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Today: A cloudy day with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Wind southeast 10 to 15 mph. Rain chance 40 percent.

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## TODAY

### BRIEFS

#### Politibits

**FERN PARK** — Joe Becker, Republican, will announce his candidacy for Seminole County Sheriff this week. Becker reported an estimated 750 persons turned out for his barbecue fund-raising event Saturday held at the Seminole City-County Park in Fern Park. Becker said he believed it may be one of the largest turnouts for a political fund-raiser in the history of the county.

An estimated 120 children were fingerprinted and photographed during the event.

#### Lake Jesup meeting

**OVIDO** — The Friends of Lake Jesup Preservation and Basin Management Team will meet this Thursday, March 25, from 7 until 9 p.m. at Oviedo High School, Media Center, 991 King Street.

Included on the agenda are reports from the technical committee on the Lake Jesup Basin conceptual permit plan, the outreach committee, the Florida Department of Transportation SIC to update the Bartlesville Stream Committee and the Lake Jesup Budget.

The Outreach Subcommittee will meet immediately following the regular Council meeting.

#### Flood zones changed

**SANFORD** — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) dated March 8, 1996, which revises the Flood Insurance Rate Map for Seminole County, including a portion of Sanford.

The document delineates locations where flood insurance is recommended and may be required by lenders.

The affected area is associated with East Fork Lake, located north of U.S. 40A and west of Oregon Avenue.

Under the LOMR, the area designated as Flood Zone A has been significantly reduced from the flood zone designation established in April of 1995.

Most of Kaywood Estates subdivision, which was shown in Flood Zone A under the 1995 report, has been deleted from the designated flood zone by the 1996 map revision.

Interested property owners may obtain additional information by contacting the City of Sanford's Engineer at 330-0621.

#### Health Week

**SANFORD** — April 1 through 5, 1996, designated as National Public Health Week. The State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (DRHS) is planning a number of events.

The Seminole County Public Health Unit (PHU) will set up for HIV and tuberculosis screenings in central Midway on April 1. Midway residents had previously requested the service.

The Seminole PHU building will be the site of a health fair on April 2. The location will be at 400 W. Airport Blvd. in Sanford. It will be open to the public and will offer free blood pressure screenings, nicotine or testing, and nutritional counseling.

#### From staff reports

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**You were once wild here. Don't let them tame you!**  
—Isadora Duncan

## Trash pickup: A better plan?

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — A 20-year-old newspaper, the *Sanford Herald*, is asking the city to help pay for the cost of trash pickup. At his request, Rod Walters, superintendent with the Solid Waste Department, addressed the commission work

Thursday on the subject of a new trash plan.

At the heart of the discussion is how to pay for the cost of trash pickup. Walters said he had sought a solution to help clean up the streets of the city. Yet, he continues to see more and more trash and items

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“I continue to see more and more trash and items such as mattresses sitting alongside our streets, and the items stay for what seems a long time before they are picked up.”

Sanford Commissioner Kerry Lyons

## Violence Free Community Month



Herald Photo by Mike Kucinski

Open houses at the Seminole County sheriff's office this past Saturday drew an estimated 100 people with many area residents being invited to tour the facility and watch the demonstrations. Left, Michael Weidemeyer, 3, is fingerprinted by Auxiliary Deputy Debra Wolf. Right, Deputy Dave Hadley with Larceny 10, being given the once over by Andy Foster, with his brother Adam, taking behind him. The open house was held in conjunction with the month of March being designated Violence Free Community Month.



## Czeching it out

### Local students travel to study emerging capitalism in Eastern European country

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

Students from four area high schools, including a group from Lake Mary High School, left early this morning for the Czech Republic where they will be making a short study of an emerging capitalist society.

The teens are making the trip as part of their applied economic class, that is sponsored by Junior Achievement and Project GLOBE.

Last month, students from the Czech Republic visited the students at Lake Mary, Oviedo and Lake Howell high schools and at Trinity Preparatory School.

They got a first hand look at how a fully developed free market economy works. Linda Mayhew of Junior Achievement said, “And now our students will be coming there to look at how such an economy develops.”

Mayhew said the Czech students were very impressed with their stay here and were looking forward to hosting their American counterparts in their homes.

This is the first time a Seminole County group has traveled to the Czech Republic with Junior Achievement. Previous trips have been to Poland.

During their eight day stay abroad, the Seminole County students will stay in the homes of those students who stayed with them on the recent trip here.

Project GLOBE is a semester long course designed and offered by Junior Achievement and the Eastern European Linkage Institute at the University of Central Florida.

The students in the program have been conducting small scale international import/export businesses across the ocean. The local students will continue to operate their companies while visiting their partner schools in the Czech Republic.

While visiting the Czech Republic, the local teens will also attend a performance at the National Theatre in Prague, go to a ball, tour the city and its famous castle.

A group of Orange County students is currently touring the Republic of Moldova, another former Communist bloc country.

## Murder, suicide probed

From staff reports

Seminole County sheriff's deputies are investigating an apparent murder-suicide case today after two bodies were found Tuesday at an apartment in Winter Springs.

The two have been identified as Cynthia Conard, 42, and her husband, Tom Conard, 43.

Conard reportedly contacted the Seminole County Sheriff's office Tuesday afternoon telling them he had killed his wife and planned to kill himself. Sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough confirmed. The tape of his message to 911 was very short, only about 30 seconds long and it appeared to be a warning message.

Following the call, deputies

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## Barnett Bank gets OK to sell insurance

By ADAM YEOMANS  
Sanford Herald Staff Writer

**LAKELAND** — The Florida Supreme Court today ruled that a law that allows national banks to sell insurance in small towns with fewer than 10,000 residents pre-empted a Florida law that barred banks from selling most types of insurance.

Barnett and state insurance regulators are warring in 1993 when the Jacksonville-based bank sought the Florida bill and April 1995. Barnett is a small town with 10,000 residents.

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Experts said the decision means Florida will join about 30 other states that allow banks to sell insurance.

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city of Barnett and other providers into this business will increase competition and that would mean greater availability and a better deal for all consumers, Franz said.

Writing for the court, Justice Stephen C. Brewer noted that a federal law, the McCarthan-Ferguson Act, says federal laws generally do not preempt state laws enacted for the purpose of regulating the business of insurance.

But that law does not seek to regulate state insurance regulation from the reach of federal law, Brewer said. Rather, it seeks to protect state regulation primarily against interference with interstate commerce.

The 1996 law was not a pre-emptive law, Brewer said. It was a law that sought to regulate the business of insurance.

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# Editorials/Opinions

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## EDITORIAL

### Filling in the problem

When it comes to making repairs to potholes which appear quite often in our area streets and highways, many different entities may be involved. It is a rather confusing situation.

Some streets which may be in a municipality, may actually be under the maintenance jurisdiction of a higher authority. Then there are others which may appear to be city streets, but are under control by a subdivision, developer, or others.

One of many such potholes is located at the intersection of E. 28th Street and S. Mellonville Avenue. It is on Orlando/Sanford airport property, and is part of a street approach to the Seminole County sheriff's facility. It is large and deep enough to cause some serious damage to vehicle tires which may strike their sharp edges or drop into the hole.

This is not to single out this one situation. There are many other potholes. Some are at turning intersections. Others are located right on the thoroughfare in the line of traffic.

Not only is there a potential of tire damage, but hitting some of the larger potholes could cause a vehicle to veer out of its line of travel and could cause a collision with another vehicle.

What happens when you hit one and damage is done? You file charges. Occasionally the insurance claim is denied. Often however, the entity responsible for the maintenance of that area of roadway ends up paying for the damage.

Where does the money come from? If it's a government entity, the money comes from tax dollars. If it's a homeowners group, the money comes from the homeowners. Regardless of who pays, it's the public money being spent to pay for a problem which should have been resolved in the first place.

With our Florida climate, rising and falling water tables, soft under-surfaces and other situations, there is little that can be done to completely prevent potholes.

It should be noted however, there are a few occasions when a street has been paved without adequate underlayers, which again cause holes to open easily.

Motorists who travel over the same streets continuously, will readily tell you they have seen the same holes at the same locations for weeks, months, or even longer. They learn to live with the hazards and manage to avoid them. Such may not be the case however, with a motorist who is unfamiliar with the area.

The only solution is to fill potholes in as soon as they are located. It seems to be the logical thing to do, yet it often isn't done.

We believe there has not been enough concern shown in this matter and urge all entities, governments, associations, authorities, whoever is involved, to take action. There is little which can prevent potholes from forming. But there is a great deal that can be done to fill them up.

## Berry's World



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## WILLIAM A. RUSHER

### Schools worse, or students dumber?

The National Association of Scholars made a major splash recently when it released a study of curriculum changes in the 50 schools identified by U.S. News and World Report as "America's Best Colleges."

The association's survey compared the curricula offered by these institutions at four separate points in time: 1914, 1939, 1964, and 1993. For example, the number of mandatory general education courses fell sharply: on average, from 9.9 in 1914, to 6.9 in 1964, to 2.5 in 1993. Thus, composition requirements administered by English departments existed in 98 percent of the colleges in 1914, and in 86 percent as late as 1964 -- but had fallen to 36 percent by 1993.

In addition, the survey found a distinct fall-off in the rigor of such requirements as survived till 1993. As late as 1964 three-quarters of all natural science courses required some laboratory work; by 1993 the figure was down to 30 percent. In 1939 and 1964 more than half of the schools demanded a thesis or a comprehensive examination of every student receiving a B.A. degree; by 1993 only 12 percent still did. The academic year itself sank from between 191 and 204 days in the earlier years to just 158 in 1993.

What is the explanation for this collapse of academic standards? Most of the news reports of

the survey that I have seen tend to agree with the NAS itself in placing much of the blame on "the late 1960s and early 1970s when the rage in higher education was a radical libertarianism based on notions of 'relevance' and the assumption that a special insight belonged to youth."

No doubt that is part of the explanation, but I think there was something else going on. The truth is that, beginning with the G.I. Bill of Rights enacted after World War II, and above all when the baby-boom generation began reaching its late teens in the 1960s, the American education system threatened to split its seams. Unprecedented numbers of youngsters, well aware that a college degree was

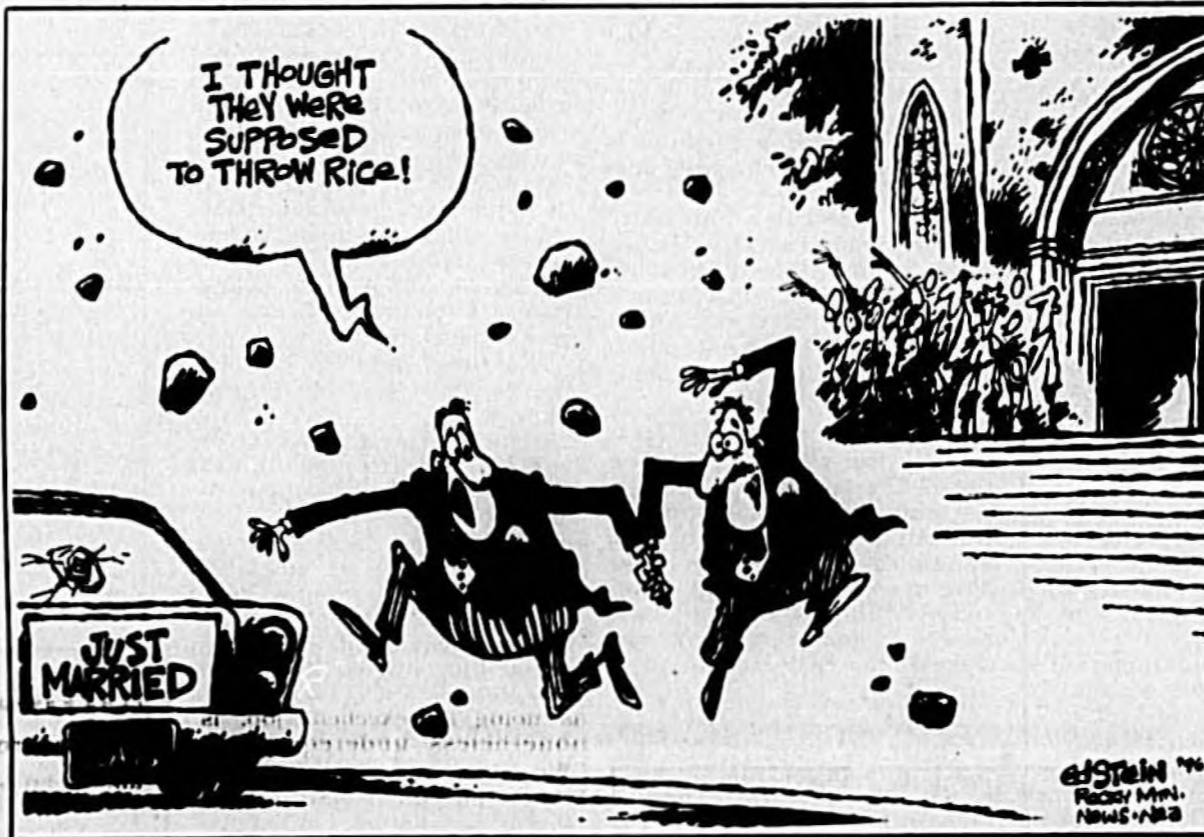
a passport to better employment, swarmed into the universities. Unlike almost every other major nation on earth, America had no "two-track" system that would allow highly qualified students, selected on merit, to pursue an advanced education, while most sensibly settle for vocational training. In our egalitarian tradition, every slack-jawed child had to be regarded as potentially a little Einstein.

But, since after all they weren't little Einsteins, the only solution was to dumb down the colleges in which they enrolled. The major impact has been on lesser institutions of "learning," some of which today will graduate students who have majored in basket-weaving or lesbian studies. But the top 50 schools (save for a minor fraction) have been affected too, by a sort of "trickle-up" effect. Don't forget that it is only because a Republican governor (Pete Wilson) vetoed it that California's proud university system isn't today compelled, under a law actually enacted by a Democrat-controlled legislature at the behest of Speaker Willie Brown, to confer degrees in the same ethnic proportions as the students it admits.

We had better get our system of higher education back under control before it spirals downward completely out of sight.



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## MORTON KONDRACKE

### Dole attacking Clinton vetoes

President Clinton's threat to veto product liability legislation is a gift to Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., who is beginning to frame his general election campaign around a new theme: Clinton as "Veto Bill."

So far, Clinton has been generally successful in portraying his vetoes as safeguards against Republican "extremism." This veto threat, though, is a naked favor to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, which directly or indirectly contributes millions of dollars to Democratic candidates.

Republicans also interpret the veto declaration as an attempt to induce consumer advocate Ralph Nader to go easy on Clinton during Nader's campaign as the Green Party's presidential candidate, especially in California. Nader is a major foe of liability limits and reportedly receives substantial support from ATLA, though he denies it.

The White House defended Clinton's veto announcement on the grounds that limiting punitive damages in liability suits will hurt consumers, but Democratic Sens. Jay Rockefeller, W.Va., and Joe Lieberman, Conn., unmasked the ploy. Rockefeller blamed Clinton's decision on "special interests and raw political considerations," meaning the trial lawyers' money.

Dole, who is getting feistier in campaign speeches now that he has the GOP nomination locked up, has been working to shift blame for the Republican Congress' failure to enact major legislation onto Clinton, who has vetoed bills ranging from a balanced budget to welfare reform.

With nine months left in the 104th Congress, Clinton has vetoed 12 bills, and congressional Republicans are planning to pass enough controversial legislation that he will surely surpass Ronald Reagan's 13 vetoes in the 99th Congress and George Bush's 16 and 15 vetoes in the 101st and 102nd, respectively.

House and Senate Republicans say that Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., still haven't decided whether to adopt a "veto bait" legislative strategy for the rest of this session or an "enactment" strategy designed to produce bills that Clinton might sign.

The chances are that they will end up using both. Republicans are anxious to work with Clinton to pass an increase in the federal debt ceiling and avoid a first-ever government loan default. They also intend to pass a line-item veto that Clinton will sign.

At the same time, they are processing other bills -- on health care, taxes, welfare reform, crime and immigration -- whose fate is less clear. In each case, Republican leaders aim to decide only after House-Senate conferences whether to produce a final product designed for a Clinton signature or a veto.

The strategy assumes, of course, that House

conservatives will accede to the final decision of their leaders, especially Dole. If they don't, it's conceivable that Dole could wind up deeply embarrassed, unable to deliver significant legislative achievements or to maneuver Clinton into vetoes that will brand him a "do-nothing president."

Another problem for Dole is that Senate Democrats may filibuster GOP proposals to save Clinton from the necessity of deciding whether to sign or veto difficult bills.

Dole can fall at Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., but he's not running for president. Welfare reform is one key test case of the GOP's skill. Building on a bipartisan proposal by the nation's governors, House Republicans will introduce a bill giving wide discretion to states both on welfare and Medicaid.

It is scheduled for a floor vote by the end of April. House leaders hope the Senate will pass a version close to the House's, leading to a quick conference and a showdown with Clinton.

House Republicans think they will win politically whatever Clinton does. If he signs, they think, the GOP will get credit for forcing Clinton into a major reform; if he vetoes, Dole can use the fact as part of his "Veto Bill" campaign.

These plans could fall apart, however, if House conservatives insist on toughening the measure with caps on aid to mothers of illegitimate children, which Senate moderates won't accept. Dole's interest in welfare reform may wane, too, if Democratic governors oppose the bill and it can't be characterized as bipartisan.

Some of Dole's top campaign officials, what's more, are urging him to forget about new welfare legislation because there's a danger Clinton might sign a bill, robbing Dole of an issue he already has: two previous Clinton vetoes of welfare measures.

At the moment, the White House doesn't seem terribly worried about any of the strategizing taking place in Congress. "It's all insider stuff," one Clinton aide said. "It's maneuver. It's not about the future well-being of the average person."



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## SARA ECKEL

### Birth control: Staying silent

As an editor and a confirmed media junkie, I've been riding down the information superhighway for a while. Interactive Web pages, on-line wire services, 24-hour news channels -- I've done them all. As a result, I have absorbed an alarming amount of information on the flat tax, Colin Powell, Whitewater, the V-chip and the demise of "Waterworld."

But on one subject, my information-gathering system is about as modern as a horse and buggy. Almost every bit of news I have received about birth control has come through word of mouth. My best friend, Helene, told me that birth-control pills can be used as emergency contraception up to 72 hours after intercourse. My old college pal, Carolyn, recently gave me the scoop on Depo-Provera, the highly effective birth-control injection that one

only needs to take four times a year. And I learned of the Today sponge's demise when the pharmacist at my local drugstore told me it went off the market. "You are about the hundredth woman who's come in here today," he said. "Planned Parenthood WAS giving them out, but only on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

These strike me as big stories, ones that affect millions of women. But somehow, they never made the big time. They don't debate emergency contraception on "Crossfire," even though it's a quite controversial. Depo-Provera never made the cover of Time, even though it could change the way millions of women think about birth control. And the sponge issue didn't hit the map until the sitcom "Seinfeld" took it on.

But if the media's reaction to contraceptive setbacks and innovations has been sluggish, it is only a reflection of American society as a whole. I can't blame the information Goliath entirely for my ignorance on these matters -- my obstetrician-gynecologist never brought them up either.

We're used to thinking of the United States as a world leader in medical research and technology -- and in most arenas it is -- but when the subject is birth control, we might as well be living in the Third World.

"American women have fewer contraceptive choices than any women in the Western world," says Janet Benshoof, president of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy.

Long before it came to the United States, Depo-Provera was widely used in Europe. So were the female condom and the cervical cap. And the same pharmaceutical companies that won't label birth-control pills as emergency contraception here, actively promote this use abroad.

Why is the United States so behind the times? Part of it has to do with good old capitalism. Birth control isn't a very profitable business, as it has been encumbered by a number of strict regulations and expensive lawsuits.

But these are variables in many industries. The clincher for birth-control manufacturers is that their product is frequently the target of hostile social forces. Oral-contraceptive manufacturers, for example, don't label their product for emergency use because they fear right-to-life groups will boycott their other products. The unpopularity of contraception is also evident in Washington, where members of the 104th Congress have repeatedly tried to slash family-planning programs. "Health progress for women is hostage to ideological forces," says Benshoof. "A lot of people think it's just about abortion. But it's about birth control too."



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## NATIONAL BRIEFS



### Minimum wage

WASHINGTON — Relishing their combat with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting, Democrats say they'll try again and again to force a vote on raising the minimum wage.

"We will continue to bring this up until we are satisfied that the Senate is on record," Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said Tuesday, shortly after Dole successfully blunted attempts to force an immediate vote.

For Dole, the scrape over the minimum wage was a sign of campaign-year battles to come.

"I assume they are not going to make it easy for me. But if they are going to have that attitude then we are not going to make it easy for Clinton, either," Dole told The Associated Press. "In my view it is a little too early for all that."

### Scanning resumes into databases

BOSTON — Anyone who has ever filled a job knows the feeling. A qualified candidate is out there somewhere, but where is that resume that was gathering dust in a drawer?

Multiply that resume by the thousands, and you get an idea of how a personnel manager at a large company must feel.

But companies that once lost track of job seekers amid piles of paper now are scanning resumes into databases that allow them to search for suitable candidates at the click of a mouse.

"You don't want to sit there and say, 'Who was that guy, you know, the one with the brown hair?'" said Barbara Whitcher, director of recruiting and staffing for John Hancock Financial Services. "Instead of going through a drawer of paper with maybe 500 resumes ... you can enter in keywords and come up with 30."

### Poor-performing schools

PALISADES, N.Y. — Hundreds of applicants respond to "Help Wanted" ads, yet business managers say they can't find workers. Poor-performing schools are partly to blame, say business leaders who are calling for tougher academic standards at a national education summit.

"I don't think the education community can continue to ignore what business says. They are the ultimate customer," said Keith Poston, a spokesman for the National Alliance of Business.

Forty-nine business leaders from across America have joined 41 governors to talk about raising academic standards for America's schoolchildren and infusing technology into the classroom.

President Clinton is keynote speaker at the two-day summit, which ends today. Governors are pledging to set higher academic standards in their states, and business leaders vow to lend their support to school reform.

### Unprecedented space walk

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Two NASA astronauts dangled from a 15-foot tunnel linking shuttle Atlantis and the Russian space station Mir today in an unprecedented spacewalk outside the orbiting outpost.

Astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford floated out of the shuttle as the massive Atlantis-Mir complex soared some 250 miles over the South Pacific.

Wearing jet packs as a safety precaution during the risky spacewalk, they climbed up opposite sides of Mir's orange docking tunnel to begin the planned six-hour spacewalk.

"It's pretty neat out here," Godwin said.

### Oscar gets ABC the ratings gold

NEW YORK — ABC's three-hour, 36-minute Academy Awards telecast drew an estimated 75 million U.S. television viewers to all or part of show, network researchers said.

The Oscars earned a 30.3 rating and a 50 percent share of the TV audience, and peaked between 10 and 10:30 p.m. EST at 32.1.

"The show equaled or outperformed Academy Awards programs for nine of the last 12 years," ABC spokeswoman Janice Gretemeyer said.

One rating point equals 950,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's 95.9 million TV homes; share is the percentage of sets that tuned in the broadcast.

The ratings were a 7 percent decline from last year's broadcast, the highest-rated since 1983, which drew an aggregate audience of about 81 million, a rating of 32.5 and a 53 share.

"The Barbara Walters Special," an Oscars night tradition, earned an 18.1 rating, 29 share, up 14 percent over last year's special.

### Watercress might cut cancer risk

SAN FRANCISCO — A substance found in watercress, Chinese cabbage and turnips might be able to cut lung cancer risk in smokers, a preliminary study suggests.

The substance can prevent a particular compound in cigarette smoke from causing lung cancer in rats, and the study of smokers who ate watercress found evidence it might do the same in people.

But that doesn't mean it's OK to puff away if you eat watercress too, stressed researcher Stephen Hecht of the American Health Foundation of Valhalla, N.Y.

"The right message is not to smoke," he said.

## WORLD BRIEFS



### Assassin gets life in prison

TEL AVIV, Israel — An Israeli court sentenced Yitzhak Rabin's assassin to life in prison today, saying he meticulously planned the killing and calmly pulled the trigger.

Yigal Amir showed no remorse, saying he had to kill the prime minister to save Israel from further bloodshed.

Standing in the prisoner's dock, one hand confidently resting on his hip, Amir said, "Everything I did, I did for God, for the Torah of Israel, the people of Israel and the land of Israel."

The deeply religious Amir dismissed the three-month court proceedings as a "show trial."

### On a clear day

STIRLING, Scotland — On a clear day from the William Wallace monument, a panorama of mountain, castle and water unfolds before the viewer — but these days, it seems, you can see all the way to Hollywood.

A mile away on the plain stands a bridge on the spot where Wallace ambushed the English seven centuries ago, long before American novelist Randall Wallace thought to call him Braveheart.

"Braveheart," Mel Gibson's epic about the triumph and tragedy of the warrior Wallace, topped the Oscar ceremonies Monday night with five awards. It's also bringing a golden era of tourism to this stunning and monument-studded corner of Scotland.

"We've become dubbed Braveheart Country. We feel like we've won an Oscar for best-supporting country," said Gillian Taylor, spokeswoman for the local tourist board.

From Associated Press reports

# Perot supporters not the same

By The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — In 1992's vice presidential debate, Ross Perot's running mate, James Stockdale, posed a double question that became one of that year's more illuminating political utterances: "Who am I and what am I doing here?"

As Perot throws himself into yet another cross-country campaign to prepare the way for a 1996 third-party run, that same question might be asked not only of the Dallas billionaire, but of his would-be supporters.

For Perot's people now are not entirely the same group that supported him then, nor are the dynamics of the race the same. Nor is Perot the same relatively fresh face who burst onto the political stage in 1992, charts in hand.

And he might be off to a rocky start this second time around, judging from the skeptical reaction he got from students at Texas A&M University Tuesday night.

Kicking off a road trip to promote his new Reform Party, Perot showed a familiar strain of cantankerousness when several students pressed him for more details on how his proposals

differed from those of the major-party candidates.

Perot erupted when one student, sophomore Misty Hataway, 20, a political science major, asked him pointblank, "Why should we vote for your party?"

"I don't care whether you vote for our party or not, I've already made that clear," Perot retorted. He added that if the whole nation exhibited the same cynicism she had spoken of, "We all will fail."

"It would be very easy ... to avoid these headaches. I could totally insulate myself and my family from all this. I could just insulate myself from it," he said.

When another student asked Perot where he was when Republicans narrowly lost efforts pass balanced-budget and term-limitation legislation, Perot heatedly denied that he had remained on the sidelines.

He credited himself with bringing the balanced budget issue to the congressional agenda. "We were there. We were at the forefront. ... Next question."

Perot visits Philadelphia today and has three stops in Florida planned for Thursday and Friday in the early stages of a cross-country effort to get his party on the ballot in all 50

states.

The Texan's return to the political arena was greeted dourly by GOP nominee-in-waiting Sen. Bob Dole and GOP party chief Haley Barbour, who both sought to persuade Perot to change his mind — suggesting many of his proposed reforms were now theirs.

In fact, many of Perot's 1992 ideas have been embraced by Republicans. And even President Clinton was pressured into agreeing to a seven-year goal for balancing the budget.

That makes some of Perot's criticism less valid than it was four years ago.

The conventional wisdom is that Perot would help Clinton by siphoning votes away from Dole.

But Democratic pollster Peter D. Hart, who completed an extensive poll earlier this month for the Wall Street Journal and NBC, said any assumption that Perot's supporters now are the same as those he had in 1992 is erroneous.

"Among the people saying they would vote for Ross Perot in 1996, only two out of five of them were Ross Perot voters in '92," he said. Among registered voters, Perot would take 11 percent away from the Democratic candidate and 13 percent

away from the Republican candidate, he said — not an overwhelming difference.

"There are a lot of his people who have left and a lot of new people have come in. What defines them is that they're a little more evenly divided between Clinton and Dole," Hart said.

Furthermore, Hart said, those "new" Perot voters — who didn't vote for him in 1992 but say they would now — say they would vote for Clinton by a 6-to-1 ratio if the choice were just between the president and Dole.

GOP pollster Frank Luntz, who worked for Perot briefly in 1992, said the '96 Perot voter is slightly less well educated than in 1992, with a slightly lower income, more blue-collar.

Also affecting the 1996 dynamics: Perot had a long-lived animosity for President Bush in 1992 that made him a magnet for the GOP anti-Bush vote. Perot does not harbor any such resentment toward Dole. In fact, they share many of the same views.

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Sports

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Church softball offered

SANFORD — Church softball teams interested in competing in the Sanford Recreation Department Spring season on Saturday morning's should attend the meeting tonight (March 27th) at 8 p.m.

Softball meeting tonight

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will conduct an organizational meeting for its Spring Softball Leagues tonight. The Men's and Church leagues will meet at 8 p.m., with the Women's and Co-Ed leagues meeting at 8:30 p.m. Both will take place at Sanford City Hall.

Tribe netters edge Lions

SANFORD — The Seminole High School tennis teams split 4-3 decisions with Oviedo in Seminole Athletic Conference action Tuesday afternoon at Lake Sylvan Park.

BOYS LIONS & FIGHTING SEMINOLES

- No. 1 — Oscar Cannizzaro (S) & Buffington, 6-4, 6-1
No. 2 — Eddie Vargas (S) & Conins, 6-1, 6-3
No. 3 — Norris (O) & David Edwards, 6-2, 7-5
No. 4 — Lipp (O) & Robbie Smith, 6-2, 6-0
No. 5 — Holtry (O) & Jason Thornton, 6-2, 6-3

Magic streak over

ORLANDO — The Los Angeles Lakers not only shattered Orlando's 40-game home winning streak, they buried it. Nick Van Exel scored 22 points and the Lakers went 11-of-18 on 3-point shots to beat the Magic 113-91 and end the second-longest home regular-season winning streak.

AROUND THE STATE

Courier advances at Lipton

KEY BISCAIYNE — U.S. men's tennis may be peaking a week early. Six of the eight quarterfinalists at the Lipton Championships are Americans, including Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Jim Courier and defending champion Andre Agassi.

Donovan takes Gators helm

GAINESVILLE — Billy Donovan, the coach at Marshall who played and coached under Rick Pitino, will be the next coach at Florida, two newspapers reported today.

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Tribe trips Patriots

Gilchrist leads Seminole to first SAC triumph

By GARY GOATMAN
Herald Staff Writer
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Tamara Gilchrist was 3-for-5 with six RBI Tuesday to lead Seminole past Lake Brantley 16-12 in Seminole Athletic Conference softball action at Lake Brantley. The win was the Tribe's first in the SAC this season.

FIGHTING SEMINOLES 16, PATRIOTS 12
Seminole 310 105 4 - 16 13 3
Lake Brantley 101 416 6 - 12 14 10
Duvall and Cohe, Mathews and Poppe, WP — Duvall (4-18), LP — Mathews (3-8), Save — none, SB — Seminole, Gilchrist, 2B — Seminole, Clett, Gilchrist, HR — none, Records — Seminole 4-15 (1-3 in SAC); Lake Brantley 2-8 (1-3 SAC).

extend the Tribe's lead to 9-2. Jennifer Quintana and Jen Lyons both reached base on errors in the fourth inning and Poppe singled to load the bases for Lake Brantley. Quintana and Lyons later scored on a single by Schlemmer, and Poppe later scored as Stuller reached first base on an error. Schlemmer then scored on a ground out by Letskus to pull Lake Brantley within 9-6.

Seminole trounces district opponent

From Staff Reports
SANFORD — Tim Raines went two-for-three and drove in two runs and Seminole erased a 3-0 deficit by scoring eight runs in the bottom of the first inning and the Tribe went on to batter St. Cloud 13-3 in five innings in a Class 5A-District 6 baseball game at Alumni Field in the Seminole High School Baseball Complex Tuesday afternoon.



Blue Jays catcher Preston Richardson saves a run as he makes a tag on the Indians' Jeff Bowers Tuesday evening at Lakeside Field. But the Indians would get the last laugh as they defeated the Blue Jays 14-1.

See Softball, Page 2B

Braves first to 4-0 in Little Majors

From Staff Reports
SANFORD — Jeremy Heckle and Tyler Drake combined on a three-hitter Thursday evening as the Enterprise Trucking-Braves knocked off the previously undefeated United Trophy-Expos 7-2 to become the first four game winner in the Sanford Recreation Department Little Major League.

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for 'ROY HOLLER FIELD' and 'LAKESIDE FIELD'.

Punchless SCC drops doubleheader to Lake City

From Staff Reports
SANFORD — Seminole Community College ran into a case of the late-inning blues Tuesday as it dropped a Mid-Florida Conference softball doubleheader 8-0 and 4-2 to Lake City Community College at Raider Field.

runs. We just ran out of steam at the end. LCCC made some great defensive plays and that was really the difference in the game. In the first game the Timberwoolves scored a run in the second inning, then put the game away with four runs in the fourth inning and three runs in the fifth inning.

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for 'TIMBERWOOLVES 8-0 RAIDERS 1-1' and 'LAKE CITY C.C.'.







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**BLONDIE**

by Chic Young



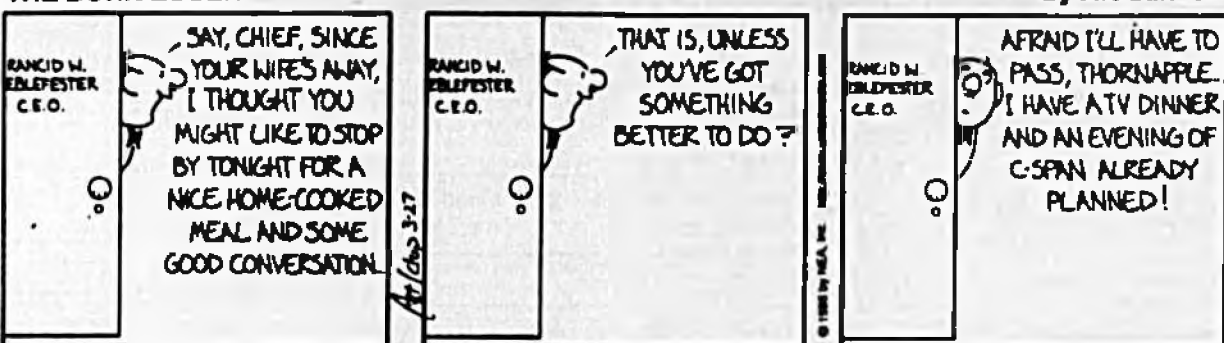
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by Mort Walker



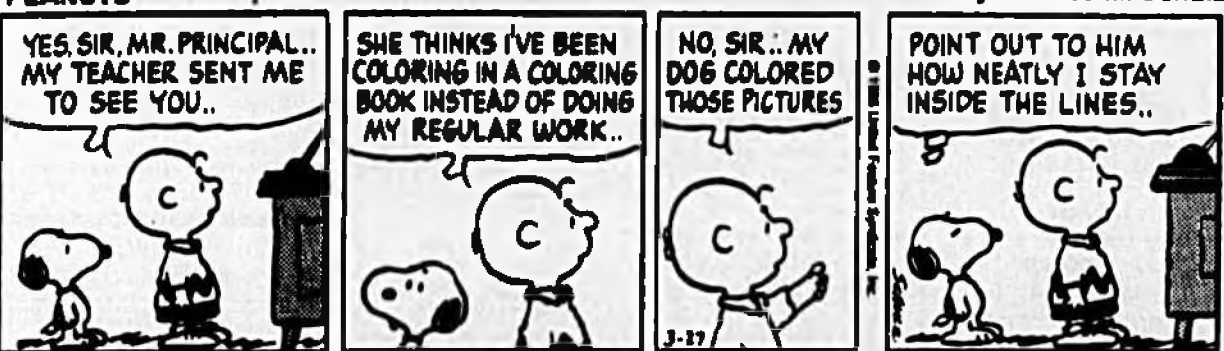
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**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



**Is stress causing teen's symptoms?**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My 13-year-old son suffers from bronchial asthma and diarrhea whenever he visits his father. There is a suspicion of abuse toward my son, which is one reason why we divorced. Could the conditions be stress-related? I'm under court order to allow visitation rights and my son suffers as a result.

**DEAR READER:** Asthma is not, in most cases, related to stress. Rather, it is due to bronchial constriction caused by infection, by inhaling cold air or by breathing in a substance (such as dust or animal dander) to which a person is allergic.

Rather than blaming your former husband for abusing the child, you might try to discover (with the pediatrician's help) if there is something in your ex-husband's house that could be contributing to the boy's asthma. For example, are there animals present?

The diarrhea is a more difficult knot to untangle. Stress can cause diarrhea, but so can a change in diet. Is it possible that your ex-husband could be supplying food which is causing intestinal upset?

Here is a somewhat esoteric possibility. Food allergies can cause diarrhea and, in some instances, asthma. Thus, the two conditions could be the consequence of an altered diet.

Most fathers would welcome the opportunity to help solve such a complex puzzle. I suggest that you try to enlist his cooperation in determining the cause of your son's asthma and diarrhea. Once again, the pediatrician — with the assistance of an allergist, if necessary — can help you.

Finally, I want to address the issue of child abuse. This is a very serious problem and, if present, should (at the very least) be corrected immediately. If your former husband is abusive, the court should abrogate his visitation privileges.

To prove abuse, you'll need evidence, such as obvious bruising and injuries, as well as the child's testimony. The boy should undergo medical examinations, if appropriate, and your attorney should be consulted.

I share the view of many concerned citizens: Namely, that no child should have to live in an environment that is not safe and nurturing. Therefore, I urge you to continue to address this potential problem. However, I believe that you will require more convincing documentation than asthma and diarrhea.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** For years I've suffered endless, excruciating pain over my entire body — my back, knees or elbows being most affected. I know I have osteoporosis and elevated cholesterol levels, but my doctor is at his wits' end and so am I. The pain is unbearable and depressing. Where

should I seek help?

**DEAR READER:** The causes of total-body pain are many and complex, ranging from auto-immune diseases (lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and others) to hidden infection, such as Lyme disease. Most of these conditions are treatable. Osteoporosis (age-related brittleness of bones) and high cholesterol levels do not usually cause such pain.

I can well understand your family doctor's frustration. And yet, I wonder, why he has been reluctant to send you for a second opinion from a diagnostic specialist?

The ability to recognize one's limitations and to ask for help in dealing with puzzling cases are the hallmarks of the capable, good family physician. No doctor knows all the answers; the really fine ones admit this and develop an



**MEDICINE**

**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

extensive network of specialists who can be called upon when appropriate.

Ask your doctor to refer you to an internist (diagnostic specialist) or to the diagnostic clinic at a teaching hospital. The consultant(s) will then review your case and laboratory data, obtain the necessary further testing, diagnose your disorder, and recommend treatment.

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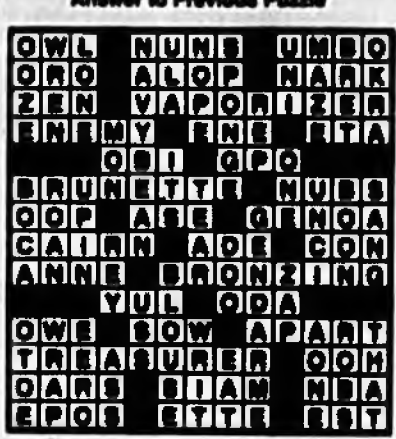
**ACROSS**

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- 7 Noctile
- 12 Lure attractive
- 14 Pronunciation mark
- 15 Floodgate
- 16 Ruined
- 17 Fruit pastry
- 18 Maintained
- 20 Take to court
- 21 Tiny opening
- 24 Burial
- 27 Kinship
- 31 Direction
- 32 Military exercise
- 33 Let's Make
- 36 Wild sheep
- 38 Detroit team (2 wds.)
- 40 Microbe
- 41 Stupid
- 43 How gross!

**DOWN**

- 1 Cressant point
- 2 Citrus fruit
- 3 — jeans
- 4 Roman 3
- 5 Head supports
- 6 Halls
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- 10 Speaker's spot
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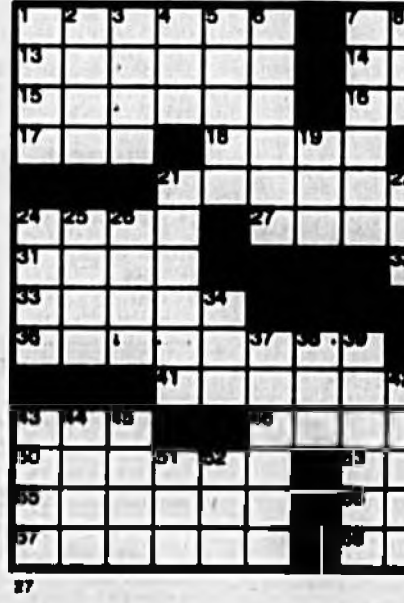
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Bergman's daughter  
21 Capital of Canada  
22 Guided  
23 Male lute  
24 Machine part  
25 Put on board  
26 Not many  
28 Emerald Isle  
29 Disparaging remark  
30 Thin  
34 Flour-de-  
37 Most pleasant  
38 Large envelope  
39 Working men's employee  
42 Owl  
43 W. Coast soil  
44 Patron  
45 Actress Helen  
47 Between meal and meal  
48 Not made do with  
49 Small coherent light  
51 Great letter  
52 — Microscopic  
54 Security post (abbr.)

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**WIN AT BRIDGE**

**Wait for one's chance**

By Phillip Alder

Henry J. Byron, the English dramatist, said, "Life's too short for chess." If only he had been born 100 years later, he might have added "... and bridge is good for lengthening life." Bridge keeps the brain active and is an ideal pastime for one's later years. Of course, the earlier you learn bridge, the better. (Though it is definitely a case of better late than never!) If you are taught to count out hands when you are young, like bicycle riding, you won't forget how to do it.

In today's deal, South kept a careful count, which told him late in the deal's life how to play the spade suit. After a Stayman auction to three no-

trump, West led his fourth-highest club. Declarer ducked the first two club tricks and won the third, discarding a heart from the dummy.

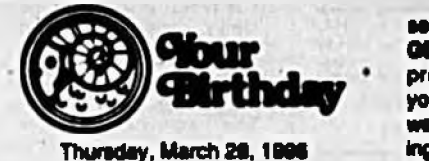
South started with a diamond to dummy's 10, playing to keep West off the lead. East won with the jack and returned the heart three to West's 10 and dummy's ace. Now declarer played a diamond to his king and a diamond to dummy's ace, hoping for a 3-2 break. No luck — East discarded a heart.

Next, South played a heart to his king, noting that West followed suit.

What had South learned? That West had begun with five clubs, four diamonds and at least two hearts. So, South cashed his spade ace, played a spade to dummy's king and confidently finessed his spade 10. When it worked, as he knew it would, South claimed nine tricks: four spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club.

<b>NORTH</b> 65-37-96			
♠ K 5 4		♠ J 8 7 6	
♥ A 6 5 3		♥ J 9 8 3	
♦ A 10 8 2		♦ J 8	
♣ 8 6		♣ Q 7 3	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ 9 3		♠ J 8 7 6	
♥ Q 10		♥ J 9 8 3	
♦ Q 9 7 5		♦ J 8	
♣ K J 9 5 4		♣ Q 7 3	
<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>NORTH</b>	
♠ A Q 10 2		♠ K 7 4	
♥ K 7 3		♥ A 10 3	
♦ A 10 3			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 5			
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**HOROSCOPE**



Thursday, March 28, 1996

Speculative endeavors could be very appealing for you in the year ahead. If you stay in your area of expertise, you might do rather well in these ventures.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Do not let persons with whom you're involved rush you into making an impulsive decision today. You're doing the right thing by first studying the matter thoroughly. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158.

**TALUS** (April 20-May 20) Minor intrusions could be difficult to shrug off today if you take yourself or the day's events too

seriously. You can win if you lighten up.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Your financial projections might not be as stable as you'd like them to be at present. Don't weaken your financial situation by spending money you don't have.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Associates might place extreme demands on you today. In fact, they may try to make you the scapegoat for their mistakes.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) If you cannot distinguish between optimism and wishful thinking today, you may impede your own progress. The former will work, but the latter will not.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Good relationships depend on mutual respect. Do not impose your ideas on your friends today. Fend for yourself and make do with what you have.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Leadership requires considerable skill, so try to be tactful when issuing commands today. Do not talk to subordinates in an arrogant manner.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Not everyone will agree with you today, so try to tolerate people who don't support your positions wholeheartedly. Try to respect their opinions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You must try to act professionally in commercial affairs today. Sloppy behavior might cause numerous errors.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you dislike might offer some constructive suggestions today. However, because you don't respect this person, you may reject his or her advice.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A disagreeable assignment you've tried to avoid could catch up with you today. You may have trouble finding someone to help you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Instead of envying others today, count your blessings and be grateful for what you have. Your tally might surprise you.

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**ANNIE**

by Leonard Starr

