

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Fired man wins verdict against Sears

PENSACOLA — A fired sales manager says he believes his \$1.1 million age discrimination verdict against Sears, Roebuck & Co. will help other older employees keep their jobs. Charlie Alphin sued Sears, claiming the company fired him at age 50 in 1986 because it wanted to reduce overhead by eliminating his \$48,000 annual salary, retirement and other benefits.

Jury deliberations begin

MIAMI — Jury deliberations began in the corruption trial of former, three-term Miami Beach Mayor Alex Daoud, indicted and linked to the former chairman of the failed CentTrust Savings and Loan. Daoud, 49, faces 35 counts of racketeering, bribery, extortion and money laundering, including the charge of taking a \$35,000 bribe to allow an oversized boat dock behind the home of former CentTrust chairman David Paul.

Catholic churches aid hurricane victims

ST. PETERSBURG — Donations for hurricane victims in Florida, Louisiana and Hawaii totaled \$450,000 from parishes in 76 Catholic churches in the Tampa Bay area, a spokeswoman said. Bishop John C. Favolaro of the five-county Diocese of St. Petersburg sent checks to Catholic Charities offices in the affected areas this week, said Kathy Saunders.

College student killed

DAYTONA BEACH — A Bethune-Cookman College student was killed and three of his friends seriously wounded after a confrontation with armed robbers, police said. Wayne Simpson, 19, died at Halifax Medical Center after the shooting early Thursday. Bethune-Cookman student Theodore Troutman, 20, former student Taurus Cooley, 19, and Michael Howard, 21, were listed in serious condition in the intensive care surgical unit, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Professor answers allegations

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida State University professor charged with buying cocaine said in court documents that he never gave drugs to students or influenced them to take drugs. The attorney for David Ammerman, a popular history professor who also ran a mentoring program for minorities, also said Tallahassee police should not have released a 200-page report that included allegations his drug use involved students.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Poll rates response to hurricane

Opinion: Bush over Chiles

By Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Respondents to an opinion survey rated President Bush's handling of government response to Hurricane Andrew over that of Gov. Lawton Chiles.

The Mason-Dixon Poll of 804 registered voters contacted Sept. 10-12 found that 68 percent believe Chiles' performance was poor or fair, while 28 percent rated the response good or excellent.

Fifty percent said Bush did a good or excellent job; 49 percent rated his performance fair or poor. One percent had no opinion and the margin of error was 3.5 percentage points.

But the storm's aftermath does not seem to have included any political fallout. Eight of 10 voters said Bush's handling of the Aug. 24 disaster would not affect their vote in November.

"The hurricane doesn't seem to have become a political liability for Bush or Chiles," said Bob Joffe, vice president of Mason-Dixon Political Media Research Inc.

Jeb Bush, the president's son and Florida campaign chairman, said most people don't see disaster response as a political issue.

"They see it as a legitimate role of government," he said. "The press, in general, spent an enormous amount of time talking about the politics of this, giving the impression that the



Herald Photo by Tommy Vinson

Members of the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford met Thursday to pack non-perishable items in aid of hurricane victims in South Florida.

From left: Jean Nichols, Wilma Sebastian, Ruth Werner, Lourine Messenger and Evonne Bolduc.

response was politically motivated on the one hand or not fast enough on the other hand." Chiles, interviewed Wednesday while in Washington to lobby for disaster aid, said he takes "great comfort from any Mason-Dixon poll that shows anything" and questioned its

accuracy in past surveys. "I wouldn't give myself more than an A-plus," Chiles said. The governor's overall performance rating also slipped compared to a June Mason-Dixon Poll, in which 31 percent said he was doing an excellent or pretty

good job. In the new poll, only 22 percent gave him similar ratings. The drop comes after Chiles' battle with the Legislature over taxes, which saw him lose on many of his proposed reforms and increases.

Impeachment ruled unfair to Hastings

Staff and Wire Report

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled the U.S. Senate acted improperly when it impeached former U.S. District Judge Alice Hastings, an Altamonte Springs native, on bribery and perjury charges.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin said Hastings' 1989 ouster was unfair because a 12-member Senate committee, rather than the full Senate, conducted the impeachment trial.

Sporkin, saying the issue "will clearly be settled by the Supreme Court" did not order a new trial for Hastings, so that the case can be appealed. Hastings was not reinstated to the bench because Sporkin stayed his own order "until the issue has been decided on appeal."

Hastings, Florida's first black federal district judge, was convicted by the Senate on Oct. 20, 1989, of eight impeachment articles charging him with perjury and conspiracy to obtain a \$150,000 payoff. He had been acquitted of those charges by jury in a criminal trial six years earlier.

Sporkin said only the full Senate had authority to try



File Photo

Alice Hastings

Hastings on the same charges that led to the acquittal. "Judge Hastings did not get a trial by the full Senate," Sporkin said. "He is entitled to have one."

Contacted by telephone at his home in Miami, a jubilant Hastings said: "Well, I'll tell you what my mother says: 'It sure feels good to be unimpeached.' It certainly is a good feeling."

"We had so few victories along the way, it's certainly a measure of vindication."

Calls pouring in to waste hotline

By Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The three operators staffing a new hotline set up to take citizen suggestions on cutting government waste have gotten many calls classified category 90s. Those are plain old complaints.

Among suggestions in that category: "Fire half the bureaucracy" or "eliminate special legislative sessions." One irate caller termed the comptroller's hotline itself a waste of money.

Every suggestion and complaint, regardless of how farfetched or vague, will be referred to a state agency for evaluation and Comptroller Gerald Lewis will report to the Legislature every 30 days.

Nearly 400 Floridians called a hotline set up to take suggestions on saving tax dollars in the new service's first 2 1/2 days, Lewis spokesman Terence McElroy said Thursday.

One caller suggested that the hotline itself was a waste of money.

When Lewis arrived at work Tuesday, the day after his office released word that the new hotline was up and running, 22 phone calls already had collected on the answering machine.

"We're real pleased with the response," McElroy said. Some of the calls contained tips that could send someone to

jail. One caller offered advice on how welfare benefits could be trimmed, while another recommended that toll booths be installed on Interstate 95.

Somebody else called up to suggest how college professors might better spend their time.

The data can be compiled daily and electronically transferred, to inspectors general in each of the state agencies to be checked.

"I've talked to some really interesting people today, with a lot of ideas," hotline worker Lynita Alexander said Wednesday.

"One man even called up and asked 'What kind of suggestions do you want to hear?'" she said.

Several callers, she said, wanted the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to reduce welfare benefits, the Lottery Department to cap prizes at about \$15 million or state lawmakers to give up their \$21,560 salaries and insurance benefits.

Ms. Alexander said other callers suggested busing welfare recipients to south Dade County and putting them to work cleaning up after Hurricane Andrew.

"It's funny, but bless their hearts, some of them just don't want to tell the government who they are," Ms. Knoll said.

The hotline number is 1-800-OET-LEAN.

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery. Cash 3 5-3-3, Play 4 0-9-9-1. Includes logo and contact information for Sanford Herald.

THE WEATHER. Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the near 90s. Wind southeast 5 to 10 mph. Rain chance 40 percent. Includes weather icons, moon phases, and a city temperature table.

POLICE BRIEFS

Grand theft charged

Craig A. Lindsey, 27, 583 Queensbridge Drive, Lake Mary, has been charged with grand theft by Altamonte Springs police. Lindsey is accused of selling hailstorm-damaged air conditioning units stolen from an apartment complex where he worked.

Police say Lindsey stole 75 air conditioning units from Club Esprit Apartments in Altamonte Springs, where he worked as a maintenance supervisor. According to arrest reports, Club Esprit owner Serge Polakoff directed Lindsey to sell the units for \$180 each, but allowed him to keep \$10 for each one sold. The units were damaged during the March hailstorm and had been replaced.

Earlier this month, the units were found missing from two vacant apartments where they were kept. Following an undercover investigation, police found 21 of the units had been sold to an Orlando man for \$3,480. Another 48 units were unaccounted for, reports state. Lindsey paid Polakoff \$920 for nine of the units, reports state.

Traffic stop leads to arrest

Dwayne Cedric Hendrick, 35, 1320 Eighth St., Sanford, was arrested by a Lake Mary policeman Wednesday night on U.S. Highway 17-92 near Weldon Boulevard.

Hendrick was charged with driving with a suspended license.

Warrant arrests made

The following wanted persons have been taken into custody:
 • Billy Jackson Nelson, 25, 209 Bamboo Drive, Sanford, was served with a warrant at the Seminole County jail Wednesday. Nelson was wanted on a charge of violating the terms of his probation on a conviction for a throwing a deadly missile.

• Reginald Bernard Lawrence, 23, 611 Peach Ave., Sanford, was arrested at the Seminole County Courthouse Wednesday morning. Lawrence was wanted on a charge of violating terms of his probation for a battery on a law enforcement officer conviction.

• Robert Lee Chestnut, 46, 219 W. 17th St., Sanford, was served with a warrant at the Seminole County jail Wednesday. Chestnut was wanted on a charge of violating the terms of his probation for a drunken driving conviction.

• Richard Eugene Williams, 30, 2420 Chase Ave., Sanford, was served with a warrant at his home Wednesday. Williams was wanted on a charge of violating the terms of his probation for a grand theft conviction.

Larry Dean Cox, 36, 270 Live Oak Blvd., Sanford, turned himself in to deputies at the Seminole County jail Wednesday. Cox was wanted on a charge of violating the terms of his probation for a marijuana possession conviction.

• Kalleh Bernard Vann, 22, 136 Morning Glory Drive, Lake Mary, turned himself in to deputies at the Seminole County jail Wednesday. Vann was wanted on a charge of failing to appear at a hearing to answer to a driving with a suspended license charge.

Incidents reported to police

• A break-in was reported Sunday or Monday, at Ahoy Marine, 511 E. 25th Street in Sanford. Entry was made by forcing open a gate at the compound. Nothing has been reported missing.

• Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 410 Magnolia Avenue, was reportedly burglarized Tuesday. Ground maintenance employee Clifford Weitzel reported meat from a freezer and a number of tools were taken.

• Thomas Stewart of Casselberry, told police he found a bag containing his car keys, had been taken from his vehicle Tuesday, in parking lot #9 at Seminole Community College. Police said when he returned from the library building where he phoned in the report, he discovered his car had been stolen. No identity or license number of the vehicle was immediately available.

• A \$1,467 stereo system was reportedly taken Tuesday, from a car parked at the Recruiting Center, 3647 S. Orlando Drive. The owner of the vehicle was identified as U.S. Marines recruiting Col. Troy Rollins.

• A purse containing a wallet and other items, was reportedly stolen Tuesday from the car of Belinda Shuck of Sanford, while parked in the North lot of Seminole High School, 2701 Ridgewood Avenue.

• A \$300 air conditioning unit was reported taken from a window at the First Born Church of the Living God, 1802 S. Bell Ave., near Sanford, at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday.

• A \$300 air conditioning unit was reported taken from a window at an apartment at 1907 Park Ave., Sanford, sometime between 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8:03 a.m. Wednesday.

Discover Seminole

Cable TV national series to focus its camera on us

By VICKI BOGOMMER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Traveling to exotic locales around the country, the cable television series "Discover America" will make several stops in Seminole County this weekend.

The popular travelogue show which has been showing viewers around North America in celebration of the quicentennial of Columbus' voyage to the new world had planned to make a short stop aboard the Rivership Grand Romance in Sanford.

"But we wanted them to take a look at

more of the things we have to offer in Seminole County," said Jack Wert, director of tourist development for the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce.

According to Wert, the producer and videographer will spend two days visiting sites around the county, but the final piece will probably not amount to more than several minutes on the air.

"But people will have the opportunity to see many of the great places and things to do that we have in Seminole County," Wert said.

With Wert as a guide, the two-man crew

from the Christopher Columbus Quicentenary Jubilee Commission will visit with Capt. Bob Hopkins of the St. Johns River Cruises, at Flea World and Fun World and at the Central Florida Zoo.

They will enjoy the natural beauty around Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River, at Katie's Landing near Sanford at Big Tree Park in Longwood and at Welkiva Springs Park near Longwood.

"We'll spend quite a bit of time in and around the Grand Romance too," Wert said.

Group remains keen about high school money issue

By VICKI BOGOMMER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Representatives of the Sanford Committee said they would like to have the school district take another look at the way money is distributed to the district high schools.

That, they say, is the greatest obstacle to bringing the school's curriculum up to par with the other high schools in the district.

They emphasized that the racial make up of Seminole High School's student body has nothing to do with their call to have the school's attendance zones redrawn.

"This is the 90s," Billy Higgins, chairman of the Sanford Committee, said following the school board's work session on the subject earlier in the week. "We support all of our students...black or white."

Higgins said district officials, including Supt. Paul Hagerty, should not have even mentioned the issue of race in their discussion of the magnet school program or alternative solutions to the school's enrollment woes.

Hagerty said after the meeting that he is in agreement with the Sanford Committee and believes he was misunderstood when he stated that "magnet programs designed to improve racial balance at Seminole High School would have to be for white students only."

Hagerty said that he was trying to point out that it would be counterproductive for the district to use magnet schools as a way of changing the racial balance of the schools.

"Efforts should be made to establish programs at Seminole High School which are such as

academically top-quality," Hagerty.

Seminole High received \$143,622 to spend on students, which is \$79 for each of its 1,818 students. Lake Mary High received \$633,380 for their students, which is \$260 per each of its 2,436 students.

"It is inconceivable to me that there should be that much of a discrepancy between the schools," said Higgins. "We need more money per student now!"

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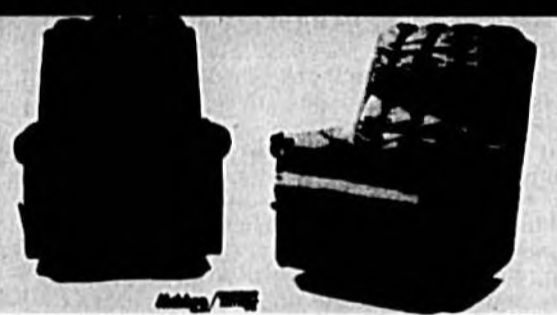


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Accident-prone intersections scheduled for traffic signals

By J. MARK SANFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Several accident-prone intersections have been targeted for lighting by Seminole County road safety engineers.

The intersections of State Road 415 at Celery Avenue, Silver Lake Drive and Ohio Avenue, and U.S. Highway 17-92 at Gen. J.C. Hutchison Parkway have been included in a list of 10 locations that will receive lights within the next 90 days.

County traffic engineer Steve Decker said the locations were selected on the criteria of the number of accidents, maintenance problems, remoteness and citizen complaints.

Residents are invited to suggest intersections that should be lighted by calling 323-2500, ext. 5677.

Although the county doesn't provide street lighting for neighborhoods, Decker said county attempts to pay for the installation of at least five lights each year for safety reasons. Decker said

typically, one light is installed at each intersection. Each light costs the county \$158 per year, said Decker.

Two intersections, at Silver Lake Drive and at U.S. 17-92, were the scene of traffic fatalities in 1991, said Mark Bevis, county traffic analyst.

Bevis said the Silver Lake-Ohio intersection was selected because of the six accidents that have occurred there since the beginning of 1991, including two at night. Bevis said the 90-degree turn requires frequent county maintenance because cars run off the road or knock over signs. Efforts to improve striping and other measures have failed to deter accidents, Bevis said.

The U.S. 17-92-Hutchison intersection has been the scene of 17 accidents since the first of last year, four of them at night. Bevis said the county is seeking state approval to install a traffic light there for added safety.

The 415-Celery intersection has been host to five accidents since 1991, four of them at night. Bevis said efforts to improve the intersection have failed to eliminate accidents there.



Herald Photo by Pamela A. Shing

Kidding around

Elizabeth Schaeffer, a student at Sanford Middle School, was seen feeding her goat, Pika, after school recently. Sister Margaret Schaeffer and

her cat work on encouraging another goat, Little Billy, out from under their house on School Street in Sanford.

Depot

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getting their support in this." He added, "We need to review the impact this move might have on tourism in the Sanford area," he said, "and start broadening the information regarding the effect the Auto Train has with the people of the area."

"We can't put any money into it," Wert said, "but we can certainly give our moral support to any move to keep the Auto Train operating in Sanford."

"As far as expanding the existing facility is concerned," Robertson said, "We have checked into it, and the yard area might be large enough to handle the double decker Superliner trains, but the loading area and other facilities couldn't possibly handle an increase of 25 percent in passengers and cars that we expect when the new trains go into use."

"So we have definitely determined we can't stay at that particular place," he added.

For relocations, a number of requirements were already determined by the company in May of this year.

The report states, "For now, the criteria for selecting a possi-

ble site are: (1) it should have direct rail access from the existing CSX mainline that traverses the Sanford to Kissimmee area, and (2) it should have immediate access to, or be immediately adjacent to a major interstate highway, and (3) it should be of sufficient size (30 acres plus) and length to accommodate Auto Train operations."

The present Auto Train site on Persimmon Avenue in Sanford already meets the first two requirements. It is adjacent to the CSX mainline tracks, and is in close proximity to Interstate 4.

The requirement for at least 30 acres however, cannot be met at the present location, which is approximately 27 acres, with hardly any room for expansion.

Robertson commented yesterday, "I assure you, we don't want to lose the 150 employees we have at the Auto Train in Sanford, so our intention is to relocate somewhere in the Sanford/Orlando area."

When questioned regarding what he considered the "Sanford/Orlando area", he responded, "Well, anywhere from Sanford to the Orlando area." He added that he would consider a location near Taft in Orlando, as

"being in the Sanford/Orlando area."

Meanwhile, other communities have already contacted Auto Train to attempt to lure the facility to other cities. The City of Wildwood, in Sumter County was one of the early inquirers. "We put Wildwood on our list of possibilities," Robertson said, "But as of right now, it's at the bottom of the list."

"They seem to think that time isn't a problem right now," Farr said. "But if they are going to get those large trains into operation by 1995, they had better start working on their plans right now."

Farr said he was going to turn the matter over to the Chamber's Transportation Committee for further examination. "I don't know who will do what at this time," he said, "but we will be doing something because we can't allow the Auto Train to move out of Sanford."

Reunion

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at the Sanford Shrine Club, 100 E. Lee Ave. Mayor Bettye Smith will be on hand to welcome the former squadron

members back to their home port.

Saturday, VJ-63 personnel will attend a banquet at 7 p.m., at the Holiday Inn on the lakefront.

This will be followed by an evening of dancing at the American Legion Post 53.

The final event will be Sunday morning, when the squadron will gather for a buffet breakfast.

Former squadron member Joe Franks, of Woodhaven, N.Y. has been coordinating the arrangements for the gathering.

WILLIAM J. BRELLING, SR.

William J. Brelling, Sr., 77, of Everett Street, Deltona, died Thursday, Sept. 17, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born March 1, 1915, in Chicago, he moved to Deltona 25 years ago from Oaklawn, Ill. he was a self employed master electrician and a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona.

Survivors include daughters, Deanne M. Kroner, Schaumburg, Ill., Gloria J. Ferree, Deltona, Judy A. Dean, Deltona, Suzanne M. Lambros, Chicago, Mary H. Lewis, Irving, Texas; sons, William J., Jr., Deltona, Gerald P., Schaumburg, Ill.; 29 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Stephen R. Baldauff Funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES E. KUYPER

Frances E. Kuyper, 80, Calibre Crest Parkway, Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Feb. 16, 1912, in Pompton Plains, N.J., she moved to Central Florida in 1991. She was a school teacher and a member of Totowa United Methodist Church, Totowa, N.J.

Survivors include sons, Marvin, Longwood, Donald, Maui, Hawaii; brothers, Richard H. Seaman, Ormond Beach, Robert Seaman, Fort St. Lucie; sister, Miriam L. Decker, Pompton Lakes, N.J.; five grandchildren.

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

GARY WAYNE LEIGH JR.

Gary Wayne Leigh Jr., 18, of Eighth Street, Casselberry, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Aug. 30, 1974, in Orlando, he was a lifelong resident of Central Florida. He was a student and a member of the American Motorcycle Association.

Survivors include parents, Deborah and Gary Leigh Sr., Casselberry; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clunie, Casselberry; paternal

grandmother, Beasie, Casselberry; maternal grandmother, Alice Alexander, New Bedford, Mass.

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

BERNARD J. PRATT SR.

Bernard J. Pratt Sr., 43, 613 Sarita St., Sanford, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Born Jan. 27, 1949, in New York, he moved to Central Florida in 1981. He was a mechanic for Burch & Sons Construction.

Survivors include wife, Marjorie; daughters, Shelly, Sanford, Tammy, Winter Springs, Kim-

berly, New Smyrna Beach; son, Bernard J. Jr., Sanford; mother, Maude Pratt, Newark, N.Y.; sister, Donna, Newark; five grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

SYBIL E. WINFIELD

Sybil H. Winfield, 79, of Martin Avenue, Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Florida Living Nursing Center, Apopka. Born Jan. 24, 1913, in Arapahoe, N.C., she moved to Central Florida in 1963. She was a homemaker and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Maitland.

Survivors include sons, Daniel

T., Altamonte Springs, Bobby Ray, Houston; brothers, Cecil Haskett, Longwood, James Haskett, North Carolina; one grandchild.

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

PRATT, MR. BERNARD J. SR.

Funeral services for Mr. Bernard J. Pratt, Sr., 63, of Sanford, who died Wednesday, will be 10 o'clock Saturday morning at Gramkow Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry R. Simpson officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may call at Gramkow Funeral Home Saturday from 9 a.m. until service time. Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford.

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Money crisis hits here

By GAIL HARTMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The complicated, often confusing crisis in European currency markets this week will affect some Americans, although not in uniform or entirely predictable ways.

There will be an immediate break for some Americans traveling in Europe, most of whom have spent their vacations in shock over how little the U.S. dollar buys these days.

Those U.S. tourists in Britain and Italy got lucky.

The hotel room in Rome that a week ago cost \$400 a night, today would be a more modest \$330.

The \$1,000 custom-made suit on London's Savile Row now could be had for less than \$900.

But Americans at home shopping for German products may have to look harder. The German exporter who wants to be paid in marks is going to have more trouble placing his goods in this country, because the marks cost his U.S. clients so many more dollars to buy.

Conversely, American exporters will be able to offer bargains to their German customers.

For the millions of Americans with a stake in the stock market — whether through their own individual investments or the more extensive holdings of virtually every pension plan — there is merely confusion.

The Dow Jones Industrials have spent the week slowly giving up all but 10 points of a 70-point gain on Monday.

That gain followed a decision by the German central bank to shave its interest rates, but when

the move failed to stabilize European currencies or interest rates, U.S. investors were understandably confused and wary.

In this setting, brokers said it was no surprise that stocks showed no clear trend.

How did it happen? European leaders were trying to chart a course toward having just one kind of money. People would still spend marks in Germany, pounds in Britain and francs in France, but there would be no changes in the rates among them.

A treaty signed in Maastricht, Holland, in December promised to do that by 1999. Meanwhile, the governments would try to limit the fluctuations in value among marks, francs and pounds.

But some ordinary Europeans had second thoughts about the treaty. Danes voted it down in a referendum. France, one of its chief backers, has its referendum Sunday and the now the result is in doubt.

The German government was spending a lot of marks on unification with East Germany and on replacing communism with a market system.

Taxes being no more popular there than here, the government found much of the money through borrowing.

The borrowing worried the Bundesbank, or German central bank, which like the U.S. Federal Reserve has some independence from political control. The bank worried that too much borrowing could bring on inflation — a terror for ordinary Germans who remember the aftermath of World War I, when a housewife needed a wheelbarrow full of marks to do the day's marketing.

Iran-Contra probe comes to end

By PETE YOST
AP News Analysis

WASHINGTON — On paper at least, the clues were tantalizing: a possible illegal shipment of missiles to Iran. Ronald Reagan, the secretary of defense, Israel.

But in the end, Iran-Contra prosecutors had only documents — not the eyewitness testimony needed to build a criminal conspiracy case against top figures in the Reagan administration.

The investigative trail ended Thursday when independent counsel Lawrence Walsh closed down the 5½-year investigation into the scandal that dogged the final two years of Reagan's presidency.

Some of the most compelling clues did not surface until late in the probe. Prosecutors obtained the hand-written notes of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger only last year.

Weinberger was indicted in June for allegedly concealing those 2,000 pages of scribbled notes — which include crucial details of key White House meetings on the arms-for-hostages deals with Iran.

One Weinberger jotting from Nov. 24, 1986: Attorney General Edwin Meese III told Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz and other aides that the president hadn't known about a possibly illegal shipment of 18 Hawk anti-aircraft missiles from Israel to Iran.

However, the facts show that two days before the Nov. 24 meeting, Shultz had told Meese that Reagan had indeed known about the Hawks.

And another participant in the Nov. 24 meeting, White House chief of staff Donald Regan, had been present when Reagan was briefed ahead of time about the

November 1985 Hawks shipment.

Yet Meese's statement in the Nov. 24 meeting went unchallenged and the story that he told the nation in a televised news conference the next day was that Reagan hadn't known about the Hawks shipment.

Were the president's men covering up for him? The prosecutors theorized this was so, but they had an insurmountable problem trying to prove it.

Some of Weinberger's scribbled notes are nearly indecipherable, with the wording open to debate. Others are legible, but the wording is ambiguous, say sources close to the investigation who have seen them.

The prosecutors' solution: get Weinberger to testify about his notes.



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Retirees in the swim of things

Twenty-four residents of Bram Towers cooled off in style recently. New members of the Yacht Club, Holiday Inn Marina, participated in a barbecue and drawing for the door prize of a weekend at the inn and a cruise on the Rivership Grand Romance. Bram's Dorothy Schroeder won. The seniors plan many activities including day trips and social evenings.

Herald Photo by Herman Schroeder

Is alcohol really great big demon?

DEAR MARY: I like to read your stuff most of the time but I'm really sick of hearing you harp on alcohol as the great big demon that causes everybody who drinks it to have all kinds of problems. That's a bunch of garbage! Why don't you be honest with people and say that there are some people who can't handle alcohol but most people who drink just do it to enjoy themselves and relax. Get with it lady — the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) went out a LONG time ago.



DRUG COUNSELOR

MARY BALK

has been affected by an alcohol problem.

Alcohol is the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 16 and 24.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is one of the top three known causes of mental retardation, and the only preventable cause among them.

Drinking in the past year was reported by 54 percent of eighth graders, 72 percent of tenth graders and 78 percent of 12th graders.

Seventy percent of the eighth graders surveyed said they had tried alcohol, 27 percent reported having been drunk at least once, and 13 percent reported "binge drinking" — consuming more than five drinks in one sitting during the previous two weeks.

NO PROBLEM
DEAR NO PROBLEM: Congratulations — your genetic and social predisposition, as well as your life choices, have allowed you to use alcohol in an appropriate manner, and if you will review any of my past material, you will see that I have never spoken against the legal and appropriate uses of alcohol or any other drug. However, there are a few sobering facts from a University of Michigan study, "Monitoring the Future," that will explain why those of us in the drug prevention field spend so much time discussing alcohol:
• One in four American homes

When adult children move home

Today, many adult children are returning home to live with their parents. Often, this move is because the adult child is experiencing financial problems as the result of being unemployed in the process of divorce, or simply because of the inability to earn enough to make ends meet. This return home will change the household expenses of the parents. One more person does make a difference. Anticipating the change in the parents' finances will help both the parents and the child plan to minimize family conflicts.



CONSUMER FOCUS

BARBARA HUGHES/GREGG

Talk about money arrangements. Be as specific as possible. Some questions to consider are:

- How much money are the parents willing to contribute to help the child?
- Is this financial help viewed as a gift or a loan?
- How much money can the child contribute to the household?
- Is the child going to help out with household tasks? If so, which ones?
- If the parents have been paying to have the lawn mowed or other chores done, would the child take on these jobs for pay?
- Does the living-at-home situation have a specific time limit? For example, until a job can be found or until the "ideal" career is available?

If the child is going to pay for his or her share of the household expenses, discuss the arrangements and put them into writing so all parties concerned clearly understand what expenses are to be shared, how much is to be paid, and when the money is to

be paid. Keep the arrangement business-like. On the other hand, if the adult child will not be paying for "room and board," that should be clearly understood so no one will be confused or feel uncomfortable.

Many operating household costs increase with the addition of another person. The cost of fuel for hot water often increases because there will be more hot water used for bathing and laundry. This is especially true if the child uses hot water lavishly and the parents are frugal users. Utility costs may increase if more food is cooked and more lights and air conditioning or heating are used. Laundry arrangements are a frequent source of tension. Does mom or the adult child tend to laundry, pressing and/or cleaning tasks?

An additional person in the household will not usually increase the rent, but you should check your lease. If your lease specifies the maximum number of people who can live in the house or apartment, exceeding that number is a violation of the lease agreement and the landlord could cancel the lease. Of course, this won't be a problem, if the parents own their own home.

If the new household member will be using the family car, notify your automobile insurance agent of the additional driver and arrange for coverage. In Florida if the child is under 25 or has a poor driver record, the cost of the insurance will increase substantially. Determine who is paying for what automobile expenses before they are incurred.

The long distance telephone bill often goes up, if the new household member is looking for work out of town. Before calls are made, decide who will pay for them. Devise a way of keeping track of who made each call. This little thing is often a common source of conflict.

The increase in the family food bill will depend on how much and how well the new household member eats. For a family following a moderate food budget, the addition of an adult son eating all meals at home would add about \$37.80 to the weekly food budget; for an adult daughter, \$32.40.

In addition to food costs, meal arrangements can be a source of conflict. If the child expects that mother will prepare three meals a day just like she used to and the mother is planning to cook only if she happens to be home at mealtime. Another point to consider is how you are going to handle guests at mealtime. If the parents are on a tight budget, frequent dinner guests can become a severe burden. There is no one right or wrong way to handle these situations; the important thing is to discuss them and reach an agreement.

The new household member should also be aware that the personal possessions stored in the parent's garage and closets may not be covered by Mom and Dad's household insurance. A separate policy could be necessary, if insurance is desired on the child's property.

The situation gets even more complicated when the adult child has children. It's vital to clarify the babysitting responsibilities and other procedures related to care of the young children, as well as the financial situation.

Talking about the family finances and responsibilities is not easy. But, not talking will create misunderstandings and family conflicts. Having an adult child move back home can help young people "get back on their feet" financially and be an emotionally satisfying way to strengthen family ties, if everyone agrees on the arrangement.

The Cooperative Extension Service is open to all regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

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Sept. 1 — Kelly Stephens, Altamonte Springs, boy; David and Brenda Yovalah, Altamonte Springs, boy.

Sept. 2 — Patricia and Jody Grider, Altamonte Springs, girl; Kay and William McCabe, Altamonte Springs, boy.



IN BRIEF

Leisure Programs set

Leisure Programs at Seminole Community College announces that the following courses will begin during the week of September 21:

People's Law School — Tuesdays, 9/22-11/17, 7-9 p.m. A series of public education courses designed to clear up the mysteries surrounding the practice of law and to create a public well-informed of its rights, privileges and responsibilities under our judicial system. Each two-hour session will deal with different topics such as court and legislative processes, consumer law, workers' compensation, personal injury and insurance law, wills, estate and financial planning. This course is co-sponsored by The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and local judges and attorneys. Cost: \$15/Florida residents or \$30/Non-Florida residents.

Health class Saturday

A free health education class will be held by Beverly Wicks, ARNPC, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Seminole County Health Clinic, 240 W. Airport Blvd. For more information, call 323-2365.

Lost father found; dilemma surrounds contacting him

DEAR ANNY: My parents were divorced almost 45 years ago. The last time I saw my father, I was 4 years old.

Now that I am approaching the mid-century mark, I've become more and more curious about my father. After years of trying to track him down, I was finally able to reach his sister. She said my father had remarried after he and my mother were divorced, and he now has three sons by his second wife.

I was thrilled! Growing up as an only child, I had always wondered what it would be like to have brothers or sisters. So far, so good. Now the problem:



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

My newly found aunt said she had spoken to my father's wife, and she decided that it would not be in anybody's best interest for me to reunite with my father. She said that his other sons were never told of my existence, and it would be opening a can of

worms if they found out their father had kept this from them all these years.

They say he is nearly 80 now, has a heart condition, and fear that seeing me again might cause a heart attack.

I would still like to contact my father. What should I do?

"DOC" IN LONG ISLAND

DEAR "DOC": Have an intermediary (perhaps a lawyer) contact your father, explain the situation, and offer him an opportunity to see you. Your father's wife has no right to deprive your father and his other sons of the opportunity of seeing you. The choice should be theirs.

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