

## Rep. Kelly Denies Criminal Activity



RICHARD KELLY  
...calls deluge office

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At a press conference at 12:30 p.m. today, U.S. Rep. Richard Kelly, R-New Port Richey, planned to issue the following two-sentence denial of any involvement in criminal activity as a result of a probe by the FBI of several months duration.

"I have not been involved in any criminal activity," he was to say in the statement. "The matter is under investigation and any other comment is inappropriate."

Kelly, a three-term congressman from Florida's fifth district, which includes most of Seminole County, was not available for telephone interviews. His press secretary, Bill Purvis, said Kelly would answer some questions from the news media at the conference, "but questions to the point of the investigation will be answered by the statement we have released."

Purvis said the congressman's office has been deluged with telephone calls this morning, with calls continuing in the two-hour period from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

"There was no other way to handle it than through a press conference," Purvis said.

existing Arab Sheikh. The transaction is reported to have been filmed on videotape. The film is said to show Kelly accepting the money at a Washington townhouse stuffing the money into his pockets.

Money accepted by six other House members, a U.S. senator and 20 other public officials is said to be in the \$50,000 range. All of the other elected officials in the probe are Democrats.

Kelly was first elected to the House in 1974. In the two subsequent elections, 1976 and 1978 — he faced Jo Ann Saunders and David Best, an Orlando attorney.

Prior to running for the congress, Kelly was a circuit judge in the 8th Judicial Circuit of Florida, encompassing Pasco and Pinellas counties.

While he was a circuit judge, a bill of impeachment was voted by the Florida House of Representatives. No trial was held by the Florida Senate, however, which voted instead to grant a motion by Kelly's attorney at the time to dismiss the charges.

Kelly was said to be arrogant and inconsiderate of people in his courtroom, which was not an impeachable offense in the view of Sanford attorney, Mack Cleveland Jr., then a member of the Florida Senate.

## Grand Juries In 4 Cities To Hear Evidence In Still-Growing Scandal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal prosecutors may present evidence soon to grand juries in four cities in a bribery investigation involving members of Congress and more than 20 public officials, government sources said today.

The sources said some phases of the two-year investigation — which was disclosed over the weekend — have not been completed and the nearly \$700,000 involved is still being traced.

That suggests others may be implicated in the biggest political investigation since Watergate.

One senator and seven members of the House of Representatives were identified as targets of the FBI investigation in which public officials were observed or photographed accepting possible influence bribes, often in \$50,000 amounts.

The case — which could involve possible countercharges of entrapment — was conducted in a house rented by the FBI in the Georgetown area of Washington. There, sources said, some deals were proposed by agents posing as go-betweens for wealthy Arabs.

Among those under investigation are Sen. Harrison Williams Jr., D-N.J.; and Reps. John Jenrette Jr., D-S.C.; Richard Kelly, R-Fla.; John Murphy, D-N.Y.; Frank Thompson Jr., D-N.J.; and three Pennsylvania Democrats, Raymond Lederer, Michael Myers and John Murtha.

Sources said the congressmen were "very business like" at meetings where money changed hands; some put the cash in their pockets, some in briefcases and some in paper bags.



This hot air balloon, piloted by Dallas Wittefeldt, came perilously close to electrical power lines over the Airport (top photo). Wittefeldt, known as "Thunderchicken," the skydiving clown, had as his passenger on the flight from DeLand to Sanford, Mrs. Laverne Smith of DeLand, who had been given the trip as a birthday present by her husband, Jim. At the landing site, Wittefeldt (bottom right), assisted by Max Bates, examines the balloon for holes. He chose the landing site to avoid hitting the power lines and hit a barbed wire fence and several palm trees on the way down. There were no injuries.

## Heater Caused Killer Fire

By DAVID M. RAZLER  
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Fire officials blame a kerosene heater for a fire Saturday night that killed two residents of Midway.

A one-year-old girl and a 56-year-old man died when the blaze tore through a three-room wooden house.

A second child is in Seminole Memorial Hospital with burns covering 20 percent of her body, rescued by a neighbor who burned his hand while pulling her from the flames, which erupted shortly after 9 p.m. in the home on Water Street, just off State Road 46.

The fire started in a kerosene heater fire victim Louis Jackson, 56, was using to heat the small home he shared with Rosalyn Oliver and her mother Geneva Nelson, firefighters say.

Jackson's body was found towards the rear of the house, where he was trapped by the flames.

Also killed was Caroline Oliver, daughter of Ms. Oliver's sister, Regina Oliver. Her body was found in the remains of the front room of the house.

Rosalyn Oliver's daughter, Olivia, 4, suffered severe burns, but survived the blaze due to the efforts of Leonard Carter, 24, a neighbor.

"When I got there, fire was coming out everywhere," said Carter, who managed to pull the child from just inside the door. Carter extinguished the flames in Olivia's clothes, burning his hands in the process. Olivia is listed in fair condition at Seminole Memorial.

"I could hear Lewis walking around in the back," said Carter, who added he was unable to fight his way through the flames to get to the man trapped behind walls of fire.

Carter and Olivia were both taken to the Seminole Memorial by a neighbor as Seminole firefighters arrived.

Two county firemen, Mike McManus and District Commander Tom Schaeffer were injured when the fire flashed in their faces as they opened the door to the house.

McManus was treated and released at Seminole Memorial for second-degree facial burns. Schaeffer was treated at the scene.

The blaze completely destroyed the small frame home neighbors say Jackson had lived in for about the past five years. Firefighters and neighbors say Rosalyn and Regina Oliver were away from the house when the fire started. Two children, not identified, escaped from the house on their own, firefighters say.

The blaze was quickly extinguished by firemen, arriving on the scene from a nearby station. But all that remained was the floor and charred frame of the home.

The blaze was the first multiple fatality fire in the county since Dec. 31, 1978 said county Public Safety Director Gary Kaiser.

## Woman Wants To Be Part Of Change At Academy

By DIANE PETRYK  
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(Second of two parts)

Among the first women to break the sex barrier at the U.S. Naval Academy (the first female graduates are expected in 1980), Erica Ryder of Sanford lives her daily life on the cutting edge of social change. And, she intends to stay there with a life-long commitment to "make things happen."

Intelligent, outspoken and determined, she expects to hasten the end of male dominance and has no desire of any eased performance standards because she is a woman.

At the academy, she'll lobby, she said, for equalization of requirements for passing physical tests. Right now, for instance, men must be able to run a mile in six and a half minutes, but women get an extra minute.

"The requirements should be the same for men and women," she said. "Because if we're not considered on an equal scale we won't be able to operate as equals."

But under the present system, Erica, at 5-foot, 9½-inches, who "generally weighs 130 lbs.," thinks she will be prepared to do anything she will need to do as a Naval officer.

"An officer doesn't need to be prepared to do anything she will need to do as a Naval officer," she added. "You can be a genius and not be able to lead chickens."

If Erica graduates from the academy as scheduled in 1983, American taxpayers will have spent about \$100,000 for her education.

The number one purpose, high above specific academic learning, is to provide this country with combat leaders — intelligent officers with command presence and the abilities to lead by example and think clearly under stress.

In other words, "managers of violence," as Erica said her commanders called them.

But if women are never allowed in combat and are excluded from other military jobs, is this money being wasted?

Erica and other females at the Academy were recently incensed over an article that appeared in "The Washingtonian" magazine entitled, "Women Can't Fight."

The article's author, James Webb, himself a Naval Academy graduate, said the presence of women at military academies is "corrupting the country's fighting mission, with grave consequences to the national defense."

Webb contends women are "poisoning the preparation of men for combat command" because their presence has caused a reduction of physical standards and elimination of the tough "plebe" year, in which upperclassmen are allowed to subject freshmen to all manner of "harsh and cruel" punishments in the name of developing manhood.

"It was designed to produce a man who would be able to be an effective leader in combat, to endure prisoner-of-war camps and to fight this country's wars with skill and tenacity. And it is all but gone," Webb wrote.

Webb further contends men will not fight at their best, most brutal, if women are next to them in the foxholes.

"Well, that's the man's problem, not the woman's," Erica said. If the men would react that way she said she feels it's something they must overcome.

"Women haven't ever been in combat," she added, "so how can he predict how they will act?"

Webb also wrote that it is obvious men are and should be the aggressors in society because women don't rape men.

Erica said she and other female midshipmen felt this was ridiculous reasoning. The differences are socially induced, they say.

Webb also implied that the military academy women were raking their femininity because "they study a man's profession, learn the deeds of men and accept men as role models."

Erica replied that it's not a man's profession or men's deeds that they are studying.

"Traditionally male-dominated, yes," she said. "But that is changing and I'm very glad to be a part of it if I help to change things and open up opportunities for women."

"I don't think I'm losing my femininity at all," she added. "I'm glad I'm a woman."

Erica said she doesn't exclude the traditionally feminine roles of wife and mother from her future, but said she intends to have a life-long career.

Perhaps, she said, she will get into the political aspects of the Navy such as Pentagon work.

"I'm too much the type of person who likes to get things done," she said. "I'm an activist. And there are so many opportunities. There are opportunities that will come up that haven't been invented yet."

The challenges facing the U.S. now have to be met, she said. "And I like challenges."

First, there's the challenge of the academy.

"It's tough," she said. "But I think I'll make it. I'm halfway through the toughest year and I think I've done well."

Erica added that the academy loses the same number of women as men, proportionately, before graduation.

"Some of those who wash-out were pushed into the academy," she said. "They're not sure they want to come but are pushed into it by their parents. I'm washing for myself."

"You have to want to make it."

Then, there's the challenge of serving her country.

"Other countries don't believe we back our words anymore," she said. "We speak softly and don't carry any sticks."

She said she would like to do something about America appearing weaker and weaker.

"We're not always right in this country," Erica said. "But we've got the best thing going there is."



### HOCUS-FOCUS



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

## Junior Whirl

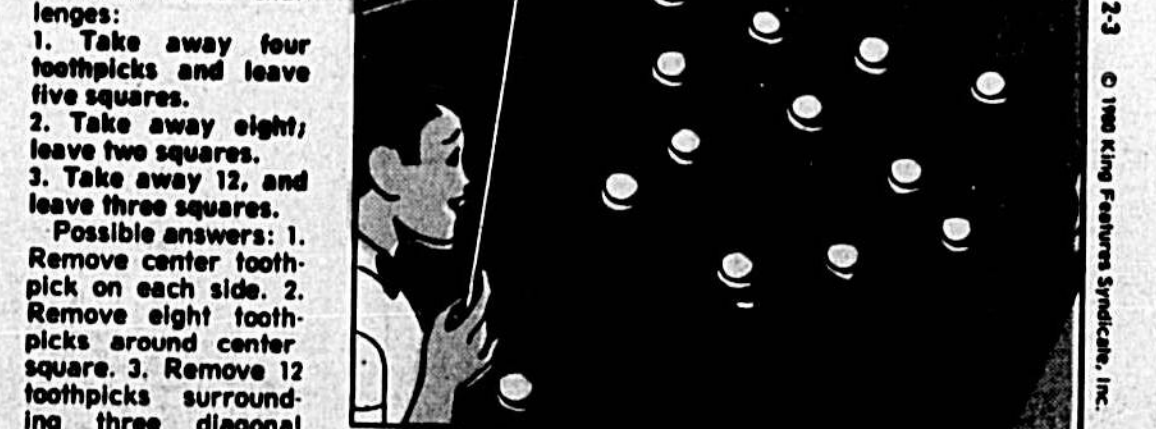
by Hal Kaufman

EARLY ON! A service station operator hoped to be the first in town to offer bargain prices on a certain product. Coincidentally, he used the letters of the word EARLIEST to prepare a sign bearing two four-letter words. What words were on the sign?

Name Game! Fill blanks with masculine names to identify four birds: 1. Whippoor... 2. batross... 3. white... 4. ...daw.

Posy Posers! Which flower takes pictures? The photodrone. Which flower is used in golf? The tea rose. Which flower is part pickle? The daffodil.

### SUM FUN WITH TOOTHPICKS



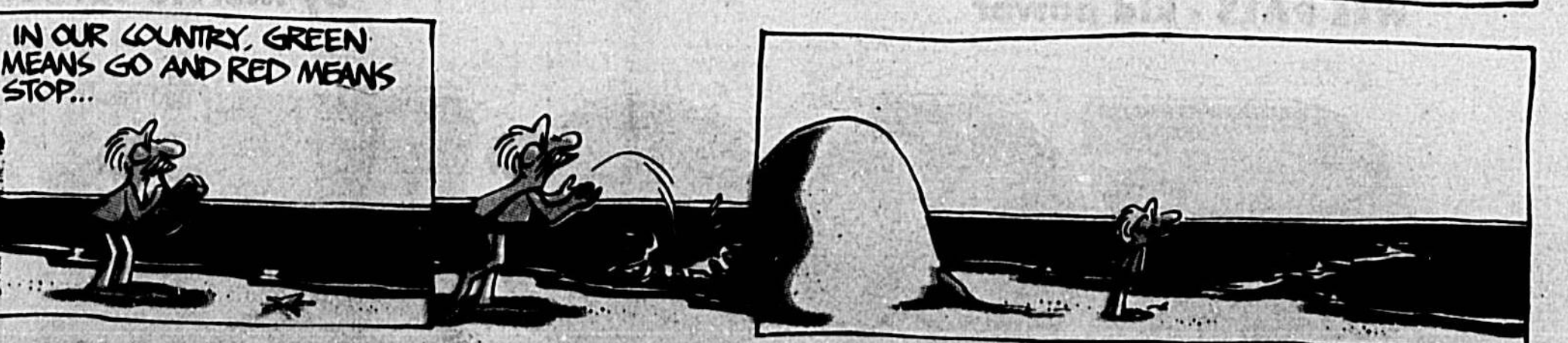
Form nine squares with 24 toothpicks, as shown above. Now, try to meet these challenges:

1. Take away four toothpicks and leave five squares.
2. Take away eight, and leave three squares.

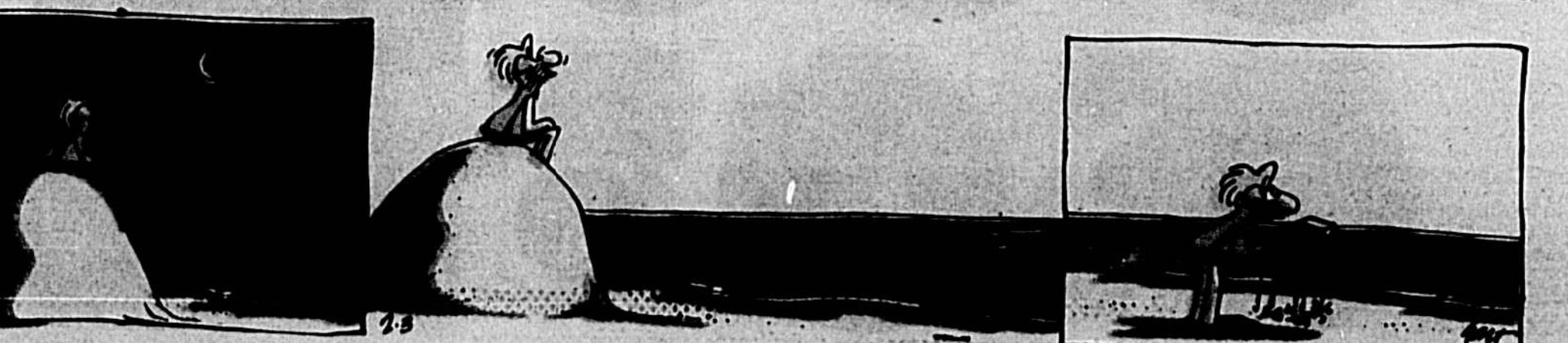
Possible answers: 1. Remove center toothpick on each side. 2. Remove 12 toothpicks surrounding three diagonal squares. There may be other answers.



WHO DECIDED THAT RED MEANS STOP AND GREEN MEANS GO? MARVIN KRANTZ, INVENTOR OF THE INTERSECTION.



IN OUR COUNTRY, GREEN MEANS GO AND RED MEANS STOP...







Rebuilt Celtics: In Boston The Bird Is The Word

BOSTON (UPI) — In the short span of four months, the metamorphosis seems complete. After two seasons of discord and disarray, the Boston Celtics have pulled the National Basketball Association version of an Indra Gandhi comeback and are again challenging for the top spot in a league they once dominated to an extent unparalleled in the sport.

That the turnaround came after two worrisome years where the team unraveled at every point is even more remarkable. The Celtics finished the 1978-79 season with a 29-53 record, their worst in history, which included 13 straight road losses at the end of the year before they had won just 32 games and the so-called Celtics Tradition was fast becoming a fleeing memory.

It was a good idea to go out of the Celtics' family for the new coach," says Fitch. "Hiring him was the best thing I ever did." Auerbach said, "Bill's family now. His ways are my ways."

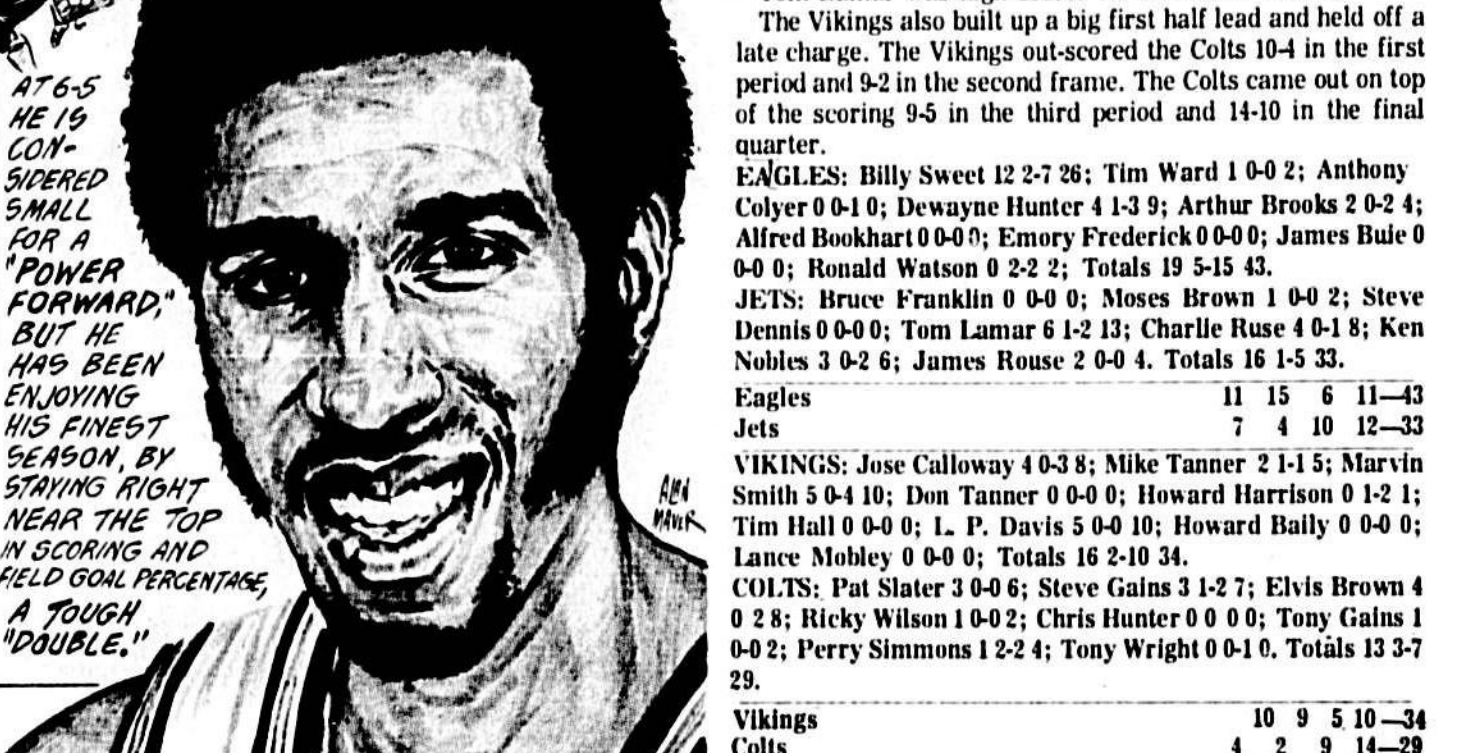
Bird, 'Ice Man' Cool West

LANOVICH, Md. (UPI) — Gerwin learned the hard way that a basketball on Detroit's East Side, where the name of the game was take the boy and show 'em. The game was dramatic stuff, and Gerwin's game was already part of Gerwin's game by the time he got to the NBA.

Most Valuable Player Award. "Once he gets the ball, it's good as gold," said the West's Lloyd Free. "He gave the game the way that he wanted."

Uniformly Fine by Alan Mover Eagles Grab Rec Lead

The Eagles gained sole possession of first place in the Sanford Intermediate Boys Basketball League Saturday with a 43-33 win over the Jets. In other action, the Vikings beat the Colts 34-24.

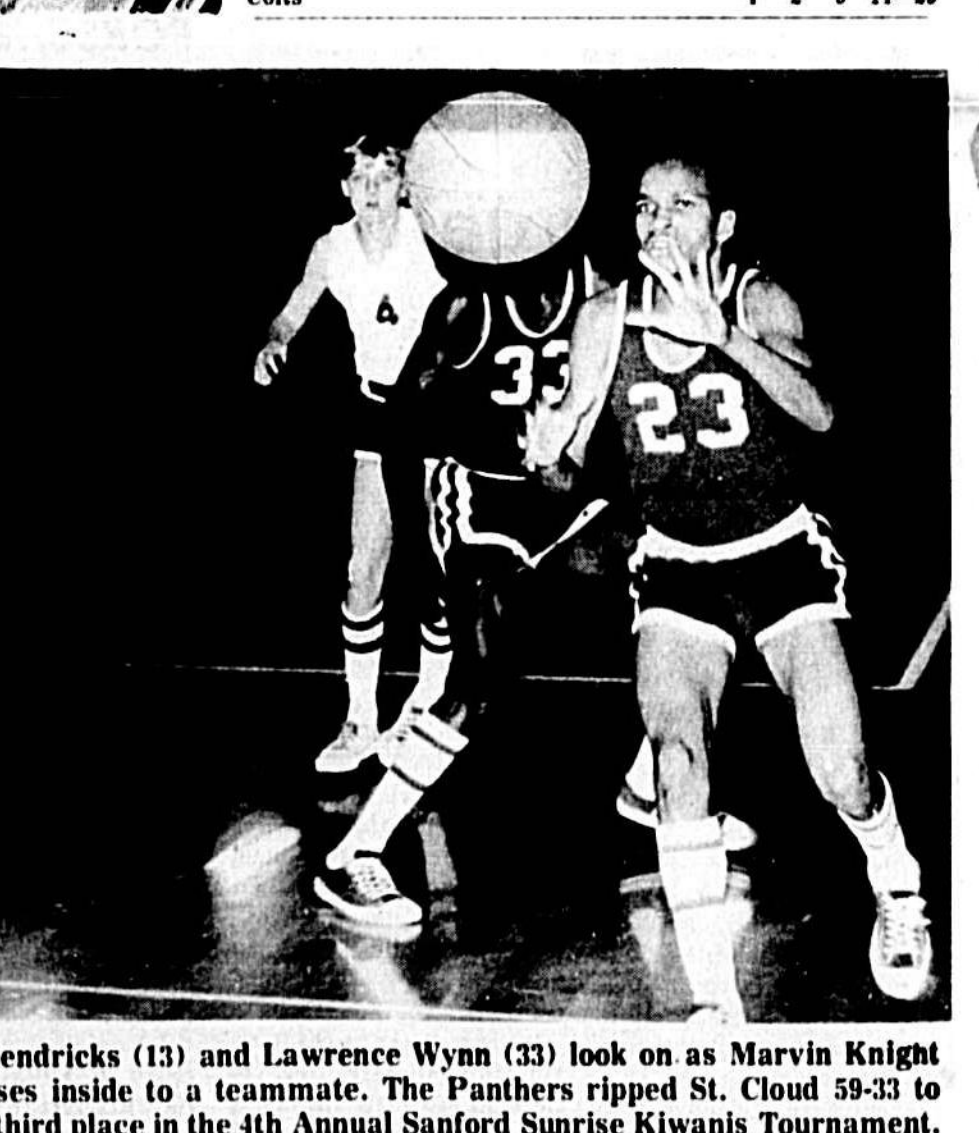


ADRIAN DANTLEY, IN HIS 4th NBA SEASON IS MAKING A BIG IMPRESSION UNIFORM, THAT OF THE UTAH JAZZ AND HE MADE IT FIVE, WHEN HE WAS NAMED TO HIS FIRST ALL-STAR TEAM.

Crooms Panthers Finish Third Vanguard Romps To Sunrise Title

By SAM COOK Herald Sports Writer Ocala Vanguard, the state's 3A basketball champion the past two years, added some freshman muscle and went Saturday by blasting Kissimmee 62-30 for the Sunrise Kinsmen of Seminole Freshman Basketball Tournament at Seminole High School.

Washington joined guards Paul Solomon and Deryl Jackson for the victorious Knights. D. Jackson, who was named MVP, held to only two points the second half and finished with 15 for the Kowboys.



SUNRISE SCRAMBLE Torrie Hendricks (13) and Lawrence Wynn (33) look on as Marvin Knight (23) passes inside to a teammate. The Panthers ripped St. Cloud 59-33 to capture third place in the 4th Annual Sanford Sunrise Kivans Tournament.

SCOREBOARD 24 Hours of Daytona. Table listing various sports events, scores, and winners.

DOG RACING NIGHTLY 8 P.M. MATINEES. Advertisement for dog racing events with details on times and locations.

Now! SANFORD-ORLANDO KENNEL CLUB. Advertisement for a kennel club with details on membership and services.

FLORIDA ARRIVE ALIVE. Advertisement for a travel agency with details on packages and services.

OURSELVES

Seems Supermom's Starting Over

Her kids think she's super and her husband is bursting with pride. For the past 20 years she hasn't been setting any track records, but lately she is faster than a speeding bullet.

Mary Lou Hennessee is programmed for the future. But she is right here telling me all along that everything was going to be great.

TONIGHT'S TV

Table listing TV programs for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, including channel numbers and program titles.

Husband's Timing Bothers Wife

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married woman (22) and Mike is a wonderful healthy, robust, masculine man of 25. We've been married a little over a year, and I have a problem I can't ask anyone else about.

In, Around Lake Mary The Nordens Won't Forget

Dorris and John Norden recently spent a few days in Atlanta visiting Dorris' son, Steve, and his wife, Judy. On their way back home, the day they left, Dorris was asked to take with her an ice cooler with a promise not to open it until they got back home.

Ball Benefits Uniforms

The first annual Silver & Blue Benefit Ball will take place Feb. 9 at the Slovak Gardens, located behind Levitz.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Toastmaster Club is being formed to serve Sanford-North Seminole & South Volusia. All previous Toastmasters & Toastmistresses are encouraged to inquire regarding meeting dates & other organizational information.



