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TODAY

BRIEFS

Local soror honored by DST

ORLANDO — There will be some 10,000 members of Delta Sigma Theta in town this weekend, searching for good deeds to do.

The second oldest sorority in the nation is not your ordinary social group. The historically black sorority, which boasts 195,000 members, is more akin to a social-service organization than the Greeks of "Animal House" and "School Daze" fame.

Their national convention here is honoring several hundred women who have been members for more than 50 years, including Adrienne Harrison and Linda Reddick of Orlando and Gertrude Nolan of Oviedo.

Dial-a-beauty

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — It is a scene played out every year: The first runner-up is announced, the winner is crowned and Miss America takes her runway walk.

Then the viewer complaints begin. The winner's talent wasn't that good. She looked too heavy in swimsuit. Her gown was ugly. And so on.

This year, the "votes" from the peanut galleries of America's living rooms will count. For the first time ever, viewers will get a say in the selection of Miss America.

As a follow up to last year's call-in votes on the swimsuit competition, the pageant will allow viewers the opportunity to vote for about 70 minutes during the Sept. 14 telecast on NBC, organizers announced Monday.

Viewers will help choose five finalists from the field of 10 semifinalists.

"For the first time in our history," said Leonard Horn, chief executive officer of the pageant, "we are taking viewers out of their armchairs and putting them into the judges' box."

The calls, which cost 50 cents apiece, will be made to 1-800 numbers set up by AT&T — one for each semifinalist.

In effect, the audience will sit as the eighth judge, with their collective vote carrying one-eighth of the total vote. The seven celebrity judges in Convention Hall will take over in the final round.

Hurricane damage assessed

NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, N.C. — Damage estimates from Hurricane Bertha in North Carolina soared over \$60 million and authorities said some counties had lost much of their corn and tobacco crops in the storm.

Most of the damage — \$40 million — was in Onslow County, on the southeastern coast around Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base.

Gov. Jim Hunt on Monday declared a state of disaster in 15 counties, making them eligible for federal aid.

The storm's destruction may be most painful for the state's farmers, where estimated losses from 10 counties totaling \$154.7 million, state officials said.

Tommy McLamb, a federal agricultural specialist, said there was a 25 to 85 percent loss on tobacco and 30 to 90 percent loss for corn among the affected counties.

At Topsail, motorcycles were deposited by the storm surge on the side of the roadway and one car was carried across the road and dumped in a ditch. The garage doors of most houses were knocked out.

In Emerald Isle, where trees blocked many roads after the storm, Fire Chief Bill Walker said his crews had to cut their way down a street to rescue a woman stuck in her house. Then they used the saws to cut a path out.

Bertha caused at least \$4 million damage in South Carolina as it brushed past the state, insurance industry officials said. Officials were still assessing crop losses in the state.

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At that age (toddlers), the world is a museum.

—Michelle LeBaron



An accident at Park Avenue and 13th Street Monday sent Gary Taylor and Barbara Morley Aquino to the hospital with serious injuries.

A busy day for rescue workers

By VICKI DEBORGHAN
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — What started off as a bloody Monday afternoon in Sanford turned less tragic as those involved in accidents on the roads and sidewalks of town were in improved condition today.

An auto accident involving Orlando Sentinel reporter Gary D. Taylor sent both Taylor and the driver of the other vehicle, Barbara Morley Aquino to area hospitals with serious injuries requiring surgery.

According to Sanford Police Cmdr. Dennis Whitmire, Taylor was traveling north on Park Avenue when his car was struck broadside on the driver's side door by a 1984 Chevrolet station wagon used as a taxi driven by Aquino.

Taylor, 44, had to be cut from his 1990 American Motors Corporation car and transported by ambulance to Orlando Regional Medical Center where he underwent surgery to remove his spleen and repair sev-

eral broken ribs. According to Whitmire, Taylor, of 304 W. 24th Street in Sanford, was listed in critical condition with no blood pressure when he was transported from the scene.

"We talked with the family this morning," Whitmire said, "and they said he was going to be fine."

Hospital officials at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford, reported that Aquino, 46, of 3517 Palm Way in Sanford, was in stable condition following surgery on Monday evening. Details of her injuries were not available.

The driver's side door from Aquino's vehicle had to be cut to remove her from the car.

According to Whitmire, Aquino will be charged with failure to yield the right of way. Taylor will not be charged in the accident.

At the North Branch of the Seminole County Public Library, renovations were being done to the roof of the facility by McKee

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Mark Bringardner is transported to the hospital by rescue workers after falling from the roof of the Sanford branch library Monday.

Administration: Red ink is dwindling

By MARTIN CRUTCHER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration today released a revised economic forecast, predicting that the budget deficit will shrink to \$116.8 billion this year, \$29 billion lower than the administration had forecast in March.

The White House brought out its top economic officials to hail the administration's success in reducing the deficit, which President Clinton has made a key talking point in his re-election drive.

The \$116.8 billion estimate for the deficit for this budget year, which ends Sept. 30, compared

with a deficit estimate of \$146 billion when Clinton submitted his budget proposal to Congress in March.

The revised deficit estimate was part of the administration's new forecast for how the economy will perform. The administration boosted its outlook for how fast the economy will grow, reflecting the unexpected strength seen so far this year.

It predicted that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, will rise by 2.6 percent when measured from the fourth quarter of 1995. It earlier had forecast the GDP would grow only 2.2 percent this year.

On inflation, the administration predicted consumer prices would climb by 3.2 percent this year, only slightly worse than its March forecast of a 3.1 percent rise in consumer prices.

Through the first six months of this year, consumer inflation has been rising at an annual rate of 3.5 percent, the government reported today. That marks a sharp increase from last year's 2.5 percent price increase.

The administration's mid-session review of the economy was being released in the same week that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan will deliver to Congress the Fed's revised estimate. □ See Ink, Page 5A

Newcomers warmly welcomed for almost 70 years

By ALYSSA PETERSON
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Ten years ago, Sue Reiner and Karol Binkley decided to become more involved in their community by greeting newcomers and visiting neighbors. The two Lake Mary residents joined the Welcome Wagon International, Inc., starting their careers of traveling to nearby homes and welcoming new arrivals in the area.

Founded in 1928, the Welcome Wagon has expanded into a nationwide organization with over 2,000 field representatives. Over the years, the service has not only welcomed new residents, but has been greeting elected officials, promoting local businesses, and working with civic, state, and local governments. In its almost 70 year history, the unique business has become an integral part of local communities across the nation.

Reiner and Binkley are two of the friendly faces that represent the Welcome Wagon in the city of Lake Mary. "It's a great career," said Binkley of her work. "I love helping newcomers in the area become more comfortable in their new environment and learn more about their community."

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Far left and right: Welcome Wagon representatives Sue Reiner and Karol Binkley visit the Sandy Harris and children Kristin, 7, and Jordan, 8, received gifts and coupons to share with dad Jackson Harris, who was not home at the time.

POLICE BRIEFS

Arrests

Robert V. Hughes, 20, 584 N. Thompson Rd., Apopka, was arrested on July 11 by Sanford police for resisting arrest without violence.

Susan Debroka Tolkes, 37, 2404 Northlake Dr., Sanford, was arrested July 11 by Longwood police for an outstanding warrant when he was stopped on S.R. 600.

Jerome Pendleton, 23, 2830 Byrd Ave., Sanford, was arrested on July 11 for driving without a license, no proof of insurance and not having the assigned tag.

Incidents

A Sanford man in the 1000 block of Emmett Ave. reported that \$1,400 worth of equipment was stolen from his home on July 11.

A gas station attendant in the 2000 block of S.R. 434 in Longwood reported that two cars gamed up and left without paying on July 11 for a loss of \$38.35.

A man and his wife in the 200 block of Fairway Dr. reported that \$800 worth of stereo equipment and other goods were stolen from their two cars on July 10 by breaking out a window to one while the other was unlocked.

A man in the 100 block of Sabal Palm, Longwood reported that \$120 worth of household goods were stolen from his home on July 10.

A woman in the 600 block of Sabal Lake Dr. reported that her purse was stolen from her house. No force was used to get in, she said.

A man in the 2000 block of Granby Street reported that someone entered his home and stole a \$275 VCR on July 10.

A man and his wife in the 1000 block of Alberta Street, Longwood reported that on July 12 that they awoke to a light in their kitchen and one of their two dogs growling; then they heard a door slam. When they checked it out, they found a plate of chicken on the floor occupying the other dog and a flashlight and a screwdriver on the floor. However, nothing was missing.

A woman in the 400 block of Red Mulberry Court, Longwood, reported that someone entered her house through an open sliding glass door and stole a surfboard while her kids were asleep on July 10.

A woman in the 5000 block of Deer Path, Longwood, reported that on July 11 someone stole her cellular phone out of her unlocked car.

The Heathrow Homeowner's president reported that on July 11 someone stole the A/C unit worth \$300 worth off of guard shack after prying it off.

Incidents reported to Sanford police

A man in the 2000 block of Louis reported that two black males stole his bike worth \$450 from McDonald's on July 11.

A woman in the 2000 block of Ridgewood Ave. reported that someone entered her house through her sliding glass door and stole a CD player on July 11.

A man in the 600 block of Park Ave. reported that someone cut the screen to his porch and stole a jar of change on July 11.

The manager of a business in the 300 block of Oak Avenue reported someone stole \$200 from their cash box on July 11.

A Sanford woman reported that someone reached through her partially open car window and stole \$480 in cash and a \$125 watch.

Sanford police reported that they found the back door open to the United Negro College Fund office in Sanford.



A crafty bunch

Members of the Pine Ridge Club in Sanford recently hosted a craft show at their Airport Boulevard club house. Members displayed and sold their wares, ranging from cross stitch and porcelain dolls to jewelry and baked goods. Carrie Matthews, above, created and dressed a

variety of dolls of celebrities and plain janes as well as ceramic pets and angels. Meanwhile (below, left to right) Ann Mazza, Louise McNamara and Sharon Hudson tempted those in attendance with their homemade sweets, floral arrangements and jeweled items.

Harrell Photo by Shant Lynn Hill



What's bugging Wall Street?

By FARNELL KRAMER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — What's bugging Wall Street? In a word: profits.

Earnings season, the several-week period when companies unveil their quarterly profit reports en masse, has become a major problem with some early disappointments throwing the stock market into a frenzy.

The Dow Jones industrial average on Monday posted its fourth-biggest point drop ever. Continued selling in the technology-heavy Nasdaq Stock Market left it with almost no gain for the year. The turmoil is raising questions about whether the 5 1/2-year-old bull market is finished.

"There's been a change of character," said Stan Weinstein, publisher of the Professional Tape Reader, a market newsletter.

The Dow average, the market's most widely followed index, finished Monday down 161.05 points, or 2.9 percent, at 5,349.51. That was its steepest slide since March 8 and lowest close since late January.

Other market averages saw significant erosion, too, especially the Nasdaq composite index. The Nasdaq, home to companies like Microsoft and chip-maker Intel, saw its main index lose 3.9 percent of its value, leaving it ahead less than 1 percent for the year.

Trading today will represent an important test of the market's strength. Will stocks turn and rally, or will they tank again?

Concern about corporate profits triggered the recent slump, particularly earnings in the important technology sector. Profits drive stocks more than anything else, and word of weakness can quickly shake confidence.

Last Thursday, the Dow lost more than 83 points after an announcement late Wednesday by computer giant Hewlett-Packard that earnings growth slowdown would hurt sales and profits. That came a day after a disappointing earnings report from chip-maker Motorola.

The drop Monday, however, did not follow any major economic news.

"The market is reacting in advance of these earnings and in fear of what they might bring," said Eugene Peroni, director of technical research at Janney Montgomery Scott, a brokerage.

Study: Fitness helps compensate for smoking

By ELEANOR GOODMAN
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Being physically fit is such a powerful force for health that even smokers with high blood pressure and high cholesterol who are in good aerobic shape tend to live longer than nonsmoking couch potatoes who are otherwise healthy, a study found.

"Low fitness, which of course is caused primarily by a sedentary way of life, is really a very important risk factor" for early death, said lead author Steven N. Blair, director of research for the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas.

His team studied 25,341 men and 7,080 women who received physicals at the clinic between 1970 and 1980. After an average of 8 1/2 years of follow-up, 801 men and 89 women had died.

The one-fifth of men who were least fit, as measured in a treadmill test, were found to be 52 percent more likely to die over the study period than the two-fifths of men who were most fit, the researchers found.

That figure was derived from a statistical analysis that controlled for differences in other traits that affect death risk, such as age and weight, researchers said.

Men who were most fit and who smoked, had high blood pressure and high cholesterol still had a 15 percent survival advantage over the least fit who didn't smoke or have high blood

CDC Head: Blacks should pay extra attention to surgeon general's report

By JANET McCONAUGHEY
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Blacks should pay special attention to the surgeon general's warning that exercise is essential to good health, says the head of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The medical community has long maintained that exercise has a dramatic effect on blood pressure, and that blacks are 20 times more likely than whites to suffer from high blood pressure. Research also has found that blacks exercise less.

"Without question ... African-Americans get less exercise than whites, and Hispanics get less exercise than whites," Dr. David Satcher said Monday in a speech to the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks.

"We haven't found out all the reasons, though it's obvious some are environmental — whether you can walk on

the streets or not," said Satcher, who is black.

Kidney disease caused by high blood pressure is a leading killer of black Americans, striking them at six times the rate of whites. And, while blacks make up 12 percent of the population, they represent 31 percent of those on dialysis because their kidneys have failed.

Moderate daily exercise — for instance, walking for 30 minutes a day or waxing a car for 45 to an hour — can cut that risk dramatically, Satcher said.

Such activity cuts the risk of dying from heart disease in half and can cut the risk of high blood pressure by 30 percent, according to the surgeon general's report released last week.

Sedentary people should start with short exercise sessions of five to 10 minutes and gradually build up to the recommended levels, the report said.

pressure or high cholesterol, Blair said.

Similar trends were found among the women.

Subjects in the study who

were most fit got more exercise than the minimum recommended by the surgeon general — 30 minutes of accumulated moderate activity daily. That

could be by adding jogging or swimming two or three times a week, Blair said.

Subjects in the low-fit group did less than the minimum 30 minutes a day, he said.

Findings of the study were to be released today at a news conference in New York and are published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association, based in Chicago.

The study is similar to previous research "but maybe drives home a little more fully the notion that sedentary living and low fitness are really very important predictors of mortality," Blair said.

Blair said many physicians still fail to appreciate that.

"I say, when I speak to physicians, if you see a patient and you say, 'Well, you don't smoke and your blood pressure and cholesterol are normal — you're at low risk,' I say, 'You don't really know that, unless you know something about their fitness, or at very least their physical activity patterns,'" Blair said.

A heart-risk expert not associated with the study agreed.

"If you're fit, you're going to live longer, and you're going to offset the impact of bad habits,

and risk factors like hypertension and having a high blood cholesterol level," said Dr. W. Fraser Bremner, head of preventive cardiology at Loyola University Medical Center in suburban Chicago.

"Being fit seems to offset some of the impact of these (risk factors)," he added. "But it's important to emphasize it doesn't cancel them out. So if you're a smoker, your risk of dying of lung cancer is still far ahead of the rest of the population who don't smoke."

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EDITORIAL

Tourism in Seminole County

Seminole County has systematically waged a quality campaign to draw tourists to our area. Jack Wert, director of tourism for the Seminole County Convention and Visitors Bureau, recently released figures that show our portion of the southern tourist market is increasing. The SCCVB had projected lodging tax receipts of \$85,000 for the month of May. Actual receipts totaled \$96,428, a 17.6 percent increase over May of 1986.

The exciting point to make is the draw Seminole County offers to visitors is not strips of souvenir and trinket shops, nor manmade amusement parks.

The draw is the county's natural beauty and Olympic class soccer training facilities.

That we chose not to compete for tourists' dollars on the same level as Orange and Osceola counties is admirable. Of course the theme parks are great fun and will always draw hundreds of thousands of tourists who help fuel Central Florida's economy. But Seminole County's natural beauty, such as the St. Johns and Wekiva rivers astounds those tourists headed for the crowded theme parks, Wert says. And the fact that we are showcasing this unspoiled beauty is smart marketing.

Wert says the SCCVB will continue to position Seminole County as the alternative destination, using Orlando, the family fun vacation site, as a drawing card. In this way, our county will benefit from tourism without being "overrun" by visitors. Again, we say: Smart marketing.

LETTER

Thank you

As this school year ends, the Goldsboro faculty and staff wish to express their appreciation to your staff for your professionalism, and positive coverage afforded our school this school year.

We have had a successful school year, and it is partly because of your involvement with our many school projects. Your assistance with the publication of the "Eagle Eye News" and the special Learn and Serve Project book publication "Moments in Time," will always be remembered by the students as well as staff.

Ms. Marva Hawkins has performed above and beyond the call of her duties as a contributing writer and mentor to our S.T.A.R. 5 students. Her knowledge and expertise is unquestioned and she has been an inspiration to our youth. Ms. Hawkins has made an invaluable contribution to our school community.

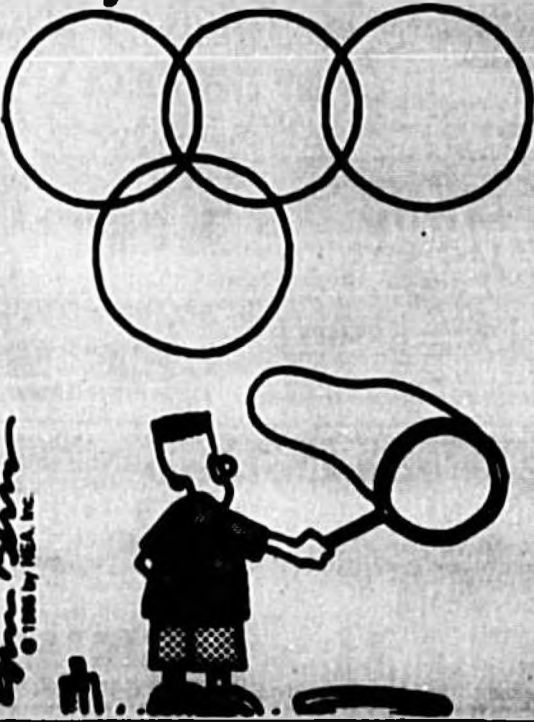
Therefore, as principal of Goldsboro Elementary School, I want to thank you and your staff and express appreciation for your unselfishness, concern and dedication to the welfare of our students.

Ron Nathan, principal
Goldsboro Elementary School

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

Berry's World



SARA ECKEL

Dole's double-speak on abortion

Question: What is Bob Dole's stand on abortion?

Answer: He is against abortion personally, but he believes that the Republican Party should respect other opinions. He has urged tolerance on this issue.

Q: So then Bob Dole is pro-choice?

A: No. He has declared himself pro-life. He thinks abortion should be illegal.

Q: But I thought Dole said he wants to respect the opinions of others on this matter?

A: He does. He thinks people are entitled to their opinion.

Q: But he also thinks that the people who disagree with him should not be allowed to carry out their opinions?

A: Correct.

Q: So how is he being tolerant?

A: Well, he has asked that the Republican Party acknowledge that you can be a good Republican and still believe in legalized abortion, and he says he would consider a pro-choice running mate.

Q: In other words, Republicans should have the right to choose their position on abortion.

A: Yes.

Q: But women should not have the right to choose whether or not they will have one?

A: Right.

Q: Why does Dole want abortion outlawed?

A: The pro-life position is that abortion is the moral equivalent of killing a child.

Q: This is what Dole believes?

A: He says he is pro-life.

Q: So Bob Dole is urging tolerance on a practice that he believes kills children?

A: Well...

Q: How could he do that? Killing children doesn't sound like anything that any person of conscience would tolerate.

A: Well, not everyone sees abortion that way.

Q: How do they see it?

A: Many people do not think that having an abortion is the same as killing a child. And they think that the decision to terminate a pregnancy



So how is he being tolerant?

should be the woman's and not the government's.

Q: That's the pro-choice position?

A: Yes.

Q: Which Dole disagrees with?

A: Right.

Q: So if Dole thinks that abortion kills children, how can he even consider the teeniest compromise on this?

A: Because he wants to win the election, and he can't afford to alienate pro-choice Republicans.

Q: Why not?

A: Because they are the majority of Republicans.

Q: Does being pro-choice mean that you support abortion?

A: No, it means you don't think it should be illegal. It means that you believe individuals should make this decision for themselves.

Q: So it means you are tolerant of other people's decisions?

A: Yes.

Q: So however Dole plays the abortion card, it's a big gamble.

A: Right.

Q: And in the end, Dole is neither pro-life nor pro-choice. What he really is....

A: Pro-Dole.



MORTON KONDRACKE

Get over Golden Age nostalgia

Americans have a chronic complaint: that the country is "seriously off on the wrong track." But, says a fascinating new book, that's because they harbor an unrealistic nostalgia for a post-war "Golden Age" that can't possibly return.

Despite the fact that the United States is the richest and most powerful country on earth, journalist Michael Elliott writes, "Americans whine" because "they have lost the ability to accurately assess their present condition."

Writes Elliott in his book, "The Day Before Yesterday," "They constantly compare America to a world we have lost - to a Golden Age that followed World War II. But that period of America's history was a massive freak. It is a false yardstick with which to measure the scale of our present discontent."

"Our obsession with those years," he writes, "is like the ultimately hopeless task of trying to recapture a dreamtime."

According to Elliott, instead of dwelling on the end of the postwar boom, "we have to get over it" and solve the problems of the present.

In "The Day Before Yesterday," Elliott argues that - with significant exceptions - America is heading back into "normal" times like before this century's wars began in 1914.

He argues that America's natural strengths, including its geography, wealth, entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community, ought to enable us to overcome future challenges, such as America after 1914 repeatedly summoned the strength to save democracy.

In making this argument, Elliott along the way has written a wonderfully learned book about this country - appreciative and charmed by what he sees in a way that only a foreign correspondent can be.

Now editor of Newsweek's international editions, the British-born Elliott formerly was Washington bureau chief for the Economist, and has spent time in places - like the Monongahela Valley in Pennsylvania and Shannon County, S.D., the poorest county in America - that U.S. journalists at best only pass through.

His book is chock-full of little essays about American culture, some only a paragraph long, that reveal both depressing and hopeful facts about the nation.

For instance, he notes a major difference in the health patterns of U.S. social classes: "Those who never finished high school are more than twice as likely to be fat as those who have gone to college. In 1970, 35 percent of high school dropouts smoked cigarettes, as did 28 percent of college graduates. By 1983, the number of smokers in the first category was 37 percent, but among the college-educated smoking had become taboo: only 13.8 percent smoked cigarettes."

Concerned about possible ethnic Balkanization in the country, Elliott finds some hope in intermarriage figures, including

the fact that one-third of Latinos and Asians now marry outside their own group, about the rate that Italian-Americans did in 1945 on their way to 80 percent by the late 1960s.

His main argument, though, is that America has been in a semi-permanent "funk" ever since the mid-1970s

because the post-war boom in incomes and optimism came to its inevitable end.

The Wirthlin polling organization has been asking voters since 1976 whether they think the country is basically on the right or wrong track; the "wrong track" number dipped below 50 percent only in 1981 and the late 1980s. Last year, it averaged 66 percent, and currently it's 64 percent.

Elliott doesn't question that the post-war Golden Age was "golden," with

median family income more than doubling from \$17,000 in 1947 to \$35,000, adjusting for inflation, in 1973. Then, between 1973 and the 1980s, family income rose by just 1 percent a year.

Moreover, while income growth was spread across the population in the Golden Age, it's been skewed to the wealthy since the 1970s, with the poorest fifth of the population gaining nothing since 1973, the next fifth gaining 3 percent, and the richest fifth, 36 percent.

Elliott argues, as many others have, that the change came about because the United States no longer enjoyed the dominance of the world economy it had when so many industrialized nations were destroyed by war.

But he points out that the period between the 1960s and 1990s "wrecked the cohesion and self-confidence that has been so powerful in the Golden Age" - through assassinations, the divisions surrounding the Vietnam War, urban riots, and a social and sexual revolution that ballooned rates of divorce and illegitimacy.

So, what do we do now? Elliott is an optimist who thinks that if we quit mourning the loss of the Golden Age, we can meet reasonable expectations - in fact, that we already are doing so in terms of productivity growth rates and the stabilizing of most negative social indicators.

He is deeply worried about the return of class rifts in the society and about whether the family can be restored to basic strength.

The book is a good primer for an election year.



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JACK ANDERSON

U.N. runs phantom decolonization effort

UNITED NATIONS - A planned U.N. junket to a group of Pacific islands reveals what American critics believe is the unchanged nature of a free-spending institution that refuses to tighten its belt in more austere times.

Last May, U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright wrote a letter to chief U.N. financial officer Joseph Connor complaining that it was a "frivolous expenditure" of \$150,000 to send U.N. officials to a seminar in Papua New Guinea when the meeting could be held in New York City.

"At a time when the United Nations is fiscally strapped, and in the midst of scaling back its operations, to allow such a frivolous and unneeded expenditure would undermine the reform efforts being made, and damage the image of the United Nations that we all are working so hard to improve," Albright wrote.

The U.N. bureaucracy was unmoved. One undersecretary had expressed some reservations about the seminar, a U.N. spokesperson said, but he was told the committee could go ahead as planned since the money had already been appropriated from the current budget.

This damn-the-critics, full-spending-ahead mindset might be less galling to American taxpayers if the money was put to good use. But the Pacific seminar is being held by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee - a true tribute to the staying power of useless agencies at the U.N.

The committee is overseen by the U.N. Trusteeship Council, which has had its own splendid Danish-decorated chamber at the U.N., and was set up to administer the 11 trust territories that existed when the council was founded decades ago.

It was well-intended. In fact, the biggest boost in U.N. membership began with the massive decolonization push starting in 1960. Since that time, more than 80 former colonial territories have joined the U.N. as independent states.

The council has also been good for the trust territories the U.N. was supposed to administer. The independent nation of Papua New Guinea was once an Australian protectorate. Rwanda and Burundi were administered by Belgium. Somalia was formerly divided between Italy and Great Britain. Cameroon, Togo, Western Samoa, Nigeria and Tanzania were all once trusteeships but are now sovereign states. And the list goes on.

By 1975, a Pacific island grouping in Micronesia was the only U.N. trust territory left on earth, and it was administered by the United States. In the years that followed, this sole trust territory was enough to justify an annual U.N. budget of \$1 million per year. Of course, U.N. officials had to go on two-week junkets in the Pacific each year to witness the colonial situation firsthand.

Palau, the last sliver of the Micronesia trust territory, achieved independence in 1984. But does that mean either the Trusteeship Council or the Decolonization Committee is gone? No, money still flows their way, despite American calls for their demise.

In part, one U.N. official explained to our associate Dale Van Atta, the council can only be changed by changing the U.N. charter. "And monkeying with that for any reason might bring the whole thing down like a house of cards at this fragile moment in our history," the official said.

Also, many Third World leaders love to use the decolonization idea as a bully pulpit for venting their frustration with the United States and other Western countries.



The U.N. bureaucracy was unmoved.

Kathie Lee Gifford fights child labor

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Using a script that could have come from Hollywood, Kathie Lee Gifford marched on Congress to save her reputation, sullied by the allegation that clothes bearing her name were made in sweatshops, with newfound dedication to the fight against child labor.

"You are an ambassador for the exploited working kids of this world," Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., said at the conclusion of House hearings Monday on the issue of child labor.

Earlier this year, the TV talk show hostess was more of a symbol of the greed of U.S. manufacturers, particularly in the garment industry, and the stars who lend their names to clothing products.

Labor and human rights groups revealed that Wal-Mart clothing using Gifford's name was produced in a Honduran factory where children worked under abusive conditions for 31 cents an hour.

Hearing the charges "was nothing less than an assault on my very soul," Gifford told a packed audience in the International Relations Committee hearing room.

Gifford and Wal-Mart severed ties with the Honduran factory and a New York sweatshop that was also found to be exploiting workers making her clothing. She has since spoken out forcefully against child labor and said she was implementing a plan "whereby any Kathie Lee fashion wear will be done in factories willing to submit to surprise inspections."

The spotlight on Gifford has been a godsend for Smith and other human rights advocates who normally find few listeners when they address such issues as the international exploitation

of children.

Dozens of camera crews and photographers, several from Latin American countries, were crammed into a small room where Gifford, accompanied by her husband Frank Gifford, met the press, and hundreds of people waited outside the hearing room for a chance to hear the celebrity speak.

The focus on Gifford "served to catalyze our national understanding of the scope of the child labor problem," said Smith, who is introducing leg-

islation to ban the import of goods produced by child labor.

Gifford and Labor Secretary Robert Reich are speaking today at a Labor Department-hosted forum on the problems of child labor and sweatshops in the fashion and apparel industry.

Reich, also testifying at the hearing Monday, said one topic at the forum will be a possible labeling program to certify that garments are made under humane conditions and without using child labor.

He said the government must

also do a better job of stopping abuses in American plants, noting that there are only 800 federal inspectors for 6 million workplaces and asking, "Is it any wonder that sweatshops are making a comeback in the United States?"

He said Congress is considering a 40 percent cut in next year's budget for the Labor Department agency that monitors child labor.

The International Labor Organization estimates that 73 million children between the

ages of 10 and 14 are employed worldwide, 13 percent of all children in this age group.

Although 90 percent of these children work in agriculture, the ILO said, millions are being exposed to unhealthy and unsafe working conditions, physical and mental abuse, slave labor and prostitution.

Smith's legislation, which Reich said was "the right direction to go," would ban the import of products made by child labor, ban foreign aid to countries that do not enforce

child labor laws, bar loans from U.S. lending agencies for projects that use child labor and provide \$50 million over five years to an ILO group fighting child labor.

Lawmakers led by Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., are also urging the National Olympic Committee not to use soccer balls stitched by children. They say 80 percent of the soccer balls sold in the United States are imported from a region of Pakistan where child labor is rampant.

Limbaugh to drop syndicated TV show

By SCOTT WILLIAMS
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Disappointed that his TV show is being broadcast later and later, conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh is quitting his 4-year-old syndicated show, a source said.

Limbaugh's last show will be produced on Sept. 6, said a source at "Rush Limbaugh, the Television Show," speaking Monday on condition of anonymity.

Limbaugh himself said he is disappointed with the direction in which traditional TV syndication is heading, complaining that it has resulted in his show getting late night time slots.

"We're seeing an increase in the number of networks, but ... I've been pushed later and later and in the process lost a lot of potential audience," he said.

The show, syndicated by Multimedia Entertainment Inc., is carried on 234 stations and is ranked 66th of 183 syndicated shows among 18- to 34-year-old men.

The trade paper Variety reported Limbaugh was contemplating a move to the Fox Broadcasting Co. news division, where his former executive producer, Roger Ailes, has been appointed chairman and chief executive officer.

Limbaugh, known for his staunch conservatism and acidic attacks on liberals, also is heard weekly by an estimated 25 million listeners on more than 660 radio stations nationwide.

A survey last fall by TALK DAILY ranked Limbaugh as the top political talk radio host in the nation.

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IN BRIEF

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EPCOT to salute Dream Teams

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Hoop fans visiting EPCOT on Wednesday, July 17 will have the chance to get within three-point distance of both the men's and women's Dream Teams during a pep rally-themed motorcade set for 6 p.m. around World Showcase Lagoon. Color guards, a marching band, squads of cheerleaders and flag carriers will add to the revelry.

AROUND THE STATE

Heat sign Howard, Mourning

MIAMI — The Miami Heat reached contract agreements with forward Juwan Howard and center Alonzo Mourning for seven years apiece totaling about \$210 million. Mourning's contract reportedly totals \$112 million and Howard's \$96 million to \$98 million with incentives.

ELSEWHERE

NBA movement

ATLANTA — Dikembe Mutombo, a 7-foot-2 center who played five seasons with Denver and led the league in blocks the last three seasons, signed a five-year contract with Atlanta, believed to be worth at least \$50 million. The Hawks also traded Stacey Augmon and Grant Long to Detroit for two first-round and two second-round draft picks. Portland sent Rod Strickland, one of the league's top point guards, and forward Rasheed Wallace and guard Mitchell Butler. The Bulls also signed free agent forward Tracy Murray. Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon signed a five-year, \$55 million contract extension. The Rockets also signed free agent point guard Brent Price to a seven-year deal. Price, 27, the younger brother of free agent guard Mark Price, averaged 10.0 points, 5.1 assists and 2.8 rebounds with Washington last season.

Ripken moved to third

BALTIMORE — Orioles manager Davey Johnson, in an effort to shake up his slumping team, started Cal Ripken at third base against the Toronto Blue Jays. The switch ended Ripken's string of 2,216 consecutive games as Baltimore's starting shortstop, which began July 1, 1982. Ripken, who has played in 2,244 consecutive games, began his career at third base in 1981. He was replaced at shortstop by Manny Alexander, 25, who has spent his entire career in the Orioles' organization. Ripken, 35, is hitting .285 with nine errors.

Blauser out 4-6 weeks

ATLANTA — Atlanta Braves shortstop Jeff Blauser will be out 4-6 weeks after breaking his left hand when hit by a pitch in the seventh inning by Montreal's Jeff Juden. Team officials said X-rays showed a fracture of the fourth metacarpal bone in Blauser's left hand.

Irvin pleads no contest

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin struck a deal in his cocaine possession trial that keeps him out of jail but requires him to undergo frequent drug testing. Irvin pleaded no contest to second-degree felony cocaine possession in exchange for four years' deferred probation, a \$10,000 fine and dismissal of misdemeanor marijuana possession charges. The deferred probation means if he stays out of trouble for four years, the charge is cleared from his record. If not, Irvin would face a sentence of up to 20 years. The judge also could sentence Irvin to hundreds of hours of community service. Under the NFL's substance abuse policy, first-time offenders are subject to suspension for up to four regular-season or playoff games if they violate the law.

Morris suspended

NEW YORK — Bam Morris, released by the Pittsburgh Steelers last week after pleading guilty to marijuana possession, was suspended four games by the NFL. Morris, who rushed for 836 yards as a rookie two years ago and 559 last season, is unsigned. When he does, he will miss the first four regular-season games. Morris was arrested March 22 after police found about 6 pounds of marijuana in his car's trunk. He pleaded guilty in Rockwall, Texas, on June 27, was placed on probation, fined \$7,000 and ordered to do 200 hours of community service.

Heading to state

Sanford 14-15 All-Stars win Area Tournament

By DUANE LAFOLLETTE
Herald Sports Correspondent

LONGWOOD — There is an old saying that goes, "offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships."

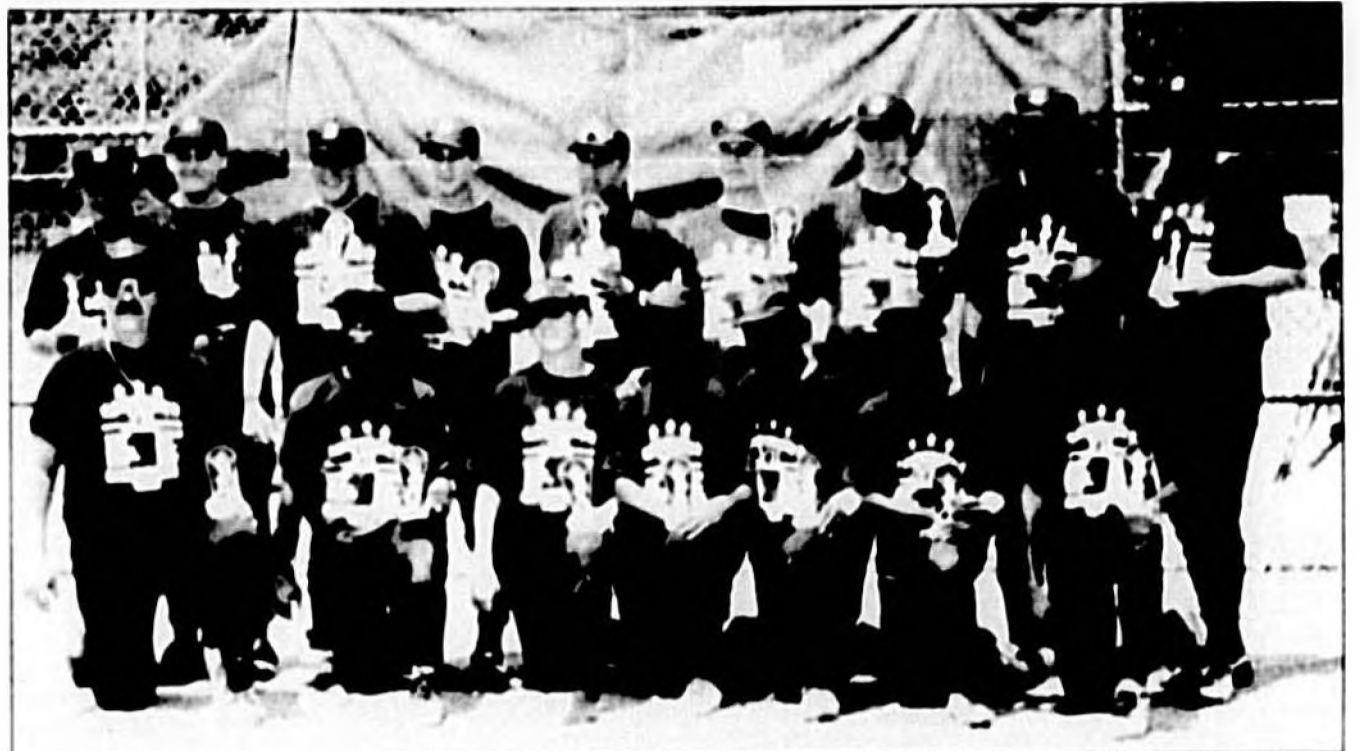
The Sanford 14-15 year old Babe Ruth All-Stars can attest this morning that that saying is true. Sanford was held to only four hits and saw its scoreless, and unbeaten, streak come to an end Saturday as Sean Morrison hit a long, two-out home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Winter Haven a 3-2 victory and force the "if necessary" game in the Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15 Area Tournament at Candyland Park in Longwood.

Things did not look much brighter for the home forces on Sunday, as Winter Haven led 2-0 after three innings, but Sanford, which only got two hits, took advantage of three errors in the fourth inning and Tomas Berrios singled in the eventual winning run in the fifth inning as Sanford came-from-behind to win the Area championship 3-2.

But what made the result even more spectacular was the Sanford defense, which turned three important double plays and threw out two runners at the plate in the top of the sixth inning to preserve the lead.

Sanford, which is now 7-2 in All-Star play, will now play in the State Tournament in Ocala starting Thursday or Friday. The schedule will be announced later today.

On Saturday, Winter Haven took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning against Sanford starting pitcher Mike Robinson. Timmy Schall singled and stole second and Nate Parrish was safe on an infield



Members of the Babe Ruth 13-15 Year Old Area Tournament champions are (top photo left to right), front row: coach Kenny Erickson, Randy Casey, Justin Erickson, Levi Raines, Tug Daniels, T.J. Thompson, Freddie Hawkins; back row: manager Tolle Frank, Joe Perry, Barry Porter, Justin Nettles, Tomas Berrios, Jeremy Myers, Jonathan Hubbard, Mike Robinson, coach Brian Jones.

In the photo at left, Tournament Director Mr. Phillips (second from left) presents the championship trophies and plaque to Sanford coaches (from left to right) Kenny Erickson, Tolle Frank and Brian Jones.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL 13-15 AREA TOURNAMENT AT CANDYLAND PARK, LONGWOOD SATURDAY

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Robinson, Daniels (8) and Erickson, Parrish, Weis (8) and Morris WP — Weis, LP — Daniels (11) Save — none 2B — Sanford, Casey 2B — none HR — Winter Haven Morrison

SUNDAY SANFORD L WINTER HAVEN 3-2

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Morris, Monreal, Acevedo (5) and Morrison, Myers, Porter (5) and Erickson WP — Porter (11) LP — Acevedo Save — none 2B — Winter Haven, Cimini 2B — none HR — none Records — Winter Haven 12, Sanford 7 overall, 31 tournament

single and stole second before David Cimini and Morrison hit back-to-back sacrifice flies.

Robinson settled down to shutout Winter Haven over the next six innings and Sanford came up with single runs in the third and sixth innings to tie the game.

In the third inning, T.J. Thompson walked, stole second and scored all the way from second on a long fly to center by Tug Daniels.

In the sixth inning, Daniels walked and stole second and scored two outs later when the Winter Haven shortstop overthrew first base on a grounder off the bat of Berrios.

Sanford had a chance to win the game in regulation as, in the top of the seventh inning, Freddie Hawkins singled and stole second and moved to third on a single by Justin Erickson, who also stole

second. But Hawkins was picked off on an attempted squeeze play and the next two batters flew out to end the threat.

Winter Haven also missed a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh inning. With one out, Nate Curtain reached on a dropped third strike and Mario Monreal reached on a fielder's choice with no one being retired. **See Sanford, Page 2B**

Team No. 1 takes AT & T softball lead

From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY — J.T. Dudrow scored two runs and drove in another as Team #1 defeated Team #2 6-2 to take over sole leadership of the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks & Recreation Summer AT & T Slowpitch Softball League at the Lake Mary Sports Complex on Tuesday, July 9.

Team #1 gained sole possession of first place, and is now the only undefeated team in the league, as Hank Turek singled in Vic Elyea with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning as Team #3 beat previously unbeaten Team #4 3-2.

The teams will play again tonight at the Lake Mary Sports Complex with Team #1, now 2-0 on

AT&T Team #1	118	880	0	2	7
AT&T Team #2	138	816	0	6	9
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the season, taking on Team #4 (1-1) and Team #3 (1-1) playing Team #2 (0-2). Action begins at 6 p.m.

Doing the damage for Team #1 were J.T. Dudrow (two singles, two runs scored, one RBI), Keith Murray and Torry Brady (two singles and one RBI each), Matt Crowe (one single and one RBI), Walt McComb (one single, one run scored), Chris Brady (one single), Cliff Jackson (two runs scored) and Rick Hughes (one run scored).

Team #2 was led by Rick Delaney (two singles), Fernando Torres (one double, one RBI), Bill

Fenney (one single, one run scored), Ray Fabio, Tom Donavan and K.C. Cotterman (one single each) and Ron Abbott (one run scored).

Contributing for Team #3 were Hank Turek (three singles, two RBI), Ric Gill, Charlie Augustus and Fred Pelt (two singles each), Vic Elyea (one double, one run scored), Bill Ennion (one single, one run scored), Tim Casady and Robert Daye (one single each) and Rick Rosenheimer (one run scored).

Providing the offense for Team #4 were Jeff Ritenour (one double, one single, one run scored, one RBI), Fernando Torres (one double, one single), Mike Blentchuk (one double, one run scored), Scott Ritenour, Mitch Roemer, Mike Lapham and Tony Mastascon (one single each) and Scott Bierly (one RBI).

Magic step up bid to re-sign Shaq

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO — Anfernee Hardaway looks at the way NBA teams are maneuvering to sign high-profile free agents and can't help but get a little queasy about Shaquille O'Neal being on the open market.

The all-star point guard doesn't even want to think about the possibility of going into next season without the other half of the Orlando Magic's Dream Team duo on his side.

"I get nervous," Hardaway said Monday. "You see the Lakers move (Vlade) Divac to free money to offer Shaquille, and it's a threat to the team. I definitely won't get rest, knowing that, until he's signed."

The Magic reportedly are set to make a strong push to accomplish just that with an offer worth \$115 million over seven years.

The Lakers are one of three teams believed to be pursuing O'Neal, too, reportedly offering \$95.5 million for the same period with an option to become a free agent again in three years.

The four-time all-star center was noncommittal about his future after working out with Hardaway and other members of the U.S. Olympic basketball team at the Disney Institute.

He reiterated that re-signing with the Magic is his first option, but said he intends to wait until agent Leonard Armato is comfortable enough with an offer to bring it to him for consideration.

"Leonard's going to come to me and say 'I think this

is a good deal.' If I like what I see, I'll sign," he said, shrugging off questions about what kind of package Orlando has to put together to keep him.

"I've said a million, zillion times that I would like to be here ... I'm just looking for a deal that's good for me and my family."

A \$115 million contract would top the \$112 million deal Alonzo Mourning received from the Miami Heat over the weekend. The Lakers, meanwhile, acknowledged their chances of luring O'Neal with an offer that can't be sweetened because of salary cap restrictions aren't very good.

"We're not optimistic, but we'll continue to keep our hat in the ring until either he tells us he's not interested in us or he signs with Orlando," Lakers spokesman John Black said. "Until that time, we'll keep the dialogue open."

The Orlando Sentinel reported the Dallas Mavericks and Detroit Pistons also may be pursuing O'Neal, who insisted he hasn't seen any figures from anyone, including the Magic. Orlando tried to bolster its bid to retain the four-time all-star with a half-page ad in Monday's editions of USA Today.

Orlando owner Rich DeVos wished O'Neal and Hardaway good luck in their pursuit of a gold medal in the Olympics while restating his desire to keep the nucleus of the Magic together.

"We look forward to having you both back on our team as we continue our drive to an NBA champion-

See Shaq, Page 2B

West Seminole Bronco's romp to state title

Special to the Herald

FIVE POINTS — The West Seminole PONY (Protect Our Nations Youth) League Bronco All-Stars completed an unbeaten run to the South-eastern Regional by adding the State Tournament title to its collection this past weekend at the Seminole PONY Baseball Complex.

The West Seminole Bronco's (11-12 year olds) had gone unbeaten to win the District 5 championship the weekend of **See PONY, Page 2B**

BEST BETS ON TV

BASEBALL
7 p.m. — SUN, Astros at Marlins. (L)

BLONDIE by Chic Young

OKAY, FIRST WE PUT THE COTTON AND GAUZE PACKING IN THERE...
 THEN AS SOON AS THE TOOTH CLAMP IS IN PLACE, WE'LL HOOK YOU UP TO THE SUCTION HOSE.
 OH, GOODNESS! I JUST REALIZED THERE'S NO ROOM LEFT IN THERE FOR ME!

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

C'MON, BARBE, LET'S TAKE A WALK IN THE WOODS.
 SORRY, LOUISE, I HAVE A BIG MANEUVER TOMORROW AND I GOTTA STICK TO THE CODE.
 WHAT CODE IS THAT?
 "MAKE WAR, NOT LOVE."

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

HOW WAS YOUR SWIM?
 TERRIBLE! I LOST MY POOL PASS TAG WHILE I WAS SWIMMIN'!
 HOW COULD THAT HAPPEN? I EVEN SEWED IT INTO YOUR SWIMSUIT!
 THAT'S THE WORST PART!

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

HOW'S YOUR ELBOW, CHARLIE BROWN?
 WELL, THEY PUT SOME ICE ON IT SO IT FEELS BETTER...
 DO YOU THINK YOU'LL NEED SOME MORE ICE?
 LIKE MAYBE A GLACIER?

EEK & MEK by T.K. Ryan

TO PROTECT THE IDEALITY OF THIS WITLESS, THE VOICE HAS BEEN ALTERED...
 THE FACE HAS BEEN ELECTROLOGICALLY DISTORTED...
 AND THE TESTIMONY HAS BEEN TOTALLY CHANGED.

TUMBLEWEEDS by Jimmy Johnson

WHAT'S UP?
 PAJAMAS IS THINKING ABOUT JOINING AN INDIAN TRIBE!
 PANNES HAS A NICE RING TO IT.
 WORD HAS IT THEY SIT AROUND AT THEIR BOWTIES AND CHEW THE FAT.
 AH, FIND ONE THAT CHEWS THE CAT AND ARM OUTTA HERE.

ANLO AND JANS by Bob Thaves

DAD'S GIRLFRIEND IS CLUELESS! I TOLD HER HOW I LOVE PARIS...
 SHE TOOK ME TO SEE THE MUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME!
 SHE WOULDN'T KNOW VICTOR HUGO IF HE BIT HER ON THE BEEHIND!
 HA HA HA HA

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

DRIVER TRAINING CLASS
 STUDENT DRIVER
 OKAY, I'VE GOT IT ALL AIMED. NOW JUST SHOW ME WHICH IS THE TRIGGER AND BEGIN THE COUNTDOWN!

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

EVERYBODY'S AGAINST ME!
 SMACK
 AND I DON'T KNOW WHY!

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

THAT IS REALLY DETRACTING FROM OUR COOLNESS...
 SORRY.

Home remedy is no cure for sinuses

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm writing in order for you to explain to my neighbor and friend that old home remedies can be harmful and have absolutely zero medicinal value. She has had a bad sinus problem for many years. Doctors and their treatments have offered little relief. Afraid of surgery, she's using a home remedy — an eye dropper of morning urine dispensed in both ears three to four times a day. I'm shocked! Your comments, please.

DEAR READER: Sounds a little bizarre to me, too. But after spending more than 30 years in practice, I'm not easily shocked by the amazing things people will do to themselves with home remedies.

First of all, I can't conceive of a logical explanation to justify your friend's actions. The ear canal ends in the eardrum; anything applied to the canal cannot possibly affect the sinuses, which are cavities within the area behind the nose, and bear little relation to the ears.



Sinus problems — ranging from congestion and infection to polyps (benign growths) are customarily (and quite satisfactorily) treated with antihistamine drugs, decongestants and — when appropriate — antibiotics. Surgery is sometimes necessary. Although most primary-care physicians can diagnose and treat such conditions, serious sinus afflictions may need an ear-nose-and-throat specialist.

I believe that your neighbor is depriving herself of a chance to be cured, not to mention the observation that her home remedy must be a nuisance to employ. Urine will not harm the ear canals, however, so she's at least not running a health risk.

case than was a high systolic pressure. However, studies have shown that both components are equally important and, when elevated, should be seriously addressed.

It's not always necessary for hypertensive patients to take prescription drugs. Alterations in lifestyle will often reduce high blood pressure to normal levels.

For instance, hypertension is frequently associated with obesity, smok-

ing, excess dietary salt, lack of exercise and alcohol consumption. Thus, hypertensive patients may substantially lower their blood pressures by losing weight, stopping smoking, cutting back on salt, exercising regularly, and imbibing less alcohol.

Many people with high blood pressure suffer from a kidney abnormality, such as renal artery stenosis, that prevents them from excreting unnecessary salt. When such patients consume too much salt, the body retains the excess (along with fluid), which increases the blood volume and leads to hypertension.

Consequently, these patients should reduce their intake of salt by shunning salty foods and avoiding the salt shaker. A well-balanced diet will provide adequate salt without the necessity of adding extra amounts to the food.

With your doctor's approval, follow the suggestions I made. You may be quite surprised at how effective they are in lowering your blood pressure.

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 - 14 Middle
 - 15 Excuses
 - 16 Important age
 - 17 Sylvester
 - 18 Stallone role
 - 19 Sault — Marie
 - 20 Scamps
 - 22 Snakes
 - 25 Long time
 - 26 Promo (abbr.)
 - 30 Long-eared animal
 - 31 Singer — McEntire
 - 32 Starting from (2 wds.)
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 - 4 Salamander
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 - 6 Synthetic

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WIN AT BRIDGE

A late surge on the outside
 By Phillip Alder

There were three winners at this year's Cavendish Invitational Pairs, held in New York City last May. The bridge winners were Steve Weinstein, from Upper Montclair, N.J., and Fred Stewart, from Andes, N.Y. The third benefactor was the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, which received \$12,000.

This deal features a good gain for Stewart and Weinstein.

A spade lead would beat three diamonds easily, but Stewart understandably selected the club nine. Declarer called for dummy's ace and played off the three top hearts, discarding both his spades and, when East ruffed in with the diamond queen, the club eight. Weinstein returned a low club,

declarer finessing his jack successfully. Now came the diamond eight.

A careless West would follow with the seven, but then the contract would succeed. East could win with the king and give his partner a club ruff, but it would be with the winning jack.

Stewart, realizing that he couldn't afford to waste the power of his seven, went in with the diamond jack. (A more flamboyant player would have selected the ace.) West led a heart, which Weinstein ruffed with the diamond king while declarer discarded his club king.

Now came the defensive coup de grace. Weinstein led a club.

The declarer was left with the 10-9-6-5-4-3 of diamonds. Sitting over him, Stewart had the A-7. If declarer ruffed low, Stewart would overruff with the seven and cash the ace; whereas if South ruffed high, Stewart would discard. The defenders had collected five trump tricks to defeat the contract.

North 07-16 9C

Q 10 5 2
 A K Q 9 5 3
 A 7 2

West East
 J 6 4 A K 8
 J 10 7 6 4 8 2
 A J 7 K Q 2
 9 4 Q 10 5 3

South
 7 3
 10 9 8 6 5 4 3
 K J 8 6

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
20	Pass	20	Pass
30	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 9

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A resurgence of independence is probable in the year ahead. You will have to make the call and everything will work out in the end, provided you don't destroy alliances that have been helpful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Analyze your present financial position carefully today to see if you can afford to make additional purchases. If you can't, subdue impulses to spend. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by making \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others might try to make decisions for you today if you are ANNIE

indecisive. You should not let someone else run your affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A responsibility you've avoided, hoping someone else might take care of it for you, will be dumped back in your lap today. Prepare to take action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might create unnecessary dissension among your peers today if you oppose the will of the majority. Smile and participate instead of being bossy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In competitive situations today, you are more likely to be tripped up by carelessness than by the opposition. Take precautionary measures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you do not plan well today, you might waste a lot of time and have little to show for your efforts. Establish guidelines that work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If the money isn't already in your hands, don't consider a financial matter to be a sure thing today. Base your calculations on

funds at your disposal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might not be wise today to make a decision which will affect both you and your mate without his or her approval. Both views must be represented.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Use caution today if you work with unfamiliar tools, materials or people. Make sure everyone is looking at the same page.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Situations that have pronounced elements of chance could lead to your downfall today. Even if you win, the victory may be ephemeral.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you think about refurbishing your home today, try not to act impulsively. If you do, you may incorporate changes that won't stand up to the test of time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You must be extremely selective regarding your counselor today if you solicit advice from others. You might get involved with a person who knows less than you do.

HEY... DON'T I KNOW YOU, MISTER?!

WH...? ANNIE?... STAY BACK, MR. REDFOOT! YOU MIGHT UPSET TAFKY?!

UPSET HER? LOOKS LIKE SHE'S STARTED WITHOUT ME!

NO, MUFFIN DOESN'T WANT TO BE WASHED! SHE'LL LET HIM GO... THAT'S A GOOD GIRL!