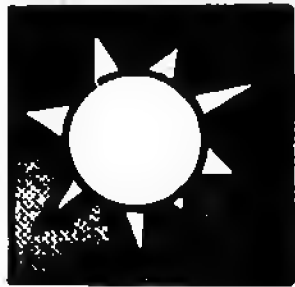


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TODAY

BRIEFS

Waterfront meeting

SANFORD — The Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee will hold its regular meeting this Wednesday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.

Discussion is scheduled to continue from the March meeting on plans for the possible improvements at Fort Mellon Park. Representation from the Scenic Improvement Board and Parks Department are to be on hand to consider possible design changes.

Other subjects on the agenda include a report on the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and efforts to have the city and county continue in partnership in the development of the waterfront area, specifically in the courthouse expansion.

The meeting will be held in the city manager's conference room of Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue.

Parasailing accident

LONGWOOD — The Seminole County sheriff's department has turned over the investigation of a parasailing accident on Lake Brantley to the Florida Game and Fish Commission.

Sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough says 35-year-old Dr. Ed Guindl was injured Sunday when his parachute reportedly collapsed while he was parasailing over the lake at about 5:15 p.m.

Guindl landed on a dock. He reportedly suffered 11 broken ribs, a broken wrist, a collapsed lung and abrasions. He was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center. His condition this morning was listed as serious but stable.

Comet watch party

SANFORD The Central Florida Astronomical Society, University of Central Florida and Seminole Community College are holding Comet Watch star parties tonight and tomorrow night, to observe Comet Hyakutake before it gets too close to the sun. The time will be from sunset to 9 p.m.

The parties will be held in two locations, at the University of Central Florida Lake Claire recreation area, and at SCC next to the college's planetarium.

It is recommended persons bring binoculars for the best view of the comet.

For information on the Central Florida Astronomical Society, phone Tim Prinity at 380-1214.

Gospelfest

OVIEDO — GoldenRule Housing and Community Development Corporation will hold Gospelfest '96 Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m., at Oviedo High School.

Singers are being obtained from various area churches, organizations and schools.

Cost for the event is \$6 per ticket, and everyone is invited.

The Gospelfest will be held this Saturday, April 20, at Oviedo High School, 301 King Street.

Marvin Couch sentenced

ORLANDO — Marvin Couch, a former Florida legislator arrested with a prostitute in February, was sentenced on Monday to one year

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The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances.

-Martha Washington

On a clear day...



Herald Photo by Roger Harnack

It matters little if it's a large yacht or a small sailboat. Piloting a craft in the warm waters of Central Florida at this time of year can seem like being on board the Queen Mary in the lap of luxury. An unidentified man, seen here, skims the waters of Monroe Harbour Marina off the Sanford shore.

Cops: No gangs in Sanford

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Graffiti that has been spotted on some sidewalks and buildings in the downtown Sanford historic district probably was not made by rival gangs marking their turf, police officials said.

Though marked with signs representing the Crips and the Bloods, competing gangs found primarily in Los Angeles and Chicago, the graffiti was probably the creation of "wannabe" gang members and is no cause for alarm for those living in the historic district.

According to Cmdr. Dennis Whitmire of the Sanford Police Department, there have been no other signs of gang activity in the city of which he is aware.

Usually the young people who put such graffiti on the walls and elsewhere are trying to emulate the gang lifestyle, but there is no strong organizational background that would support gang activity, he said.

The young people who do such things more often than not confine their activities to wearing gang-like

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10 county students take top science honors

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Ten Seminole County public school students earned honors at the 41st annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida last week.

There were honor winners in both the high school and the junior divisions at this year's fair.

Young scientists from Seminole

and Lake Brantley high schools took home awards. Seven middle schoolers from around the district also won awards.

According to Michele A. Mingola, director of the regional science fair in Seminole County, the students who competed in the state tournament represent the best of each county.

There were over 850 participants at the fair which was hosted, this

year, by Orange County.

The three Seminole County high school winners were Christopher W. Dvornick from Seminole High School, Darren Jeffrey Levy of Lake Brantley High School and Laura C. Meyer, also of Lake Brantley High.

Dvornick is a junior. He received the Eastman Kodak Company Special Award. His mathematics project entitled "Fractals", was recognized as making the most ef-

fective use of chemical or electronic photography as a tool.

His teacher is Jeanne Swaynos.

Levy is a senior. He received a fourth place award in the botany category for his project "The In Vitro Culture of Kalanchoe Blossfeldiana Poellnitz." He performed his laboratory work at the Walt Disney World Corporation Biotechnology Laboratory at the

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Another Ritz 'Share the Dream Day'

Special to the Herald

SANFORD — A second work day to make the "Share the Dream" for the Ritz Theatre become a reality is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at the theatre, 2nd Street and Magnolia Avenue in Sanford.

A beginning of a theater-in-the-round was started during the last work session when seats were set up in the main gallery of the First Street Gallery next door.

"We so appreciated all the help given at our last volunteer day," said Fred Rogers, chairman of the production committee. "They pitched in and worked so hard, accomplishing a great deal. What was so exciting was that young people and their parents showed up. They really made a difference," he concluded.

Another room in the Ritz is scheduled to be cleared, while walls in the gallery need to be prepared for painting. The gallery's main lobby is where the theater-in-the-round is set up and where production will begin late next month.

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Artist Mindy Matthews this morning decorates the window outside the Ritz, announcing the upcoming work day in which volunteers help renovate the historic theater.

Residential vs. commercial Homeowners say nix business development near subdivision

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Citizens say they don't want commercial development in the midst of their residential subdivision. A large turnout is already being anticipated to discuss the matter at Thursday night's city commission agenda. In order to accommodate the people, the matter has been moved up to the near the beginning of the meeting.

The item is the first reading of Ordinance 787, to rezone from PO (Professional Office) to C-1 (General Commercial), of an area south of CR-46A. The property is owned by Centrex Corp., Ltd.

The history of the land regarding zoning classifications, is complex. In 1987, the city commission approved the rezoning of the 7.11

acres of land from A-1 (agricultural) to C-1. At that time, Calton Homes, which owned the building lots near the site, reportedly had no objection to the rezoning which included a land use amendment for commercial as well.

Seminole County however, objected to the commercial rezoning, and after homeowners started occupying the nearby single-family lots, the Hills of Lake Mary, concerns were brought up about a commercial area being adjacent to their lots, although it had not been developed.

The city at that time, had only one commercial zoning, C-1. Since that time, the additional category of C-2 was added, which became more specific regarding the type of commercial development which could be created on the property.

In keeping with the wishes of residents of the

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Kids beat, rob jeweler at gunpoint

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Sanford police are seeking two young men wanted in connection with the armed robbery yesterday of Gwaltney Jewelers, 204 S. Park Avenue in downtown Sanford.

According to Sanford police Commander Dennis Whitmire, one, approximately five-foot ten-inches tall was estimated to be between 15 to 18 years of age. The other, about five-foot three-inches tall, could possibly be as old as 15 years, but he could be as young as 10.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Murder

Michael Bernard Horn, 20, 1324 Hickory Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police on a murder charge Saturday. Officers said he reportedly was involved with a man identified as Anthony Simpson, 23, in a parking lot at Higgins Terrace. The arrest report said during the argument, Horn produced a handgun and shot Simpson in the chest. They said Simpson, managed to crawl a short distance from the scene, but collapsed.

After police arrived, Simpson, who lived on Southwest Road in Sanford, was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center where he died a short time later.

Two witnesses to the shooting reportedly identified Horn through a photo lineup, and he was located at a friend's home and placed under arrest. Horn has been charged with murder, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Suspicious person

Elijah June, Jr., 18, of 19 Lake Monroe Terrace, was arrested by Sanford police early Monday. Officers said they saw him in a vehicle at 13th Street and Shepard Avenue. They said the vehicle was blocking the flow of traffic. When they went to investigate, they said June ran from the area. After calling for K-9 unit support, June was located in a wooded area near Lake Avenue. He was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence.

Open container

Anthony Roker, 31, of 43 Castle Brewer Court, was arrested by Sanford police in front of a store in the 1500 block of W. 13th Street Friday. Officers said they saw him apparently holding a can of beer. They said Roker ran from the area and was apprehended at 13th Street and Mangouatine Avenue. He was charged with having an open container and resisting an officer without violence.

Johnathan Jermaine Martin, 23, of 906 Holly Avenue, was arrested by members of the Sanford police QUAD-Squad Saturday at 10th Street and Maple Avenue, after officers said they saw him with a group of men in an area known for drug activities. Martin was arrested on charges of having an open container and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

Traffic stops

Glenister Daniel Lettman, 49, of Orlando, was stopped on Interstate-4 by Lake Mary police Friday. He was charged with willful/wanton reckless driving and resisting an officer without violence.

Daniel L. Minchew, 22, 793 Creekwater Terrace, Lake Mary, was stopped by Winter Springs police Friday on SR-434, in response to a gas drive-off call. He was charged with petty theft, and driving with a suspended license.

Kathy Ann Woodham, 40, 701 Lemon Bluff Road, Osteen, was reportedly located by sheriff's deputies on SR-46 near Greenway Saturday. She was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Donald Alex Ernst, 28, 162 Bunker Lane, Sanford, was stopped by deputies on SR-46 near Brison Avenue Saturday. He was charged with driving under the influence and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

David Ortiz, 35, 2816 Sun Lake Loop, Lake Mary, was stopped by deputies on Lake Emma Road Sunday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license, habitual.

Domestic cases

William Foster Kidd, 27, 211 Bradshaw Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Sunday following a reported altercation with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Jonathan Nathaniel Rolling, 32, 1505 W. 25th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at the Sanford Rescue Mission where he reportedly was involved in a fight with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Richard Matthew Vastola, 42, 517 1/2 Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by police at his residence Saturday as the result of a reported fight with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Thomas Lawson, 24, with no local address, was arrested by Sanford police Friday. Officers said he had entered the home of a female in the 1100 block of Georgia Avenue and became involved in a dispute. He was charged with battery, and burglary to an occupied dwelling.

Sanford police reports

A woman told police she was in the 300 block of Trotter Court Saturday when a man took her purse, valued at \$100, containing \$125 in cash and other items.

A 1987 Nissan, reported stolen Saturday from the 1200 block of Randolph Street in Sanford, was said to have been located on the previous day by sheriff's deputies in the area of 21st Street and Ruff Street in Seminole County.

Lawn equipment valued at \$1,340 was reported stolen Saturday from a fenced yard in the 100 block of Hays Drive.

An estimated \$2,000 in \$50 bills was reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 1800 block of E. Landings Drive.

An estimated \$731 in jewelry was reportedly stolen Sunday from a residence in the 100 block of Scott Drive in Sanford.

IN BRIEF

Lawsuit filed in paper mill blast

PANAMA CITY — Families of three workers killed in a paper mill explosion have filed lawsuits against the plant's owner, three former owners and 23 contractors.

The three suits filed Friday in Circuit Court accuse Stone Container Corp., present owner of the Panama City mill, of knowing a huge pressure cooker called a digester was unsafe before it exploded.

The families of the victims, Robert Earl Cromartie, Elbert "Ricky" Gore and Lance Gentry LeCroy, are seeking unspecified compensatory damages for the 1994 deaths.

A spokesman at Stone's corporate headquarters in Chicago declined comment.

In February, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration reached a settlement with Stone. The company agreed to pay \$690,000 in fines but was not required to admit it committed 14 willful, 15 serious and two repeat safety violations OSHA had found.

Nationwide accused of discrimination

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Nationwide Insurance is accused of pressuring its Florida agents to discriminate against consumers based on age, sex, marital status, employment and other personal information.

Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson, in an order sent to the company Monday, said Nationwide created the marketing scheme to sell unnecessary policies, exclude consumers from coverage based on where they lived, and deny policies because customers were unwilling to buy additional coverages.

Nelson said the marketing program was "an illegal system of operation."

Nationwide, based in Columbus, Ohio, has 688,000 automobile, homeowners and commercial policies in Florida.



Graffiti with gang overtones appears on a downtown sidewalk. Sanford police say residents need not fear the message from wannabe youths.

Gangs

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clothing and to small-scale vandalism. Rarely do they take part in violence.

Whitmire said the incidents of graffiti have been rare and while they have probably caused concern among the residents of the historic district they have not prompted any reports to the police.

"There haven't been any reports filed," Whitmire said. "We're aware of the graffiti, but no one has reported it to us."

The presence of gangs in an area is usually marked by signs other than spray-painted words and symbols, Whitmire said.

"There hasn't been any gang-related violence and we

haven't noticed young people in gang-like clothing," he noted.

Gangs usually consist of a tightly knit group of young people who dress alike and adhere to a strict code of conduct. The gang organization is hierarchical and well-established.

Changes in power within a gang or struggles over the areas controlled by rival gangs usually result in violence. There has been no such activity in Sanford of which the police are aware.

"I think we would know if there were gangs in town," Whitmire said.

Citizens should not be concerned, Whitmire said. There are no gangs in the city, he assured.

Library of Congress retiree found dead

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John O. Hemperley, who retired last Friday after more than 20 years as budget officer at the Library of Congress, was found dead the next day of a gunshot wound that authorities say apparently was self-inflicted.

"This is an unspeakable tragedy," Librarian of Congress James H. Billington wrote in a staff memorandum Monday.

He said Hemperley "will be deeply missed, lovingly grieved and long remembered in the institution to which he was so intensely loyal."

Hemperley, 63, was mentioned recently in an article published in the Hill, a weekly newspaper about Capitol Hill. The story said he was being included in an investigation by the Justice Department.

The article said part of the inquiry focused on six trips Hemperley had taken over the past three years with Edward Lombard, a staff member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on the legislative

branch, which oversees the Library of Congress budget.

The Hill newspaper quoted one colleague as saying Hemperley was a "very hard-working guy" and that part of his job "was to keep Lombard happy."

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that a Justice Department source confirmed Lombard and Hemperley were among a group of people under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office for about a month about questionable travel practices.

"It was too soon to say that Hemperley was a target of the investigation," the Post quoted the Justice Department source as saying.

Hemperley's body was found Saturday in the driver's seat of his pickup truck in Fauquier County, Va., not far from where he lived with his wife. She had reported him missing a short while earlier and told authorities he had been depressed over his retirement.

There was a gunshot wound to his head and a small-caliber revolver nearby.

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EDITORIAL

Raising the speed limit

It's something worth looking at. The State of California, on Dec. 7 last year, boosted its speed limits on some highways from 55 miles per hour to 65. Then on Jan. 7, some highway speed limits were increased to 70 miles per hour.

In the first 11 weeks of keeping records, the California Highway Patrol says deadly accidents on those highways have increased by 17.2 percent over the same period last year. They say unsafe speed has been declared as the reason for nearly half of the crashes.

Since 1987, the number of highway crashes have reportedly been decreasing with each passing year.

Officials say the new increases in speed limits have not been in effect for a long enough period with which to make any judgments. Others however, say this is clearly the beginning of an increase in highway slaughter.

We believe after motorists become more familiar with handling the higher speed limits, the numbers may decrease. Whether they go down far enough so that highway crash and/or death toll will continue dropping this year is questionable.

The point here is to take a look at some of our own highways. Just as in California, people are constantly driving five, 10, even 20 miles over the speed limits. But there are speed checks and hidden cameras to help keep this down as low as possible.

Yet some officials, in Tallahassee and elsewhere around the state, have been pushing for a higher speed limit. Nothing is presently before the Legislature, but there is always talk floating around the capital hallways and in public meetings.

We aren't in the horse-and-buggy era anymore. The vehicles on our highways, from cars to semis, weigh several tons. Certainly, if everyone on a highway is hitting 70 at the same time, there would probably be few accidents.

But even at our present speeds, there are people, for one reason or another, who drive at 35, 40 or even 45 miles per hour. With the traffic going in the same direction moving at 65 miles per hour, we see it as almost begging for a collision.

Certainly there are cases when an additional five or ten more miles per hour could be allowed for some streets. The recent increase on the GreeneWay, to bring it up to other major limited-access arteries, is a good move.

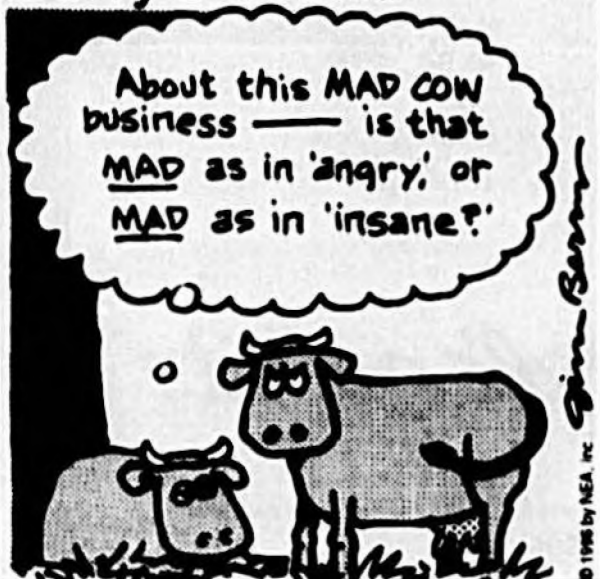
Some other situations however, must also be considered. When Rinehart Road was just a street between Lake Mary and the Sanford area, few people drove above the speed limit because the roadway was in poor shape. Many remember it when it wasn't even paved.

After it became paved however, people wanted the speed limit raised. But with the paving came new growth, both residential and commercial along the roadway. This makes any increase in speeds dangerous for persons driving onto or off of Rinehart.

We expect, in relatively near future, we are going to hear more efforts coming from our legislature, toward increasing speeds at various locations around the state, such as Interstate-4 and possibly other major arteries. Regardless of what motorists, especially those who travel long distances on a regular basis think, an increase in speed limits will be courting disaster.

It's going to be very interesting to observe what happens in California. It's a tourist state just like Florida and would be a good example. If the traffic problems there continue to climb, then we know what we should do if an increase in speed limits is proposed here.

Berry's World



WILLIAM A. RUSHER

A new strategy for term limits

Few proposals for political reform have demonstrated their popularity as convincingly as term limits for state and federal legislators. Opinion polls report overwhelming public support for them. More to the point, voters have already passed, in 21 of the 23 states that allow such a procedure, initiatives limiting the number of terms their members of the U.S. House and Senate can serve.

But, to the immense relief of most members of Congress, the Supreme Court in May 1995 ruled, in a cliffhanger 5-to-4 vote that all such limits are unconstitutional. If congressional terms are to be limited, therefore, it will take a constitutional amendment to do so.

Now, the traditional way to amend the Constitution, and the only way it has ever been done, is by having both houses of Congress pass a proposed amendment by a two-thirds vote, after which it must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states. You can imagine how slender the chances are that two-thirds of either house will ever give such an amendment their blessing.

But U.S. Term Limits, the largest group supporting term limits, has been dipping into the history books, and has come upon a fiendishly clever way of forcing an amendment through.

A century ago, much the same problem was faced by those who wanted to amend the Constitution to provide for the direct election of senators (rather than their election by the state legislatures). The Senate refused even to bring the proposal up for a vote.

Supporters of direct elections thereupon turned to a never-used but perfectly legitimate alternative way of proposing a constitutional amendment: Have the legislatures of two-thirds of the states call (as provided in Article V) for a constitutional convention to draft and pass it. Thereafter, as usual, three-quarters of the state legislatures would need to ratify it. But

Congress would be entirely out of the loop.

To give added momentum to the demand for popular election of senators, initiatives were also passed in various states providing for a non-binding primary to select a senatorial choice by popular vote. If a legislator then voted against that choice, that fact would be noted beside his name when he himself ran for re-election. Thanks to this and other pressures, so many states were soon calling for a convention that the U.S. Senate knuckled under and approved the amendment itself.

So U.S. Term Limits is budgeting \$10 million over the next two years to support new state initiatives that will instruct the state legislatures to call for a constitutional convention to propose a term-limit amendment. The initiative will also provide that legislators who fail to vote for such a call will have a notation placed beside their names when they run for re-election reading, "DISREGARDED VOTER INSTRUCTION ON TERM LIMITS." In states not having the initiative procedure, heavy lobbying will be undertaken for equivalent laws.

Few state legislators are likely to risk their necks by inviting such a notation, just to keep other politicians in office.



Opinion polls report overwhelming public support for them.



MORTON KONDRACKE

Making public image priority

As Congress returns from spring recess, both parties are faced with political dilemmas. Republicans have to figure out how to turn around their negative public image, while Democrats have to devise ways of creating a positive impression.

So far, judging by TV ads the parties have run during this recess, both intend to solve their problem by the old-fashioned method of attacking the enemy.

Democrats, however, insist they're preparing a "proactive" agenda for the fall campaign.

A draft plan prepared by Senate Democrats, titled "Expanding America's Greatness," suggests that they will stress raising the minimum wage, reforming health care and pensions, and inducing corporations to treat their workers well as means of gaining ground on the economy -- an issue that Democratic pollsters tell them is a weak spot for the party.

In a memo to Democratic leaders last month, pollsters Geoff Garin and Stan Greenberg reported that a voter's view of the economy "is the strongest predictor of the congressional vote" and while Democrats have made striking gains on the issue during the past six months, they remain "significantly behind the Republicans."

Overall, the Garin-Greenberg memo tracks data in recent public polls showing high dissatisfaction with Republicans, but no great increase in loyalty to Democrats.

According to the Pew Research Center's latest poll, released April 3, public approval of GOP policies in Congress has dropped from 52 to 28 percent positive in December 1994 to 51 to 35 percent negative now.

At the same time, though, a CBS/New York Times poll indicated that the image of Democrats has improved only marginally -- from 52 to 40 percent negative in 1994 to 46 percent positive, 45 percent negative now.

On the generic question of "which party's candidate will you vote for?" Pew indicates that Democrats now lead Republicans by 49 to 44 percent. CBS shows Democrats up, 44 to 39 percent. In November 1994, Republicans scored their 52-seat House landslide by winning the popular vote, 53 to 47 percent.

One top House GOP leadership staffer said that, despite the generic numbers, "our sense is that it's technically impossible for us to lose control of the House" on the basis of retirements, fund raising and candidate matchups. Still, he did not echo earlier GOP forecasts of a 20- or 30-seat gain in November.

To regain momentum, the Republican National Committee bought nearly \$1.5 million worth of ads during the recess to blast President Clinton for vetoing a budget that would have cut taxes \$1,000 for a family with two children.

In the House, Republicans planned to use the tax-filing deadline of April 15 to "whack

the Internal Revenue Service" and pass a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote in Congress to raise taxes.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., has told colleagues he may call up that amendment this month and also the amendment calling for a balanced budget, which failed last year by one vote. He doesn't expect it to pass, but wants to force Democrats to cast an embarrassing vote.

Meantime, the Democratic National Committee has been running ads saying that President Clinton and Democrats want "access to health insurance for all ... education, job training, and more police," but "Republicans will stop at nothing to stop President Clinton."

Besides the DNC, the AFL-CIO launched a \$400,000 ad campaign in 28 Republican and two Democratic districts attacking incumbents for opposing an increase in the minimum wage and voting to "cut" Medicare and Medicaid.

Judging by the Garin-Greenberg memo to Democratic leaders, though, it's hard to see how attack ads will help solve the basic Democratic problem: People don't know what the party stands for.

At the moment, according to the pollsters, the political playing field is "level" because voters are angry with Republicans, but "the Democratic Party's overall image has not changed very much" since 1994. "Indeed, it remains relatively undefined."

On a "temperature" scale measuring "warm" or "cold" feelings toward the parties, Democrats score in the tepid mid-40s even on "key advocacy attributes like 'cares about you' and 'on your side,'" the pollsters said.

"The Republicans are emerging as a dangerous party that may do harm to people," the memo says, but "the Democrats have not come away from the battles of last year with any significant gains on values," which are "still dominated by the Republicans."

On the economy, the pollsters advise that Democrats have to sound optimistic since President Clinton leads by 38 points (and Democratic congressional candidates, by 15) among voters who have a positive view of the future.



As Congress returns from spring recess, both parties are faced with political dilemmas.

SARA ECKEL

At the beach, fax and all

The commercial asks if I've ever sent a fax from the beach. If I've ever checked my messages from a mountaintop. If I've ever attended a business meeting in my pajamas.

God, no. "YOU WILL!" it booms. Yipes.

Now, I'm not a technophobe, not most of the time anyway. Technology, after all, has been a great boon to the modern family. Modems, e-mail and fax machines have made it possible for mothers and fathers to stay home with the kids and hold down full-time jobs. Videocassette recorders and cable television have been a godsend to homebound parents who aren't big fans of, say, "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman." And microwave dinners may not be right for every meal -- but it's nice to know you have a freezer full of them.

But the next round of technological innovations don't sound terribly helpful. During this year's brutal winter, I often fantasized about being on the beach. These daydreams had many elements -- fruity drinks, cocoa butter, Antonio Banderas -- but not once did a fax machine enter the picture. Not once.

When I'm hiking in the mountains, I'm not interested in whether an editor has called with a revision request. I'd rather not know that my neighbor needs me to cat-sit, or that my cousin's step-mother is having a bridal shower smack dab in the middle of next Saturday.

And as for business meetings, it is my solemn belief that they go better when I am present and properly dressed, rather than slipping hot cocoa in my jammies from afar.

The fiction that the promoters of the new communications technology offer us is that in the future we will be able to spend more time at the beach and less at the office. That our office will BE the beach, or the mountain cabin or the houseboat.

No doubt a few resourceful souls will be able to pull this off. But the more likely scenario for most of us is not that we'll be spending more work time in the great outdoors, but that our time in the great outdoors will be spent working.

If that report can be filed just as easily from St. Croix as from the home office, then there's really no reason why we can't just make a few revisions while we're on vacation, our future bosses may reason. If we've brought the cell phone on that camping trip anyway, then there's no reason we can't immediately return Aunt Edna's voice-mail. And since our country house has a portable laptop with videoconferencing capabilities, well ... it looks like we'll be able to make the big client meeting after all.

I fear a world where I can never disappear, where relatives and co-workers have round-the-clock, immediate access. But what I fear even more is that I will gradually adapt to this new culture. That one day it will be me walking down the street with a cell phone in my ear. That one day I'll say "You can just beep me" to my boss. That one day I'll dream of faxing from the beach.



Now, I'm not a technophobe, not most of the time anyway.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

Zoning

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Hills of Lake Mary, the commission rezoned the property from C-1 to PO in March 1990.

The owners of the commercial property negotiated a developers agreement which allowed the property to retain some C-1 uses, even though it was rezoned for PO.

In December of 1990, the commission made another change, and approved the C-2 zoning for the land.

The commercial uses however, were only in effect for five

years, and only for the north 400 feet of the property.

Time has now run out.

The property is now being developed by Centrex Corp., which can now either ask to renew the agreement, or apply for another rezoning back to C-1.

The city staff however, in preparation for this week's meeting, has determined that the C-1 zoning is no longer appropriate, as properties within a half mile of the land are entirely residential in nature. They include Kaywood, Timacuan, and Hills of Lake Mary.

Centrex has announced intentions to reinstate its commercial development rights.

"The reason this matter has been moved up in the agenda," said City Senior Planner Matt West, "is because Hills of Lake Mary has 321 homes, and people there say they just don't want a commercial development right in the middle of their development."

Recently, the city's Planning and Zoning Board recommended, on a unanimous vote, to deny the request to rezone the property to C-1.

In a letter sent to West on April 10, Frances Chandler, Seminole County Comprehensive Planning Division Manager has also recommended the commission strongly consider

denying the proposed rezoning request.

The ordinance consideration will be presented shortly after the opening of Thursday night's meeting, which will begin at 7

p.m. It is scheduled prior to the reports of the city manager, mayor and commissioners.

The Lake Mary City Hall is located at 100 N. Country Club Road.

Science

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Land Science and Technology Center at Epcot Center.

His teacher is Dr. Susan Behel. Meyer is a senior. She earned a first place in the biochemistry for her work on "Determining the Structure of an Erythroid Inducible Vector in Mouse Erythroleukemia Cells. She performed her laboratory work at the Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute.

Her teacher is Dr. Susan Behel. Seven middle schoolers also won awards in the Junior division of the fair.

Troy Loker, a sixth grader at Lakeview Middle School, earned a special award in computer science from the McDonnell Douglas Space and Defense Systems Company for his project "Do Zip Drives Transfer Data Faster Than Floppy Drives?" His teacher is Sheila D. Lewis.

A fourth place award in Environmental Science went to sixth grader Kristin M. Arndt from Rock Lake Middle School for her project "Lake Water Quality and Retention Ponds." Her teacher is Charlene M. Fanelli.

Daniel Mactezuma, a seventh grader at Indian Trails Middle School earned a fourth place award in the Engineering Category. His project was a look at "Decreasing the Temperature of Concrete Homes." His teacher is Jane A. Johnston.

In the chemistry category, Indian Trails eighth grader Sarah S. Reeves received a fourth place award. Her project was entitled "Aging Apples." Her teacher is Patricia D. Williams.

Lauren C. Ball, a seventh grader at Rock Lake Middle School won a second place in the botany category for her project "The Effect of Ionizing Radiation on the Germination and Growth

of Seeds." Her teacher is Polly H. Wilson.

Second place in zoology went to Greenwood Lakes Middle School seventh grader Emily P. Goldman, whose project "Can Acute Stress Levels in Ichthyoids Be Reduced?" also received a Special Award in marine science from Walt Disney World Company-Epcot Center. Her teacher is Ronald C. Bradley.

Rock Lake Middle School eighth grader Margaret E. Andrews earned a first place in Earth and Space Science for her project "Spuds in Space." Her teacher is Polly H. Wilson.

The State Science and Engineering Fair is organized annually by the Florida Foundation of Future Scientists. Over 500 science, mathematics and engineering professionals acted as volunteer judges at the event which took place at the University of Central Florida Arena.

Robbery

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Whitmire said at approximately 11:25 yesterday morning, the two unknown black males knocked on the door of the business seeking entry. The taller of the two explained that he was bringing jewelry in to be repaired.

After being allowed to enter the business, the shorter of the pair is said to have produced a handgun. Both of the men reportedly struck and beat shop owner Margaret Gwaltney to the

ground. Whitmire said approximately \$120 in cash plus credit cards and a wallet were taken from Gwaltney, but there apparently was no attempt to steal any of the jewelry in the store.

Police have been questioning witnesses and following up on other information in an attempt to determine the identity of the two.

Gwaltney was said to have been severely beaten, but was not in serious condition.

Ritz

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Volunteers are asked to bring sanders, ladders, putty to plug holes in walls, etc. Also, the wrought iron around the planter in front needs to be sanded and prepared prior to painting. It is hoped that plants can be in full bloom by production time.

President Helen Stairs pointed out, "The 26 people who worked are the true core of our Ritz family, one that will make the difference and make our dream come true."

To volunteer and for information, call 323-7322.

DEATHS



Marcella S. Olliff

NOVIA "TOOSTER" N. McGRATH

Novie "Tooster" N. McGrath, 87, Sanford Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, April 14, 1996 at DeBary Manor, DeBary. Born March 6, 1909 in Tennessee, she moved to Central Florida in 1925. She was a homemaker and a member of Church of God of Prophecy, Sanford.

Survivors include sister, Johnnie Hartley, Alabama; niece, Sylvia Frazier, Sanford; nephew, Wallace McCallie, Sanford.

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

WILLIAM QUINN PEARSON JR.

William Quinn Pearson Jr., 58, Still Forest Terrace, Sanford, died Monday, April 15, 1996 at Winter Park Hospital. Born Dec. 12, 1937 in Washington, D.C., he moved to Central Florida this year. He was a police officer.

Survivors include wife, Janet; daughters, Deanna Maynard, Lake Mary, Jeneal, Orlando; brothers, Michael, Carson City, Nev., John, San Antonio, Tx., Peter, Jacksonville.

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

ALYCE J. QUINN

Alyce J. Quinn, 83, Eastwind Court, Sanford, died Saturday, April 13, 1996 at Florida Living Center. Born Dec. 15, 1912 in Pittsburgh, Pa., she moved to Central Florida from Texas in 1953. She was a homemaker and a Presbyterian.

Survivors include grandson, Scott Quinn, Sanford; great-granddaughter, Brooke Quinn, Sanford.

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

JOEL RICHARDSON JR.

Joel Richardson Jr., 71, Locust Avenue, Sanford, died Monday, April 15, 1996 at Longwood Health Care Center. Born Jan. 21, 1925 in Ashville, Fla., he moved to Sanford in 1958. He was a laborer and a Baptist.

Survivors include brothers, Theodore, James and Jimmie, all of Fort Lauderdale; sisters, Ella Mae Parker, Dora Mae Smith, Mary Parker, all of Fort Pierce, Lizzie McGriff, Martha Maxwell, Maggie Clark and Thelma Richardson, all of Fort Lauderdale.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ANTHONY BERNARD SIMPSON

Anthony Bernard Simpson, 33, Southwest Road, Sanford, died Saturday April 13, 1996 at Orlando Regional Medical Center. Born Jan. 30, 1973 in Sanford he was a lifelong resident. He was a landscaper and a member of Community House of Prayer.

Survivors include father, Bruce T., Sanford; mother, Vio-

let Robinson, Sanford; brothers, Ricardo, Christopher, Andre, Bruce and Travis, all of Sanford; sisters, Thonia Knight and Marashay Bradley, both of Sanford; paternal grandmother, Mary Garland, Miami; maternal grandmother, Minnie Lee Knight, Sanford.

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

WILLIE SMITH

Willie Smith, 61, Bethune Circle, Sanford, died Thursday, April 11, 1996 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Born Dec. 25, 1934 in Sanford, he was a lifelong resident. He was employed by Bob Dance Dodge, Sanford. He was a Worship Master of James Lodge 25, and a member of Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife, Mary Lee; stepson, Vernon Harris, Sanford; one grandchild.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MOTHER GRACE M. WILLIAMS

Mother Grace M. Williams, 75, Ford Avenue, Maitland, died Friday, April 5, 1996 at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. Born Jan. 9, 1921 in Tifton, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in the 1950s. She was a retired food preparer and a member of Eatonville Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include sisters, Erna Jean Brooks, Tifton, Willie Bell Kilco, New York City, Naomi Jacobs-Hawkins, Sarasota; brothers, Elijah Jacobs, Detroit, J.C. Jacobs, Sarasota, Isalah Jacobs, St. Petersburg, Lucius Jacobs, Tifton, Willie C. Jacobs, Philadelphia.

Golden's Funeral home, Inc., in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

DRENNEN, DELORES M.

Funeral services for Mrs. Delores M. Drennen, 79, of Palm Place, Sanford, will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 11 a.m., at the Brissson Funeral Home, 905 Laurel Ave., Sanford. Burial will be in Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Brissson Funeral Home, 905 Laurel Ave., Sanford.

OLLIFF, MARCELLA S.

Funeral services for Ms. Marcella S. Olliff, 66, of Sanford, who died Saturday, will be 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Gramkow Funeral Home Chapel. Friends may call at Gramkow Funeral Home this evening (Tuesday) from 6-8 p.m. For those who wish, memorial contributions are suggested to the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, Inc., Teacher Mini-Grant Program, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773-7127.

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WORLD BRIEFS



Peace between North, South Korea

CHEJU-DO, South Korea — President Clinton and President Kim Young-sam proposed today that the United States and China sponsor talks between South Korea and North Korea aimed at establishing permanent peace on the divided Korean Peninsula.

Standing in a sunlit hotel garden of yellow-gold mustard flowers on a cliff overlooking the East China Sea, the two presidents announced their plan to convene a four-party peace meeting "as soon as possible and without preconditions."

"North Korea has said it wants peace. This is our proposal to achieve it," Clinton told a news conference. "We hope and expect Pyongyang to take it seriously."

Both presidents said they doubt North Korea will embrace the idea immediately. Also unclear was China's willingness to participate in the talks, although U.S. officials described China's initial reaction as "very understanding."

Chummy terms

TOKYO — Back in the mid-1980s, President Reagan and Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone called each other "Ron" and "Yasu." Then came the big chill.

It's been a long time since a U.S. president and a Japanese prime minister have been on such chummy terms. Between trade tensions and political turmoil in Tokyo that produced a string of short-serving prime ministers, leaders of the countries boasting the world's largest economies simply haven't had a chance to develop personal ties.

That may be changing.

As President Clinton and Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto prepared to sit down and talk today, prospects were better than they have been in years for a close, friendly chat.

Madonna with child

LONDON — Call her The Maternal Girl: Madonna is four months pregnant with her first child.

The 37-year-old singer, now in Budapest filming a movie version of the hit stage musical "Evita," is "deliciously happy," publicist Liz Rosenberg, speaking from the Hungarian capital, told Britain's GMTV.

The baby's father, Carlos Leon, a 29-year-old fitness instructor, was also said to be pleased by the news.

The London tabloid The Sun, which broke the story today, cited an unidentified source close to the singer as saying: "She has no plans to marry Carlos but he is totally supportive."

"She has always wanted to have children," Ms. Rosenberg told GMTV in confirming the singer's pregnancy. "She has spoken about it quite frankly over the last year or so, but it was not something she was particularly planning. She wanted to finish filming, but nature took its course."

Madonna, whose hits include "Like a Virgin" and "Papa Don't Preach," has had several failed relationships, including one with film star Warren Beatty. Her four-year marriage to actor Sean Penn ended in divorce in 1989. The Sun said Leon had been her lover for more than a year. The Sun said the "Evita" shoot will be speeded up to finish in six weeks. "They are already doing special camera angles to make sure nothing shows," it quoted an unidentified source as saying.

The paper said Madonna plans to live with the baby in Florida and quoted a source as saying: "She's so excited. She can't wait to start designing a nursery."

Explaining of dialysis deaths

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Forty people have died and sixty-eight others have been hospitalized after using contaminated dialysis machines in one clinic in northeastern Brazil.

"The death of all these people and the threat of death hovering over others is shocking and unsettling," the president of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, Lucas Moreira Neves, said Monday. "The Health Ministry owes society a full explanation of this scandal."

The 40 people who died of toxic hepatitis caused by contaminated water were among 126 patients who underwent dialysis Feb. 10-16 at the Kidney Disease Institute in Caruaru, 1,850 miles northeast of Sao Paulo.

The Pernambuco state health department says the water that ran through the dialysis machines was contaminated with an algae that produced an unidentified strain of toxin that attacked patients' livers.

Eighteen of the dialysis patients have shown no symptoms. The state health department says the kidney institute failed to conduct required water quality tests.

The center has been shut and the government has ordered an audit of Brazil's more than 400 kidney dialysis clinics, which treat 23,000 patients.

From Associated Press reports

Ebola outbreak at Texas farm

By PAULINE ARRILAGA
Associated Press Writer

ALICE, Texas — News that the deadly Ebola virus has struck imported primates at a remote breeding center was greeted nonchalantly by locals, who refer to the facility simply as "the monkey farm."

"I'm not concerned about their monkeys," said 64-year-old Dan Brown. "I'm not going out there."

It did pique some interest, however. At least one resident popped into a video store asking to rent "the movie about some virus." Two copies of the Rentclub's film "Outbreak" were rented.

Public health officials on Monday confirmed a strain of the virus in two monkeys imported from the Philippines to the privately owned Texas Primate Center.

Doctors have no reports of bites or scratches to monkey handlers, but are

watching employees carefully as they try to contain the outbreak to the secluded facility, miles from other houses amid acres of farmland.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of miniature huts dot the property. In several, monkeys could be seen drinking water and climbing the fenced wall.

A police dispatcher said he received about 10 calls from concerned residents after word got out about the virus. But for the most part, it was life as usual in this south Texas town.

"I'm not concerned for myself," said gas station cashier Olga Norton. "I don't work out there."

Officials at the center refused to comment Monday. State health officials planned a news conference for today.

Ebola is one of the world's deadliest diseases, causing 80 percent of its victims to bleed to death. It is spread through bodily

fluids, commonly through a break in the skin. It has no treatment and no cure.

Last year in Zaire, Ebola infected 316 people and killed 245. Earlier this year, at least 13 people died from Ebola in Gabon in western Africa.

But federal experts diagnosed the Texas illnesses as a strain apparently less deadly to people, similar — although not an exact match — to the Ebola strain that struck a Reston, Va., monkey facility in 1989.

This strain "is clearly less pathogenic to humans ... but we can't say it's completely innocuous," said Bob Howard, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Reston, four people were exposed to the bloody virus but never got sick. However, federal disease fighters protected by airtight suits had to kill every monkey and destroy the remains.



Bingo

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post -10180 in Maitland presented a check to the Lake Brantley High School Band Boosters Saturday. Pictured from the left are VFW representative Skip Johnson, booster assistant treasurer Barbara Popoli, assistant band director Jenave Medford, and band ways and means chairman Tony Washington. The presentation was made at The Bingo Center, located at 745 Orianta Ave., Maitland. Proceeds from Saturday's bingo games will also be donated to Lake Brantley High School by Bingo Center Manager Hal Corley.

Herald Photo by Roger Hornsby

Israel attacks, hits Palestinian refugee camp

By MUSSIB DAKROUB
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli helicopter gunships struck Beirut and a Palestinian refugee camp in southern Lebanon today, widening the six-day-old onslaught against Shiite Muslim militants and their allies.

Three Apache helicopter gunships swooped down on Hezbollah targets near Beirut's international airport hours after pro-Iranian guerrillas again fired slaves of Katyusha rockets on northern Israel.

Lebanese army soldiers unleashed anti-aircraft fire as the helicopters dropped rockets on the capital's southern slums. The helicopters released missile-deflecting balloons, and no hits were observed.

There was no immediate word on casualties or damage from Israel's sixth air raid on Beirut since Thursday.

Before dawn today, Israeli helicopter gunships rocketed Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp, hitting the home of a guerrilla leader who escaped unscathed. The attack on the camp of Ein el-Hilweh near the

port city of Sidon was the first on a Palestinian target since the Israeli offensive began last week.

Police said three Cobra gunships fired six rockets, hitting the house of Col. Munir Makdah. Two of his bodyguards and the wife of one of them were wounded, police said.

Makdah opposed the 1993 peace accord between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel, and broke from the group to form his own militia. He later allied with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, whose cross-border Katyusha rocket attacks on Israel triggered the latest series of Israeli attacks.

Israel hopes the air raids, which have forced 400,000 refugees to flee north toward Beirut, will pressure Lebanon and Syria, the dominant power in the country, to disarm Hezbollah.

Most electricity to Beirut was knocked out by earlier Israeli raids. Long queues formed in front of bakeries and gas stations.

Hezbollah guerrillas said they fired a new barrage of Soviet-designed Katyusha rockets on Israel's northern Galilee panhandle today. Israel army

radio said the projectiles crashed in northern Israel, causing damage but no casualties.

Hezbollah today announced its first fatality of the offensive, saying a guerrilla was killed Monday. That brought the day's toll to eight killed and 23 wounded. Eleven Israelis were slightly wounded by Hezbollah rockets.

All told, 39 people have been killed and 150 wounded since the beginning of the latest hostilities. All the fatalities, including an Israeli soldier, have occurred in Lebanon.

For years, Hezbollah guerrillas have attacked Israeli troops and fired rockets at Israel to drive Israeli troops from a zone they occupy in southern Lebanon.

The Red Cross estimated today that 10,000 Israelis have left their homes in northern Israel since Thursday, including hundreds of children who were evacuated to safety in central Israel. Some 500 more youngsters were to be bused out of the coastal town of Nahariya today, Israeli radio said.

Despite a rush of diplomatic activity, prospects seemed dim for a cease-fire.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel said his country was prepared to discuss peace but would not initiate talks. The intensity of the Israeli campaign has been colored in part by Peres' desire to prove to Israeli voters before May 29 elections that he is not soft on security.

Lebanon warned the U.N. Security Council that Middle East peace process was at risk, and the 15-member council discussed the fighting Monday. No formal action was taken.

The United States, which opposes any clear U.N. condemnation of Israel, was trying to arrange a truce based on a 1993 arrangement under which Israel and Hezbollah refrain from targeting civilians.

Israel radio said Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa told U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher that his country was ready to help arrange a truce. There was no confirmation of the report from Damascus.

France's foreign minister also was attempting a cease-fire. He met with Israeli leaders and was due in Syria and Lebanon later today.

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Unabomber suspect's cabin

HELENA, Mont. — The mountain shack of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski resembled a well-stocked high school chemistry lab with all the ingredients needed to create explosives, chemistry experts said.

The materials would allow someone to create blocks of gunpowder laced with a material that creates a hot, violent explosion when confined in a small package, said Ed Keller, a 28-year member of the University of Montana chemistry department.

"He certainly had the stuff that will explode," Keller said after reviewing a list of chemicals seized in a search of Kaczynski's home.

Besides the chemicals, the FBI found two bombs, the addresses of corporate executives, maps of San Francisco, bus schedules, guns and a bottle of anti-depressant medicine, according to a 34-page inventory released Monday by a federal judge.

EPA to depend less on animal testing

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency, proposing major changes in how it judges the cancer threat from chemicals and pollutants, wants to depend less on old-style animal testing and more on recent advances in science.

The long-awaited changes could have sweeping effects on regulatory decisions under environmental laws.

"What it will do is bring the whole system up to the current state of science," EPA spokesman John Kasper said Monday. "It will refine the system."

The 170-page proposal would result in less reliance on the results from animal testing and more on microbiological research and other studies. The recommendations are to be published Wednesday in the Federal Register.

Helping athletes get fitter

WASHINGTON — A dietary supplement originally developed to help grow leaner cattle now may help athletes get fitter faster.

Everybody who eats protein naturally produces the chemical HMB in their bodies, but Iowa State University scientists discovered how to bottle the substance. Large doses helped male athletes build twice as much muscle as exercise alone, according to research presented to biologists meeting in Washington Monday.

"If you take HMB and a bag of potato chips and sit on a couch, you're not going to see any effects," cautioned Iowa State veterinarian Steven Nissen.

But combined with exercise, 3 grams of HMB a day — the amount derived if anyone could stand eating 500 grams of meat (about four hefty hamburgers) — helped men develop more muscle and lose more fat, he said.

Post Cereal cuts prices

NEW YORK — Post Cereal is cutting prices for brands such as Spoon Size Shredded Wheat and Raisin Bran an average of 20 percent and making its coupons good for any Post cereal.

Post is betting that the price cuts will give a boost to the cereal business, which shrank slightly last year and has been flat so far this year. Post's own cereal sales have been declining, analysts said.

The company is taking aim at high prices and the frustration of crusting the crowded cereal aisle comparing a clutch of coupons to the more than 200 brands in a typical grocery store.

"We expect this will reignite growth in the ready-to-eat cereal market," said Mark Leckie, executive vice president and general manager of the Post Cereal division of Kraft Foods, Inc.

Doing away with coupons that apply to only one cereal and perhaps even just one size box will lower Post's costs and, the company figures, retailers'. The company won't say exactly when the new coupons will appear.

The price changes are expected to reach stores in two or three weeks.

Some of Post's biggest competitors said they had already cut prices in recent years and Post was simply catching up.

Kellogg spokesman Anthony Hebron said his company would set prices on a product-by-product basis, and that it had cut the price of its version of Raisin Bran by nearly 18 percent recently. At General Mills, spokesman Austin Sullivan said no changes were planned.

The cut brings Post's suggested retail price for a 17.2 oz. box of Spoon Size Shredded Wheat down to \$2.99 from \$3.88; while 20 oz. of Premium Raisin Bran will cost \$2.99 instead of \$4.13. Actual retail prices are determined by individual stores.

For Irene Cotton of McCook, Neb., 20 percent isn't good enough.

"At times you can get a box of Post Toasties for 99 cents, and we'll buy that, but when they get up above that the best thing to do is just let them sit on the shelf," she said.

Pilot, 7, remembered

PESCADERO, Calif. — Caressing a white coffin adorned with flowers and a tiny blue airplane, Jessica Dubroff's mother remembered her as a child who couldn't be held back from her passion for flying.

"A month ago she said, 'I want to fly until I die,'" Lisa Hathaway said during a funeral Monday for the 7-year-old girl who died trying to become the youngest pilot to fly across America.

"She knew how to reach into your soul and stay there. I'm grateful she's been in my life," Hathaway told some 200 people who gathered for the funeral in this coastal town about 40 miles south of San Francisco.

Jessica's 9-year-old brother, Joshua, who reportedly planned to fly over the service, was grounded by bad weather and was at the grave site.

In a fog and drizzle, the mourners walked as the small coffin was driven slowly in a pickup truck from Jessica's back yard to a small graveyard among rolling green pastures.

They sang folk songs along the way, then said farewell to the strains of the hymn "I'll Fly Away."

Jessica died along with her father and flight instructor Thursday when the single-engine plane went down in an icy rain just after takeoff from Cheyenne, Wyo., during the second leg of the transcontinental, round-trip flight.

Criticism of the flight has been mounting since the crash, with many people saying children shouldn't be allowed to fly. Others have wondered whether the dream of flying across the country was Jessica's or her parents'.

From Associated Press reports

Tax day politics
Republicans score political points
but fall short on tax-limitation vote

By DAVE SKIDMORE
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Republicans are claiming a political victory even though they failed in their drive for House passage of a constitutional amendment restricting Congress' ability to raise taxes.

As Americans scrambled to file their 1995 tax returns before midnight Monday, the House voted 243-177 in favor of the amendment that would require a two-thirds majority of the House and Senate to raise tax rates or broaden the tax base.

The vote was 37 short of the two-thirds margin required for approval of a constitutional amendment.

Republicans nevertheless believed they had succeeded in drawing a contrast between themselves and Democrats. Only 24 Democrats joined 219 Republicans in supporting the amendment. Sixteen Republicans, 160 Democrats and one independent voted

against it. "I can give you one simple reason this ... amendment is necessary: Bill Clinton," said Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "Bill Clinton wants to raise taxes to pay for more spending."

"We (Republicans) believe the American people would rather spend their own money for themselves," DeLay said after limping onto the floor with his foot in a cast, the result of a rollerblading accident.

The amendment's chief sponsor, Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, cited a poll — commissioned by the conservative Americans for Tax Reform — showing 75 percent of respondents were more inclined to vote for congressional candidates favoring the amendment. He said opponents, in close elections, could lose because of their votes and said supporters would be back.

"We will be like the movie villain, Freddie," he said. "We will be back next year on April

15, 1997. It is not 'if we're going to pass it. It is 'when' we're going to pass it."

In the Senate, Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, had promised a vote by the end of the month on its version of the amendment.

The House amendment would have required a two-thirds majority for any law "to increase the internal revenue by more than a de minimis amount." Congress could waive the restriction for up to two years in the event of a declared war or other major military conflict.

The amendment sponsors' definition of de minimis — one tenth of one percent of total revenue — would permit a tax increase of about \$1.4 billion if the amendment were in effect this year.

GOP leaders had scheduled the vote for a few hours before the midnight income tax filing deadline. Democrats said that was aimed at attracting maximum news coverage, and they

used procedural maneuvers to delay the vote until just 27 minutes before midnight.

They accused Republicans of an election-year ploy to rush the amendment to the House floor while Americans' attention was focused on their taxes. It was drafted in its current form only two weeks ago, without consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

"We are here because it is April 15th, Tax Day. It is time to score political points, the Constitution be damned," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "This amendment was born in darkness and conceived in a den of iniquity. It is vague, overbroad and a political stunt and downright silly."

Opponents, including the Clinton administration and the bipartisan anti-deficit group, The Concord Coalition, argued the amendment would make it harder to close tax loopholes and would cement political gridlock in the budget deficit debate.

But supporters said the amendment would only raise the hurdle for tax increases, not prevent them entirely. That is what has happened in a dozen states requiring either a "supermajority" vote of their legislatures or voter approval of tax increases, they said.

The House version originally required a supermajority to increase a tax rate or base, the same as the Senate's.

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Geologists baffled by recent sporadic eruptions of Old Faithful.

YELLOWSTONE - Old Faithful, the world's most famous geyser, isn't faithful anymore, it's erratic.

At the turn of the century, Old Faithful was highly dependable in hourly eruptions, to the minute. In the past 25 years, the huge geyser has been timed at anywhere from 67 to 77 minutes.

"It's an embarrassing for us," commented D.B. Sweeney. "I've been here for 25 years and suddenly, we have to tell people and wait. Believe it or not, some geologists have speculated that the syndrome is brought about by a change in the water to the geyser. Curious visitors have been waiting for the geyser's next eruption."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Southern League Baseball

Orlando at Huntsville, 7 p.m.

College Baseball

UCF at South Florida, 7 p.m.

JUCO Baseball

St. Johns River at SCC, 3 p.m.

Prep Baseball

Deltona at Lake Mary, 7 p.m.

Youth Baseball

Sanford Little Majors, at Roy Molar, 5:45 pm - Expos vs. Devil Rays; 7:45 pm - Blue Jays vs. Royals; at Lakeside Field, 5:45 pm - Red Sox vs. Indians; 7:45 pm - Braves vs. Marlins. Senior Babe Ruth, at Sanford Memorial Stadium, 5:45 p.m. - Royals vs. Marlins

Prep Softball

Evans at Seminole, 4 p.m. Lake Brantley at Eustis, 4 p.m. Lake Mary at Apopka, 7 p.m.

Boys' Prep Tennis

Lake Mary at Lake Highland, 3:30 p.m.

Water Polo

Regionals at Lake Brantley, 7:15 pm 8:15 pm

BASEBALL

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Babe Ruth

Continued from Page 1B. Back Field Saturday. The other game at Zinn Beck also saw a whitewashing as the Marlins won their first game of the season 13-0 over the Expos. The games at Sanford Memorial Stadium found three top teams all winning, with the defending champion Moose Lodge-Pirates keeping pace with the White Sox with an 11-4 victory over the Knights of Columbus Cardinals; the Elks Lodge #1241 Devil Rays whipping the Braves 12-2; and the Rotary Club Royals shutting out the Steve's Pharmacy Athletics 12-0. In Senior Babe Ruth games, the Sanford Marlins doubled the score on the Sanford Phillies 10-5 and the Sanford Royals got a forfeit victory from the Altamonte Springs Blue Jays. The Pirates and White Sox are both 4-0, while the Devil Rays, Indians and Royals are all 3-1. Trailing the leaders are the Cardinals (2-2), the Expos and the Marlins (both 1-3) and the A's and Braves (both 0-4). Today at Sanford Memorial Stadium, a pair of Sanford teams, the Marlins and the Royals, square off in Senior Babe Ruth action at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in Babe Ruth play, at Sanford Memorial Stadium, the Devil Rays play the A's and, at Zinn Beck Field, the Pirates take on the Marlins. Both games start at 5:45 p.m.

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AUTO RACING

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Raiders

Continued from Page 1B. are Lake City (11-10), Santa Fe (10-10), Valencia (8-11) and St. Johns River (3-15).

Girls

Continued from Page 1B. offer Sellers (two runs); one hit - Dionte Brown (home run, run), Kristin Weaver (triple, two runs), Kenya Lawson (double, three runs), Latoya Brown (three runs), Marchelle Woodard (run); two runs - Whitney Bishop, Shanekia Lawson, Sasha Lawson, Kaley Belne.

LML

Continued from Page 1B. Marlins (3-5) and the Diamondbacks (2-4). Tonight, at Roy Hollar Field, the Expos challenge the Devil Rays at 5:45 p.m. and the Blue Jays tackle the Royals at 7:45 p.m. At Lakeside Field, the Red Sox battle the Indians at 5:45 p.m. and the Braves take on the Marlins at 7:45 p.m.

DOG RACING NOW

Palm Beach Kennel Club. Mon. & Wed. 7:30 Sat. Post Time 7:30 pm. St. Petersburg's Derby Lane. Mon. & Wed. 7:30 Sat. Post Time 7:30 pm. Jacksonville Greyhounds. Mon. & Wed. 7:30 Sat. Post Time 7:30 pm.

SCC

Continued from Page 1B. Heather Hutchinson hurled a four-hitter for her 11th victory of the season. SCC then came back to score two runs in the top of the seventh inning to edge Hillsborough Community College 4-2. Kendra Bateman and Debbie Berry drove in the seventh inning runs, while Jamie Bellard homered and drove in a second run with a sacrifice fly. Crystal Pittard scattered six hits for the pitching victory.

TRANSACTIONS

Baltimore Orioles - Announced the resignation of Bob Knepper, manager of the Eastern League's Norfolk Tides. Boston Red Sox - Placed 23rd in the 1995 season. St. Louis Cardinals - Activated 1st baseman Scott L. Murray.

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SEMINOLE COUNTY
NOTICE OF UNPAID TAXABLE
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 191.02 - FLORIDA STATUTES, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1995 ARE NOW DELINQUENT. BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1996, SUCH TAXES ARE NOW DRAWING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 18 PERCENT PER YEAR, PLUS THE PROPORTIONATE COSTS OF PUBLISHING THIS NOTICE UNLESS THE DELINQUENT TAXES ARE PAID PRIOR TO MAY 1, 1996. WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED THEREON AND THE TAX COLLECTOR WILL APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING LEVY UPON SEIZURE OF THE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TAXPAYER FOR UNPAID TAXES. THE NAMES OF THE DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES, INCLUDING THE COST OF ADVERTISING AND INTEREST PENALTY, ARE AS FOLLOWS.

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA. GASE NO. 95-2221-CA-14-B CROSSLAND...

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that beginning on the date, as enumerated below, and continuing from day to day...

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Order of Final Judgment entered on March 21st, 1995 in this cause...

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT MARY L. LANDWAY OR ROBERT C. GOFF, the holder of the following certificate(s)...

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS NAME. Notice is hereby given that I am engaged in business at 499 N. Hwy 434, Suite 1001, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714...

Legal Notices

NOTICE. The District gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to the following applicant(s) on May 14th, 1995...

CLASSIFIED ADS. Seminole 407/322-2811, Orlando - Winter Park 407/831-9993. CLASSIFIED DEPT. HOURS: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. PRIVATE PARTY RATES: 14 consecutive times \$89 a line...

12-Elderly Care. HILLHAVEN HEALTH CARE CENTER, specializing in rehab. and restorative care. 926 McArthurville Ave. 321-6544.

13-Bingo. BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO. In Tampa. Seminole Gaming Palace. Wed/Fri/Sat by Motorcoach. Call 800-367-3500.

15-Cemetery Lots. MOVING - MUST SELL! Oaklawn Memorial. 3 lots/vaults/Granite & Bronze (42"x14").

17-Single Services. CHRISTIAN SINGLES/DIVORCED. Starting a group for men & women to meet for friendship.

21-Personals. ADOPTIONS. Free medical care, transportation, counseling, private doctor plus living expenses.

22-Health Care. OWN PRIVATE Room/Bath in lovely DeBary home. 24/Srs. Cable TV, telephone. 688-4354.

23-Lost & Found. FOUND: Female gray Persian like mother cat with four 2 week old kittens. \$30 0/12.

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33-Weight Management. MOTHER'S DREAM. work of home, less weight! Earn money! Call 907-994-1728.

39-Health Insurance. ENDORSED. Affordable, health insurance, for self employed, family, or individual. 682-1996.

43-Legal Services. AFFORDABLE Paralegal, Inc. Apply in Person: 407-322-2811.

AMOCO IS OPENING A PIZZA HUT. In the AMOCO Truck Stop. Hwy 40W/14 in Sanford. POSITIONS AVAILABLE: CASHIERS, COOKERS, SERVERS.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos. Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Today's clue: 8 equals W.

OFF THE LEASH By W.S. Park. The last thing I remember was sitting on this wall... Humpty tries to explain.

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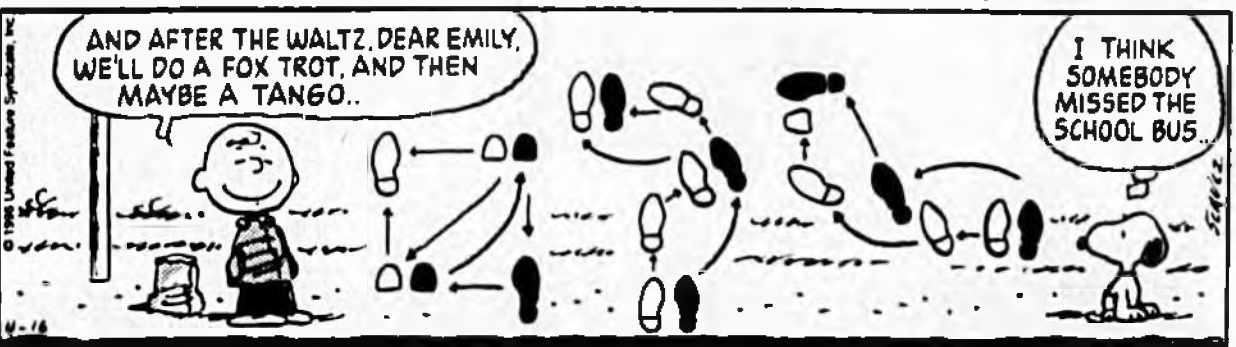
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by Art Sansom



PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schulz



EEK & MEEK

by Howie Schneider



TUMBLEWEEDS

by T.K. Ryan



ARLO AND JANIS

by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN

by Jim Meddick



Bruising can be dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: I bruise very easily and wonder if something is wrong in an apparently healthy 30-year-old. Is it a vitamin deficiency?

DEAR READER: Easy bruising may simply be normal for many people, especially as they age and the skin thins and becomes more susceptible to trivial injuries.

On the other hand, bruising can be the first sign of a serious blood disorder, such as leukemia or ITP (a deficiency of the blood cells needed for coagulation). Also, certain drugs — notably aspirin — can cause easy bruising.

In this country, healthy people rarely develop vitamin deficiencies because our diets are, for the most part, well-balanced and provide ample amounts of vitamins and minerals. Nonetheless, as you imply, low levels of several vitamins — especially vitamin C — can affect blood clotting.

You should bring your symptoms to your doctor's attention. You need an examination and blood tests to make sure that you don't have a correctable problem with blood coagulation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's your opinion of the five-minute strep test?

DEAR READER: There are several types of "rapid" strep test available; most measure bacterial protein. In the main, all are reasonably reliable.

However, most authorities believe that the more traditional, overnight strep culture is the gold standard — in fact, it is routinely used to verify the results of the rapid strep tests.

In my practice, I've found rapid strep tests to be quite satisfactory; however, I can always use the more cumbersome analysis if the results of the instant test are inconclusive.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told I have osteitis pubis. What do you know about this condition and what can be done for it?

DEAR READER: Osteitis pubis is a rare condition marked by inflammation where the pubic bones meet in the lower groin. Although usually an incidental finding on X-rays taken for other purposes, the affliction can lead to chronic pain and is associated with a wide range of causes, including pelvic surgery, pregnancy, urinary infections and arthritis.

Treatment is usually not necessary because osteitis pubis customarily resolves after several weeks or months. However, in the presence of pain, physicians often prescribe analgesics or cortisone injections into the affected area. The affliction is not a hazard to health.

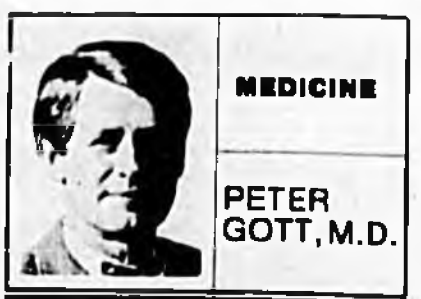
DEAR DR. GOTT: In your opinion, is melatonin harmful? It is sold over-the-counter, but I'm apprehensive to use it because I don't know all the hazards and disadvantages.

DEAR READER: Melatonin, a

chemical normally manufactured by the human brain, is secreted at night. It is believed to assist sleep. Older people, who suffer from insomnia, often have low concentrations of melatonin in their bloodstreams. Thus, it makes theoretical sense to use supplemental melatonin as a sleep-aid.

However, the situation is more complicated than this. Melatonin is marketed as a dietary supplement; therefore, it has not been reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration for safety and effectiveness.

According to the Medical Letter, a reliable publication that analyzes medications, "manufacturers are not required to present evidence of purity or even to demonstrate that any melatonin is present in the product." On



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testing six melatonin products sold in health-food stores, a reputable research chemist discovered impurities that he was unable to identify.

Melatonin may well prove to be an effective and safe compound to treat insomnia. However, to date, the substance has not been appropriately investigated and, as I mentioned, quality control in its manufacture is lacking.

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ACROSS

- 1 Ninth mo.
- 5 Southpaw
- 10 Style of type
- 12 Antiseptic liquid
- 13 Lightly
- 14 Holy people
- 15 Exuberance
- 16 Don't exist
- 18 Ancient
- 19 Large knife
- 20 Actor Sheriff
- 24 Not that
- 25 Fragrance
- 28 Formatted
- 29 SF writer Isaac
- 30 Actress — Fisher
- 31 Dance step
- 32 Like some stars
- 33 Film critic Pauline
- 34 N.Y. team
- 35 Cushions

DOWN

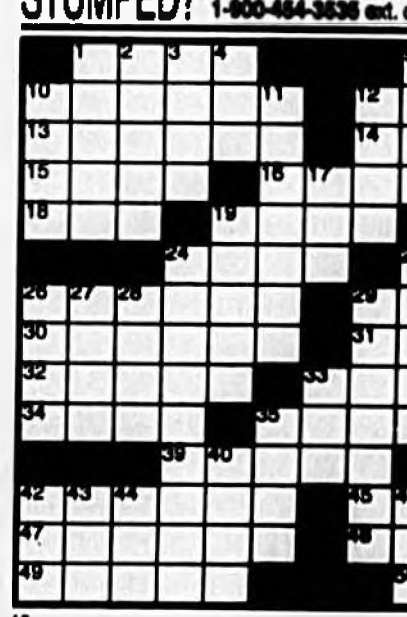
- 1 Moonshine apparatus
- 2 Like some seas
- 3 Ballet movement
- 4 Sesame plant
- 5 Mortgage, e.g.
- 6 Newspaper opinion column
- 7 Fish part
- 8 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
- 9 Certainly!
- 10 Villain in Othello
- 11 Poison
- 12 Words of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

URGE	ENDS
MYOPIC	VROOM
PEPINO	INSTEP
CRATE	HEAL
QUO	ICONS
UPTO	MINTS
IDOLS	LAUTREC
TOFFLES	DOUGH
ACTOR	PLIE
QUE	TIMES
EST	
UTAH	NECKS
AIRING	AUTHOR
LEVIS	PAYOLA
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- 17 Thing in law
- 19 Eastern potato
- 21 Female parents
- 22 Famous — (cookie maker)
- 23 Great review
- 24 Subway-entrance feature
- 25 Fire residue
- 26 Mistle abbr.
- 27 Man or boy
- 28 Annoying child
- 29 School
- 30 Topaka's st.
- 31 Young salmon
- 32 Mirthful
- 33 Biers —
- 34 Mistle
- 35 Pay attention to
- 36 Get out of here!
- 37 Ally's org.
- 38 Reagan's son
- 39 — for tat
- 40 Roman bronze

WIN AT BRIDGE

Keep the door ajar

By Phillip Alder

Sydney Smith, the English writer and clergyman, pointed out that "when a man expects to be arrested, every knock at the door is an alarm." Wouldn't it be nice to have someone knocking on the door, or ringing the bell, when the critical moment had been reached in a bridge deal? It is usually easier to find the vital play when you are aware that the key trick has arrived. Sadly, though, there is no such tocsin being sounded: you are on your own.

In today's deal, the harder part is bidding to the best contract of six no-trump. In the given auction, South, after opening with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs, rebid four no-trump to show a balanced 22-23 points — a slight overbid, of course. North took a

shot at the slam in the hope that his club suit would come in — also a slight overbid.

South begins with eight top tricks. And the club suit can provide the other four. But unless you are playing against either a complete beginner or a relative, the defender with the club ace will hold it up until the second (or third) round of the suit. Then you will need a dummy entry to reach the club winners.

So South, temporarily ignoring the axiom of playing the honor from the short side first, won trick one in hand with the heart queen and led the club king. He continued clubs to drive out East's ace and claimed his 12 tricks, getting into the dummy with the heart jack.

This deal shouldn't defeat many players, alarms or no alarms. A dead battery in the smoke-detector shouldn't prove fatal — this time.

North 04-10-96

♠ 5 4 2
♥ J 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ Q J 10 8 4

West East

♠ J 8 7 ♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ 10 9 8 6 ♥ 7 5 2
♦ J 9 8 7 ♦ Q 10
♣ 5 3 ♣ A 7 5 2

South

♠ A K 3
♥ A K Q 4
♦ A K 4
♣ A 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 17, 1996

Good news could be in store for you in the year ahead in regard to your material affairs. It looks like you will have something to celebrate by this time next year. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) In career situations today your greatest asset will be your ability to take a nominal opportunity and expand it into something truly worthwhile. Give it a shot. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1756, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Today, what appears to be a moderate gesture of good will from a loved one might suddenly turn into something grander than you

had anticipated. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Today, a person with whom you have powerful emotional links will think about you. This dear friend will want you to know that he or she can help you in many ways. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Paint your canvas with bold strokes and bright colors today. Big ideas will be more successful than small ones. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually, we have to work hard for what we get, but this may be one of those days when you could do well financially without exerting too much effort. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not hesitate to take control of a project today if you see the people who are supposed to be in charge faltering. If you can do it better, take charge now. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A project that appeals to you and several others should succeed today if everyone involved looks out for each other's interests. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, it

might be necessary for you to influence a specific group. If this is the case, single out the key people. Work with them and avoid the majority. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will be a good time for you to explore ways to expand existing strengths. You can find answers if you look hard enough for them. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The smaller pieces will slip into place today as soon as you construct a general outline. Do not try to put the details ahead of the building blocks. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can use the confidential information you receive today for a good purpose. However, secrecy will be essential until you reveal your game plan. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) You will assess a situation accurately today, so rely on your judgment. You will not miss any relevant clues when sifting through the evidence.

ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

