

# Sanford Herald

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Today: Sunny and cool. Highs near 60. Wind northwest 10 to 15 mph. Tonight: Clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Wind west 5 to 10 mph.

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## TODAY

### BRIEFS



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Commissioner Daryl McLain shakes hands with Thomas Poole after presenting him with a proclamation for Black History Month.

### Proclamation issued

SANFORD — The Board of Seminole County Commissioners officially proclaimed the month of February as "Black History Month" Tuesday. Thomas Poole, president of the Seminole County Chapter of the NAACP, was on hand to receive a copy of the proclamation.

"I want to bring to everyone's attention," he said, "that this isn't only Black History Month. It's also Florida History, American History and Seminole County History month. And in looking at all of that history, I believe it's time to have the good parts of our history highlighted, and the bad parts corrected."

The proclamation was issued during the regular county commission meeting Tuesday afternoon.

### Talent search

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Altamonte Springs police are looking for a talent agency. Not for any enrollment, however. They are investigating reports by clients who say they paid money for services they did not receive.

According to officer Darrin Farber, spokesman for the Altamonte Springs police, numerous complaint calls have been received about the International Talent Development Company, which until last week was operating within the city limits.

Farber said preliminary investigation has shown the company's owner, Ronald Mott, would advertise in newspapers and trade magazines as a consultant for potential actors, actresses and models. In addition, he said, the company promised to provide acting and modeling classes for a fee.

Farber said over 40 people had reported giving the company various sums of money, but never receiving any services.

Farber said anyone who has had dealings with the International Talent Development Company and/or Ronald Mott, or may know where he may be reached, is asked to contact Altamonte Springs police detective division at 800-3626.

### Chamber meeting

LAKE MARY — The Greater Lake Mary-Beach Chamber of Commerce has announced its next Business After Hours meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Galleria Italian Restaurant in the Lake Mary Centre.

Chamber members are urged to attend and bring business cards for the networking. There is no charge.

For additional information, phone the chamber office at 333-4748.

Compiled from staff reports

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“I've been rich and I've been poor. Rich is better.”

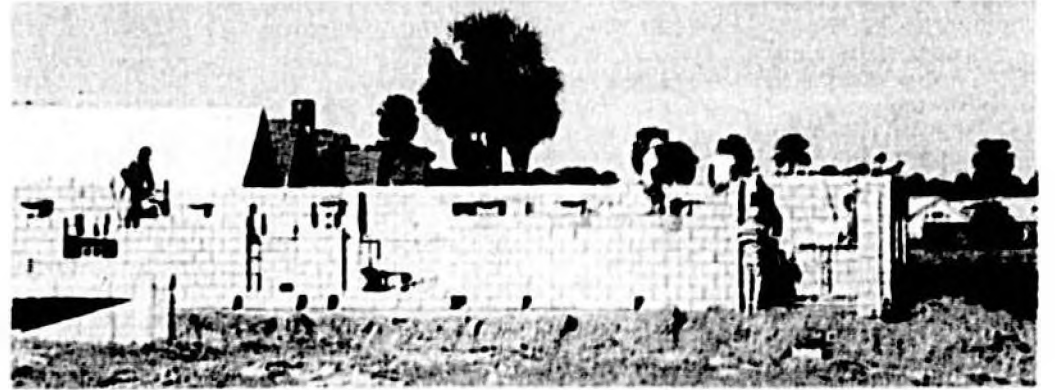
-Sophie Tucker

## Home starts fuel growth

By SHARI BRODIE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County has seen a definite increase in new home starts over the past couple of years.

The areas with the most activity have been Oviedo, along with See Homes, Page 2A



More than 100 homesites are under development in Sanford's Chase Groves.

## It's Girl Scout cookie time



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Dob Lightfoot is getting ready for a tasty once-a-year treat of Girl Scout cookies. Lightfoot bought two boxes of cookies from Pam Robertson and Kristina Lightfoot outside the Publix supermarket on U.S.

Highway 17-92 in Sanford. Boxes of the famous cookies are available from Girl Scouts for \$3 each during February.

## You can join fight against drugs

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford police are backing a special program that enlists citizens in the neighborhood in the fight against drug dealers.

Sanford Police Chief Ralph Russell described the program that will be presented Friday in DeLand as an educational/informational program to help citizens. "Take Back the Neighborhood from Drug Dealers."

Russell announced Sanford police participation in the program during Monday night's Sanford City Commission work session. "We hear more and more about various cities getting involved in this type of approach," Russell said. "And while we could have dozens more police patrolling the various areas, nothing is going to work until we can get the citizens personally involved."

Sanford police Commander Ray Bronson, who heads the city's drug task force, the Quick Uniform Response Against Drugs Squad, plans to be on hand for tomorrow's meeting, as will Drug Abuse Resistant Education officer Cpl. See Drugs, Page 5A

## Lake Mary airs pay plan for fixing areas plagued by flooding

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary commissioners tonight will discuss financing improvements for several areas that have been flooded in recent times because of the

heavy rains earlier this year.

The items are included in the city manager's report.

Public Works Director Bill Tenby is requesting approval for the expenditure of up to \$8,357.44 for professional and engineering services to elevate a See Flooding, Page 5A

## Top school guidance counselors named

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Being a part of the student support staff in a school these days is no easy task.

Youngsters bring a myriad of problems with them from home, and those problems often clash

with academic and peer pressures at school, making for a volatile combination.

Recently, the Seminole Counseling Association met to honor the best of the best among their ranks.

Guidance counselors, social workers, nurses and zone administrators were leted for their work with young people.

Linda Townsley from Keith Elementary School in Oviedo was named as the elementary school guidance counselor of the year.

Gloria Padawer from Lakeview Middle School in Sanford was named as the middle school guidance counselor of the year.

Mander Linaeroto from Lake Howell High See Guidance, Page 5A

## Big weekend in March centers around the arts

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — "Help," said Sam Silvernell. "We need more artists to enter the festival." She is seeking participants for the upcoming St. Johns River Festival.

The event is one of many scheduled for the first few days of March. Other public events include a sailing regatta and a fun day involving water exhibits. There is also a convention workshop scheduled at the Sanford Civic Center.

Silvernell, program assistant at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce is seeking participants for the 26th Annual St. Johns River Festival, a fine arts and crafts show scheduled for Fort Mellon Park on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3.

"This is a juried show," she said, "with cash awards and purchase awards to be offered, and I know there are many people in the area who want to participate."

Silvernell said that while many people who enter arts and crafts shows look particularly for the juried shows, there are others who should consider doing so because they have talents which they themselves may not realize. "Some people may just think they are involved in a fun hobby," she said, "when in fact they are actually artists with a talent that should not go unnoticed."

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## Valentine's Day visit



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Mr. Cupid and Miss Tuxedo, (Paul and Evelyn Edson of New Smyrna Beach), were among guests yesterday at Hillhaven Nursing Center on Mellonville Avenue in Sanford, held

its annual Valentine's Day party. Center Hillhaven resident Annie Grayson. The Edson's daughter Robin is a Hillhaven staff member.





# Editorials/Opinions

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### EDITORIAL

## Think before you leap

Hopefully, this isn't reaching people too late. Yesterday, Valentine's Day, has traditionally become the day during which the largest number of marriage proposals are made. Did someone propose to you? What was your response?

Unfortunately, many often take the romance associated with this day much too seriously, and accept, even though they may have been better off waiting.

Marriage is a long-term commitment and must never be taken lightly. It is supposed to be forever. Yet we hear of an ever-mounting percentage in the number of divorces in our nation.

Our government officials have made it very easy to get some type of divorces. Florida, for example, has what is called a "quicky divorce," or "no-fault divorce." It can be arranged when there are no children or no disputes over property. There is no question that persons seeking the easy way out of what proved to be a bad marriage, have an easier time than others in most other states.

Now, there have been discussions toward ending this proposal. Nothing has come forth before the courts or the legislature as yet, but talk in Tallahassee appears to be growing.

The easiest no-fault divorce naturally, is not to get married in the first place. Rather than making divorce easier, perhaps we should make marriage more difficult.

The State of Michigan, for example, is considering legislation calling for a 30 day waiting period between taking out the license and walking down the aisle. The time, they believe, may give participants some extra time in which to consider what they may be stepping into.

Yesterday was an outstanding day for florists, not only in Florida, but across the entire nation. Flower deliveries were heavy at various offices, including Sanford City Hall, the Seminole County Sheriff's office, Seminole County courthouse and services building, and even at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

It was truly a wonderful expression of love. Accepting a marriage proposal in a moment of passion however, may not be the best show of true love. It could lead to difficulties down the road unless a great deal of advance thinking is done, and much discussion is held.

This may seem like an unusual subject for today's editorial when the normal subjects are government operations, crime, drug abuse and other problems effecting today's society.

Yet we see the conflicts which accompany marriages gone sour as just as serious. Many domestic violence cases reported on the pages of the *Sanford Herald* have been connected with bad marriages. There are also cases of child-snatching, even injury and death associated with these disputes.

When a person proposes marriage, think of it as a lifetime job. Both parties will have to work hard, and share difficulties with each other. It isn't easy, as any long-time married people will tell you. But it can be done. All it takes is assurance that the marriage to this other person is exactly what you want.

For those who accepted marriage proposals yesterday, we wish you the best of luck for an outstanding future. For those who may have said, "Well, let me think about it for awhile," you may have given the best response possible at this time if you do what you say, and think about it.

## Berry's World



Jim Berry  
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"I have heard about being pushed out right after an operation, but..."

### MORTON KONDRACK

## Will plan divide Democrats?

Congressional Republicans think the nation's governors have given them a rich political gift that will help establish a GOP record of accomplishment while dividing the Democratic Party.

The gift, of course, is the compromise plan on welfare and Medicaid unanimously approved recently by the National Governors' Association. Already, its plan shows signs of reigniting disputes between Democratic liberals and moderates.

For instance, without endorsing its specifics, President Clinton said the NGA plan is "a huge step in the right direction," while Marian Wright Edelman, head of the Children's Defense Fund and friend of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, denounced the ideas as being "as bad, if not worse, than the bills President Clinton has vetoed or said he would veto."

Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill also criticized elements of the governors' package, obviously hoping to push the White House toward a veto in case the package makes it through Congress.

Passed unanimously by the bipartisan NGA, the welfare plan would eliminate the federal entitlement for Aid to Families with Dependent Children while providing \$16 billion more than

Congress voted for child care and incentives to get welfare recipients into jobs.

The Medicaid plan would retain an entitlement for pregnant women, children under 12, and the "frail" elderly, but would give states "complete flexibility" in defining the "amount, duration and scope" of services.

Top White House aides acknowledge that welfare and Medicaid could reopen the running split between Clinton's "pragmatic" advisers, led by campaign consultant Dick Morris, and "principled" liberal aides, led by deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes.

In the past, the groups have clashed over whether President Clinton should present a

seven-year balanced budget, which the pragmatists ultimately won; whether to endorse a Senate-passed welfare reform plan, which the liberals won; and whether to base the president's 1996 campaign on "optimism" and "values" or the economic insecurity of the middle class, which Clinton settled by doing both.

Aides say that the two camps also are at odds over whether Clinton should agree to new Medicare spending reductions if that's what it takes to get a balanced budget agreement.

Inside the White House, Morris' team is said to include Communications Director Don Beer, Press Secretary Mike McCurry, Budget Director Alice Rivlin, Domestic Policy Official Bruce Reed, and Counselor to the President Bill Curry, while Ickes' team includes Counselor George Stephanopoulos, Economic Adviser Gene Sperling, and Special Projects Aide Rahm Emanuel.

Outside the White House, Morris relies on pollster Mark Penn — whose surveys show that most Americans are "optimistic about their personal fortunes but worried about the country," one Morris ally said — and is bolstered in some policy disputes by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.



If he signs, Republicans think, he will offend liberals



### BEN WATTENBERG

## The raucous caucus

If the Iowa caucuses are dominated by the religious right, how come three of the top four candidates were moderates? Exposure can be bought, elections cannot. Negative ads are double-edged swords. The top two candidates were the only two who have run for president before. Three of the top four candidates have never held federal elective office. The press coverage was over pycnany economic issues because the candidates mostly agree with each other. Values will emerge.

To Bob Dole: Be Yourself. Don't believe that no one liked you when you were portrayed as a sardonic meanie. America doesn't need a plastic football for president. Anyway, people can't change. Make this case: The Republican sweep in 1994 was important and healthy. As president you can smooth off its rough edges and make it work, not as a Republican Revolution but a Republican Evolution.

To Pat Buchanan: You did extremely well, and you'll keep doing well. You're a very smart guy. You're not going to win. You can be a Republican villain by driving moderates away from the party, or a hero by bringing some angry voters into the party.

It's now your turn in the barrel. Your protectionism ends up making your voters pay higher prices. In every mall in America there would be a "Buchanan tax" on athletic shoes, sweaters, furniture and a thousand other items. Your immigration policy would not only crackdown on illegals, but also on legals, which would have kept these people out of America: Michael Chang, Albert Einstein, Colin Powell, Mario Cuomo, Bob Hope, Jonas Salk, Andre Agassi, computer entrepreneur Andre Grove and Drs. Charles C.Y. Pak and Fu-kuen Lin (who have worked on treatments and cures for anemia and osteoporosis). Whose jobs did they steal? How many American jobs did they create that Buchananism would have destroyed?

To Lamar Alexander: Excellent work. You could be the last guy standing. You need an issue. School vouchers is a good one.

To Steve Forbes: Your fast rise led to inflated expectations in an organization-dependent caucus state. But you've become a national player in just a few months. You brought important ideas onto the anvil.

There is nothing wrong with going negative, but it seems personally negative. How about: "My opponents are good, decent, honest, patriotic public servants. The tragedy is that the tax system has forced even such honorable men to serve the loophole-dependent special interests?" Agree with Dole that a flat tax will have to be shaped by many players: it's true.

Don't fight with the Christian Coalition. You agree with them on many issues. Who wants condoms in the schools?

You disagree with them on abortion. Most Americans agree with you not them: some reasonable state restrictions, within a framework of legality, while working toward reducing the number of abortions. Bring it up proudly! Let the other candidates split the pro-life votes. Give voters a sense of where you fit politically: Stress your chairmanship of Empower America and their big-name players like Bill Bennett, Jack Kemp and Jeanne Kirkpatrick. Explain that your "flat tax" is pro-poor and also has a built-in "progressive" rate. (Why are liberals attacking the only non pro-life candidate who wants to eliminate taxes for the poor?)

To Alan Keyes: You are the best orator. An unknown candidate getting 7 percent with no money in a caucus state is amazing. Keep on going! You're taking some pro-life votes from Buchanan who is an isolationist, protectionist and nativist, which you are not.

To Phil Gramm: Keep running! If you're out of money, live off the land the way Buchanan does. Challenge him. You're no isolationist. You're no nativist. You're no protectionist. He is. Most conservatives aren't.

To Ross Perot: Cut the bull about organizing a third party for someone else to use. If you run, you'll hurt the Republican candidate facing Clinton, but not by as much as it would seem. If the politicians don't pass a budget, you've got a great issue.

Jesse Jackson: Smart. You've frozen the linebacker. If Clinton makes any plausible deal with the Republicans on the budget, welfare and/or Medicaid, then you and some other liberal activists will form a third party, hurting Clinton.

Bill Clinton: No budget deal means Perot goes in and Jesse stays out. That's just what you want. It's good politics, but bad for America, which makes it bad politics.



Exposure can be bought, elections cannot

### WILLIAM A. RUSHER

## Calif. proposal goes over the top

After surviving more perils than Pauline, it seems clear that the California Civil Rights Initiative will be on the California ballot this November. This is the initiative that would amend the state constitution to prohibit either racial discrimination or racial preference in public education, state contracts and state employment.

This is the worst possible news for Bill Clinton, who must carry California at all costs. Polls indicate that about 70 percent of California voters, including a great many blue-collar Democrats, favor CCRI. Yet unless Mr. Clinton opposes the measure he will bring down on his head the rage of Jesse Jackson and the whole left-liberal base of the Democratic Party.

Under California law, CCRI's supporters must submit the signatures of just under 700,000 registered voters to put it on the ballot, with a margin of safety a bove that n umbert o make up for the inevitable invalid signatures. Cautious projections now indicate that not far short of a million will be filed by the deadline, Feb. 21.

Credit for this remarkable achievement is shared among a number of determined individuals: Glynn Custred and Tom Wood, the two Bay area academics who first conceived of the project; Larry Arnn, the president of the Claremont Institute, and political consultant Arnold Steinberg, who professionalized it; Haley Barbour and John Herrington, chairmen of the Republican national and state committees respectively, who lent the weight of their two indispensable organizations to the effort; political leaders, financial contributors and political technicians too numerous to list; and — above all — Ward Connerly, the courageous black businessman who took over the leadership of the drive when the timidity of his business colleagues threatened to sink it, and carried the ball all the way to the end zone.

Now CCRI's opponents face the unappetizing task of turning that 70 percent majority of California voters into a minority. They have already demonstrated that they mean to fight dirty. On Feb. 1 the back page of the first section of the California edition of the New York Times carried a full-page ad headed "We Thought You Would Like to Know Who They Are," which listed the names and locations of more than 60 businesses and individuals who had contributed to the CCRI drive. The obvious intention was to intimidate anyone else who might be tempted to contribute.

Naturally, the sponsors of the ad didn't seek equal exposure: At the bottom of the page, a single line of small type said it was paid for by "Californians for Equality, a registered political action committee" — and nothing else.

Moreover, the ad described CCRI as "an initiative designed to eliminate affirmative action," which is a blatant lie. The initiative has no effect whatever on such desirable aspects of affirmative action as outreach and job training. To quote it directly, it would prohibit only discrimination against, or the granting of "preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin." No longer would it be possible (as it now is) to deny college admission or state employment to the best qualified individual, or deny a state contract to the lowest bidder, merely because the competition belongs to some favored minority.



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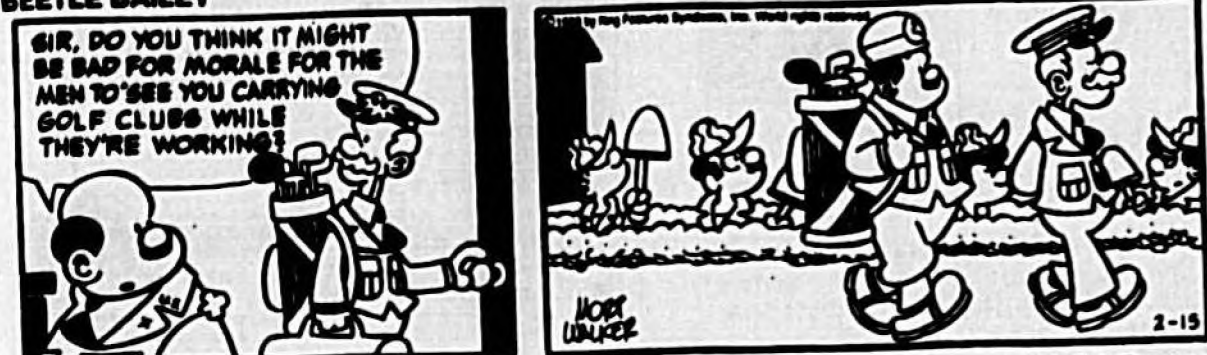


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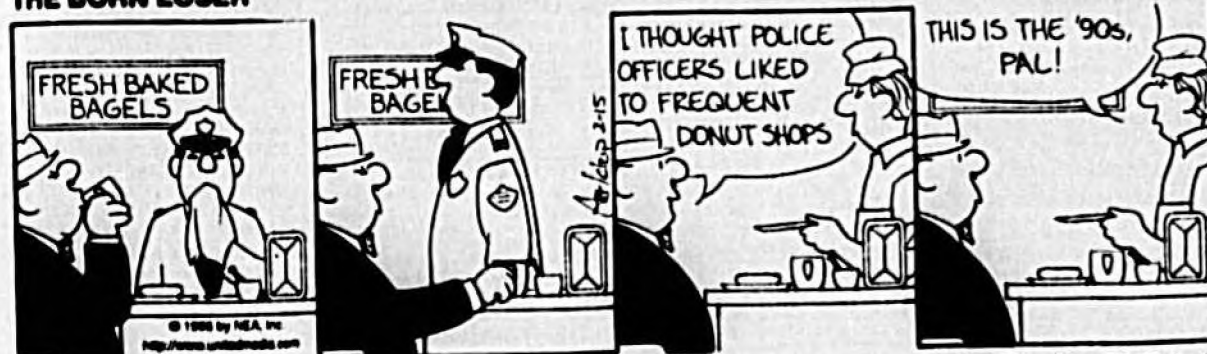
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**BEETLE BAILEY**



by Mort Walker

**THE BORN LOSER**



by Art Sansom

**PEANUTS**



by Charles M. Schulz

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by Howie Schneider

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by T.K. Ryan

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by Bob Thaves

**FRANK AND ERNEST**



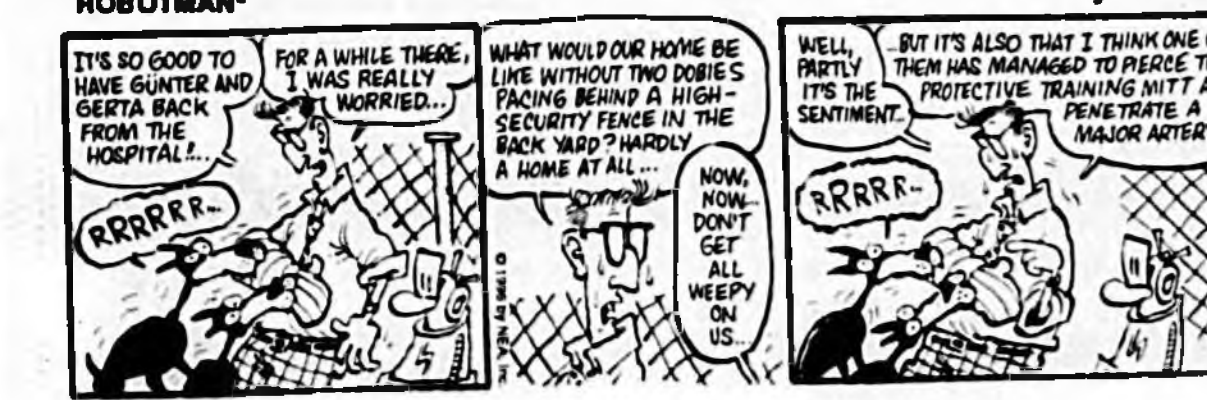
by Bob Thaves

**GARFIELD**



by Jim Davis

**ROBOTMAN**



by Jim Meddick

**Home remedy may help headaches**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** In the past, you've written about cluster headaches. I happened to remember my late mother's remedy for this. At the first indication of a headache, she would get a piece of real cotton and set it on fire in an ash tray. The cotton would smolder and give off fumes that she would breathe. After about two good sniffs, the headache was gone. This remedy will not work with imitation cotton, such as the kind found in medicine bottles these days. I've never analyzed why this worked, but I also suffer from headaches and this works for me as well. Perhaps it will help some of your readers.

**DEAR READER:** Cluster headaches are recurring attacks of severe headaches that occur, as the title implies, in paroxysms. Patients sometimes experience many months of relief between episodes. The cause is unknown, but some experts believe that such headaches are related to migraine or are due to biochemical abnormalities within the blood vessels in the skull. As a general rule, these headaches should be diagnosed and treated by medical doctors.

Most cluster headaches respond to treatment with analgesics, vasoconstrictors (drugs to shrink swollen arteries), steroids, or inhalation of supplemental oxygen.

I cannot, for the life of me, imagine how sniffing burning cotton would affect cluster headaches. But, as you know if you're a regular reader of this column, I will often mention unusual -- if not bizarre -- home remedies for various ailments, providing the remedies are not themselves hazardous.

Such is the case with your suggestion: I can't see how it would work, but I can find no risk in it either. Thank you for writing. Have any other readers had experience with the burning-cotton antidote?

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Headaches." 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 10158. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Please discuss neuropathy. My doctor says there is no help. He's placed me on Xanax for my nerves and Tylenol with codeine for pain.

**DEAR READER:** Neuropathy (poorly functioning nerves) has many causes, ranging from diabetes and various nerve disorders to vitamin deficiency and alcohol abuse. The condition causes numbness and tingling of the affected nerve, most commonly in the feet.

Doctors don't really have a consistent cure for neuropathy. Anti-depressant drugs and anti-convulsant medication may reduce some patients'



**MEDICINE**  
**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

remedies have been suggested, the latest of which is Diflucan. Is there a solution to this terrible disfiguring affliction?

**DEAR READER:** Fungus infection of the nails, although an unsightly nuisance, does not affect health. Nonetheless, most people with the affliction would prefer to get rid of it.

There are two new prescription drugs for this purpose. Diflucan pills are most often administered for a type of yeast infection called candida, although they can be used for nail fungus as well.

In my opinion, a more appropriate choice would be Sporanox, 200 milligrams taken daily for three months.

Ask your doctor about this new drug that is marketed specifically for toenail fungus.

symptoms, but physicians often fall back to treating the affliction with pain pills, such as Tylenol with codeine.

I am not aware that Xanax, an anti-anxiety drug, is particularly useful in this regard; however, it may help the excessive nervousness that you may be feeling.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I'm afflicted with toenail and fingernail fungus. Many

- ACROSS**
- 1 Whizze
  - 5 Feet sorry for
  - 9 Fuss
  - 12 In a line
  - 13 Wild sheep
  - 14 Tin Tin
  - 16 Fodder tower
  - 18 Cliche Rex
  - 17 Born
  - 19 Ineffective
  - 20 Pieces for two
  - 22 Singer
  - 23 Peggy
  - 24 Edge
  - 27 Cry of adoration
  - 31 -- for All Seasons
  - 32 Convert into money
  - 33 Labor org.
  - 34 Type of beer
  - 35 Author
  - 36 Poker stake
  - 37 Supple
- DOWN**
- 1 Across Pits
  - 2 Part of the eye
  - 3 Worst resident
  - 4 Puffed up, the an ankle
  - 5 Do a grammatical task
  - 6 Makes angry
  - 7 Before West.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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S	A	L	E	D	E

**STUMPED?**



- 8 Jewish language
- 9 British composer
- 10 Eat to lose weight
- 11 Individualistic
- 19 Ending for action
- 21 Actress
- 23 Sub
- 24 (sarcasm)
- 25 Biblical king
- 26 Stone's needs
- 27 -- and hearty
- 28 Senator
- 29 Baseball's Arched
- 30 Film with reverence
- 32 Arrive
- 35 Study of animals
- 36 Freedom
- 38 Madrid Mrs.
- 39 Cooking utensil
- 41 Bakery purchase
- 42 Oiled
- 43 Concert hall
- 44 Carry on
- 46 Injure
- 48 Tennis player -- Land
- 47 Pleasant
- 48 Other
- 51 Inlet

**WIN AT BRIDGE**

**Study the deal, not the dictum**

By Phillip Alder

What is a cliché? Bridge, of course, is full of clichés, or maxims, like "cover an honor with an honor."

Most of these sayings are easy to remember, but dangerous when applied automatically at the table. Bridge is still alive because there are so many exceptions to the "rules." For example, all beginners are taught "eight ever, nine never." As I'm sure you know, this means that when having eight cards in a suit missing only the queen, you take a finesse. When you have nine cards, you cash the ace and king, expecting the queen to drop.

However, this is one of the most misleading of all the rules. Finessing for the queen when having nine cards is only "wrong" by a small amount. And often the full deal dictates taking the finesse one way or the other -- as in today's deal.

Against three no-trump, West led the spade seven; two, king, ace. South had seven top tricks: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. At least two more tricks were available from the clubs, but if East got the lead, he would push a spade through South's remaining jack-nine, killing the contract.

So, to keep East off the lead, declarer played a club to dummy's king and finessed the jack through East. Here, the finesse won and South claimed 10 tricks. But even if the club finesse had lost, the contract would have been safe.

Philip Guedella, a British biographer and historian, said, "I had always imagined that Cliche was a suburb of Paris, until I discovered it to be a street in Oxford."

**NORTH** 02-15-96

- ♠ 2
- ♥ K 5 2
- ♦ A 6 5 3
- ♣ K J 10 9 8

**WEST**

- ♠ Q 10 8 7 4
- ♥ 10 9 6
- ♦ J 9 8 7
- ♣ 2

**EAST**

- ♠ K 6 5 3
- ♥ Q J 8 7
- ♦ Q 10
- ♣ 5 4

**SOUTH**

- ♠ A J 9
- ♥ A 4 3
- ♦ K 4 2
- ♣ A 8 7 3

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

**HOROSCOPE**

**Your Birthday**

Friday, Feb. 16, 1996

In the year ahead you might become involved in a new endeavor that uses both products and precepts. This could become both fun and profitable.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You can make bigger strides today if you focus on personal ambitions rather than half-heartedly supporting the objectives of another. Do your own thing. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Things will work out better for you today if you don't broadcast your business intentions to others. Keep a low profile.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Start looking ahead today. You can begin effectively to blend your present efforts into something you hope to achieve in the near future.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your words and actions could have a powerful impact on your companions today, so use caution in regard to what you say or do in front of others.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your mind will function at full speed today and bombard you with constructive thoughts. Try to implement the ideas relating to your social interests first.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today you will have a special aptitude for ferreting out the root causes of vexing problems. Finding solutions could be easy if you put your mind to it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Suggestions offered today by your mate or partner regarding a joint interest could be mutually advantageous. Keep your mind open.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A frustrating condition that has plagued you lately could suddenly shift for the better today. Make sure to hop on board.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you pal around with people today who act and think young, it could have a marvelous effect on your outlook. Let your hair down and try to have fun.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You will not have to settle for the status quo today. If you find a way to improve something, don't be afraid to implement your ideas.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Rely equally on your mental and physical abilities if you get involved in a competitive, social sport today. Using your head will give you the edge.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Conditions in general will favor you today, but your luckiest area will be your material affairs.

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