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Partly Cloudy

Today: Partly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 70s.

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TODAY

Lottery numbers

Neither person with the two winning tickets for Saturday's Florida Lotto drawing purchased the tickets in Central Florida. The two who will share the estimated \$7 million purchased tickets in Clearwater and Sarasota.

For the additional 189,000 tickets which have cash prizes, 155 winners with 5 out of 6 will receive \$1,930.50 each; 9,148 winners with 4 out of 6 will receive \$78.50 each; and the 180,150 people who matched 3 out of 6 will receive \$5 each.

According to the Florida Lottery headquarters in Tallahassee, the winning numbers this past Saturday night were 12 - 16 - 25 - 41 - 44 - 45.

Special Olympic meeting

— ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The Seminole County Special Olympics Steering Committee will be hosting an informational and organizational meeting for all individuals who would be interested in learning more about the Special Olympics and be willing to volunteer to work on special committees.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in meeting room 2 of the Eastmonte Recreation Park, 830 Magnolia Drive in Altamonte Springs.

For additional information, contact Larry Levine at 942-5279.

Church and hotel sites

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary Planning and Zoning Board will meet this evening, (April 8), beginning at 7 p.m.

Items scheduled on the agenda include a conditional review for a planned expansion of St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Rinehart Road; a site plan review for a LaQuinta Inn hotel on the west side of Greenwood Blvd., east of I-4; site plan review for an office building on the west side of I-4 south of CR-46A, and a conditional use review for a 65-foot tall building located within the North Point DRI, at Lake Mary Health Care Center.

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

TDC meeting

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The Seminole County Tourist Development Commission (TDC) will meet Thursday, April 10 at Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs. One of the leading items on the agenda is a review of applications for TDC funds for 1997, from the Central Florida Zoological Park, Scottish Games, Promotions Unlimited, and others.

The meeting, at 12:30, will follow a noon luncheon. Cost for the luncheon is \$6.95.

All members and interested persons are urged to phone the TDC office at 328-5770 to indicate attendance.

April is Arbor Month

SANFORD — Here's a reminder about what you can do to renew the spirit of Arbor Month in April. Check with the Agriculture Center for small trees that are often available for free. Check with your local nurseries, encourage others to plant a tree, have a poster contest. Also, call (407) 687-6016, ask for Ernest Hatton and talk tree.

Boggy Creek Gang tees off

ORLANDO — The Boggy Creek Gang Charitable Shotgun Golf Tournament will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 25 at MetroWest Country Club.

For more information, contact John Brewerton at (407) 649-9500.

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The joint is jumpin'



This afternoon's Public Meeting at the County Services will be jumping when the Lady Raiders of Seminole Community College are saluted for their grand basketball season by the Board of Seminole County Commissioners. The Lady Raiders are (from the left) Daungi Carter, Angel Rhodes, Marja Kettinen, Izzy Medhanis, Angela Meiser, Winsum Clark, Toya Griffin, Sandra Drasovic and Charlotte Griffin. Please see Russ White's sports column on Page B-1.

Clearing the way for road's missing link

By NICK PPEPAUF
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County Expressway Authority is telling tenants of the old Zayre Shopping Center, U.S. Highway 17-92 at Airport Boulevard, that it's time to move on. The final date has been set for November 30.

Expressway Authority Executive Director Gerald Brinton also has officially announced his plans to move on. His final date is May 2.

Last Wednesday, the Seminole County Expressway Authority approved a request which would authorize Brinton, as executive director, to issue formal notices to the tenants.

The shopping center is in the path of the alignment for the extension of the Central Florida GreeneWay. The area which encompasses the shopping center is referred to as the "Missing Link" which will lengthen the highway from U.S.

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Report: Public Works needs restructuring

By RUSSE WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — It took a couple of months of evaluation for Acting Public Works Director Tony VanderWorp to determine that the department's managers and personnel are overworked and hindered by the current budget process.

Better definition of the Director's Office role would help reduce a sorry lack of communication between managers and staff - and probably cause a shakeup at the top levels.

The evaluation revealed management staff needs to do a better job representing the county - and that management often has a defensive reaction to issues and challenges.

Employees, VanderWorp reported, need to be more proactive and empowered, and there are plans to reward those who excel.

"The current environment has the department running at breakneck speed to do daily tasks rather than finding new and better ways to meet both daily and long term program needs," VanderWorp told the Board of County Commissioners at a 10:30 a.m. workshop today.

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Jolly Green Giant collard



Willie Laura Cochran of Sanford is most proud of the giant collard green she planted on Good Friday last year. The leaves at the bottom of the plant are three feet long and 20 inches wide. She is holding a jar of blackberries she also grew in her yard. Her neighbors are undoubtedly green with envy.

Top science students head for international fair

By VICKI BOGGERMAN
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Four Seminole County students will represent Seminole County in the International Science and Engineering Fair next month.

Jed Rose, Robert Shydo and the team of Jill Ricker and Sarah Sherwood will travel to Louisville, Ky. for the event.

All four are in Dr. Susan Behel's classes at Lake Brantley High School.

Tenth graders Ricker and Sherwood earned a second place in the state competition for their project.

Rose's computer science work earned him a third place award at the state science and engineering fair.

Shydo's second place project at the state

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Sanford cop dies without regaining consciousness

By VICKI BOGGERMAN
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Family made the decision to let her go early last evening.

Sharon Sheaffer was disconnected from life support systems and allowed to pass away.

Cpl. Sheaffer, of the Sanford Police Department, had suffered a massive heart attack on Wednesday evening and remained in a Level 4 coma for the remainder of her life.

At the time of her heart attack, Sheaffer was awaiting word on what punishment she should receive for her part in sending an SPD file to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in an effort to speed up an investigation.

Cmdr. Mitch Tindel, her supervisor at the Sanford Police Department, said Sheaffer will be

missed by her squad. She was, he said, both a good officer and a good friend to those with whom she worked.

"The guys respected her as a corporal when they were on duty," Tindel said. "She was a strong officer in that uniform, but when they were off duty, she was like a mother figure to them. She took care of them."

Tindel said the officers in her squad looked up to her and trusted her with their lives every day.

"She had a lot of young men in her squad and they knew she was a good corporal and they trusted her with their lives," he said.

Sheaffer will be missed by her fellow officers said Tindel.

"All the guys are having a hard time dealing with this," he admitted.

Sheaffer's family and friends maintained a round-the-clock vigil at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford since she was brought there by paramedics. Taking turns during visiting times standing at her side, talking with her and encouraging her to recover.

Teddy bears and guardian angels dangled from the various devices in her room. Officers in uniform hugged one another and cried.

"We all loved her very much," said Claudia Weber, a fellow officer and one of Sheaffer's best friends.

Weber fought back the tears this morning as she prepared to help the family make funeral arrangements.

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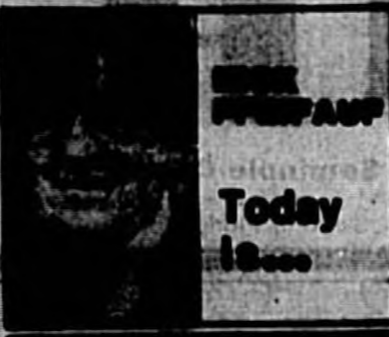
Cpl. Sharon Sheaffer

Some not-so-well-known birthdays



Vintage view

Since it is only six miles south of Sanford, just off Gen. Hutchinson Parkway, most of you have visited the Big Tree. It stands in a Seminole County-owned park with a slanted upper cable to protect it from lightning. The Big Tree, shown here from an early 1900s postcard, is over 3,000 years old. It is both the oldest and largest cypress tree in the United States. Before the hurricane of 1928, it had reached a towering height of 165 feet; now it is 139 feet tall with a diameter of 7.5 feet and a circumference of 27 feet. At one time, before the Seminole Wars, the Seminole Indians used to cut the bark of Big Tree Park. At that time, there were four huge trees that were used as landmarks for traders. There is still one large tree nearby. In the 1880s when Sanford and Orange County were young indeed, projects were undertaken to cut in the swampy land, build pines and fences and to make other improvements so the tree could be accessible to the public. In 1928, Pres. Calvin Coolidge dedicated the tree and placed a bronze plaque on its trunk. Unfortunately, vandals removed the plaque in 1945. Many of you will remember there was a concession stand and small gift shop at the Big Tree at one time. I believe I remember that V.G. "Doc" Nease operated the concession stand and gift shop at the Big Tree at one time. I believe I remember that V.G. "Doc" Nease operated the concession stand and gift shop at the Big Tree at one time.



A number of names highlight today's history; names many people may not recognize. William Williams, Gautama Siddhartha Shaha, Ryan White, recognize any of these people? If you can identify any one of them, you deserve a spot at the head of the class.

Ryan White made his place in history beginning in 1984. At the age of 10, he was diagnosed as having Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). He contracted the disease through a blood transfusion.

After being banned from the Central Indiana public school system, he moved with his mother and 16-year old sister to Cicero, Indiana, where he was accepted by students and faculty. While he said he wanted

to be treated like an ordinary student, he was with an outbreak of acute meningitis and one of the first young acquaintances for persons with AIDS, he attracted nationwide attention including contacts from Michael Jackson.

Jackson not only gave White a red Mustang convertible, but invited him to be a guest at the 1980 Academy Awards. Within a few days after the awards however, White, then 18, became extremely ill and was put on life support. He died April 8th of that year.

His funeral was attended by Jackson, first lady Barbara Bush and Ellen John, John incidentally sang at the service.

Ryan White is credited with being the first youngster to have his face, name and problem spread around the nation in connection with AIDS research and furthering the understanding of the disease.

William Williams, (would you believe his middle name was William? His parent's weren't very creative), was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was born on this date in history in 1731. Lewis Morris, also a signer of the document, was born on this date in 1726.

and most people don't remember his either.

As for Gusman, Gus was a family name. Gusman was a given name. The clan was Shaha. No one knows exactly when he was born, but they celebrate the event on April 8th. He is believed to have lived in India from 300 BC to 400 BC. He is Buddha, the founder of Buddhism.

Sports fans, this was a big day. On April 6, 1974, Henry "Hammerin' Hank" Aaron hit the 715th home run of his career, breaking the record set by Babe Ruth in 1935. He finished his career in 1976 with a total of 755, a record which remains unbroken. When he retired, Aaron also was first in the number of RBIs, second in at-bats and runs scored, and

and most people don't remember his either.

This was also a big day for voters. On April 6, 1966, the last poll tax was abolished by a three-judge federal court in Jackson, Mississippi. The state had been charging \$2 per person to vote in state or local elections. "It's unfair," proponents charged. "Four people cannot afford it and it is keeping the voters away from the polls." Of course after the abolishment, there was a significant increase in the voter turnout and the usual population increase figures.

Historically, jazz singer Carmen McRae was born on this date in 1920. Elizabeth (Betty) Bloomer Warren, who married Gerald Ford and became First Lady, was born in 1918.

Keep Us Informed

The Sanford Herald welcomes health information for our health and fitness page. You can submit information to us at: The Sanford Herald, P.O. Box 1867 or N. French Ave., Sanford, 32771. Phone: 336-2611 or Fax: 323-9408.

Goldsboro has always been vital to community

Goldsboro is an important part of the community life. The community of Sanford, Seminole County and where ever former principals, teachers, staff and students who have past through the halls of Goldsboro Elementary School.

The community is invited to be a part of the Historical Goldsboro Elementary School Reunion that will showcase the school years of 1916-1987.

Principal Ron Nathan, a former student of Goldsboro, reminds the students daily that "everyday at Goldsboro Elementary, every child is a winner."

The Reunion Committee solicits the help of family, friends and students in finding former students who attended Goldsboro Elementary. Contact: Goldsboro Reunion Committee (407)323-7933 or for information about people who attended Goldsboro, (407)323-6847.



Mrs. M.R. Roberts, left, and Ted Johnson, right, congratulate Frederick McDonald on an award at Goldsboro in 1980s. Tickets are \$10 will be available at the school beginning April. The Reunion Committee is looking for the young student standing in the middle, receiving an award. Shown are faculty member Mahele Roberts and Theora Johnson. If you know the student, please call 323-7933. The Reunion Committee.

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 70s. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low in the upper 50s. Wednesday: Thunderstorms. High in the mid to upper 70s. Lows in the lower 60s. Thursday: Thunderstorms. Lows in the low to mid 60s. High in the low to mid 70s. Friday: Showers. Lows in the mid to upper 50s. High in the upper 70s. Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. High in the lower 80s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK	
TUESDAY High 69-77	WEDNESDAY Temps 63-77
THURSDAY Temps 63-75	FRIDAY Showers 56-77

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and glassy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 65 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 feet and glassy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 65 degrees.

FLORIDA TEMPS

MIAMI - Florida 24-hour temperatures and rainfall at 9 a.m. EDT today:

City	H	L	Rain
Apalachicola	88	73	0.0
Daytona Beach	90	68	0.0
Fort Lauderdale	88	73	0.0
Fort Myers	85	67	0.0
Gainesville	83	65	0.0
Jacksonville	83	65	0.0
Kay West	84	77	0.0
Miami	88	73	0.0
Panama City	76	66	0.0
Seaside	88	68	0.0
Tallahassee	88	68	0.0
Tampa	88	71	0.0
W. Palm Beach	88	68	0.0

WEDNESDAY SOLUNAR TABLE

min.: 9:45 a.m., 9:35 p.m., maj.: 2:40 a.m., 3:50 p.m.
TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 10:33 a.m., 10:55 p.m.; lows, 4:29 a.m., 4:29 p.m.; **New Smyrna Beach:** highs, 10:38 a.m., 11:00 p.m.; lows, 4:34 a.m., 4:34 p.m.; **Cocoa Beach:** highs, 10:53 a.m., 11:37 p.m.; lows, 4:49 a.m., 4:49 p.m.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Thursday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
3-4-6-7-18

Cash 3
8-3-8

Pick 4
7-6-2-3

Windchase apartments pass the final hurdles

By MICK PERRIN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - A new proposed 352 unit apartment complex in Sanford has passed several hurdles. Both a request for a dimensional variance and consideration of the actual site plan were approved at last Thursday's Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

The complex, to be called Windchase Apartments, is to be located at 2675 W. 25th Street. The site plan had been submitted earlier but was tabled on March 20.

The actual location of the complex would be bordered on the north by W. 25th Street, on the east and southeast by Old Lake Mary Road, and on the west by Airport Blvd. Property to be developed is listed as 265

Windchase apartments pass the final hurdles

acres.

Sixteen separate buildings are proposed. Eight of them are two story and three story combinations.

The dimensional variance which had been requested was to allow a 43 foot 6 inch building height, rather than the maximum of 35 feet allowed in the Sanford city limits.

The property immediately to the south of the proposed Windchase Apartments, is Stonebrook Apartments, with buildings to be slightly over 30 feet in height.

In another move this past Thursday, Sanford's P&Z also approved the preliminary subdivision plan for Gordon Subdivision, a proposed ten lot industrial park, to be located at 655

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For the kids

Mayor Larry Dale of Sanford presents Don Miller, director of the Sanford Boys and Girls Club with a commendation certificate for his work in the community.

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EDITORIAL

Marriage counseling?

State Representative Elaine Bloom is pushing a bill in this year's Florida Legislative session. It's the "Marriage Preparation and Preservation Act of 1997" bill. Whether it passes or not is still to be determined, but we wouldn't hold our breath on this one.

If approved, it would require prospective couples to attend a four hour course on marital rights, responsibilities and requirements. Who would conduct such classes? Would students be graded ("No, you had a D on this one, you can't get married")?

Then, if a couple decided to get married without attending the required course, what would happen? Would the state revoke their marriage license? Would churches and clergy refuse to conduct ceremonies? Would the couple not be allowed to have joint banking accounts or purchase property jointly? We doubt it.

We also doubt if the police would come out to the newlyweds' homes and drag them off to jail for violation of a state law.

Yes, the intent of the measure does have merit. There needs to be something undertaken to prevent the ever increasing number of marriages which never seem to make it beyond a few months or the first year.

What we believe is needed, is more intensive education in our public school level. It is the responsibility of our schools to educate our youngsters on how to survive in adult years, isn't it? Therefore, shouldn't the survival of marriages also be important?

We'll be very surprised if this law passes. We'd be even more surprised, if passed, if it has any teeth.

But let's not drop the ball on our concern over this matter. Divorces most often hurt people, especially the children involved. The lack of a divorce often results in domestic violence situations.

LETTERS

Who is next?

The police officers I know are very special people. They are if anything, idealist, with an idea when they start out that they can change the world. They come to realize that maybe they are only like the little Dutch boy, holding their fingers in the dike. They are the ones we turn to when we've been robbed, or the "S.O.B." who gave you a ticket (even though you know you were speeding). They go from a murder scene to a mother in the middle of the night, crying over her child killed by a drunk driver.

We, the wives, husbands and families of these police officers, worry about them the whole time they are on the road, but, when they are safe asleep in their beds with us, we relax and let our guard down.

But last Wednesday night, while safe in her bed, Sanford Police Officer, Sharon Sheaffer, was struck by a bullet. This wasn't a bullet fired from a gun...but a bullet of stress fired by her department.

As you may know, Sharon has been told that she was wrong for taking a file from the department, giving it to her husband, who then sent it to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Governor's Office to investigate. Sharon did not do this out of malice, or to further her own agenda...she did this in a sense of honor and justice. Many knew of the case, but nothing was being done. Right or wrong, she felt something needed to be done about what she saw was unjust.

As I write this, Sharon lies in her hospital bed. Only a miracle from God will save her. Thursday was the day she was to find out if she would no longer be allowed to do the job she loved and was so very good at. Corporal Sharon Sheaffer is one of the finest police officers I know. She is greatly admired, respected and yes, loved by her fellow police officers. She is tough, fair and above all honest.

I have seen the faces of the men and women of the Sanford Police Department at the hospital waiting for news. Their hearts are heavy. But I wonder, who will be next to suffer. The stress from the road and the pain & cruelty that they see on the job, they can handle. They do that everyday, but, the stress from the department management may be more than they can handle. Who will be the next one to break? Can't something be done to realize that there must be a better solution. Commissions to study the department may be a good idea, but how long will that take? Do we have to lose more good officers, not only to other departments, but to death. How much more can we afford to lose?

Please pray for Sharon, her husband Ricky, her family and also for the police officers of Sanford. They will need your prayers in their grief for their loved one and friend.

Joy Brewer
 A Sanford Police Officer's Wife

Editor's note: Cpl. Sheaffer passed away Monday night.

Beloved friend will be missed

Sanford Police Cpl. Sharon Sheaffer always wore a shiny gold guardian angel pinned beneath the flap of the front pocket of her uniform to keep her safe from danger.

Sheaffer, a 14-year veteran of the force, was proud to be a cop. You could tell by the way she carried herself, with authority to diffuse a bad situation, with compassion and strength to ease a sad one. The crosses in her dark blue uniform were pressed knife sharp, her thick Auburn hair clipped like a copper helmet. She had presents. If you spotted her on call, one of only five female officers in Sanford, you couldn't miss Sharon.

But we all will now.

Cpl. Sheaffer died Monday night from complications of a heart attack suffered last week. She was only 41. "She was my sister, my good friend. We all miss her already," fellow officer Terry Murray said Monday night.

Sheaffer's legacy for all of us who knew her goes beyond the friendship we shared with her. In a jaded world of Watergate and questionable ethics, when too many people look the other way and too many deals are shady, Sharon always



LACY LOAR

Herald Editor

upheld the oath of her office, in her personal and professional lives. She fought to be the first female to make rank in the department. She fought to see justice done when a good old boy system threatened that it might not be.

"She died for her convictions," Murray said. Sharon, I think, would be proud that she held those convictions when it would have been easier to abandon them. She told me once that she fought so hard for a simple reason: Because there is a right and there is a wrong.

She was right. If we forget her simple reason, then what have we all become?

She leaves the message to us all that our courage and dignity is a wellspring of our humanness.

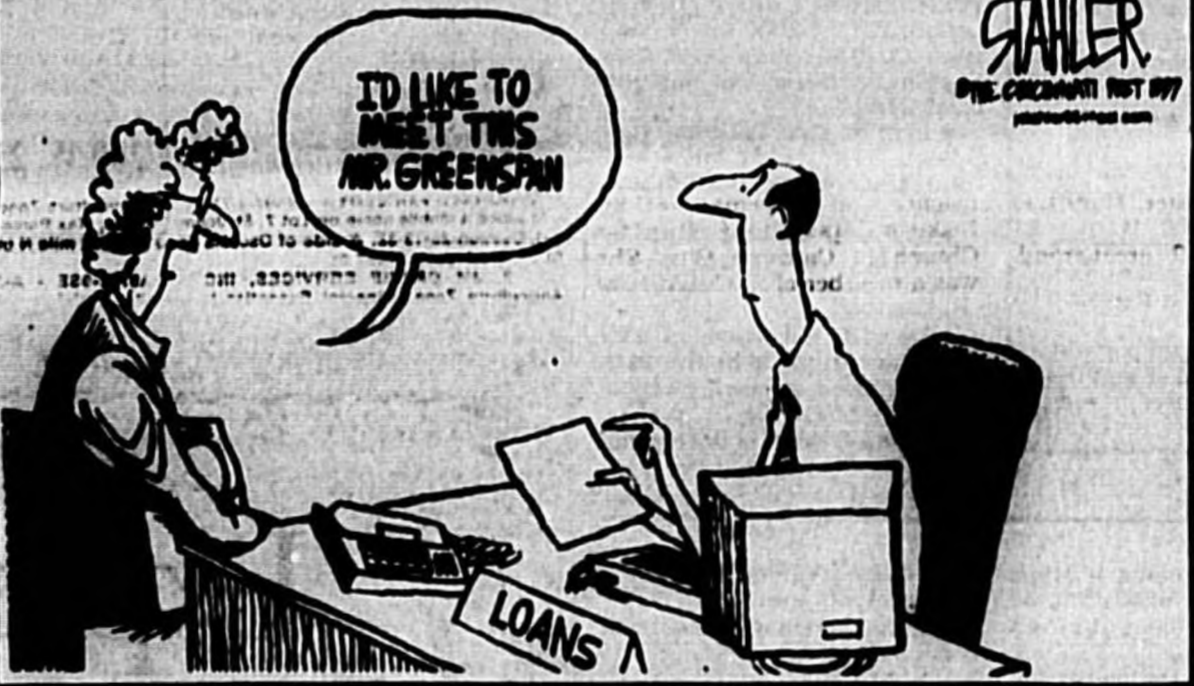
Fellow officer Claudia Weber concurs. "She was the epitome of a professional police officer. She was loved and respected by all those who worked with her. She was my friend."

Former colleague Robin Bernosky, now a Winter Springs officer, also found a sister and a friend in Sharon. "She was my very dear friend who was always there when I needed her. We'll all cherish her memory."

Weber shared the anecdote about Sharon's guardian angel pin as we visited Sharon in the hospital, shortly before her death. She decided to retrieve the pin from the pocket of Sharon's uniform, and affix it to her hospital gown. Her angel had kept her safe in the streets. It would see her safely home.

Weber now wears a guardian angel of her own. She named it Sharon.

"Sharon is our guardian angel now," Bernosky said.



Wanting to meet Katharine Graham

In its last glorious moments, the Washington Star all but exhausted itself tweaking the Washington Post.

It was great fun referring to the almighty Post as the "O.P." - or the Other Paper.

Star reporter Lynn Rosellini did a biting five-part profile of Post publisher Katharine Graham and there were daily shots at Ben Bradlee (O.P. editor) and Sally Quinn, (O.P. reporter) referring to them as the "Fin Couple."

In her delightfully, honest book - Personal History - Katharine Graham writes graciously about the Star Wars that sadly ended on August, 7, 1981 when the 128-year-old Washington Star ceased publication.

For the past three days, I've devoured the book. It ought to be required reading for every journalist in the country. I truly regret I never met Katharine Graham during my newspaper career in the greatest newspaper town in the world.

Having worked 23 years in Washington - for the Daily News and the Star, I was familiar with the workings of the Washington Post and enjoyed nothing more than whipping the O.P.'s reporters to a story. Just being with them was a treat.

I recall a tennis match at Georgetown University that Sally Quinn covered for the Post and I covered for the Star. We sat in a tiny press box at McDonough Gymnasium and watched as the odd couple - Vice President Spiro Agnew and Washington Redskins quarterback Sonny Jurgensen - played in a charity doubles match.

"Can we go to the locker room?" Sally asked as the match was ending.

"Of course," I told her.

We found several secret service guys barring the locker room door.

"Press," we announced. "We want to see the Vice President and Sonny."

"No one goes in," we were told.

"How come?"

"No interviews," we were told.

Sally clicked her heels, unhappily returning to the press box.



Russ White

STAFF WRITER

President can't talk because he was naked."

"That'll work," I said.

Almost everything Sally Quinn did - everything the O.P. did seemed to work in those days. I still think we (Star reporters) had more fun, especially when it came to covering sports - the Redskins, the Washington Senators, and later - the Bullets and Capitals.

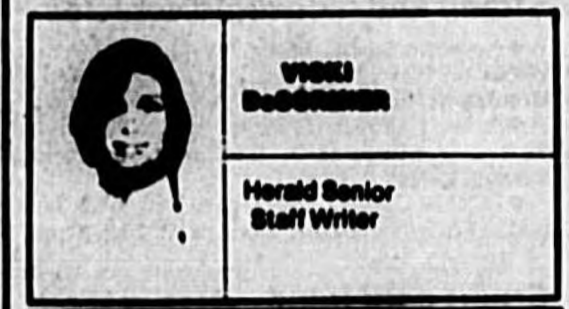
Katharine Graham had to be aware that the old Daily News and the Star both had better sports sections than the Post. Sure, the O.P. had Woodward and Bernstein and all the Watergate scoop but we had better sports. Eventually, the Post hired George Solomon from the Daily News as its sports editor. He's still the Post sports editor.

Ms. Graham mentions Solomon in her book, but sadly she fails to give credit to the great sports sections at the Daily News and Star and all the debates we rang on the O.P. through the 1960s and 1970s.

I made dozens of trips to the Post newsroom and would catch a glimpse of Ben Bradlee now and then. Always thought he looked like Jason Roberts, and what a surprise when Roberts played Bradlee in "All the Presidents Men." George Solomon had Ben Bradlee autograph his book for me last year. Bradlee kindly penned, "one newsmen to another."

I doubt if anyone told Ben Bradlee that I took dictation and wrote some high school sports stories for the Post when I was 17 and later wrote a by-lined freelance piece for the sports page in 1982. Yes, sir, had several fat paychecks from the Washington Post.

For the most part, though, I was one of the O.P.'s abundant footcandy. While I could tell you about Katharine Graham, it's too late.



YVONI BUCHANAN

Herald Senior Staff Writer

Yuck! Making a point about those slimy oysters

"Yuck-ee!" I've thought in the past when confronted with a plate of oysters. "I think someone sneezed on that plate."

If the pearls have already been plucked from those shells, what is the point of an oyster?

But (my mother, who attended had to B&O me to eat anything, much less anything really exotic...like a hamburger or french fries...will be pleased to read this), I made a vow this year to try new foods when the opportunity presented itself.

So there I was, beside at a tidy little Cocoa Beach bistro listening to a friend actually order oysters...raw.

"Honeyboy, here we go," I thought.

A cool ocean breeze tickled my face and made me giggle. I watched tourists with ahistorical taste try to look cool in their newly purchased swimsuits. I poked fun (at a safe and polite distance) at the gentleman who was in a far greater need of a bra than I.

I did anything to avoid thinking about those oysters.

All too soon, our cheery waitress arrived carrying a dozen huge oysters.

You know, they didn't look so bad.

I mean, I love clams: steamed, stuffed, fried; however you want to fix 'em. And I guess those little guys weren't much different. Just raw.

O.K. So, here we go.

My friend carefully pulled a shimmering body from the shell and dipped it in the cocktail sauce. He placed it on a Saltinge cracker and handed it to me.

"Thanks," I said, holding the slippery snack and watching him prepare another for himself. "You go first," I thought.

He swallowed the concoction whole. Gulp.

I did the same. Well, sortof.

"Wait a second...that tasted good," I thought as I chewed up bits of cracker. "That can't be. I'd better try another to be sure."

Another...and another...

Half a dozen oysters later, I discovered I really liked those things. Too bad they're generally priced out of my range. Oh well.

And I recently discovered a Southern delicacy that is much more in my price range that I had dismissed for all these years without so much as a taste: boiled (apparently pronounced "bowled") peanuts.

Offered the chance to taste them for the first time the other day, I took a handful of the soggy peanuts.

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BERRY'S WORLD

Road

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Highway 17-92 to Interstate 4.

"We obtained the shopping center property back in 1980," Brinton said, "but rather than just let it sit vacant while we did our planning and obtain funding, we allowed a number of not-for-profit and social service organizations to lease the facilities."

Brinton said the lease amounts were as low as possible in order to assist the various operations. "But the money we did take in went to help pay for our administration fees," he said.

Tenants presently using the facility include the food commodities operation, Golden Rule, Freedom Assembly Church, Seminole Mental Health, Mother Weaver's storage area, and Habitat for Humanity.

"This isn't any surprise for them," Brinton said. "They have known right from the start that once our plans were completed, we would be asking them to leave. As far as I know, most of them have apparently been able to obtain new facilities," he added.

In other work pertaining to the Missing Link this past Wednesday, the Authority authorized the chairman to submit an application for \$22.662 million from the Toll Facilities Revolving Trust Fund, for the purchase of right-of-way through the proposed joint participation agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5.

The money had previously been earmarked by the Florida Legislature specifically for the Missing Link project. Brinton said it involves the right-of-way acquisition from Rinchart Road to Interstate 4.

Earlier in the meeting, Brinton submitted his resignation as

executive director of the Expressway Authority. "Most of my work in the past year has been to get the project fully funded," he said, "and it's time for me to move on."

He explained that the FDOT is now handling right-of-way ac-

quisition, construction will be turned over to the turnpike authority, and the project has been fully funded.

"We have possibly a year to a year and a half of design work left to be completed," he said,

"so our work is winding down." Brinton filed his resignation in effect on May 2. He said there appeared to be no immediate plans to replace him. The vote by the Authority to accept his resignation was four to one.



World Photo by Steve Barnes

Well-wishers for Cpl. Shearer included a host of friends and businesses such as the Barn, with its marquee message of prayer.

Shearer

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"She was one of my best friends," Weber said. "There were a lot of times when I first started (at the SPD) back in 1988 when I wanted to quit. She wouldn't let me quit. That's why I'm here today."

Neither Chief Joe Dillard nor Deputy Chief Dennis Whitmore were available for comment this morning. Public information officer Tom Skiba said the department had no formal statement on Shearer's death at this time.



VERA MAE BELL
Vera Mae Bell, 80, Dixie Avenue, Sanford, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at her residence. Born April 15, 1916 in Madison, Mo. She was a homemaker and a member of Morning Glory Missionary Baptist Church.

Fondren, Clarksville, Tenn.; Betty Selbe, Courtois, Mo.; Carol Stout, Deleona; brother, Neal, Dexter, Maine; sister, Mary Lou Graas, Monticello, Maine; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include son, Theatress Jones, Jr., Sanford; sister, Ida Bell Rodden, Sanford; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

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

GEORGE B. BYRD
George B. Byrd, 77, Scarlet Road, Winter Park, died Sunday, April 6, 1997 at IHS of Winter Park.

Center in Daytona. Born Aug. 15, 1907 in Sanford, she was a retired school teacher and a member of St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church in Cameron City. She was a member of the NAACP, of the Seminole County Retired Teachers Association, the Florida A&M University Alumni Association and she was a deaconess in her church.

Survivors include wife, Antoinette Albany; nephew, Ted DiGiovanni, Altamonte Springs; niece, Margaret Clayton, New Orleans.

Survivors include her sisters Annie Mae Wright of Sanford and Ernestine Brown of Orlando; and her step-daughters Dorothea Williams Fogle of Sanford and Ester Mae Barfield of Madison, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Altamonte Springs; his sons George B. Byrd of Cincinnati and Charles David Byrd of St. Petersburg; her daughters Barbara Ann Robinson of Cincinnati and Shawn Byrd of Apopka; his brothers Herman Byrd, Robert C. Byrd, Ernest Byrd, Donald Byrd and James Byrd, all of Lexington, Ky., and his sister Edna B. Jones of Lexington, Ky.

Survivors include her husband Ricky; her mother Norma D. Marano of DeBary; her son Jacob Luther Smith, Jr. of Dickerson, Md.; her step-daughter Sarah Shender of Sanford; her sister Rhonda L. Jones of Longwood; her brother John Paul Ferris of Longwood, many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles who loved her dearly, and Scotty and Lannie.

Wilson-Eicheberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of the arrangements.

Gramkow Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

ELLIOTT G. DAVIS
Elliott G. Davis, 81, E. First Street, Sanford, died Friday, April 4, 1997 at his residence. Born Jan. 18, 1916 in Newport, Maine. He moved to Central Florida in 1965. He was a maintenance worker with a gas company. He was Baptist and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Mary; sons, Grant, St. Louis, Jonathan, Winter Springs, Ronald, Frankford, Ky., Taylor, Orlando; daughters, Donna

Survivors include wife, Viola Garretti; sons, Walter Jr., Georgia, Aubrey Taylor, Longwood, Eddie Taylor, Hendersonville, N.C., Dale Taylor, Sanford; sisters, Clara Bruhl, Long Island, N.Y., Lois Bean, DeBary, Joanne Faircloth, Orlando; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; her sister Edythe M. Branch of Branchville, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles who loved her dearly, and Mrs. James Drum of Sanford.

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WALTER E. WEST
Walter E. West, 63, Walter Point, Geneva, died Sunday, April 6, 1997, at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford. Born July 28, 1933 in Lindhurst, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1980. He was a retired electrician for Graves Electric, Winter Park. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Antoinette Albany; nephew, Ted DiGiovanni, Altamonte Springs; niece, Margaret Clayton, New Orleans.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Altamonte Springs; his sons George B. Byrd of Cincinnati and Charles David Byrd of St. Petersburg; her daughters Barbara Ann Robinson of Cincinnati and Shawn Byrd of Apopka; his brothers Herman Byrd, Robert C. Byrd, Ernest Byrd, Donald Byrd and James Byrd, all of Lexington, Ky., and his sister Edna B. Jones of Lexington, Ky.

Wilson-Eicheberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of the arrangements.

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They are being asked to vacate completely by no later than Nov. 30.

Several social service agencies presently occupy the old Zayre Shopping Center in Sanford.

Legal Notices

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
APRIL 22, 1997
6:00 P.M.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Seminole County Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:

- 1. SHARON G. SHEARER - 2007-4-007 - A-1 Residential Zone -** Request for a change in zoning from A-1 Residential Zone to A-1A Residential Zone on Lot 14, Block 14, Subdivision 14, PG 24, PG 25, PG 26, PG 27, PG 28, PG 29, PG 30, PG 31, PG 32, PG 33, PG 34, PG 35, PG 36, PG 37, PG 38, PG 39, PG 40, PG 41, PG 42, PG 43, PG 44, PG 45, PG 46, PG 47, PG 48, PG 49, PG 50, PG 51, PG 52, PG 53, PG 54, PG 55, PG 56, PG 57, PG 58, PG 59, PG 60, PG 61, PG 62, PG 63, PG 64, PG 65, PG 66, PG 67, PG 68, PG 69, PG 70, PG 71, PG 72, PG 73, PG 74, PG 75, PG 76, PG 77, PG 78, PG 79, PG 80, PG 81, PG 82, PG 83, PG 84, PG 85, PG 86, PG 87, PG 88, PG 89, PG 90, PG 91, PG 92, PG 93, PG 94, PG 95, PG 96, PG 97, PG 98, PG 99, PG 100, PG 101, PG 102, PG 103, PG 104, PG 105, PG 106, PG 107, PG 108, PG 109, PG 110, PG 111, PG 112, PG 113, PG 114, PG 115, PG 116, PG 117, PG 118, PG 119, PG 120, PG 121, PG 122, PG 123, PG 124, PG 125, PG 126, PG 127, PG 128, PG 129, PG 130, PG 131, PG 132, PG 133, PG 134, PG 135, PG 136, PG 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People

CALENDAR

Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types blood — especially O-type donors — to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

Optimist Club meets weekly

The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome. Call 323-2194 or 322-0298.

Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club of Sanford holds its noon luncheon meetings every Wednesday at the Sanford Civic Center, North Sanford Avenue at the lakefront. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information call Walt Smith, 323-5088.

Dancing for seniors

The Over 50 Dance Club dance is held every Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the Deltonians 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

Welcome Wagon newcomers' coffee

Seminole Spokes Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County holds a coffee for newcomers the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. until noon. For information on address, call Betty, 895-0144, or Lucy, 322-7877.

Lunch and fellowship

LONGWOOD — All area seniors are invited to join a seniors group currently meeting at the Orthodox Church of St. Stephen, 1895 Lake Emma Rd.

A covered dish luncheon, at noon, is followed by Bible study and fellowship.

The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Mary Burke at 330-8391.

Widowed Persons meet

All widowed persons are invited to meet at 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Caselberry Senior Center, 200 Lake Triplet Drive, Caselberry.

TOPS meets in Longwood, Apopka

A local chapter of TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of West Lake Hospital, 585 W. S.R. 434, Longwood. Weighing begins at 5:30 p.m. The first meeting is free. For information, call 869-8485 or 1-800-832-8677.

A morning meeting is held every Wednesday, at 9:30, at Lakeview Christian Church, 1400 Bear Lake Road, Apopka. For information, call 293-5048.

Volunteer of the Week

Smith has a heart for patients

BY SUSAN WENNER
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Helping others is only a small part of the pastime that Thelma Smith enjoys. She creates small heart-shaped pillows for patients at Columbia Medical Center Sanford where she volunteers her time as an auxilian.

Since 1993 over 1,000 pillows have been crafted by Smith and other auxiliaries for cardiac patients recovering from heart surgery. According to Smith the purpose of the pillows is to create a firm support "to hold against their chest" when they are instructed to cough. This effort assists in loosening secretions that may build up after their surgical procedure or open heart surgery.

"I had heart surgery four years ago," she said. "I know first-hand how important it is to have a firm pillow. Bed pillows are too soft and limber. The auxiliary buys the material for the pillows. We make them in the shape of a heart because of their surgery. We make blue for the men and pink for the women."

According to a volunteer spotlight published by the hospital, "Not only are the pillows a thoughtful gift, but they are shaped to fit under the chin and provide comfortable support to the patient following surgery when coughing and even breathing can be quite painful."

As chairman of the heart pillows, Smith shared that initially she hand-made all the pillows herself. "I tried to make them by myself for a while," she said. "It got to be too many were needed so I got the help of others. My three helpers are wonderful. They do the initial



Thelma Smith creates heart-shaped pillows for surgical patients

Herald Photo by Susan Wenner

sewing and stuffing and deliver them to me. They use polyfill stuffing. They leave a small hole that I sew up and I finish the pillow.

"One gentleman was being discharged from the cardiac unit," she said. "I asked him if the pillows helped. He told me that he wouldn't have been able to make it without that pillow. That made me feel so good to know that we had helped him."

Smith greatly anticipates her work as an auxilian. Some of her duties include working in the gift shop and the information

desk. "I'm also the treasurer and the records and awards chairman," said Smith. "I've been at the hospital for six years after I retired from bookkeeping."

The coveted Friet Humanitarian Award was recently bestowed on Smith for her efforts. This award is given to those who mirror Dr. Friet's humanitarian spirit.

"The hospital gives one Friet Award each year," she said. "They give one to an employee and one to an auxilian. I'm the third auxilian to win one. You get a cash prize, a certificate and

a special parking spot for a year."

Other activities of Smith were noted as her membership in the Sanford Woman's Club, the Caselberry Duplicate Club and the Sanford Duplicate Club. The former clubs are both bridge clubs.

She is also a member of Grace Methodist Church in Lake Mary. She and her husband Marshall have been married for 57 years. They share two children, Gary and Lynn, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren with one on the way.

Several methods help control aggressive fire ants

Imported fire ants are small, reddish brown to black in color, measuring between 1/8 to 1/4 inches long. They are known for their aggressive nature and their painful sting. Some people have allergic reactions to their venom that go from rashes to swelling and sometimes paralysis. These social insects live in large colonies in the soil, with a characteristic dome-shaped mound at the entrance. Introduced into the U.S.A. from South America during the 1930's, the red imported fire ant now covers over 280 million acres in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Puerto Rico.

Control Methods: Several methods of control have been attempted to manage the imported fire ants. The basic methods include the use of bait applications, individual mound treatments, and a combination

of both bait and mound treatments. So far, no method has proven to eradicate completely fire ants from infested areas.

Baits: Most baits are a combination of a toxic substance dissolved in soybean oil, which is a food source for fire ants. The toxic-oil combination is then absorbed into corn grits, which makes the product easier to handle and apply, and more accessible to the insects. The small size of the corn grit make it easy for the ants to carry the bait back to the colony or to extract oil from the bait, and carry it back to the nest. The slow acting toxicant allows the ants to feed the toxic oil to other members of the colony before they die. When they feed the queen and she dies, the colony will eventually die. When there are many queens, all of them must die in order to get a good control, otherwise reinfestation will occur. There are four different toxicants being used in baits for fire ant control. Hy-

dramethylnon (Amdro) is a slow-acting poison that will kill all ants that eat the chemical. It may take 1 to 5 weeks for the product to kill about 90% of the ants in the nest. Fenoxycarb (Award and Logic) are considered insect growth regulators, because they do not kill the ants directly but sterilize the queens and prevent them from laying worker eggs. Another chemical Abamectin (Ascend) prevents queens from laying any kind of eggs. Those chemicals may take 5 to 10 weeks to kill about 90% of the individuals in a colony. Boric acid has also been used in



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bait but their effectiveness is not well documented. To be effective, baits require that ants pick up the bait and feed the chemical to the rest of the colony. Baits are usually placed near the colony for easy access to the mound. **Chemical mound treatments:** A solution of an insecticide and water can be applied as a drench over the mounds. The chemical needs to kill the queen to be effective. Many times a large number of ants die during the treatment but, if the queen survives, reinfestation will occur. For best results, the drench should be applied to an undisturbed mound on cool, sunny mornings. If drenches are applied in

hot, dry weather, most of the ants are deep within the mound and the drench will probably not be effective in controlling the ants. The procedure should be to first saturate the entire mound with the solution and then soak a 12 inch swath around the base of the mound, and finally, pouring the remaining drench on top of the mound, from at least 3 feet to obtain penetration of the liquid into the soil. Insecticides formulated as granules or dusts can also be placed on top of the mound and with a sprinkler can, pour 1 to 2 gallons of water over the chemical to produce the solution that will penetrate the soil and kill the ants, specially the queens.

Watering may not be necessary with some products (always follow label instructions). **Home remedies:** Many products are often used to control ants which may be prepared from kitchen products. While they may be easy to prepare and use, they are not very effective. Hot water treatments are sometimes effective in controlling ant colonies, but several treatments may be needed to achieve complete control.

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Ex-wife confirms her resolve not to return to abusive spouse

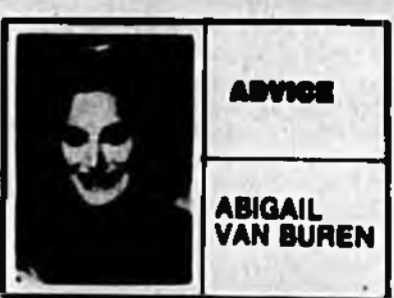
DEAR ABBY: The letter you recently printed from "The Goodbye Wife in California," who listed the reasons to leave her husband, hit home with me. I clipped it, and checked off the reasons with which I identified. It had a profound effect on me.

Before I read that letter, I had been reminiscing about the pleasant moments I had shared with my former husband, and had started once again to blame all our problems on myself. (I had not been understanding enough; I couldn't cook well enough; etc.) I fantasized that we could be united as a family again.

My 15-year-old daughter lives with me, and my 17-year-old son lives with his father. I miss my son and the good things about our family life. However, the letter in your column was a sobering and much-needed reminder of the sometimes subtle, but always devastating effects of being the object of intermittent humiliation, ridicule, name-calling, intimidation and physical abuse.

The writer mentioned that she had not yet left her abuser, and knew it was easier said than done. I know exactly what she's experiencing. She is most likely feeling ambivalent, because abused women usually have thinking patterns that reflect the destructive effect of abuse. We tend to gloss over the bad parts and glorify the good things (there are some good things even in a relationship of this kind, which is one of the most confusing aspects of living with an abuser). She may blame herself. She may be hoping her husband will see the error of his ways by reading her letter in your column and miraculously change.

I want her to know: That is a fantasy. It will never happen. He will not change, nor will he even ad-



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mit he needs to. Worse yet, her children will learn the same inappropriate patterns of behavior.

She needs to leave that marriage as soon as possible and begin repairing the damage this man has inflicted. She must be prepared to experience the temptation to return to him as if everything would magically be better. She'll probably have difficulty relating in a healthy way to a kind and gentle man, but with therapy to assist in the healing process, she will be able to rebuild her self-esteem and be able to love again.

Now I'll tell you how her letter came to impact me: I left the column (with my check marks on it) in my bathroom. While my daughter and I were out, my former husband and my son came into my home. My son found the column and observed that I had checked most of the items on the list. Did he recognize himself? Did he suddenly empathize with my feelings? Did he want to talk over the issue? No. He showed the list to my son. The two of them laughed about it and ridiculed me when I returned. My son then derisively described the list to my daughter.

For the first time in the many years I have known this man, I saw him clearly for what he really is. To enter my home, read personal

things that pertain only to our relationship and then share them with our son is the most obvious example I will ever need of what emotional abuse is.

I thank your reader for the boost her letter provided me. I hope she will successfully negotiate the road to her personal recovery. It won't be easy, but there's a light at the end of the tunnel. And now, I can finally begin to get on with the rest of my life — thanks to reading her letter in your column.

BEEN THERE IN FLORIDA

DEAR BEEN THERE: I am gratified that "Goodbye Wife's" insight enabled you to resist the temptation to return to your abusive marriage.

I'm concerned, however, that your son appears to be following in his father's footsteps. Please insist that he get into counseling to break the pattern that all too often is passed from one generation to another.

DEAR ABBY: I have often wanted to write about the following, but hoped that someone else would write and provide the answer first.

I am a pre-op transsexual and usually dress in women's clothing, complete with wig and makeup.

My question is, which rest room should I use when I go out in public?

Abby, please inform your readers that most of us transsexuals and transvestites are in the ladies rest room to use the facilities or to repair our makeup — nothing more.

MISS "X"

DEAR MISS "X": When you are dressed like a woman, you should use the women's rest room.

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Extra Points...

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Herald Staff Writer



Lady Raiders gain fame — and here comes Jana

SANFORD — The most unpublicized basketball program in the area is going to get a much deserved boost this afternoon when the Board of Seminole County Commissioners pays its respects to the Seminole Community College Lady Raiders.

BCC Chairman Randy Morris pressed hard for the Lady Raiders to be honored along with the Lake Mary High School girls team and the Oviedo High School Boys team at the board's 1:30 p.m. public hearing. The high schoolers captured almost everyone's hearts with their journeys to the state finals. The Lady Raiders of SCC went just about unnoticed in their remarkable season.

"I have never heard of a more incredible finish to a basketball game in my life as these Seminole Community College players pulled out in the last part of their season," Morris said. "They were down by 16 points with less than a minute and a half to play. They tied the score, and they won in overtime even though they had only three players on the court the last 2 1/2 minutes."

The game the commissioner is referring to was played on Feb. 15 against Santa Fe Community College at Gainesville. SCC's 86-84 victory helped Coach Ken Patrick's Lady Raiders gain a spot in the Region VIII state championships.

Husky-haired Patrick gets goose bumps recalling the game against Santa Fe. "Incredible doesn't half describe it," he said. "You would think there was no way the girls came back down 16 points with 1:20 to play. Angela Meiser scored 13 of the points we needed. Four tremendous 3-point baskets and a free throw."

The Lady Raiders were still down by two, and Santa Fe had the ball with 3.5 seconds. "We got a steal, called time out and set up one last play," Patrick said. "Danni Carter scored a basket as the buzzer sounded."

The 5-minute overtime proved to be as emotional and unbelievable as the finish in regulation. The Lady Raiders, who had only seven players, lost four of them to fouls. Meiser, Charlotte Griffin and Winsum Clark were the only ones left with 2:38 to play. Griffin scored eight consecutive points in OT, and Clark contributed two big free throws as SCC outscored the Saints, 12-10.

Meiser had 35 points that night, capping a remarkable comeback in her basketball career. A most promising high school player in Clearwater, Meiser won a scholarship to the University of Tampa. She was injured, however, and failed to maintain her grades after the disappointment. She worked several years as a computer technician until Patrick coaxed her to give basketball another try.

"Angela was not eligible to play the first half our season," he said. "She had to work hard to lift her grades, and she did that. She attained a 3.2 average. And now she was ready to play. The game against Santa Fe was her night of nights. She simply didn't miss in that last minute and 20 seconds. Three-pointers from heaven."

SCC's season ended with a 68-67 loss to St. Petersburg CC in the state tournament. The Lady Raiders had beaten the same team twice in the regular season but missed a shot at the buzzer that could have won the third. They finished with a 20-10 record.

The coming season may be ever better — even though Winsum Clark is the only returnee.

Seems Ken Patrick has come up with a couple of international recruits that may have everyone talking. One is 5-foot-8 Daria Koudriatsova from Russia, the other 6-foot-10 Jana Kotova from Tallinn, Estonia. That's right — 6-foot-10. Patrick had a package in his hands Monday that he was sending to Kotova, who is expected to arrive on the SCC campus in June.

"I lost an international player I thought we had recruited and was feeling very blue," Patrick said. "My friend, Paavo Russak, who used to play for the USSR men's team, tried to console me when I asked if I could replace the player we lost."

Well, he starts talking me about Jana Kotova — 6-foot-10, Jana Kotova.

"Don't tease me," I told Paavo.

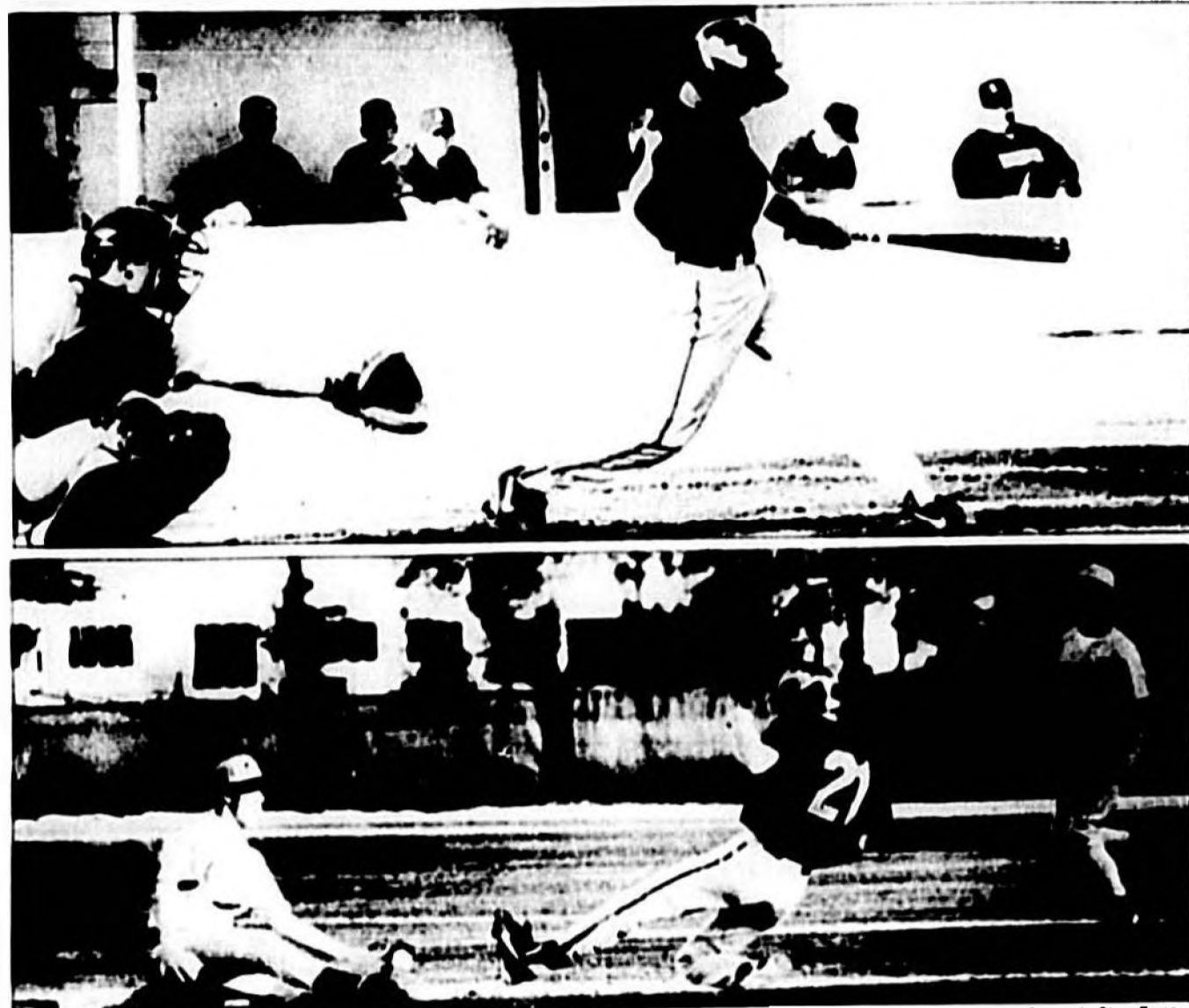
A night later, Patrick watched Kotova play, and soon had her whistling Dixie.

"You know what we need right now," Patrick said. "We need a family who will let Jana stay with them for nine months or so. And we need to come up with a bed. A king-sized bed. Know anyone?"

Perhaps, the Board of County Commissioners can help. Cause they need a rebound, too.

A 'grand' beginning

Raines' slam caps big night for Seminole nine



By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — Tim Raines Jr. got a surprise Monday night and he repaid the surprise with 'gift' of his own as the Seminole High School baseball team gave their fans a tremendous show under their new lights with a 10-0, six-inning thumping of St. Cloud in a Class 5A-District 4 contest at Alumni Field.

New York Yankees outfielder Tim Raines Sr., who is doing a rehab stint in Tampa until he can come off the disabled list on Friday, showed up at the field during the fourth inning and his eldest son showed his pleasure by crushing a pitch far beyond the left center field fence for a grand slam, bringing the festive evening to a sudden end by the 10-run rule.

"That was a nice way to christen the new lights," said Seminole head coach Mike Powers. "That's the 20th home run we've hit as a team this year. I think that might be the most ever by a Seminole team."

During ceremonies prior to the game, the public address announcer thanked the alumni, friends of the program, parents and players for their help in making the program a success and then gave special thanks to the School Board of Seminole County, the County Fa-

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Deaton, Daniels (4), Schmidt (1) and M. Williams, Blanton and Silva WP — Blanton LP — Deaton Save — none SB — St. Cloud, Mar. — Seminole C Williams SB — none HB — Seminole T Raines

Seminole sophomore Paulo Silva (top) singled in the Tribe's first run, while junior Clyde "C3" Williams (bottom), who doubled and singled in the game, steals

second during the game-turning fourth inning as Seminole made a huge success of their first game under their new lights with a 10-0 whipping of St. Cloud.

Chang's, C&L share Co-Ed lead

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Chang's Car Care and C&L Timber ran their record to 3-0, while Sunland Corporation won its first game of the season in Sanford Recreation Department Spring Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball League action at Pinhurst Park Monday night.

Chang's trailed 4-3 until scoring four runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings and went on to best BIM 14-8. C&L Timber started fast with four runs in the first inning, then broke the game wide open with seven runs in the third inning and cruised to a 22-9 triumph over Maronda Homes, and Sunland trailed 9-0 in the top of the third inning before exploding for a 20-9 victory.

Chang's Car Care and C&L Timber (both 3-0) are trailed by BIM, the Sharks and Sunland Corporation (all 1-2) and Maronda Homes (0-3).

Next week, Chang's and C&L Timber battle for first place at 6:30 p.m., the Sharks take on BIM for a share of third place at 7:30 p.m., and Sunland faces Maronda Homes at 8:30 p.m.

Providing the offense were:
Chang's Car Care: three hits — Chris Bryson

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(three doubles, three runs, four RBI), Gina Green (two doubles, three runs, two RBI), two hits — Chip Smith (two doubles, two runs, RBI), one hit — Zeb Webb (double, run, RBI), James Garner (double), Lynette Barkley (three runs), Dave Blakey (run), Melissa Bishop (RBI), Lynn Webb, one run scored — Staci Abrams.

BIM: two hits — Jason Kaiser (run), one hit — Eric Cooper (two runs), Barbara Shere and Bill Shere (one run scored each), Dee Jackson, Jill Jasewicz, Mongo Cooper, two runs scored — Mary Elizabeth Rodlum, one run scored — Duck Murdoch.

C&L Timber: four hits — Mark Blaine (triple, double, two runs, three RBI), Paula Souger (three runs, RBI), three hits — Tina Hill (double, three runs, five RBI), Jim Clifford (double, four runs, RBI), Rick Pettis (double, run, RBI), Shannon Hill

(three runs), two hits — Dave Jickell (home run, triple, two runs, two RBI), Lisa Sutton (two runs, RBI), one hit — Chuck Harley (triple, run, RBI), Jimmy Wilkinson (double, run), Susie Blaine (RBI), Chris Clark.

Maronda Homes: three hits — Sean Smith (triple, run, RBI), Ron Plummer (double, run, RBI), Tom Smith (three runs, RBI), two hits — Steve Smith (double, two RBI), one hit — Mike Poczik (double, run, two RBI), Carol Norman and Mary Trinowski (one run scored each), Nancy Roheer, one run scored — Joyce Patrick.

Sunland Corporation: three hits — Dennis Dunn (home run, double, three runs, four RBI), two hits — Tommy Vezina (home run, double, three runs, five RBI), one hit — Margaret Clevenger (double, run, three RBI), Wayne Fakeas (three runs, RBI), Nissa Miller (three runs), Greg Carter (run); three runs scored — Karen Tubb; two runs scored — Nathan Fakeas; one run scored — Kourtney Kuhn.

Sharks: two hits — Michelle Carol (home run, two RBI), Martin Spellman (run, RBI), Cathy Lynn (run), one hit — Ewell Stallings (double, two runs), Sheila Sanders, Kathy Spellman and Kim Myers (one run scored each), Steve Lynn; one run scored — Mike Collier, Joetta West.

Stars swamp SCC in softball

From Staff Reports

JACKSONVILLE — The Seminole Community College softball team found out Thursday that the road is not a fun place to play, especially in Jacksonville.

The Raiders gave a good accounting of themselves in the opening game of the Mid-Florida Conference

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Raiders end losing streak

From Staff Reports

JACKSONVILLE — One victory cannot make up for a season of frustration, but a win over a bitter rival sure can make you feel a lot better.

Saturday afternoon in Jacksonville, the Raiders ended an 11-game losing streak against Mid-Florida Conference powerhouse Florida Community College at Jacksonville with a 6-3 triumph over the Stars in the nightcap of a doubleheader.

FCC-J won the opener by the same 6-3 score.

SCC is now 10-30 on the season and 4-13 in the M-FC and will be in Palatka today to take on St. Johns River Community College in a single game at 3 p.m. The Stars are now 27-18 overall and 13-5 in the conference.

FCC-J took control of the first game quickly, taking a 4-0 lead after four innings and collecting six extra base hits in the game.

Providing the offense for the Raiders were Lake Mary's Mike Buky (2-for-3, run), Jay Grevers (1-for-2 with his first home run of the season, run, RBI), Scott Taylor and Eric Rindell (both 1-for-3 with a run scored), Deltona's Jeff Wisinski (1-for-3), Jesse DeBrowner (1-for-4) and Heath Wise (run).

SCC turned the tables in the second game, scoring single runs in the first and seventh innings and four runs in the third inning to build a 6-0 lead before the

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GAME ONE

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Florida Community College at Jacksonville	100 110 100	6	9	1

Moorman, Sullivan (8) and Wisinski, Madden, Rhaden (9) and Reid WP — Madden (11) LP — Moorman (11) Save — none SB — FCC-J, Jefferson, Sweaney, Reid SB — FCC-J, Rex T, Wilkerson HB — SCC, Grevers (1)

RAIDERS vs. STARS - 2

GAME TWO

Seminole Community College	100 000 100	6	9	0
Florida Community College at Jacksonville	000 000 030	3	13	4

Mowery, Smith (8) and Wisinski, Whitaker, Barnes (12), Rhaden (6), Kimble (8) and Reid WP — Mowery (11) LP — Whitaker (4), Save — Smith (2) SB — SCC, Torres, FCC-J, Westberry SB — none HB — FCC-J, Rex Recaras — SCC 19-30, 4-13 Mid Florida Conference, FCC-J 27-18, 13-5 Mid Florida Conference

Stars scored all three of their runs in the eighth innings.

Aaron Mowery (1-5) got his first pitching victory of the season despite giving up 11 hits over 7 1/3-innings. Randy Smith gave up one hit over the final 1 1/3-innings to earn his second save of the season.

Doing the damage offensively for the Raiders were Ryan Withey (3-for-4, two runs), Marcel Torres (2-for-5 with a double, run), Mike Schmidt (2-for-4, two RBI), Buky (1-for-3, run, RBI), Wisinski (1-for-3, RBI), DeBrowner (run, RBI) and Grevers (run).

Pirates, Royals, White Sox stay unbeaten in Babe Ruth League

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — With a m Cleveland hurled a no-bitter and struck out six as the Moose Lodge Pirates became the first five game winners in the Sanford Recreation Department Babe Ruth Baseball League at Zinn Beck Field Monday evening.

Jay Roland blasted a three-run home run in the fifth inning to highlight a six-hit Pirates attack as they whipped the Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton Marlins 12-1.

In the other game, the Rotary Club Expos scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to break a 7-7 tie and won their

first game of the season 11-7 over the Dakota Appraisal Braves at Chase Park.

In game from Saturday, the Blitz Clean Royals doubled-up the Master Construction Athletics 6-3; the Pirates edged the Knights of Columbus Cardinals 5-2; the Marlins clouted the Expos 11-3; the Elks Lodge

#1241 Devil Rays outscored the Braves 10-7; and the Nobles Construction Whites Sox clobbered the Kiwanis Club Indians 14-3.

The Pirates (5-0) lead the Royals (4-0) and White Sox (3-0). Trailing are the Cardinals, Devil Rays and Indians (all 2-2); the Athletics (1-3); the Expos and

Marlins (both 1-4) and the Braves (0-4).

In Babe Ruth games on Wednesday, the White Sox play the Royals at Chase Park and the Indians battle the Cardinals at Zinn Beck Field. Both games are set for a 5:45 p.m. start.

In Senior Babe Ruth League action on Saturday, the Sanford

Sports Image Pirates trounced the Sanford Florida Sport Wear Braves 16-3; the Altamonte Springs Brewers whipped the Sanford Yankees 11-3; and the Altamonte Springs Devil Rays tripped the Altamonte Springs Dodgers 9-2.

On Wednesday, the Pirates See Babe Ruth, Page 2B

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Is a balanced diet enough?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read about people who swear that consuming hydrogen peroxide, various vitamins/mineral supplements, kelp, algae, and so forth, leads to a healthier, more independent life. Is there validity to these claims? I'm in my 60s, disdain all this stuff, eat a balanced diet, and never feel better.

DEAR READER: Despite the promotional claims by purveyors of health foods and vitamin/mineral supplements, healthy adults of any age usually do not require these products. A balanced diet ordinarily meets most nutritional requirements. (Ill patients may need certain supplements, however.)

Many authorities now believe that, in the main, a healthy body remains that way without too much tinkering, providing we don't mess up our health by smoking, drinking, using drugs, engaging in risky behavior, gorging on dietary fat, and failing to pay close attention to the cues our bodies give us when something's wrong.

Also, it's fair to say, our degree of health and independence may rely heavily on genes — as well as on our attitudes: If we believe that our bodies are imperfect machines subject to various breakdowns, that's what we'll get. You're to be congratulated on living a prudent lifestyle and spending your money more sensibly on things other than unnecessary nutritional supplements or pseudo fountains-of-youth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in an area where ticks are common and I enjoy gardening. Every year, despite being cautious, I pick several ticks off my skin. Invariably, where they were attached, I develop small red bumps, followed by itching and blisters. I've been checked for Lyme disease, but these tick reactions are driving me crazy. What's the story?

DEAR READER: Most insects, when they "bite" to consume a blood meal, inject an naturally occurring anti-coagulant to make feeding easier. Although this anti-coagulant substance, which varies from species to species, is usually innocuous (and causes some swelling and itching), it can produce more severe allergic reactions in people who are highly sensitive to it.

I believe that you are experiencing a temporary but annoying allergic reaction to the tick anti-coagulant. I suggest the following:

Dress appropriately when out-of-doors, working, walking through the woods or engaging in other activity that exposes you to ticks.

Consider using tick repellent that is applied to clothing, not to the bare skin.

If you're unlucky enough to be bitten by a tick, remove the insect and apply ice or a cool compress to the site for about an hour. This will minimize the spread of the anti-coagulant

in the skin, and will reduce the release of histamine, which reacts with the substance to cause the itching. Then apply Benzyl cream to the area.

If these simple steps are ineffective, seek further advice from an allergist.

Remember that a rash occurring one to three weeks after the tick bite may represent Lyme disease, a serious bacterial infection that needs medical attention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After eating foods that contain MSG, I become flushed and nauseated. Is this a common reaction?

DEAR READER: Originally described as "Chinese Restaurant Syndrome," symptoms of flushing, palpitations, difficulty breathing, and nausea, are now known to be caused by an allergy to monosodium glutamate, a flavor enhancer added to a wide variety of processed foods.



DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Although reactions to MSG are usually mild and relatively rare, some patients may experience severe, even life-threatening, symptoms. In this instance, hospital treatment may be mandatory.

There is no cure for MSG allergy: People so afflicted must take special pains to avoid the substance. This entails the careful reading of ingredients in processed food and avoiding ethnic diets (especially Asian cooking) that use MSG.

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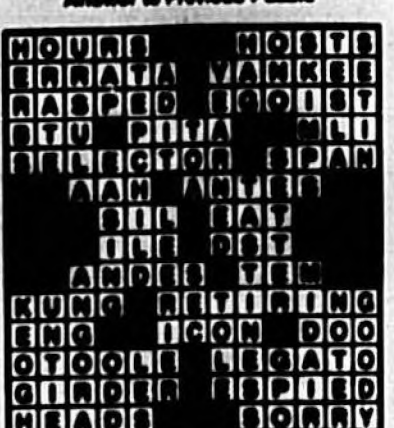
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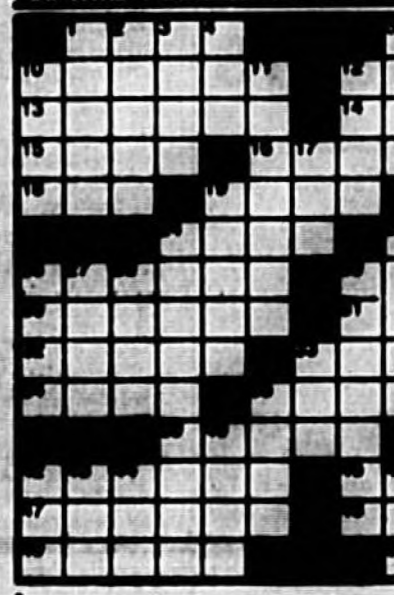
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WIN AT BRIDGE

Different meaning, same result

By Phillip Alder

In this column, I have mentioned once or twice (all right, several times!) that I don't like the Unusual No-Trump. This is a jump overall of two no-trump showing at least 5-5 in the lowest-ranking unbid suits. The normal outcome is that the other side buys the contract, and the declarer knows exactly how to play as he has been given a road map of the distribution.

In today's deal, West's two-no-trump overall showed at least 5-5 in the highest-ranking unbid suits: here, the majors. It is more sensible to leap into the auction with majors rather than minors, when you have a greater expectation of outbidding the opponents. However, the denouement was the same.

Sitting South was Piotr Gawrys, the Polish world champion. His one-diamond opening bid guaranteed at least a five-card suit — hence, North's three-diamond response.

Gawrys ducked the spade-jack lead, won the spade continuation, and cashed his six diamond tricks. Which five cards should West keep?

He would have liked to try something deceptive, perhaps discarding the seven, eight and jack of hearts, trying to look like a man who has blanked the king. Yet after this auction, Gawrys wouldn't fall for it. Instead, West came down to the club ace, the king-jack of hearts and two spades.

Declarer calmly exited with a spade, giving West his three black-suit tricks. At trick 12, West had to lead away from the heart king. Gawrys scored these nine tricks: one spade, two hearts and six diamonds.

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West		East	
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♠ A J	♥ Q 10 8 3 2		
South			
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♦ A Q 9 6 4 2			
♣ 9			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			



Wednesday, April 8, 1987

Positive opportunities may come your way in the year ahead from sources you've left untapped. These benefits have always been within your grasp, but this might be the first time you'll recognize them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It will benefit you today to try to associate with persons in your field of endeavor. A good exchange of information could benefit all who partake in the conversation. 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 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid being too self-seeking regarding your objectives today. It is important first to show others how they can benefit as much as you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If there is something you want to do today that has broad ramifications, do it secretly. This will eliminate ineffective suggestions from others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be too restless today for precise matters. Try to focus on these activities tomorrow when your mind is more receptive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be able to derive a profit from something that has little value to your associates. It will have real worth to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Making hasty judgments could put you on the path to complications today. Let patience be your ally in the workplace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) If you feel certain your ideas are better than those of

your associates today, push forward. Don't let anyone dissuade you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It may be wise to get an outsider's opinion today, especially if you and your mate can't reconcile a specific issue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to keep an orderly agenda today. Clear up essential old tasks before pursuing newer endeavors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to get together socially this afternoon with a person who wishes to further your interests. The meeting could be fruitful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A domestic matter should be kept secret if possible today. If you must air it out, do so only within your family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be open-minded today regarding ideas that affect you and your mate. Together, concoct a solution that best serves both your needs.

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by Leonard Starr

