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**Total \$18,000**

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### Politi-bite

On Monday, two local candidates for political office reported obtaining sufficient signatures to allow their names to appear on the Seminole County ballot without the necessity of paying qualifying fees.

Joe Becker, Republican candidate for Seminole County Sheriff announced he had received the required 2,308 signature petition cards to have his name placed on the Sept. 3 primary election ballot. The petitions allowed him to avoid paying the \$7,500 qualifying fee.

Ben Tucker, Republican candidate for Seminole County Property Appraiser has submitted over 2,500 petition cards to allow him to have his name added to the Sept. 3 primary election.

### P&Z meeting

**LAKE MARY** — The Lake Mary Planning and Zoning Board meets tonight beginning at 7 p.m. On the agenda is a conditional use review for Walgreens Pharmacy on the northeast corner of Lake Mary Blvd. and Rinehart Road; a revision to the sign codes regarding properties abutting Lake Emma Road, Rinehart Road and Interstate-4; a request for a change of zoning for property at 130 E. Crystal Lake Avenue and revisions to sign regulations for commercial shopping centers.

The meeting will be held in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.

### Memorial bike run

There will be a Memorial Bike Run Sunday, June 30, beginning at the old Kmart Plaza on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Fern Park, ending at the Cabbage Patch in Bamsula. Motorcyclists may sign-in from 9 until 11 a.m., with departure beginning at 11 a.m.

The run is to benefit the family of Deputy John J. Creagan. Orange County Deputy Creagan was killed in the line of duty recently in an incident on Interstate-4.

The event is being sponsored by Muldoon's Saloon, Scott Harley Davidson, Nam Knights, Born to Ride, and several others.

For additional information, phone Muldoon's Saloon, 657-9900.

### Safe Kids

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** — The Seminole County coalition of Safe Kids of Greater Orlando, will have their first meeting Monday, July 1, at 8:30 a.m. It will be at the operations division of the Altamonte Springs Fire Department, 225 Newburyport Avenue.

Members of the coalition and other interested persons are urged to attend. There is no charge for the meeting, but advanced acknowledgement of attendance is requested by phoning Laurie Olson at 649-6849.

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## Expansion proposals heard Sanford, county review courthouse plans

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — The Sanford City Commission heard suggestions for repositioning the Seminole County Courthouse in downtown Sanford Monday afternoon. This morning, the County Commission was to hear still more suggestions.

Monday's presentation before the City Commission work session, was prompted by SunTrust/Lincoln Properties. SunTrust had contracted with noted architect and designer Bruce Andersen, who made the initial pres-

entation. Andersen gave eight separate suggestions which were follow-ups to a lengthy "Courthouse Construction Alternatives Study," was given to the commission two weeks earlier.

"The existing area considered as the court house, including all of the buildings and annexes," Andersen said, "amounts to 150,000 square feet. According to our calculations and studies, by the year 2010, there will be a need for 250,000 square feet. This is what we are basing our projections on," he said.

Of the eight possible relocation design maps, one, known as "Option D," was considered the

best project by Andersen as well as being the least expensive. Option A, as an example, would have included parking garages of possibly four stories, to accommodate space for 1,421 vehicles. The plan included a major expansion of the existing State Attorney building and other large-scale changes, but would occupy space between Park and Palmetto Avenues, and from Commercial Street north to the lakefront, taking in all of the space presently used for county parking between the courthouse and post office.

Option A however, would have been the most costly, estimated at just under \$60 million.

## 4 arrested for selling counterfeit clothing

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Four persons were arrested by Sanford police Friday as the result of almost two months of investigation into sales of clothing with counterfeit logos. In addition to two locations where arrests were made, police also said they found the counterfeit items in at least two other stores in the city, but have not made arrests at the present time.

Police said they first became aware of the



Sanford police investigator Cpl. Paul Little shows examples of an estimated \$50,000 in counterfeit brand clothing, hats and sporting apparel confiscated from several Sanford stores.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

## SafeHouse gets a face lift by master gardeners

By SHARI BRODIE  
Herald Staff Writer

**CASSELBERRY** — There's room for growth in every relationship and the relationship between the master gardeners of the Seminole County Cooperative Extension Service and SafeHouse of Seminole is growing more beneficial for the residents of the shelter.

More than a year ago, a plan was proposed for the master gardeners to help out with the landscaping of the new shelter. The work has recently been completed without cost to the

shelter or any of the agencies that support the facility.

On Monday, the master gardeners donated \$200 to the SafeHouse, proceeds from the sale of plants at the Sanford Historic Trust's spring garden tour.

Both efforts by the master gardeners were made possible in part by the efforts and green thumb of one man, Jim Hunter.

"It was my goal to get it done without spending anybody's money," said Hunter of the landscaping project. Hunter, who has been a master gardener

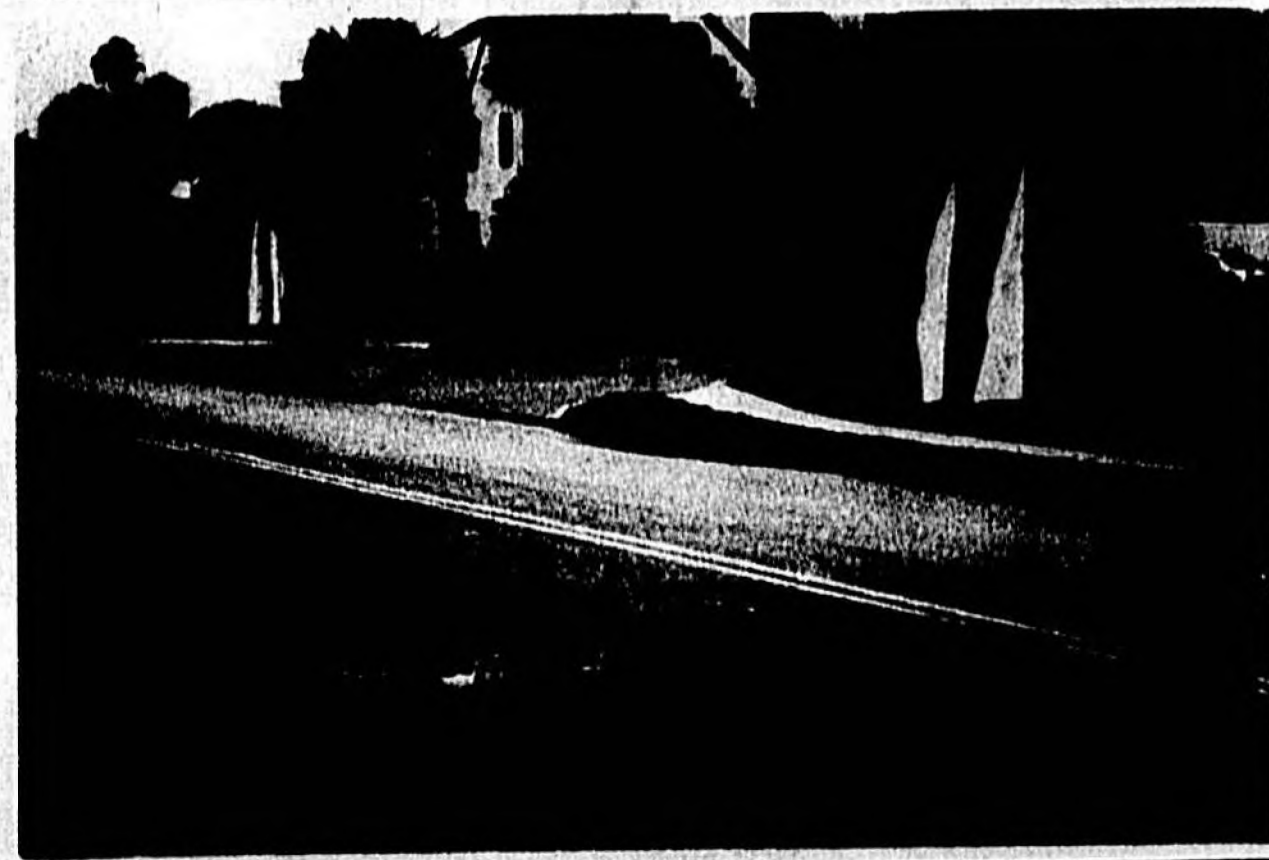
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Jim Hunter stands waist deep in okra, one of the many vegetables he grows in his garden. Okra is in the same family as the hibiscus.

Herald Photo by Shari Brodie

## Isn't that just ducky?



Mama Duck and took her dozen ducklings in search of adventure and, probably, some samples of tasty bread. The family crossed Seminole Boulevard from Lake Monroe and ventured into town. After seeing the sites and dining at fresco, the ducks returned to their watery home.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

# Grandma tells cops baby she strangled is better off dead

OAKLAND PARK — A tearful Christine Sharrow admitted to police she had strangled her 18-month-old granddaughter.

"She was crying," said Oakland Park police Detective Patrick Murray. "She was remorseful."

The 41-year-old grandmother was baby-sitting Alexandria Witsky when she strangled the child, then put the tiny body in the freezer compartment of her refrigerator Saturday, police said. She was charged in the toddler's murder Monday.

"She just felt that the parents weren't properly taking care of

the child, and she couldn't take care of the child, so she thought she'd be better off," Murray said.

The girl's body was discovered Sunday after the woman's sister told police Sharrow called to tell her the child was dead and in the freezer.

Carol Webb said she didn't know why Alexandria's parents entrusted the little girl to Sharrow, who was on probation for a manslaughter conviction and had problems with alcohol. Family members said she was also suicidal, the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale reported today.

"We're heartick...what can I

say," said Webb, who was gathered with other family members at her home in Pompano Beach.

Alexandria's biological father is Sharrow's son, Richard Collins. Leah Witsky and Collins had the child in 1984 while Witsky was married to Hans Witsky, police said.

The Witskys declined to speak with a reporter Monday. They had posted a sign outside their home in Pompano Beach.

"Let us grieve in peace," the sign read.

Police said they didn't know why Sharrow felt the Witskys

couldn't take care of Alexandria. In 1986, the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services investigated an anonymous complaint against Hans and Leah Witsky, but determined it was unfounded.

Investigators couldn't determine what the Witskys wanted to do with the child because they had taken an item from Sharrow's apartment that would prove their case. On Monday, authorities left the apartment with several items including a playpen filled with brown paper bags and the refrigerator where the body was found.

## Chiles in Milan today

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Lawton Chiles continues his weeklong visit to Europe with a series of meetings today in Milan, Italy, where he hopes to expand Florida's trade connections.

"Essentially, he hopes to encourage business in Italy and Spain to do business with Florida and through Florida," spokeswoman Karen Finsterwald said Monday. Italy and Spain are among Florida's top 20 trading partners, consisting for \$1.5 billion in annual trade. Florida totaled more than \$53 billion in trade in 1986, an increase of 18.4 percent in 1984.

Chiles will speak today to the Milan Chamber of Commerce and later in the day visit a newly created Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Affairs Commission.

The governor moves on Wednesday to Barcelona and returns Saturday to Florida. In Barcelona, the governor will be hosted by President Jordi Pujol, who visited Tallahassee last September.

## Marine Patrol to appeal ban

APALACHECOLA — State officials say they will appeal a judge's order banning the Florida Marine Patrol from measuring the length of shrimp nets as part of the agency's effort to enforce a size limit.

Franklin County Judge Van Russell last Wednesday ruled the Marine Patrol can only measure the perimeter of the net opening to determine whether it violates an amendment to the Florida Constitution.

He agreed with shrimpers who contended the agency had illegally changed its policy on net measurement.

The amendment bans some nets in state waters and limits others, including those used for shrimping, to 500 square feet.

Russell's injunction applies only to Franklin County. The Marine Patrol initially measured the length of a net only if its mouth perimeter exceeded 60 feet, but recently changed that practice.

## What killed dolphins?

PANAMA CITY — Scientists are trying to determine what killed eight bottlenose dolphins found dead last week in Bay County, and if a virus or a toxin is suspected.

"In 18 years, this is the biggest event that we've encountered" in the Florida Panhandle county, said Marine Mammal Stranding Network representative Ron Hardy.

The death of a young female in St. Andrews Bay was probably unrelated to the rest as she had been dead for a short time while the other bodies were badly decomposed, Hardy said Monday.

Five of the bodies washed ashore near Crooked Island Sound at Tyndall Air Force Base and two at Mexico Beach. Those animals had been dead for four to seven days before they were found, said Hardy, co-owner of Gulf World, a marine attraction in Panama City Beach.

He said it appears they probably were members of the same pod and some contagion may have spread among them. Tissue samples were sent to laboratories in Miami and Orlando for analysis, but they were in poor condition except for the St. Andrews dolphin, Hardy said.

No results are expected until later this week.

## Pilot killed in Tampa crash

ST. PETERSBURG — A pilot was killed and two passengers were injured when the engine quit on their small plane and it crashed in St. Petersburg Bay.

The plane was headed for Tampa and crashed about 4 1/2 miles off the coast of St. Petersburg. A female pilot and two male passengers were on board. A female passenger and the pilot would be released and the woman probably would be admitted in fair condition.

The trio was returning to the Tampa Bay area after a weekend getaway in North Carolina when Brown noticed an final approach that he lost power and wasn't sure he could make it, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The plane crashed Monday about 100 yards north of the St. Petersburg pier.

The survivors climbed out of the wreckage. The pilot was pulled from the cabin of the aircraft about an hour later by divers from the St. Petersburg Fire Department, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Gene Munnies.

## Joe Bob released in wild

ODDESSA — Joe Bob, a male bald eagle shot 14 months ago, has been released into the wild after being nursed back to health at a band of prey center.

He was rehabilitated at the Florida Audubon Center for Bird of Prey at Maitland when his neighbors found him on a tree stump with a gunshot wound to the left wing.

"You could see the maggots crawling on his wing," said Larry Faldout, one of the neighbors credited with the eagle's rescue.

From Associated Press reports



**Vintage view**  
This is a third grade class at Southside Primary School during the year 1930-31. Miss Ruth Gillon was the teacher. In the photo at left: standing at the left, against the wall were Robert McCall, Louise Perkins, Dub Epps and Betty Patterson; in front row were Harold Hawkins, Mildred Claus, Madelyn Truluck, Jane Schultz, Mary Higgins, Marjorie, Beth Hopkins, Elise Hutcheon, and Jeanette Pottle; in the second row (seated) were Anne Benkarik, Arthur Brennan, Evelyn Stows, Margaret Waters, Susan Wight, Joe Douglas, Edith Lundquist and Harry Brownlee, (and standing) Julian Baumel; and in the back row Alan Hughes, Edna Major, Jane Lloyds, Frances Keen, Esther Strange, Agnes Cassidy and Mabel Chasman. In the photo at right are Southside teachers Miss Ruth Gillon and Miss Betty Houston.

## Hearing in custody case is set for July 11

**By The Associated Press**

ROCHESTER — A hearing in the custody case of a teen-age girl and her brother who have refused to visit their mother in Florida has been set for July 11, an attorney said.

Also Monday, state Supreme Court Justice Charles J. Sbragosa was assigned to the case of Sayeh Rivasar, 16, and her 19-year-old brother Araah, who live with their father in a Rochester suburb, said the children's legal guardian, Gregory Mett.

Meanwhile, the attorney for the children's mother said she was scheduled to hold a conference with Sbragosa by telephone today.

"At that time, I guess I'll have a better idea of what is going on," Crystal Collins Spencer said Monday night.

Spencer said she and her client would be at the July 11 hearing in Rochester.

Sayeh, who watched her 6-year-old sister die at the hands of her mother's friend, and Araah have been defying a Florida court order to spend the summer with their mother, Pat Pafford of Pensacola.

A decision Friday by state Supreme Court Judge Donald Wisner stayed a Florida court's ruling that required Sayeh and Araah, to visit their mother for eight weeks, beginning June 22.

That decision has set off an interstate battle over jurisdiction in the case. Spencer maintains that Wisner has no authority over Florida's court.

"Obviously, we're going to contest the New York courts' jurisdiction in this matter," Spencer said. "My understanding is from the review of Florida law that the contempt (ruling) in Florida cannot be set aside by a New York judge."

## Cab fares send kids to Youth Ranch camp

**By The Associated Press**

TAMPA — When cabbie Don Hawkins runs his meter it's for a cause. He uses most of taxi income to send kids to summer camp.

For the past four years the main beneficiary of Hawkins' good-heartedness has been the Florida Youth Ranches, Inc.

His donations have sent 100 children to camp.

The organization operates a summer camp in Barberville, west of Daytona Beach in western Volusia County on the East Coast. Hawkins sends children whose parents cannot afford to send them.

This year, he donated \$6,000 enabling 40 boys and girls to attend the five-day outing.

"He is probably our biggest supporter of summer camps," said Terry Gregg, financial development officer for the organization.

Hawkins, 64, lives comfortably in Riverview from the proceeds of property he has sold in the area and mortgage he is owed. He isn't much into decorations or things that waste money.

He never married. Six days a week he drives his cab — a white 1984 Buick Roadmaster with the sun-and-palm ABC logo on the door.

Four years ago, Hawkins gave \$1,500, enabling 10 children to attend camp. Each year he sent 10 more.

**MIAMI** — Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery:

**Cash 3**  
4-3-3

**Play 4**  
5-5-5-3

**Fantasy 6**  
11-6-3-2-16

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**THE WEATHER**

Heat index of 105 to 120 this afternoon. Temp: Partly cloudy and hot with a good chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. Light variable wind. Chance of rain 50 percent. Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of mainly evening thunderstorms. Low in the mid 70s. Light wind. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and hot with a good chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High in the lower to mid 90s. Wind southwest 10 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent.

City	Hi	Lo	Pr	Wind
Sanford	95	75	00	00
Daytona Beach	95	75	00	00
Orlando	95	75	00	00
Fort Myers	95	75	00	00
Sebring	95	75	00	00
Homestead	95	75	00	00
Jacksonville	95	75	00	00
Key West	95	75	00	00
Lakeland	95	75	00	00
Maitland	95	75	00	00
Orlando	95	75	00	00
Sanford	95	75	00	00
Titusville	95	75	00	00
Tampa	95	75	00	00
West Palm Beach	95	75	00	00

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1 to 3 feet and choppy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 84 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 1 to 1 1/2 feet and semi choppy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 82 degrees.

**SUNSHINE TABLE:** min.: 1:50 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; max.: 7:40 a.m.; 8:15 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: high, 5:47 a.m.; 4:38 p.m.; low, 10:10 a.m.; 11:03 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 5:53 a.m.; 4:41 p.m.; low, 10:16 a.m.; 11:07 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 4:07 a.m.; 4:51 p.m.; low, 10:30 a.m.; 11:23 p.m.

**St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet** — Tuesday and Tuesday night: Wind south 10 knots. Sea 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Scattered showers and thunderstorms.

The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 90 degrees and the overnight low was 68 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Calery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday, totaled 0 inches.

☐ Sunny.....8:27 p.m.  
☐ Partly.....8:29 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 9. Better wear hat and sunscreen.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

0.1-3 minimal  
3-4 low  
5-6 moderate  
7-8 high  
10 very high

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Jacksonville	95	75	00	00
Key West	95	75	00	00
Lakeland	95	75	00	00
Maitland	95	75	00	00
Orlando	95	75	00	00
Sanford	95	75	00	00
Titusville	95	75	00	00
Tampa	95	75	00	00
West Palm Beach	95	75	00	00

False IDs

Sanford police arrested a woman identified as Marie E. Williams, 55, of Ocala, following several reports of identity theft at the Seminole Terrace Center. Two of the charges reportedly involved Williams applying for income credit utilizing the driver's license of another woman, with the photo ID having been changed. Williams was also said to be in possession of a credit card said to have been reported stolen to the Winter Springs police department.

At the same time, police said she purchased \$250.00 with an instant credit card which had been fraudulently obtained.

She was given several charges each of entering a forged instrument, obtaining property with a false representation, and making false statements to obtain property or credit.

After her arrest, officers said they also found she was wanted on an outstanding warrant for violation of probation on previous convictions of forgery and wearing a forgery.

False report

A man identified as Virgil W. Jackson, 55, of 2981 Hughey Street, Sanford, made a report to Sanford police Friday that a 1988 Chevrolet he had parked had been stolen. After police investigated, they reportedly learned Jackson had reportedly allowed other persons to use the car, and filed a stolen car report when the persons did not return the vehicle when promised.

The car was eventually located and returned to the rental company.

Jackson was charged with filing a false police report.

Call the police

Sanford police arrested James Ortiz, 55, of Casselberry, Thursday at a store in the 2000 block of S. Orlando Drive. According to the arrest report, Ortiz walked into the store, and told the clerk, "I am taking a loan, call the police." The report said he then proceeded to the rear of the store, took a \$50.00 and a \$5.00 sandwich, and left the store. Police said he then sat on the curb in front of the store, and consumed the items until police arrived. Ortiz was charged with retail theft.

Double arrest

Sanford's deputies stopped a vehicle Saturday at U.S. Highway 17-92 and Weldon Boulevard, suspecting the vehicle had been stolen in Daytona Beach. Both the driver and a passenger were arrested after officers said they located some cocaine in the vehicle. The driver, Edwin Eugene Hunter II, 51, of 10121 Grovesview Way, Sanford, was charged with grand theft auto, possession of cocaine, and driving with a suspended/revoked license. The passenger, identified as Sheron D. Neenan, 20, of 1017 Bay Avenue, Sanford, was arrested on a charge of possession of cocaine.

Traffic stops

Olivia Ann Hamel, 19, of Daytona Beach, was stopped by Lake Mary police on Interstate-4 Sunday. Officers said the license tag on the vehicle was found to have been stolen. She was charged with possession of stolen property, and driving with a suspended license.

A vehicle driven by Samuel Colon, 27, of 110 Country Club Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police at 27th Street and U.S. Highway 17-92 Saturday. Officers said they stopped him because he was wanted on a Broward County warrant for violation of probation on a conviction of possession of cocaine. During a search, officers said they uncovered a bag of green leafy substance. Colon was subsequently charged with possession of under 30 grams of cocaine.

John Edward Lombardi, 55, of Daytona, was stopped by deputies on U.S. Highway 17-92 near Oak Drive Friday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Charles Sherrill Jakes, 59, of 2801 Casselberry Avenue, was stopped by deputies on the Lawrence Drive near Lake Mary Friday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Domestic cases

O.W.D. James Jr., 45, 10128 Grovesview Way, Sanford, was arrested at his residence by Sanford police Saturday following a reported dispute with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Eugene Lincoln Kennett, 32, 1812 W. First Street, Sanford, was located by Sanford police at First Street and Cleander Avenue Friday following a reported altercation with his wife at their residence. He was charged with aggravated battery domestic violence. Police said he was also served an active warrant for driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Sanford police reports

GA 2000 VCR was reported stolen Friday from an apartment in Edward Maguire Terrace.

GA 2000 VCR and a \$100 gold chain were reported stolen Friday from an apartment in the 1400 block of Roswell Circle.

GA 2450 mountain bike was reportedly stolen from the porch of a residence Saturday in the 1800 block of Palmcote Avenue.

GA TV set and porcelain statues with a total value of \$400 were reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 900 block of E. 11th Street in Sanford.

GA TV set and other items with a total value of \$800, were reported stolen Friday from a residence in the 900 block of Palm Place in Sanford.

GA 1988 Mercury was reported stolen Friday in the 2800 block of S. Orlando Drive in Sanford. The vehicle was subsequently located by police Sunday in the 2800 block of Hartwell Avenue in Sanford.



Happiness is... a new home

Jack Murdoch, Secretary of the Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County Board of Directors, (top photo) presents a \$1000 to Leo Peterson. The ceremony on June 23 celebrated the opening of the Peterson home, the organization's 22nd home dedication. So far, officials and volunteers with Seminole County Habitat have built homes in Sanford, Altamonte Springs and Oviedo.

In lower photo the Peterson family, pictured in front of their new home at 2208 West 18th St. in Sanford, were chosen after a thorough selection process by the non-profit group whose resources come solely from community donations. Clockwise from top: Christopher Leo, Elaine, Christopher Leo, Jr., Leo, and Jacqueline Peterson.

Herald photo by Jeff Hunt

Man gets jail for Medicare fraud

By Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — As he was sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison and ordered to pay \$10 million for Medicare fraud, the founder of a nationwide home health care empire vowed to protest his sentence "until the day I die."

"I am prepared to be some kind of back-alley criminal, garden-variety fraud, guilty of embezzlement, when all I was trying to do was keep a company afloat," a defiant Robert "Jack" Mills told U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edmunds at his sentencing Monday. "I stand here convicted of being rich, having a lot of airplanes, and having Medicare as my only health..."

Edmunds also ordered Mills' Brunswick-based company, First American Health Care, to pay \$9.5 million in restitution and fines, making the case one of the richest Medicare fraud prosecutions ever.

Mills' wife and business partner, Margie Mills, was sentenced to two years and eight months in federal prison for two counts of making false statements to the government.

The judge gave the defendants 30 days to surrender to U.S. marshals for imprisonment, and 120 days to pay any penalties.

Mills, 57, built a \$600-million-a-year, Medicare-focused machine out of a single office in Jacksonville.

The company, formerly known as ABC Home Health Services, was plunged into bankruptcy after a federal grand jury indicted the couple and their company on charges of falsely billing taxpayers at least \$1.1 million.

Among other charges, First American was accused of seeking Medicare reimbursement for employees' campaign contributions, recreational plane flights for its owners, and secret buyout agreements with rival providers.

PI admits bugging official's phone

By Bill Breen/Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — A private detective denies the insurer that hired him how he bugged a state official's telephone, but insurance officials say they will wait for the results of their own probe.

The investigator, Peter R. Rayner, of Tallahassee, pleaded guilty Monday to federal wiretap charges.

Rayner, 55, was freed on \$25,000 bond, but owing to get for Sept. 24. Under federal law, installing an electronic eavesdropping device without a court order is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Bankers Insurance Co. of St. Petersburg admitted hiring an investigator to try to dig up information that could get Department of Insurance official Kevin McCarty fired.

Company officials have since apologized for the probe. But Rayner's attorney, Dennis Urbano, said the company was not aware his client was illegally wiretapping McCarty's phone. "They had no knowledge of what Mr. Rayner was doing,"

Urbano told U.S. District Judge William Stafford.

McCarty, an assistant division chief in the Department of Insurance, formerly supervised the state's residential Joint Underwriting Association — the high-risk pool for homeowners who can't get insurance on the private market.

Bankers Insurance is suing the JUA in state and federal courts, claiming it was cheated out of a contract worth about \$16 million a year to handle policyholder claims.

The association has ballooned into the state's second-largest property insurer behind State Farm since lawmakers created it after Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. The JUA has nearly 600,000 policyholders.

Bankers president David Meenan has said having McCarty investigated was "legal but inappropriate" despite company officials' frustration over the loss of the JUA contract.

"We sent the wrong message. That's not the kind of company Bankers Insurance is," Meenan said. But he said Rayner's plea confirmed "what Bankers has said all along. Bankers did not

request, authorize, or have any knowledge of any illegal wiretap."

The insurance department will await the outcome of an investigation launched by Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson before it agrees with that conclusion.

"It would be premature until we have our hearing," spokesman Don Fridt said.

Bankers Insurance must

produce witness and records on the surveillance of McCarty on July 15. In ordering the hearing, Nelson said he was outraged that a company would hire a private investigator to spy on a state official.

McCarty discovered his phone was bugged last August when he found two men in his yard who identified themselves as FBI agents investigating a wiretap.

FAA probes why jet almost landed at the wrong airport

By Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — Federal officials are trying to determine why a Carnival Air Lines jet almost landed at the wrong Palm Beach County airport.

The Boeing 727 with 44 passengers landed for Palm Beach International Airport was preparing to land Sunday night when the pilot and air traffic controllers realized he was about to land at Palm Beach County Park Airport in Lantana instead. The plane landed at the correct airport minutes later.

Airline reports say a 727 with at least 1,000 feet to land when it was about to land at the wrong airport. The Lantana airport's runway is half the length of the Palm Beach County airport's, which is about 4,000 feet.

routes by regional air traffic controllers in Miami because of bad weather. When asked if he saw the airport, Captain Tom Fay said yes.

Controllers at FBA said the plane was coming in at about 1,000 feet when they noticed that the plane was off course.

"The aircraft appeared to be lined up with Lantana, which is 5 miles south of FBA," said Kathleen Boyan, a spokeswoman for the FAA.

When Palm Beach controllers told Fay he was off course, he said "Yeah, we just spaced that out."

The plane, which had left Fort Lauderdale International Airport at 6:05 p.m., landed on one of the correct airports in West Palm Beach at about 6:30 p.m. It continued to be investigated at Sunday International Airport, near Lantana. Capt. George Mattora, an FAA

district manager for flight standards, said the agency would investigate the confusion.

"We want to get the facts," he said. "What occurred and why it occurred, is it an instrumentation-type situation or a training type situation?"

Gaber said passengers were not in any danger.

"No regulations were broken. This is an experienced crew," Gaber said. "The plane did not come dangerously close to other planes or anything on the ground, he added."



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# Crumbling schools

## Schools in disrepair throughout nation

By **PAUL HARRISON**  
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — Shabby schools exist in every state, but a congressional study found faulty roofs, leaky plumbing and broken-down heating systems are most widespread in big cities and the West.

Problems are worse in secondary schools, buildings housing 800 or more students and schools serving poor and minority students, according to the General Accounting Office study released today.

Thirty-eight percent of big-city schools report at least one inadequate building, compared with 30 percent of schools in rural areas and 28 percent of schools on the fringe of cities, the study said.

In addition, 67 percent of big-city schools, serving nearly 10 million students, report the need to repair or replace plumbing, heating or foundations.

"We can't seem to get anybody to do anything about it," said Michael D. Casper, director of the Council of Great City Schools. "It's long overdue."

Good instruction is going on inside rickety school buildings, Casper said. But most Americans have no children in the nation's 80,000 public schools, and their perception often is determined by schools' appearance, he argues.

Voters are starting to approve local bond issues to repair schools, Casper's group surveyed 50 urban districts. Only a few of the 50 that responded said bond issues for school repair had failed in the past two

years.

Despite that, Casper argues that schools need money from states and the federal government. After approving \$100 million in loans, repair and renovation schools in 1984, Congress cut the money in 1985 to help balance the budget.

Even that \$100 million in federal money would not have gone far, according to the GAO. Congress funded and investigated area. In a similar report in February 1988, the GAO said it would cost about \$111 billion to repair schools nationwide.

The new report gives state-by-state information about schools' conditions:

—Eight states say at least 40 percent of their schools have a building in need of extensive repair or replacement. They were Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Massachusetts, Washington, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

—States where more than 25 percent of schools have at least one inadequate building feature, such as plumbing, were Alaska, California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

—Eight states say 50 percent or more of their schools had a handful of bad environmental conditions, such as lighting, heating, indoor air quality or security. They were Alaska, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

An estimated \$1.3 billion is needed to repair the District of Columbia's 157 schools, said spokeswoman Beverly Lofton.

This year, the district has requested \$8.65 million, but it's unclear if the money will be available.

"We're under court order for fire code problems, and the little capital improvement money that we've salvaged from previous budgets has gone to do that," Mr. Lofton said.

Among the problems in schools with an average age of 74: leaky roofs and rundown boilers and electrical wiring.

In New York state, officials constantly work to upgrade outdated heating systems and electrical wiring and leaky roofs, spending about \$1 billion a year, said the state Education Department's senior architect, Robert Lavery.

"There are pockets of horrors, but generally the buildings are pretty good outside of New York City," Lavery said. The average age of New York City schools is 88, in the rest of the state, school buildings were built an average of 50 years ago, Lavery said.

Urban school districts spend about 2.5 percent of their budgets on maintenance, a previous GAO study found. But 28 percent of that is spent on emergency repairs. Regular maintenance is delayed, leading to costly later repairs.

"In one urban district, the small amount allocated was only adequate to paint classrooms every 100 years and replace floor coverings every 50 years," the latest GAO report said.

Yet, an Education Department study last year recommended that strapped city schools spend more on instruction and less on buildings.



**Smiled**  
Don Miller, area director of the Seminole County Boys and Girls Club, got creamed this past weekend while taking part in some silly festivities at the club. The event, designed to approximate the Nickelodeon game shows with fun, but messy games, was just one of the many activities planned for the club this summer. Miller took the pie in the face cheerfully, knowing the kids were having a blast.

# Mom pleads guilty to child's murder

By **SARAH HANNA**  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wiping away tears, a mother pleaded guilty in the child abuse death of her 6-year-old daughter, admitting she delivered a fatal blow after months of physical and emotional abuse.

In a case that symbolized the failings of the city welfare system, a sobbing, shaking Aylida Lopes said Monday that after abusing the girl for months, she hit her in the head and knocked her against a concrete wall on Nov. 20.

The child lay still for almost two days in their Manhattan apartment until a neighbor found her unresponsive and found body next to the child.

"She failed to seek the medical attention needed to save her

daughter's life," Assistant District Attorney Donna Henken said.

State Supreme Court Justice Alvin Scheraga said he will sentence Lopes to 15 years to life in prison on July 31 for the murder of Eleanora Lopes.

The child had sores, cuts and cigarette burns over her face and body, and a bone protruding from the finger of her right hand, according to a report by Detective Nancy Farrell. She said Lopes admitted she forced Eleanora to eat her own excrement and had cleaned the floor with the child's head.

Lopes, 36, told police when she was arrested Nov. 22, the day Eleanora was pronounced dead. "I went in the room to check her. Her tongue was hanging out of her mouth and her head was cold. I hit her heart and I knew she was dead."

Lopes told police that Eleanora was in the devil's thrall, ate snakes and did not feel pain. She also claimed that many of Eleanora's injuries were self-inflicted, that she had adult strength, and was sexually promiscuous.

Her five surviving children are in foster care, where they have been since her arrest.

Eleanora's death shocked city officials and was cited as an example of how the child welfare

system failed to protect a child. Officials were aware of abuse in Eleanora's home, and relatives, teachers, social workers, doctors and YMCA employees had tried to sound the alarm. Eleanora's father had cared for her until he died of cancer in 1984.

The case also inspired state lawmakers to pass "Eleanora's Law," designed to open up previously confidential records on child abuse.

# Lawyers dig deeper in Simpson's life

By **LINDA BRITTON**  
AP Special Correspondent

SANTA MONICA — Lawyers in the wrongful-death lawsuit against O.J. Simpson are pushing ahead with attempts to learn more about the life of Simpson and slain ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson.

The schedule for two days of hearings, beginning today, includes 18 separate requests from plaintiffs' lawyers seeking information.

For instance, Daniel Petrocelli, lawyer for Ronald Goldman's family, wants to compel testimony from at least two psychotherapists who treated Simpson or his ex-wife in the months leading up to her death.

Simpson's lawyers are trying to quash the subpoenas, and the therapists, claiming confidentiality privileges, are resisting.

Mr. Simpson and Goldman were killed in 1994 outside her home. Simpson was acquitted of murder in October, but the families of Goldman and Mr. Simpson are suing Simpson, blaming him for the deaths.

Simpson said over the weekend that he believes the trial, scheduled to start Sept. 9, will lead to his total vindication. Meanwhile, he's going forward with a fund-raiser at his home Thursday night for a group dedicated to fighting gang and domestic violence.

Petrocelli, who has led five depositions during more than 100 pretrial depositions of

Simpson and other witnesses, said Monday his efforts have been worthwhile.

"I've spent seven months focusing on the relationship of Nicole Simpson and O.J. Simpson and the conflicts and turmoil that led to her death," he said. "You will be hearing a lot of new information at the trial."

But Petrocelli said he still doesn't have everything he wants and he will ask Superior Court Judge Alan Haber to order more deposition testimony.

The main focus is Simpson himself. Although Simpson gave 10 days of deposition testimony, Petrocelli said he has more questions.

He wants to know, among other things, what Simpson has done to try to find the killers he claims are still at large and what information he has found.

"It's relevant because if he has done nothing, that shows consciousness of guilt," Petrocelli said.

He also wants to quiz Simpson about his visits to his ex-wife's grave, his relationship with ex-girlfriend Faith Barkori and his conduct since his release from jail.

The defense says Simpson has answered more than enough pretrial questions.

Petrocelli also is seeking to compel testimony from Simpson and Al Collins, who worked with Faith Barkori, a protection agency spokeswoman during portions of his deposition.

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# Sports

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## Little Major Playoffs

### Leesburg, Ormond Beach duo win D. IV openers

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Leesburg and the Ormond Beach Americans and Nationals all got good pitching and solid defenses as they posted opening round victories in the Florida Little Major League District IV Playoffs at Ft. Marion Park Monday night.

Dale Doherty hurled a no-hitter and hit a three-run home run in the third inning as Leesburg downed host Sanford 8-0 at Roy Holter Field. Josh McInerney and Justin Ryan combined on a one-hitter as the Ormond Beach Americans blanked Ridge Manor from Brooksville 11-0 at Lakeside Field; and Chayne Hurst and Chad Sears scattered six hits as the Ormond Beach Nationals edged Holly Hill 6-5 in a late game at Roy Holter Field.

The double-elimination tournament continues today with Leesburg taking on New Smyrna Beach at 6 p.m. and the two Ormond Beach squads squaring off at Lakeside Field at 7:30 p.m. at Roy Holter Field in the winner's bracket game and Holly Hill and Ridge Manor meeting in an elimination contest at Lakeside Field at 8:30 p.m.

Sanford will take on the loser of the Ormond Beach Americans and Nationals game at 8:30 p.m. at Lakeside Field on Wednesday.

LEESBURG 8, SANFORD 0  
SANFORD PITCHER TYLER DRAKE PH.  
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Howell Photos by Russell Jimmy

### Glove work

Sanford's Jeremy Heckle (above) goes to his knees to force a runner at second base and Leesburg's Mark Adrian (left) reaches to snag a line drive during the Little Major League District Tournament Monday night.

### IN BRIEF

#### Women's open gym

SANFORD — Open Gym is held for both high school and college women on Sunday evenings at Seminole Community College and on Monday and Wednesday at Lake Howell High School. The gyms open at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call Ken Patrick at (407) 338-3088 or 338-3080.

#### Turn in your uniforms

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is asking that players and coaches from the Little Major and Babe Ruth baseball leagues please get your uniforms returned to the Downtown Recreation Center. Call 330-8867 for more information.

#### Recreation Volleyball results

SANFORD — Monday night's results from the Sanford Recreation Department Spring Recreational Volleyball League. A Division: B & M Lawn Service (4-0), Kathy's Baby Shop (3-1), Park Air (2-2), Church of God (1-3) and Westview Baptist (0-4). B Division: Palmetto Avenue Baptist Church (4-0), Hopkins Meats (3-1) and Court Jesters, Beer-30 and CBS (all 1-3).

#### Women's hoop tournament

SANFORD — Seminole Community College will be the site of a major women's summer basketball tournament as it will host the World Basketball Shootout from July 6 through July 9. Teams from Europe will be competing and the cost is \$250 per team. Patrick is also putting together a pair of foreign basketball tours. For more information, call Patrick at home 333-2070 or at SCC 338-3088 or 338-3080.

#### SCC Fastpitch Pitching Camp

SANFORD — Terri McClure, owner of Strike Force Pitching School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the guest instructor at the Seminole Community College Fastpitch Pitching Camp on Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 14. Cost for the camp, for ages 8-and-up, is \$100. Camp includes instruction and camp T-shirt, and is limited to the first 35 players. For more information, call SCC softball coach Courtney Miller at (407) 338-3388 or 338-3080.

#### Conine's homer leads Marlins

MIAMI — Jeff Conine hit a two-run homer and John Burkett allowed just three hits in seven innings, carrying Florida to a 2-1 victory over San Francisco on Monday night. Conine's blast against Mark Leiter (4-6) wiped out a 1-0 Giants lead in the sixth. Burkett (5-7) won for the first time since June 4. He had lost his previous three starts despite allowing only eight runs in 21 2-3 innings. Burkett struck out seven with the only hit he allowed being a home run to Rich Aurilia and doubles by Barry Bonds and Kirt Manwaring. The Giants, who have lost four straight, finished with four hits, and Robb Nen pitched a perfect ninth for his 15th save. Conine's homer, his 12th of the season, was a line drive over the left-field wall. It came after Gary Sheffield drew a one-out walk. Greg Colbrunn went 0-for-3, ending his 21-game hitting streak, longest in the National League this year. He was twice hit by a pitch.

#### Upsets at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England — Third-seeded Andre Agassi was beaten in the first round of the Wimbledon Championships by Doug Flach 2-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4, 7-6 (6-5). Also upset at the All England Club were sixth-seeded Michael Chang, who lost 5-6, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 (7-1), 6-4 to Alberto Costa, Jim Courier, the No. 8 seed, who was ousted in four sets by Jonathan Stark, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, and Arnaud Boetsch, the 15th seed, was beaten by Alexander Radulescu, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 5-7, 6-7. Winners were top-seeded Pete Sampras, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, over Richey Reneberg, No. 2 Boris Becker, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3, over Jean-Philippe Fleurbaey, and No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2 over David Nalbandian. In women's play, Monica Seles, the No. 2 seed, breezed, 6-1, 6-4, over Ann Grosman, No. 8 Conchita Martinez routed Silvia Farina 6-0, 6-0, 15th-seeded Kimiko Date downed Kyoko Nagatsuka, 6-0, 6-3, and No. 14 Amanda Coetzer walked, 6-1, 6-1, over Elena Wagner.

## Haina leads Altamonte to 'B' title

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Hane Haina drove in five runs and Kevin Hudson scattered seven hits as the Altamonte Springs All-Stars completed a two-game sweep of the Babe Ruth Baseball Prep 13's "B" Tournament with a 9-6 victory over Longwood at Sanford Memorial Stadium. The Saturday afternoon win gave the 9-4-3 triumph by the Altamonte Springs All-Stars on Friday night at Eastmonte Park in Altamonte Springs and earns the Altamonte stars a spot in the Area Tournament. Longwood took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning as Josh Sowards walked and later scored on a ground out by Brent McLaughlin. Longwood increased its lead to 4-0 in the fourth inning on an RBI single by Jason Rhein

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But Altamonte Springs took the lead for good by hitting six runs in the bottom of the fourth. Altamonte Springs sent 10 batters to the plate in the big inning. Matt Dement drove in the first run with a bases loaded single and Ryan Trout followed with a walk to make the score 4-2. Haina then put his team ahead with a bases-clearing double. Haina later scored on a single by

Justin Moore. Haina singled in two more runs in the fifth inning and Devin Kahan scored a run for Altamonte Springs in the sixth inning on a ball. Longwood scored its final two runs in the top of the seventh inning on a ground out by McLaughlin and an RBI single by Drew Taylor. During the damage for Altamonte Springs were Haina (2-for-4, 2 RBI), Kahan (single, two runs), Hudson and Brian Adams (one single and one run each), Moore (single, RBI), Trout (run, RBI) and Nick Graham (two runs). Providing the offense for Longwood were Taylor (two singles, run, RBI), David McNeil (two singles, run), Rhein (single, run, RBI), Sowards (single, two runs), Hainley (single, two RBI), McLaughlin (two RBI) and Andrew Meester (run).

## Sunniland gains first Co-Ed win

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Kim Frank's two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the seventh inning drove in the tying and winning runs as Sunniland Corporation won its first game of the season, 10-9, over M.T. Muggs in Sanford Recreation Department Spring Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball League action at Pinehurst Park Monday night. Sunniland Corporation had to come from behind twice to pull off the upset which gives D & D a commanding two-game lead in the standings. Sunniland Corporation looked like it might get its first win in the opening game of the night as it led D & D 3-0 and 3-1 and trailed just 6-5 after four innings. But the D & D defense would not allow another run and the D & D offense came up with three insurance runs in the sixth inning and another run in the seventh inning to pull out a 10-5 triumph. In the nightcap, M.T. Muggs took a 2-0 lead after the top of the fourth inning. Sunniland Corporation started its first come-back with four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and then took the lead with four more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. M.T. Muggs appeared that it had dodged the upset bullet when it came up with four runs in the top of the seventh inning, with Larry Moore's two-run single being the big blow to take a 6-5 lead. Wayne Fabian started the Sun-  
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Tom Clark paced an eight-run outburst in the third and fourth innings by driving in four runs with a home run and a triple as First Church of the Nazarene knocked off Central Baptist 12-3 Saturday.

## Quartet still in Church title hunt

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Execution and teamwork are the keys to victory on any level of athletics. It's been said that softball is just going up and pounding the ball, that there is no strategy or teamwork... wrong. The League-leading 1st United Methodist-Flames proved that Saturday in the Sanford Recreation Department Spring Church Slowpitch Softball League at Chace Park as they knocked off Deacons Trinity Assembly of God-Majesty 11-5. The Flames' built a 4-1 lead with the first run coming on a double, a fly to right that advanced the runner to

Team	Score
Trinity Assembly of God-Majesty	11-5
All South Softball	0-0
Central Baptist	100-0
First Church of the Nazarene	100-0
1st United Methodist-Flames	100-0
Trinity Assembly of God-Majesty	100-0

third and a sacrifice fly, the second run scoring on a force out, a single to right that moved the runner over to third and a sacrifice fly.  
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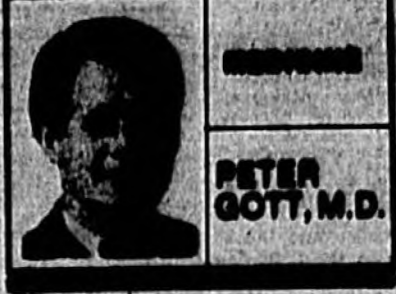
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 Panel 3: "WELL, YOURS RIGHT."

# A word of advice on prostate problems

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Many years ago a down-to-earth guy told me that if men over 50 would go all in a private area and masturbate periodically, over half the world's prostate problems would disappear. But I don't remember the frequency. I've now joined the "gesser" generation, have lost my interest in sex, and wonder about the validity of his statement.



**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

**DEAR READER:** Your guy may have been down-to-earth, but he surely must have had a horrendous social life. Sexual release is an important part of a well-balanced existence but is probably not related to most prostate problems. That is, prostate enlargement is not believed to be due to sexual abstinence.

With respect to chronic prostate infection, frequent orgasm may contribute to the problem. However, masturbation is not necessarily the answer; any kind of sexual release is probably sufficient. And for most healthy men, regular sexual relations seem to do fine.

It's probably just as well that you don't remember the suggested frequency of orgasm your friend mentioned, because the number varies widely, depending on many factors, not the least of which is age.

Masturbation is considered by most authorities to be normal at any age — providing, like any activity, it is not enjoyed obsessively to the exclusion of other activities.

From the sound of your comments, you could take it or leave it. This concerns me, because even though you have entered the "gesser" generation, you needn't lose your sex drive. Perhaps you would be helped by seeing a urologist to discover the reason for your lack of interest.

In any case, your provocative question raises several issues. The bottom line: Get some help in order to enjoy one of life's greatest gifts. How you experience this — and why — is less important than your continued ability to connect, either with your feelings or with another person.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I've been told the darkfield microscope exam is relatively unknown in the United States but is commonly used in Europe and Mexico. A few drops of blood on a slide placed under the microscope can detect just about any illness long before it would show up in usual symptoms. My nephew, a well-known radiologist, does not know of this microscope. Do you?

**DEAR READER:** The darkfield microscope exam, a special way of analyzing tissue and bacteria, is a valid and proven method of detecting certain infections, such as syphilis. However, it is not appropriate for the uses you mention. It is not a tech-

nique for diagnosing a wide range of disorders.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have found that feverfew and lavender in liquid form taken daily as a preventive works for migraines. A two-week supply costs about \$8 — a far cry from some prescription medications. I should add that my sister tried feverfew in cap-

sule form and it upset her stomach. While the liquid is bitter and somewhat unpleasant, when added to a liquid it is tolerable.

**DEAR READER:** OK. This is a new case for me. This herbal remedy is safe, so if it works for you, fine — as long as your doctor approves of it.

The customary therapy for migraine includes nitrate injections, beta blockers for prevention, and other analgesics.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Headaches" and "Pain II: Herbs and Other Healing Fads." Other readers who would like copies should send \$5 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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## The impossible takes a moment longer

**By Phillip Alder**

In Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass," Alice protests, "One can't believe impossible things."

"I darsay you haven't had much practice," the Queen replied. "When I was your age, I always did it for a half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

There are some bridge deals where it is "impossible" to find the winning play or, more often, defense. This is one of them, which occurred in a match in New York City.

South opened with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs. With an excellent five-card suit, he judged his hand too strong for two no-trump, showing 20 to 21 high-card points in the part-

nership methods. However, he wasn't feeling so happy when West bid two hearts and East continued with three diamonds. What should South do now? After some thought, he shut his eyes and bid three no-trump. He half-expected East to continue to four hearts, which South would have doubled with optimism. But three no-trump was passed out.

West led his singleton diamond, East putting in the 10. After winning with the king, South led a low heart toward dummy's queen. West won with the king, but, as he didn't have another diamond to lead, South immediately claimed nine tricks: one spade, two hearts, one diamond and five clubs. Who?

How can three no-trump be beaten? East must win the first trick with the diamond ace and switch to a spade. This sets up five tricks for the defense: three spades, one heart and one diamond. But who would ever find that play at the table?

**North** 42-32-25

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ Q 8  
♦ J 3 2  
♣ 10 7 6 4

**West** ♠ K 10 4 3    ♠ Q 8 7 6  
♥ K J 10 8 5 2    ♠ A Q 10 8 7 4  
♦ 6  
♣ 5 2

**East** ♠ Q 8 7 6  
♥ A 7 4  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ A K Q 8 3

**South** ♠ A J  
♥ A 7 4  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ A K Q 8 3

**Vulnerable: Neither**  
**Dealer: South**

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Opening lead: ♠ 6**

**Clear Birthday**

Wednesday, June 29, 1988

A rise in status and popularity within your social circle will be possible during the coming year. Your peer group might start to take more notice of you now.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 20) This will be one of those days when business and pleasure might not mix well. You must choose one or the other. Do not try to juggle both simultaneously. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$8 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1788, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LEO** (July 20-Aug. 22) New information pertaining to an important matter might be revealed today. Use this news wisely and do not manipulate it for emotional reasons.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you have hoped for might be realized today. Do not let self-doubt make you afraid to take positive action.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can pursue a personal ambition today provided you make this goal your primary objective. In order to succeed, you must be totally dedicated.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Restrictions that have hemmed you in during the past few days could be eased today. You should take action immediately.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today, you might secretly be acknowledged for a favor you did for someone else. Friends may not be aware of either situation, but you will not care.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you like, but do not trust completely, might prove the extent of his or her loyalty today by making an impressive gesture on your behalf.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will have a real sense of accomplishment today if you complete a difficult assignment you've postponed. Others will also recognize your achievement.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Your positive, optimistic attitude will have a desirable effect on your associates today. Your behavior will inspire them to behave similarly.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) This will be a good day to shop for essential but hard-to-get household items. The bargains you've searched for can be found in some out-of-the-way place.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Make an effort to deal with others openly today, even if someone doesn't treat you in an even fashion. You will look good, but he or she will not.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Conditions that affect your financial position will look promising today, provided you make your move while the time is right.

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**ANNE** by Leonard Shaw

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