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## Comptroller Measure Opposed

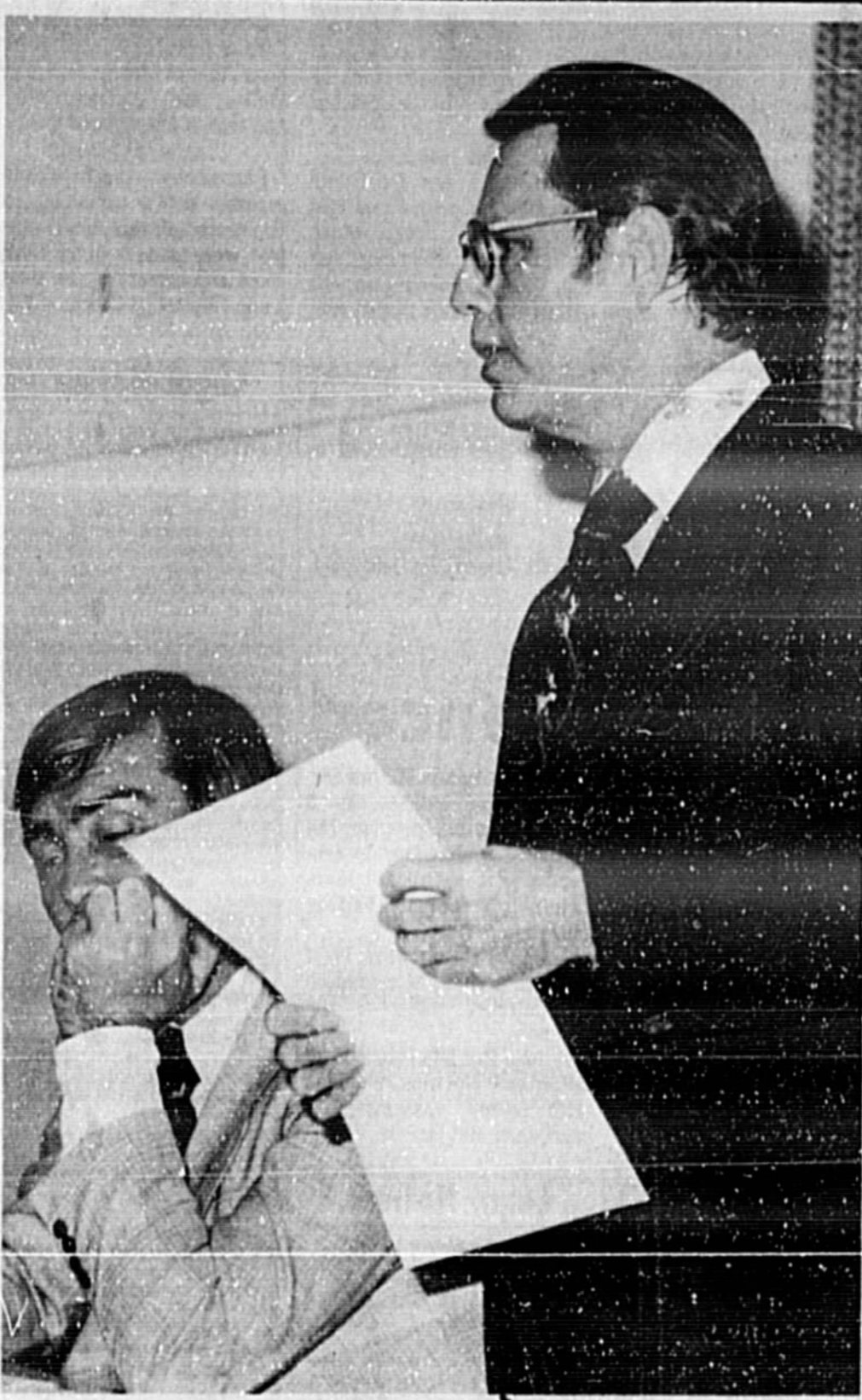
**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** — The Seminole County League of Civic Associations, composed of 27 homeowners groups and representing 5,000 voters, agreed Monday night to "take to the streets" before the March 9 election to oppose the county commission sponsored comptroller act.

Lacking only one vote for a unanimous decision, the group took the stand after hearing a debate between County Commissioner Harry Kwiatkowski and Seminole Clerk of the Circuit Court Arthur J. Beckwith Jr., on the merits and demerits of the legislation to be on the March 9 presidential preferential ballot.

The enabling legislation, by passed over the opposition of State Rep. Vince Fecthel (R-Leesburg) last year, requires voter approval before it can go into effect.

The legislation would split the duties of the elected circuit court clerk to permit appointment by the county commissioners of a comptroller responsible to the county governing body.

All registered voters in the county may vote on this particular issue at the March 9 election.



Commissioner Kwiatkowski, left, and Circuit Court Clerk Beckwith

## Delegation Approves SCOPA Legislation

By DONNA ESTES  
Herald Staff Writer

**CASSELBERRY** — The Seminole County Legislative delegation Monday night temporarily approved legislation to expand the Seminole Port Authority's bonding powers.

But, only the nearness of the cut-off date for new legislation stopped a move by State Sen. Lori Wilson (I-Merritt Island) to completely revamp the autonomous organization that runs the Port of Sanford to turn over complete control to the Board of County Commissioners.

Port Attorney William C. Hutchison Jr., told legislators the purpose of the requested legislation was to eliminate the maximum interest rate factor on industrial revenue bonds from the current 7.5 per cent.

Noting industrial bonds with a higher interest rate would be more favorably received in the bond market, Hutchison added that the bonds will be backed by industries coming in rather than by the full faith and credit of the port.

State Rep. Vince Fecthel (R-Leesburg), however, zeroed in on the proposed elimination of the prohibition against the port spending money for "meals, hospitality, amusement or other purposes of entertainment" included in the



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proposed legislation.

"Several public bodies in Florida, such as the Department of Commerce," Fecthel said, "would like to promote Florida but do not have these powers."

When Hutchison said new legislation concerning the Manatee County Port Authority permits the spending of money for hospitality and entertainment of prospective clients, Fecthel said that legislation may have been a "Friday morning or afternoon act when hundreds of bills are passed" without close scrutiny by legislators.

Hutchison said any advertising by the Port of Sanford would benefit the industrial

existence as well as the port, the taxpayers may be paying for a double effort.

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## Disney Expansion May Spur County Growth

By ED PRICKEIT  
Herald Staff Writer

Walt Disney World executives told county officials Monday that the Magic Kingdom expects to double its employees and attendance by 1979 or 1980, County Commission Chairman Michael Hattaway reported today.

"Better hang on, we're going

to do it again," is the way Hattaway described the Disney message relayed at a Monday meeting between county commissioners and officials of the Central Florida tourist mecca.

County planners say the advent of Walt Disney World in Orange County had a profound effect on the spiraling growth rate experienced in Seminole

County during the last decade. Seminole County's population is an estimated 136,000.

Hattaway said Disney officials will "start moving dirt this year" on the International Showcase, a project which allows individual countries to showcase their country's wares at a cost of from \$12 to \$50-million per exhibit at the Disney attraction.

"I think it's going to be a fantastic project," Hattaway noted. He said Disney World hopes to have the showcase project open by 1980 at the latest.

What this means to Seminole County in terms of projected growth is unknown, Hattaway said. He added, however, that meetings are being set up

between county engineers and planners and Disney's technical staff to determine what the future effect magic kingdom ventures will have on this county.

Hattaway said yesterday's session opened the lines of communication between the board and Walt Disney. The next step, of course, will be

meetings between technical staffs.

In addition the commission chairman also predicted additional future meetings similar to yesterday's. Hattaway said he hopes this county can prepare itself to meet any and all challenges and opportunities presented by Walt Disney projects.

"When Disney first came into

the area officials were so involved building the Magic Kingdom they didn't get involved that much in local affairs," the chairman said.

After yesterday's meeting, however, Hattaway said he is convinced officials at the attraction are very much interested in local communities — especially Seminole County.

## Delegates Support DDC Act

**CASSELBERRY** — A proposed legislative act to create a Downtown Development Authority in Sanford and giving it the power to levy up to three mills (3 per thousand dollars of property evaluation) taxes for improvements received the unanimous approval of the local legislative delegation Monday night.

Two bills, submitted by the City of Sanford, to permit the city government to pay all costs of pension plans for city police officers and firefighters, however, received both temporary approval and criticism from one legislator.

Thomas S. McDonald who presented the downtown Sanford legislation on behalf of the development group, said the legislation creating the authority would have to pass a referendum of the voters in the special district before it could be implemented.

He said the area, encompassed in the district, is currently valued at \$10 million and the three mill tax will return \$30,000 in revenues annually.

McDonald, a former legislator and past mayor and city commissioner of Sanford, said the proposed legislation had been scrutinized by the Sanford City Commission and City Attorney Vernon Mize.

State Rep. Vince Fecthel (R-Leesburg) urging that the bill be approved, added that it should also be determined whether the City of Sanford has the power to create the authority without special legislation.

Sanford Mayor Lee P. Moore, who also serves as chairman of both the police and firefighters pension funds for the city, said the purpose of the legislation he was presenting was to permit the city to pay all contributions on behalf of members of both emergency units into the respective pension funds.

Sen. Lori Wilson (I-Merritt Island) said she didn't like the wording in the bills, adding that she shies away from legislation containing language con-

## Cowart Labels Press 'Unfair'

Circuit Court Judge Joe A. Cowart Jr., met with reporters yesterday after he had barred them from his chambers, the second time in as many months — where a routine "sounding of the docket" for 14 criminal trials was being held.

Judge Cowart justified his actions by accusing the press of being "unfair" to him during the period immediately following the recent grand jury term when he ordered indictments of county officials sealed.

Bob Lloyd, a reporter for the Evening Herald who specializes in covering the courts and law enforcement agencies, reports on yesterday's meeting in an editorial commentary that appears in today's editorial page.

## City Takes Stand On Civic Center

By JACQUELINE DOWD  
Herald Staff Writer

Sanford City Commissioners have, as City Manager Warren Knowles put it, "put everyone on notice that we're going to go by the printed rules" for use of the civic center.

The action was prompted by a \$133 overtime bill run up by the Ballet Guild during its weekend performances of "River Gold," the history of the Sanford area presented in dance. Rules had been waived to allow the Ballet Guild, a non-profit group, to use the civic center free and without being charged for operating expenses.

"This appears to be an abuse of the privilege granted by the city commission," Knowles told the commissioners.

Commissioner A.A. McClanahan, who voted against the waiver of rules for the Ballet Guild earlier this month, said, "It's not fair to all the taxpayers of Sanford. I just think anytime you do what we've done, it's wrong."

Commissioner J.L. Stenstrom, who voted against tightening up the use policy, said, "I think the key to it is what they are going to do with the money. I think the Ballet Guild does a lot for this town."

"So does the Kiwanis," said McClanahan, "and lots of other clubs."

The civic center use policy provides free use of building and operations for public interest events, open to all with no admission charge.

Local non-profit groups, who charge admission but use their funds for community benefit, are given use of the building free but are expected to pay operating expenses — janitor's overtime, lights, power, water and other costs.

Commercial or profit-oriented groups pay a basic daily rate of \$150 plus operating expenses and other charges. In other business, the commissioners:

— Heard Mayor L.P. Moore

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## Today

### Headed For State?

Seminole High's basketball team, aiming for the state playoffs, has been paired with Gainesville in the opening round of the district tournament. The next stop toward a championship season begins with an 8:30 tip-off Wednesday night in Gainesville. Story, page 1-B.

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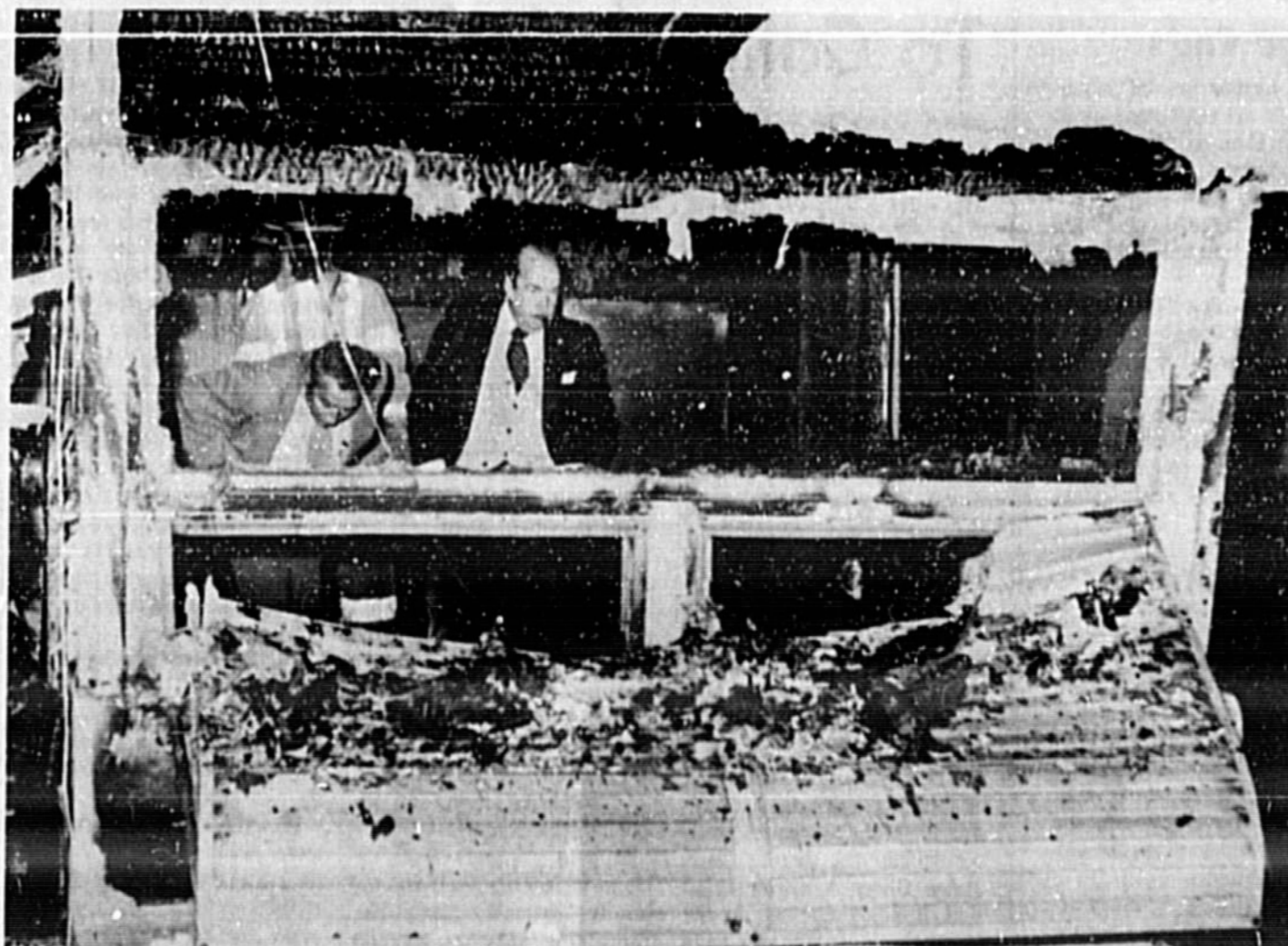
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### WEATHER

Monday's high 64, today's low 48.

Considerable cloudiness today and partly cloudy Wednesday. Mild with highs mostly in the low 70s today and mid 70s Wednesday.

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MAN DEAD IN FIRE

Sheriff's Lt. George Abby and Seminole County Medical Examiner Dr. G. V. Garay (right) examine interior of mobile home at 205 Lake Shore Drive, Mobile Manor, west of Longwood, early today after county firemen extinguished fire of unknown origin and found the body of Jessie Hayes, 60. Authorities said an autopsy is being made to determine if Hayes, who had been hospitalized earlier this month, died in the fire or from other causes. (Herald Photo by Bob Lloyd)

## Ruling Asked On Developer Gifts

The Seminole County Commission today voted to request a legal opinion from former County Atty. Howard Marsee as to whether it is legal to accept "voluntary commitments" from area developers and builders.

The vote came after a spokesman from the Mid-Florida Homebuilders Association

charged that thousands of dollars in "voluntary contributions" from developers are illegal and demanded that the Commission rescind the policy that allows the contributions.

No action was taken by the commission this morning, but County Commission Chairman Michael Hattaway requested that the association submit its

demand in writing.

About 40 builders showed up at the meeting today to hear Douglas Lobel, association executive director, demand a halt to the commission's policy of requiring developers to pay \$310 per unit to be developed in a project.

The money was used for many purposes, but more

specifically it is channeled to the fire control district and to the school capital outlay fund.

"Impact fees are illegal in the State of Florida," Lobel said. However, Commissioner Richard Williams and Commissioner John Kimbrough disagreed with Lobel. "Not asking would not be in the best interest of the taxpayers," noted

Williams. He also said school officials have informed him the money is needed for school sites.

Kimbrough said, "Believe it or not" the commission has had builders and developers who have volunteered to contribute. "I assume you are saying we

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## Local Ballet Guild Generates Pride

The Sanford-Seminole Ballet Guild's weekend production of "River Gold" was more than just first rate entertainment.

It gave the people of Sanford and surrounding areas a sense of uniqueness in their own peculiar history, as well as a sense of belonging in the history of the nation as a whole.

And it gave the people pride. Pride in the ballet itself, which was dreamed, designed and executed by local talent. And in the performers, who danced with such polish and confidence. It was good to hear the "see what Sanford can do" comments after the show.

The original dance drama, which premiered Saturday night and played again Sunday night, depicts the history of settlement and development along the upper reaches of the St. Johns River. It gave the audience a pride of place — the good feeling that Sanford is special, colorful and important enough to have an entire ballet woven from the people and events that have created its present form.

In this Bicentennial year, one seeks links with the past. Floridians, for the most part, are oriented in the space age; in the contemporary world of today, which is aimed always at tomorrow.

"River Gold," however, is a time capsule that takes us back; that traces our heritage from the days before the white man ever trod the forests, swamps and waterways that were inhabited by the Seminole Indians.

It highlights the events that have created Florida as we know it today, from the Spanish settlement, through the War of Independence, the tragic Civil War, and the boom period of recent decades.

"River Gold" has also imbued Sanford-Seminole with a timely measure of pride and patriotism.

In glorifying history, "River Gold" has at the same time created a first in local history. This is the first ballet to be written about the area. It is dedicated to the first Seminole County woman to become the wife of a Florida governor — Mrs. Reubin (Donna Lou) Askew.

It is impossible to name all the names who have contributed to "River Gold's" thrilling success. There is, of course Mildred Caskey, scenario designer; and the Rye sisters — Miriam Wright and Valerie Wald — who were the artistic directors and choreographers. As well as set designer, Hugh Lynch; costume designer, Dr. Genevieve Richardson; and light designer, Dr. James Wright.

Then there are the dancers, dedicated and hard working young people whose talent was so delightfully demonstrated in "River Gold." Also the production and technical crew; supportive parents; generous benefactors, patrons and sponsors.

"River Gold" was a special community effort, contrived in the true spirit of the Bicentennial. As such, it was appreciated by the community at large who attended the weekend performances.

Sanford-Seminole is proud of its Ballet-Guild; because through "River Gold" the people here have found pride in their history, their heritage and also in their community as it stands in this 200th year of the nation's independence.

## African Meddling

The United States would do well to encourage all the newly independent African nations — particularly Angola — to resist superpower interference.

The blatant Soviet meddling in Angolan affairs is likely to backfire on the Russians all over the African continent.

The new nations of Africa are motivated primarily by nationalism. They will resist nothing more than a Soviet attempt to create a "sphere of influence" in Africa. They have not thrown off the yoke of white colonialism to meekly accept a new form of Socialist imperialism.

The refusal of the U.S. Congress to approve covert military help to "friendly" forces in the Angolan civil war does not mean that this country accepts the tactics of Soviet expansionism and interventionism. On the contrary, we must denounce such tactics in the strongest terms. And we must renounce the use of any such tactics ourselves.

Some of the North Korean arms, incidentally, have been traced by U.S. intelligence from Syria to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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### Around



### The Clock

Hats off to Seminole Community College's basketball team! Coach Joe Sterling has done it again. He will take a Seminole team to the state tournament March 4-6 in Deland, and if that sounds too soon, it is only because he has made something of a habit of it over the years.

After five straight appearances, Seminole missed two of the last three years. But with a new gymnasium, the basketball outlook has changed considerably. With a roof of their own over their heads, the Raiders have been nearly unbeatable at home, and mightily tough to take on the road.

The situation at Seminole is such that victories are so commonplace that they are often taken for granted. This year's team was 22-5. It's the 10th year Sterling has been the coach, and he's the only one the school has known. Overall, Sterling's teams have won 216 games and lost only 63, which puts him well into the upper echelon of the nation's winningest JuCo coaches.

in case Seminole County readers have been only reading about Seminole basketball, and haven't gotten a look-see for themselves, they probably haven't grasped just how good a level of basketball is played by Florida's junior colleges.

In many cases, there are players good enough to start for four-year schools. The opted for JuCo will either because of grades or they are waiting for a better offer.

With the state tournament a mere dozen miles down the road at Stans University next week, Seminole County fans have an opportunity to see the best eight teams in the state. Chances are, something like 200 college coaches and scouts will be drooling in Deland Thursday through Saturday, eye-balling the likes of Lake City's Ron Anthony and the rest of the sport's superstars.

Seminole is in the enviable position of having seven "stars." Which is going to make it tough for opponents to rely on shutting off any one or two of them and win easily. On nights when Chip Noe is

cold, Vernon Johnson seems to pick up the slack. Ditto for Bob Jacobs and Terry Jameson. Or, if Reggie McDonald is cut off, Randy Faber or Jim McIntyre do the job.

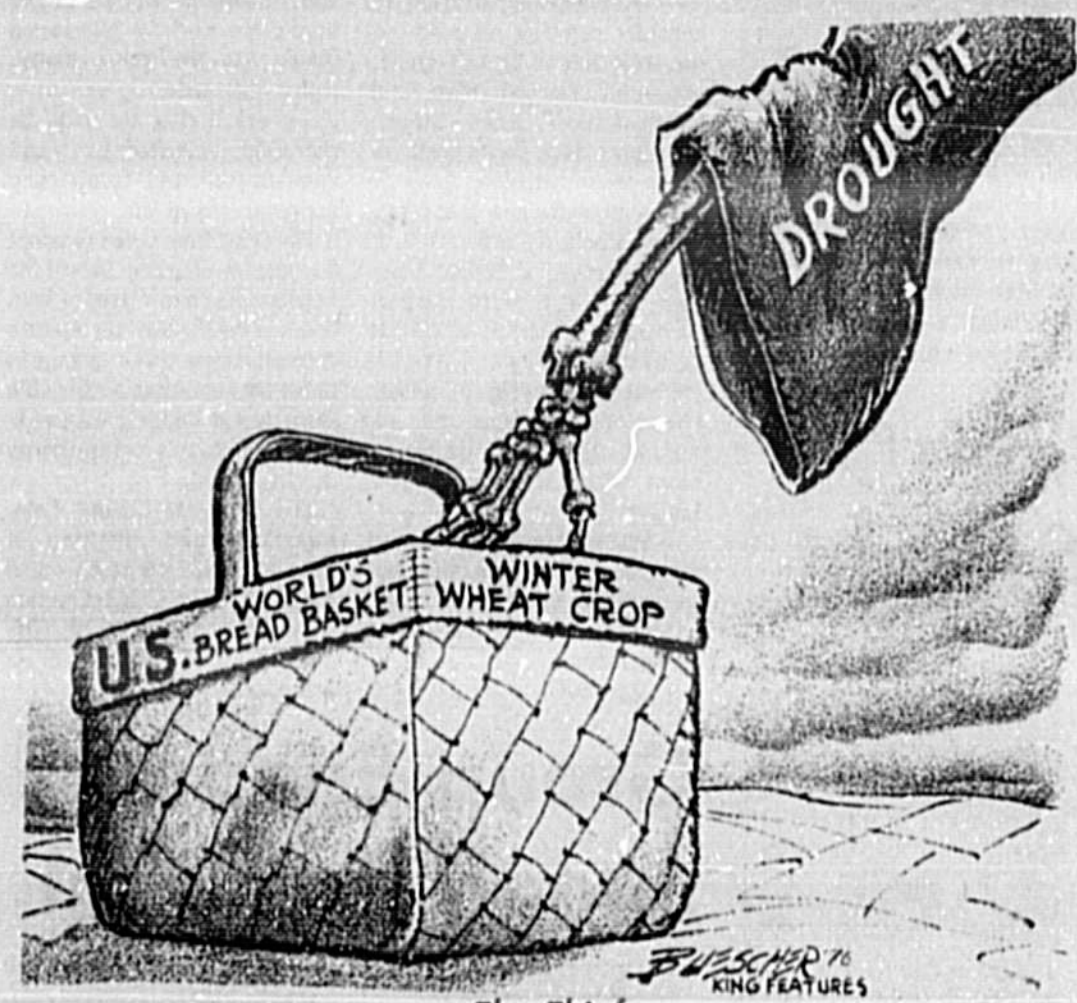
It is this team unity and balance which Sterling is hoping will get him past three opponents in the tournament and onto an airplane heading toward Hutchinson, Kan.

Hutch is famous for sandstorms, icy winds and the national JuCo tournament each March. If a coach ever had a burning desire to take a team to Hutch, it was Sterling. In 1953 his team won the state tournament, but was knocked out in the regional by a team it beat in the state tournament.

Next to that, the closest Sterling got to Hutchinson was going as a clinic speaker several years ago.

The question to be decided next week in Deland is whether this will be the year Seminole takes the big iron bird to basketball heaven.

It's a good possibility. One worth seeing. —Jim Haynes



The Thief

## Letters To The Editor

### Senior Citizens View

It seems to me that a project that is created to house old people should be planned and operated with the handicaps, the failings, and the idiosyncrasies that accompany old age. In view of the increases that accompany old age, it seems to me that when a church goes to the trouble and expense to create such a project, it must be motivated by a desire to serve its fellow man, and the first consideration would be the welfare and comfort of those for whom it was created.

It seems to me that the first requisites of one who is selected to manage such a project should be compassion for and understanding of these old people. He should know that the aged are prone to cling to moments which are often the only material reminders they have of the past. He should realize that these bits of memorabilia, though they may cause a house to appear disorderly, they are important to the owner and treasured lovingly.

He should be able to understand that testiness is often due to pain and discomfort, or impatience with falling eyesight or hearing, or even frustration from a sense of helplessness and uselessness. He should look deeply into the reasons for one's people's actions; that insistence on keeping the hall door cracked might be due to loneliness and a need to feel other people; that letters and papers may be piled on shelves and dressers and tables because old knees won't permit stooping to cabinets, drawers, and low shelves; that pots and pans and other articles which are stacked on counters because old arthritic arms and shoulders are unable to reach overhead cupboards; that tub bathing may be dispensed with because of inability to get into and out of a tub and sponge baths, such as our ancestors used, must be resorted to; it shouldn't be a secret to him that, in most cases, the older one gets the poorer his memory and forgetting a key, or a name, or to put food in the refrigerator

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could happen to anybody but is more likely to happen to an old person; that in the excitement and exertion of packing and getting off for a trip, the average person nearing ninety years of age wouldn't be able to make the trip if he or she took the time and energy necessary to clean up the house before leaving; that some people are neater housekeepers than others and you can't judge all old people by the same yardstick any more than you can any other age group; that there's a vast difference between clutter and dirt and that "clutter" to one person may mean "comfort" and "home" to another; that letters, books, papers and boxes around do not necessarily present a fire hazard but that senile or careless smokers (especially if they also drink) do; that unless senility has completely taken over, old people resent being treated as "retarded."

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### JACK ANDERSON

## North Korea Exporting Aid?

WASHINGTON — Secret Pentagon documents reveal that North Korea, like Cuba, is funneling military aid to countries around the world.

The North Koreans also train their clients to handle sophisticated Soviet weaponry. They sent a 75-man training mission half way around the world, for example, to train Syrian pilots for action against Israel. The North Koreans "departed Syria in late 1975," adds a secret document.

Some of the North Korean arms, incidentally, have been traced by U.S. intelligence from Syria to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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factions throughout the world. The Pentagon documents report that North Korea has sold or granted more than \$44 million worth of military hardware to such countries as Burundi, Egypt, Mozambique, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Syria, Tanzania, Togo and Zaire.

The shipments range from rocket launchers and jeep-mounted recoilless rifles to communications equipment and torpedo boats. One of the most surprising revelations in the secret documents is the report of North Korean aid to Zaire, which heretofore has been considered a pro-Western government. Yet the North Koreans not only supplied Zaire with some \$6 million in armaments but also sent a 125-man training mission to Zaire. The mission, according to a secret report, "arrived early in 1975 (and) trained recruits for a Zairean division."

The report adds that 105 "departed Zaire in December 1975. Of the remaining, there are medical specialists, nine are artillery instructors and eight are training Zairean infantry instructors."

In Korea, meanwhile, the U.S. command is worried that the ramifications of Kim Il-sung may order another invasion of South Korea. This has led U.S. Gen. James Hollingsworth, the top U.S. field commander in South Korea, to warn of U.S. retaliation against the North.

His statements have caused a flap in the

backrooms of Washington. Reps. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., and Don Fraser, D-Minn., fearful that American troops might get involved in another war on the Asian mainland, have introduced a bill to end all arms aid to South Korea which has 42,000 U.S. troops are withdrawn.

STIFLED RESEARCH: We recently reported that the stodgy administrators of the National Institutes of Health were stifling research which they considered "unconventional." This has caused the United States to drop behind other nations in certain fields.

In response to our column, several scientists have contacted us about other vital research that NIH is neglecting. Here are a few examples:

—Dr. James Enstrom of UCLA has studied the cancer rates among certain groups, such as the Mormons whose mortality rate from cancer is 30 per cent lower than the national rate. He has submitted numerous proposals to NIH to study different groups, which could provide insight into the causes and prevention of cancer. None has been reviewed to date.

—Dr. Terrence Anderson and Dr. Wilfred Smith, Canada, have been working with vitamin E as a treatment for heart disease. Researchers in Japan successfully inoculated 21 different bacterial viruses with vitamin C. NIH has failed to follow up on any of these.

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### BOB LLOYD

## Cowart: Press 'Unfair'

Seminole-Brevard Circuit Court Judge Joe A. Cowart Jr. broke a month of silence on Monday and revealed why he has barred reporters from two newspapers on routine pre-trial docket soundings in his chambers at Sanford.

In a 90-minute nontelevised session at a secretary's desk Cowart expressed his displeasure with the media, especially newspapers, for his sealing in December of a report and judgments rendered by a Seminole County Grand Jury that probed allegations of corruption and wrongdoing in county government.

Cowart called news coverage of the event "unfair" and accused reporters of injecting sensationalism into articles that he said "inflamed the public."

"The papers should be satisfied with reporting facts," Cowart said, "... what happened ... and not inflaming the public and using emotions."

After four weeks of probing the grand jury returned indictments and Judge Cowart immediately, on the advice of Circuit Judge Volle A. Williams, ordered the indictments and the accompanying grand jury report sealed under a law giving persons named in the report but not indicted time to reply and to seek to purge their names from the record.

Even before the grand jury report was returned, Judge Williams told reporters that if public officials were indicted that the report would be sealed and no arrest warrants would be issued at that time.

Later Judge Williams told reporters that "the real reason" for the law cited by the court in sealing the grand jury report is "there have been so many officials indicted and the cases dismissed."

On Monday, Judge Cowart told this reporter that he thinks he was right in sealing the report and indictments. On Dec. 12 the state Supreme Court, in effect, agreed with Cowart when it ruled that the sealing of the report and indictments was proper.

The local court eventually sent the documents back to the grand jury but during the interim there arose a public outcry that included marches on the courthouse by citizens carrying picket signs.

The grand jury revised its report and re-issued indictments against four persons. The indictments were later either dropped by Herring's office or dismissed by the courts.

Herring later filed direct information charges charging three persons with misdemeanor offenses. Those cases have yet to come to trial in County Court.

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neutrality" when they gave Herring affidavits concerning the events leading up to the sealing of the grand jury report and indictments.

Cowart accused the reporters of not staying impartial in the adversary proceedings but of "joining the bandwagon" of the prosecutor to "jump on the judge."

Herring used the affidavits to support a motion asking Cowart to disqualify himself from hearing any of the grand jury cases.

The reporters were asked to make the sworn statements and did so. Herring could not have subpoenaed the reporters since they were witnesses to events and taken the sworn testimony if the reporters hadn't honored his informal request.

Cowart, who lives in Brevard County, said Monday that it took him a month to "really find out" about what he called the undercurrents in Seminole politics and to fit together the jig-saw like power struggles on the County Commission.

All this brings us back to the current matter. On Jan. 26 and again on Monday Judge Cowart barred this reporter, and the other reporter who signed an affidavit, from his in-chambers "soundings of the docket" of cases scheduled for trial this week.

Judge Cowart is the only one of the 13 Seminole-Brevard circuit judges to do this. The docket sounding procedure is one in which prosecutors and defense attorneys meet with the judge and indicate which cases will be disposed of with negotiated pleas.

Cowart said Monday that he's found "it works better" not to have the press present at the docket soundings. He said the docket sounding isn't a "critical step" in the criminal trial proceedings and isn't negotiated in court rules.

Reporters from the two newspapers have for many years covered the in chambers docket soundings.

"To my knowledge never has a reporter written about the job and sometimes even scoldings of lawyers that have taken place in the proceedings."

Judge Cowart now indicated that since he's lost confidence in the newspaper reporters that he's afraid something will be reported that happens in the chambers session that will be out of context, reflect badly on the court or prejudice a defendant's case should it come before a jury.

Judge Cowart also said he doesn't understand the "immediacy of the press." He says reporters "want everything right now."

It is true that docket soundings are attended by a court clerk and a court stenographic reporter but their records of the proceeding aren't available readily. The court clerk's record of proceedings, called court minutes, don't become public record until the documents are typed and signed by the judge. In the past in Seminole there have been occasions of minutes waiting months for a judge's signature.

The official court reporter takes down everything that the court says "on the record" but those notes can't be transcribed unless there's an order by the court. Even if there is an order to transcribe the notes it usually takes a week or more for the finished product to become available.

It is interesting to note that despite Judge Cowart's reference to docket soundings as not being a "critical step" that, according to defense attorneys, in the middle of Monday's three-hour session from which the press was barred that Cowart held a hearing on a defense motion and dismissed a felony marijuana case against an Altamonte Springs man that was on his week's trial docket.

By barring the press Judge Cowart has in effect denied the public from having a first hand account of the dismissal of the drug case.

The public has a right to know, we believe, if law enforcement officers feel up a case, if the case is thrown out on technicalities due to poor prosecution or if the defendant was wrongly accused.

The press has the obligation to report the outcome of the case as well as the arrest and by barring reporters, apparently because he's more than slightly irritated about something that happened two months ago, Judge Cowart isn't helping to narrow the communications gap, whether it be between the courts and the public or the courts and the press or any combination thereof.

Judges, just like other elected officials, aren't immune to criticism. And neither are reporters. Hopefully, now that Judge Cowart has openly expressed his feelings to reporters there won't be an attitude of mistrust or vindictiveness on either side.

(Bob Lloyd is a staff writer for the Evening Herald who specializes in the coverage of the courts and law enforcement agencies. — Ed.)

## Circles Plan Variety Of Activities

# Deltona Gardeners Busy

A wide variety of activities marked meetings of the various circles of the Garden Club of Deltona during February.

After a luncheon in Sanford, members of the AMARYLLIS CIRCLE toured the Central Florida Zoological Park and nature trails.

Mrs. John Stadler, circle chairman for the Garden Club annual card party March 26 reported on final arrangements. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Albert Francini.

At the ASTER CIRCLE meeting members heard that there were plans for a flower arrangement in a window at the Deltona Plaza and at the Deltona Public Library. Treasurer Mrs. Ortez Center reported that \$15 had been contributed for world gardening.

The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Leroy Roth, with an illustrated talk on "Flowers of the Holy Land."

Mrs. Meter Tupper of Deland discussed many facets of herbs and herb growing at the AZALEA CIRCLE meeting. For example, she suggested that a strong brew of mint liquid rubbed on legs and arms will keep gnats away.

During the week of March 8, Mrs. Herbert Rios will have the floral arrangement at the Deltona Library. In March there will be a field trip to the Experimental Agriculture Center in Sanford, followed by a luncheon.

CAMELLIA CIRCLE members heard about the garden show to be held in May at the Raiford Prison, planned by the Horticulture Club there. The group then traveled to Blue Springs Park to try to see the manates.

The march meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dale Miller. After a luncheon in Daytona Beach, members of the CAROLAN CIRCLE visited the horticulture school of the Daytona Beach Community College.

The meeting on March 17 will be held at the home of Mrs. Virgil Byham, with Sid Porter of Deland speaking on Florida history.

The next meeting will be March 17 at the home of Mrs. Raymond Phillips.

"Songbirds of the South" was the unusual program enjoyed by members of the FEERN CIRCLE. Mrs. A.C. Frank demonstrated bird calls and exhibited many of the birds' nests she has collected.

President Miss Mary Burke reminded members that the March meeting will be a luncheon at the Casadeja Hotel.

Sid Porter of Deland spoke on the history of Florida to members of the GARDENIA CIRCLE at the home of Mrs. Frank Grant. The regular business meeting followed.

Mrs. John Croft will be the hostess for the next meeting. Mrs. Esther Kazan showed slides and discussed flowers of Northern Canada at the HEATHER CIRCLE meeting. Mrs. Samuel Ratz, horticulture chairman, gave a report on the planning and care of the apple trees which are to be used for a Garden Club award effort.

The March 17 meeting will feature a trip to the Green Thumb Gardens, followed by a March 18 business meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard Wright.

Ten members of the HIBISCUS CIRCLE visited the Central Florida Zoological Park for their February meeting. After the tour Mrs. Lansford Oliver gave a talk on the World Gardening project in South America.

The March 17 gathering will be a garden tour and visit to see the peacocks in Winter Park.

A "February Thank You Coffee" was held Thursday in the classroom. Performing a variety of tasks from helping individuals with the paperwork and clerical duties.

Mrs. Joyce Harrington, fourth grade teacher, is the school's director of the program. Volunteers include: Mrs. Rosemary Maier; Mrs. J. Reynolds; Mrs. Linda Schwaneck; Mrs. Loraine Swallow; Mrs. Monnie Shilley; Mrs. Diane Johns; Mrs. Roxanne Adams; Mrs. Mary Aho; Mrs. Maude Newman; Miss Margaret Coffey; Mrs. Ruth Nicholas; Mrs. Patsy Baker; Mrs. Sherry Jackson; Mrs. Wini Pomeroy; Mrs. R. Hamb; Mrs. Flecia Knecht; Mrs. Nancy Chancy; Mrs. Judy Wood; Mrs. Ruth Sand; Mrs. Mary L. Bows; Mrs. Mary Constantine; Mr. Dale Riegenbach.

Mrs. N. Langley; Mrs. A. Ingram; Mrs. Caroline Poppe; Mrs. Sherry Johnson; Mrs. Downey; Mrs. Juanita Bridges; Mrs. Florence Littel; Mrs. Jean Tucker; Mrs. Darlene Mascho; Mrs. Mary Jo King; Mrs. Violet Greene; Mrs. Carole Pope; Mrs. Loraine Wolf; Mrs. Winnie Peters; Mrs. Suzie Hillier; Mrs. Mary Phelps; Mrs. Mather; Mrs. Lisa Saunders; Mrs. Joyce Avertt; Mrs. Victoria Medina.

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GARDENERS PLAN FOR FLOWER SHOW: "Flower Show Tips" was the subject of the program presented at the Garden Club of Sanford, Thursday, by members (from left) Mrs. Gordon Bristow, Mrs. Charles Wilke, Mrs. Blanton Owen and Mrs. G. Andrew Soper, who spoke on horticulture, fresh material design, abstract design and interpretation. The club's annual flower show will be held April 16 and 17 with an Easter theme. The annual plant sale will be held March 5 and 6 at a variety of locations in Sanford.

## Male Readers Rate Women

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR READERS: Yesterday, I published the first part of the results of my reader survey on what men first notice about women. (Bosoms were way out in front, with figures—including legs and fanny—coming in second and eyes, third.)

Here are the remaining results: Twenty per cent of the men who wrote in notice a woman's clothes and grooming first. In this category was included "how she smells."

From Arizona: "If she looks attractive and seems interested in me, I get close enough to get a whiff of her. If she doesn't smell 'clean,' I move on. Many Canadian men said, 'Heavenly

perfumed woman lose me!" A woman's attire was noticed by more men from eastern states: Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire!

More Southern gentlemen, on the other hand, first notice a woman's "complexion." (From New Orleans, one man wrote: "I don't like to see women with a lot of makeup. The less paint and varnish, the better" like

super and bingo was played during the evening. Bingo winners were: Mrs. Maxine Henn, Bob Bentz, John Greene, Syd Galley, Virginia Galley, Glen McKendree and Buddy Lee.

Members present for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Russ Kitter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ish Siegler, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bentz, Mr. and Mrs. Syd Galley, Mr. and Mrs. John Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McKendree, Mrs. Maxine Henn, Mrs. Virginia Galley, Mrs. Joyce Fitzgerald and Mrs. Alva Conroy.

Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased at the Art Center from auxiliary members before March 2.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Goolagong Wins At Sarasota, Evert Into Action Tonight

SARASOTA (AP) Top-seeded Evonne Goolagong has claimed her 11th straight match victory to advance into the second round of the women's professional tennis tournament here.

Miss Goolagong, coming off a two-week layoff Monday night, crushed Lea Antonopolis 6-3, 7-4, Monday night. Miss Antonopolis, of Glendora, Calif., double-faulted at game point while leading 2-1 in the first set, but Miss Goolagong rallied to win the next four games to win the set and went ahead 5-2 in the second set.

Second-seeded Chris Evert of Fort Lauderdale, expected to be Miss Goolagong's chief challenger, drew a bye and begins action tonight against fellow Floridian Wendy Overton.

### Shy Shut Off, Gators Lose

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt's ability to shut off Florida's high-scoring Gene Shy in the second half has enabled the Commodores to post a 71-47 Southeastern Conference victory over the Gators.

Shy had 17 points in the first half. Monday night as Florida moved into a 36-32 lead, but he was held to just three points in the second half.

### Laver, McMillan Triumph

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands — Rod Laver of Australia and his partner, South African Fred McMillan, defeated Dutchmen Lou Sanders and Ralf Thum 7-6, 6-4 in the opening match of the World Championship Tennis Tournament.

### He Shoves Ref, Suspended

MONTREAL — Vancouver Canucks defenseman Bob Dailey was suspended for two games for shoving an official.

### Columbia Oarsman Lost

NEW YORK — Stephen M. Abbey, a Columbia University lightweight oarsman, was lost and presumed drowned in a rowing accident on the Harlem River.

## SCOREBOARD

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San Antonio	29	29	653	10
Washington	34	24	668	4
Portland	29	29	650	10
Phoenix	31	26	656	8
Atlanta	29	29	648	10

### Baseball

W	L	PTS	GB
Philadelphia	37	18	673
San Antonio	34	24	668
Kentucky	37	21	680 7/8
Indiana	31	29	663
Los Angeles	28	35	708 1/2
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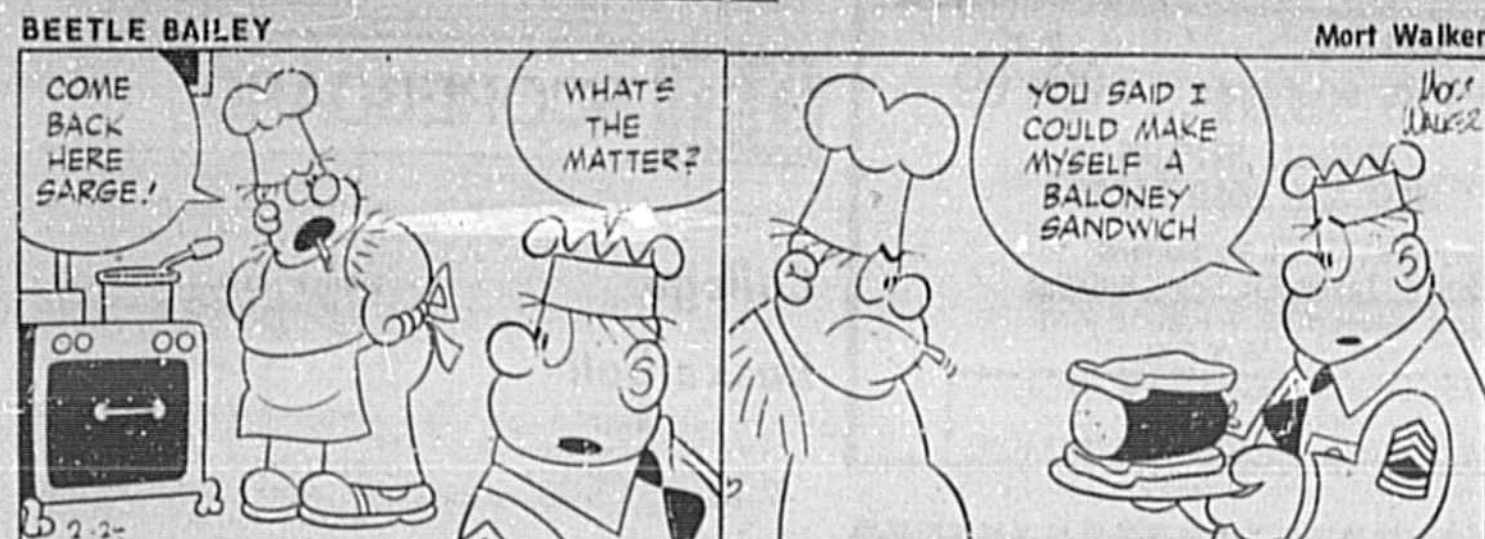
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By BERNICE BEDE OSOL
For Wednesday, February 25, 1976
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Normally you're a person of action. Today you could be a shade too lackadaisical about that which should be done.

WIN AT BRIDGE

Bridge hand analysis with North, South, East, West cards and play sequence.

nothing else, criticized their West partners for doubling four spades...
DEAR DR. LAMB - Your reply to the reader who was taking tranquilizers with coffee...

CARNIVAL



Evening Herald

County Unemployment Rate Takes Plunge

By DONNA ESTES
Herald Staff Writer
Seminoke County's unemployment rate took a dramatic plunge in January, from the 14.4 per cent recorded in December, to 11 per cent.

Sanford To Sue L. Mary

City Attorney Vernon Mize has been authorized by the Sanford City Commission to file a civil suit against the City of Lake Mary over a 290-acre parcel of land annexed by Sanford, and incorporated by Lake Mary, according to City Manager W.E. Knowles.

Refuse Crew Of The Year

Refuse Superintendent George Brister (left) and Sanford Public Works Director Bob Kelly (right) present \$25 Savings Bonds to members of the city's 'Refuse Crew of the Year'...

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Table with 2 columns: Activity and Time/Status. Includes Bridge, Calendar, Comics, Crossword, Editorial, Dear Abby, Dr. Lamb, Horoscope, Hospital, Obituaries, Sports, Television, Women.

WEATHER

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