunteers and put

them on a standard diet. They randomly assigned them to get either dummy shots or moderately high injections of testosterone enanthate, one of several anabolic steroids used by athletes.

Throughout the study, no one knew who was getting the real steroid shots. In both groups, half the men were either put on a weightlifting program or asked not to work out.

The results, published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, were clear and dramatic.

Those who took steroids but did nothing else improved their muscles and strength about as much or more than did those who exercised but got dummy shots. By far the most impressive change was seen in men who both exercised and got steroids.

By the end of the experiment, men who got steroids but didn't exercise could bench press an extra 20 pounds, about the same as those who worked out but didn't get steroids. However, those who both took steroids and exercised could bench press an additional 48 pounds, a 23 percent increase.

Those who got steroid shots but did not exercise gained seven pounds of fat-free mass, which is mostly muscle, compared with an extra four pounds in those who exercised without steroids. Men who both exercised and got steroids put on 13 pounds.

The researchers saw similar differences in the size of the men's thigh and forearm muscles and in their ability to lift in squatting exercises.

"The major implication is not to rationalize the abuse of steroids by athletes," Bhasin said. "It provides a rationale for testing the idea that short-term, cautious use of testosterone may prevent muscle wasting in cancer, HIV, obstructive lung

disease and other chronic illnesses."

In the study, the men took weekly injections of 600-milligram doses for 10 weeks. This gave them about six to eight times more testosterone than their bodies produced naturally.

Dr. C. Wayne Bardin of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development said the study also holds good news for athletes who don't resort to steroids.

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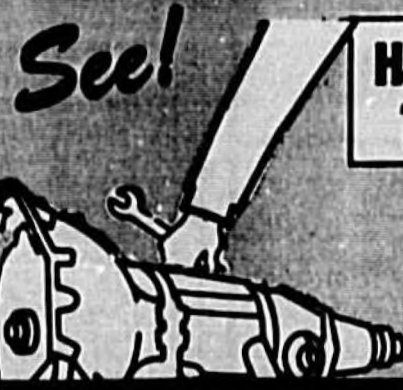


Harold Photo by Tommy Weisner

Lion of the Year

Outgoing Lions President Cecil Taylor, right, one Lion a year, but Altemose and Hall both presented Lion of the Year awards to Lions Secretary Matt Altemose and Vice President David Hall. Taylor said the award usually goes to only

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EDITORIAL

Independence Day

Independence Day is more than just fireworks, although most of us have a tendency to forget the importance of the event when it comes to explaining what is going on to our children. But let's get down to basics: Eleven score years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. That's what it's really about.

With the exception of the time (it was four score and seven years ago in 1863), President Abraham Lincoln gave us his famous Gettysburg Address. On this, the anniversary of our nation declaring its independence, it may do well to dig up a copy of that address and not only read it, but analyze it and see what it may mean to each of us today.

We can believe or not believe the rumor that Abe wrote this on the back of a napkin during his train trip to Gettysburg. But we should believe the intent of this historic speech, not only in connection to our freedoms, but the governments under which we serve, and the approach each of us should take in dealing with our fellow citizens.

Actually, it's a great speech to give on Veterans Day and/or Memorial Day. It deals with those who not only gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom, but those who are living, who must dedicate themselves to the "finished work they who fought here (Gettysburg) have thus far so nobly advanced."

As we unfortunately found out too recently, even those who were not actually involved in a war aimed at protecting peace, also lose their lives in the name of helping our country.

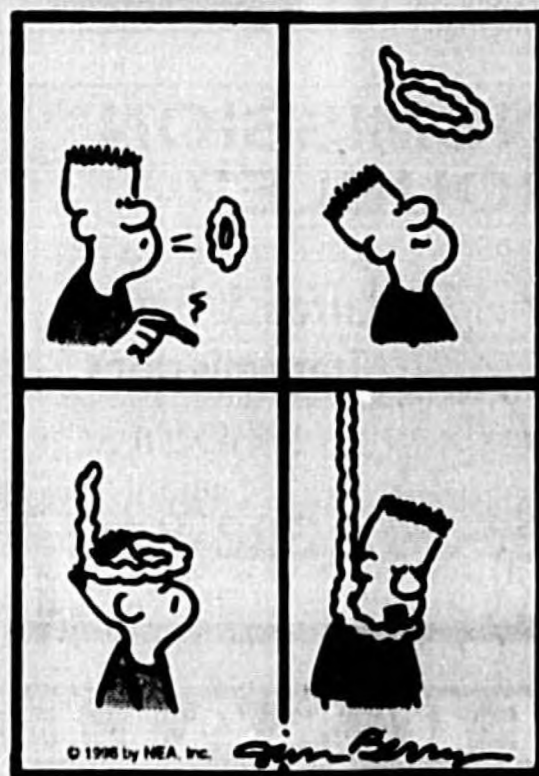
Therefore, it is for us, those who plod along in our work-a-day lives, who become involved in projects, and strive for continued improvements, to pay homage to the freedom and independence we have, which allows us to do so.

Of course, we must also look at the governmental aspect of the final sentences of the Gettysburg Address, that portion calling for "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Those elected to office or hired in governmental positions, as well as people who vote, support governments, or seek to assist governments through service on boards and committees must neither forget nor overlook our responsibilities.

Some people don't like what governments do from time to time. But when that is the case, someone has dropped the ball; either government officials or the people.

Let's make it a pledge to do everything in our power to continue this concept of government by, of, and for the people. In this way, we will truly be observing Independence Day.

Berry's World



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed. Include daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

DONNA BRITT

Role-playing at Eleanorgate

Washington--So Hillary Clinton had a little chat with Eleanor Roosevelt.

Somehow, this is a huge deal. For some reason, folks find it odd that last year, Clinton, wounded by Whitewater and her health care plan's rejection; anguished by scorching public criticism, discussed the problems with Roosevelt, a former first lady whose creativity and compassion in the job made her Clinton's personal inspiration.

They think it's laughable because Roosevelt happens to be, well, dead.

OK, so it does sound weird. In his new book, "The Choice," Bob Woodward describes a White House meeting between Clinton, several staffers, and two authors including Jean Houston of the Foundation for Mind Research. At Houston's behest, Clinton, frustrated over her failures and confusing role, imagined aloud what she would say to Roosevelt, including: "Why is there such a need in people to put other people down?"

Imagining her role model's response, Clinton, pretending her voice to be the late Roosevelt's, suggested, "Do what you think is right. Set a course and hold to it." While Clinton later had a role-switching "chat" with Indian leader Gandhi, she found Houston's



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invitation to speak with Jesus "too personal." Well, at least something was.

Some found Clinton's make-believe dialogue uncomfortably seance-like; others saw it as another self-indulgent act by an overly self-involved woman. Some found Hillary's invisible coffee klatch to be monumentally silly, irresistible put-down fodder.

I'd make Eleanorgate jokes, too, but I'd have to overlook how many Fortune 500 corporations, including The Washington Post, Woodward's and my employer, use role-playing exercises in employee workshops. I'd

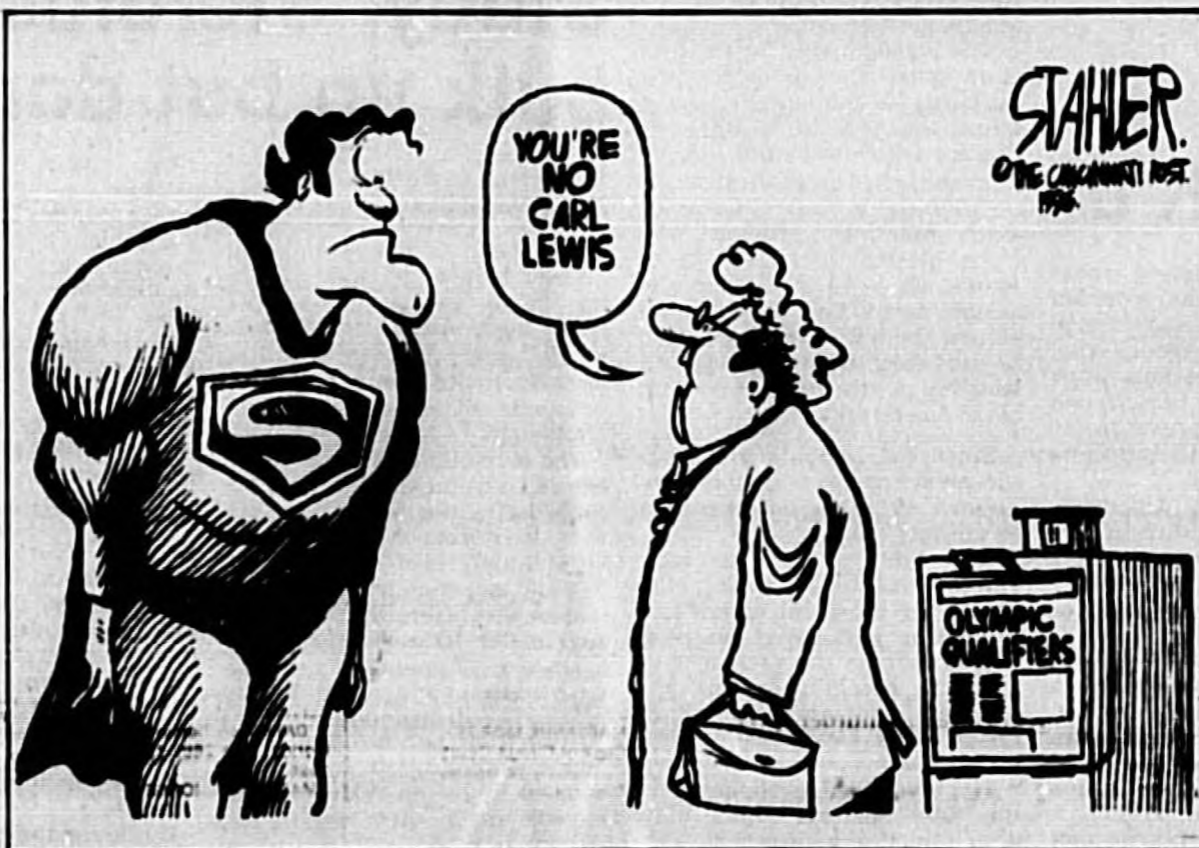
snicker at the Clintons' so-called "spiritual advisers", including Marianne Williamson Anthony Robbins, but would have to forget that they advise millions of less-prominent Americans through their chart-topping books.

Mostly, I'd have to pretend that what's most interesting here is Clinton's playacting, not the insecurities that sparked it. Whatever I think of Clinton, and from day to day, that changes, I'd say anyone who's been dealt her public humiliations, and the private grief of losing a father, mother-in-law, and dear friend in short order, deserves as White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta recently put it, "to draw strength from wherever (she) can."

Of course a first lady, or anybody, finding guidance through imaginary chats with dead strangers sounds weird. Still, I don't mind admitting that I've done some communicating with the departed.

Which brings me to the first lady's poignant question: "Why is there such a need in people to put other people down?"

But knowing the public's attention span, and Clinton's other, more pressing problems, Eleanorgate should be forgotten quicker than it'll take me to ring up Cleopatra for an answer.



MORTON KONDRACKE

Newt should see this movie

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., is disgusted with the cynicism expressed in this summer's blockbuster movies, but there's one just coming out that he ought to love: "Courage Under Fire," an inspiring tale of physical and moral heroism.

Gingrich expressed his movie views on C-SPAN recently, panning "Mission: Impossible," "The Rock" and "Eraser" for conveying "extraordinary cynicism about the way America works."

This was part of a discussion in which he said that "Washington is not nearly as cynical as the modern media" and "frankly, the Hollywood culture is even more cynical" contrasting both with the idea of democracy, which is "romantic and believes in people."

Knowing how hostile Gingrich feels toward the Washington news media, which he claims has sat by and even colluded in "massive Democratic disinformation" against Congress, his saying that Hollywood is worse means he is apocryphal about the movie industry.

He didn't spell out exactly what it was he hated so much in the Tom Cruise, Sean Connery and Arnold Schwarzenegger action movies that have been dominating the summer box office, but it isn't hard to imagine.

In each, courageous main characters are sold out by corrupt high-level government officials. The MI gang initially gets nearly wiped out because of the betrayal, leaving Cruise to penetrate the innermost sanctum of the CIA to get at the truth.

The improbable premise of "The Rock" is that the U.S. military has systematically denied honor and death benefits to Special Forces soldiers killed in the line of duty, so a Marine commander played by Ed Harris decides to extort their recompense by threatening a nerve gas attack on San Francisco from Alcatraz Island.

The heroes, Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage, invade the island where Connery once was held prisoner and escaped. He's been held in solitary confinement for decades because, as a British commando, he discovered a treasure trove of U.S. secrets, including "who really killed John F. Kennedy."

And in "Eraser," Schwarzenegger is a federal witness protection operative assigned to protect heroic whistle-blower Vanessa Williams after the U.S. deputy secretary of Defense and corrupt Justice Department officials collude with a corporate arms merchant in selling an advanced ray gun to international terrorists.

Interestingly, Gingrich did not complain about the movies' violence -- with "The Rock" exceeding the two others in unnecessarily graphic goreness -- but he is right about the fact that Hollywood often assumes that the government and business are shot full of

corruption.

Disliking "Mission," "Rock" and "Eraser," Gingrich probably should stay away from a fourth big thriller, "Independence Day," which assumes as part of its premise that the secretary of Defense (who was once head of the CIA) has deceived even the president about the government's awareness of visits from outer space.

No, Gingrich should immediately go and see "Courage Under Fire," in which Denzel Washington plays a heroic Army tank commander assigned to investigate the proposed awarding of the nation's first Congressional Medal of Honor to a woman captain, played by Meg Ryan, a helicopter pilot killed in action in the Gulf War.

Gingrich said in his C-SPAN interview that two of his role models as a child were John Wayne as a cavalry scout in "Hondo" and as a Marine in "Sands of Iwo Jima." "Courage" is of the same military genre, but has the added aspect of conveying heroism in morally difficult circumstances.

Unlike the outrageous conspiratorialism of many Hollywood movies, "Courage" portrays entirely realistic venality on the part of Washington officialdom with which Denzel Washington has to cope.

On the one hand, the U.S. Army is trying to cover up a friendly-fire incident in the Gulf War in which Lt. Col. Washington mistakenly ordered the destruction of one of his own tanks.

This makes him vulnerable to pressure that the White House is putting on Washington's superior, played by Michael Moriarty, to approve the Medal of Honor for the Meg Ryan character -- whether or not she deserves it -- so that it can conduct a televised Rose Garden ceremony for maximum political effect.

Gingrich surely will chuckle at that cynical episode, knowing it's the way things happen. Otherwise, he's got to feel that director Ed Zwick has put together an exciting action movie, a tale of suspense and multiple characterizations of courage under fire.



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JACK ANDERSON

Campaign finance rules easy to dodge

WASHINGTON -- Since money has been called the "mother's milk of politics," it should come as no surprise that housewives have become the pre-eminent donors to political campaigns.

Federal law requires all political candidates to list the occupation of their campaign donors. That way, political watchdog groups and journalists can find out who's pulling the financial levers behind particular candidates.

But the big donors in 1992 weren't lawyers or corporate heads. Instead, federal records reviewed by the Center for Responsive Politics found that the biggest givers -- to the tune of \$22.4 million, outpacing all other occupations -- were "housewives" or "homemakers."

But most of the domesticated donors aren't exercising their rights so much as they're helping big campaign contributors navigate federal election laws that limit individual contributions to \$1,000 per candidate per election. By sending contributions in the names of their wives and children, wealthy donors can multiply the impact of their donations -- while helping conceal the true source of the funds. And it's all perfectly legal.

A review of various campaign disclosures filed by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, for example, shows several \$1,000 donations from Mrs. H.L. Hunt, who lists her occupation as housewife. But Mrs. Hunt is no ordinary homemaker. Rather, she is a scion of a legendary Texas oil family that has been among Gramm's biggest supporters. The non-partisan Center for Public Integrity found that the Hunt empire had given \$80,500 to Gramm's political campaigns over the years.

The housewife ruse is one of several ways donors seek to camouflage their contributions. Many campaign supporters also give using their children's names. A New Hampshire Citizen Action study released last month found that through December 1995, people listed on disclosure forms as "students" had donated more than \$400,000 to 1996 presidential candidates.

Coincidentally, 75 percent of these donations came with donations of other family members who had already given the \$1,000 legal limit. While most of the students we know are barely scraping by financially, 89 percent of the money from students cited in the study came in contributions of \$1,000.

Other campaign donors are far less subtle in their attempts to influence candidates. A technique known as "bundling," for example, allows donors to stay within legal limits and still have their contributions land on candidates' doorsteps with an attention-getting thud. A group of donors with common interests (often they are from the same company or firm) make simultaneous donations, often of the same amount.

Documents reviewed by our associate George Clifford III show that in February, 39 partners at the accounting firm Ernst & Young funneled donations totaling \$30,500 to Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., through a Washington lobbyist for the firm. The partners, from six states, all wrote checks for \$500, except two which were for \$1,000.

How does this happen? "Bottom line is we have people that monitor this and sort of take turns as to who they tell needs to make a contribution," explains Ernest & Young partner Gretchen Valentine of Newport Beach, Calif. "It was my turn. I cut a check I didn't ask questions."



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Row

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Eliasa was a gregarious, active child. She was in Girl Scouts, played baseball, took gymnastics and dance lessons.

He was sentenced to death a third time in 1990, restarting the clock on about 10 years of appeals.
In his latest motion, filed on April 28, 1994, Mann claims he was represented by an ineffective public defender during his original murder trial in 1981.

Truancy

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down by one-third," he said.
In Atlantic County, N.J., families of truants receive intensive counseling and a majority of these students opt to return to class, he said.

kids should be in school, but this is hardly the aggressive action needed to protect our kids from the ravages of drugs," said deputy Dole press secretary Christina Martin.

Events

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death row. Martin was condemned for the 1977 stabbing murder of 19-year-old Patricia Greenfield, a George Washington University student, who was working in a Delray Beach convenience store.

Teachers applauded Clinton's speech, but said privately that truancy is a complex problem not easily solved by politicians.

Volunteers

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imum age, 18. Contact Cindy at 328-2163.
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Green Cove Springs. He pleaded guilty to their slayings in 1991, claiming he backed out of a murder-suicide pact with Ma. Reed. He also was under a death sentence for a 1986 Jacksonville robbery and was serving a life sentence for the 1988 fatal beating of his roommate.

Arrest

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The men agreed it would be done before Friday.
After arresting Croasley, agents found three loaded weapons in his possession including a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, a 357 revolver and a 22 long rifle.

meetings and very cold and calculated in his approach to have Waldo killed.
Sheriff's deputies began investigating Croasley July 2 after a friend of Croasley's, George Klinger, called police and informed them that Croasley was trying to hire him to firebomb Waldo's house.

"We all are as surprised as everyone else," Moffitt said. "We're just shocked."
Ealinger said Waldo was allegedly upset over his estranged wife's and Croasley's affair and was harrasing Croasley in an attempt to get even. Six months ago Waldo was arrested for assault on Croasley and placed on six months probation after he pleaded no contest.

WILLIE B. BARNUM
Willie B. Barnum, 75, E. Eighth Street, Sanford, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996 at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford. He was born Sept. 28, 1920 in Shalman, Ga. He was a retired pipe layer. He was a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford.

TEMPA: A host of grandchildren. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Countdown

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superintendent for operations applies a conducting gel to the top of the inmate's shaved head and the superintendent reads the death warrant.
-6:56 a.m., the inmate is escorted into the death chamber through a door in the back of the room.

the blessing of freedom
July 4th is the time to reflect and to remember the legacy our forefathers gave us... the blessing of freedom and our responsibility to nurture and sustain it.

A sponge is placed on top of the inmate's head and a copper headset is placed on top of the sponge and an electrode is attached to it.
A black mask hangs over the inmate's face.
A huge circuit breaker behind the inmate is closed, followed by the closing of another breaker in the booth beside the executioner.

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Case No. 95-225-CA-148 BARNETT MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

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Sports

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Sanford Pop Warner sign-ups

SANFORD — Mid-Florida Pop Warner Sanford Youth Football Association will be registering for the fall football season Saturday across from Sanford Middle School. Registration, for players aged 7 to 15, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registrants must bring the following: 1. Physical; 2. COPY of Birth Certificate; 3. 3x5 picture; 4. Registration fee of \$50 (must be paid at time of sign-ups — NO EXCEPTIONS). Call Tommie Thompson at 321-2012 for info.

Merthle Basketball Camp

SANFORD — The final season of the Bernard Merthle Summer Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 14 will be held July 15 through the 18. Merthle, the men's basketball coach at Seminole Community College, will hold the four-day camp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at a cost of \$120. Half-day sessions are also available from either 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$60. All classes will be held in the air-conditioned Seminole Community College Health and Physical Education Center. For information call 328-2091 or 328-2090.

No-Tap at Bowl America

SANFORD — Bowl America-Sanford will conduct its weekly No-Tap Tournament every Thursday evening beginning at 9:15 p.m. For more information, call 322-7542.

Women's open gym

SANFORD — Open Gym is held for both high school and college women on Sunday evenings at Seminole Community College and on Monday and Wednesday at Lake Howell High School. The gyms open at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call Ken Patrick at (407) 328-2092 or 328-2090.

Women's hoop tournament

SANFORD — Seminole Community College will be the site of a major women's summer basketball tournament as it will host the World Basketball Shootout from July 6 through July 9. Teams from Europe will be competing, and the cost is \$250 per team. Patrick is also putting together a pair of foreign basketball tours. For more information, call Patrick at home 333-2070 or at SCC 328-2092 or 328-2090.

European basketball trips

SANFORD — Seminole Community College women's basketball coach Ken Patrick is putting together a pair of foreign basketball tours. From July 20 through July 25, a group of players, both men and women, will travel to Luxembourg for international "free agent" tryouts. Cost is \$650 per player (includes airfare, two meals a day and hotel). From July 20 through July 25, a group of players, both men and women, will travel to Luxembourg for international "free agent" tryouts. Cost is \$650 per player (includes airfare, two meals a day and hotel). From July 25 through August 14, a team of high school age girls will go on a European Basketball Tour. For more information, call Patrick at home 333-2070 or at SCC 328-2092 or 328-2090.

Turn in your uniforms

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is asking that players and coaches from the Little Major and Babe Ruth baseball league's please get your uniforms returned to the Downtown Recreation Center. Call 330-8997 for more information.

SCC Fastpitch Pitching Camp

SANFORD — Terri McClure, owner of Strike Force Pitching School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the guest instructor at the Seminole Community College Fastpitch Pitching Camp on Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 14. Cost for the camp, for ages 8-and-up, is \$100, which includes instruction and camp T-shirt, and is limited to the first 36 players. For more information, call SCC softball coach Courtney Miller at (407) 328-2532 or 328-2090.

BEST BETS ON TV

- AUTO RACING**
 □ 7 p.m. — SUN, Hooters Cup, (L)
 □ 9 p.m. — SUN, This Week in NASCAR, (L)
- BASEBALL**
 □ 2 p.m. — WGN, Reds at Cubs, (L)
 □ 4 p.m. — ESPN, teams to be announced, (L)
 □ 7:30 p.m. — ESPN, Mariners at Rangers, (L)
 □ 7:35 p.m. — TBS, Astros at Braves, (L)
 □ 10:30 p.m. — ESPN, Rockies at Dodgers, (L)
- GOLF**
 □ noon — ESPN, PGA Seniors, (L)
- TENNIS**
 □ 1 p.m. — WESH 2, Wimbledon, women's doubles semifinals

It wasn't even close

Lake Mary Reds take Minors trophy

By JEFF BERLINGER
 Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — As the Lake Mary Reds took the field all season, they were not only playing for themselves.

Of course they wanted to take the minor league championship but they had some motivating factors to work with.

First, there was a rival, Yankees' player Frankie Amrosio who had seriously injured himself in a swimming pool accident which resulted in 20 days of hospital intensive care. Amrosio survived the incident but was unable to play for the remainder of the season.

At the end of every practice and during games, the Reds would yell, "Go Frankie."



Minor League Reds champions were: (Back row, Williams Don Pas, Front row, Charlie McMullen, Ryan Anderson, Andrew Sides, Jonathan Gagliano, Radey Williams, Theo Feldstein, Kory Duffy. From left: Chris Gagliano, Elliott Reed, Jordan Aza, Scott Williams, Zack Almirall, Mike Gibson, Ryley Williams)

Then there was Jordan Aza, a Reds' player whose mother gave birth prematurely to his sister Lindsey. Lindsey is still in the hospital and expected to come home in August, but she was never forgotten by the Reds.

"Go Lindsey" It became another of the three cheers that motivated the Reds to

an undefeated season. Finally, there was the obvious one. The Reds knew they were good and had good reason.

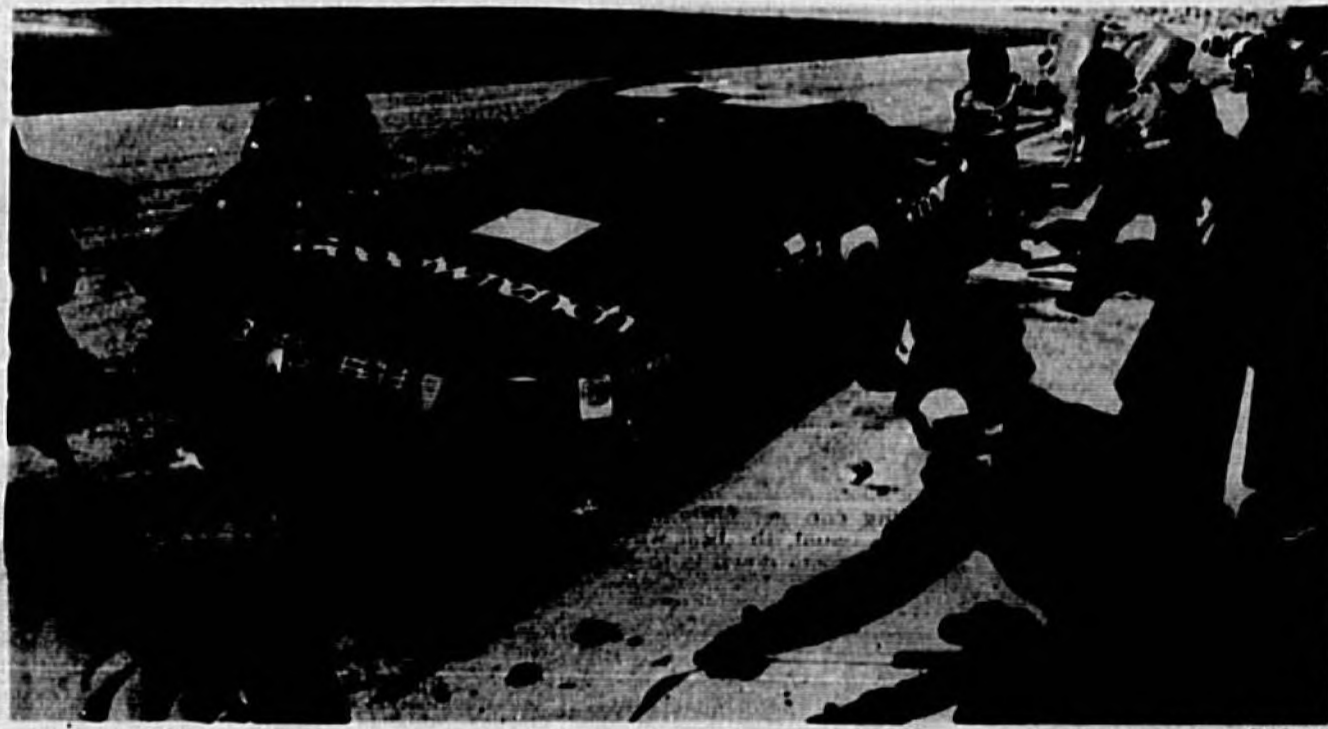
"Reds rule!" was the final cheer.

With Frankie and Lindsey recovering and the Reds romping through the playoffs, everything seemed to work out just fine. It ended with a two-game sweep of the

Braves in the championship series last week.

"It was all because of teamwork," said Reds' player Ryley Williams. "We were down in a lot of games but we kept coming back. Our fielding was great."

Scott Williams and Chris Gagliano coached the Reds and the



Seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt and the rest of the NASCAR Winston Cup stars will be at the beach this week capped with the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Pepsi 400 starts tough stretch

By MIKE HARRIS
 AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH — Saturday's Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway begins the toughest stretch of the Winston Cup season, with 14 races in as many weekends.

It's usually one of the hottest weekends of the season, but it also marks the halfway point in the 31-race schedule.

Going into the race the three-car Hendrick Motorsports team was definitely the hottest on the stock car circuit with seven of the first 14 poles and six victories.

Jeff Gordon, the 24-year-old defending Winston Cup and Pepsi 400 champion, had finished sixth or better in 11 of the past 12 races. He also was leading the series in laps led, with 1,268 of a possible 4,418, and miles led, with 1,429.19 of 5,480.99 run.

Teammate Terry Labonte was second in the points behind seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt. Gordon was third and Ken Schrader, the third Hendrick driver, seventh.

Gordon had won three poles and five races, while Labonte had four poles and one win.

Hendrick, who will celebrate his 47th birthday on

July 12, has made an investment in the future of his super team, signing each of the three drivers, as well as their crew chiefs and major sponsors, to extended contracts.

"I hear all the rumors (about drivers changing teams) like everybody else, and it's distracting," Hendrick said. "That's one of the reasons I've tried to get everything done early and go ahead and announce through the year 2000 to prevent that. ... The rumors are still out there, but our teams are set."

Hendrick, whose owns a chain of car dealerships, said he couldn't be more pleased with his team.

"I might be a little prejudiced, but if you've won half of the poles and almost half of the races, and led almost half the laps, I'd have to give the two teams (Gordon and Labonte) that are winning A-pluses for the first 14 races," he said.

"I expected Schrader and his team to be a C-plus by now, but I'd say they're about a B-minus. They're ahead of where I expected them to be."

Practice for the Pepsi 400 begins at 10:30 a.m. today, with Busch Pole Award Qualifying to set the top 25 starting positions is at 2:30 p.m. Additional practice and second day qualifying to complete the 40-car plus field is Friday.

The race starts at 11 a.m. Saturday morning.

Torch winds through state on land, sea

By The Associated Press

TAMPA — The Olympic torch wound its way down Florida's Gulf Coast Wednesday, carried by cyclists, runners and boaters taking part in the 15,000 mile trek from Los Angeles to Atlanta for the July 19 opening of the Olympic Games.

"It looked like a white stick and that was it," said Joey Lundy, 8, after a cyclist carried the flame along busy U.S. Highway 41 through Lutz-Land O'Lakes 25 miles north of Tampa.

"I expected a big huge flame, but I barely saw any flame," he said. "It was cool seeing it anyhow. We spent a real, real long time in traffic. Was it worth it? Well, kind of..."

The torch relay began the day in Citrus County and moved south to Brooksville, 45, miles north of Tampa, down into Tampa, then

onto St. Petersburg via sailboat across Tampa Bay, landing at the Pier for a celebration and a plush overnight stay in the penthouse suite of the Holiday Inn at St. Pete Beach overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's one of the most prestigious guests we've ever had at Holiday Inn, even if it, well, um, isn't a person," said spokeswoman Lauren Tegelaar, adding that the staff made some special provisions for the unusual guest. "It's exempt from the non-smoking rule."

Crowds watched from backyards, along road shoulders and in parks as runners handed off the flame, the hope of Olympic athletes worldwide.

Before its 84-day journey is finished, some 8,000 people will have handled the 3½-pound torch as it crossed the country through plains, mountain roads, hamlets

and steamy southern byways.

Pete McCaffrey of Clearwater, a member of the 1964 gold-medal U.S. Olympic basketball team in Tokyo, carried the torch along Tampa's Bayshore Boulevard. He was eager to support the spirit of the games.

"It's not whether you won or lost. It was that you were there and tried your best. That's the Olympic spirit. If there's an opportunity I can give something back to them, I want to participate," he said.

Before leaving Tampa, the path takes the torch to Ybor City, the colorful Latin quarter; along Bayshore Boulevard, old line Tampa; Hyde Park, the city's new, trendy quadrant and finally to the Convention Center for a watery sendoff.

By GREGG SHANKMAN
 AP Basketball Writer

CHICAGO — Who starts from an Olympic Dream Team of 12 superstars?

All 12. Coach Lenny Wilkens said Wednesday that the team's starting lineup will be different for every game and every one of his dozen players can expect to be on court for at least one opening tip.

Wilkens hasn't even picked his starters yet for the first exhibition game Saturday against the U.S. junior team at Auburn Hills, Mich. and he won't make that decision until two more days of scrimmages and practices at Moody Bible Institute are wrapped up.

"It's a short period of time, so they won't have any problem with it," Wilkens said. "Over an 82-game schedule you'd have a real problem with ego."

"They all understand the significance of the Olympics," Wilkens said. "They all know that I want to play them all, and I've told them that. What we'll do is try to start a different group each time. We have so many great players and I want to give them all the opportunity."

The thought of jockeying for a spot as a Dream Team starter seems ridiculous to the players, who went through their third day of practice Wednesday and planned to do it again Thursday despite the holiday.

"If you're worrying about something like that, you shouldn't even be on the team," John Stockton said.

Stockton, Gary Payton and Anfernee Hardaway are the Dream Team's natural point guards; Mitch Richmond and Reggie Miller are the shooting guards; Grant Hill and Scottie Pippen are small forwards; Charles Barkley and Karl Malone are power forwards and Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal and David Robinson are centers.

"I don't think you'll see that many guys out of their natural positions, but because of their versatility, some of these guys can play other spots," Wilkens said. "For instance, Hardaway is a point guard, but he'll play some two (shooting guard). Certainly Scottie Pippen and Grant Hill can play

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by Chic Young



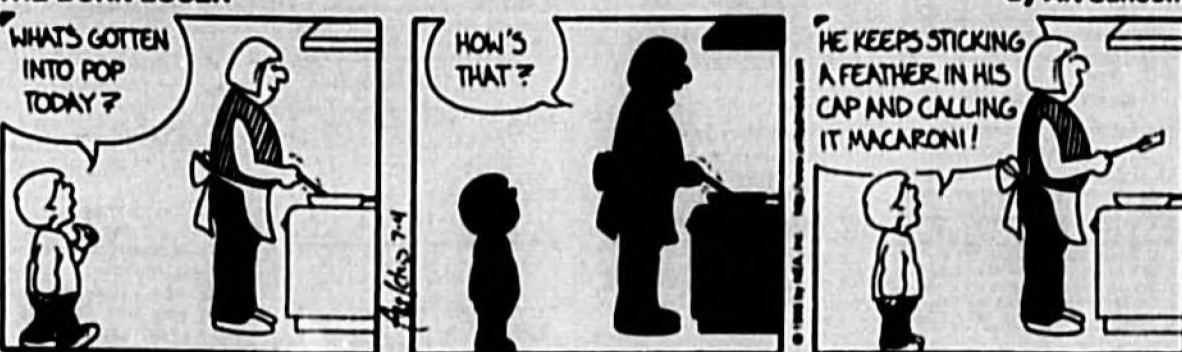
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The rising cost of health care

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a past column you suggested that insurance companies reduce their rates and that the government should pitch in. Well, what about hospitals? In September 1991 I had a two-week episode of GI bleeding. Ten days in the hospital cost \$12,000. What an outrage!



I believe that hospital charges are, in many instances, utterly outrageous. I think that patients should be sent hospital bills, rather than having the charges automatically submitted to Medicare or insurance companies. If more patients could examine their bills (and get ticked off about them), these "consumers of health care" could well provide the political incentive to make necessary changes in the medical reimbursement scheme.

Perhaps your observations will encourage other patients to examine their bills.

Thank you for writing. DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read an article saying that vegetables containing vitamin K should not be eaten by people on Coumadin. Is this true and should I, as a Coumadin user, deny myself these vegetables?

DEAR READER: Vitamin K is necessary for proper blood coagulation. Drugs, such as Coumadin, interfere with vitamin K metabolism. Thus, the treatment for Coumadin-overdose is vitamin K.

In addition, small amounts of the vitamin (in the diet) often neutralize the beneficial effect of the prescription anti-coagulant.

Natural vitamin K is present in leafy green vegetables, such as spinach, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, and turnip greens. In people taking Coumadin to prevent blood clots, stroke and heart attack, these vegetables may alter the effectiveness of the drug, making proper dosage control (with a blood test) almost impossible.

Therefore, most experts caution Coumadin users to limit or avoid ingesting vegetables rich in vitamin K. Actually, if you ate such vegetables every day, your doctor could probably adjust the dose of Coumadin (based on a blood test) relatively easily. Problems arise because patients don't eat such vegetables every day; consequently, the effects of the vitamin vary, leading to potentially serious medical consequences, such as hemorrhage.

Although you should ask your doctor about this, I recommend that you minimize your consumption of vegetables which contain vitamin K.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." 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 10138. Be sure to mention the URL.

ACROSS

- 1 TV network
4 Actress Moran
6 Theatrical
12 Christmas
14 By and by
15 Capable of
16 Band leader
17 - base
18 Food
20 Mrs. Nixon
22 Parish
24 Elio
25 Photographer
31 - de France
32 A Great Lake
34 Alcohol lamp
36 Learning
37 Build
38 Judge
39 Lane
40 - nose
42 Theaters

DOWN

- 1 Shade of blue
2 Swollen gland
3 Venetian-blind part
4 Airline info
5 Tasse
6 Unemployed
7 Reptile
8 Handmade
9 Unyielding

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 10 Certain eye
11 Writing fluid
13 Day's march
15 Call - day
19 Lemony
23 Semester
24 Army
25 U. C. college
26 Of course!
27 Area and the King of -
29 Graved, in heraldry
30 Theodor's neighbor
33 - out (uses tragedy)
35 Washes
36 Anaspotic
41 Better than
42 - covered (2 wds.)
45 Like some
47 Stars (2 wds.)
48 In a frustrated state
49 Wlier
50 - the
51 (abbreviation)
52 Fry, on wine
57 (abbreviation)

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The party for four

By Phillip Alder

After the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, there is evidence that four of the signatories retired for a game that bore a remarkable resemblance to bridge. After four deals, both sides were vulnerable. Thomas Jefferson had made six hearts, Benjamin Franklin had succeeded in seven no-trump, John Adams had gone down in four spades, and John Hancock had failed in four hearts. The fifth deal is in today's diagram. Against six spades, Hancock, West, did well not to lead the diamond ace. He knew from declarer's failure to use Blackwood that Jefferson probably had a void somewhere. Instead, Hancock selected the heart eight: five, king, ace. Jefferson studied the deal for some

lime, occasionally sipping from his wine glass while he worked out how to avoid one heart and one club loser unless West had king-doubleton of clubs. Suddenly he spotted the solution. After drawing trumps in three rounds, Jefferson led the club eight to dummy's queen. Next, he cashed dummy's club ace, unblocking his seven. When the king didn't drop, Jefferson played a heart to his queen and exited with the club six to West's king. With only diamonds left, West tried to cash the ace, but declarer ruffed. Jefferson led his carefully preserved club three to dummy's four, cashed the diamond king for a heart trick and claimed the last two tricks with his top trump and remaining club. "Well played, Tom!" said Adams and Franklin simultaneously. Hancock was silent, working out that he had just lost a nine-point rubber.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West hands with cards and scores.

Our Birthday section with a calendar for Friday, July 5, 1988, and horoscope-like advice for various zodiac signs.

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