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##### Fastpitch: It's the law?

Bill 1716, backed by Senator George Kirkpatrick, D-Gainesville, would require Florida public high schools and community colleges that play softball to field fastpitch teams. See Page 1B

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##### Club hears blind pianist

A blind pianist, who has performed in 950 concerts, recently entertained the Sanford Senior Citizens Club. See Page 3B.

### BRIEFS

#### Residents may save on pickup

LONGWOOD — Longwood residents will be paying less for their twice a week garbage pickup if the apparent low bid on a new contract is approved April 5 by the Longwood City Commission.

Six bids were opened Wednesday afternoon and Waste Management of Orlando submitted the lowest bid of \$10.95 per household. Currently, IWS holds the garbage collection contract and the monthly household charge is \$14.68.

Purchasing manager Rhonda Ledford calculated if the new contract gets the stamp of approval from the city commission it will mean a \$195,825 savings over the old contract. The bid was based on 4,375 household units, she said.

IWS submitted a bid of \$11.61 on the new contract. Other bidders were: BFI (Browning Ferris) \$11.80; Jennings Environmental, \$12.92; Disposal, \$14.37; and Western Waste Industries, \$14.89. South Lake Refuse Service submitted a no bid.

#### Custodian resigns

SANFORD — Frederick W. Alexander, 30, a custodian at Lake Howell High School who allegedly brought cigarettes and alcohol to school and left the items for two students, has resigned his position at the school.

The Seminole County school board accepted his resignation as part of their consent agenda.

Alexander, of 1614 Lake Ave., Sanford, cited "other personal reasons" as his reason for leaving his job.

The school board will not pursue any further action against Alexander in the recent alleged incident involving the students, school officials said.

#### City to welcome train

SANFORD — Amtrak is inaugurating the Sunset Limited next week. The train will run coast to coast between Los Angeles and Miami, with regular stops in Sanford.

All along the track, special ceremonies will be held at almost every stop. The dedication run will begin at the Los Angeles Union Station at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, March 28, and is scheduled to arrive in Miami at 7:15 p.m. Friday, April 2.

The run normally will not take five days. For this inaugural however, ceremonies are planned at 47 separate stops, including 19 in Florida.

"I am going to board the train at Palatka," Sanford Mayor Bettye Smith said during a city commission workshop Monday night. "I will be riding it back to Sanford where we hope to have a big turnout of city and county officials to greet it."

City Commissioner Lon Howell commented yesterday. "The Mayor isn't the only one on the commission to receive an invitation. All of us got them, and I expect several of us will also be on the train when it pulls into Sanford."

The train is scheduled to arrive in Sanford at 11:05 a.m., Friday, April 2.

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#### Cloudy, warm and wet



Cloudy with an 80 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Rain may be heavy. High in the upper 70s. Wind south at 10 mph.

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# Grappling with AIDS

## Governor's plan touts education

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Gov. Lawton Chiles revealed his AIDS Action Plan yesterday in Tallahassee.

The long-awaited comprehensive strategy aimed at protecting those who are not infected with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS and those already infected by it, is based on the recommendations of a Red Ribbon Panel that was charged with

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Seminole County high schools use an abstinence-based curriculum with textbooks that include information on human sexuality. The school board will stand by its decision not to distribute condoms to students.

## Seminole schools nix condoms

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — In his AIDS Action plan, unveiled yesterday, Gov. Lawton Chiles recommended that the state accept, among other things, the Red Ribbon Panel on AIDS' recommendation that condoms be available to students, but only if the local school boards approve.

There will be no condoms available to the students in Seminole. See Local, Page 5A

# Sanford cuts workers' wages

By NICK PFEIFAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Pay checks for about 400 employees of the City of Sanford will be lower beginning April 1st when a two percent add-on pay is eliminated, City Manager Bill Simmons said Wednesday.

The cut back has been prompted by a decision made by the commission last December, which required reconsideration each quarter.

Simmons explained that when this fiscal year started, the city commission approved granting a two percent add-on pay increase, based on the base salary, for each employee.

"It was to be done on a quarterly basis," Simmons said, "but strictly dependent on the continuing revenue income to the city." He added, "The stipulation was that if the amount was to continue on to each quarter of the year, it would have to be approved prior to the beginning of each quarter."

"Monday night was the last meeting of the

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## On trial for murder



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Defendant Al Youssef Wardeh is on trial, charge with the murder of his sister-in-law.

# Dead woman's children testify at uncle's trial

By SANDRA ELLIOTT  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Hatred and money problems led a Syrian immigrant to shoot his sister-in-law to death in her Longwood home last year.

prosecutors contended during the opening of a first degree murder trial Tuesday.

Al Youssef Wardeh is on trial for killing his sister-in-law, Carol Wardeh as she sat in a family room chair. He is also charged with See Trial, Page 2A

## Shaking and burning



Kepola Stewart, Hina Benioni and Lahela Fernandez demonstrate traditional Polynesian dances during a lunchtime show at Seminole Community College yesterday. Flame dancer Tyson Brandt showed off his pyrotechnic talents during the presentation. The dancers are a part of the Kauai Pono Polynesian dance troupe of Winter Park. SCC sponsors cultural events at lunchtime every week during the spring A student talent show will be held next Wednesday at noon in the Student Center. The public is invited to the free program.

Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent



# Help city develop waterfront

By NICK PFEIFAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The first public meeting of the Waterfront Master Plan project is scheduled for Saturday when input will be obtained from people familiar with the waterfront area.

"There are numerous players, public and private, who have a stake in the waterfront," said City Planner Jay Marder.

"As such," he continued, "this planning process for the Lake Monroe waterfront has been initiated by the City of Sanford in order to provide opportunities for involvement for all interested parties."

While this is the first public meeting, the master plan steering committee, involving about 20 people, has already met in a planning session. They have determined the best way to approach the design and reconfiguration that may be proposed.

It was also determined that rather than merely the waterfront area north of the City of Sanford, the master plan contain visions of how the entire lakefront area from Interstate 4 to the eastern end of Sanford might be improved.

The goals of this Saturday's meeting will be three fold: Create a consensus community timeline, examine public forces and values, and share a preferred future.

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### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Domestic dispute

John James Twitchell, 25, 410 Dorchester Square Apartments, Lake Mary was charged Tuesday with two counts of aggravated assault with a firearm and domestic violence battery. Lake Mary Police were called to the scene after Twitchell and his wife argued over his late return from a hunting trip. The husband allegedly grabbed his wife attempting to throw her to the ground and struck her face with his elbow. When police arrived she told them Twitchell had a rifle which he pointed at the officers.

#### Business burglary

Leroy Sylvester Cody, 30, 4861 Gilbert Street, Sanford was charged with two counts of burglary, to a business and vehicle, possession of burglary tools and theft in connection with a break-in at Premier Landscaping and Lawn Service in Longwood. Cody was charged with entering the business and a company vehicle.

#### House burglary

Anthony Bernard Jamison, 22, 1107 W. 8th Street, Sanford was charged with burglary to an occupied dwelling and grand theft. On March 7, police claim Jamison forced his way into a home on Scott Drive occupied by the owner's two nieces and took two gold bracelets.

#### Driving with suspended license

Curtis L. Martin, 31, 201 Gravelly Road, Kingsport, Tennessee was arrested by Lake Mary Police and charged with driving with a suspended driver's license. The defendant's license had been suspended six times for failure to pay traffic fines and was cancelled March 26, 1990.

#### Theft solved

Sanford police arrested Troy Anthony Calhoun, 21, 828 Valencia Court, at his residence Tuesday. He was wanted in connection with the burglary of a house near his residence on March 19. Approximately \$1,000 in items was reported taken. According to police, Lowanda Clinton, 21, of the same address, had pawned a number of items reported missing in the theft. During an interrogation of the woman, officers said they were able to learn more about the actual burglary. Clinton has been charged with dealing in stolen property. Calhoun has been charged with burglary and grand theft.

#### Open container violations

Sanford police arrested two men Tuesday, in a gas station parking lot in the 800 block of Celery Avenue. Willie Thomas Harris, 41, of 1100 Orange Avenue, and Samson Christopher Levant, 25, of 822 Valencia Court, were each charged with having an open alcohol container.

#### Pen vs. pencil

Two inmates of the John E. Polk Correctional Facility were said to have been involved in a fight at the jail Tuesday. Walter Collier, 38, of 1788 Bell Street, reportedly stabbed another inmate Willie Charles Brown, with a pen. Sheriff's deputies said Collier told them he was defending himself because Brown had threatened to stab him with a pencil. Collier was charged with aggravated battery.

#### Warrant arrests

Mary Louise Garafab, 46, of Orlando, was arrested at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Tuesday. She was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear on a charge of theft.

April Gilchrist, 25, of Deland, was arrested at the jail Tuesday. She was wanted for violation of parole on a conviction for the sale of cocaine.

Eureka D. Young, 21, 1300 Sanford Avenue, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at the Seminole County courthouse Tuesday. She was wanted for violation of parole on a conviction of aggravated assault.

Lanas Downell Jeas, 26, 2206 Jitway, turned himself in at the Sanford police station Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of parole on a conviction of burglary to a structure, and for failing to appear on a separate charge of burglary to a structure.

Teco Livingston, 19, 1804 Pear Avenue, Sanford, was located by Sanford police near his home Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of parole on a conviction of driving with a suspended license.

#### Domestic violence

Elijah Williams, 26, #2 510 Cypress Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at his residence Tuesday. He was charged with domestic violence battery to a pregnant female. The victim was taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital for treatment of what was said to be stomach problems.

Suzanne G. Stoltz, 33, 320 E. Jessup Avenue, Longwood, was arrested by Longwood police Tuesday following a fight with her husband at their residence. She was charged with domestic violence.

#### Incidents reported to the sheriff

A wallet containing \$40 and a \$150 cassette radio were reportedly stolen Tuesday from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 100 block of Fairway Drive, Sanford.

\$1,450 in tools was reportedly stolen Tuesday, from a station wagon belonging to a manufacturing company, in the 1600 block of Beardall Avenue.

\$6,300 in items was reported taken Tuesday during a burglary at a business in the 3500 block of Highway 17-92. Items reported missing include two surveillance cameras, eight cases of liquor, an electric keyboard, a chain saw and hand tools.

#### Incidents reported to Sanford police

\$2,080 in jewelry was reportedly stolen from a locked home in the 1500 block of Douglas Avenue between Feb. 14 and Mar. 3.

Three shots were reportedly fired into an occupied home Tuesday, in the 1600 block of W. 12th Street. No one was injured.

32 packages of cigarettes were reportedly stolen Tuesday in the burglary of a convenience store in the 1100 block of E. 25th Street.

An undetermined amount of tools was taken from a storage trailer at a construction site in the 1200 block of W. Seminole Blvd. on Tuesday.

\$380 in tools and a car phone were reportedly stolen Tuesday from a truck parked in the 200 block of E. 25th Street.

A number of items were reportedly taken in a residential burglary Tuesday in the 900 block of W. 22nd Street.

A ditchwrench vehicle was reportedly removed from a fenced compound Tuesday, in the 900 block of W. 8th Street. The ditchwrench, the property of Florida Public Utilities, was later located 100 yards from the compound.

## Lyman tutorial program on hold

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Approval of a tutorial program at Lyman High School was tabled by the Seminole County school board on Tuesday night, irking principal Carlton Henley.

Henley had hoped to institute Project Hope, the after-hours scholastic assistance program, immediately in order to help students in danger of failing the semester or the year pass.

Hearing opposition from the teachers' union and a teacher from another school, the board decided not to take up the issue for at least another two weeks so that the project's planners could address the concerns that were raised.

"So, basically, the union is against helping kids?" asked Henley, who arrived at the board meeting after the debate was over because he was attending a function at Lyman. "This is designed to help the kids, to keep them from failing."

Nancy Wheeler, executive director of the Seminole Education Association (the union), said she had no philosophical differences with the goals of the program, but she opposed the additional work load that would be placed on teachers without additional pay. She believed too few teachers were consulted in the formulation of the plan.

Only 13 of Lyman's 100 or so teachers participated in the drafting of the proposed program, Wheeler said.

According to Henley, the purpose of Project Hope is to prevent students from failing a class in which they are currently enrolled, to earn credit in a class they failed the previous semester or to have credit reinstated in a course where the student had

excessive absences.

Henley said he felt the program would prevent the schools from having to "recycle" students who have failed or been denied credit through summer school.

Still, Wheeler said, teachers would be required to identify the course competencies that the student failed during the previous semester; they would have to help the tutor formulate a study plan for the student and they would be required to determine whether the project had been successfully completed.

"Morale is low (among the classroom teachers)," Wheeler said, "because there is no organized abandonment of programs. Things are just piled on and piled on and piled on. Nothing is taken away."

While some board members favored approving Lyman's program as a pilot for the district, board member Nancy Warren said she felt the program was "not very well formulated."

Henley said that if even one student is lost because of the two week delay, the cost will have been too much. Board member Barbara Kuhn agreed.

"I'm all in favor of giving hope to the students," she said. "And there is strong reason to believe the students are interested (in the program)."

Money for the program would be transferred from the funds allocated for Saturday School programs at Lyman and from the \$25,000 accountability grant that was awarded to the school by the Department of Education recently.

The board asked Henley to take the program proposal back to his school and get more teacher input before returning with a revised version at their next meeting on April 13.

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### EDITORIALS

## Your chance to speak about lakefront

This Saturday, an open meeting will be held at the Sanford Civic Center. The purpose is to obtain citizen input into the proposed Lake Monroe Waterfront Master Plan.

The development is not one that will begin in the near future. The project could be years off, but nothing can start until plans are made. This meeting is part of the initial effort.

According to the organizers of the event, it will not be a three hour presentation or lengthy speeches. Rather, it is an opportunity for people to let others know what they would like to see along the lakefront.

Many ideas have already been advanced. Some would like to have a large fishing pier. Others want park benches and barbeque pits along the waterfront. Some have even suggested that Seminole Blvd. be closed from Sanford Avenue to Mellonville to provide for a large park area.

Depending on a person's hobbies such as boating or fishing, or an appreciation for beauty, there will be differing opinions on what the area should become.

Before the meeting, spend some time visiting the lakefront, not just along the main part of the city, but out to Interstate-4. The entire area is being considered in this plan.

Formulate some ideas. What would not only be best for the city, but for the residents and the visitors?

Then go to the meeting, and speak up. Don't sit back and wait until others do the work. Get involved.

Residents and business people in Sanford, as well as others who work and visit in the area should join in the planning effort.

The meeting Saturday will be at the Sanford Civic Center, from 9 a.m. until noon. Other meetings are planned in the future for members of the steering committee and a select group of interested parties.

This meeting is important. Be there, and be heard.

### LETTERS

#### On media bias

Since I am passing through your city, my opinion is not of value to you, I am certain. However, I am sure that your readers do include some who find ample example of media bias in the cartoon printed in the March 21 edition. That you should reach out for Correll's filthy work displays your bias. Why don't you check the police blotter for candidates to replace the "Nuts" character? You could use the figure of anyone guilty of petty theft — all the way up to high crimes of treason — to attach the label pro-life. Any fairminded person would not attempt to tar an entire segment of opinion i.e. pro-lifers, as gun-wielding "Nuts." But then, where is it written that any media person must be honest? How did you miss adding an NRA figure to the cartoon? I suspect you will soon relabel this cartoon to reflect an attack on the NRA also!

Herbert F. Adams  
Stratford, N.Y.

#### What the Bible says

I've always found it amusing that Christian fundamentalists quote so much from the Old Testament when they speak of gays. It seems Christians would stick to the New Testament in which Christ gave the new covenant with God.

This inconsistency led me to wonder just what the Bible actually does say about gays.

Actually, the Bible says nothing about gays. Just as it says nothing about the earth orbiting the sun. Biblical cultures did not know about sexual identity as a psychological or physiological fact. All biblical references are to homosexual acts — and then only as part of idolatry, sacred prostitution, profligacy, rape, seducing children, or violating hospitality. The Bible condemns all such acts, whether heterosexual or homosexual.

Christ never mentioned homosexual acts at all. Scholars generally agree he welcomed all the sexual outcasts of Israel to the new covenant with God in Matthew 19:12-13. Doing so, Christ fulfilled the prophecy of the Messiah in Isaiah 56:2-8: "... for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

If you are interested, I'll be glad to send more information from my research.

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#### Thanks to cops

Many thanks to the dedicated and efficient Sanford Police Department for their great work in apprehending a robber at the Sanford Burger King March 22nd.

Due to their very quick response and efficient actions, the culprit was caught leaving the restaurant right after the robbery.

Again, many thanks for a job well done.  
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### WILLIAM A. RUSHER

## Republicans shouldn't compromise

To hear the ooohs and aahs of the media, you'd think the House's passage of President Clinton's budget resolution was the biggest legislative triumph for a political leader since Robert Peel persuaded Parliament to repeal the Corn Laws.

Actually it was about as easy as turning over in bed — and not much more significant. Mr. Clinton was elected last November in no small part because combining a Democratic president with a Democratic Congress seemed to offer the best hope of ending the debilitating "gridlock" that has crippled the federal government in recent decades. The comfortable Democratic majority in the House of Representatives knew perfectly well that this first vote on their fellow Democrat's economic proposals simply had to go his way; so it did.

Save as a gesture, however, the vote was almost totally meaningless. The serious business of revising Mr. Clinton's proposals will get under way when the bill goes to the Senate this week, and will continue and intensify for months thereafter as both bodies get down to voting on actual cuts, appropriations and tax increases.

But the media decided to accord Mr. Clinton a Roman triumph anyway. (What on earth will they do for him if he ever actually accomplishes something?)

The real significance of the vote lay, not in the

Democrats' near-total unanimity, but in the Republicans' equally near-total opposition. They voted as overwhelmingly against the Clinton package as the Democrats voted for it. And that was exactly as it should be.

The Republicans in Congress must never forget (as some of them are all too prone to do) that they are in opposition now, and that their objective is to regain power. They face a Democratic Party that controls both the presidency and the Congress (and probably, on many issues, the Supreme Court as well), and whose leader has proposed an economic package that no conscientious Republican could conceivably support without major changes.

The temptation will be to seek to modify it, and

to bait the hook with promises to vote for the result if the Democrats will only agree to compromise a bit. (After all, it will be argued, that way the Republicans can at least "win" something.)

That would be, for the Republicans, a mug's game if there ever was one. The only reason the Democrats would agree to compromise on their package would be to shooke a substantial number of Republicans into voting for the result. But does anybody seriously think that either the Democrats or the media would give the GOP credit for their statesmanlike support if, by some accident, the amended package turned out to be beneficial to the economy? Nonsense; Mr. Clinton would just be given another (bigger and better) Roman triumph, that's all.

But if the Clinton mixture of small spending cuts, big spending increases and huge tax hikes has the expected result of stifling economic growth in the private sector, the Democrats will be only too happy to remind the voters that a substantial, perhaps indispensable number of Republican legislators supported the "bipartisan" economic package that preceded disaster.



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### MARTIN SCHRAM

## Send a message to Ross Perot

Television's all-new Ross Perot Show, prime time pseudo-voting experience, had touched us in all the old familiar populist places.

We had stumbled our papers from 1 to 17 and answered his questions that were carefully worded to make us respond "Yes!" every time. Now our master of ceremonies had one last master marketing pitch:

"Let's do one more thing to demonstrate that we want reform in Washington. Millions of you, tomorrow morning, as you drive to work, turn on your headlights. Let Washington see the light on reform."

And, lo, there was light in the morn, just one more snottershot sign that this third party promotion will be around for some time to give America's first and second parties fits. Yet, for those who tuned in seeking problem-solving solutions, Perot's show-your-headlight's commercial was disappointingly head-lit.

Perot's \$600,000 half-hour pitch to NBC's Sunday night viewers was calibrated with care to leave us with just the right populist fervor. Indeed, he reportedly taped two shows, tested them with a Texas screening focus group, and aired the one that had the highest audience reaction.

That's why, as a populist persuader, Perot's chosen ad had perfect pitch. He hit all the old themes that made him a video folk-star in the campaign of '92: our out-of-control deficit that is stealing the future from our children; the hypocrites of Congress who raise their salaries and our taxes; the perks of the powerful; and of course the lobbyists who buy wholesale at the bazaar of Congress.

He kept his options open. He praised President Clinton's proposed reforms one minute, expressed skepticism the next. Clinton's plan, he said, would still add \$1 trillion to our existing \$4.1 trillion debt, and asked: "Do you see a pattern here?"

On all substantive problems, from the deficit to entitlement programs to health care, Perot offered flip-charis and flip-slogans — but no specific solutions.

He did it all with the video-boned pitch of a man who wants to sell us Ginzu knives and simultaneously convert us to a new higher calling. He gave no clue about whether he intends to convert his 1993 crusade into a 1996 campaign for president.

But make no mistake about Ross Perot's United We Stand America. It is for real. It will be around for some time to come. Indeed, it may be here to stay, as a populist party base that could even grow beyond the third-party designation to become the equal of the other two.

He has already made a powerful impact on the new freshmen class in Congress. These are poia who ran in the year of Perot, and won by parroting Perot. Now they are showing more backbone and resolve than their predecessors, as they are willing to cast some tough votes and reluctant to blindly follow their old guard leaders.

Perot has tapped into our anger, and that may carry him a long way — if, indeed, we are willing to be led by an ever-promising man who promises everything but answers. But cutting our deficit and reforming our government and health care requires a whole series of real, tough choices. Not just bromides of reform and devices like constitutional amendments to require that someone else balance our budgets and heal our woes.

Perot ended his latest appeal by enlisting his new wave of disciples: "And to every morning radio talk show host who's with us tonight, we ask that you remind your listeners to turn on their headlights as they drive to work — if they favor government reform, now."

For those who think a flash of headlights is a show of support, let me propose my own can't miss appeal:

To those millions of Americans who are reading these words coast-to-coast, let's do one more thing. Send Ross Perot a message that you want more than populist bromides. Let Ross Perot see your sign that you are demanding tough solutions, not just tough talk. As you drive home late tonight — turn on your headlights.



That's why, as a populist persuader, Perot's chosen ad had perfect pitch.

### JOSEPH SPEAR

## Time to relight America's beacon

After you have cleaned up the deficit mess and put new wheels under the economic engine, would you take a few minutes and replace the bulb in the beacon of freedom that once burned brighter in the United States than anywhere else in the world?

The beam flickered and finally went out during George Bush's tenure and nobody seemed to notice. The darkest hour came last March, when a British author named Salman Rushdie visited the United States and was snubbed by the White House.

I'm sure you remember Rushdie. Five years ago, he published a novel called "The Satanic Verses," which

blasphemed the Islamic religion, and the prophet Mohammed. On Feb. 14, 1989, the mad mullah of Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, exhorted his frenzied legions to execute the writer:

"The author of 'The Satanic Verses' book... and all those involved in its publication... are sentenced to death. I ask all Muslims to execute them quickly wherever they are found so that no others dare to do such a thing. Whoever is killed doing this will be regarded as a martyr and will go directly to heaven."

A \$1 million bounty was offered for Rushdie's scalp. A government-supported Iranian foundation doubled it, and Rushdie has been in hiding ever since. In 1991, an Italian translator of the book was stabbed and wounded in Milan; nine days later, a Japanese translator was stabbed and killed in Tokyo.

Even though Khomeini has gone to his reward, his death decree — known as a "fatwa" — lives on. It was recently reissued for the fourth time by his successor, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

These barbaric acts should have been condemned by every leader in the world. Civilized people do not murder other people for writing books, however distasteful they may be. Writers may be censured, denounced, rebuked, even sued. But they are not murdered.

So what did the great moral authorities do? With virtual unanimity, they all — Catholic, Jewish, Protestant — ignored Rushdie's right to free speech, repudiated his blasphemy and sympathized with Khomeini's distress. In the United States, even the pacifist churches said nothing. An American Baptist Churches USA official said they were adopting the position of the National Council of Churches, which was "that many Christians... do not fully appreciate the feelings of our Islamic brothers and sisters about the affront to their faith the book provides."

And the chiefs of state? Most of them — Britain and Germany being notable exceptions — have remained silent. Initially, President Bush deplored the death decree as "deeply offensive to the norms of civilized behavior." But three years later, when Rushdie visited Washington and was desperately in need of a gesture of support from the leader of a nation whose very foundation is bolted to the bedrock of free speech, the president refused to see him. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater uttered one of the most despicable statements ever to issue from the mouth of a government official:

"There's no reason for any special relationship with Rushdie. I mean, he's an author, he's here, he's doing interviews and book tours and things that authors do. But there's no reason for us to have any special interest in him."



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## Plan

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finding ways to strengthen preventative and educational efforts by the state.

The governor said that what he presented was designed to save lives and to keep hope alive until a cure for AIDS is found.

Florida ranks fourth nationally in population, though only two states exceed Florida's number of citizens diagnosed with AIDS and only one other state surpasses the state both in the number of AIDS cases in women and in children.

Among his recommendations is to increase condom awareness in the public schools with the consent of local school boards.

The Seminole County school board, and several other school boards around the state, sent proclamations to the governor

stating their opposition to such a program.

"We wanted to be on the record, before he made any decision, as being opposed to this," said Barbara Kuhn, the Seminole County school board member who proposed the local statement of opposition.

Dave Rhea, a spokesman in the governor's press office, said this morning that the Department of Education will work with school districts that wish to make condoms available to students, but that the governor's recommendations will have no effect over counties like Seminole which do not want to have condom distribution in the schools.

"I applaud his decision," Kuhn said. "These decisions should be made at the local level."

While some of the points in the governors plan, such as the condom awareness plan, will require only policy changes within the department that will be affected, others will require legislative action.

The governor, Rhea said, supports most of the provisions being considered by the legislature now as House Bill 421 and Senate Bill 1246, in which a majority of the recommendations by the Red Ribbon Panel, such as strengthening the HIV education and prevention efforts and the anti-discrimination efforts, are included.

Some of the other recommendations that Chiles included in his plan were:

- The creation of a permanent inter-agency AIDS advisory work group that will include at least one person infected with HIV as well as representatives of the medical and business communities.

- The establishment of an annual leadership conference on AIDS.

- The expansion of the insurance

continuation program, which pays the health insurance premiums of eligible HIV-infected people which reduces the state costs.

- The establishment of a privately funded needle exchange pilot program in Dade County as a proven means of reducing HIV transmission, and giving intravenous drug users access to drug treatment.

- The development of a sound process for extending the current requirements that physicians inform county public health units of positive test results for sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS and HIV infection.

- AIDS training for school health teachers so they can effectively and knowledgeably counsel students about HIV and AIDS prevention.

- AIDS awareness programs on all state college and university campuses.

- The continuation of efforts to strengthen laws against disclosure of HIV status and HIV discrimination, specifically in the areas of housing, employment and insurance.

## Local

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County in school health clinics, school board member Barbara Kuhn assured.

"It is so totally contrary to what we are teaching in our abstinence based (sexuality education) classes," she said. "You can't hand a child a condom in the morning and then teach him an abstinence-based curriculum in the afternoon. You look like you don't know what you're talking about."

Kuhn said that condoms are available to young people, who choose to be sexually active, from "plenty of other sources," such as Planned Parenthood, free of charge.

Kuhn believes that students who are sexually active can get condoms. It is not the school district's place to distribute them, however.

According to Dave Rhea, a spokesman in the governor's press office, the state Department of Education will have to alter their policy on condom distribution to accommodate those districts that will want to have

condoms available for students who request them.

"I don't know how many school boards are going to vote to have this, but even if there is only one the Department of Education will have to amend their policies," Rhea said.

Kuhn, who had said earlier that she would "have to throw (her) body across the door of the school house" if the governor had decided to make condom distributions mandatory, said she was glad that he had left the decision in local hands.

"I'm just pleased that he is leaving these kinds of decisions up to the local authority," she said. "It would be inconsistent with the move to increase local autonomy in educational matters."

Rhea said that while the governor believes it is essential to educate young people about the prevention of AIDS, he also felt that it is important to let the schools make their own decisions in the matter.

## DEATHS

### VIRGIL HALL ENGELKENS

Virgil Hall Engelkens, 56, of 1440 W. Wellington Dr., Deltona, died Wednesday, March 24, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Oct. 31, 1936, in Morrison, Ill., he moved to Central Florida in 1991. He was an automotive trimmer.

Survivors include daughters, Radie, Winter Park; Stacey, Kelly, Jackie, Jennie, all of Morrison; sons, Mark, Sam, Keith, Virgil Jr., all of Morrison; Evan, Eric, both of Winter Park; sister, Ivy Jones, Deltona; three grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### MARY LOUISE SMITH INGRAM

Mary Louise Smith Ingram, 65, of 1134 W. Pine St., Altamonte Springs, died Thursday, March 18, at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach. Born Nov. 19, 1927, in Jefferson County, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in 1943. She was a cook for Goldsboro Elementary School, Sanford, and a member of St. John Baptist Church, Altamonte Springs. Mrs. Ingram was a member of Eastern Star Poinsettia No. 119 and the Women's Auxiliary Club of Altamonte Springs.

Survivors include daughter, Alice Collins, Miami; brothers, Wesley Smith, Henry Smith, Louis Smith, all of Washington, D.C.; Arthur Smith, the Rev. Charles Haynes, both of Altamonte Springs; sisters, Hattie Holloway, Wrens, Ga.; Eunice Hannah, Louisville, Ga.; Evelyn Johnson, Ocie Ghee, both of Altamonte Springs; Daisy Calwell, Marion Hayley, both of St. Petersburg; Doretha Yates, San Angelo, Texas; two grandchildren.

Brinson's Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

### ALBERT JOHNSON

Albert Johnson, 89, 1507 W. 7th St., Sanford, died Saturday, March 20, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Nov. 3, 1903, in Darlington, S.C., he moved to Sanford in 1934 from Clearwater. He was a laborer and a member of Freewill Holiness Church, Sanford.

Survivors include several cousins, nieces and nephews. Wilson-Eichelberger Morguary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### GABRIEL L. MARINO

Gabriel L. Marino, 87, of Borde del Camino Drive, Altamonte Springs, died Tuesday, March 23, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Nov. 30, 1905, in New Haven, Conn., he moved to Central Florida in 1976. He was a retired custodian in the East Haven (Conn.) School System and a member of the Church of the Annunciation.

Survivors include wife, Mary; daughter, Mary Fuggi, Altamonte Springs; brother, Gaetano, Hamden, Conn.; sister, Ann Gesino, New Haven; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Forest City, in charge of arrangements.

### ALBERT J. NOISEUX

Albert J. Noiseux, 20, of 1195 Gulfstar Drive, Winter Springs, died Wednesday, March 24, at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. Born March 3, 1973, in Flushing, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1988. He was a student at Seminole Community College and a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church. Survivors include parents, Albert and Mary Ellen, Winter Springs; sister, Stephanie Ann, Winter Springs; paternal grandmother, Miriam, Towanda, Pa.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

### FRANCES G. PLYLER

Frances G. Plyler, 96, of 130

Lemon Lane, Longwood, died Wednesday, March 24, at her residence. Born Jan. 21, 1897, in Statesville, N.C., she moved to Longwood in 1990 from North Carolina. She was a retired director of housekeeping for a hospital and a member of Race Street Methodist Church, Statesville.

Survivors include Marvin F. Jr., Las Vegas; daughter, Joyce Luttrell, Longwood; brother, Paul Ellis of Winston Salem, N.C.; sisters, Sally Barkley, Stateville, Lula James, Hammond, La.; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Carey Hand Garden Chapel Home for Funerals, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

### DOROTHY POSEY

Dorothy Posey, 80, Durfey Court, Fern Park, died Tuesday, March 23, at her residence. Born Aug. 10, 1912, in Pawhuska, Okla., she moved to Central Florida in 1966. She was a homemaker and a Protestant. Mrs. Posey was a volunteer at Caselberry Senior Center.

Survivors include daughter, Ann Louise Hulah, Oviedo; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

### SAMUEL BERNARD REDDING JR.

Samuel Bernard Redding Jr., 25, 2004 S. Summerlin Ave., Sanford, died Monday, March 22, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born April 6, 1967, in Sanford, he was a lifelong resident. He was a salesman and a Baptist.

Survivors include father, Samuel B., Sr., Sanford; son, Samuel B. III, Sanford; daughter, Brandi, Sanford; brother, Ondraus L., Sr., Sanford; paternal grandparents, Robert L. and Juanita C. Redding, Sanford; maternal grandparents, Marshall and Rosa Holloway, Sanford.

Wilson-Eichelberger Morguary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### VINCENT P. TEDESCO

Vincent P. Tedesco, 72, of 833 Rill Dr., Altamonte Springs, died Tuesday, March 23, at his residence. Born Oct. 4, 1920, in Utica, he moved to Central Florida in 1979. He was a retired school teacher for the Utica School System and a member of the Church of the Annunciation, Altamonte Springs. Mr. Tedesco was also a member of the Usher's Club, Men's Club and Italian Club of the church. He was a member of the VFW, DAV and Sons of Italy, all of Utica. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include wife, Vincenza Chancy; sons, Joseph Vincent, Tampa, Vincent P. Jr., Altamonte Springs; daughter, Antoinette J., Altamonte Springs; brothers, Richard, David, both of Utica, Robert, Rutland, Vt.; sisters, Madeline Mele, Frankfort, N.Y., Marie DeLisa, Fulvia Shaw, both of Orlando; four grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Forest City, in charge of arrangements.

### FUNERALS

**COFFIE, LEULA MAE**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Leula Mae Coffie, 72, of 537 First St., Oviedo, who died Sunday, March 21, will be held 3 p.m. Saturday at Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church, Oviedo, with the Rev. Jessie Hayward officiating. Friends may call at the church from 1:30 until 8 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow in Benton Cemetery, Oviedo. Sunrise Funeral Home, 988 Locust Ave., Sanford, 322-7283, in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAMS, MORDOUS**  
Funeral services for Mr. Mordous Williams, 76, of 1312 W. 15th St., Sanford, who died Sunday, March 21, will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Rescue Church of God, Ninth Street and Hickory Avenue, Sanford, with the Rev. Albert Vann officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. Interment to follow in Burton Cemetery, Sanford. Sunrise Funeral Home, 988 Locust Ave., Sanford, 322-7283, in charge of arrangements.

## Pay

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second quarter," Simmons said. "And we heard, in our financial report, that the city is behind on expected revenues, especially in the solid waste and utility and sewer funds."

He added that the lower income was partially due to the weather in the city so far this fiscal year.

"During Monday night's commission workshop session," he commented, "no one brought up the matter of continuing the two percent increase for this third quarter, so I took that to mean the commission was not

asking for it to be brought up for a vote during the regular commission meeting."

At the present time, the balance in the utility fund is \$19,000. The balance for the solid waste fund is \$7,000. "It would still be possible to bring this up for reconsideration at the next commission meeting," Simmons said. "The commission could vote to have it reinstated from this money, if it so desired, and even make it retroactive to April 1. Or," he added, "the commission could just leave the matter go, but vote to reinstate it for the fourth

quarter of the year three months from now."

Yesterday, Simmons sent a memo to all city department heads, requesting that they explain the situation to their employees.

"While I don't know for certain," he said, "I expect the matter could be brought up for further consideration during the next commission meeting on April 12, and there is always the possibility that we will be able to find the funds with which to pay for the continuation of the add-on pay."

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Accord	2-Door SE	Green	Automatic, driver & passenger side air bags, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, Honda/Bose music system, rear spoiler, leather upholstery	13
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Accord	4-Door SE	Green Silver	Automatic, driver & passenger side air bags, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, Honda/Bose music system, leather upholstery	36
Accord	4-Door DX	White Red Rosewood Brown Blue	Automatic, driver side air bag, power steering, power front disc brakes, intermittent wipers, digital clock, rear heater ducts, tilt steering column, 2.2 liter 16-valve EFi engine	8
Accord	4-Door EX	Black Green	5-speed, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, power moonroof w/sliding shade, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, aluminum alloy wheels	26
Accord	2-Door EX	White	5-speed, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, power moonroof w/sliding shade, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, aluminum alloy wheels	20
Accord	4-Door LX	White Silver	5-speed, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, dual color-layered power mirrors	20

MODEL	BODY STYLE	COLOR(S)	SPECIAL FEATURES	QTY
Accord	4-Door LX	Rosewood Brown	Automatic driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, dual color-layered power mirrors	22
Accord	4-Door LX	White	5-speed, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, dual color-layered power mirrors	23
Accord	4-Door EX	Black	Automatic, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, power moonroof w/sliding shade, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, aluminum alloy wheels	30
Accord	2-Door EX	Rosewood Brown	Automatic, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, power moonroof w/sliding shade, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, aluminum alloy wheels	6
Accord	4-Door EX	White	5-speed, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, power moonroof w/sliding shade, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, aluminum alloy wheels	10
Accord	4-Door LX	Red	Automatic, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, dual color-layered power mirrors	18
Accord	Wagon LX	White Red Silver Green	Automatic, driver side air bag, air conditioning, power windows, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette, power tailgate door lock, 60/40 split fold-down rear seat, rear window wiper/washer	14
Accord	4-Door EX	Green	Automatic, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, cruise control, power moonroof w/sliding shade, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, aluminum alloy wheels	35

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Civic	4-Door LX	Green	Automatic, driver side air bag, PW/PL, tilt steering, cruise control, dual power windows, tachometer, digital clock	20
Civic	del Sol S	White Red Black Blue	Automatics and 5-speed, driver side air bag, power front & rear windows, power steering, tilt steering column, removable roof panel, intermittent wipers, digital clock	9
Civic	4-Door DX	Red	Automatic, driver side air bag, power steering, tilt steering column, intermittent wipers	15
Civic	3-Door Hatch Si	Green	5-speed, driver side air bag, power steering, cruise control, power 4-wheel disc brakes, tilt steering, power moonroof w/manual tilt, digital clock	11
Civic	4-Door LX	White	Automatic, driver side air bag, PW/PL, tilt steering, cruise control, dual power windows, tachometer, digital clock	24
Civic	del Sol Si	Red Black Blue Green	Automatics and 5-speed, driver side air bag, power 4-wheel disc brakes, power steering, cruise control, dual color-layered power mirrors, alloy wheels	26
Civic	4-Door LX	Red	Automatic, driver side air bag, PW/PL, tilt steering, cruise control, dual power windows, tachometer, digital clock	26
Civic	4-Door LX	Blue	Automatic, driver side air bag, PW/PL, tilt steering, cruise control, dual power windows, tachometer, digital clock	17

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Civic	4-Door LX	Gray	Automatic, driver side air bag, PW/PL, Tilt steering, cruise control, dual power windows, tachometer, digital clock	22
Civic	3-Door Hatch DX	Red	Automatic, driver side air bag, power steering, tilt steering column, intermittent wipers, rear window wiper/washer	11
Civic	4-Door LX	White Green	5-speed, driver side air bag, PW/PL, tilt steering, cruise control, dual power mirrors, tachometer, digital clock	29
Civic	4-Door DX	Red	5-speed, driver side air bag, power steering, tilt steering column, intermittent wipers	12

MODEL	BODY STYLE	COLOR(S)	SPECIAL FEATURES	QTY
Prelude	2-Door S	White Black Blue	Automatic, driver side air bag, cruise control, power windows, power 4-wheel disc brakes, tilt steering column, power sunroof w/manual tilt, intermittent wipers, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 4 speakers, dual color-layered mirrors, digital clock	5
Prelude	2-Door Si	White Red Black Silver Blue	5-speed, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, power sunroof w/manual tilt, anti-lock 4-wheel disc brakes, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 6 speakers, front spoiler	26
Prelude	2-Door VTEC	Red Black Blue	5-speed, driver & front passenger side bags, PW/PL, power sunroof w/manual tilt, 2.2 liter 4-cyl. EFi DOHC 16-valve w/VTEC system, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 7 speakers, front & rear spoiler	7
Prelude	2-Door Si	Red Black Silver Blue	Automatic, driver side air bag, air conditioning, PW/PL, power sunroof w/manual tilt, anti-lock power 4-wheel disc brakes, AM/FM high-power stereo w/cassette & 6 speakers, front spoiler	17
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# Will Clinton's jobs bill win approval?

By STEVEN KOMAROW  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — With his budget heading toward final approval, President Clinton predicts similar success for his jobs bill despite opposition from Senate Republicans and some conservative Democrats.

"We've plainly got the votes to pass it as is, or with very minor modifications," Clinton said Wednesday night in a television interview.

Although Republicans could use Senate rules to block the \$16.3 billion spending bill, he said "in the end we will pass it" because "the public would just be outraged at the thought that we have a chance here to create a half a million new jobs ... and that it would be slowed up."

Clinton made his comments on the CBS News program "48 Hours" as the Senate worked late into the night in its effort to finish Clinton's budget by midday today. The jobs bill, part of what Clinton contends is an inseparable package, was up next.

The new president's budget would steer federal fiscal policy away from the supply-side influence of a dozen years of Republican administration.

It would raise taxes, cut Pentagon spending and make select increases in domestic programs beginning in fiscal 1994, which

begins Oct. 1. In both the Senate version and the one passed by the House last week, federal deficits would be reduced over the next five years by a total of about \$500 billion.

The budget emerged unscathed Wednesday from its toughest challenge, a Republican amendment which would have stripped away a proposal to raise taxes on higher-income Social Security recipients.

The Senate on Wednesday defeated 52-47 the amendment offered by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., to remove the Social Security increase after Democratic leaders called on senators to rally around Clinton.

Vice President Al Gore presided over the Senate for the close vote, to add pressure and cast the deciding ballot in the event of a tie.

"This is an effort to slow down the momentum that's gathering for the president in the country," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

Currently, retirees must count half of their Social Security benefits as taxable income if they earn more than \$25,000 a year, or \$32,000 a year for couples.

Clinton has proposed making 85 percent subject to taxation, a change that would raise an estimated \$32 billion over the next five years. The higher tax would affect a little less than a fourth of Social Security

recipients, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

After Clinton's budget was protected, the Democrats voted themselves a little political protection — a non-binding resolution saying they would try to find another way besides the Social Security tax to raise the money.

The chamber also voted, 55-44, to kill an attempt by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, at eliminating new taxes and spending boosts that Clinton wants. It then defeated, 57-42, an alternative budget-cutting plan offered by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. It would have eliminated Clinton's tax and spending increases and replaced them with deep reductions in social programs.

Because the House and Senate versions of the budget are slightly different, representatives of the two chambers must work out a compromise to send back for final approval.

Although Senate Democrats suffered few defections on the budget, party leaders were a little more antsy about the jobs bill.

Despite Clinton's claims that it would be a big job creator, Republicans and some conservative Democrats argue that it would do little to stimulate the economy, some of the projects it would pay for were wasteful, and it would only worsen the deficit.



# Doctors complain of 'bad guys' tag in debate on health care

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Dr. Winston Ueno is taking time off from his cancer practice to lobby Congress on health reform. He says the Clinton administration is targeting physicians "as the bad guys" and "our opinions don't seem to count."

Ueno, a chemotherapist from Alexandria, Va., and 1,000 other members of the American Medical Association were fanning out across Capitol Hill today to let their lawmakers know about their fears over proposed health care reforms.

At a day-long summit Wednesday where nearly a dozen leaders of Congress as well as administration officials paid court to the AMA, the doctors said they're ready for changes that would assure everybody health insurance and

stopping soaring medical costs. But they complained that Clinton's health care task force is largely ignoring the views of the medical profession. There were even a few hisses for Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala when she left without fielding questions.

"Reform is necessary, but don't destroy what's good in American medicine in the process," said Dr. Joseph C. Meek, dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine at Wichita. "When we hear that a secret enclave is meeting for a major

restructuring of health care, we say, 'Let us in.'"

Anesthesiologist Marie G. Kuffner said that in the debate over health care, doctors "have gotten a very bad rap" and are "blamed for everything."

"Most people would be shocked to know that under Medicare's fee schedule, anesthesiologists get paid no more than \$60 an hour. That is less than I pay my car mechanic," said Kuffner, who teaches at UCLA Medical School.

The AMA says the average salary for physicians in 1991 was \$170,600; the median salary — half earned less and half more — was \$139,000.

But Dr. James Todd, the group's executive vice president, argued that physicians' income "is determined by how hard they work," and on average they work 48 percent longer than other Americans.

Ueno agreed that America's 36 million uninsured clearly need better access to health care.

"The problem is the cost," he said, adding that he fears he will be hit with a double whammy: a possible Clinton freeze on providers' fees and higher taxes on upper-income Americans.

"What is coming down from the administration is going to be extremely painful and not really fix the problems they want to fix," he said.

Dr. David B. Carmichael, a cardiologist and administrator at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La

Jolla, Calif., said he is worried about the talk of imposing an overall spending ceiling on health care.

"Everyone fears the unknown," said Dr. Richard Ulmer, a cardiologist with the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis., and chairman of the Wisconsin Medical Society. "My own clinic is in a very strong position. We're the dominant health care provider in our area. The ones most fearful are the individual practitioners and the small groups."

"All they can do is hope for the best. That's all any of us can do," he said.

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# Busy signals at Social Security cost millions

By JENNIFER DIXON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The government spends \$11.5 million a year putting callers to its Social Security toll-free hot line on hold, an internal audit found.

But people who dial their local Social Security offices may not even get through. A separate study by the congressional General Accounting Office says nearly 56 percent of callers get a busy signal or no answer at all.

The Democratic staff of the House Ways and Means Committee suggested today that the troubles callers face when they ring the Social Security Administration are a consequence of deep cuts in the agency's work force under Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush.

Applicants for disability benefits are now waiting three months instead of two for a decision on their claims, a staff report said, while the agency is reviewing far fewer disability recipients to determine whether they have recovered enough to leave the rolls.

The Social Security Administration estimates that the Social Security trust funds will lose \$1.4 billion by the end of 1997 through unnecessary

payments to beneficiaries who may have recovered, the report said.

Advocates say other Americans have suffered ill health or even died waiting for the agency to grant them disability benefits. At the end of 1992, more than 725,000 claims were waiting to be processed.

"Justice delayed is quite literally justice denied when a taxpayer dies before his or her disability claim is so much as looked at," said Rep. Andy Jacobs, D-Ind., chairman of the Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security.

Jacobs' panel scheduled a hearing today on the cutbacks and President Clinton's plans to spend \$302 million this year to reduce the backlog of disability claims and to buy basic computers for Social Security field offices.

Social Security's work force was trimmed from 80,000 to 63,000 between 1984 and 1990. The agency also sought to economize by disconnecting local phone lines and installing a toll-free, nationwide hot line on Oct. 1, 1989.

But complaints about busy signals and inaccurate information prompted Congress to pass legislation the following year

requiring the agency to restore public telephone access to its 1,300 local offices.

"SSA responded by relisting local office telephone numbers in local directories but did not reinstall the incoming telephone lines that would have enabled the public to reach these offices readily," the Ways and Means staff report said.

As a consequence, callers are still not connecting with their local Social Security office. The GAO reported last year that 55.7 percent of calls to local Social Security offices did not get through.

The Ways and Means report said an internal audit by the Social Security Administration found that the cost of putting callers to the toll-free number on hold was \$11.5 million for time charges in 1991 — a full 30 percent of the agency's 800-number costs. A caller to the hot line on Wednesday night was put on hold for six minutes.

# Airline finds falsified repair reports; FAA probes other allegations

By MARCY GORDON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When a federal inspector asked USAir maintenance supervisor Everette B. Tate why he let a plane fly with a defective warning system, Tate was candid: "It was for the sake of the company."

In a sworn deposition, Tate said he cleared the Boeing 737 to fly passengers from Charlotte to Jacksonville, N.C., last year after mechanics failed to repair the jet's system that warns of danger of an engine stall.

"So you felt that you were saving the company money?" a Federal Aviation Administration inspector asked. "Yes, sir," Tate replied.

USAir later suspended and demoted Tate, and the FAA suspended his mechanic's license for six months.

Two USAir foremen in Indianapolis also falsified records to cover plane repairs that weren't done, the financially struggling airline acknowledged. In addition, the FAA is investigating mechanics' allegations of more widespread abuses at the airline.

USAir's chief lawyer told The Associated Press described the problems as "confined." An airline watchdog group called any violation "unacceptable" because of the public safety issues at stake.

In Indianapolis, USAir said it had found a "small handful" of similar problems at its maintenance center within the past year or so. But the airline said the repairs involved such things as water systems that did not affect flight safety.

USAir said it plans to discipline two foremen in Indianapolis who signed for repairs that

weren't done or signed repair records that should have been signed by mechanics under them.

"We view this as a serious problem," USAir General Counsel Jim Lloyd said in an interview at the airline's headquarters in Arlington, Va. "But I think we've got a pretty good handle on it. ... It is confined and it does not involve things that affect flight safety."

Lloyd said last year's problem in Charlotte had been eliminated.

In a written statement late Wednesday, USAir said it was "cooperating fully" with the FAA's investigation. "At USAir, safety is always the top priority, and the airline stands firmly behind the excellence of its maintenance operation," the statement said.

Battered by the weak economy and last summer's fare wars, USAir has lost more than \$600 million since 1991. Last week, the Clinton administration gave British Airways permission to invest \$300 million in badly needed cash in USAir, America's sixth-largest carrier.

The FAA prohibits any airline employee from signing for repairs that aren't complete and such violations are considered "very rare," agency spokesman Fred Farrar said.

In the only high-profile instance involving a major carrier, now-defunct Eastern Airlines was fined \$3.5 million in 1991 after it was learned its managers were forcing mechanics to falsify repair records to save money.

Lloyd said there was little comparison between USAir and the widespread abuses at Eastern.

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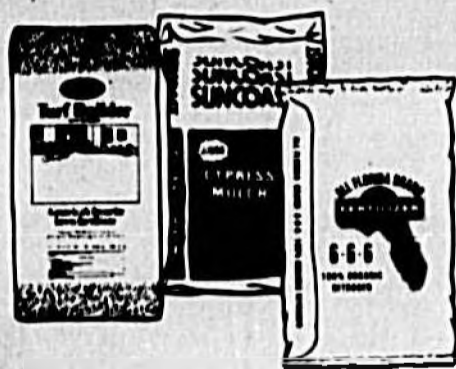
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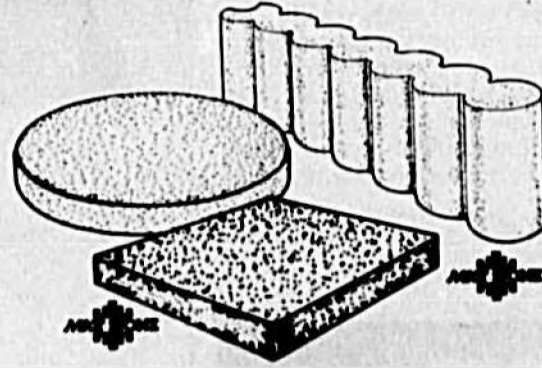
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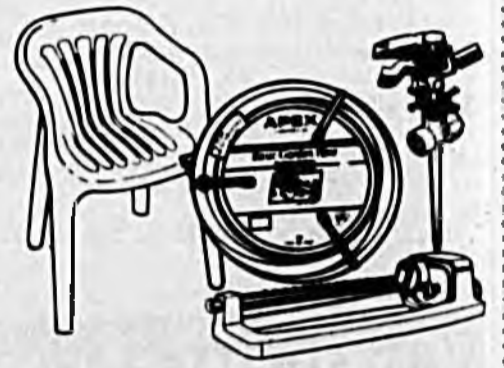
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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### AROUND THE STATE

#### Ojeda's condition improves

CLERMONT — Cleveland Indians pitcher Bob Ojeda, who survived a boat crash that killed two teammates, was steadily recovering from a head injury and expected to be released from a hospital this week.

He was in good condition early today at South Lake Memorial Hospital. "He's doing just fine," said nursing supervisor Barbara O'Hare. "We're anticipating discharge in a couple of days."

#### Buccaneers pursue O'Donnell

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, shopping for a quarterback, plan to present free agent Neil O'Donnell with a contract proposal that would make him the highest-paid player in franchise history.

O'Donnell, who made \$250,000 with the Pittsburgh Steelers last season, will be offered a three-year deal worth \$6.6 million, the Tampa Tribune reported Wednesday.

"We've been presented a series of different alternatives," Leigh Steinberg, O'Donnell's agent, told the newspaper. "We're going to respond to those alternatives."

#### Astros trim Marlins

KISSIMMEE — Mark Portugal struck out 11 through seven innings Wednesday night in the Houston Astros' rain-shortened 4-2 victory over the Florida Marlins.

The game was called because of rain with one out in the top of the eighth inning.

Portugal (1-0) shut out the Marlins until they scored two unearned runs in the seventh.

#### Valdosta St. holds off Gators

GAINESVILLE — Brian Duva's triple highlighted an eighth-inning 3-run rally, but Florida remained one run short as Valdosta St. beat the Gators, 6-5, Wednesday night.

The win was the seventh-straight for pitcher Bryan Stever. Florida had won six in a row.

Florida's Steve Dalley had three hits and two RBI. Duva had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored.

# Here we go again

## Senate bill addresses fastpitch-slowpitch debate

By TONY DeSORMIER  
Herald Sports Editor

Don't look now, but it appears that several dozen Seminole County high school girls are engaged in an illegal activity.

They're playing slowpitch softball. Not only that, they've been doing it for over five years.

"It's been against the law for the last six years for Florida public high schools to offer slowpitch softball without offering fastpitch," said Barbara White, aide to Senator George Kirkpatrick, D-Gainesville.

The reason that slowpitch is illegal, according

to White, is that it violates Florida statute 228.2001, which addresses discrimination against students in the state system of public education and equality of access.

Basically, because those Florida state universities that play softball play the fastpitch game, high schools and community colleges that play slowpitch softball do not afford their female students equal access similar to that available to male students and, therefore, are in violation of the law.

Since debate still rages over the law's interpretation — does equal access mean providing a like number of athletic opportunities for boys and girls or offering those sports in which state

universities offer scholarships? — Senator Kirkpatrick has sponsored a bill that would clarify the situation.

Bill 1716 would amend Florida statute 232.426 to require public high schools and community colleges, should they offer a sport similar to one offered at the state universities, to offer the sport in the same format offered at the state universities.

"What Bill 1716 would do is clarify the law and require the Commissioner of Education (Betty Castor) to enforce gender equity," explained White. "It would authorize the Commissioner to enforce the law and punish infractions by

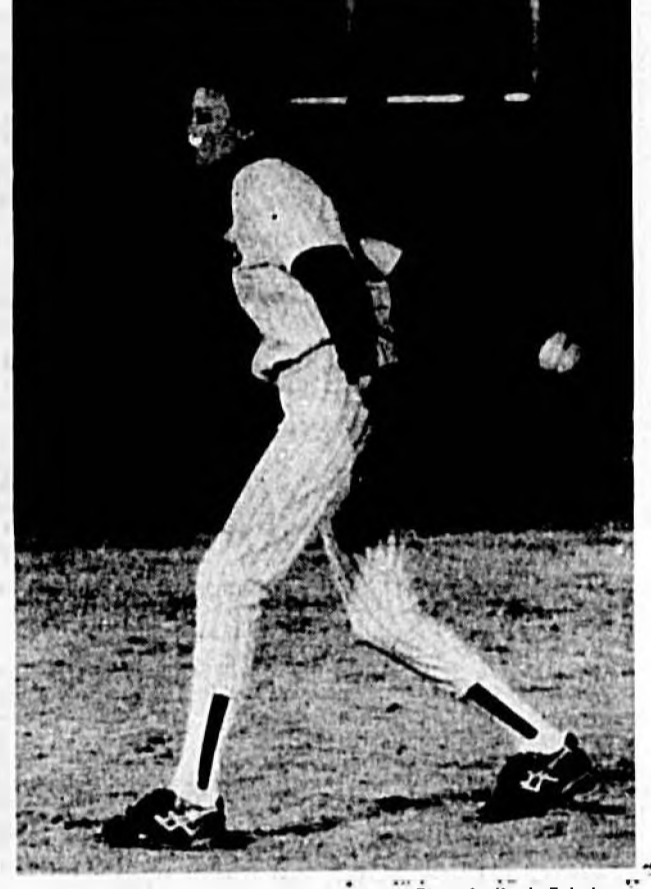
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Are Jill Jasewic (Seminole High School, left), Jennifer Forston (Lyman, center) and Tracy Brown (Lake Brantley, right) pitchers or outlaws—Actually, Barbara White, aide to Senator George Kirkpatrick, D-Gainesville, says it's

Florida public high schools and community colleges that have been violating state law by playing slowpitch softball on the varsity level while Florida state universities that play softball field fastpitch teams.

### AROUND THE NATION

#### Celtics overtake Heat

BOSTON — Reggie Lewis scored 22 points and Dee Brown's basket midway through the fourth quarter gave Boston the lead for good in a 115-109 victory over the Miami Heat Wednesday night.

The Heat, who made all 30 of their free throws, were led by Glen Rice with 35 points, Rony Selkaly with 17 and Bimbo Coles with 16.

Robert Parish had 18 points and 14 rebounds. Brown scored 18 points and Lewis finished with 12 assists for Boston.

## Switch wouldn't disturb county coaches

By TONY DeSORMIER  
Herald Sports Editor

While Seminole County high school slowpitch softball coaches were surprised by the news that the Florida Senate is considering a bill that mandate a switch to fastpitch (see related story), those contacted said they would welcome a definitive decision on the matter.

The debate over fastpitch vs. slowpitch softball

Friday: What impact would Bill 1716 have at Seminole Community College?

for high school girls has raged for at least a decade in Florida. Currently, 132 schools play fastpitch (including Orange and Osceola counties) while nearly 300 (including all six Seminole schools and those in Volusia and Lake counties)

play slowpitch. Should the change come, it won't be the first time that Lake Mary coach Jeanne Fisher has had to make the transition. Fisher was coaching in West Virginia when that state made the switch from slowpitch to fastpitch.

"I've talked it over with Kim (Gaudreau, Fisher's assistant) and we would prefer to be playing fastpitch," said Fisher. "It's more of a

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### JUCO Baseball

Florida C.C.-J'ville at Seminole C.C., 3 p.m.

#### JUCO Softball

Seminole C.C. at Santa Fe C.C., 3 p.m.

#### Baseball

Mainland at Oviedo, 7 p.m.  
Spruce Creek at Lake Brantley, 7 p.m.

#### Junior Varsity Baseball

Lyman at Lake Mary, 7 p.m.  
Spruce Creek at Lake Brantley, 5 p.m.

#### Boys' Golf

Seminole vs. Orangewood Christian at DeBary, 3:30 p.m.  
Lyman vs. Winter Park at Rolling Hills, 3:30 p.m.

#### Girls' Golf

Oviedo vs. Bishop Moore at Ekana, 3:30 p.m.

#### Softball

Seminole at Orangewood Christian, 4 p.m.  
Lake Howell at Lyman. Varsity at 4 p.m., junior varsity at 5 p.m.  
Oviedo at New Smyrna Beach. Junior varsity at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.  
DeLand at Lake Brantley. Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

#### Boys' and Girls' Tennis

Oviedo vs. Lake Howell at Red Bug Lake Park, 3:30 p.m.  
Lake Brantley at Mainland, 3:30 p.m.



Herald Photo by Richard Hopkins

Randy Hagar (No. 29) scored the tying run and was the winning pitcher Wednesday as the Seminole Community College rallied in the bottom of the ninth inning to knock off the Valencia Community College Matadors.

## Jordan's double lifts Raiders over Matadors

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — One day after letting a big win get away, the Seminole Community College baseball team came back Wednesday afternoon and pulled out a huge win.

After being shut out for eight innings, the Raiders rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat the visiting Valencia Community College Matadors 4-3 in a makeup of a Mid-Florida Conference game that was rained out on March 13.

On Tuesday, the Raiders' late game heroics fell short, scoring twice in the bottom of the ninth inning before dropping a 7-6 decision to the Santa Fe Community College Saints in another M-FC contest.

A pair of Oviedo High School graduates — second baseman B.J. Calapa and outfielder Erik Jordan — started and capped Wednesday's game-winning rally for SCC, ranked 10th in this week's Florida Community College Athletic Association's state rankings.

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with a single and moved to second when catcher Ray Hagar drew a walk. After Joey Rice came in to run for Hagar, Pete Bezeredl popped out to second base. Randy Hagar, Ray's brother, also drew a walk to load the bases.

A wild pitch to Seminole High School graduate Rick Eckstein scored Calapa and moved the other runners up a base. Eckstein then hit a single to right field, scoring Rice and sending Randy Hagar to third. Eckstein moved up to second when Johnny Goodrich grounded out to third base.

Jordan, who was the designated runner for Ray Hagar earlier in the game before taking over in left field in the sixth inning, followed with a double to left field, scoring Randy

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## Marlins' Destrade subject of international interest

Associated Press

COCOA — He's a first baseman with one home run in the major leagues, playing on a team that never has won a game. Yet reporters from around the globe seek interviews with Orestes Destrade of the Florida Marlins.

Latin sports writers pursue Destrade because he's Cuban. Japanese journalists want to talk with him because he led Japan's Pacific League in home runs the past three seasons. American reporters interview him hoping to find out whether he's the next Cecil Fielder.

"I know what he's going through," Fielder said. "He's being interviewed by everybody in the world."

Fielder has hit 130 home runs in three years with the Detroit Tigers since returning from a successful stint in Japan. Marlins fans hope Destrade can make a similar transition to major-league pitching.

"He can play," Fielder said. "He just needs time to adjust. I know he will. He can really hit."

But Destrade, a switch-hitter who will bat cleanup for Florida, tries to discourage comparisons to Fielder.

"Cecil set the precedent, but I'm not trying to follow in his footsteps," Destrade said. "There's only one Cecil Fielder. I'm just trying to be myself and do my job."

"Cecil's done things that nobody's done since Babe Ruth. Compare the superstar power hitters

of today. They haven't even kept up with Cecil. So I'm not going to step up and say, 'Oh, yeah, I'm going to do this.'"

Destrade struggled with the New York Yankees and Pittsburgh Pirates, batting just .182 in 45 games in 1987-88. He went to Japan, became a star, then decided to return to the United States when an expansion team was awarded to Miami, where he grew up.

"It was either Miami or go back to Tokyo for me," he said. "I was flattered that some other teams (in the majors) showed interest, but I don't think they were ever in the running."

The Marlins are convinced that the 30-year-old Destrade can hit National League pitches, and hit them a long way.

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by Bob Thaves

GARFIELD



by Jim Davis

ROBOTMAN



by Jim Meddick

Pseudogout mimics gout, but it is not

DEAR DR. GOTT: I continue to suffer from pseudogout in my left ankle and both knees...

DEAR READER: Pseudogout is, as the name suggests, a condition that mimics gout...

The disorder commonly affects older adults and may be the consequence of other diseases...

Doctors establish the diagnosis when they find CPD crystals in a drop of joint fluid...

Severe, acute attacks are treated with intravenous colchicine; mild/moderate episodes usually respond to anti-inflammatory drugs...

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an 85-year-old female and have a hiatal hernia. What, if any, is the danger of taking a pinch of soda to relieve the frequent cases of indigestion or heartburn...

DEAR READER: Bicarbonate of soda neutralizes stomach acid; it is, therefore, appropriate therapy for the occasional heartburn caused by hiatal hernia...

Soda bicarb is not a particularly effective antidote for hiatal hernia. Your symptoms may be more quickly relieved by using

liquid antacids, such as Mylanta or Gelusil. Or, if your symptoms persist, you may need a prescription drug...

Remember that bicarb contains sodium. Thus, people on low-salt diets should avoid it or



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obtain approval from their doctors before using it.

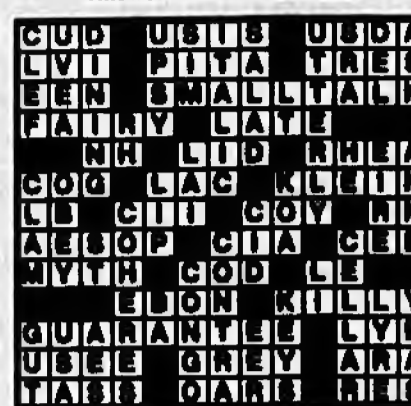
ACROSS

- 1 Witty remarks
5 Actor - Harrison
8 Speck
12 Part of the eye
13 - mode
14 Russian river
15 Not
17 Excitement
18 Blank
20 Golf score
21 Care for
22 African land
23 TV network
26 Appointed
28 In no way
31 - name auto
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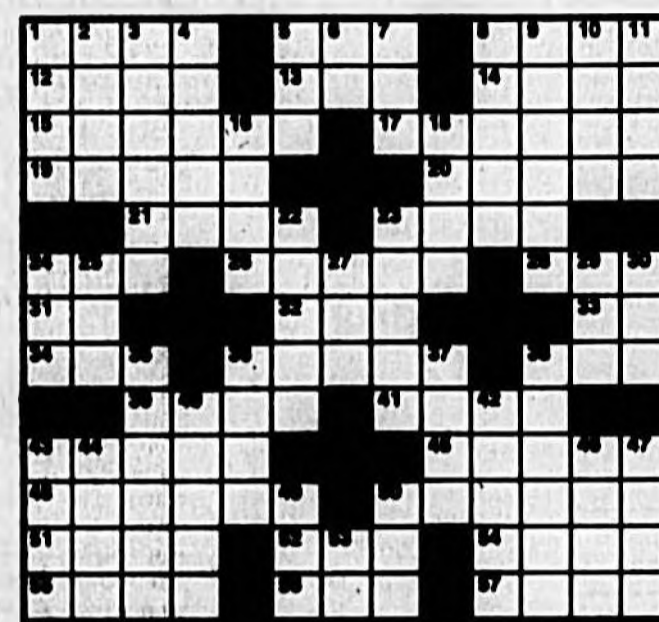
DOWN

- 1 Speechless
2 Egg cell
3 Entices
4 Fry quickly
5 Rodent
6 Artist - Orca
7 Totem pole
8 Wall painting
9 Beginning

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 10 High
11 Magazine name
16 Actress Redgrave
18 Chief
22 Linger
23 Measuring device
24 Actor - Gulager
25 Barbara - Goddess
27 Among
28 - for the road
30 After Mon.
38 Reptile with shell
36 Gravel ridge
37 Baba au
38 Toy weapon
40 Shine of fruit
42 Classic stories
43 Author - Vonnegut
44 Sioux Indian
48 - Stanley Gardner
47 Horse network
49 Crafty
50 Large bird
53 Bus. establishment



WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

I doubt that any Bostonian would agree with Fred Allen, who wrote to Groucho Marx: 'I have just returned from Boston. It is the only thing to do if you find yourself up there.'

One colorful bridge player in the Boston area is Dr. William Cole, a lecturer in medieval literature at Harvard. He has written a book called 'Fishheads'...

For example, Elias Pigwhistle Fishhead is asked why he invented a one-no-trump opening showing 5-8 points. He replies that he loves to give reviews of the auctions that begin 'You and your partner have doubled throughout.'

In today's deal, how did Elias guarantee his six-club contract after West led the heart jack?

East-West were a Catalanian pair, Antoni Turbot and Perico Bouillabaise. (I hate to carp at these piscine puns.)

North, Morold Fishhead, bid two spades to show 9-11 points and at least four spades.

As Turbot's opening bid marked him with the spade ace, Elias could establish two winners in the suit. But how could he cash them?

Seeing the answer, Elias called for dummy's heart ace and unblocked his king.

Next came the spade king, covered and ruffed. Declarer drew trumps and played the heart nine, overtaking with dummy's 10. East couldn't stop declarer getting into dummy to discard his diamond losers on the spade Q-J.

Bridge deal diagram showing North-South and East-West hands with cards and suits. Includes a table for vulnerable North-South and dealer North.

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Sede Osol YOUR BIRTHDAY March 26, 1993

In the year ahead, you might find the ways and means to bring an endeavor you've been toying with for a long time to a close. Good luck in this worthy project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Devote your efforts and energies today to matters that can enhance the material security of you and your loved ones. Substantial accomplishments are possible. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Adhere to inclinations today that direct you to take action on specific issues. Quantity is not as important as quality. Be selective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It

might be necessary for you to be a trifle more assertive than usual today, in order to gather that to which you're entitled. Be bold when circumstances demand it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your probabilities for success look good today, because you're likely to be a visionary with a purpose. When motivated by strong desires, anything is possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An impressive accomplishment is indicated today, but you're likely to derive more pleasure from striving than achieving. The fun is in the chase.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People you'll be involved with today will have a strong effect on your mental attitude. If they are doers, you'll do your best to outdo them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Most of your efforts today might be spent on doing things for others instead of for yourself. However, when it is time to divvy up, you'll share in what they gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you have to make an important presentation today, try to isolate

the key player so it can be done on a one-to-one basis. You're dynamic working within this format.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't be reluctant to assist an associate if it is requested. You could be in for a pleasant surprise when you discover you're also working for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Being considerate and diplomatic today won't detract from your strengths. It will enhance them. People whom you're involved with know you have clout, even when you speak sweetly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do-it-yourself household projects could turn out to be more fun than drudgery today. Scout around for anything that needs repairs or mending.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Occasionally, it is therapeutic to break away from mundane affairs and seek fun involvements. This is a good day to let your hair down.

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