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BRIEFS

Special Lake Mary meeting

LAKE MARY - The Lake Mary City Commission has called a special meeting for this Thursday, Feb. 24. The starting time will be 5 p.m., rather than the time for regular meetings. Only one item is on the agenda: a request for commission direction on the assignment of future monies due to the city for Rinehart Road Improvements from Melvin Simon and Associates.

The Simon organization is the developer of the Seminole Towne Center Mall.

The matter was presented during last Thursday's regular commission meeting as part of the City Manager's agenda. It involves various matters including the new transmission lines to be installed by Florida Power Corporation, in connection with road improvements, and the final acquisition of right-of-way for the 46-A interchange to Interstate-4.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m., in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Rd.

Cause of death to be determined

GOLDENROD - An autopsy was to have been performed this morning to determine the cause of death on a man whose body was found face down in the street in front of Eastbrook Elementary School on Tangerine Avenue.

According to Ed McDonough, public information officer for the Seminole County sheriff's office, the victim has been identified as Jose Depena, 50, of Orange Avenue in Goldenrod.

McDonough said the autopsy is expected to reveal that he died of natural causes.

Facial injuries that were first seen by deputies on the scene and identified as gunshot wounds were found to be otherwise during the initial investigation.

The results of the autopsy should be known by tomorrow.

Voter registration opens

SANFORD - Area residents may register to vote at the offices of the Temporary Emergency Food Assistant Program Tuesday and Thursday this week. Registration will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. The TEFAP offices are located at Zayre Plaza at the corner of U.S. Highway 17-92 and Airport Boulevard.

Nothing to eat at potato art show

MOSES LAKE, Wash. - You won't find Vincent Van Gogh's "The Potato Eaters" at "Baked, Mashed or Fried."

Instead, look for "Potatosaurus," "Shakespud," "Mt. St. Potato" and other celebrations of the tuber at the month-long show featuring regional artists.

The show at the Adam East Museum and Art Center includes a display on the area's potato industry. But it's the less conventional potato works that stand out.

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Temps rise to mid 80s



Partly cloudy and warm with a high in the mid 80s. Light wind becoming southeast 5 to 10 mph.

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Downtown development Lake Mary considers study of specific site

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY - Downtown development is again being considered in Lake Mary. The concept has been discussed during the past few years, but no specific plans have been formulated.

Even before Lake Mary became an incorporated city, there was a definite downtown area, along Country Club Road and Old Lake Mary Boulevard.

Following the building of Interstate-4, the city began developing westerly along Lake Mary Boulevard, and presently, most of the businesses are located at various centers west of the old downtown area.

The Lake Mary City Commission and city staff met earlier this month in a strategic planning session. One of the subjects brought up for discussion was alluded to during the Mayor's report at Thursday night's City Commission meeting.

Mayor Lowry Rockett recommended the city get back into a study considered several times during the past year or more, relating to the

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-Mayor Lowry Rockett

development and designation of a specific downtown area for Lake Mary.

"We need to undertake two different approaches," he said. "First of all, we need to have the city manager obtain at least two price quotes from marketing research companies on looking into the entire downtown situation. That way, we can determine how much this might cost us."

"Secondly," he said, "We need some guidelines from the city manager and staff on preparing a PUD (Planned Urban Development) for the downtown area."

Rockett questioned what the staff thought should be the order of these moves. City Planner Matt West responded that he believed the guidelines for the PUD may be better done first, as it might help research or marketing organizations to determine the scope of what they might be bidding upon.

West said he would be able to initiate preliminary planning so the information would be available when required. "We can also set some tentative guidelines which will prove valuable in determining how to pursue this as well," West said.

"We have been discussing the need for development of a downtown area for Lake Mary for a long time," Rockett commented. "For some reason, it seems as though it fell by the wayside. Now however, I believe it's time we get back to work on this project and start to follow it through."

City Manager John Litton was instructed to
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Excellence in education: Look who's tops



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Lake Mary Rotary Club treasurer Bill Blackburn recently congratulated Renee Stucker, a fifth grader at Wilson Elementary School in Sanford who won that school's spelling bee and Anita Graves, the school's teacher of the year. Renee's father, Robert Stucker, and assistant principal Arthur McDaniel were on hand to cheer them on as well.

Lake Howell seeks credit for students who get help

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - The school board has been very supportive of efforts of the schools to improve the skills of students who are struggling for their academic survival.

At the board's next meeting, on Tuesday evening, another school is offering a plan to help its students do better.

Lake Howell High School wants to offer credit to students who have failed one or both parts of

the HSCT (High School Competency Test), which is designed to test if students have gained the minimum skills needed for graduation. Students are given the test in the 11th grade and can retake it as often as necessary to pass it.

The remediation of basic skills class will be offered after school two days a week for an hour each day.

Students will receive individual remediation assignments using the school's WICAT computer system. They will be given information on the
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Longwood to honor youths

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD - Over a dozen youngsters will be singled out for special honors during tonight's Longwood City Commission meeting. The entire Lyman High School Girls Soccer Team will be highlighted.

The team won the state championship, and are having an entire day, Feb. 25, named in their honor. "Lyman High School Girls Soccer Day."

Eight area school children will also receive honors with the JOY awards. (Juvvenile of the Year, 1994).
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Information Month Sanford Senior Center sets March activities

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - The month of March has been declared "Information Month" at the Sanford Senior Center. A long list of activities and seminars have been scheduled.

"We think there are so many topics that you need to know about and don't know where to go," said Senior Center Supervisor Chris Uary. "Well, you just need to come here."

The Senior Center is open to all seniors age 50 and over, each weekday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. In addition to the special activities for March, there is a full weekly schedule of activities.

One of the first sessions will be held at March 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

"The headlines have reported it, and we all know it," said Uary. "Crime is here."

She continued, "There are lots of things that you need to know to avoid becoming the next victim."

She is referring to the Senior Safety Seminar. It is offered free of charge to anyone, and is presented by the Senior Center and Sanford Police Department. "This is open to everyone, even if you don't live in Sanford or are a visitor," Uary said. "If you don't attend anything else, please join us for this seminar."

On Friday, March 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m., it's the Medicare Information Seminar, with the latest information on Medicare and Supplemental Programs.

Thursday, March 17, is the investment Seminar. "How to Avoid Outliving your money" is the interesting subject. This meeting again is offered free. It will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Another seminar is being planned, but a specific date and time has not been arranged. The seminar is to be called "The Pharmacy and You." It will be held through the courtesy of Florida Pharmacists and will deal with prescriptions.
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POLICE BRIEFS

Warrants served

● Joseph Jerome Holden, 26, 2454 E. 26th Street, Sanford, turned himself in at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Thursday. He was wanted for violation of parole on previous convictions of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended/revoked license. Later at the jail, Holden was also served an additional warrant for failing to appear on a charge of obstruction/opposing an officer without violence.

● Alfred Perkins, 21, 1407 S. Locust Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at his residence Thursday. He was wanted on a warrant for violation of parole on a conviction of aggravated battery.

● John Austin Crowell, Jr., 33, 4025 Honwy Bee Point, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at his residence Thursday. He was wanted on a Volusia County warrant for uttering/issuing a worthless check.

● Samuel Gallo, 75, 116 Exeter Court, Sanford, was arrested at his residence by sheriff's deputies Thursday. He was wanted on a warrant for aggravated assault which reportedly took place Oct. 28, 1993.

Domestic case

Barry Ross, 72, 661 Sable Lake Drive, Longwood, was arrested at his residence by sheriff's deputies Thursday following a dispute with his daughter. He was charged with battery (domestic violence).

Retail thefts

● Sybrenna B. Grady, 32, 1404 Valencia Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at a store in the 400 block of E. First Street in downtown Sanford. She was charged with retail theft. Police said he was trying to take earrings valued at \$4 from the store.

● Krisha Butler, 21, 1801 McCarthy, was arrested by deputies at a store on Semoran Blvd. in Winter Park Thursday. Deputies said she attempted to remove a pair of shorts valued at \$28. She was charged with retail theft.

● A store buzzer alerted security personnel Thursday in the 900 block of S.R. 434 in Longwood. Longwood police arrested Leslie A. Schlicht, 19, of 1710 Sunset Drive, Longwood, on a retail theft charge connected with the attempted removal of several items of clothing from the store.

Incidents reported to the sheriff

● A Wells Cargo utility trailer valued at \$5,000 was reportedly stolen Thursday from the parking lot at Sweetwater Baptist Church on Wekiva Springs Road near Longwood.

● Deputies conducted a traffic stop Wednesday at Kentucky Street and Beardall Avenue. Once the vehicle stopped, deputies reported the driver ran off and could not be located. The vehicle, a 1974 Chevrolet, license number BBG-046, was impounded.

● A vehicular burglary and a residential burglary were reported Wednesday in the 2500 block of Byrd Avenue in Midway. A radio and speakers were said to be missing from the car, and a wallet and its contents removed from the house.

● An estimated \$3,556 in items and \$1,024 in jewelry were reported stolen Wednesday from a residence in the 200 block of S. Crystal Drive.

● A VCR and jewelry with a total estimated value of \$3,910 were reportedly stolen Thursday from a residence in the 500 block of Bevier Road.

Incidents reported to Sanford police

● Items totaling \$256, including \$199 in food stamps were reportedly stolen Thursday from a residence in the 100 block of Edgewater Circle.

● \$200 in damage to the door was reported but nothing determined to be missing Thursday, following a reported burglary at a residence in the 100 block of Long Leaf Pine Circle.

● A pre-Civil War 1855 50 caliber flintlock pistol with a 16 inch barrel, was reportedly stolen Thursday from an antique store in the 1300 block of S. Park Avenue. The pistol, valued at \$650, had been placed in the store on consignment.

● Police said a roto tiller was reportedly stolen Wednesday from a storage shed at Sanford Middle School, 1700 S. French. Officers said the tiller was apparently taken to a shop building and dismantled, with the engine, valued at \$350 taken, but the frame left in the building.

● A gallon of coins was reported stolen Thursday at a residence in the 800 block of Valencia Court.

● Property in excess of \$3,811 was reportedly stolen Thursday from an apartment in the 400 block of Mellenville Avenue.

● A 1984 Mercury, reported as stolen in Blackville, S.C. on Jan. 19, was located by Sanford police Thursday at the southwest corner of 18th Street and Elm Avenue.

Pot possession charged

Lenard Taylor, 31, 2300 Center St., Sanford, and Earl Coley Myers, 29, 1115 Myrtle Ave., Sanford, were charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and trespassing in a structure by Seminole County sheriff's office.

Deputies said that none of the men were residents of the home and the owner had given the deputies permission to prosecute trespassers on the property.

When deputies approached, all but Myers and Taylor fled to the back of the property, deputies said. Those two attempted to leave in a car in the front yard, but the car was blocked from leaving by the deputies' car.

They were arrested and the car was towed.

An inventory of the car, deputies said, revealed 25 grams of marijuana. Neither Taylor nor Myers would admit to ownership of the drug, deputies said.

Each was held in lieu of \$3,000 bond.

Stolen check alleged

Patricia C. Faisal, 26, 552 Whisperwood Drive, Longwood, was charged with uttering a forged instrument and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana by Altamonte Springs Police on Friday.

Police said that Faisal had tried to cash a check at the drive-thru at SunBank in Altamonte Springs.

When the teller tried to enter the check, police said, she received a message on the computer that said the check had been reported stolen.

An ensuing investigation revealed the owner of the check had not written the check.

As police talked to Faisal they found a pipe used to smoke crack cocaine in her possession, they said. They said they also found some marijuana in the car.

She was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held on \$1,000 bond.

Man charged with battery

Douglas Harden Sawyers, 35, 346 Snowbird Cir., Sanford, was charged with battery-domestic violence on Friday by Seminole County sheriff's officers.

Deputies said he told them that he and his wife had been having an argument since last Sunday.

They said he admitted to pushing her down after she "got in his face" and shouted. They said he said that over the past week, he had also slapped her, choked her four or five times, kicked her, hit her and threatened to kill her.

Deputies said he has burned her in the past during arguments.

He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held on \$1,000 bond.

Drug war II

Contention looms, this time over legalization, not trafficking

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Call it Drug War II — the opening volleys have been fired in what is likely to be a protracted political battle over the legalization of illicit drugs.

Underlying the struggle is the sense that Drug War I, the \$150 billion law enforcement crackdown aimed at cutting off supplies by force, has failed.

Marijuana is now the nation's largest cash crop — bigger than corn, soybeans or hay — at an annual value of \$26.8 billion, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Cocaine prices have dropped, production and availability are up. Crack is a ten-minute ride away in any big city, Miami DEA spokesman Jim Shedd concedes. Polls show marijuana and LSD making a comeback in high school.

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders put legalization on the national agenda despite friendly fire from her own White House.

During a recent visit to drug-plagued Miami, she stuck to her guns, insisting the United States needs to take a hard — and objective — look at drugs.

"I feel we should do a study with regard to decriminalization or legalization of drugs," she told The Associated Press. "I can't really find enough information."

An ad supporting Elders' call for a study was submitted to the New York Times with signatures that ranged from conservative economist Milton Friedman to astronomer Carl Sagan and the attorney general of long-suffering Colombia, Gustavo de Greiff.

Elders' dilemma is that the drug war, like all ideological wars, has generated far more heat and smoke than light.

Wayne Roques, the DEA's demand reduction coordinator in Miami, has become his agency's anti-legalization point man. He has traded public shots with conservative columnist Bill Buckley over marijuana legalization.

"The drug war hasn't failed — we just haven't started yet," says Roques. "But now the drug culture is on the attack, aided by the libertarians like Buckley, and they have a strategy."

He hits pro-legalization forces head-on over one of their favorite comparisons, the similarity between the drug war and Prohibition in the 1920s.

Prohibition, the tee-totaling Roques says, was a success while it lasted. Alcohol use, cirrhosis and mental hospital admissions declined sharply, said Roques. With repeal, alcohol problems soared again — including his own father's, he says.

He's convinced legalizing drugs would do the same.

But Kevin Zeese of the Washington-based Drug Policy Foundation says a soaring murder rate, very similar to the drug-related crime wave of the 1980s and 1990s, helped turn the United States against Prohibition. Murders dropped after repeal, climbing again only in recent decades with the coming of a huge illegal drug market.

An initial skirmish of Drug War II has opened around the issue of medicinal marijuana use.

Several groups have petitioned the DEA to rescind its total ban on prescribing pot. Advocates say marijuana is useful as an anti-nausea treatment for cancer and AIDS patients, and for easing glaucoma symptoms.

Roques counters that marijuana actually suppresses the immune system, and points to a study by the Virginia Medical College. While doctors agree marijuana can help with nausea, legal products are medically preferred, he says.

Legalization forces say most studies find no long-term medical effects from pot use.

"Losing sleep has a greater effect on the immune system than smoking marijuana," says Zeese of the Drug Policy Foundation.

The Legislatures of 34 states — including New York, Illinois, Texas and California — have gone on record as recognizing

pot's medicinal value, according to the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics.

On the broader question of legalizing or decriminalizing pot for personal use, the facts are also in dispute.

Roques says Baby Boomers with fond memories of pot in the 1960s and 1970s don't un-

derstand the plant they smoked contained only 0.5 percent THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the chemical responsible for the marijuana high. That compares to current THC levels of 4 to 8 percent and climbing. One Alaska marijuana seizure found a THC level of almost 30 percent.

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Teen killed, sister raped in Ocala

By Associated Press

SALT SPRINGS — Two men, who beat to death a teen-age camper and held his sister hostage in a tent where she was raped, threatened to kill him if she struggled or screamed, police said.

The 21-year-old woman was later tied to a tree in the Ocala National Forest but she escaped by chewing through the ropes that bound her, police said. She searched in vain for her brother before contacting authorities.

The woman didn't realize he was already dead until his bloody body, covered with palm fronds and pine needles, was found by deputies along a remote trail near their campsite a half-dozen miles south of Salt Springs.

Police were searching today for a man in his mid-30s and his companion, who was in his late teens or early 20s. They were believed to be driving the murder victim's car.

The pair, who had arrived at the campsite about a week ago, befriended the siblings who arrived late Friday for a weekend camping trip, said Marion County sheriff's Sgt. Joe Cobb.

The woman attended Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, while her 18-year-old brother went to Florida State University in Tallahassee. The siblings met at the Hopkins Prairie campground in central-north Florida, about midway between their two schools.

"It started innocently enough, but it ended in death," Cobb said.

On Friday night, the men invited the siblings to hike to a pond and photograph alligators. During the hike, the men suddenly began beating the brother, Cobb said.

The sister fled but was quickly captured by the older man, who handcuffed her and then went back to help subdue the 6-foot-4 brother, Cobb said.

"(The brother) must have put up a pretty good fight because one of the suspects later said he was injured," Cobb said. "He said he thought his hand was broken."

During the half-hour the sister lay handcuffed, she said she heard her brother groaning and struggling. The men then took her to their tent and held her captive, and the older man raped her twice, Cobb said.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND THE CITY OF LAKE MARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS(S) IN COMPLIANCE DOCKET NO. 93-1 NOI-5904-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendments(s) to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lake Mary, adopted by Ordinance No(s) 646 on December 16, 1993, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184 and 163.3187, F.S.

The adopted City of Lake Mary Comprehensive Plan Amendment(s) and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Lake Mary City Hall, 100 West Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary, Florida 32746.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendment (s) to the City of Lake Mary Comprehensive Plan are In Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184 (1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Rule 9J-11.012 (8), F.A.C. The petition shall be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Section 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least five (5) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Rule 221-6.010, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1550. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Section 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

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EDITORIALS

Making it easy for criminals

On just one day of this past week, a total of \$4,111 in items were reported stolen in six separate burglaries. They were listed in the Sanford Herald Police Briefs, on Thursday and Friday.

A great deal of this loss could have been prevented had people taken some precaution. As examples of what happened, an unsecured bike was stolen; \$234 in construction items were taken from an open garage door at a home under construction; \$837 in power tools were taken from an unlocked shed; over \$1,000 in items were taken from a home with entry through an unlocked window; two cases were reported of equipment stolen from the beds of pickup trucks.

This particular day was not irregular. The only difference is that the security of the items taken was listed in the Herald's report.

There have been many occasions when items have been left unsecured, and subsequently stolen. An \$800 mobile phone was stolen from a car in downtown Sanford recently, but the windows of the unoccupied vehicle had been left open.

It is nice to believe one's neighborhood is quiet and crime-free. It is good to be trusting of our fellow man. But criminals do not burglarize according to neighborhood values. They don't steal from only those who don't trust them. Crime can occur anywhere and at any time.

People who leave windows open or sheds and doors unsecured aren't ignorant. They simply do not practice safety procedures as they should.

Certainly there are cases where windows are smashed or locks are jimmed. There is little which can be done to prevent some of this from happening.

The point here is the need for caution.

Many thefts from sheds are reported each week. People must realize the extra time it may take to lock or unlock a door is minor when compared to the time and money it may take to replace stolen items.

Every person should make a pledge. Close and lock windows and doors at all times. Don't leave items outdoors unless they have been secured.

Don't be careless and make it easy for others to steal your property.

LETTERS

Live and let live

We would very much like to make a comment about our neighborhood on the heels of a rather negative letter the Herald printed Feb. 6. The neighborhood to which we refer is Loch Arbor, Isle of the Pines. It is an absolutely beautiful, scenic and comfortable neighborhood. It brings to mind days of old in the South where folks had their neighborhood teas, relaxed on their lawns on Sundays and generally lived in harmony. For the most part, this is all true, except of course, there will always be at least one individual in any neighborhood that finds harmony distasteful. This brings us to our point. We, personally, along with other neighbors, find no animal control problem in this area. To suggest that a 12-year-old dog, the size of a peanut, is vicious, is at least ludicrous. The "hundred pound" dog is the gentle giant of the neighborhood and very well known to ourselves and others. The owners of the "attack dog" at the mailbox of course did nothing because this so-called attack did not happen. In fact, the leash law allows dogs off their leash any time in their own yard or in other neighboring yards with the permission of those owners. To make an attempt to disrupt this peaceful neighborhood is a selfish, uncalled for, and pretentious act. We would all love to continue living here without ceremony every other day.

Our final comment would be to say in reaction to the statement about the leash laws being for good dogs as well as bad dogs, what pray tell makes a "bad dog"? Would this be one who lays in his own yard and is maced by a passerby, or is this one who is strolling serenely down the street? There was a very nice, gentle black chow chow living at one time down the street. He is not living now because Animal Control was called on him and his owners could not come up with the money to retrieve him and it was therefore, put to sleep.

Dear Editor, I ask you, as well as all who read this letter, is this what the leash laws are for? Shall we just accept that there is one in the neighborhood who has begun a war on our pets? I say, investigate these laws, quit wasting tax dollars on unfounded "attacks" from docile pets, live and let live, leave the neighborhood in harmony or move. Thank you for this space.

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NAT HENTOFF

Can only whites be racists?

Although much attention has been paid to Louis Farrakhan's suspension of his national representative, the inflammatory Khalid Abdul Muhammad, there is one element of Muhammad's Nov. 29 speech at New Jersey's Kean College that has largely gone unnoticed — and unmentioned by Farrakhan.

In that speech, Muhammad lashed out at Jews, Catholics, gays and lesbians, otherwise unenumerated whites and Arabs. Because he had been so vicious, the Congressional Black Caucus was about to distance itself from Farrakhan, and he decided he had to make a show of (disciplining) Muhammad. Farrakhan, typically, tried to have it both ways. He relieved Muhammad of some of his responsibilities but said that he agreed with the "truths" of what Muhammad said. It was his disciple's "manner" that Farrakhan found wanting.

One of the things Muhammad said that didn't get into the newspapers was: "We are not racists. We can never be racists because we do not have the power to affect another race in every part of their lives."

According to that theory, if you can never be a racist, you can say the most vicious things about (anyone else) with impunity.

It is a familiar theory. I've heard it from some blacks through the years, as well as from white apologists for black racists.

But the myth that only those with power can be racists was dispelled for me many years ago. In Boston, in my teens, I lived on a street that was two-thirds Jewish and one-third black. There was no socializing between the two, but I was an exception because I had a black friend on that part of the street. Jews did not visit. And I got to know his family and friends. In the years after, through the jazz musicians with whom I was friendly, I spent time in black boarding houses and

after-hours clubs. And I saw racism by people with no power to affect the lives of other races.

For a time, there were light-skinned blacks who looked down on blacks with darker skins. (Like the German Jews in my neighborhood, who behaved like racists toward us Russian Jews.)

Mores and prejudices changed, and I saw darker blacks scolding those with lighter skins, because, they said, the latter had too much white blood to be authentically black.

One night at a jazz club in New York, Charles Mingus, the bassist and band leader, had just finished a set, and we were talking at the bar. A man, very black, came in and said contemptuously to Mingus, whose skin was lighter, "You're not black enough to play the blues. I mean, really play the blues."

Mingus drew his fist back, thought better of it, jumped onto the stand, got his bass, brought it down, and played a powerful, enveloping blues that would have made Beanie Smith join right in — it went so deep and was so full of life. Mingus' life.

The very black man slipped out of the bar as fast as he could.



According to that theory, if you can never be a racist, you can say the most vicious things about (anyone else) with impunity.



HODDING CARTER

Beckwith conviction sign of times

Justice was finally done earlier this month in Mississippi when Byron de la Beckwith was convicted of a 31-year-old murder, but there is a better than even chance that the twisted old racist will beat the rap on appeal. While Beckwith is and always has been clearly guilty of the cold-blooded killing of Medgar Evers, the brave field secretary of the NAACP, the Constitution of the United States is unambiguous about the right of any defendant to a speedy trial. Three decades is not "speedy" by any stretch of the imagination.

But just as much of the national editorial comment on Beckwith's indictment, trial and conviction managed to miss their underlying significance, it is important to beware of over-reaction in the opposite direction when, as is all too likely, he is set free on a "technicality." The state Supreme Court that may overturn the verdict represents a legal system and a society far removed from the one in which Beckwith operated with lethal invulnerability for so long.

This is written from firsthand experience. I shared a state and part of an era with him. He was as familiar to many of us in the Mississippi Yazoo Delta between the 1950s and the 1970s as a crazy second cousin.

Sometimes he seemed to be off on a crusade of his own. His rantings about "communist" forces within the Episcopal Church set him apart in the 1950s and early 1960s, when the average Episcopalian man wouldn't have recognized a communist if he tripped over one. On the other hand, his obsessive claims to a distinguished Southern heritage linked him to many of his contemporaries. For a frontier region settled in substantial numbers by men fleeing failure elsewhere in the South, the Delta had more than its share of people like "Declay," whose aristocratic lineage was as questionable as its assertion was vociferous.

If the South had remained frozen in segregation's cold amber, with white supremacy the unchanging ideology and racial separation by law its embodiment in the here and now, Beckwith would simply have lived out his life as a tolerated eccentric. But with the U.S. Supreme Court's desegregation decision in 1954 and black Southerners' accelerating demand for full citizenship, his virulent racism was no longer so far outside the mainstream.

It was a time in which virtually all of white society was united in a frenzied legal and extra-legal crusade to preserve segregation. Suddenly there was no excess, no barbarity, no vicious act that would not be tolerated or condoned so long as it was done to preserve "our way of life." Beckwith's protected career as murderer and bullyboy was a specific instance of a general condition rather than a unique deviation.

The list is too long to repeat here. Let it

simply be said that no white killer of an "uppity" black person was convicted in a Mississippi state court in the years I lived there. Mao's dictum that guerrillas needed a "sea" of supportive peasants in which to swim in safety had clear Southern application. Up until the 1970s the white South provided defense in depth for those who killed in the cause of white supremacy. No act was too vile, from the bombing of four Sunday School students in Birmingham, Ala., to the lynching of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Miss. The killers might be held in secret contempt, but they were enfolded in the protective web of white solidarity.

While the day of abiding brotherly love has no more arrived in Mississippi or Alabama today than it has in New York or California, that familiar web has been ripped apart. The closed society is no more. The unholy white conformity that provided a protective backdrop for hate-filled butchers has been destroyed. Blacks no longer live in fear of murder and repression as they did for centuries; fear of change no longer molds a white common front in defense of the indefensible.

Occasionally, some of us in the white South try to deny the obvious and pretend that fear and conformity were not the hallmarks of segregation, but they were. At end of day, good people averted their eyes and held their tongues while the Beckwiths did their work.

But it has been some time now since that was an accurate description of the Southern condition. Federal laws and court decisions broke the back of the segregationist order. Black mobilization and enfranchisement guaranteed there would be no turning back. White Southerners, freed at last from the past's dead hand, were finally free as well to choose a course set by conscience rather than race.

When white juries twice would not convict Byron de la Beckwith in the mid-1960s, no one was really surprised. They embodied the prevailing ethos of their state and time. When a Mississippi jury with a black majority responded to a white prosecutor and convicted him this month, it should also not have been a surprise. Beckwith never changed, nor did the reality of his despicable act.



There is a better chance that the twisted old racist will beat the rap on appeal.

JACK ANDERSON

A new fight on Gettysburg's hallowed ground

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Six score and 10 years since Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous address here, the federal government is fighting another civil war.

The battle lines are drawn between the National Park Service and the Library of Congress over who deserves the right to showcase two of the five known original drafts of the Gettysburg Address. The skirmish has cast a pall over Presidents Day for those assigned here to preserve the hallowed ground of the bloodiest conflict of the Civil War.

Since 1979, about 2.5 million Americans have visited the Gettysburg National Military Park to view the original documents on loan from the Library of Congress. But library officials are threatening to end the agreement at the end of this year. As a sop to the National Park Service, library officials are offering to send a "high-quality facsimile" of one of the drafts to the battlefield. The park service wants to keep the real thing.

The battle erupted after the library decided it wanted the documents under its permanent control in order to display them in one of its own Washington facilities.

In an office overlooking the snow-covered battlefield, we interviewed six park rangers who are prepared to battle library officials down to the last drop of ink. They maintain that the drafts belong on the battlefield — in the shadow of where Lincoln uttered the words — not 90 miles away in Washington, D.C.

"Having the real thing here — the speech that Lincoln wrote (and) held in his hand — takes people on a jump back in history," explained one of the rangers. "It brings them closer to it."

Some defenders of the park ask whether the library is even up to the job. Earlier this month, the library invited such criticism by admitting it lost track of 300,000 books and other objects, many of which are rare and "priceless." When the General Accounting Office finished the first ever financial audit of the 194-year old Library of Congress in 1991, the GAO said that "because of weaknesses in the library's financial management operations, its ability to account for and control its collection was limited." The report added that "the risk was high" that "other assets could have been lost or misappropriated."

"The library could not effectively ensure the safeguarding of its collection," the audit, reviewed by our associates Andrew Conte and Ed Henry, concluded. "This national treasure must be protected to the fullest extent possible by good records and other internal control safeguards. Overall, the library was unable to ensure that... its assets were not being lost to waste, fraud and abuse."

With 532 miles of books and 109 million total items spilling out over its shelves, the library is already spread thin. "With a collection as large as the Library of Congress has... it would be impossible to track absolutely every book at any given time," Library spokeswoman pausing Jill Breit told us. "It's an extremely daunting task to keep track of every single item."

For the original draft of the Gettysburg Address, the library promises to pay more attention. "I mean, when we had the Gettysburg Address," Breit said, "we didn't lose it, did we?"

Park rangers have been anything but careless. The document is housed in a high-tech "vault-type" chamber complete with sirens, whistles and lights.



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Longwood commission agenda

By NICK PFEIPAUF Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD - The Longwood City Commission will hold its regular meeting this evening. The following items are listed on the agenda:

- Silent meditation/Pledge of Allegiance
● Proclamation - Proclaiming Feb. 25 as Lyman High School Girls Soccer Team Day.
● Awards - Juveniles of the Year (JOY) Awards
● Board appointments - Equity Study Committee, by Districts 1, 3, and 4 and Director of Planning and Building Services.
● Public participation.
● Consent Agenda - Approve bill payment; minutes from Feb. 7 meeting; evaluation of Water/Sewer System; amended declaration of surplus list; purchase of computer for \$829 from Confiscation Fund; approval of expenditure of \$750 from Rock Lake Middle School 8th Grade celebration from the Confiscation Fund; approval of expenditure of \$1,277.50 toward purchase of "Starmaster" from Confiscation Fund.
● Ordinance - 2nd reading - Public Hearing - Providing for the collection of commercial recovered materials.
● Ordinance - 2nd reading - Public Hearing - Providing for the granting of a non-exclusive franchise to Disposal, Inc., for the collection of commercial solid waste.
● Ordinance - 2nd reading - Public Hearing - Amending zoning ordinance, amending the definition of junk by deleting unregistered motor vehicles from the definition.
● Ordinance - 2nd reading - Public Hearing - Amending FY 1993/94 budget, providing for budget transfers.
● Ordinance - 2nd reading

- Public Hearing - Amending comprehensive zoning ordinance, tree and woodland protection requirements, exempting owner-occupied homesteads from permit requirements.

● Ordinance - 2nd reading - Public Hearing - Amending City Code providing for the Code Enforcement Board to have jurisdiction and authority to hear and decide alleged violations of Chapter 9, Garbage and Refuse.
● Consideration - Annexation of Lake Oak Section
● Mayor report - Procedure for annual evaluation of City Administrator; de-annexation of certain rights of ways.
● Commissioner Miller - Left turn signs on C.R. 427.
● Commissioner Vacca - Zero Based budget
● Resolution - Approving entering into interlocal agreement between Seminole County and the City of Longwood for improvements on Rangeline Road.
● Resolution - Establishing an award procedure to recognize a Longwood business person each month.
● Monthly Financial Report - Status on financing of fire trucks.

● City Administrator's Report - Personnel unfunded mandates; Orlando urban area bicycle/pedestrian Advisory Committee appointment; waiver of city related fees for teen dance project.

● City Attorney's Report - Mandatory commercial wastewater hook-ups
● Mayor and Commissioner reports
● Adjourn.

The meeting will be held beginning at 7 p.m., this evening, Feb. 21, 1994 in the commission chambers of Longwood City Hall, 175 W. Warren Avenue, Longwood.

Youths

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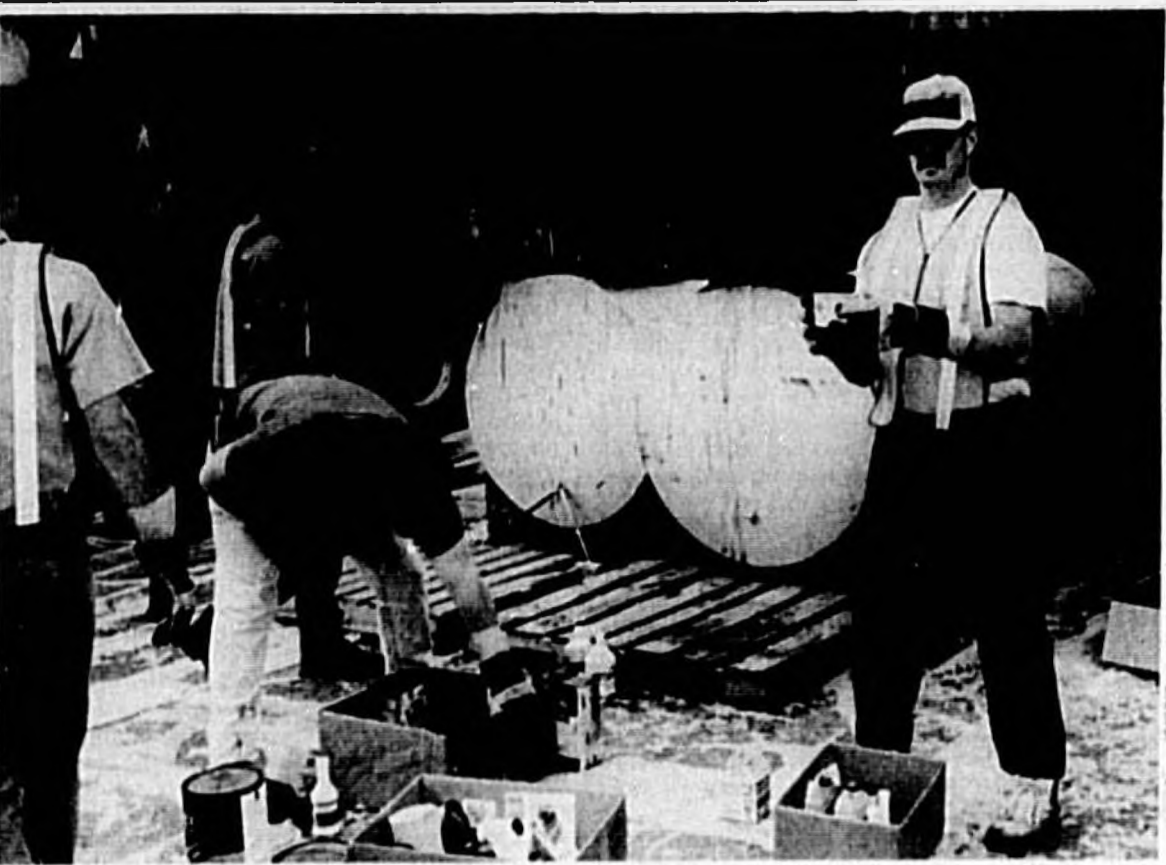
The list contains the following names: Benjamin Todd Green, Jr., Altamonte Elementary; Carlos Garrido, Greenwood Lakes Middle; Lori Siegel, Lake Mary High; Patrick Pleshek, Longwood Elementary; Stephen Hrncir, Lyman High; Chris Williams, Milwee Middle; Kelly Lynn Icardi, Rock Lake Middle; and Ewan Grove, Woodlands Elementary.

According to the wording on the certificate of appreciation to be given to each of the JOY winners, the document is being presented, "In recognition of the traits of character such as patriotism, attitude, enthusiasm, behavior, attendance, willingness to follow instructions, and the desire for self-improvement as evidenced by the recipient."

The certificate adds, "May these traits guarantee your continued success."

The awards will be presented by the mayor and commission during the early part of tonight's commission meeting.

The Longwood City Commission meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the commission chambers of Longwood City Hall, 175 W. Warren Avenue.



Environmental clean up

David Richards and his co-workers gathered up the remains of hazardous household chemicals that were dropped off during the county's amnesty day for disposal of such items.

Saturday's operation drew a large crowd of those wanting to get rid of everything from battery acid to paint thinner.

Herald Photo by Michael Stedman

Schools

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subject in which they have shown a deficiency. The computer then tests them and helps them build their skill levels.

All students will also be provided with one-on-one assistance from a certified teacher.

The goal of the program is to help the students at least meet the state's minimum skills requirements by the next time they take the HSCT examination.

The Lake Howell administration is asking the school board to approve a waiver that would allow them to offer class credit to students who successfully complete the remedial class.

In order to receive credit for the course, a student must show a mastery of the skills by passing the HSCT and by attending all 35 hours of the prescribed curriculum. Students who miss classes will be required to make up the time.

Any student who passes one section of the HSCT after the remediation class and who has attended all 35 one-hour sessions will earn half a credit for their efforts. If they pass both sections and have attended all the sessions, they will earn a full credit.

The credits may be used as electives only, the school has said.

Students may also participate in the class if they want remedial assistance to help them pass the test, but are not seeking the credit.

The school board is expected to pass Lake Howell's request.

The program will not cost the district any additional money as it will be paid for at the school level through the school's budget.

The board will meet in the board meeting room, 1211 S. Mellonville Ave., Sanford, at 7 p.m.

Develop

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begin action toward contacting some market research firms, and West will begin compiling preliminary information.

The specific area which may be targeted was not clearly explained during the meeting. Many months ago, the commissioners had suggested a downtown historic district, which would circle the area around the intersection of Country Club Road and Lake Mary Boulevard, which was the original downtown area of Lake

Mary prior to it becoming an incorporated city. During reports from commissioners, George Durycia commented that he was pleased steps are being once again taken toward rezoning the downtown area. "I thought the Business Advisory committee was doing something along this line," he commented.

West responded that the committee was waiting for further direction on the matter. "I'll just be glad to get this downtown revitalization project rolling again," Rockett observed.

Center

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In addition to the seminars, the Senior Center also offers trips, services and classes.

● Free Blood Pressure Screening - March 8, and every second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

● Mondays and Fridays - Free Tax Service for seniors provided by IRS and AARP. Times are from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Senior Center Office. The service is on a first come basis.

● March 10 - Cypress

Gardens trip by the Sanford Senior Travelers. Deadline for making arrangements to participate is March 3.

● March 17-19 - AARP 55 Alive Driving Class - The cost is \$8. Persons completing the two day course may get a reduction on auto insurance. Classes are from 12:30 until 4:30 each day.

For information on the Information Month seminars or other programs offered by the Sanford Senior Center, phone 330-5699.

The Sanford Senior Center is located in the east wing of the Civic Center.

DEATHS

ELIZABETH H. CORLISS - Elizabeth H. Corliss, 68, Hacienda Village, Winter Springs, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994, at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. Born April 10, 1925, in North Rose, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1973. Mrs. Corliss was a homemaker and Methodist. Survivors include husband, Walter; sons, Oindr. Waller II, Washington, D.C. Maj. Daniel, Woomera, Australia; brother, Jack Marshall, North Rose; sisters, Barbara Patterson, Ocala, Beverly Knapp, Leesburg; three grandchildren. Burial, in charge of arrangements.

Home, Forest City, in charge of arrangements.

AGNES J. LOBAIDO - Agnes J. Lobaido, 82, Linderwald Lane, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 1994, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born June 25, 1911, in Detroit, she moved to Central Florida in 1982. Mrs. Lobaido was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Survivors include daughters, Margaret Rzeszut, Altamonte Springs, Deanne VanSumner, Roseville, Mich.; son, Donald Balowski, Altamonte Springs; sister, Kathryn Balowski, Detroit; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

WALTER G. KAYSER - Walter G. Kayser, 80, Buck Court, Casselberry, died Friday, Feb. 18, 1994, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Jan. 10, 1914, in Buffalo, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1980. Mr. Kayser was a retired design engineer. He was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survivors include wife, Clara C.; son, Walter G. Jr., Rochester,

FUNERAL

CORLISS, ELIZABETH H. - Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth H. Corliss, who died Saturday will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the Brissan Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ed Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in the All Faiths Memorial Park. Visitation for friends will be Monday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Brissan Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

George, Wash., throws namesake a birthday party

By AVIVA L. BRANDY Associated Press Writer

GEORGE, Wash. - Where can a town of about 300 throw a birthday bash attracting up to 1,500 people?

On Presidents' Day, it's none other than George, Washington.

This dusty town in the central part of the state has thrown a party on the holiday - originally Washington's Birthday - since it was founded 37 years ago.

What better place to do it? "This is the only town in the United States that can wear the full name of a president, at least as of yet," said Merna Lutz, one of the Georgettes, a women's community group that organizes the party.

Lutz watched on July 4, 1957,

when George founder Charlie Brown dedicated the town's first plot. Then-Gov. Albert Rosellini came to George to plant the first cherry tree, establishing a tradition for each new landowner.

Cherries are everywhere in George, largely because of the legend that a young George Washington confessed to chopping down a cherry tree because he could not tell a lie.

Roads are named Ring and Royal Anne, after types of cherries. Some lots are even shaped like pieces of pie, presumably cherry.

"I think over the years we've been scoffed at as being hokey or corny, but in view of what's happening in the rest of the country with crime and violence, this is a great place to raise a family," said Debby Kooy, the

mayor's wife.

George boasts one restaurant, one gas station and one park. The town's 344 residents congregate at Martha's Inn Cafe, a diner with orange formica booths and friendly waitresses.

The American Automobile Association named George a "travel treasure" this year, Kooy said.

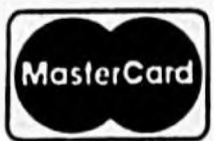
Presidents Day isn't George's only celebration. On the Fourth of July, the Georgettes bake an 8-foot cherry pie.

That dwarfs the today's birthday cake, which is only 6 feet by 3 feet. The Georgettes use 52 cake mixes and 15 dozen eggs, and began baking the cake in 16-inch squares last month.

Today's celebration also includes a carnival and bingo.

"It's supposed to be just like a birthday party," Mrs. Kooy said.

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Hardee's completes; final Sr. pairings set

In addition to the championship game next Saturday, Branch 147 will meet American Legion for third place...

Table showing Senior Division Playoffs Semifinals AOK Tires 17.

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Hardee's completed a 123-run season with six wins at Sanford Electric...

NBA STANDINGS

Table of NBA standings for Eastern, Western, and Pacific divisions.

NBA BOXES

Magie 106 Bucks 104 Orlando (199) Avent 13 9, Scott 15 12 18...

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

USA TODAY CNN basketball coaches' poll...

Table of college basketball records and stats.

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NHL SUMMARIES

Lightnings, Bruins Boston 0 1 0 - 2 Tampa Bay 1 0 1 0 - 2

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GOLF

Senior IntelNet Challenge Naples - Final scores and money winnings Sunday of the \$500,000 Senior IntelNet Challenge...

TENNIS

U.S. Indoor Results Philadelphia - Results Sunday of the U.S. Indoor men's tournament...

Seminole

Continued from 1B The Yellow Jackets went back on top 51-50...

After a timeout, Seminole took the ball out at midcourt...

Arrow Force II got the ball back on a defensive strip...

Baseball

Continued from 1B but it was rained out, Marotta struck out nine...

Doing the damage offensively for the Rams were Bryan Schumaker...

Lake Mary plays today in the Lyman tournament against Winter Park...

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by Chic Young



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BEETLE BAILEY



THE BORN LOSER



PEANUTS



BEAK & MEEK



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FRANK AND ERNEST



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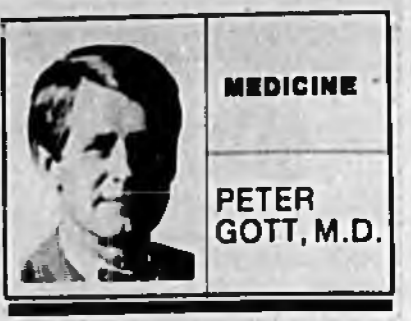


ROBOTMAN

Should emphysema patients exercise?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 51-year-old male with severe emphysema. I try to eat right, take vitamins and exercise five days a week...

Ectopic beats are often caused by stimulants such as caffeine, nicotine, anxiety, fatigue, and stress.



DEAR READER: You won't damage your heart by exercising, unless you really overdo it and fail to pay attention to what your body is telling you...

- ACROSS 1 Grain 4 Zodiac sign 9 Greek letter 12 Informed (old sl.) 13 Willow 14 Over there 15 Actor - Wallace 16 Author Joyce Carol 17 - my brother's keeper? 18 Highway to the far north 20 Ours - to reason why 22 Athlete 26 Football player - Yankton 29 Goddess of healing 30 Son of Ruth 34 City in Nevada 35 Soak, as fax 36 Was 37 Consumes 38 1,051, Roman 39 Politician Jack - 40 Radiate 41 Pub brew 42 Pronto (abbr.) 43 Paid no attention to 46 Use filtering liquid on 49 Former Russian leader 53 Hoodlum 54 Terrible 58 Medical suffix 59 Actress Charlotte - 60 Singer - Judd 61 Knock 62 Conclusion 63 Photographic Diane

Crossword puzzle grid with 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' and a list of words to be filled in, including DOTE, DOTS, HAM, DOM, RUIN, UKE, etc.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 32 and in good health according to my doctor, yet I experience ectopic heartbeats. I've noticed multiple occurrences and am concerned. DEAR READER: Ectopic (extra) heartbeats are exceedingly common in people of all ages...

DOWN crossword puzzle grid with a list of words to be filled in, including 1 Actress - Perlman, 2 Shout, 3 Heroic story, 4 Crazy, 5 A rose - rose, etc.

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder A baseball executive pointed out that you cannot reach second base while keeping one foot on first base. In other words, you must occasionally take risks...

There are several options, but a logical start is to win trick two with the spade ace, play a club to dummy's queen and cash the club king...

Bridge hand diagram showing North-South and East-West hands, vulnerable status, and a list of cards played.

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bode Osol YOUR BIRTHDAY Feb. 22, 1994 In the year ahead you're likely to do better in ventures or endeavors where partners play a very limited role instead of a major one.

to tell friends things they don't want to hear. Keep your critical comments to yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your probabilities for deriving a profit through traditional methods and procedures look good today...

capabilities, they could turn into frustration rather than motivation. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're not careful a discussion could turn into an argument...



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