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## NEWS DIGEST

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#### Sports

##### Lake Mary back atop SAC

LONGWOOD — After a three-year absence, the Lake Mary Rams reclaimed the Seminole Athletic Conference championship in wrestling with a dual meet win over Lyman Wednesday.

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#### People

##### Historical society to gather

Seminole County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting Feb. 3. At that time officers will be elected and Dr. James Denham, professor of history, will profile the legendary Seminole Chief Osceola.

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### BRIEFS

#### Suspects face other charges

SANFORD — Three suspects in the shooting death of an Oviedo man will not be charged with felony murder but may face other criminal charges after a Seminole County grand jury meeting Tuesday failed to indict the trio.

Assistant State Attorney Joe D'Achille said the state attorney's office has 30 days to file charges stemming from the Jan. 7 shooting death of Donald R. Brooks, 30, Oviedo. Three suspects were arrested in the slaying, Brian Lawson, 19, 878 Tyson St.; Demetris Hill, 26, 296 Wilson Road, both of Oviedo and Brian Gainey, 20, address unknown. Hill turned himself in at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility over the weekend.

#### Support for criminals

SANFORD — A burglar or burglars may never have as much support as they have now. Seminole County Sheriff's deputies were called to investigate a business burglary Tuesday, from an office in the 1600 block of Heardall Avenue. According to deputies, the only items reportedly missing were 12 industrial strength back supports, with a total estimated value of \$240. The incident report said they were medium to large size.

#### High school student arrested

A 14-year old Lake Mary High School student was arrested Wednesday for bringing a 7-inch paring knife to school.

Seminole County Sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough said the initial investigation indicated the youth brought the knife to school to use on another youth.

The investigation is continuing.

#### Air Force jet in Sanford

SANFORD — A U.S. Air Force F-16 jet arrived very quietly at the Central Florida Regional Airport at 10:15 this morning. The plane is part of the Thunderbirds aerobatics team. Airport manager Steve Cooke said the pilot is the advance man for the Thunderbirds, who flew to Sanford to look over the field and facilities. Cooke said the Thunderbirds are being sought to take part in the air show scheduled at the Sanford airport in October of this year. Last year, the featured aerobatics team was the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

#### Leftover eating worms?

BOSTON — Some state employees soon will have some thin, slimy colleagues who work for table scraps.

The Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental group, is donating three pounds of red worms that will be relegated to office-building basements. Their mission: to eat leftover food that usually gets thrown away.

It's a dirty job, but the worms don't mind doing it.

From staff and wire reports

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#### Temps on the rise



Partly cloudy with a high near 80. Wind cast at 5 to 10 mph.

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## Drug raids: 9 nabbed

### Sanford cops: Cocaine distribution thwarted

By NICK PFEIPAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Nine persons were arrested last night in three separate drug raids conducted by members of the Sanford police Special Investigative Unit.

"We started these raids at about 9 o'clock last night with legal warrants," said Commander Dennis Whitmire. "and it only took a short time to go through all three houses."

It was a very successful night. The raids went off without a hitch.

—Cmdr. Dennis Whitmire

The homes were within a block of each other, at 1005½, 1017 and 1114 Pine Avenue in Sanford's east side.

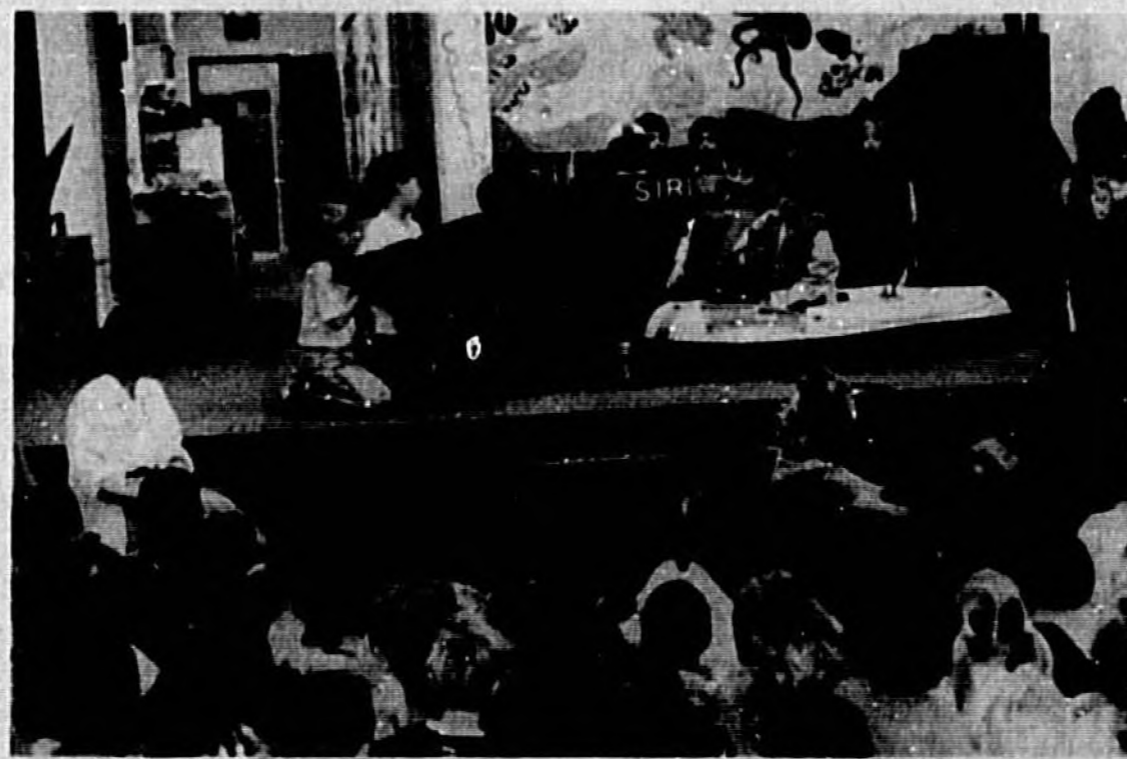
"These raids were the result of undercover agents going in earlier," Whitmire said, "and from those drug transactions, we were able to obtain warrants to search all three homes."

Three persons were found in each home. At 1005½ Pine, persons arrested included John Benjamin Rouse, 23, Freddie Lee Gilbert, 49, and Charles Edward Gilbert, 20.

Rouse was charged with possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute (20 grams), and

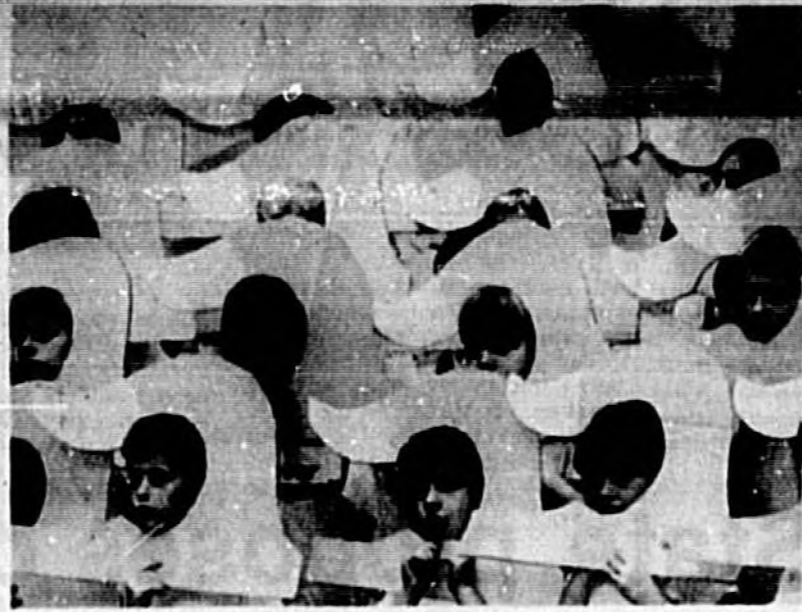
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### Saving the whale



The Rescue of Comet, a play about saving Comet, a humpback whale, was produced recently by the second graders at Idylwild Elementary School in Sanford. While a sea of faces splashed across the stage as waves, right, Jimmy Schmitz, Mark Flanagan, Cameron Smith and Cy Wynn huddled behind the whale while Andrew Sider and Jordan Regan of the Idylwild Coast Guard attempt to free him from the discarded fishing nets, above.

Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent



## Ex-cop sentenced to prison

By SANDRA ELLIOTT  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Former Sanford policeman Guy S. Brewster was sentenced this morning to 15 years in prison follow by 30 years probation during which time he will not be allowed to be alone with any child under 18, including his own children.

Calling the case "truly a tragedy," Eighteenth Circuit Court Judge Alan Dickey said many people in the community had written him on behalf of the former city policeman. However, Dickey said the crime Brewster was convicted of,

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## The future of communication

### Increased competition may benefit consumer

By NICK PFEIPAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Movies brought to your home by the phone company? The local cable television operator offering telephone service?

"We already have the capabilities of doing this," said Southern Bell Regional Manager Larry Strickler. "The only thing we need is to have rules properly structured so that it is fair to all of the communications companies involved."

"Mostly," he added, "it must be what is in the best interests of the consumer."

Such new plans are presently being considered in Washington as Congress and the Clinton administration move to increase competition in

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## Sanford censured for King rental fees

By NICK PFEIPAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission had its wrists slapped by the chairperson for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee Monday evening.

At least one commissioner responded with an apology.

Committee Chairperson Dorothea W. Fogle had requested to be placed on Monday night's agenda to discuss matters of the MLK Committee in Sanford.

She told the commissioners she

was both elated yet saddened about the event.

Although Mayor Bettye Smith had taken an active part in this year's observance, the mayor was not on hand for the commission meeting. In her place, Commissioner A.A. McClanahan, as deputy mayor,

presided.

As for the elation she felt, Fogle explained the success of the past year's celebrations. "I'm elated that last year, the City of Sanford was recognized by the governor and the State of Florida MLK Commission

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## Hospitals irked by report cards

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The state's first attempt at a consumer-oriented report card on Florida hospitals prompted more questions than answers at a meeting here Wednesday of hospital representatives.

Officials at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford said the numbers are misleading and will cause much confusion.

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## Sheriff amused by calendar publicity

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Senior Staff Writer

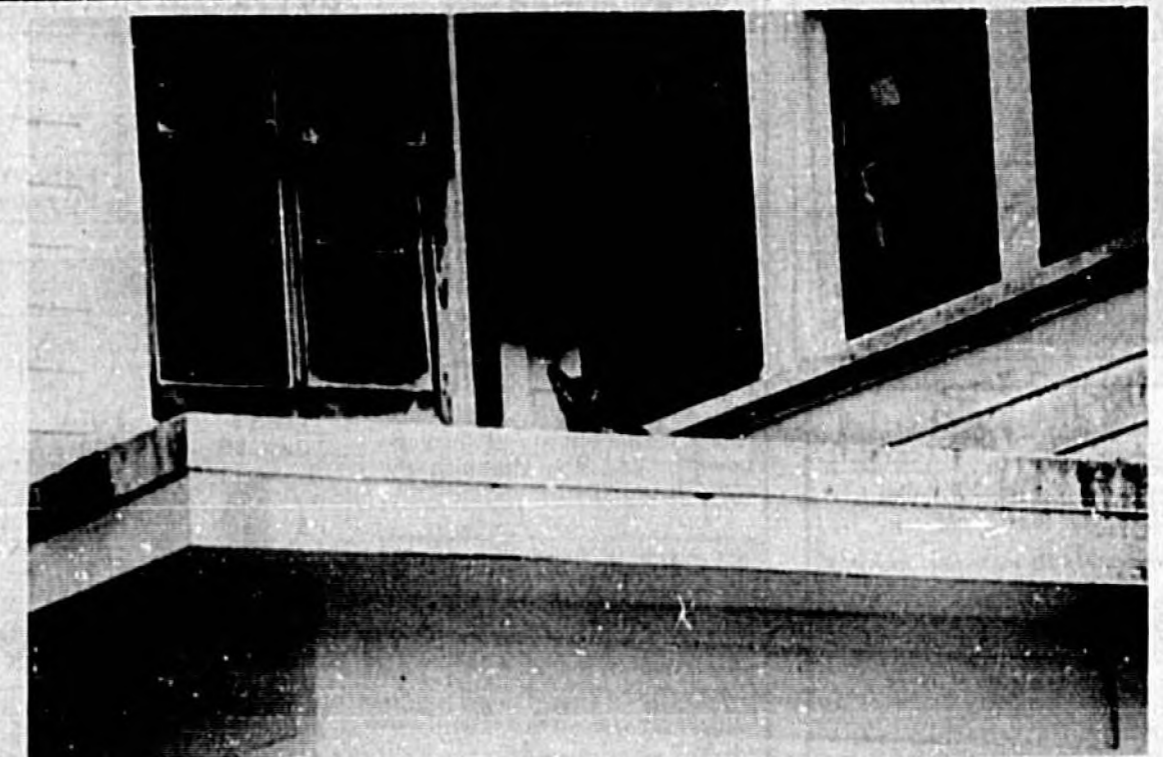
SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Don Estlinger was bemused this morning over mounting publicity about Christian-themed calendars distributed to some deputies last week.

"It's a non-issue," said Estlinger. "The vendor made a mistake and they're going to replace 'em. That's it."

Two hundred calendars bearing messages of

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### Cat on a hot wood roof



Herald Photo by Susan Werner

An unidentified feline was basking in the warm sunlight on a recent afternoon on the roof of an Oak Avenue house. The little fellow found a

warm spot on the wooden roof above a porch where he could watch the people go by and keep away from neighborhood dogs.





# Editorials/Opinions

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### EDITORIALS

## How about a 'State of the City' speech?

Tuesday night, President Clinton presented his State of the Union address. It is an annual tradition among the leaders of our nation.

Before stepping onto the platform, the president knew there would be both pro and con responses to his announcement of plans. Yet he presented his viewpoint of the needs of our country and made suggestions to fulfill them.

People directly involved with law enforcement paid close attention to his comments on crime, community policing and a plan to prohibit assault rifles.

Others concerned about the medical community listened intently to the president's remarks about health care.

Depending on a person's personal connections, they listened. Some agreed with what was said. Others complained the president didn't go far enough in some of his proposals.

Unfortunately, there were a few who had no opinions. They waited to hear a radio and TV show host rip the president's plans apart. They allowed this type of comment to influence their beliefs.

Perhaps this type of public speaking should be carried further. At the local level, the only time a government leader comments on future plans is during an election campaign.

After the election, people hear only bits of plans revealed at public meetings or through the media. They never have the opportunity to hear any long-scale plans.

New plans naturally spring up from time to time requiring governmental action. These should be expected.

Public opinion developments, improvements or restrictions however, are often in the study stage for many months. The people deserve to hear these concepts. In doing so, they will be better informed, and be capable of lending support.

A few government leaders in Central Florida give an annual "State of the City" or "State of the County" report. These have proven valuable in obtaining public support for a project.

The people in these communities are pleased that they have been given information on what may be in their future.

We urge more local governments to become involved in an annual message of this type. The percentage of people who attend a commission meeting is extremely low in comparison to total population of an area.

Everyone deserves to know what is being planned. It is part of what should be good government.

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a 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



"Listen, man, I'd like to do some robbing and stealing with you, but there's just too much random violence going on out there for me."

### WILLIAM A. RUSHER

## Last blast, end of Lawrence Walsh

The publication of Lawrence Walsh's final blast at the high public officials he was unable to indict or convict brings to a belated end the longest, the most expensive and the worst-botched investigation ever conducted by a special prosecutor. Let us try to learn what we can from it.

The Iran-Contra controversy had its roots in the failure of the authors of the Constitution to specify which branch of the federal government should have the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of foreign policy. Search that document as you will, you will find no enlightenment on the subject. Congress declares war; the president appoints ambassadors and negotiates treaties, subject to the approval of the Senate. Beyond that, silence reigns.

As a result, when Congress is controlled by one party and the White House by the other, there is room for all sorts of maneuvers by both sides in matters of foreign policy. In the case of Iran, President Reagan engaged in secret negotiations with Iranian officials to obtain the release of American hostages in Lebanon and ultimately consented to the secret sale of arms to Iran to help consummate the deal. Various aides of the president, without (even Walsh admits) his

knowledge, arranged to divert a part of the proceeds of this sale to the support of the Nicaraguan Contras—a cause they knew he favored, but for which Congress had recently forbidden the expenditure of government funds.

When these facts came to light, the Democratic leadership of Congress, which only 13 years earlier had forced the resignation of President Nixon under threat of impeachment, saw what appeared to be another such golden opportunity. Pronouncing Mr. Reagan's actions a heinous violation of his constitutional powers (without, however, pointing to any particular



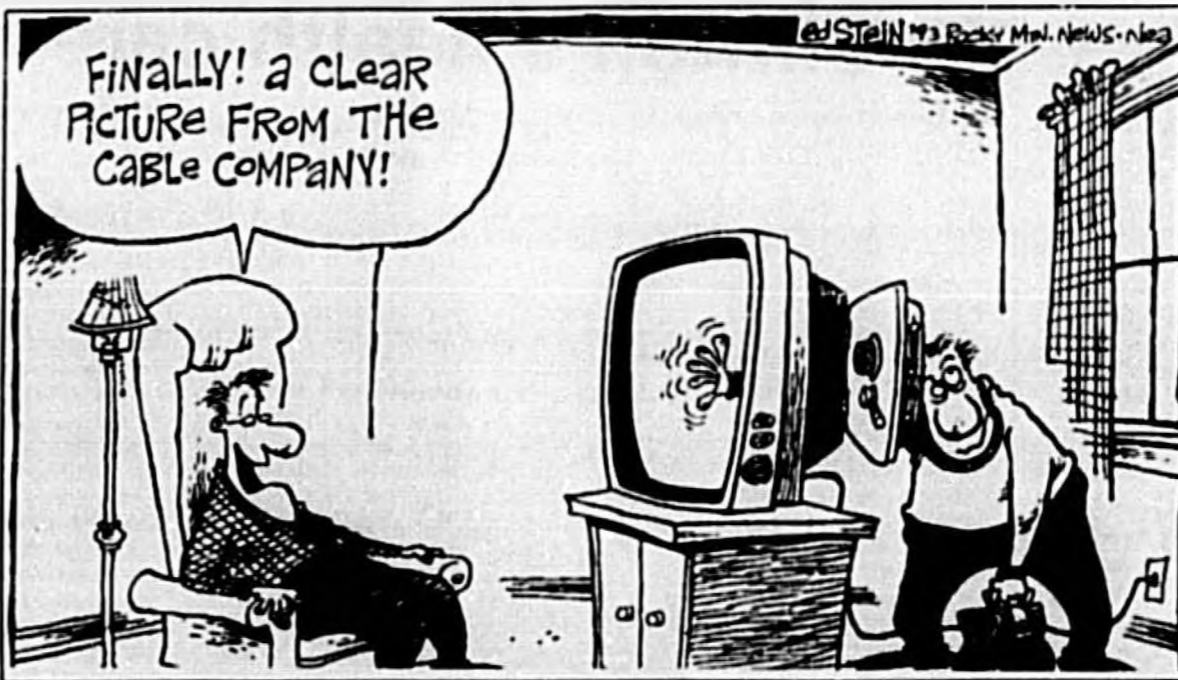
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clause), they staged a grandiose investigation by a joint committee of Congress and then insisted on the appointment of a special prosecutor to indict and convict individual malefactors, the higher-ranking the better.

Lawrence Walsh, the man appointed special prosecutor, was 75 at the time and largely retired from a distinguished but far from earthshaking career as a lawyer and judge. With all the time and money he needed, he settled into a suite of fancy offices in Washington and recruited a large number of hot-eyed young lawyers to assist him in his work. It consumed seven years.

Walsh's defenders like to suggest that the man's zeal and numerous blunders of his office were mostly owing to these aides. Certainly there were, among them, outspoken political leftists determined to use their investigative and prosecutorial mandate to destroy Ronald Reagan—personally, politically and historically. But Walsh cannot escape ultimate responsibility for what his office tried to do, and that was to indict and prosecute Mr. Reagan.

As the years rolled on, that proved, on the basis of the facts, to be impossible. So Walsh shifted to indicting lesser fry, only to have most of the convictions reversed on appeal.



### LETTERS

#### Farewell, my friend

The first time I saw Steven Gathers, he was leading a Sunday school class. He spoke with a passionate love for the scriptures and all people and our Lord Jesus Christ. He had a fervent confidence in the hope of the word and the promise of heaven. It is ironic as I look back on that hour a couple of weeks ago that I seem to remember Steven, whom I barely knew by first name, saying that he wanted to be prepared if he died, to go to heaven. He wanted to know where he was going, he wanted to be heaven, and he wanted to be ready in case somebody came for him when he had his back turned. Of course, none of us in the small congregation dreamed that Steven or his teen-aged son Steven Jr. who stood in the back of the church so serious and handsome like his father, would go out fishing on a boat on the lake in back of their house the following Sunday and never come back, an excursion starting so happily and being a straight path to heaven. It was always the older men and women in the church who thanked God for waking up that morning.

But it was Steven who spoke with passion the previous Sunday about being ready when he was called, even out of the blue to go to the right place. Had I thought anything about it, I probably would have thought that his prudence was a bit premature, though admirable. As it turned out, he was right, though I can't imagine he ever thought he would die young.

He had a love for his religion which showed in his rock-solid commitment to his lovely wife Marquetta and Steven's two younger sisters, Andrea and Stephanie. He had a love for his job, and the house on the back of which they were still building a porch. Though it was already enclosed, it was a place to sit and view the lake that took the men, the place that became a door to the hereafter.

The day after, Monday, Jan. 17, people talked on the bank while children bounced on the trampoline that the parents had thoughtfully provided for their children and all their friends, reminding one and all what children teach us best, the joy of living. Because life must go on so you might as well live every moment, which is what Steven Jr. and Steven Sr. were doing I'm sure as they pushed the boat into the lake, with the two lawn chairs they could use for a leisurely bit of sitting back and fishing. Then one of them stood up, the boat tipped over—I don't know the rest except that they were lost. Neighbors called 9-1-1 but divers could not find them for a long time.

At the house, afterward, people talked on the porch, too. People stayed close in the house with Marquetta and talked. Andrea and Stephanie sometimes were in the house and sometimes outside. It was perhaps hard to stop and think about what had happened with so many people around, and that of course is why they were there. It is a tribute to Steven Gathers that people have been with Marquetta day and night since Sunday, Jan. 16. They even appeared to burst the walls of the New Life Word Center on E. 13th St. for the funeral. It's a big church, not the little church way at the other end of 13th, Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church where the Gathers worshipped and where nearly everyone who went there was related to them. I just happened to walk in one night with my young daughter in tow about two months ago and was immediately accepted into the family of the church which is a family.

Andrea and Stephanie have always been beautiful in church, arrayed in shiny dresses with coordinating children's evening bags, and Marquetta has always come beautifully dressed in colorful ensembles with pieces of jewelry set off against the styles. And the two Steves always wore ties. Steven Jr., who I remember as liking to stand in the back, would wear a suit with a vest. But his father seemed to favor sweaters, often under a jacket. At any rate, the two men were so attractive, the boy with the angular face, so quiet, you never really knew what he was thinking. But I'm sure it was good.

His father was more relaxed, but, as I said, passionate in his devotion to his family. He radiated pride in his children and in his religion. That last time I saw him I piped up in the Sunday school and questioned some parts of the lesson, not doubting so much as trying to understand how this and that could be, and Steven invited the seeking. He welcomed my inquiry, saying it was good to search and question, seeking the truth. I think that it is fair to say that at that moment Steven Gathers was the leader of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Clark, who had been there nine years and is the Gathers' youngest child's godfather, had only just answered a call to head a full-time church in north Florida; Macedonia only has a regular service twice a month, though Sunday school is every week. But it wasn't just his role taking over some of the Sunday schools that made Steven looked up to. There are a lot of single women in the church, widows or single mothers or women who attend with their children, but not their husbands. Also, single men, or men who attend singly. With the pastor and his family gone, the Gathers now seemed to be the only family that attended as a whole. I think for this reason, and I hope I'm not offending anyone or speaking an untruth when I say this, but I think we all looked up to them as a great example of what an American family could, and should be. And we looked to Steven Gathers as the head of that family and therefore the church. I remember admiring Marquetta Gathers so much for this fine man of character and good looks—and the character made the looks, for otherwise good looks can be just a shell; this brave son and happy daughters. Even though it may hurt her to hear it said, it must at some point be said for that is what this is all about: the loss, the huge loss. That is why so many people are with Marquetta and staying with her and coming in from all corners of the country to remember Steven Gathers. That and because Steven Gathers was such a humble man—humble, and noble. And his little son, as family members said, followed right in his footsteps. All I could do when I saw Marquetta the day I heard about the tragedy was to pat her arm and say, "He was a great guy." And that really about summed him up. "I know it," she said.

The one thing that everyone gathered at the house on the little lake, and who saw them off at the big church Saturday, can say with complete assurance is that Steven Gathers did what he wanted. He wanted to be prepared to go to heaven if he was taken like this, suddenly and without warning, though there is no avoidance of judgment ultimately for anyone. Steven Gathers went to heaven. And he took his son Steven Jr. with him.

Karen Lachenauer  
Orlando

### JOSEPH SPEAR

## Three journalistic giants move on

December was a bad month for journalists. Three titans filed their last stories, and we are much the poorer for it.

The whole world noticed when William Shirer died. The legendary writer was known to an earlier generation for his CBS radio reports during World War II and to mine for his exhaustive histories of that era—most notably his brilliant account of the Nazi scourge, "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich."

But unless you are a relative or an astute reader of news, you probably took little note of the passing of Jeremiah O'Leary and Richard Stout. Permit me to tell you about them.

Jerry O'Leary was born into the newspaper business. His father covered Congress for the Washington Star for 50 years and O'Leary began his career at that paper in 1937 as a 17-year-old copy boy. He did it all: obits, features, the police beat, the civil rights marches, the State Department, the White House.

O'Leary was standing 12 feet from the scene when Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald. He was a witness to four executions. He was arrested in Cuba by Castro's police. He won a bundle of awards and was the president of the White House Correspondents Association in 1988 and 1989.

When the Star folded in 1981, O'Leary worked briefly in the Reagan White House, then joined the Washington Times in 1982. He covered the White House and later began a column called "O'Leary's Washington," which he continued almost until his death from circulatory problems on Dec. 19.

I ran into O'Leary occasionally, mostly when we were both covering the diplomatic beat. I did not know him well, but I respected him immensely. He was colorful and charming, but above all else, he was a man of granite integrity.

Richard Talbot Stout was a native of Indianapolis who worked for papers in New York, Dayton and Chicago before joining Newweek magazine, where he reported on the State Department, the Supreme Court, civil rights, urban affairs and politics. He covered the presidential campaigns of 1968 and 1972 and was one of the central characters in Timothy Crouse's book about the press in the 1972 race, "The Boys on the Bus."

This is how Crouse described him: "Stout looked like an overgrown schoolboy—tall, hulking, overweight, his suit always rumpled, and his blond forelock constantly falling down over his perspiring forehead... Stout was a man of startling moods. When he was depressed, his gloom could drown the good mood of a room. But when he was feeling happy, he often displayed a terrifying sense of humor that hovered somewhere between Jack Benny Deadpan and Jonathan Winters Bizarre. He had an alarmingly strong sense of the absurd."

I can personally attest to the accuracy of that depiction. Stout was a member of the faculty at The American University School of Communication, where I also serve. He was a helluva teacher, known for his hilarious memos to his students about their turgid prose and for his robust performances at the lectern. An aficionado of musical theater who took tap dance lessons in mid-life to keep his skills honed, he would sometimes startle his students by breaking into a song-and-dance routine.

These men were giants in my world, and the next time I'm at a social function and some boor starts bad-mouthing my business, as some boor usually does, I'm not going to start snarling, as I usually do. This time, I'll have an answer: "I guess you didn't know Jerry O'Leary and Dick Stout, did you?"



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## Don't be a victim

By VICKI DeBORNIER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County community is taking action against the criminals who have tried to take over our community.

According to Sheriff Don Eslinger, more people than ever are getting involved in crime prevention programs and are taking precautions to ensure that they and their families are not victims of crime.

"I think people are working hard to get rid of crime in Seminole County," Eslinger said. "They are working with groups and in cooperation with law enforcement in new and varied ways."

Among the programs that has formed in the county in response to area crime is the Triad program.

Triad, based on a national program, is designed to empower senior citizens to fight back against all kinds of criminal activity.

The program, which brings together law enforcement and senior citizens for education and problem solving meetings, helps battle crime that affects the elderly who are particularly vulnerable to attacks by criminals.

According to Eslinger, one of the areas where the elderly are most vulnerable is in the area of telephone fraud and from gypsy workers.

The Triad program is helping educate seniors in ways to protect themselves and in ways to bring those who prey on them to justice.

Other citizens are banding together to form Neighborhood Watch programs in cooperation with either the sheriff's office or with municipal police departments.

The Neighborhood Watch programs bring people in small neighborhood groups together in an effort to let them get to know each other so they are better able to recognize those who live in their neighborhoods and those who do not belong there.

They are also given instruction on crime prevention techniques by local law enforcement officials.

Local law enforcement agencies, including the Sanford Police Department and the Seminole County sheriff's department, are also working to have officers more familiar with the people they serve. Beat cops and officers on bicycles patrol areas and meet residents so they can be more responsive to their needs.

Another advantage to the program, officials said, is that the community becomes more comfortable with the presence of law enforcement personnel in their neighborhoods.

Officers of all departments are getting involved in more community-sponsored events.

"There is a concerted effort on everyone's part to make this a safer community for all of us," Eslinger said.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Seminole Softball signups

FIVE POINTS — The Seminole Softball Club will be registering players for its spring season through next Sunday, Jan. 30.

AROUND THE STATE

Panthers, Lightning tie

ST. PETERSBURG — John Vanblesbrouck of Florida and Daren Puppa of the Tampa Bay Lightning staged a goaltending clinic that ended in a 1-1 tie Wednesday.

Barry overtakes Rollins

MIAMI SHORES — Rolando Medina broke a tie in the final moments of the game to lead Barry to a 66-61 victory over Rollins in a Sunshine State Conference game Wednesday.

No. 4 North Carolina bests FSU

TALLAHASSEE — Derrick Phelps scored a career-high 22 points and Dante Calabria added 20 to lead fourth-ranked North Carolina to a 90-77 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Florida State on Wednesday.

Florida Tech upsets Tampa

TAMPA — Howard White hit a pair of free throws with seven seconds left to lift Florida Tech to a 65-63 upset victory over Tampa Wednesday night.

AROUND THE NATION

Magic rip into Hornets

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Shaquille O'Neal scored 36 points and Orlando set team records with 65 percent shooting and its fifth consecutive win, 145-120 over Charlotte on Wednesday night.

Celtics hold off Heat

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics extended their season-best winning streak to six games Wednesday, surviving a desperation comeback for a 103-98 victory over the Miami Heat.

Cross, Florida thump Georgia

ATHENS — Dan Cross scored 19 his career-high 24 points in the first half as Florida ltrounced Georgia 100-78 Wednesday night in a Southeastern Conference game.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Boys' Basketball

- Wymore at Seminole, JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
Lyman at N.Smyrna Bch, JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

- Seminole at Lake Mary, JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
Lyman at L. Brantley, JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Lake Howell, JV, 6 p.m.; V, 7:30 p.m.
Orangewood at Warner Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

- Lake Mary at Seminole, 7 p.m.
Lyman at Lake Brantley, 7 p.m.
Lake Howell at Oviedo, 7 p.m.

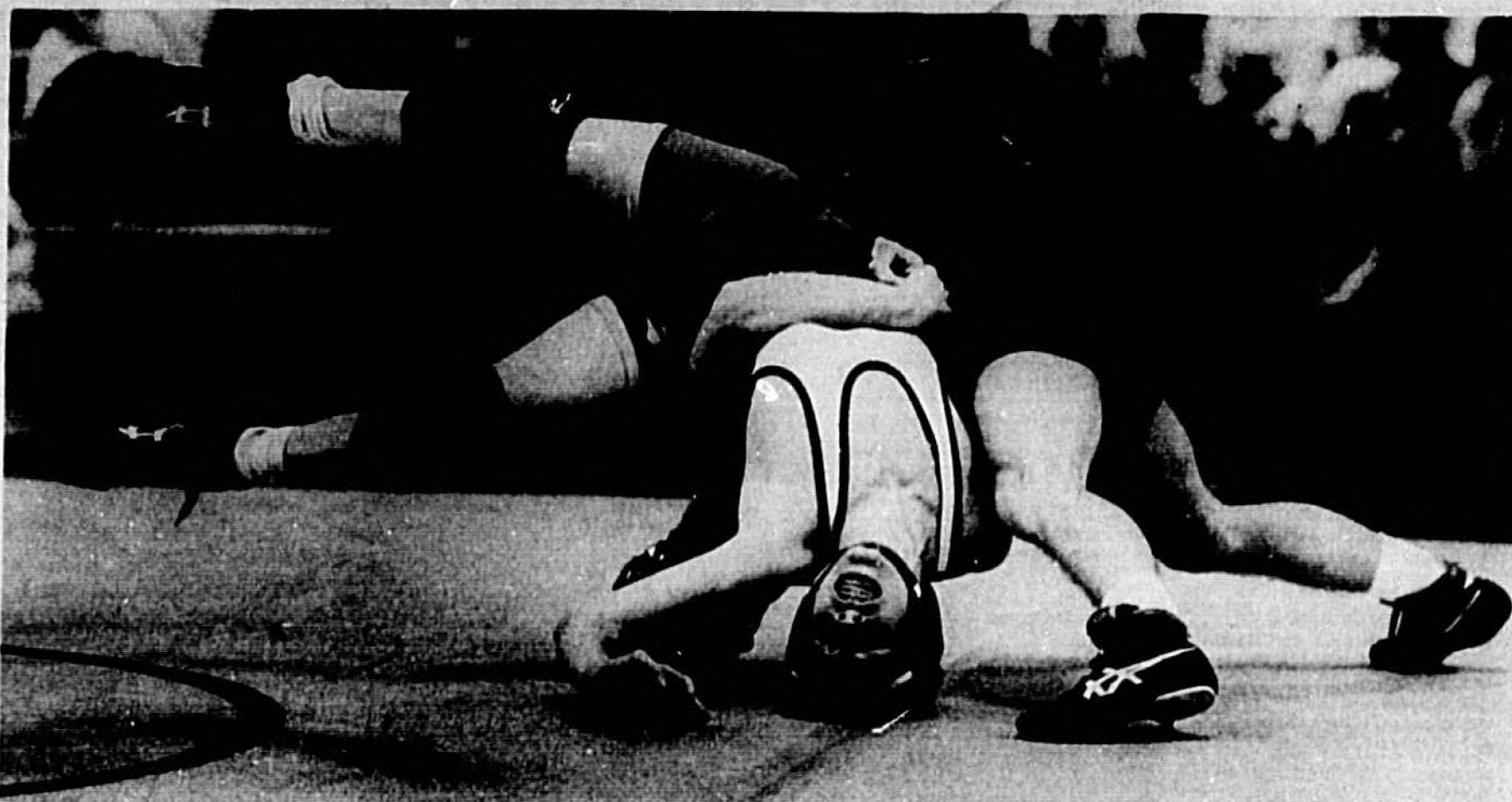
Wrestling

- New Smyrna Beach at Oviedo, 7:30 p.m.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. — ESPN, U. Mass at Cincinnati, (L)

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Kevin Dunn (back) scored a major decision over Lyman's Pete Whittington to put Lake Mary ahead to stay Wednesday.

Rams reclaim crown

By TONY DeBORMIER
Herald Sports Editor

LONGWOOD — It took some serious line-up juggling, but the Lake Mary Rams reclaimed the Seminole Athletic Conference wrestling championship Wednesday night with a 52-12 dual meet victory over the host Lyman Greyhounds.

The SAC championship, which used to be decided at a tournament before this season, belonged to Lake Mary from 1984 through 1990. Oviedo broke the Rams' seven-year run in 1991.

"This has been two years in the making," said an elated Doug Peters, who stepped down as the Lake Mary coach after the 1990 season, only to return to the helm of the Rams in 1992.

"Tonight, the guys were absolutely awesome. I am so proud of them."

Lake Mary got an immediate boost when Rich Bradley upset Joey Flores at 103 pounds, registering a takedown with six seconds left in

LAKEMARY'S LYMAN 12
163 — Bradley (LM) dec. Flores 5:31; 119 — A. Portnoy (L) dec. Clayton 6:31; 119 — Dunn (LM) major dec. Whittington (L); 125 — Mitchell (LM) pinned Godkin 3:00; 136 — Laurent (LM) pinned Hunter 4:53; 135 — Orras (LM) dec. Dias 10:17; 146 — Samero (L) major dec. Collins 11:3; 148 — Harris (LM) dec. Smith 9:07; 152 — Crawford (LM) pinned M. Portnoy 1:51; 166 — Foster (LM) tech. fall Melendez 15:0; 175 — Nutt (L) pinned Casey 2:47; 189 — Paroline (LM) pinned Vasquez 09:29; 220 — Puhar (LM) by forfeit; 245 — Jumps (LM) major dec. Hannah 16:4.

Lyman was penalized one team point for unsportsmanlike conduct by Samero.

the match to score a 5-3 decision. "That was huge," said Peters. "We were just hoping that Rich could keep from getting pinned and he goes out and wins the match."

Adam Portnoy evened the meet score for Lyman when he decisively Greg Clayton 6-3 at 112 pounds. But Kevin Dunn came back with a 14-3 major decision over Pete Whittington at 119 pounds to put the Rams ahead to stay.

Nate Mitchell and Mike Laurent followed with pins at 125 and 130 pounds, respectively,

helping Lake Mary widen the gap. After Jamie Orras outlasted Juan Diaz for an 18-17 decision at 135 pounds for the Rams, Peters went into his juggling match, sending junior varsity team member Joe Collins out to face Nicky Samero, one of the state's top wrestlers in his weight class, at 140.

The fact that Collins avoided being pinned (Samero scored an 11-2 major decision) and allowed Peters to shuffle the rest of the lineup to gain matchups favorable to the Rams was as big a contribution as any single win.

"I absolutely hate doing that (juggling the lineup)," said Peters. "I'd rather not do that, but I felt we had to squeeze out every point possible. It was a risk and it paid off."

Travis Crawford (152) and Pat Paroline (189) each registered first-period pins. Chris Foster (160) scored a technical fall. Ronel Jumps (Heavyweight) notched a major decision, and Brad Haggis (145) won by investment.

For Lyman, Jason Nutt (171) was

Seminoles advance to 4A-6 finals

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Once the playoffs start, it's a whole new season.

The Seminole High School girls' soccer team took advantage of the fresh start presented by the 4A-District 6 tournament and raced past the third-seeded St. Cloud Bulldogs 4-1 at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium Wednesday night.

Seminole (5-16) advances to the district championship game Friday night at Leesburg (which defeated Cypress Creek 6-0 in its semifinal contest).

"We finally played as a team," said Seminole coach Suzy Reno. "They went to the ball and they passed the ball well. We spent most of the game on their half of the field."

After her team struck for four goals (five, if you want to count the own goal Seminole gave St. Cloud) in the first half, Reno used the opportunity to get all of her bench into the game during the second half.

"I was thrilled that all the girls got on the field," said Reno. "All 20 girls played tonight and contributed to this win."

Brooke Wagner scored two goals while Chrissy Richardson and Krystin Dougherty each had a goal and an assist for the Seminoles.

Seminole outshot St. Cloud 19-8. Laura Williams and Melinda Holtfield each played a half in goal for Seminole and combined for seven saves.

5A-DISTRICT 4
LONGWOOD — Top-seeded Lyman and second-seeded Lake Brantley advanced to Friday night's 5A-District 4 championship with businesslike strolls through their semifinal contests Wednesday night.

The Lyman Greyhounds, also ranked No. 1 in the state in the final Florida Athletic Coaches Association's Class 5A state poll, eliminated No. 4-seed Lake Mary 5-0 while the Lake Brantley Patriots bounced No. 6-seed DeLand 6-0.

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Torrance Mitchell (with ball) was the only Seminole Community College player to score in double figures Wednesday night, netting 23 points during the Raiders' 89-78 loss to the Valencia Community College Matadors.

Matadors top Raiders

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Johnny Owens' game-high 26 points helped Valencia Community College post an 89-78 win over the host Seminole Community College Raiders in a Mid-Florida Conference men's basketball game Tuesday night.

Terrance Mitchell was the only Raider to score in double figures, hitting for 23 points. Michael Sheppard, Don Tillman, Charles Davis, and Antonio Sutton each finished with nine points.

The Matadors improve to 13-9 overall, 5-2 in the M-FC, while Seminole CC drops to 9-13, 1-6 in the M-FC.

SCC will host Central Florida Community College in another M-FC game this Saturday, Jan. 29.

Table with columns for teams and statistics. Includes Matadors vs Raiders and Valencia Community College (19) vs Seminole Community College (17).

Wymore Tech ekes past Lake Mary

From Staff Reports

LAKEMARY — Trailing 48-44 after three quarters, Wymore Tech outscored the host Lake Mary Rams 19-14 in the final period to grab a 63-62 victory in boys' basketball action Wednesday night.

The Bobcats, who were ranked No. 5 in this week's Florida Sports Writers Association's Class A state poll, improve to 19-3 while Lake Mary drops to 10-10.

Terrance Harmon led Wymore Tech with 21 points. Gregg McClain added 18.

For the Rams, Jimmy Newberry tossed in a game-high 22 points. Kent Pritchard was the only other Ram to score double figures, contributing 16. No other Lake Mary player scored more than five points.

The game was won (and almost lost) from the free throw line. With each team scoring 50 points from the floor, Wymore Tech's 13-12 edge at the charity stripe was the difference. But the Bobcats converted only 50

Table with columns for teams and statistics. Includes Wymore Tech (13) vs Lake Mary (10) and Bobcats vs Rams (63).

percent of their free throws (13-for-26) while the Rams made 67 percent (12-for-18) of theirs.

Lake Mary won the junior varsity contest, 78-81. Seminole's Arrow Force II will be the next opponent for both teams. Wymore Tech visiting Seminole tonight and Lake Mary going to Seminole on Friday night.











**BLONDIE**

by Chic Young



**BEETLE BAILEY**

by Mort Walker



**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art Sansom



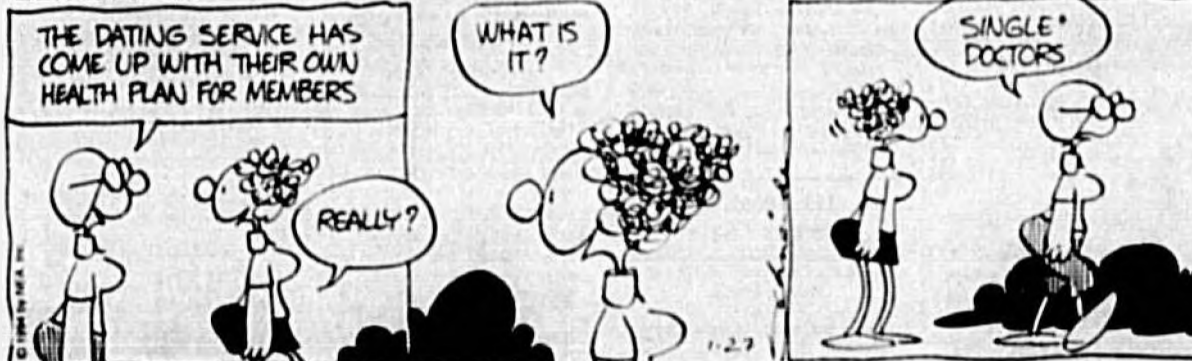
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**EK & MEK**

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**TUMBLEWEEDS**

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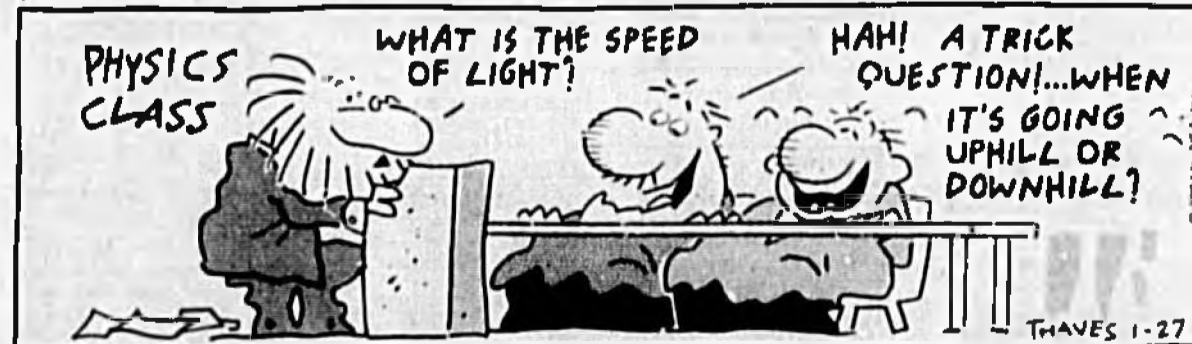
**ARLO AND JANIS**

by Jimmy Johnson



**FRANK AND ERNEST**

by Bob Thaves



**GARFIELD**

by Jim Davis



**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



**Stones unlikely after gallbladder surgery**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Last October I had gallbladder surgery. Since then I've suffered from pain in my back and in my rib cage. The doctors don't believe there are lodged stones. Is it possible to produce stones now that my gallbladder is gone?

**DEAR READER:** Without a gallbladder, you are not likely to manufacture stones; therefore, I do not believe that new stones are your problem.

However, an old stone might be causing your symptoms. At the time of surgery, the doctors took special pains to remove all your gallstones. Despite their meticulous attention, small stones could have inadvertently been left in the bile duct leading from the liver. You should have further testing, such as an ultrasound examination, to investigate this possibility.

Of course, being major surgery, removal of the gallbladder requires extensive post-operative healing. Perhaps this process, which may take up to a year to complete, is causing your pain. In this case, more patience may solve the problem.

Return to the surgeon for clarification and, if necessary, a referral to a gastroenterologist for a second opinion.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** A close friend, who is a nurse, mentioned to me that her doctor does not recommend using any over-the-counter hydrocortisone creams because they are dangerous. Can cortisone be absorbed through the skin, causing the side effects commonly associated with steroid treatment?

**DEAR READER:** Cortisone from non-prescription creams can be absorbed into the body through skin that is raw and irritated. Nevertheless, the amount absorbed is usually quite small (unless the area of

application is extensive) and rarely causes the side effects -- such as diabetes and cataracts -- that can result from cortisone pills.

**ACROSS**

- 1 Teased
- 7 Singer — Lee
- 13 Baltimore symbol
- 14 Simpler
- 15 Climbing device
- 16 Small wave
- 17 Year (Sp.)
- 18 Mythical king
- 20 Ocean
- 21 Crucial
- 23 Flower cluster
- 26 Uncle
- 27 Breakfast items
- 31 Janes
- 33 Secure with a rope
- 34 Of bees
- 35 Boston hockey player
- 36 Something that rings

**DOWN**

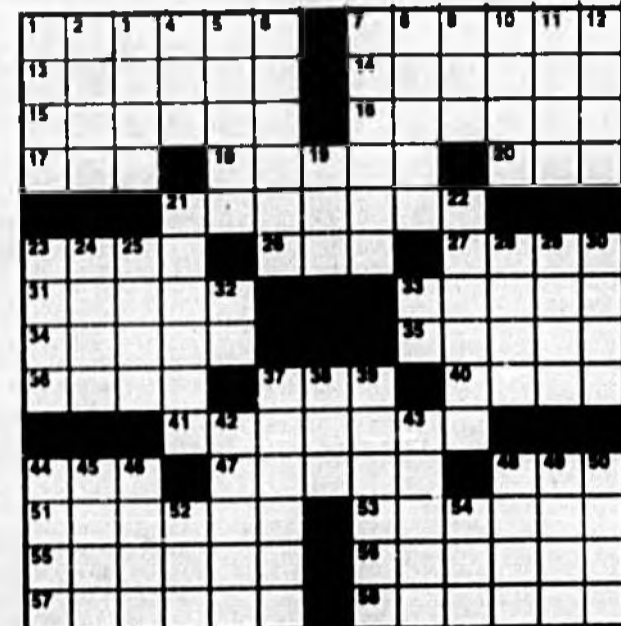
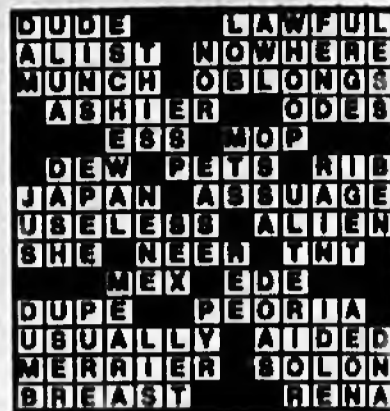
- 37 Bitter vetch
- 40 Diminutive suffix
- 41 Housed (horses)
- 44 Snake-like fish
- 47 Heath plant
- 48 Drink like a cat
- 51 Actress Diane —
- 53 Mistake in publishing
- 55 Valuable fur
- 56 Sounds of speakers
- 57 Soaked up
- 58 — Hemingway



**MEDICINE**

**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



- 10 Little bites
- 11 Erase (printing)
- 12 Region
- 19 Comedian
- 20 Deluge
- 21 Foot levers (abbr.)
- 22 Stared unpleasantly
- 23 Shellfish
- 24 Cry of pain
- 25 Drudgery
- 28 Burial
- 29 Way of walking
- 30 Auld Lang —
- 32 — route
- 33 Air rifle
- 37 Mottled
- 38 Baseball stat.
- 39 Part of jacket
- 42 Cut of beef
- 43 Mistake
- 44 Uses thriftily
- 45 Architect —
- 46 Lanthorn
- 48 Decorative fabric
- 49 Tropical fruit
- 50 Gone by
- 52 Gratitude
- 54 — Tin Tin (movie dog)

**WIN AT BRIDGE**

By Phillip Alder

In yesterday's deal, declarer lost two trump tricks even though the defenders began with only the queen, nine, three and two between them. In today's deal, does it look as though West's heart six will have a part to play? Of course not.

East's three-diamond overall is hardly a textbook bid, especially with two aces, but it did take up valuable bidding space. South guessed well not to pass over three no-trump, which wouldn't have been a success after a low diamond lead from East.

West led the diamond 10; queen, ace, two. East returned the diamond four, a suit-preference signal for a club return in case West was ruffing.

Looking at all four hands, you would discard a spade now and guess the clubs in a moment. But when you can see only 26

cards, it is harder to anticipate the danger.

South discarded a club at trick two and won with dummy's diamond king. He continued with a spade to his king, cashed the spade ace and ruffed a spade in the dummy. East pitched the club 10. Declarer ruffed dummy's diamond three with his heart ace and ruffed his last spade in the dummy. Now came a club to East's ace.

East, of course, led another diamond. South ruffed with the 10, but West correctly discarded.

South tried a sneaky heart seven, but West was wide awake. He won with the king and led his last spade, which East ruffed with the heart five, forcing South to overruff with the eight. Now, though, the declarer was left with the 9-2 of hearts and West had the 6-4.

The heart six had been promoted as the fourth defensive trick.

**NORTH 1-3-4**  
 ♠ 10 9  
 ♥ Q J  
 ♦ K Q 3  
 ♣ K J 7 5 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q J 7 4  
 ♥ K 6 4  
 ♦ 10 7  
 ♣ Q 9 6

**EAST**  
 ♠ 3 2  
 ♥ 5 3  
 ♦ A J 8 6 5 4  
 ♣ 7 10

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 6 3  
 ♥ A 10 9 7 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 4 3

**Vulnerable Neither**  
**Dealer West**

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♦	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

**HOROSCOPE**

**By Bernice Bede Osof**  
**YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
**Jan. 28, 1994**

There are indications you may form two confidential alliances in the year ahead. Although each will be with a different person and for a different purpose, they'll both be successful.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might have trouble determining what constitutes a good deal. If you're doing all the giving and your counterpart is doing all the taking, it's time to go back to the drawing board. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Be optimistic and hopeful today, but also be realistic and certain your expectations are founded upon doable premises. If not, disappointment will fill the vacuum.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) In

a social development today you might be exposed to a little clique whose members think they're superior to others. This is definitely a group with which you do not want to become involved.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Don't lessen your high standards today if you have to deal with persons who operate on a lower level. Right will eventually prevail if you're steadfast.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Usually you're a rather easy person to get along with, but today you might be a trifle contrary and challenge everything others say or do.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Situations pertaining to your material well being are hot spots today that must be handled with asbestos gloves. Be both prudent and cautious in all your financial affairs.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Issue and opinions which are important to you today might not be of equal significance to persons with whom you'll be associated. If you keep this in mind, you'll not be caught off guard.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Circumstances might force you

to pay more attention today to tasks or assignments you may consider unpleasant. If you resist, it could make matters worse.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone in your peer group might do something today you'll consider dishonorable or stupid. Let others participate if they choose to, but you stay out of it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If persons in your household appear to be rebellious today, try to be forgiving and open-minded. If you make waves, the storm could linger for a few days.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to take it personally today if you get rejected every time you make a suggestion. It's not that your ideas are that bad. It's just that everyone will be promoting their own sacred cow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're pragmatic in the management of your resources or those of others. Today, however, may be an exception where you could yield to powerful, impractical inclinations.

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**ANNIE**

by Leonard Starr

