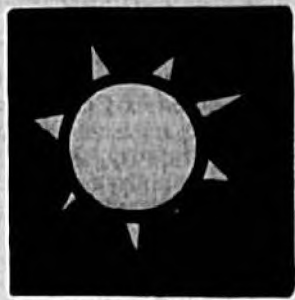


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## TODAY

### NEWS

#### Fire investigation

SANFORD — Seminole County fire investigators continue to look into the cause of death of Lynette Angelina Wood, 15-months. The child was in a home which burned Wednesday at 911 Lake Lane between Lake Mary and Longwood.

"Right now we are in the middle of an extensive investigation," said Fire Investigator Bob Christian. "We have interviews planned today with the child's parents as well as neighbors. We are also waiting until engineers can check over the heating unit in the house before we make any final determinations."

While a faulty heating unit has been suspected as being the cause, Christian said the investigation has not proven that to be a definite fact at this time.

"We probably won't have a cause for the fire until after we have met with all the people involved," Christian said this morning.

The child reportedly died of smoke inhalation. While the home was severely destroyed in the blaze, the rest of the family managed to escape serious injury.

#### Student investigation

LAKE MARY — The death of Matt Ranck, 17, a Lake Mary High School student, remains unresolved. The Seminole County Medical Examiner's office said no determination is expected until possibly Monday of next week.

The youth died Wednesday following what was reported to be possibly a one mile run around the school's track.

Although attempts were made at the scene to revive Ranck, he was pronounced dead at South Seminole Hospital in Longwood.

#### Intercession program

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will begin registration for the upcoming Intercession Program on Monday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Dates for the program will be February 12 through March 1, at a cost of \$20 per child, per week. It is open to all children ages six through 12. Fees must be paid at the time of registration.

The program will be held at Sanford Gymnastics Association, 601 E. 25th Place in Sanford. Because space will be limited, early registration is suggested.

For information, contact the Sanford Recreation Department at 330-5687.

#### Softball registration

The Seminole Softball Club will hold the 1995 Spring Registration for Girls FastPitch beginning this weekend. Registration will be held at the Seminole Softball Clubhouse, Five Points/Soldier's Creek Park, on SR-419, one half mile east of U.S. Highway 17-92.

Proof of age is required with a copy of a birth certificate.

Registration will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Registration will also be held next Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14, at the same locations and at the same times. Costs range from \$40 for Sparrows, age eight and under, or \$65 for Starlings, Hawks and Eagles, in age groups of 10 to 14.

For additional information phone 384-2234 days, or 385-9236 evenings.

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Man cannot long survive without air, water and sleep. Next in importance comes food. And close on its heels, solitude. **J**

-Thomas Szasz

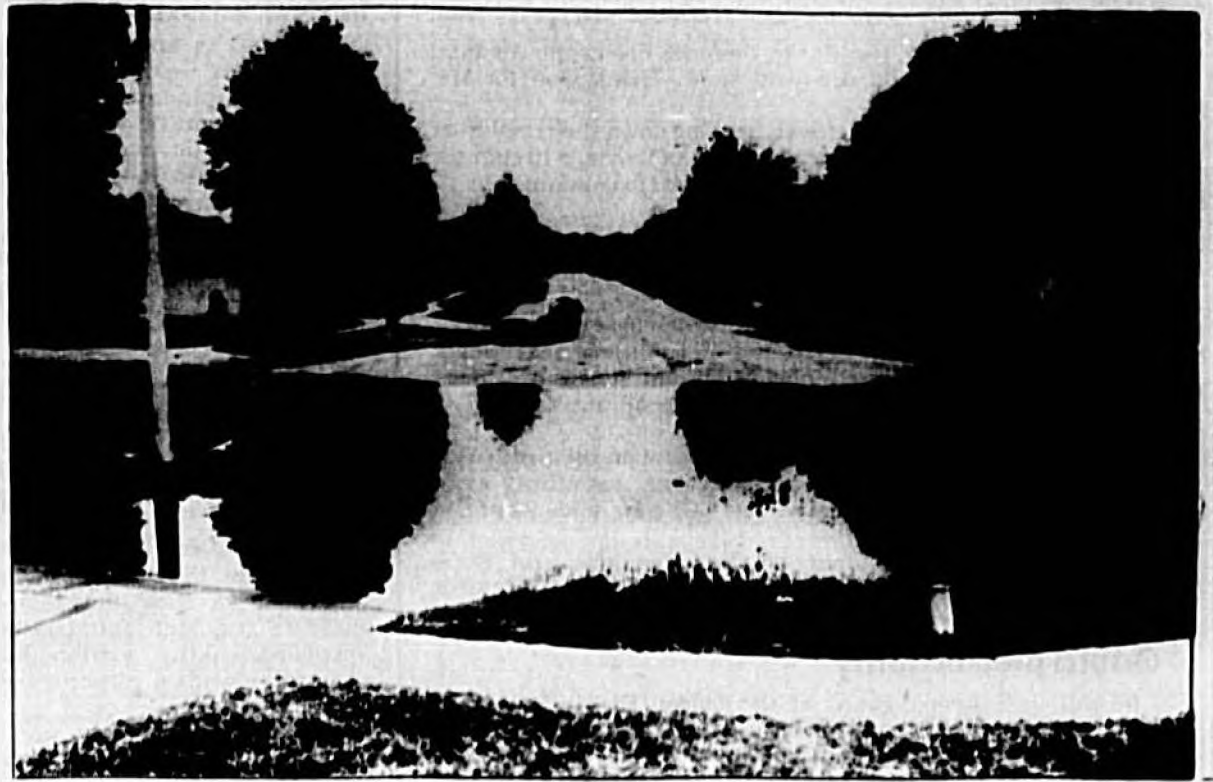
# Soggy saga

## Lake Mary still grapples with flooding

By NICK PFERFAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — One man speaking for his neighborhood Thursday night demanded Lake Mary commissioners stand by their promise to fix recurring flooding problems. This past weekend's heavy rainfall added to the flooding that has plagued Lake Mary since last year.

During public participation, the commission was faced by David Fornier, a resident of the Crystal Ridge subdivision who insisted each



File Photo

The cul-de-sac on Channel Drive in Crystal Ridge was flooded in October. Since then, the water has gone down, but flooded once again due

to this past weekend's rainfall. Property owners are complaining.

commissioner tell him how he or she would handle the lowering of the water level in his community.

Several months ago, the commission formed a special committee to study problems connected with high water, flooding and lake levels. Although Fornier was appointed as a member of

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# Traffic deaths up third year in row

From Staff and Wire Reports

TALLAHASSEE — For the third year in a row, the number of people killed on Florida roads has increased. The Florida Highway Patrol said preliminary figures show at least 2,780 fatalities in 1993. Seminole County accounts for 34 of those deaths.

Accident-related deaths last year remained well below a high in 1988 when 3,152 people were killed, the highway patrol said.

Traffic fatalities had declined between 1989

and 1992 but started climbing again in 1993. Officials said Thursday they didn't know why but it was most likely due to the state's growing population and heavily-traveled roadways.

"If we could put our finger on it we might be able to do something," said patrol spokesman Maj. Ken Howes. "It's just got to be an increase in the population. There's more traffic out there."

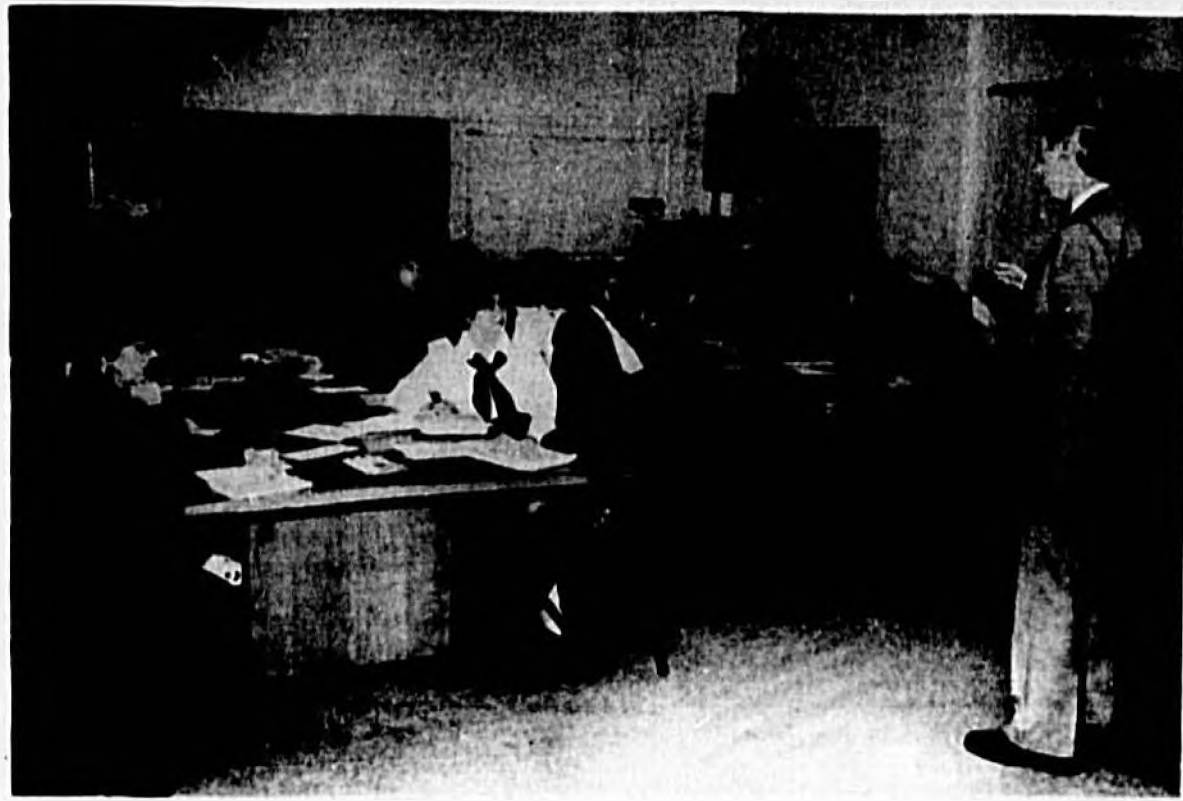
Ed Rice, state safety engineer for the Department of Transportation, said the number

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### Traffic deaths at a glance

Preliminary 1993 county traffic fatalities. Top 10 counties in brackets. Seminole and surrounding counties included.	
BREVARD 81 (9)	ORANGE 148 (13)
BROWARD 166 (4)	Osceola 29
DADE 25 (1)	PALM BEACH 208 (3)
DUVAL 116 (5)	PINELLAS 118 (7)
Flagler 13	POLK 128 (6)
HILLSBOROUGH 199 (3)	Seminole 34
Lake 46	Volusia 75
MARION 79 (10)	

# City, Trust air goals, problems



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

City manager Bill Simmons addresses Sanford Historic Trust Thursday.

By VICKI DeSORMEN  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — As in the Victorian style of many of the houses in the downtown historic residential district, a meeting between the City of Sanford and the members of the Sanford Historic Trust on Thursday was reserved and cordial.

Certainly problems exist, both sides agreed, but with cooperation Sanford will thrive and prosper and the historic district will be the envy of historic districts elsewhere.

City manager Bill Simmons addressed the group briefly at their monthly meeting at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce and then opened the floor to questions from the audience.

"There's no anger there," said Walt Padgett, co-owner of the Higgins House Bed and Breakfast and member of the Trust. "We all came away with a really good feeling about this."

Simmons said the city is very eager to work with the Trust to ensure the preservation of the historic district and the beauty of the area.

Code enforcement, always a sticky point in the downtown historic district was discussed briefly, but tempers remained in check.

"Of course this is a concern for those of in the historic district," Padgett said. "We're right here in the middle of all this. And they can have all the codes they want to have, but if there is no one to enforce the codes, what difference does it make?"

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# Environmentalists lose fight against home development

By The Associated Press

TAVARES, Fla. — A 2,434-home development fought by environmentalists for five years has received final state clearance for Lake County's scenic Sugarloaf Mountain.

Developers got the go-ahead Wednesday after the state's land-planning agency agreed to dismiss its challenge following a state arbitrator's ruling.

Arbitrator Steven M. Seibert found that Sugarloaf qualified under the county's old growth rules, which were more lenient than those now on the books. The hilly area is in rural south Lake County, west of Orlando.

Wednesday's approval disregarded a challenge lodged in September 1994 by the state Department of Community Affairs and a November resolution by the Lake County Commission. Opponents now have the option of appealing to the 5th District Court of Appeal.

"I don't think it's likely that there will be any further action," said county attorney Sandy Minkoff.

The county resolution opposing the project 3-2 said the mass of homes would be out of character for the environmentally sensitive area and would stress the county's ability to provide services.

# Group will mall walk way to fitness

By VICKI DeSORMEN  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Getting into better physical shape is something you need to do one step at a time.

The Senior Friends from Central Florida Regional Hospital and the City of Sanford Recreation Department are sponsoring a program that will help anyone who is interested in getting in fit take steps in the right direction.

The Seminole Towne Center will be the site of the meetings of the Seminole Strollers.

Members will begin walking tours of the mall on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 8 a.m.

The organizers want anyone who can come out and join them to do so on a regular basis to get themselves in shape for summer and for life.

"It's not just for seniors," said Senior Friends coordinator Ellen

Rollins. "If mothers with their babies in strollers or anyone else who can make it at 8 a.m. want to come out, they're welcome."

Rollins said the program is designed to help people get into good physical condition without any stressful, high impact aerobic program.

And, she added, walking in the mall is something participants can do regardless of the weather conditions outside.

Throughout the country, more than 50 million people use walking as the primary means of improving their physical fitness.

In addition to constant weather conditions, mall walking offers other advantages, Rollins pointed out.

Walking in a group is safer and promotes friendships and walkers report improvement in sleeping

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### EDITORIAL

## Weather words of caution

If this were the end of May, you could be assured these words of caution would concern the need for preparation for the 1998 hurricane season.

But this is just the start of the year, so we'll hold off on that for the time being.

Nonetheless, so far in just the first few days of this new year, we have had tornadoes strike in Melbourne and Miami. They have caused a number of deaths and some severe property damage. The deaths were all in the Miami area, but at both locations there were vehicles, mobile homes, and other structures toppled.

Trees went down and electrical fires broke out in Miami, several people were electrocuted because of the power line cuts.

We shouldn't wait until we reach the official start of hurricane season before we do some serious thinking about the dangers posed by storms and severe weather. They can occur any time, and cause damage anywhere, including right in your own neighborhood.

First of all, there is the need to educate the small fries who require adult thinking in time of disasters. Sit them down and warn them about downed power lines or going outdoors during electrical storms. Check your home and determine where you may gather the family in case a severe tornado threatens.

Make plans, discuss what each member of the family must do, then actually have a practice run, not just now, but possibly every month, to insure compliance with all of the safety requirements.

There will also be a need to prepare for problems. Expect the worst, prepare for the worst, and regardless of what hits, you will be ready. This includes having emergency lights, flashlights with fresh batteries, suitable canned goods in case you lose refrigeration, and of course, don't forget a hand-operated can opener with which to open those cans.

There was a story in the news following Hurricane Andrew which devastated southeast Florida several years ago. It told of people who were starving in their homes waiting for rescue. They had sufficient canned goods, but only an electric can opener. It was easy to tell that they were uninformed about safety precautions.

Obtain some publications with suggested precautions and/or checklists. It doesn't matter whether they are for hurricanes or tornadoes, follow the same rules. One such publication is the new 1998 Central Florida Phone Book by Spring United Telephone. Page 29 contains valuable hurricane information which can easily be adapted to tornado protection ideas.

With each passing year, we have more and more new residents who may have never gone through severe weather such as we have here in Florida. They need to be alerted and informed. Even those who have gone through many severe storms need to have their minds refreshed.

Among all of the New Year's resolutions you may have already made, make a special one to be prepared for severe weather. Tornadoes, hurricanes, thunderstorms, high winds, and many other threats may pay us a visit. Be ready to handle the situation. Yes, there will be property losses, there is little which can be done in many instances. But protecting lives should be the number one priority.

## Berry's World



SPIN THE BOTTLE

### BEN WATTENBERG

## Next year: President Dole?

Any man who makes predictions at the beginning of a presidential election year is either A) foolhardy, B) in need of an opinion on a morning following a three-day weekend, C) perhaps salvageable if he has some reasons behind some of his prophecy or D) all of the above. I qualify as a D.

**Predictions:**  
There are 550,000 elected office holders in America. Accordingly, there will be lots of elections in 1998, more than enough for a major gas explosion. Also, many candidates will say their opponents are scum.

It is likely that only about 55 percent of eligible Americans will vote, low by international standards. But it is likely that about 87 percent of registered Americans will vote, high on the international scale. America does have more elections for more offices than any other nation (including sheriff, school board, county sewer board and dogcatcher).

One of those half a million elections is particularly important. This year America will see the 53rd consecutive quadrennial presidential election in its history. (America is the oldest continuing democracy and the most powerful and influential nation - probably related phe-

nomena.)

America will have more primary elections than any other country. (Most other democracies have none.) There will also be many more public opinion polls conducted in America than ever before, and more in America than in the rest of the world combined, according to Karyn Bowman, pollmeister (pollmistress?) at the American Enterprise Institute.

At this point in the cycle, many of the published polls are foolish and premature. Still, Bob Dole is ahead in the race for the Republican nomination. He is best-known, best-financed, most-endorsed and



Also, many candidates will say their opponents are scum.

most-organized (just like President Muckie in 1973). With the primaries bunched together early in the year, Dole will probably win, but I guess that Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan will do well enough to scare him at points. They are candidates with striking ideas, and candidates with such ideas will get votes. (Forbes' ideas mostly make sense to me, Buchanan's don't.)

Who will Dole choose as his vice presidential running mate? Likely a midwestern governor. If the Republicans can win a big Midwestern swing state or two, they can win without carrying California. The most likely choices are John Engler of Michigan and George Voinovich of Ohio. Rep. John Kasich of Ohio would be a daring, dark horse, dynamite choice.

It will be a nasty election. Count on it. Clinton is in trouble personally, and his people must be planning to scathe the opposition in order to equalize a muddy playing field.

Clinton and Dole will promulgate at least one common theme. Each will say that they can best guide and modify the current, mostly healthy, conservative direction of American opinion as now expressed through the sitting Republican Congress.

### JOSEPH SPEAR

## CNN knockoffs: news to consume

A show of hands, please:  
How many of you believe the addition of three 24-hour cable news networks will improve the quality of coverage?

Oh come on, surely one of you does. There'll be more competition, the marketplace forces at work and all that.

Think of the O.J. trial of the future: Three more TV towers will surround the courthouse; another 20 or 30 journalists/lawyers/consultants will analyze each arch of the defendant's eyebrows, each scratch of the nose; more celebrity anchors and correspondents will be on air at 7 a.m. on Verdict Day to begin their breathless countdowns until judgment is proclaimed.

Oh my, the anticipation. CNN has had the field to itself for 15 years, but now ABC, Fox and NBC have announced their intentions to launch all-day news operations. With the sports networks and the financial networks and the entertainment networks and the local all-news stations that are popping up in major cities across the country, we will be able to tune in any kind of news we want, any time we want.

Nirvana, hey?  
You're not impressed, are you? Every story I view or read about the public's attitude toward the media, I see or hear you using such words as inaccurate, untrustworthy, cynical, nasty, resentful, hostile, ignorant, remote, negative, hypocritical, paternalistic, intrusive, adversarial, moralistic, insipid. I hear you saying we're so bad, even the politicians spurn us.

In a career that spans nearly three decades, I have heard it all before. Richard Nixon played the public against the press like a virtuoso, and he won two presidential elections. Spiro Agnew made an art form of press bashing, and the public ate it up. There is no insult, no vulgarity you could hurl at me that would constitute a new experience. Been there, done that.

I'd be equivocating, though. If I did not acknowledge things have gotten much worse. In 1973, the National Opinion Research Center pinned the public's "confidence" in the news media at about 25 percent. A year later, with the press riding the Watergate horse to honor and glory, the Gallup organization determined that 69 percent of its respondents evinced a "great deal" or a "fair amount" of confidence in the media.

In 1993, the National Opinion Research Center fixed the confidence level at an appalling 4 percent. From 1981 to 1993, the Gallup firm said, the number of Americans who felt the media were highly ethical had declined from 30 to 22 percent.

Permit me to digress at this point and say that if anybody in the business wants to pay me a consulting fee, I think I could improve the electronic news media's image almost overnight. The first thing I'd do is make everybody from grip to guru go on a long Humility Retreat. The second thing I'd do is forbid all anchors and White House reporters from calling themselves journalists. The former would be "readers," as in those who recite the words reported and written by others. The latter would be "relayers," as in those who transmit the pronouncements of official spokespersons.

Getting back to the main point, though, you probably suspect I share your skeptical attitude about the improvement of news quality with the addition of three all-news networks. That is because their establishment has nothing to do with quality.



There'll be more competition, the marketplace forces at work and all that.

### WILLIAM RASPBERRY

## Doing well and quite badly

WASHINGTON--This was my 1995: I made some money in the stock market (who didn't?) as Wall Street hit a Cal Ripken-like streak of record highs. And I graduated two children (one from graduate school) who have yet to find jobs that justify the tuition outlays.

The Raspberry household is not exactly a microcosm of the U.S. economy, but it does serve to make a point about it: It is possible to do very well and quite badly at the same time.

The newest evidence is the announcement a few days ago that AT&T plans to eliminate 40,000 jobs. That cut, according to the consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., puts the communications behemoth in the No. 3 spot on the Top 10 list of corporate downsizers since 1993. IBM, which cut 63,000 jobs, leads the pack, followed by Sears, with 50,000.

That, any way you cut 'em, is a lot of jobs. And yet, as I say, the stock market has been roaring. Corporations have been making good money. Productivity is up. Inflation is holding steadily low, and interest rates are trending down. The economy is going great guns while people are losing their jobs hand over fist. The outlook is for more good economic news (as measured by the Dow)-and for less security for workers and bleaker prospects for next year's graduates.

"I truly wish we didn't have to do this downsizing," AT&T's chairman Robert Allen told his employees. "But the actions we are announcing today are absolutely essential if our businesses are to be competitive. ... Regrettably, unlike other downsizings at AT&T, when we've been able to place people in other jobs within the company, this time we won't see as many internal opportunities because the reductions are across the board."

You can guess the reaction among the mostly white-collar employees. Here was the reaction on Wall Street the day of the announcement: AT&T up \$2.50 to \$67.25.

Investors understand what the rest of us are likely to see as aberrational, some weird case of cognitive dissonance: That increasing productivity can improve the corporate bottom line while it simultaneously devastates workers. They understand that AT&T won't be doing less business; they'll simply be doing it with fewer employees.

There is something else that all of us need to understand: the increasing irrationality of looking to technology and an ever-expanding economy to maintain our standard of living, build our personal security and solve our social problems.

But where do we look for all these things? That's the question that has hardly been on the table. That we hardly know how to think about. Some of us have seen the insanity of

using the threat of reduced welfare benefits to force AFDC mothers to go to work during a time when college-educated youngsters are waiting tables. But the real issues are far more basic. Should we accept as a given the unsustainability of our living standard (or at any rate an end to its improvement)? Should we put our emphasis less on policies that promote business growth and more on policies that create jobs? Should we welcome the technology-led increases in productivity and profits and busy ourselves figuring out some device, other than full-time employment, for spreading the wealth?

But while we haven't thought seriously about these questions, we nevertheless propose policies that assume we know the answers. Work as the solution to the welfare dilemma, for instance, or job training as the solution to joblessness.

Three years ago, in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, President Clinton disclosed his own assumptions--at least those he held at that time. He advocated a species of economic planning--government "seeding" of cutting-edge high-tech firms as a way of creating needed jobs. "In the 1980s," he said, "the most successful industrial strategy we had was our defense budget, which kept our lead in international defense technologies while we were losing our lead in many commercial technologies."

Two things have become clearer since that speech. First, that there is no peacetime counterpart of defense-technology spending. The military got new weapons and equipment whenever the defense industry came up with improvements--even if the older stuff had never been used. (Imagine Boeing trying to sell newer and improved commercial airplanes while the older and eminently satisfactory ones had only been used for pilot training exercises.)

Second--and this is the point driven home by the AT&T announcement--cutting-edge technology may produce savings, economic growth and vastly improved productivity. But it doesn't automatically produce a lot of jobs--and sometimes just the opposite.



It is possible to do very well and quite badly at the same time.





## NATIONAL BRIEFS



### No second thoughts

WASHINGTON — On his way recently to a bargaining session at the White House, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole displayed no second thoughts about passing legislation to reopen the government despite lack of a balanced budget deal with President Clinton.

"I never thought they were connected in the first place," said the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

But GOP orthodoxy says the two are linked, and Dole's decision to advance a bill Tuesday sparked anger among some Republicans and disagreement even among his strongest supporters in the presidential race.

Predictably, rival campaigns sought to exploit the episode.

### Feeling like victims again

OKLAHOMA CITY — Laura Bode and Lorri McNiven feel like victims again. The two government workers survived the federal building bombing in April, and are now working in a makeshift office in a mall without pay.

Their dedication — to the people they work with and the ones they help — tempers some of the misery brought on by the record 21-day partial government shutdown.

But it's hardly enough.

"I don't know if Congress realizes the eggshells we're walking on from day-to-day," Mrs. McNiven said Thursday. "We're trying to reach the capability we were at before the bombing, but we have so many stresses on us — especially now."

### White House criticized

WASHINGTON — Despite nearly two years of demands that they surrender all documents on Vincent Foster, the White House never supplied Whitewater prosecutors a presidential aide's memo that claimed Hillary Rodham Clinton was behind the firings of White House travel office employees.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, who still is investigating Foster's death and the handling of documents from his office, criticized the White House on Thursday for failing to immediately turn over the memo — which repeatedly mentions Foster's role in the travel office controversy.

The memo was discovered a week ago, according to the White House, which had no explanation for why the document wasn't provided to Whitewater prosecutor Robert Fiske in 1994, or his replacement, Starr, last year.

"That's obviously something we'll try to sort out," White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said. "We'll try to find out why it wasn't discovered until now."

### Children who need lunch

ARLINGTON, Va. — Kathleen Naah crosses off a three-digit meal card number for each child passing through the lunch line at Randolph Elementary School, smiling and chatting with the youngsters as they stream by.

The numbers are a necessary evil at this school attended by 580 children, many from places like Cambodia, Laos, El Salvador, Somalia, Bolivia and Peru — no one can tell who is paying the full lunch room price and who gets a free meal from the government.

"I know most of their numbers by heart," said Naah, the food service manager. Like the teachers who help the children pick their food or reach a tray, she sees the lunch period as a key part of the school day. "All I know is that they're children that need lunch," she said.

A few miles away, however, Congress has voted to make people like Naah look more closely at who gets school lunches. The bill overhauling the nation's welfare system would deny federally subsidized school meals to children who enter this country illegally and to some legal immigrants as well.

### Midshipman convicted for drugs

WASHINGTON — A 22-year-old midshipman faces possible fines, imprisonment and expulsion from the Naval Academy for conviction of drug charges.

Midshipman First Class Jason A. Harloff, of Fairport, N.Y., was convicted Thursday of possession, use and transfer of LSD. He pled guilty as part of a pre-trial agreement that will enable Navy prosecutors to use him as a witness in related cases, according to a Navy official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Harloff's sentencing by a military judge is scheduled for Jan. 17. The maximum punishment is 50 years in confinement. At the least, he will be forced out of the academy. He also could be fined or required to forfeit his pay.

The court martial proceeding was at the Washington Navy Yard.

### Ethics committee ignores own rules

WASHINGTON — Ignoring its own time limits, the House ethics committee has yet to deal with a Democratic complaint lodged three weeks ago against Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Under its rules, the committee has five days in which to transmit properly filed complaints to the respondent, in this case Gingrich. Or the panel can return it to the flier — in this instance House Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan — on grounds it is procedurally flawed.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., chairwoman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct — the ethics panel's formal name — acknowledged Thursday that she did neither after the complaint was filed Dec. 14.

She cited a busy December, when the committee named an outside counsel to investigate Gingrich, R-Ga., and proposed some major changes, partially accepted, to rules regarding House members' book income.

Bonior and other Democrats said committee Republicans — the panel has five GOP and five Democratic members — are deliberately stalling action on the complaint they said could expand the outside counsel's probe of Gingrich.

The delay was "absolutely not" intentional, Johnson replied.

## WORLD BRIEFS



### Prime minister announces resignation

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama, dogged by a faltering economy and a disillusioned electorate, announced his resignation today, saying he had done his best in difficult times.

In a surprise move, Murayama and his entire Cabinet said they would formally step down Monday, setting the stage for a shift of power to Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's combative trade minister.

"Despite a series of unexpected problems, I did my best," said Murayama, 71, who took the top job 18 months ago as a political neophyte. "I've used up everything I have."

He and his ministers were to stay on as caretakers until a new government can be formed. The new prime minister, expected to be Hashimoto, was to be elected at a special parliamentary session, which ministers said could take place as early as Thursday.

From Associated Press reports

# GOP plans to restart government

By LARRY MARASAK  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Believing they now have a plan that moderates and conservatives can support, House Republican leaders are preparing legislation that would quickly end a partial shutdown that has left parts of the government in chaos.

Under intense pressure to end the record 21-day closure, and at odds with Senate Republicans, House GOP leaders devised the temporary back-to-work plan after previous options failed during a sometimes fractious meeting of House Republicans on Thursday night.

The leadership-dominated House Rules Committee approved the plan for consideration by the House today. It would restore all workers in unfunded federal agencies to full pay through Jan. 26.

"I expect to receive overwhelming support," House Rules Committee Chairman Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., said after his panel approved the plan for floor action.

"We did not want the federal employees held hostage," House Speaker Newt Gingrich told reporters.

And the top Democrat on the rules panel, Rep. Joseph Moakley of Massachusetts, called the plan "a small step in the right direction." Democrats have insisted on full restoration of government services while congressional leaders and President Clinton negotiate a seven-year balanced budget deal.

The latest round of White House negotiations, which began last Friday, are expected to resume today.

The rules panel cleared two options for votes. One would send 280,000 furloughed government employees back to work with full pay through Jan. 26; return 480,000 others in unfunded agencies to full pay through that date; and finance a handful of still-unfunded programs for the entire fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

An alternative bill would fund the entire government through Jan. 26 at a minimum of 75 percent of last year's spending levels — but would be contingent on a seven-year balanced budget agreement using estimates by the Congressional Budget Office.

The legislation also would need to pass the Senate to end the shutdown.

The House GOP leadership on Thursday initially tried to sell its rank-and-file on a plan to restart the government through March 15, but many Republicans said that was not enough to pressure Clinton into serious bargaining on a balanced budget.

"Right now, March 15 seems like a long time," freshman Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., said.

GOP leaders then moved the date back to Jan. 26, giving congressional leaders and Clinton 21 days to work out an agreement before there was another government crisis.

Until Thursday, House Republicans had refused to reopen the government or pay employees until a White House deal was negotiated.

Solomon said the deal was a compromise. Republican conservatives sought the earlier date, and moderates — including Washington-area lawmakers — wanted any bill that would put their constituents back to work with full pay.

None of the 780,000 workers in unfunded agencies were being paid for work they have done since the partial shutdown began Dec. 16.

Programs to be funded under the Republican plan include funds for administering unemployment benefits, foster care and adoption help, national parks and museums, passport and visa services, many veterans' benefits and the Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens.

A major welfare program, Aid to Families With Dependent Children, would only be funded through March 15, as would the adoption assistance and foster care programs.

The bulk of programs in unfunded departments would not be financed, however, which could leave many workers with little to do.

On Tuesday, the Senate had approved a plan by Majority Leader Bob Dole that would have unconditionally restored all workers' jobs and salaries through Jan. 12.

Dole has opposed the shutdown openly in recent days and split with more militant House GOP leaders who have insisted it was the only way to keep Clinton negotiating seriously over eliminating federal deficits.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Thursday before the Republican proposal was written, "There is a majority in the Senate, and apparently the House as well, prepared to reopen much of our government. ... But a willful, extreme minority in the House Republican caucus is apparently holding common sense and the American people hostage."

## Ford ends 1995 with top-selling car, truck

By MIKE MCKESSON  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The Ford Motor Corp., retaining corporate bragging rights for another year, had the best-selling car and truck in America in 1995.

Sales reports released Thursday showed the Ford F-series pickup truck was the nation's top-selling vehicle in 1995, the 14th consecutive year the automaker has held the best-seller title.

Ford sold 691,452 of the trucks. The next closest total was Chevrolet's full-size pickup, at 513,081.

Ford's Taurus was best-selling car for the fourth consecutive year, despite sales that have slumped significantly in the past two months.

Taurus sales in December were 35 percent lower than in December 1994. The company attributed the decline to its decision to sharply cutback sales of discounted cars to rental fleets, rather than to any consumer dissatisfaction with the redesigned 1996 model.

Ford division general sales manager Phil Nowell said the company is committed to keeping the car at the top of the best-seller list.

"We'll see Taurus year-over-year business improve as we get into 1996 ... sometime before the first half," he told reporters at the North American International Auto Show.

The major foreign and domestic automakers finished 1995 with few surprises. December sales were strong but the industry's U.S. totals for the year were down slightly from 1994.

The Big Three domestic automakers combined to record 1995 sales of cars and light trucks down about 1.7 percent from a year earlier. General Motors sales were off about 3 percent, Ford finished with a daily selling rate almost identical to 1994's, down just 0.1 percent. Chrysler sales were off 1.5 percent.



### Girls just wanna have fun

Angel Simpson, apparently not afraid to sling a little mud around, recently had the opportunity to ride a go-kart around the property at a friend's house in Sanford. After spinning through the dirt and kicking up a little mulch, Simpson dusted herself off, straightened her skirt and was a perfect lady.

Harold Photo by Susan Winner

## Accountants urge caution as committee considers flat tax

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Even as tax reform becomes an increasingly popular issue in the Republican presidential contest, a national accountants group is warning of unintended consequences in radically changing the tax system.

A 14-member Republican commission chaired by former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp met privately Thursday to put the finishing touches on a proposal it hopes to make the centerpiece of the 1996 campaign season.

In a report due out Tuesday, the commission will recommend a dramatic simplification of the federal income tax along the lines of House Majority Leader Dick Armey's flat tax.

It will call for a single tax rate coupled with generous personal and dependent exemptions. But it won't specify the rate or the

exemptions. And it will steer clear of such controversial elements of the Arney plan as the elimination of deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants said such proposals as a flat-rate income tax and a national retail sales tax should be thoroughly studied and debated before their adoption. It said careful attention should be paid to the transition from the current system.

"As much as lawmakers may want to satisfy the public's desire to eliminate the income tax and replace it with a simple tax, there are no easy solutions," it said.

Retired Arthur Andersen partner Byrle M. Abbin, chairman of the institute task force overseeing the study, warned that an abrupt switch to a new system could wipe out \$1.5 trillion to \$3 trillion of businesses' book value.

Stored-up income tax benefits such as depreciation, amortization of existing inventories and carry over of net operating losses and tax credits would vanish. That, in turn, would have a huge impact on the value of companies' stocks and on pension funds and other owners of the stock, he said.

"Simplificity, efficiency, equity — those words are a lot easier to say than to execute," Abbin said.

The Republican commission was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Dole, the leading GOP presidential contender, is expected to embrace its findings.

Multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes has used his strong advocacy of the flat tax to jump into second place behind Dole in presidential polls in Iowa and New Hampshire.

## Medical report evaluates Pentagon treatment of Persian Gulf illnesses

By JIM ABRAMS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Medical experts give high marks to the Defense Department's investigation of Gulf War illnesses and agree that no evidence has been found of a new ailment afflicting veterans of the 1991 war.

At the same time, the Institute of Medicine cautioned in a report commissioned by the Pentagon that more research is needed before the possibility of a new syndrome can be written off.

The private research organization also recommended that the Pentagon, because of the high rate of psychological problems emerging from the war, put greater emphasis on mental health effects of service in the Persian Gulf.

Since its inception in June

1994, the Defense Department's Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program has evaluated and treated more than 10,000 military personnel who served in the Gulf.

The Institute of Medicine panel praised the program Thursday as a "compassionate and comprehensive effort to address the clinical needs of active-duty personnel." It said the Pentagon "has made conscientious efforts to build consistency and quality assurance into this program."

Veterans groups have said the program, one of several Pentagon and Veterans Affairs examinations of Gulf War illnesses, came too late. The program's report last August, they say, was too quick to conclude that no unknown or unique cause of the ailments existed. The report also

said health problems could be diagnosed for all but 11 percent of veterans examined.

The Pentagon program was not structured to determine if there is a "Gulf War Syndrome," said Matt Puglisi, the American Legion's assistant director for Gulf War veterans. He said the Institute of Medicine may conclude the Pentagon program "is doing a pretty good job, but there were three years when it didn't exist and people had nowhere to go."

While expressing agreement that clinical evidence of a mystery disease has not been found, the institute committee said, "If an unknown illness were mild or affected only a small proportion of veterans at risk, it might not be detectable in a case series, no matter how large."

The Asia-based companies saw sales decline about 3.4 percent from 1994 while European companies saw growth in their U.S. business — their combined daily sales rate was up 14.5 percent.

The large Japanese companies had mixed results. Toyota's sales were 1.8 percent higher, Honda's were up 1.1 percent and Nissan's were off 0.1 percent. Faring less well were Mazda, with sales down more than 24 percent, and Mitsubishi, down nearly 14 percent from the previous year.

Trucks continued to be a growing portion of the U.S. market, accounting for 41.4 percent of light vehicle sales, up about a percentage point from 1994.

Economists for the Big Three are predicting that 1996 will be slightly stronger for the industry's U.S. sales, assuming the Federal Reserve continues to decrease interest rates and there isn't a cataclysmic event, such as a war or an oil embargo.

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8:30	CBS	48 Hours		Investigative news and documentary series.
9:00	NBC	Today		Morning news and entertainment news.
9:30	ESPN	Baseball Tonight		Baseball news and analysis.
10:00	NBC	NBC Nightly News		Prime-time news broadcast.
10:30	ABC	World News Tonight		Prime-time news broadcast.
11:00	CBS	60 Minutes		Prime-time news and documentary.
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SUNDAY

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8:00	CBS	48 Hours		Investigative news and documentary series.
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MONDAY PRIME TIME

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### LOCALLY

#### LM Little League registration

**LAKE MARY** — Lake Mary Little League announces its Spring 1996 Baseball and Softball registration for boys and girls 5 to 15 residing in Lake Mary, Longwood and Sanford.

Player registration fee is \$20 for each child. League Membership for parents is \$15 each. You must bring a photocopy of your child's official birth record and proof of residency, and child's social security number.

Registration will take place: Saturday (Jan 6 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday (Jan. 7 - noon-5 p.m.) at the Lake Mary and Sanford KMart's; Monday (Jan. 8) at Idylwild Elementary (7-8:30 p.m.); Tuesday Jan. 9 at Lake Mary Elementary (7-8:30 p.m.); Wednesday Jan. 10 at Wilson Elementary (7-8:30 p.m.); Thursday Jan. 11 at Greenwood Lakes Middle School (7-8:30 p.m.); and Saturday Jan. 13 at the Sanford and Lake Mary KMart's (10 a.m.-5 p.m.).  
For more information, call 328-8908.

### ELSEWHERE

#### Spurrier in the mood to talk

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Florida coach Steve Spurrier is giving NFL teams a week to talk to him, the Nashville Banner reported.

The Banner said Spurrier agreed with school officials to a seven-day window allowing him to explore any job offers. The period started Wednesday, hours after Florida's loss to Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

#### Sanford's Trina leads UCF

**JACKSONVILLE, Ala.** — Seminole High graduate Brad Trina led UCF with 22 points and Howard Porter added 20 as the Golden Knights blasted Jacksonville State 93-73.

Central Florida closed off the first half with a 21-4 run, going into the break with a 49-24.

The second half started out better for JSU as Tracy Posey made a jumper to start off the half and Jacksonville State went on a 24-7 run to get the score back to within eight at 56-48.

But Central Florida answered with a 10-point run and cruised to victory.

Edward Coleman led JSU with 16 points. Posey added 13.

#### Bethune-Cookman falls on road

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas** — Gary Nottingham had 18 points and 11 rebounds Thursday night to lead Texas A&M to a 69-50 victory over Bethune-Cookman.

Derrick Hart contributed 10 points and Calvin Davis added nine for the Aggies (7-4), who led 33-25 at the half.

Tyronn White led Bethune-Cookman (4-4) with 12 points and eight rebounds. Mario Miller scored 11 points, while Alistair Henry and Lonnie Mincey added seven each.

#### Stetson falls at buzzer

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — Joey Davenport scored 15 points and hit the winning basket Thursday as Samford beat Stetson 56-54.

After giving Samford (6-4, 1-0 Trans-American Athletic Conference) a 55-54 lead, Davenport almost cost the Bulldogs the game. He missed the front end of a one-and-one, giving Stetson (4-7, 0-1) another chance.

But Stetson turned the ball over and Menterra Gurley sank a foul shot for the final margin. Gurley finished with 11 points. Freddie Williams had 14 rebounds.

Kerry Blackshear led Stetson with 25 points, and Jason Alexander had 11.

#### Kickoff Classic matchup

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — Southern California will play Penn State in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 25 at Giants Stadium.

USC (9-2-1) ended the year No. 12 in The Associated Press poll, while Penn State (9-3) finished No. 13.

#### Finley back with Angels

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** — Left-hander Chuck Finley and the California Angels agreed to a \$12 million, three-year contract with a club option that could make the deal worth \$18 million.

Finley, 33, was 15-12 last season in the final year. The new deal calls for \$3 million in 1996, \$4 million in 1997, and \$5 million in 1998. The option is for at least \$5 million.

#### Stewart back in Formula 1

**DEARBORN, Mich.** — Three-time Formula One champion Jackie Stewart is returning to the Grand Prix circuit as head of a Ford-backed team that plans to begin racing next year.

Stewart, 56, retired in 1973, but stayed active as a broadcaster and as a consultant and test driver for Ford. The team will be called Stewart Grand Prix and will be based in England.

# A battle of titans

## Girls' 5A hardwood powers face off

By GARY COATMAN  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Latricia Sims scored 23 points, including a 10-for-17 performance at the free throw line, to lead No. 3 state ranked Mainland past Seminole 55-49 in a girls' Class 5A basketball game at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium Thursday night.

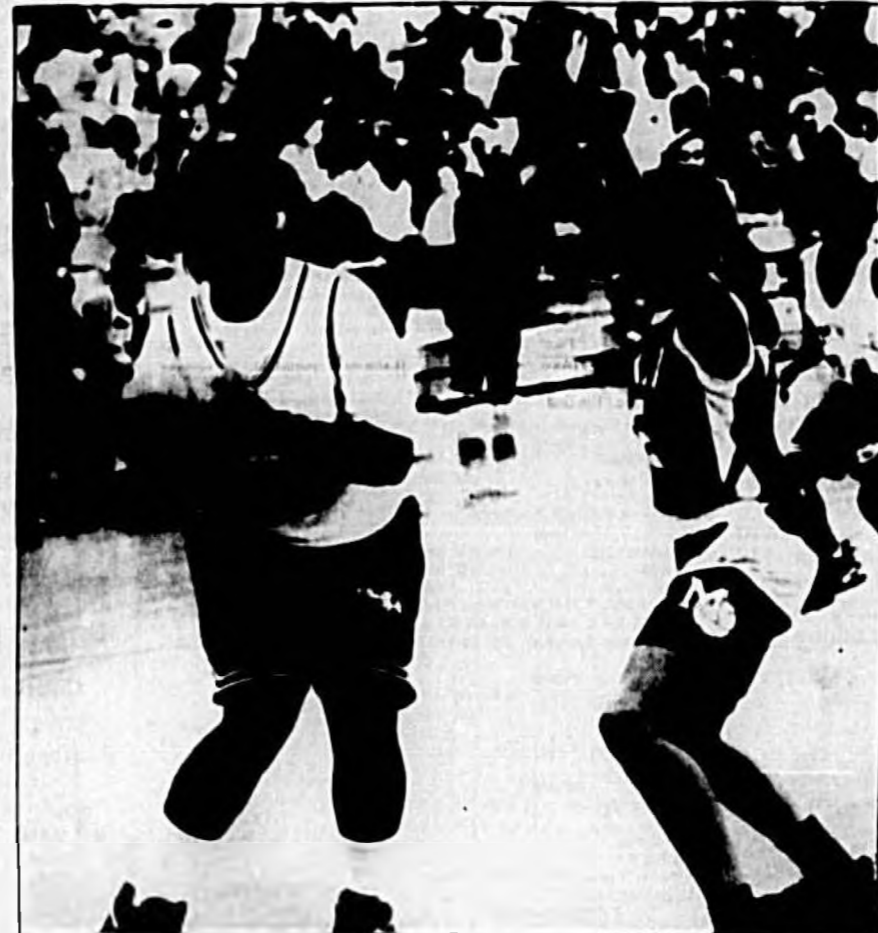
"We played as well as I thought we would," said Seminole coach John McNamara. "We had our good spots and our bad spots. We missed too many shots and turned the ball over too much. We didn't rebound like we should have, and they hurt us on the boards."

Mainland (13-2) got a quick 6-0 lead to start the game, but Shemleka Stokes pulled Seminole within 8-3 with a free throw. The Buccaneers had a 15-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Tribe cut the deficit to 18-12 with 4:57 left in the second quarter.

After Mainland took a 23-12 lead, Seminole trimmed the margin to 23-20 on a Katrina Southward jump shot just before halftime. Stokes had seven points in the first half to keep the Tribe within 25-20 as the teams headed to the locker room. Southward had six first-half points for Seminole.

Mainland surged to a 35-20 advantage to start the second half, and Seminole didn't score its first points of the half until the 3:00 mark of the third quarter. Chanel and Rosetta Jackson each had a field goal for the Tribe in the period.

Haneefah Miller scored six straight points in the fourth quarter. **See Hoops, Page 2B**



Seminole's Shemleka Stokes (top photo, white uniform with belt) takes the ball through a crowd for two of her seven points, while Tamara Gilchrist (No. 34 white, left photo) scored five points in her first game of the season. But it was not enough as the Fighting Seminoles fell to No. 3 Class 5A state ranked Mainland 55-49 at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium Thursday night.

Herald Photos by Tommy Wineson

## One goal decides soccer, basketball games

### From Staff Reports

**WINTER PARK** — Jeff Yearick scored two goals Thursday to lead Lake Howell past Lake Mary 3-2 in Seminole Athletic Conference boys' soccer action at Richard E. Evans Field.

Austin Punneo scored the Silver Hawks' other goal with an assist by Yearick. Paul Loerzel and Victor Nespeca each had assists for Lake Howell.

Dustin Garber scored two unassisted goals for Lake Mary.

Lake Howell (11-7-2) will travel to Longwood for a Seminole Athletic Conference contest against Lyman at the Carlton Henley Sports Complex next Tuesday night. Lake Mary (9-5-1) will host Berkeley Prep from Tampa on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Don T. Reynolds Stadium.

## After toughest season, Shula decides to quit

By STEVEN WINE  
AP Sports Writer

**MIAMI** — The toughest season of Don Shula's career turned out to be his last.

After 347 victories, six Super Bowls, two NFL titles and the only perfect season in league history, Shula decided to quit.

"It was a tough decision, one I haven't had to make in 33 years of coaching," Shula told WTUV-TV on Thursday, his 66th birthday.

He planned to announce his resignation in a news conference at 4 p.m. EST today.

As recently as Sunday, Shula said he would honor the final year of his contract next season. But there had been speculation about his future for much of

the season as Miami's, the preseason AFC favorite, struggled to a 9-7 record.

The team with a high payroll and low morale saved its worst game for last, a 37-22 collapse in the first round of the playoffs last Saturday at Buffalo.

Shula bristled at newspaper columns and polls suggesting it was time to quit after 26 years in Miami. The availability of Jimmy Johnson, former coach of the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Hurricanes, only increased pressure on Shula.

His decision followed a meeting Wednesday with team owner Wayne Huizenga. It was unclear whether Shula might remain with the Dolphins in another capacity.

ESPN reported he would stay with the club in the front office, which would reduce the chance of Johnson taking

**See Shula, Page 2B**

### BOYS' SOCCER

#### SILVER HAWKS 3, RAMS 2

Lake Mary 1, Lake Howell 2, 1-1-2  
Goals — Lake Mary, Garber 2; Lake Howell, Yearick 2, Punneo.  
Assists — Lake Howell, Yearick, Loerzel, Nespeca. Shots on goal — Lake Mary 10; Lake Howell 17. Corner kicks — Lake Mary 1, Lake Howell 1. Saves — Lake Mary (Kurtis Abson) 5; Lake Howell (Jeff Suber) 7. Records — Lake Mary 9-5-1; Lake Howell 11-7-2.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

#### RAMS HP EAGLES

**DAYTONA BEACH** — Jenny Thompson scored 21 points to lead Orangewood Christian School to a big road victory with a 52-50 overtime over Warner Christian Academy Thursday night.

Noelle Moore had 12 points for Orangewood Christian.

Warner outscored the Rams 17-9 in the second

### Orangewood Christian (20)

Thompson 10 1-2 21, Moore 6 0-0 12, Weitzum 4 1-3 9, Flanning 1 0-2 2, Sterling 1 0-2 2, Cochran 1 0-2 2, Stone 1 0-4 4. Totals: 23 27 52.

### Warner Christian (20)

Christian 5 13-14 24, Pacific 2 0-5 5, Yantis 3 1-2 7, Weitzum 6 2-14 24. Totals: 16 16 27 50.

### Orangewood Christian

12 9 16 16 4-12

### Warner Christian

14 17 6 9 4-12

Three-point field goals — Warner Christian 3 (Pacific, Christian). Total fouls — Orangewood Christian 26; Warner Christian 17. Fouled out — Orangewood Christian, Moore. Technicals — None. Records — Orangewood Christian 3-5.

quarter to take a 31-21 lead into the lockerroom at halftime, but Orangewood Christian closed to within 37-31 by the end of the third quarter, and then outscored the Eagles 15-9 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime tied at 46-46.

Orangewood Christian (3-5) plays at Lake Highland Preparatory School Monday night.

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# People

## CALENDAR

### Farmer's Market

The Downtown Sanford Farmer's Market is held each Saturday from 8 a.m. till noon at First and Magnolia under the big clock. For information, call Kathy Sutton, 322-9678. Look for our special events.

### Sunbelt Daylily Club to meet

Sunbelt Daylily Club meets the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. through April at the Old City Hall, Highway 15A near Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary.

The club educates members on daylily growing through slide shows, guest speakers and trips to daylily gardens. There are no club dues. Call 886-3196 for more information.

### Al-Anon meets Sunday, Monday

Al-Anon meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at the west side of South Seminole Hospital on SR 434, and Monday at 7 p.m. at Northland Community Church, corner of Dog Track Road and US 17-92. For information, call 322-8678.

### Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types of blood - especially O-type donors - to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

### Al-Anon group meets in Sanford

If you are troubled by the alcoholism of a friend or relative, there is help. Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 332-4122.

### Aerobics offered

Sanford Recreation Department offers Step Aerobics at the youth center in Sanford City Hall, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9 to 10 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Instructor is Lisa Hines. Cost is \$3 per class. For information, call 330-8697.

### TOPS meets Monday morning

SANFORD - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #821 meets every Monday, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the First Christian Church, 1607 Sanford Ave., Sanford. All interested in losing weight are welcome. For information, call 322-3130.

### Sanford Rotarians to meet

SANFORD - Rotary Club of Sanford meets every Monday at noon, at the Sanford Chamber of Commerce building.

### Activities for seniors

Lake Mary Seniors invite anyone 55 years or older to join them in two weekly activities on Monday: Woodcarvers, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Games, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Frank Evans Center, 158 N. Country Club Road.

### Employment opportunities for seniors

SANFORD - An employment program sponsored by AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program is held at the Sanford National Guard Armory, 915 E. First St., Monday through Friday. Interview hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Telephone: 324-8006. The program assists seniors, 55 and over, to return to the work place.

### Cancer support group meets

Support, Hope and Recovery, S.H.A.R., meets every Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Central Florida Regional Hospital in the far corner of the dining room. This is a self help support group for all cancer survivors, whether in treatment now or finished with it. Call 324-8737 or 322-7785 for more information.

### Help for gamblers offered

Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon for family and friends, meet separately Monday and Friday (non-smokers) at 7:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 331 Lake Ave., Maitland. For more information, call 236-9206.

### Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian House of Goodwill, 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

### Nurses to meet monthly

The Licensed Practical Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Kilarney Baptist Church, 701 Formosa Ave. C.E.U. class provided each month. All meetings are open to LPNs and to students and graduate LPNs. For information call 299-4321.

### Overeaters Anonymous meets Tuesday

SANFORD - Overeaters Anonymous meets every Tuesday, at 10 a.m. in Parish Hall Whitner Lounge of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Sanford. The meetings last about an hour. There are no dues nor fees. The only requirement to attend is the desire to stop eating compulsively.

### Sewing club gathers

Every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the WOOPIE Sewing Club gathers at the Lake Mary Senior Center, 158 N. Country Club Road, to make baby clothes, and items for nursing homes as well as items for the Christmas Store. The items made by the club are donated to preemie babies, nursing home residents and gifts for the annual Christmas store.

### Activities for seniors

Lake Mary Seniors invite anyone 55 years or older to join them in a weekly activity on Tuesday: Art, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Frank Evans Center, 158 N. Country Club Road.

### Weekly Lions Club meeting

The Sanford Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. For information, call Andrea Krazeise at 330-8116.

### Bridge club to meet, play

Sanford Duplicate Bridge Club meets at noon each Tuesday at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, 400 E. First St., Sanford.

### Kiwanis Club of Casselberry meets

Kiwanis Club of Casselberry meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., at Denney's on 436 N. Casselberry. For information, call 831-8545.

### Over-50 Club meets Tuesday

The Over-50 Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sanford Senior Center. Seniors are welcome.

# Keep your appliances young

How long should your appliances last? It's a question we often ponder, especially when a problem occurs. Is it due to "old age" of the appliance? Should you pay for a repair if the appliance will have only a short useful life at that point anyway? It is often hard to know. One person may have a refrigerator that is still going strong at 25 years. Another person has a dishwasher that breaks down after eight years.

Again, how long should an appliance last? Different appliances may have different life expectancies. A study of appliances has listed the low, high, and average years of life expectancy based on first-owner use of the product and does not necessarily mean the appliance is worn out. When a replacement is purchased, the old unit is either traded in, relegated to use elsewhere, given away, or discarded, thereby ending the life cycle.

The life expectancy in years



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for major appliances is as follows:  
Dishwashers, 11; Food Waste Disposers, 11; Electric Dryers, 13; Gas Dryers, 14; Standard Freezers, 16; Microwave Ovens, 10; Free-Standing Electric Ranges, 15; Free-Standing Gas Ranges, 18; Standard Refrigerators, 14; Automatic Washers, 13.

The life expectancy in years for Electric Housewares is as follows:  
Blenders, 8; Breadmakers, 3; Drip Coffee makers, 6; Mixers, 6.

The life expectancy in years for Home Care Appliances such

as Vacuum Cleaners is 10.

When you get a new appliance, you have an opportunity to see that the life expectancy will be long. Here are some steps to follow when you have a new appliance:

• Sit down before the appliance and read the instruction book that came with the appliance. There may be some differences between your new appliance and the one it has replaced. This getting acquainted practice is especially important if your appliance has features that are new to you.

• Follow the instructions in the instruction book. They can help you adapt more quickly and make using your new appliance more satisfying as well as to prolong the appliance life.

• Keeping your appliance clean is important in extending life expectancy.

• Check the warranty and send in the registration form that comes with your appliance. If you experience any kind of

problem, call authorized service. The instruction book will have an 800 number to call to find the name and phone number of the nearest authorized service. Warranties may not be valid if unauthorized service is used.

• Finally, make sure you use all of the features of your appliance during the warranty period, so repairing any defects will be covered. (Full coverage warranties usually cover only the first year.) Warranties are based on time, not on how much they are used. Example, if the self-cleaning feature on your oven breaks down the first time you use it, but you do not use it until your oven is two or three years old, repairs will not be covered by the warranty.

(Barbara Hughes/Gregg is the Seminole County Extension Home Economist, inquiries may be directed to her at the Cooperative Extension Service, 258 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 322-2694, Ext. 8666.)

# Tell daughter the truth about dad

DEAR ABBY: I am the confused grandmother of a darling 7-year-old granddaughter I'll call Mary. Her father never married my daughter, but there is no question about who Mary's father is because she is the very image of him.

He has never paid child support because he refused to acknowledge paternity, but he drops off a birthday gift and another gift around Christmastime. Mary frequently wants to call him and constantly asks her mother and me why she can't see her daddy more often. He gave her his telephone number once when he was in a good mood and told her she could call him, but he rarely returns her telephone calls.

Abby, what can her mother and I tell this sweet child about her father without hurting her feelings? I need some answers to pass along to her mother.

ILLINOIS GRANNY

DEAR GRANNY: Stick to the truth and don't try to spare Mary's feelings by making up excuses for her father's obvious lack of interest in her. While it may be painful for her,



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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

she's far better off dealing with reality than a well-intentioned fabrication.

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my only sister. I'll call her Anne. She left a husband, a son and a daughter I'll call Karen. Karen is 22.

Knowing she was dying, Anne asked me to do her a favor. Of course I agreed; how could I refuse? She wanted more than anything else to live to see Karen walk down the aisle. Karen's wedding date is March 6. We discussed the wedding at length, and I offered to buy a card for my sister to present to her daughter. I wrote in it exactly what Anne dictated and promised to give it to Karen on her wedding day if

Anne wasn't able to do it herself.

Anne died two weeks ago. I know my sister meant well and had only Karen's best interests in mind when she exacted this promise from me. But I don't want to make Karen sad on her wedding day. She and her mother had planned every detail together. On the other hand, the card and its message might mean the world to her. Abby, what would you do?

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DEAR TORN: I would give the card to Karen a few days before the wedding. That way she will walk down the aisle with her mother's message without the trauma of reading it on a day already fraught with emotion.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's mother passed away two weeks ago at the age of 100 plus 9 months. His father is still living at the age of 101 plus 5 months.

We observed their 75th wedding anniversary last September. We know of other couples who have been married as long as they have, but we don't find another couple who both attained the age of 100 years old.

Can you - or your readers - tell us how rare this is?

My husband thinks you make up these letters, so if he sees this in print, it may make a believer out of him.

POLLY SCHROCK, CONGERVILLE, ILL.

DEAR POLLY: Your in-laws' longevity is unusual, but not unheard of. People are living longer, thanks to the wonders of medical science and knowledge about the benefits of sound nutrition and regular exercise.

DEAR ABBY: I recently left my purse at a rest stop in Northern California. Several miles down the road, I noticed that it was missing. I went through miles of red tape to notify my bank by telephone about my missing credit cards and checkbook. I had no calling card with me, so I persuaded the operator to charge the call to my home number after she verified it by checking my answering machine.

When I returned home, a message was waiting for me on the



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### Outstanding service

Charise Jackson, president of the Sanford-Central Florida Interdenominational Musicians Guild, presented Sylvia Stallworth, treasurer of the Guild, an award for outstanding service to the Guild.

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## IN BRIEF



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### Kingsmen to perform

SANFORD — The Kingsmen will perform a medley of Southern Gospel Music at First Baptist Church, 519 Park Ave., on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Admission is free. For more information call the church office at 322-8041.

### Member honored

SANFORD — Members of Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 8th Street and Orange Avenue, will honor Sister Bernice King, Sunday at their 11 a.m. service. She will be recognized as "Member of the Month." This will become a regular tradition of the congregation. For more information call the church office at 322-4847.

### Workshop presented

SANFORD — A workshop designed to address various areas of spiritual commitment will be presented at Reddick Memorial First Born Church, 3155 Kings Rd. (Midway). The theme will be "Women of God...Affixed in '86." Special guest speaker will be Missionary Nellie M. Blake from Rochester, New York. The event will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 13.

The cost will be \$5 per person. A meal will be included in the price. For more information call the church office at 323-3558 or 322-3147.

### Revival set

SANFORD — Paola Wesleyan Church will host a revival beginning Sunday and running through Saturday, January 13. Evangelist and Rev. Don Hutchins will be the speaker.

Special music will be supplied throughout the week by George Vellitchko, a Ukrainian Christian with a special testimony.

Times of the services are Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. nightly. All services are open to the public. For more information call the church office at 323-0366.

### Renewal weekend set

ORLANDO — Single Christians United, a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Downtown Orlando, will sponsor a singles spiritual renewal weekend, "Come Fly with the Eagles" on January 26 and 27.

Motivational speaker, Richard Simons, Jr., will be the guest speaker.

Cost is \$15 for the weekend, which includes Saturday luncheon.

For a registration brochure call the church singles office at 849-6080 or the singles hotline at 648-0818.

### Family and friends day set

SANFORD — On Sunday, January 21 at the 11 a.m. service St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual "Family and Friends Day." The church is located at 3724 Main St.

### Kochenburger ordained

Philip A. Kochenburger was recently ordained to the transitional diaconate by the Right Reverend John W. Howe, Bishop of the Episcopal Church Diocese of Central Florida, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lake Mary. Kochenburger is pictured with his wife, Doris and two children, Neil and Nicole.



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### Interim pastor named

First Christian Church, 1607 Sanford Ave., has called the Rev. Dr. Martha Rutland-Wallis as interim pastor. Services include church school at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and will be followed by a time of refreshments and hospitality.



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## Congregation helps homeless

By MARY HOWELL  
Herald Columnist

The Church of the Nativity in Longwood believes in stewardship. That's why a group of church members volunteered to help feed the homeless. The Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando has two locations, their homeless shelter, which is strictly for families and holds 200, and their pavilion. The pavilion is for men and it sleeps 500 a night. They open the pavilion for dinner and can feed up to 600.

The church talked with the coalition and volunteered to be responsible for every fifth Saturday during the year (there are four) and feed the homeless at the pavilion. That means preparing an evening meal for 600 people.

Saturday, Dec. 30, was a fifth Saturday. Well, before that day, church members went into the community seeking donations of food and paper products. For several days before, church members went to local grocery stores and picked up bakery items to freeze for the big day. Volunteers were founded up to help with the actual food preparation. Some volunteered to help with the serving. Other church members were asked to help out by baking cupcakes.

By Saturday morning, the menu was set based on the food donated. The meal would be roast beef, potatoes, green beans, corn and bread. The church always tries to have something that the homeless can take with them, such as boiled eggs or breads.

Volunteers began arriving at the church early. The church does not have the facilities to cook for 600 people, so, under the supervision of Hans DeVaughn, the meat is divided into manageable portions and sent home with volunteers along with instructions on preparation. Preparations, not easy in usual circumstances, were made a little more difficult by the kitchen condition.

The Church of the Nativity is expanding so the fellowship hall has become the temporary sanctuary and the kitchen has become extra storage space. But despite the tight squeeze, church members happily went about their preparations. Donated baked goods were taken



Herald Photos by Mary Howell

Top photo: Rachel Gill and Donna Field load a pan of food for Katie Beymore to cook. Bottom

photo: Jane DeVaughn puts stock on food to be cooked by another church member.



out of the freezer to thaw, cans were opened and a classroom was converted into a drop-off spot for cupcakes.

By 5 p.m. everything was ready and the volunteers left for Orlando with all the food and the volunteers to serve it. Two weeks worth of work have gone into making this one meal possible.

Tired church members go home after everyone is fed and the food is gone. Fortunately, the coalition is responsible for the clean-up.

Some of the homeless said thank you, some didn't. But church members aren't looking for a thank you or a reward when they do this for the

community. They do it out of the firm belief that the gifts of time and talent that they have been blessed with are not theirs to keep, but to share with others.

If you or your church would like to help the Coalition for the Homeless, you can call Volunteer Coordinator Marsha Reinwald at 872-5784.

## Pastor shares insight on New Year

SANFORD — How do you feel about a New Year? I mean apart from any headache or regret you may have from the past year. In our most sensible moment we may tell ourselves that this division of the calendar into the Old Year and the New Year is just a matter of convenience. It is the way human beings have "packaged" the passing days.

But somehow, New Year's Day does speak to us of a new beginning - not only in terms of the date. In the Bible the Book of Ecclesiastes takes a pessimistic view of much, including anything new. Says the preacher of

long ago who gave us this interesting book: "There is nothing new under the sun." (Ecc. 1:9)

He was sure that nature and human beings just went on and on in dreary repetition. What has been, will be.

"There is nothing new under the sun." You and I might agree that much is repeated. That history in some ways has a way of repeating itself.

One man kept writing in his diary, "Got up, ate went to work. ate went to sleep." The same old routine. But the Bible, which has so many insights in it, also

declares that God himself, who reaches us through the Bible's words, is the author of new things.

"Behold," God is reported saying in Revelation 21:5, "Behold, I make all things new." God can make all things new by making you and me new. God can give us new hopes, new goals, new adventures, new life.

Prayer - We thank you, O God, who makes all things new, for new mercies, every returning day - new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven. Amen.



Rev. Bruce Scott

## Ask the preacher Bible questions

QUESTION: "So many view the Bible differently. Should it be regarded as myth or 'Holy Scripture'?"

ANSWER: It is true that the Bible is viewed differently by many, but this lack of uniformity should not be alarming. Men rarely agree on anything with consistency.

For example, we all agree that government is necessary but how much and for what purpose. Many opinions held about the Bible stem from ignorance about its content and purpose.

This is true for the believer

and the non-believer. If you read Scripture, it will reveal its truth to you...that is if you read with an open mind. Examine its content and test it.

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul reminds young Timothy about the guidance of his mother and grandmother in the sacred writings. Paul tells Timothy that "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, and correcting and training for righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Too many have focused on the rebuking and failed to see that the Bible is a love letter from God.

Most understanding of Scripture comes from its misuse rather than its overuse. Unfortunately, our generation does not turn to Scripture for the help it can be.

If one is willing to listen, great comfort can come from the message of God. In this new year, why not get acquainted with the Bible for yourself?



Minister Tony Black

## Minister discusses resolutions

Jonathan Edwards, who was used so remarkably of God, made the five following resolutions early in life and sought to abide by them throughout his entire ministry. You will notice that each one has a Scriptural basis; and, of course, the Bible should be the basis for the Christian's actions in every area of life.

1. RESOLVED: To live with all my might while I do live.— "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave wither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9-10)

2. RESOLVED: Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.— "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14)

3. RESOLVED: Never to do anything out of revenge.— "Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." (Romans 12-19)

4. RESOLVED: Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in

another— "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matthew 7:12)

5. RESOLVED: Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.— "But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer." (1 Peter 4:7). Surely anyone who will adopt these resolutions and strive to follow them in his daily walk will be a more useful and more Christ-like person.



Pastor Wesley Baker  
Sanford Church of God

# CDC: Winter's dominant flu strain less deadly to elderly

## By A.J. HOSBY/TAMU

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Most elderly Americans have some immunity to this season's dominant flu strain because they've had it before, the government says.

The Type-A Texas flu strain that is dominant from 1920 to 1987, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

In the 29 states where widespread flu outbreaks have been reported, Texas-A is more common than the season's two other strains, A/Sydney and A/Sydney. The Texas strain remained for 20 years, then re-emerged again after the 1968-69 flu season.

While it leaves many people weak, the CDC's chief of influenza epidemiology, Dr. Robert T. Jackson, said the Type-A Texas flu is striking mostly children and younger adults who are less likely to be immune to the strain.

The CDC recommends vaccinations for people at high risk, including people age 65 and older, nursing home residents, children with asthma and anyone with chronic illness.

The CDC also recommends that people at high risk get vaccinated against the other two strains of the virus, Sydney and A/Sydney.

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Is common sense really a cure-all?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Prescribe this, prescribe that -- every problem someone writes to you about is just another opportunity for you to recommend prescription drugs or specialists.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Well, this "sickness" is certainly not one that can be helped by medication.

Your basic position is, of course, valid. Many doctors are too quick to write out prescriptions; most doctors and patients would do well with infusions of common sense.

Nevertheless, it's important to establish a balance between pharmacological therapy (which may be needed for serious health problems) and common sense (which, if carried too far, can turn into mere pigheadedness).

Do people with trivial injuries and illnesses (such as colds) need medical attention and therapy? Not on your life. When we are patient and take good care of ourselves, our bodies have a phenomenal ability to cure themselves.

Yet, we are all familiar with people, steeped in common sense, who had dangerous ailments that they ignored, only to suffer catastrophe.

Therefore, before rejecting my position (and feeling ill over it), stand back and be objective. People are living longer (and better) today in large part because of astonishing medical advances.

Remember, too, that the concept of common sense changes with each generation. What was "common sense" decades ago may be considered now to be simply frivolous.

Because you shun medication, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 25-year-old female. Two years ago my bottom lip started to swell, then the whole lip became swollen.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You really sent me to the books on this one. Chelitis granulomatosa is an extremely rare condition of unknown cause, marked

by an inflammation of the lips. It appears without warning as a swelling and papules (bumps) inside the lips. It must be differentiated (by blood tests and biopsy) from the cheilitis caused by vitamin deficiency, fungus infection and herpes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 4-year-old daughter has a high level of iron in her blood. I was told at the well baby clinic that there is no medicine she can take for her problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Yes, you should. Your daughter may have iron overload (hemochromatosis).

This is an inherited disorder of iron metabolism that rarely affects children. Because of a genetic abnormality, patients with hemochromatosis store too much iron in their bodies, leading primarily to serious heart and liver diseases.



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PETER GOTT, M.D.

In my opinion, your daughter should be examined by a pediatric hematologist (blood specialist), because -- barring a laboratory error -- your daughter may need close monitoring and therapy.

Should your daughter be diagnosed with hemochromatosis, I suggest you contact the Iron Overload Diseases Association, 433 Westwind Drive, North Palm Beach, FL 33408 or telephone them at (407) 840-8512 for additional information.

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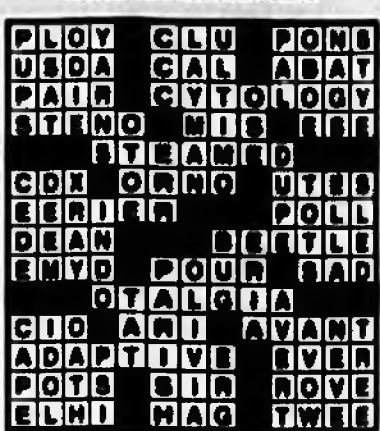
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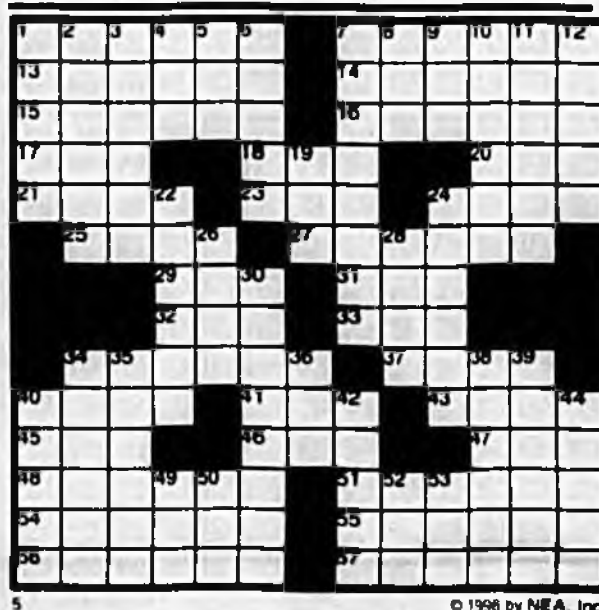
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WIN AT BRIDGE

Smiles, then tears

By Phillip Alder

Argentina was doing very well in last year's Bermuda Bowl until the Daily Bulletin editors pointed it out on the front page.

However, during the move to the top of the table, Pablo Lombardi and Carlos Lucena played well. In particular, on this deal Lucena found a brilliant move.

West led his heart jack: three, king, four. The simplest defense now is for East to switch to his singleton club.

Lombardi. Not knowing his partner had a spade trick, Lombardi gave his partner a heart ruff, which cost West his natural trump trick.

Note that this potentially left dummy with two heart winners, the ace and 10, for two club discards. But Lucena read the position perfectly. He cashed the diamond ace before leading the club king from his hand.

This was a classic Merrimac Coup, named for the American coal-carrying ship that was sunk in Santiago Harbor in 1898 in an effort to bottle up the Spanish fleet.

Bridge score table showing North, West, East, South scores and vulnerable status.

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Look for ways to put your earnings and resources to work in the year ahead. Investigate valid programs and find ways to use your money to make more money.

squaring too much starter fluid on the fire when barbecuing. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Play games for pleasure today and not solely to embarrass your opponents.

when involving yourself in activities that are too physically taxing today. Some of your muscles might not be able to meet these requirements.

ANNIE



by Leonard Starr