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Sports

Not exactly perfect

WINTER PARK — Lake Howell's boys volleyball team remained undefeated despite something of a backwards performance against Lyman Wednesday night.

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BRIEFS

Property tax hike

SANFORD — Governing board members of the St. Johns River Water Management District adopted a 25-percent increase to their property tax Wednesday, a catchup for the past three years of no tax increases. The 47-cent rate will raise about 37 percent of the district's adopted \$125.7 million budget for next year. All property owners in Seminole County pay the district tax in addition to county, school and for city taxes for urbanites.

District spokesman Ed Albanesi said program expenses have increased since 1990, the year of the last tax hike, but board members wanted to "hold the line" on the rate. An owner of a \$100,000 homesteaded house will see their district tax increase \$8.40 to \$35.25.

More to recycle

SANFORD — Beginning with the next pickup, you can now add aerosol cans and more types of plastic containers to your curbside recycling bin. Sanford residents can recycle the additional plastic, but not the spray cans.

With expanded markets, Southeast Recycling is now accepting all plastic containers marked 1, 2, or 3, except those that held oil, anti-freeze, pool or lawn chemicals. If you're not sure of the plastic type, look for the number in the recycling triangle embossed on the bottom of the container.

Before recycling, remove the lids and caps from the plastic containers and caps and nozzles from aerosol cans.

Except for Sanford, residents may now recycle aluminum and steel cans, plastic beverage and other containers, spray cans, glass and newspapers. Sanford does not accept steel or aerosol cans. Southeast Recycling serves all unincorporated areas and cities of the county except Sanford.

Road to close

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — State Road 436 at the CSX railroad crossing will be closed this weekend, beginning Friday evening at 8 p.m. Crews with CSX Transportation will close the busy road at the railroad tracks just east of County Road 427 to rebuild the crossing. Work will be done throughout the weekend and the road will be reopened by 6 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27.

An average of 55,000 vehicles cross the tracks each day and detours will be established by way of Maitland Avenue and Maitland Boulevard and U.S. Highway 17-92. Message signs and police will help direct traffic.

The \$80,000 project, to be funded by the state, will include the application of a rubberized surface to make the crossing smoother.

Seniors find work

An employment program sponsored by AARP Senior Community Service is held at the Private Industry Council, 212 S. Sanford Ave., each Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

Seniors 55 and older will be given assistance in finding full and part time employment.

The program is also offered at the Lake Mary Senior Center, 158 N. Country Club Rd., every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

For information on the Sanford program, phone 321-5827.

For information on the Lake Mary program phone Paulee Stevens at 324-3060.

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Things are heating up again



Sunny and hot. High in the low to mid 90s. Wind east 5-10 mph.

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Health care for all

How plan will work for you

From Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON — Whoever you are — single parent, blue collar worker, the self-employed — you're likely to be affected by President Clinton's proposed health care plan. Some people stand to gain, some will lose.

Here are some examples:
● Suzanne, a \$17,000-a-year checkout clerk at a supermarket in Lake Mary, is a mother of three, but her family's only breadwinner. A total of \$1,530 a year is deducted from her paycheck for health insurance. Her employer pays \$3,570, or 70 percent of the premium. She has to pay the first \$400 of annual
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'They have to be certain all of the figures being thrown about are accurate,' said Security National Bank President Michael Scures of President Clinton's proposed health care plan.

Reaction from local business leaders

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Local business leaders focused their attention on the presentation of President Clinton's health care plan last night. Many believe not enough accurate information has been compiled on the cost. Others questioned how the new plan may be implemented.

Several local business owners predict the health care changes could force some small businesses to close because of the expense in providing coverage for employees.

● Michael Scures, president of
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Topless dancer is charged in bodyless murder

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Fights between an Oviedo couple, the man an aspiring rock band drummer and his topless dancer girlfriend, occurred frequently and were sometimes violent during their two-year long relationship, police say.

A fight about a year ago, may have ended the life of David Alexander Richmond, 28, investigators claim. His girlfriend, Michele Roger, 27, was indicted by a Seminole County Grand Jury for second degree murder after hearing testimony Tuesday from her friends, co-workers and police.

Richmond's body has not been found and investigators outline a gruesome tale of what may have happened based on informant's statements.



Michele Roger
A few of Roger's fellow dancers at the Cabaret Internationale testified before the
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Making middle school safer

By VICKI DeBORNIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Parents, teachers and administrators are excited about the changes that are taking place at Lakeview Middle School as it enters its second quarter century.

"We're very excited about all the changes that are taking place here," said principal Jim Shupe, walking through the brightly lit hallways at the school.

Though no brass bell has rung, students are filtering from one classroom to another, chatting quietly. One young man raises his voice to shout
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Few residents protest tolls for expressway



Cindy Kaehler
Herald Photo by Mark Harris

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Few people protested the proposed \$1.50 rate to travel the Seminole County Expressway last night.

Less than a dozen people attended last night's formal state hearing on the proposed 25-cent to \$1.50 rate. City officials from Oviedo and Winter Springs asked the proposed 75-cent toll between State Road 434 and Red Bug Lake Road be lowered to 25 cents to encourage University of Central Florida students to use the tollroad.

Two residents, one from Orange County, said the \$1.50 rate was too high for commuters.

Under the proposed rate structure, initially adopted by the Seminole County Expressway Authority in 1990, a trip from any entrance north of Lake Jesup to Aloma Avenue will cost \$1.50; to Red Bug Lake Road, 75 cents; and to SR 434, 50 cents. Any trip that begins and ends north of the lake is a quarter. Rates are based on 25 cents per axle.

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Lake Mary votes on final budget tonight

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — It's final decision time for Lake Mary's fiscal year 1993/94 budget. The proposal appears for second and final reading at tonight's commission meeting.

The total general fund budget is presently \$4,671,971, approximately \$240 over the general fund from the previous year. A number of changes have been made since the commission first began discussions.

Changes have been required because of insurance reallocation due to renewal rates, changes in police and fire pensions, a decrease in the proposed employee pay increase from 5 percent to 3.5 percent, the cost of staff reorganization, and the purchase of a new fire truck.

Also included is a change in the starting date for a new parks supervisor, which has been moved from April of 1994 to Oct. 1, 1993.

Insurance matters were still being evaluated.
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All in the 'yamily'



Herald Photo by Michael Sledzinski

These giant yams are descendants from monster yams grown last year. 'This was the very first time and first crop we have ever tried to grow,' said Lonnie Stafford, shown with some of his yams. Lonnie and his wife Minnie, Cochran Road, Geneva, tried growing yams with 'some of the original vines from Bishop Eugene Williams of Midway, and it was a blessing from the almighty God.' In 1992, Williams grew yams in his garden, which were possibly a state record, with several weighing over 40 pounds each.

FLORIDA BRIEFS



'Phone Home' program protects tourists

HOLLYWOOD — Hoping to ease the fears of tourists, the Chamber of Commerce here is offering free phone calls to foreign visitors arriving at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Volunteers carrying plastic charge cards will be stationed at airport terminals beginning next month to offer free calls under the "Phone Home" program.

The idea is a direct result of the highway slaying of German tourist Uwe-Wilhelm Rakebrand, who was shot to death Sept. 8 after leaving Miami International Airport.

"We must pull away from these horrible images," Greater Hollywood chamber director Nick Grossman said Tuesday. "We want tourists to know that we're a very nice and friendly destination. It's important that this image be presented to tourists the moment they step off the plane."

Mom charged with murdering baby

MELBOURNE — The mother of a 3-week-old baby who died of repeated blows to the head and broken legs has been charged with first-degree murder.

The baby, Brianna Brooke Renk, suffered multiple fractures to her skull and to the femur bones in both legs, police said. Her mother, Betty Jo Frazier, 38, was arrested Wednesday after an autopsy revealed the extent of the baby's injuries.

Melbourne police spokesman Gary Markowski said investigators have not yet determined how the injuries occurred. The baby's father, who told police he was at work when the baby was hospitalized, said Brianna was born premature after a difficult pregnancy. Frazier was excited by the baby's arrival, said Rickey Renk.

Police said Frazier called 911 early Saturday to report that her newborn was not breathing.

Clogged fish cause shutdown of plant

HUTCHINSON ISLAND — A St. Lucie nuclear power plant unit was shut down after thousands of dying jellyfish clogged an ocean intake pipe, utility officials said.

A similar event occurred at the Central Florida coastal plant in September 1984, said Florida Power & Light Co. spokesman Ray Golden.

"This is the time of year when they're at the end of their life, and if the prevailing wind is from the southeast, it blows them toward our intake pipe," he said.

The intruders — believed to be common "moon jellies" — began showing up Monday, he said.

Man tells police of killing

JACKSONVILLE — A woman found dead after a man told South Carolina authorities of killing a prostitute in Jacksonville was identified as Aulisa C. Thunder, 33, of Jacksonville, police said.

An autopsy Tuesday showed that Ms. Thunder died of multiple stab wounds. Police records show Ms. Thunder had 21 prostitution arrests in Jacksonville from 1987 to 1991.

Ary William Dice Jr., 27, of Jacksonville, was arrested Saturday in Berkeley County, S.C., after telling police of a killing.

Using a map drawn by Dice, authorities discovered the body near a dirt road in North Jacksonville. Police have three other recent unsolved prostitute murders in the area and plan to question Dice about those killings.

Girl raped at bus stop

TAMPA — Authorities were searching for a suspect who dragged a 15-year-old from her school bus stop and raped her in nearby woods.

The girl was grabbed from behind about 6:35 a.m. Tuesday in a quiet north Tampa subdivision, said Hillsborough County sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter.

After the attack, the suspect ran away and the girl ran home and called investigators.

The crime stunned residents of the North Lakes subdivision, which is full of young families and children.

"I felt bad for her. I just can't imagine," said Joan Wilder, who also has a 15-year-old daughter who sometimes takes the bus at that corner "This poor girl was suffering there hearing the traffic go by."

FBI arrests New York fugitive

CAPE CORAL — FBI agents have arrested a fugitive from New York accused of participating in an illegal landfill with alleged ties to organized crime.

Raymond Eugene Ryder, 49, a former resident of Port Jarvis, New York, was arrested without incident late Tuesday night at his residence in this Gulf Coast resort community.

Ryder was one of 14 people named in a federal indictment returned in New York last week charging racketeering, extortion, mail fraud, wire fraud, bribery, money laundering and tax violations.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Seminoles' casinos' nixed Ruling against gambling not in violation

By KAREN TESTA Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — In a setback that will cost the Seminole Tribe millions of dollars in lost potential revenue, a federal judge has ruled that Florida doesn't have to allow Las Vegas-style casino gambling on the tribe's reservations.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Marcus granted a request Wednesday for a summary judgment for the state in a 44-page decision saying Florida officials did not violate a good faith requirement of the 1988 Indian Gambling Rights Act by refusing to negotiate with the tribe.

"You want a comment?" said Assistant Attorney General Jon Glogau, who had not read the judge's decision issued in Miami. "Yeah! We won't have casinos."

Bruce Rogow, an attorney for the Seminoles, said they would appeal.

¶You want a comment. Yeah — We won't have casinos.¶ —Jon Glogau

Carl Baxley, a member of the board of director for Seminole Tribe Inc., told The Miami Herald the tribe had been double-crossed by "the white man's world."

"It's devastating for us," he said. "... They tell us to get an education and learn to play by rules. So we do. And damned if they don't change the rules on us again."

Since January 1991, the Seminoles have been trying to talk to the state about bringing such games as blackjack, roulette and slot machines to their reservations. But the state said it was not subject to negotiation because all casino gambling is illegal in Florida.

The Seminoles sued the state, saying it must try to make a deal with them on machine gaming and casinos because federal law permits the Indians to negotiate any gambling already permitted in the state.

In a two-part argument, the Seminoles said they should be allowed to negotiate all Class III types of gambling because the state already allows such gambling, primarily parimutuels and the lottery.

The tribe also said that the state already allows high-stakes gambling in the form of charity casino nights and gambling on cruise ships which dock in Florida.

"Apparently Judge Marcus didn't buy either one of those arguments," said Glogau, who added charity gambling is illegal in the state but the law is often not enforced.

"You can permit by acquiescence," he said. "You can permit by inaction."



Me and my shadow Tabitha Dykes, 7, stops to relax on a warm afternoon in Sanford, when she and her favorite dolly take a leisurely stroll.

Clinton uses state man as example in health care talk

By Associated Press

TITUSVILLE — The Titusville furniture store owner who Bill Clinton used as an example in his national televised speech on health care says he represents the vast majority of small business owners.

"What they were trying to get, I guess, was someone to represent the vast majority of small businessmen and businesses," Kerry Kennedy, 33, said. "And they felt my particular scenario that they liked was common place."

Clinton referred to Kennedy to point out the problems small businesses face in providing health care to employees.

Kennedy said he had to drop insurance on his own parents, who founded the business, and the families of his employees.

"It got to be too expensive," he said. Eventually he managed to provide for the employees through another policy and his parents bought their own policy.

Kennedy was hanging wallpaper at his store when he found out he was going to be named by Clinton.

"I was sort of surprised myself, but they did sort of warn me with a call an hour before the speech," Kennedy, 33, said.

Kennedy drew the attention of the Clinton administration through U.S. Rep. Jim Bacchus, D-Merritt Island, and Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

"They stopped here at my store and met with me and about 12 other businesses earlier this year," Kennedy said.

They kept him up to date on what the administration was planning.

"I asked them, 'Why do you want to use us and they said, 'well, you represent the vast majority of people.' And the point about my parents demonstrated elderly discrimination."

He said Clinton's program will "definitely help. It looks like to me they are going to make it a little better and less costly for small business."

Lozano won't face federal charges in killing

By JOHN PACENTI Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Federal prosecutors said early today that civil rights charges won't be pressed against Miami policeman William Lozano, whose shooting of a black motorcyclist set off three days of riots. The move could end one of the city's most painful and tense legal struggles, which included an earlier conviction and a subsequent acquittal in a retrial as riot squads kept a vigil in Miami.

The decision was announced in the dead of night by Robert Martinez, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

"This decision does not represent a vindication of any officer's conduct in this matter," Martinez said in the one-page statement issued by fax to The Associated Press at 12:20 a.m. today.

"It simply represents the conclusion of the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office that this is insufficient evidence upon which to seek an indictment

for federal criminal civil rights charges."

Lozano, 33, was acquitted May 28 in Orlando, Fla., of manslaughter charges in the Jan. 16, 1989 shooting of motorcyclist Clement Anthony Lloyd and the death of his passenger Allan Blanchard in the ensuing crash.

It was his second trial after manslaughter convictions and a seven-year state sentence for the deaths were overturned by an appeals court which ruled the jury was pressured by the possibility of more violence.

Lozano said the motorcycle swerved to hit him and he fired to save his life. He is currently on unpaid suspension pending a Miami police department investigation in to the shootings.

Dan Gelber, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said the announcement was made after midnight to allow prosecutors to break the news first to the victims' families earlier in the evening and to reduce the risk of violence. Gelber said the families may not have

agreed with the decision, but "I think they handled it with great grace." He hoped the community would do the same.

"I think this community has matured quite a bit," he said. "But we did feel it would be in the best interest for the news to come out in the morning."

He said prosecutors felt it would be very hard to prove that Lozano intended from the start to violate the civil rights of the victims.

"This kind of case — a federal civil rights case — requires proof of a very high and precise level of intent," he said. "The intent element we felt was lacking."

Blanchard's sister, Claudia Lebrin, told The Miami Herald, "I'm very disappointed. But so many years have gone by and after he was found not guilty in the second trial, it sort of put a damper on any hopes I had that anything would be done to him."

Johnnie McMillan, the president of the Miami NAACP, called the decision a sad day for Miami.

LOTTERY MIAMI (-) Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery: Fantasy 5 9-10-15-1-22 Cash 3 1-0-9 Play 4 2-1-1-6

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THE WEATHER LOCAL FORECAST Today: Sunny and hot. High in the low to mid 90s. Wind east 5-10 mph. Friday Ptlly cldy 94-70 Saturday Ptlly cldy 87-70 Sunday Ptlly cldy 87-70 Monday Ptlly cldy 87-70 Tuesday Ptlly cldy 87-70 NATIONAL TEMPS Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT.

POLICE BRIEFS

Multiple charges

Seminole County Sheriff's deputies arrested two men Tuesday, found in a 1980 Pontiac, reported stolen earlier. Dwayne Albert Graham, 21, 1608 Peach Avenue, and Tony Lamart Harris, 26, 1110 E. First Street, were taken into custody. A deputy reported seeing the car on 13th Street, and following it to 13th Place before it stopped. Graham, reported to be the driver, was charged with grand theft auto, and driving with a suspended license. Harris, a passenger, was also charged with grand theft auto. Later, at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, it was found that Harris was also wanted on a warrant for failure to appear on a charge of dealing in stolen property.

Incidents reported to the sheriff

- Propellers valued at \$800 were reportedly stolen from a boat on display for sale, on E. Celery Avenue during the past month.
- A boat motor, valued at \$1,200 was reportedly stolen from the back of a pickup truck in the 300 block of Springview Drive, Sanford, on Monday or Tuesday.
- Deputies responded to a call Tuesday regarding a suspicious vehicle parked near Pebble Creek Apartments near Lake Mary. They reported finding a 1983 Toyota resting on cinder blocks with all wheels and tires removed. The car was reportedly stolen but specific details were not available.

Incidents reported to Sanford police

- Two TVs, a VCR and man's wallet were reportedly stolen early Wednesday from a residence in the 400 block of Palmetto Avenue.
- Property in excess of \$100 was reportedly taken Monday or Tuesday from a residence in the 1000 block of Magnolia Avenue.
- A portable telephone valued at \$380 was reportedly stolen Tuesday from a car parked at a business in the 2400 block of S. French Avenue.
- A boy's bike was reported missing from the back yard of a home in the 100 block of W. 20th Street on Tuesday.
- A lawn mower was reportedly stolen Tuesday from a business in the 400 block of Summerlin Avenue.
- A large amount of change and jewelry valued at \$3,000 was said to have been taken Tuesday from a residence in the 400 block of S. Elliott Street.
- A VCR and women's purse, with a total value of \$305 was reported missing Tuesday from a residence in Redding Gardens.
- Tires were reportedly removed from a 1984 Chevrolet pickup truck Tuesday parked near a business in the 2900 block of Orlando Drive.
- A 1984 Chevrolet Caprice, license number LTG-80Y was reportedly stolen Monday from Lake Monroe Terrace Apartments.
- \$1,000 in antique coins were reported stolen from a home in the 2400 block of Cedar Avenue on Monday.
- An undetermined amount of household items was reported stolen from a home in the 400 block of Orange Avenue. The owner, out of town at the time, said several families had moved in and out of the house between Sept. 5th and 20th.
- 30 packs of cigarettes valued at over \$76 were reportedly stolen Thursday from a store in the 300 block of E. 25th Street.
- \$829 in property was reportedly stolen between Sept. 17th and 20th in a business in the 1500 block of Celery Avenue.
- \$735 in property was reported missing Monday from a residence in the 1300 block of Cypress Avenue.
- \$900 in items was said to have been taken Monday from a residence in the 400 block of Bay Avenue.

Amtrak wreck: Barge linked

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

SARALAND, Ala. — Investigators suspect a barge lost in the fog struck and weakened a railroad trestle shortly before an Amtrak train hurtled off the bridge into a murky bayou. At least 44 people were killed.

The FBI and the National Transportation Safety Board said they found a dented barge near the train wreck, along with damage that appeared to match that on a concrete piling supporting the bridge.

Amtrak's Sunset Limited, traveling from Los Angeles to Miami with 206 people aboard, plunged into Bayou Canot on the outskirts of Mobile about 3 a.m. Wednesday. Some of the dead were trapped in a submerged, silver passenger car, others in a burned engine.

At least 159 people survived the wreck, the deadliest in Amtrak's 23-year history, said John Hammerschmidt of the NTSB. Three people remained missing Wednesday night. Divers were to resume the search at daybreak.

About half the 500-foot-long, wood-and-steel bridge collapsed; investigators were trying to determine whether that happened before the wreck or because of it.

Asked how the barge might have struck the bridge, which crosses a bayou that isn't navigable by barges and is just 7 feet above the water, FBI agent Charles W. Archer said, "I understand it was very foggy."

The barge was one of six lashed together and pushed by a towboat.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Tony Sanchez told The Atlanta Constitution that Coast Guard logs indicated the towboat captain had radioed 12 minutes before the train wreck to report he was having trouble with fog and had "lost his tow." The captain was interviewed by investigators, Sanchez said.

The barge owner, Warrior & Gulf Navigation Co., said in a statement today that the towboat was traveling on the Mobile River when it got lost in the fog and found itself in the bayou.

"We don't yet know accurately what happened in this incident, but we have been, are, and will continue to participate with all of the agencies seeking to resolve the questions," company president Nicholas J. Barchie said.

The train's data recorder and the bodies of the three crew

members who had been operating the train remained in the lead locomotive, which was buried nose-down in 15 feet of mud and 25 feet of water, investigators said.

The train's speed was not immediately known, but the limit on that stretch of track was 70 mph.

"We were asleep, and the next thing I knew we were in the water. It sounded like a big blast," said Dennis Stevens, 33, of Orange City, Fla. "I pushed out a window and got us out. Fuel was burning on top of the water. Smoke was everywhere. Then a tugboat came and threw some ropes to fish us out. You could hear screams."

Bill Crosson of Tallahassee, Fla., escaped with his wife, Vivian, from the submerged passenger car. He said they clung to debris for perhaps 45 minutes until someone spotted them in the darkness.

"The water just rose immediately up to the top," Crosson said. "Everybody just kind of floated together and went out

the back. Somehow somebody had gotten the back open — maybe it busted open from the water pressure or somebody kicked it open."


The train's three locomotives and four of its eight cars, including two passenger cars, went into the swamp, which is crawling with alligators and

snakes. Another passenger car dangled from what was left of the bridge.

The death toll could exceed the number of deaths in all other crashes since Amtrak was created in 1970 to run the nation's long-distance passenger trains. Before Wednesday, 48 people had died in Amtrak wrecks.

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EDITORIALS

Treat water as a commodity that's precious

Florida is a growing state, we all know that. More than 500 people move here on an average day. And of that number, about 13 of those folks move to Seminole County. And all those people want water.

There is a limit to the number of people the state and county can handle and one of those primary limits is the availability of fresh drinking water. Two years ago, a \$313,000 study commissioned by Seminole County commissioners sent up a warning flare about those limits.

The study by Camp, Dresser and McKee suggests Seminole County residents are already drinking water and irrigating their lawns quicker than rainfall can replenish the massive underground reservoir which supports them. A study by the St. Johns River Water Management District is expected to further define the affects of increasing demand on that reservoir.

In response, members of the Seminole County Water Resources Task Force suggests steps to curb the growing demand. Chief among those recommendations was that more highly-treated wastewater should be made available for irrigation to relieve the demand on drinking water. Altamonte Springs and Sanford have already embraced reclaimed water for irrigation and users in both cities give it rave reviews.

Seminole County supplies reclaimed wastewater to businesses along Lake Emma Road and landscaping along Lake Mary Boulevard. But the county's reclaimed wastewater program should be expanded to include more homes, businesses and agricultural areas. Delays in starting up the Yankee Lake facility have granted the county time to add a pumpback system to it. We're glad to see the county move ahead on this project.

Meanwhile, we can all do our part: adhere to the water management district's three-day-a-week irrigation schedule and then, only when your lawn needs it, don't let tapwater run unnecessarily, fix leaking faucets.

Water cannot be taken for granted, it is a precious resource that deserves our protection.

LETTERS

Midway's emergence

This is in reference to your editorial, "Rejuvenation of Midway begins with water lines," Sept. 15, 1983.

Let me begin by stating that if left up to Seminole County Midway could disappear and never be missed. The county has contributed very little (if any) money to the Midway community. The money Midway has received for its upgrading has always come from CDBG money, which is money from the federal government.

As far as I'm concerned the county has not treated Midway fairly (putting it mildly.) It (the county) is finally using the Community Development Block Grant money that was allocated to Midway since 1988 to start upgrading the water system.

I feel the county has treated Midway as a foster child, not stepchild. You know, the foster parent that waits for the check each month and when it comes, uses the money for their personal gain.

Note: Foster parents, I think most of you are doing a wonderful job! Please don't write me (smile.)

If there has been any major improvement in the Midway area, it was funded with CDBG money. Very little money (if any) has come from Seminole County's general funds. After Midway residents pay their county taxes, the county ignores us until time to ask for CDBG money for the next budget year.

You stated, "Midway's emergence from shantytown to thriving neighborhood." This is true. Being raised in Midway I have seen the homes in Midway evolve from three rooms (living room, bedroom, kitchen) into homes with three or four bedrooms, family room, great room, 2 bathrooms, etc. We "are" a thriving neighborhood and proud of it.

I love Midway. I could not have been raised in a better place. Midway has given me a sense of belonging, being a part of something. There is a saying in Africa, "It takes a village to raise a child." When I was a child all adults were your parents. If any adult saw you doing something wrong they would beat your butt and when your mom heard about it, you would get another whipping. Those old people did not play.

Out of Midway have come doctors, lawyers, teachers, business owners and a lot of just hardworking good people. Midway has emerged, not because of Seminole County, but in spite of Seminole County.

Louise Perkins
Midway

WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Readmit Taiwan to United Nations

In 1971, when the United Nations voted to recognize the People's Republic of China as entitled to China's seats in both the Security Council and the General Assembly, the excuse on everyone's lips was "realism." It simply wasn't realistic, advocates of the change argued, to go on recognizing the (Nationalist) Republic of China, which controlled only Taiwan and some small offshore islands, as the government of the 1 billion people on the Chinese mainland.

So the pro-Peking steamroller barged through the United Nations - which refused, in its zeal to admit the communist regime, even to allow the R.O.C. to retain a seat in the General Assembly, despite the fact that it remained indisputably sovereign on the large and populous (21 million) island of Taiwan.

For a number of years it didn't seem to matter. Especially after Jimmy Carter pulled the rug out from under the R.O.C. in 1979 by "de-recognizing" it and terminating America's security pact with it, it was widely assumed that Taiwan would wither into irrelevance.

But fate has a way of playing tricks, and in the 1980s Taiwan surprised the world by its resilience. Its economy, which had already earned the name "the Taiwan miracle," grew even stronger, and this was followed by a

sweeping liberalization of the political system. Today Taiwan is a flourishing democracy and also an economic powerhouse, with the 25th highest per capita income on Earth, the 20th largest gross national product, and the second largest foreign exchange holdings of any nation (\$85.6 billion). It is the 14th largest global trading partner, and ranks seventh in total overseas investment.

So, if "realism" is the United Nations' watchword, the case for Taiwan's readmission to the General Assembly is unassailable. Small wonder that the government of the Republic of China in Taipei has launched a major diplomatic drive to achieve exactly that.

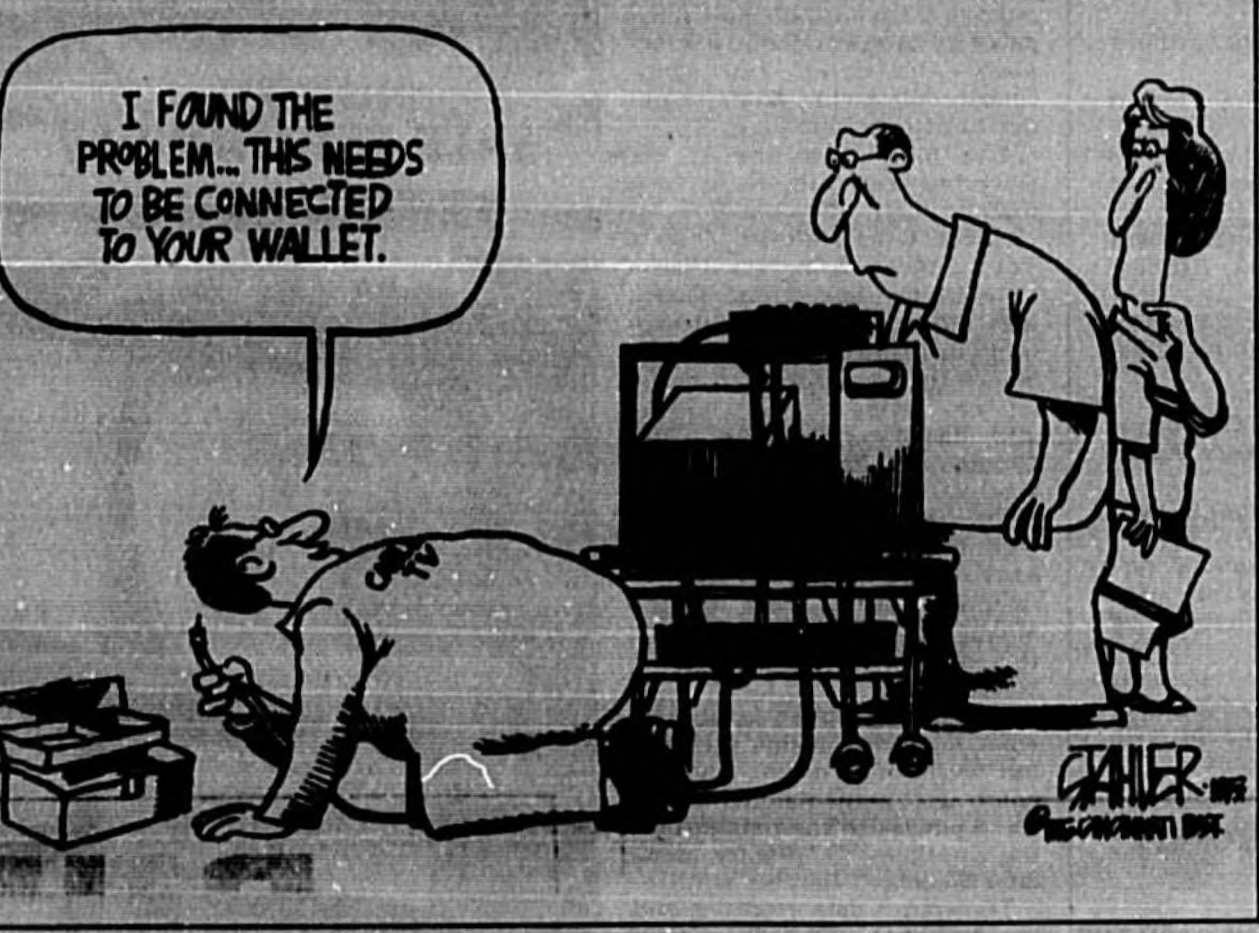


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President Lee Teng-hui has called on the international community to "seriously consider the issue within the next three years."

R.O.C. officials know very well that the task ahead of them is an arduous one. But, being Chinese, they also know the old adage that "the longest journey starts with a single step." No doubt the communist regime in Peking will have hysterics over the prospect of Taiwan's readmission - "realism" be damned. But there may be ways in which the United Nations could make the bitter pill more palatable: for example, by recognizing that one country (China) has two governments controlling different parts of its national territory - much as North and South Korea do, and as East and West Germany long did. It would thus not be necessary to admit Taiwan as a separate nation (something its Nationalist government has never claimed it is anyway).

Nobody seriously expects that the small nations that dominate the General Assembly (three-quarters have populations smaller than Taiwan's) are likely to want to defy Peking's rage merely because realism demands the seating of Taiwan. But here is where the United States, and the other major nations that have substantial trade with Taiwan, can be of special help.



MARTIN SCHRAM

Total Candor accurate fantasy

"It's fantasy," cried the oracle Daniel Patrick Moynihan, holder of the Senate's Lewis Carroll Chair, assessing the president's arithmetic for financing health reform, "but accurate fantasy."

And in that spirit, we can now reveal the contents of President Clinton's first draft of his health reform speech - working title: "Option: Total Candor" - the one he couldn't quite bring himself to deliver. It's fantasy, but (I'm convinced after talking with those who know our president well) it's accurate fantasy.

"Distinguished members of Congress and my fellow Americans, I am here tonight to report to you - in unprecedented total candor - about our struggle to reform our nation's hodge-podge health-care system. Our war is all but won. Only the battles remain to be fought."

"Now, for the first time, all of Washington's powerful political interests have joined the people in the heartland in agreeing that our health system must be reformed. Democrats and Republicans, health industry lobbyists and labor union lobbyists, now agree on the need to push toward universal coverage and to curb costs. All we have to do now is work out the details."

"And that brings me to my second point: I am dead serious when I say I want bipartisanship to be the rule in the health reform debate. Let me admit, in total candor, that there are some elements of my own plan I am frankly uneasy about."

"One is the global budget, which I know is de facto price controls. A second is the extent to which it increases government regulation. And a third is the extent to which small businesses may face big crises because of our mandate that employers must pay for the bulk of employees' coverage."

"Frankly, some of these provisions are in the plan mainly because Hillary felt strongly about them - and I don't feel I can publicly overrule her. Also, after the hard feelings created by NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement), I felt I couldn't once again pick it to be the engine and traditional Democrat."

"But that doesn't mean that I'm not willing to compromise these items out of the plan in the name of bipartisanship. I'm open to compromising with the Republicans and those progressives who were my roots at the Democratic Leadership Council. One example: Republicans like and labor hates: putting a reasonable limit on the amount of employer-paid health benefits that are tax-free."

"Also, the complicated global budget of

government-set ceilings for annual health spending could be made into voluntary targets. To do that and still be seen as a strong leader, I'm thinking of summoning top health industry officials to a Camp David-style summit, exerting visible presidential persuasion, and getting them to publicly pledge what they now privately say they can do: hold down costs by operating within the free marketplace. A national health-care compact.

"Finally, in this spirit of total candor, I must admit that I am proud - thrilled, really - because I know I am on the brink of being judged by history as having accomplished an act of presidential greatness. Just as Franklin D. Roosevelt became the father of Social Security, I can be the president whose vision and leadership gave America a real system of health security. Unless my reputation is marked by having fought for a narrow, publicly unpopular provision that Congress soundly rejects."

"Then I will be known as the president who snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in health reform. That's an honor I do not want."

EPILOGUE:
 "There's glory for you!" said Humpty Dumpty to Alice, as recorded by Lewis Carroll in "Through the Looking Glass":

"I don't know what you mean by 'glory,' Alice said...."

"I meant 'there's a nice knock-down argument for you!'"

"But 'glory' doesn't mean 'a nice knock-down argument,'" Alice objected.

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in a rather scornful tone, it means just what I choose it to mean - neither more nor less."



And in that spirit, we can now reveal the contents of President Clinton's first draft of his health reform speech.

JOSEPH SPEAR

President pensions are out of sight

Take out a piece of paper and a pencil, and number from 1 to 2. We're going to have a quiz. Subject: the presidency.

Question No. 1: What former president was the first to receive a pension? Question No. 2: Why were presidents given retirement benefits?

If you wrote down George Washington, Grover Cleveland or Herbert Hoover in answer to the Question No. 1, you are wrong.

The first president to receive post-tenure support from the taxpayers was Harry Truman. Every one of his predecessors retired to private life and made do as best they could. Some of them - Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe come quickly to mind - died paupers. They refused to exploit their position in order to maintain the dignity of the office in which they had served.

Therein lies the answer to Question No. 2. Pensions were provided for in the Former Presidents Act of 1958 so that retiring chief executives would not have to sell their souls to make a living. According to biographer David McCullough, the only income Harry Truman had when he returned to Missouri was a \$112.56-a-month army pension. But he resisted six-figure offers from major corporations and asked Congress to help him out with a modest allowance. The lawmakers gave him \$22,500 a year.

Guess what George Bush's pension and perks come to? He was given \$1.5 million to get his papers and personal effects to Texas and to set up his office. His office rent will be completely paid for. He will get \$150,000 a year for staff salaries. He will get the standard presidential pension - now \$143,800 a year - plus additional monies for his service as a congressman, diplomat, CIA chief and vice president. All told, he will have to get along on an income of \$187,800 a year.

Bush will also get free health care, free travel, free telephone service, free stationery. He will be surrounded by Secret Service agents around the clock.

The grand total to keep George Bush in the style to which we accustomed him: well over \$4 million, not counting his one-time transition expenses.

But at least we are keeping Mr. Bush out of penury, right?

Well, no. He is already a millionaire.

OK, so we are preserving the dignity of the office, right?

Well, no. Earlier this month, Bush flew to Atlanta to give a speech to a convention of Amway distributors. His reported fee for those words of wisdom: \$100,000. In May, he was paid another \$100,000 for a two-day trip to Brazil.

Am I the only person in this putative democracy who thinks this is outrageous and that we ought to ask affluent chief executives to pay more of their own bills when they retire? For the first time in 131 years, we now have five living ex-presidents. All of them are wealthy, and three are very rich. Yet the taxpayers are forking over more than \$20 million a year to support their baronial lifestyles - and the fattest of the cats still prostitute themselves to anybody who can afford them.

Gerald Ford, for example, has served on dozens of corporate boards, endorsed real estate developments, huckstered commemorative medals, lectured for a minimum of \$15,000 per talk. He reportedly pulls down \$2 million a year. Ronald Reagan will deliver one of his platitudinous orations for about \$75,000. He got \$5 million for his memoirs and pocketed \$2 million for a trip to Japan.

The only two of our ex-chief executives who conduct their affairs with any sense of dignity are Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter.



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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.

Plan

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medical expenses. Suzanne's a winner under the plan Clinton laid before the nation Wednesday.

If it's enacted as he proposes, her wages - less than 1 1/4 times the poverty level - would qualify Suzanne for a subsidy, and her paycheck withholding shrinks to \$323 a year.

And if she chose the low-cost policy offered to her - meaning she'd go into a health maintenance organization, or HMO - she no longer has to pay that \$400 deductible. She'd still have to pay \$10 per visit to the doctor.

Henry is a \$50,000 self-employed electrician in Longwood. He doesn't have health insurance, can't afford the \$6,450 annual premium.

Under Clinton's plan, if he opts for an average policy, he pays \$3,950, which is fully tax deductible. The value he receives - the difference between what insurance would cost him today and what it would cost him under the Clinton plan - is \$2,500, plus the tax savings. Henry wins.

Kim, an Orlando lawyer, earns \$80,000 a year. Under the plan offered by her firm, she has a gold-plated policy. The firm pays \$2,200, she pays \$240, which, after taxes, amounts to \$168.

Under Clinton's plan, she chooses an \$1,800 single person's policy, of which she pays \$360, the firm the rest. The benefits under the new policy are not as generous as those she enjoys today, and her out-of-pocket contribution is higher. She's a loser.

Tony earns \$15,000 a year in a non-union Sanford print shop which offers no health benefits. His son, Randy, has severe asthma. Even if Tony bought a policy on the open market, Randy's "pre-existing" condition would not be covered.

Under the Clinton plan, the company is required to cover its workers through a policy secured through a regional health alliance - essentially a big insurance buying organization that negotiates with doctors and hospitals to provide a choice of several health care policies.

The standard policy would cost \$4,200, the administration estimates, and the company would pay 80 percent, with the worker paying the rest.

But because Tony is a low-wage worker, he gets a subsidy that limits his contribution to 1.9 percent of wages, or \$285. So Tony and family get coverage for \$6,165 less than he would have to pay on the market, and Randy is assured treatment for his asthma. Insurance companies would be prohibited from denying coverage for "pre-existing" conditions.

Suzanne, Henry, Kim and Tony are fictional, of course, but the situations are real and so are the figures. They were developed by Towers Perrin, an international benefits consulting firm, based on White House-provided details of the Clinton plan.

Some of the plan's advantages - coverage for "pre-existing" conditions, for example, can't be given a dollar value.

Another invaluable advantage: portability. When workers change jobs, they would remain covered. Same if they're fired or

if they quit. Everyone is covered. Another is a cap on expenses. In addition to the premiums, out-of-pocket medical expenses - including co-insurance and

deductibles - would not exceed \$3,000 a year for a family, \$1,500 for an individual.

Another advantage: Families in a geographical area would pay

equal rates for equal coverage, regardless of their medical conditions. On average, a family would pay in the \$640-a-year

Reaction

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Security National Bank in Sanford said he is curious as to how the plan will be implemented. "I would like to see both political parties sit down and do more homework on this," he said. "They have to be certain all of the figures being thrown about are accurate in-so-far as the cost of implementation is concerned."

Tom Savage of Savage Aviation at the Central Florida Regional Airport commented, "If his (Clinton's) plan goes through, it's going to put a lot of small business people out of business."

He added, "When they figured this out, I don't believe they really studied what it is going to cost, but us small business owners already know it's going to cost us plenty, in fact, too

much."

"Clinton got up there at the podium last night and said he was going to do this great thing," said Jeff Bales, vice president of Sanford Motors. "But he didn't say who is going to pay for it. What it amounts to is the small business owner ending up footing the bill."

"What about people who are not employed," he continued. "If they are given medical care, it's going to be new taxes for three who are employed. In order to pay for them. The way I see it, this is a blatant escalation of inflation, regardless of how he explains it."

"There is no question that we need health care reform," Bales said. "But rather than following the President's plan, which will probably drive small businesses

out of business, the health care needs to be fine-tuned and bring the costs down."

Nanci Yuronis, president of the Rivership Grand Romance cruises said she would withhold her opinion on the health plan until more information is revealed. "I'm pleased with the idea that they are looking toward putting some form of health care service in place," she said, "but we still need to know more about how much burden it is going to place against the small business owner as well as the employees."

Yuronis said she is glad to see some plans to eventually put mental health care on the health plan, even though it may be several years from now. "This is one area where we really need to be concerned."

DEATHS

JUANITA J. BEASLEY

Juanita J. Beasley, 69, Myrtle Street, Oviedo, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1993 at Winter Park Memorial Hospital in Winter Park.

Born Oct. 13, 1923 in Orlando, she was a lifelong Central Florida resident. She was office manager for Wheeler Fertilizer Division of Nelson & Co. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Oviedo and belonged to the Women's Circle Club.

Survivors include husband, Marion; son, Walter, Oviedo; daughters, Gail, Orlando, Marcia Savage, Casselberry, Anita Giddens, Winter Park; sister, Marjorie Wall, Bushnell; five grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

FREDERICK WILLIAM HOFFOWER

Frederick William Hoffower, 71, S. Country Club Road, Lake Mary, died Tuesday, Sept. 21,

1993 at Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 14, 1921 in East Arora, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1968. He was a retired Field Engineer for Martin Marietta. He was Presbyterian. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Lona V., Lake Mary; daughters Sandra L. White, Houston, Texas, B.J. Hoffower, LaVeen, Ariz.; son, Fred W. Hoffower, Lake Mary; brother, William Hoffower, Elms, N.Y.; sister, Bernice Bufum, Gainesville, N.Y.; one grandson.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home-Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

THEODORE ISAAC

Theodore Isaac, 75, W. 9th Street, Sanford, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1993 at DeBary Manor.

Born March 1, 1918 in Blackford, S.C., he moved to Central Florida in 1923. He was a carpenter's helper. He was Baptist.

Survivors include sons, Michael and Anthony, both of Sanford; daughters Patricia, Rochester, N.Y., Donna, Sanford; brothers Alton, Syracuse, N.Y., Reddick and Henry, both of Sanford; sister, Juanita Johnson, Sanford; numerous grandchildren.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

TONI MARIE NEUNER

Toni Marie Neuner, 6, Helen Street, Casselberry, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 1993, at her grandmother's home.

She was born June 13, 1965 in Orlando. She was Protestant.

Survivors include mother, Lisa Neuner, Casselberry; father, Wayne Neuner, Casselberry; brothers, Jere Pearson, Jr., David Pearson, both of Casselberry; sister, Wendi, Casselberry.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

BETTY PARKER

Betty Parker, 69, E. 21st Street, Sanford, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1993 at Central Florida Regional Hospital.

Born Jan. 1, 1925 in Englewood, N.J., she moved to Central Florida in 1948. She was Baptist.

There are no survivors. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

GOLDIE MAE TAYLOR

Goldie Mae Taylor, 73, Pasco De Las Flores, Casselberry, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993 at Manor Care Nursing Home, Winter Park.

She was born Feb. 28, 1920 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was Protestant.

Survivors include husband, Robert L. Carey Hand Cox-Parker Funeral Home, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

"Cruising Down the River on a Sunday Afternoon" Sixth Annual SHDWA & ST. LUCIA FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER Sunday, Sept. 26th Boarding 2:30 pm Cruising 3-6:00 pm LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Nick Pfeifauf & Starlighters Reggae Band - 3rd deck Richard Ryan, soloist \$18.00 Per Person including tax Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres 323-9178

NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE The City of Winter Springs has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy by 8.97 percent. All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on Monday, September 27, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall, City Commissioner's Meeting Room, 1126 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, Florida. A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS - FISCAL YEAR 1993 - 1994 THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS ARE 32.65% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES. Table with columns: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Transportation Fund, Enterprise Funds, Totals. Rows include: ESTIMATED CASH BROUGHT FORWARD, ESTIMATED REVENUES (TAXES: MILLAGE 9.9221), EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES, TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, TOTAL EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES, TOTAL APPROXIMATED EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES.

People

IN BRIEF

Safe Halloween treats available

The Florida Easter Seal Society and Burger King restaurants are gearing up for their annual Safe Halloween event during the month of October.

For a \$1 voluntary donation to Easter Seals customers will receive a coupon book with discounts from Burger King, Sea World, Mystery Fun House, Church Street Station and Wet-N-Wild.

Ninety-three cents of every dollar goes to support Camp Challenge, a camp for local people with disabilities.

For more information, contact the Easter Seal Society at 896-7881.

Mud volleyball spikes birth defects

A volleyball tournament, played in 6 to 8 inches of mud will take place at the Lee Vista Center near Orlando International Airport, will raise money for the March of Dimes.

The entry fee for each six member co-ed team will entitle each team to a commemorative team photo and a tournament t-shirt for each player.

Deadline for entry is Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

There will be a pre-tournament party at TGIFriday's Airport at that time.

Admission for the tournament is free for spectators.

For more information, call the March of Dimes at 849-0790.

CALENDAR

Weight Watchers meet on Thursdays

A local chapter of Weight Watchers meets at the Lake Mary Community Building every Thursday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Omni Toastmasters gather

The Omni Toastmasters Club will gather at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Old Lake Mary City Hall, 158 Country Club Road, Lake Mary.

Call Sam Ryan at 671-2656 for more information.

Hollywood East clogging classes

Hollywood East Dancers conduct clogging classes every Thursday. Beginners from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and intermediate from 7:30 to 8:30, at Melodee Skating Rink, W. 25th Street near Airport Boulevard in Sanford.

The cost is \$3 per class, ages 5 and up. Parents free with paying child.

For information, call Marty at 322-5761 or Dawn, 904-735-0270.

East-West Kiwanis Club meets Thursday

East-West Kiwanis Club of Sanford meets every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Friendship & Union Lodge building, corner of Locust Avenue and Seventh Street. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information, call Robert Whittaker, president, 899-6042.

Help for child support enforcement

Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, ACES, will meet the third Thursday each month, 7 p.m. at the Seminole County Library, Casselberry branch, S.R. 436 and Oxford Road. Meetings are free. Call 695-1720 or 324-8855 for more information.

Group targets depression

The Mid-Orlando Depressive/Manic Depressive Support Group meeting for depressed persons, their family members and their friends is held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeside Alternatives, 434 W. Kennedy Blvd., Orlando, and the second Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m., at the Orlando Public Library.

For information, call 657-4763 or 381-5070.

Al-anon gathers

If you know, or live with an alcoholic, there is help. Al-anon is an anonymous, non-profit organization, open to anyone who is a relative or friend of an alcoholic.

Serenity Won Al-anon meets each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, (Thursday non-smoking) evening at 8 p.m. Meetings are held in the back room of the Sahara Club, 2857 South Sanford Ave., Sanford.

For additional meeting times and locations in the Central Florida area, or for more information, call 332-4122.



Masons make Sanford history

Ronald Appel, right, points to a wall of photos of Masons in the Sanford Masonic Lodge No. 82, to his son, a new Mason, Ronald Craig Appel (second from left), who learns of his heritage. The photos represent Masons who have contributed to the history of Melonville and Sanford and date back to 1872. Looking on are Charles Getgen, the younger Appel's Masonic instructor, and Robert Haws, a past master of the lodge. Among the photographs on the wall are: Sanford City Commissioner Edwin Keith, Sheriff John Polk, Allen Keith and Benjamin French.



New Optimist member

Bill Shepard, president of the Sanford Optimist Club, welcomes new member Audrey Ogden and presents her with her pin and certificate. In other business at the meeting held at Shoney's, Ernie Butler reported that plans are progressing for the Band Festival jointly sponsored by the club.

NEW ARRIVALS

GENEVA — Kathy and Craig Ferguson of Geneva, announce the birth of their son, Cody William, on July 30, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. He weighed 8 lbs, 4 ozs and was 22 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Callie and Dick Beadies of Sanford, and paternal grandparents are Jane and Joel Kruse of Geneva.

Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beadies of Sanford, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman of Wauchula.



Cody William Ferguson

Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott of DeBary, and Mrs. Margaret Kruse of Michigan.

IN THE SERVICE

RYAN J. MOYNIHAN

Navy Airman Ryan J. Moynihan, son of Michael J. and Suzanne L. Moynihan of 1189 Naomi Lane, Sanford, recently returned aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, homeported in Bremerton, Wash. from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf as part of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz Battle Group.

While operating in the Persian Gulf, the battle group completed 19 bilateral and multinational exercises with various Gulf nations in continuing efforts to

develop and strengthen political and military ties with countries of the region.

During this deployment, USS Nimitz's embarked aircraft squadrons flew nearly 3,000 missions in direct support of Operation Southern Watch, enforcing the U.N. "no fly" zone over southern Iraq.

Ports visited were Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai and Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates and Pattaya Beach, Thailand.

The 1991 graduate of Seminole High School joined the Navy in December 1992.

Married man's third flame flickers and may go out

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice. I am going with a married man who is also going with another woman I'll call "Betty." This man has been going with Betty for eight years. He left his wife for her, but his wife refused to give him a divorce, so he moved back home, and promised his wife he would never sleep with Betty again.

I've been seeing him for a year, and he tells me that neither



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Betty nor his wife knows that I am in the picture. He swears he doesn't go to bed with anybody but me, but I find that hard to believe.

He does nothing for me except go to bed with me; meanwhile he does things for Betty, such as cutting her grass and helping her around the house. He has also given her money from time to time. I live alone and I have to cut my own grass, and I could also use a little help around the house.

Am I wasting my time with this man? I care for him, but I feel like I am sharing him with two other women.

A FOOL IN LOVE

DEAR FOOL: (your words, not mine): If you want a man to call your own, keep looking — this man is not available. Not only is he married, he has an eight-year commitment to another woman. Don't waste your time and affection on this man.

DEAR ABBY: I laughed at your hen and chicks joke, and it reminded me of this one. It's old, but some people may have missed it:

"What did the old rooster say as he looked sadly at the scrambled eggs?"

Answer: "Poor little mixed-up kids."

I enjoy your column. Keep up the good work.
PETE LAFFERTY,
WHITEHORSE, YUKON,
CANADA
DEAR PETE: Better an old "yolk" than no "yolk" at all.

THURSDAY TIME table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, etc.) listing programs and their ratings.

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BLONDIE

by Chic Young



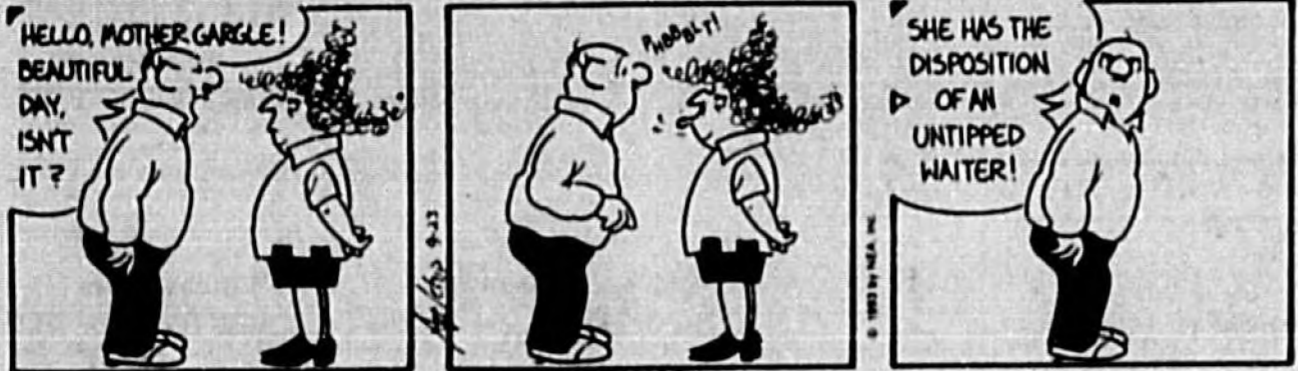
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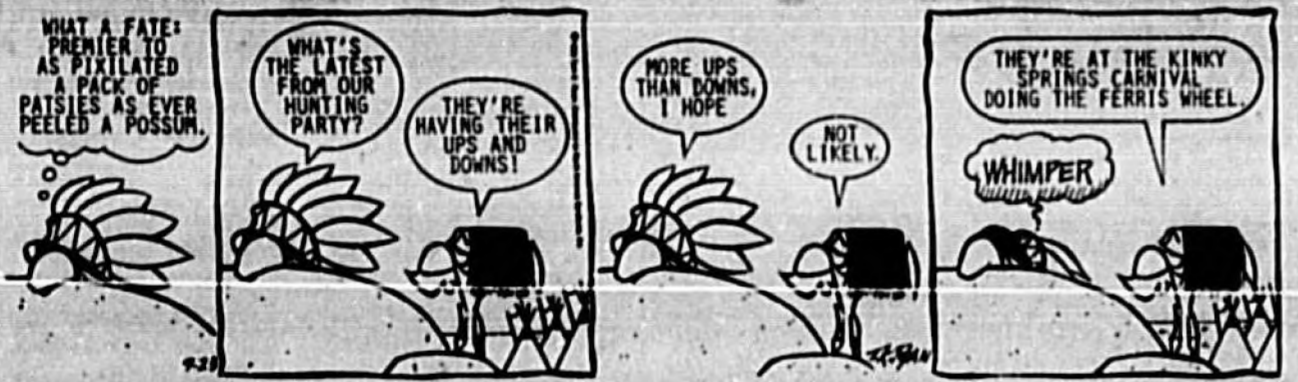
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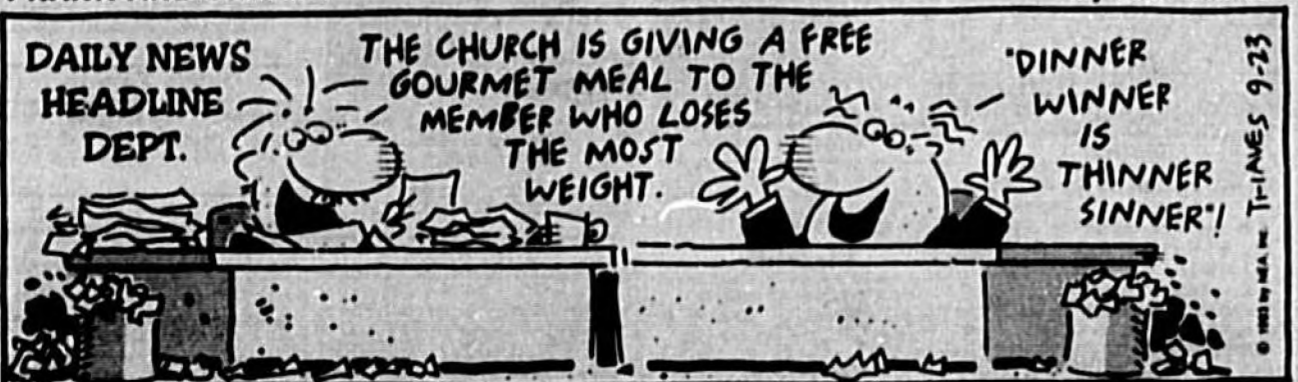
ARLO AND JANIS

by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN

by Jim Meddick



Is there a cure for razor bumps?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm desperate to receive information on pseudofolliculitis barbae. It is commonly known as razor bumps and is found predominantly in black men.

DEAR READER: This is basically ingrown hairs. Medical experts agree that blacks are more susceptible to this common condition because of the nature of their hair.

The only consistent cure is to allow the hair to grow into a beard.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have severe spasms, arthritis and spurs in my neck. Can you give me any information on this disease?

DEAR READER: Arthritis in the neck often causes stiffness and pain. Additionally, it can lead to bone spurs that further aggravate these symptoms.

Short of surgery to remove the spurs, you can be helped by the following:

physical therapy with ultrasound, hot packs and special exercises.

a soft cervical collar to wear when you are active or most bothered by the pain.

anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Feldene or Motrin, to reduce swelling, stiffness and pain.

Ask your doctor about these suggestions.

Cervical arthritis is most often defined as osteoarthritis, the age-related deterioration of joints. Because osteoarthritis is virtually ubiquitous in the elderly and accompanies the aging process, it is incurable.

Nevertheless, much can be done, as I suggested, to minimize the unpleasant

symptoms stemming from this affliction. Your doctor can help you by prescribing appropriate medication and referring you for support-services, as needed.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoarthritis."

ACROSS

- 1 Where Fort Worth is
6 Motif
11 Hawk
13 Paper measures
14 Fond
15 Reveal the true nature of
16 52, Roman
17 Freshwater fish
19 1975 Wimbledon champion
20 Language suffix
21 Charge for services
22 Sly, sidelong look
23 Replay of TV show
26 Entrails
28 Explosive noise

DOWN

- 30 Actress
31 Wild sheep
32 Entertainer - Sumac
33 TV parts
37 - Park, CO
41 Landed
42 Recent (prof.)
44 Corded cloth
45 Departed
46 I think, therefore -
47 A Gershwin
48 Suitcase
50 Of a repeated sound
53 Smoother
54 Chicken soup
55 Marsh plant
56 Follows orders

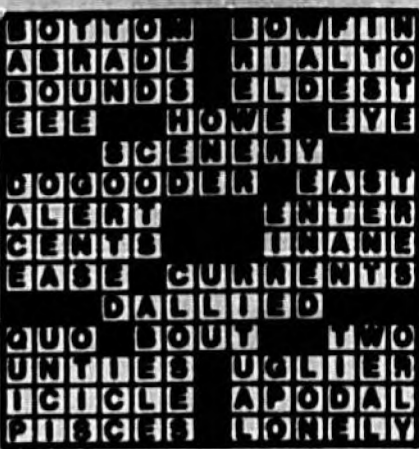


MEDICINE

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Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 2 Girl's name
3 Musician - Cugat
4 Southern blackbird
5 JFK, once
6 Large cask
7 Asian mountains
8 Rubber on pencil
9 Interlocked
10 Gravel ridges
11 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
13 Regal
18 Agnus -
24 Distressing
25 Not any
27 Soapbox in Alaska
29 Wicker basket
33 Ordinals
34 Soft
35 Broke into
36 Ocean
38 3-element tube
39 Spookily
40 Empty areas
43 Indication of the future
48 Observe
51 Cry of dove
52 Fireplace shelf

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

"Bridge Literature" by Dr. Nick Smith (Cadogan, \$17.95, 800-274-2221) is an entertaining book. It parodies the writings of various well-known authors, pirouetting the plots into bridge settings.

I particularly enjoyed the satire of Sue Townsend's Adrian Mole diaries. In Smith's version, Dr. John Faustus, aged 43%, sells his soul (sic!) to Mr. Mephistopheles so that he, Faustus, can see through the backs of the cards. But things don't work out as Faustus expects.

On this deal from the book, Faustus, thinking he could see five defensive tricks, doubled four spades and led the diamond queen. Declarer ducked, won the second diamond, played a club to dummy's ace and ruffed the club two in hand before leading the spade queen.

Upon winning with the king, East, a neckless person called Cuthbert, led a club. Declarer discarded his diamond loser and ruffed in the dummy. A diamond ruff followed by a trump employed West: contract made.

Faustus was livid, thinking a heart return from East at trick six would have been fatal. (But declarer plays low from hand, picking up the whole suit. Then, on the fourth heart, dummy's diamond loser is discarded.) To defeat the contract, Faustus must win the first trump lead with the ace, killing his partner's king.

The piece ends: "On the spur of the moment I didn't think anyone would notice if I performed a quick aurectomy. I'm sure I'd have got away with it if Cuthbert hadn't screamed so loudly, the wretch. It's not the first time he's got me into trouble like that."

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West hands with cards and suits. Includes a note about the opening lead.

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osol YOUR BIRTHDAY Sept. 24, 1993

Conditions in several areas of your life could take a turn for the better in the year ahead. Your biggest improvements might be with your personal relationships that'll offer all types of new opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Guard against inclinations today to be bossy or demanding. If you insist upon everyone doing things your way, you're not apt to have too large a following. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Bottled up emotions could explode today if you don't have some form of outlet. Kick a can or pound some nails in a board instead of sounding off on innocent onlookers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Doing what you want to do today without regard for the financial consequences might turn out to be much more expensive than you can handle. Be careful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) From your vantage point you might think your dominating, aggressive behavior impresses the viewer. Others, however, who see things from a different aspect aren't apt to agree.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might not be a keen judge of character today. Those in whom you choose to confide could be very poor choices for custodians of your secrets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Turn about is fair play today. If you don't want a friend to abuse your generosity, make sure the same standards you set apply to you as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might learn a bitter lesson today if you fail to cooperate with persons who are making every effort to cooperate with you. You'll personally discover the limits of their patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might feel your ideas and suggestions are superior to those of your peers. You could be right, but if you handle things poorly, you won't look as smart as you think you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Upon occasion you sometimes tend to be a bit of a risk taker and today might be one of those days. Be careful not to gamble on things about which you know little or nothing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A very important partnership arrangement could be more testy than usual today. If things start going down hill, try to correct them, not compound them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be too irritable and impatient today to tackle a major project that requires a cool head and mental focus. Shelve it until you're in a better frame of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If someone else has acquired something you lack, try not to be angry or jealous. You can have what he/she has if you're prepared to work as hard as this person did to get it.

by Leonard Starr

