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NEWS DIGEST

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Sports

District softball opens

SANFORD — Lake Howell edged Lake Brantley 15-14 in the Class 6A-District 4 tournament Monday while the rest of the county schools will be in action today.
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BRIEFS

Lake Mary P&Z meets tonight

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary Planning and Zoning Board meets today evening (Tuesday) beginning at 7 p.m. As of the beginning of this week, the following items were listed on the agenda:

- City Planner reports — sign regulations, Woodbridge PUD, citation ordinance, marionette signs
 - Request — Rezoning from R-1A to PO from Raymond Kirk for approximately 0.72 acres located at 229 Seminole Avenue.
 - Request — Vacate an unopened right-of-way by Heathrow IBC Development Company, in Heathrow International Business Center.
 - Discussion — Ordinance amending 1-4 Activity Center ordinance restricting maximum sign area adjacent to Lake Emma Road and Rinehart Road.
 - Reports of members
- The meeting will be held in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.

Land use on agenda

SANFORD — Seminole County Commissioner-1 will continue to discuss a land use change on 94.4 acres known as the Marketplace at Oviedo Crossings today at 7 p.m. The commissioners asked for more information about whether the roads could handle the increased traffic which would be generated by the mall. The meeting is in the commission chambers of the county services building, room 102B.

Expressway to be aired

SANFORD — The proposed expressway in Seminole County will be discussed Wednesday by members of the Seminole County Expressway Authority. The regular meeting will be conducted in commissioner chambers (102B) of the county services building, 1101 East First Street. The meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Meeting cancelled

SANFORD — The Monday meeting between the Seminole County Commission and Longwood City Commission was cancelled. Annexation of enclaves was to be discussed but the session was not conducted because a quorum of city commissioners could not attend. The meeting may be rescheduled.

It's a boy!

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Sheriff Don Estlinger and his wife, Mary, welcomed another son into their family Friday.
Daniel Charles Estlinger was born at 7:14 a.m., April 21 at Florida Hospital North. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Mother and baby will be released from the hospital Tuesday, according to sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough. The Estlingers already have a 3 1/2 year old son, Donnie.

Compiled from staff reports

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Writing requires devotion and a bit of arrogance.

-Buchi Emecheta, sociologist



Today: Partly sunny and cooler with highs in the upper 70s, near 80, lows in the low to mid 60s. Slight wind.

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Speaking from the heart



Herald Photos by Herman Schroeder

The Sanford Optimist Club hosted the regional Oratorical Contest Saturday. Representatives from 10 clubs participated, with winners, two boys and two girls, to go to Tallahassee in May to compete for a \$1,500 scholarship. Participants above, left to right, Kristen Schellhaudt, of Jacksonville, Erin Dyer of Altamonte Springs, Renee Durette of Cocoa

Beach, and winners Harmony Burnett of Lake City and Amber Farmer of Plant City. Below left to right, Patric Hambleton of Riverside, winner Terry McKlenny of Sanford, Sheldon Jackson of Ocala, Alan Stottmeyer of Plant City, and winner Richart Vatalaro of Cocoa Beach.



Benson may lose mayoral post

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — It appears Mayor Iris Benson's five-month term as mayor may be drawing to a close after three city commissioners called a special meeting Wednesday to remove her and designate her replacement on the Council of Local Governments (CALNO). Benson is CALNO chairman. She will remain a commissioner.

The call by commissioner Bill Winston for a special meeting comes just weeks after commissioner Annamarie Vacca also suggested the
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Top secretary tapped today

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce held its sixth annual Secretary of the Year award luncheon today at Heathrow Country Club at which Peggy LeRoy, a secretary at Seminole High School was selected the winner from entries submitted to the chamber by business leaders.

SHS Principal Gretchen Schapker entered LeRoy's name for the competition. She wrote, "Peggy LeRoy has been my executive secretary for four years. To be more accurate, I should say that Peggy is a counselor of students and teachers and handles sensitive and confidential information in a most professional manner."

The letter continued, "She is a one-woman
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Neighbors reorganize to fight crime

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — A Neighborhood Watch program in the eastern part of the downtown residential historic district is reorganizing in order to help deal with the problems of prostitution and drugs in the area.

Michelle Otero, one of the organizers of the group, said she and her neighbors are tired of the crime happening right under their noses.

"What can we do?" she asked. "We have to clean up our neighborhood."

Even in the light of day, Otero said, prostitutes and drug dealers

ply their wares on street corners or in cars that cruise along the streets in front of their homes.

For several years, she said, the neighbors called the police with license plate numbers and descriptions of people and cars. The problems waned a bit, but never went away.

After a while, she said, some neighbors gave up and left. Others, she said, drifted apart and failed to report the crimes they saw.

"It's time to get re-energized and reorganized," she said.

The source of many problems was a large apartment house on

Palmetto Avenue, she said. Drug deals were consummated on the front porch, she reported, and prostitutes serviced their clients in the rooms.

However, when the building's owner moved into the building, she said, the situation cleared up. The class of clientele improved, she said. He also landscaped and improved the physical appearance of the building, she noted.

Another apartment building on another corner is now the hub of drug and prostitution activity, Otero said.

"But the owner does not live there," she noted. "I think that's the key. If the owner lives there, he

can see the kind of people who live there and he won't want to live there with them."

The members of the Neighborhood Watch program plan to contact the owner of the other building and address their concerns.

City Commissioner Lon Howell attended the most recent Neighborhood Watch meeting. Otero said he was supportive of their efforts, but said there was nothing more the city could do to help them without their continued support.

"It's up to us to work with the police he told us," Otero said. "We are reorganized and we're going to do that."

Appeal for property use denied

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — An appeal of a Board of Adjustment denial was turned down by the Sanford City Commission last night. The matter had been scheduled for commission consideration since March, but had been postponed for the past two meetings.

At issue was a Board of Adjustment decision on February 24. Robert A. Tango, owner of property at 113 1/2 W. 19th Street, had applied for a dimensional variance. The intent was to establish a single family residence at the location of a present structure.

The Board however, determined that there were a number of difficulties in such matters as setback lines, resulting from a division of the property on which the original structure was built in 1980.

Attorney John Baldwin, representing Tango, stressed that the problems determined by the board were not caused by his client, and that his client should not be restricted from utilizing the structure because of something which was not his fault, and of which he was unaware.

Citizens from the area near the property however, signed petitions and spoke at board meetings, asking that the request be denied.

One resident pointed out that Tango had been
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Honored for excellence



Herald Photo by Tammy Vincent

The Rotary Club of Sanford present certificates of appreciation to area students and teachers for outstanding academic achievements. The latest recipients are Hamilton

Elementary School fifth grader Shannon Wright and second grade teacher at Hamilton, Linda Crawford. Presenting the awards is Paul Porter, president of Sanford Rotary Club.

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Teacher sued by ex-students charged

MIAMI — A high school band director sued by three former female students has been charged with luring one of them into a sexual affair with him.

George Crear III was arrested late Monday and charged with three counts of sexual activity with a child under his authority. He was to appear in court for a bond hearing this morning.

Crear, a popular teacher at Palmetto High School since 1987, resigned last fall amid allegations he had sex with at least four students beginning in 1992.

One of the girls, Gillian Garrido-Lecca, committed suicide. Her family has said it was over the anguish of breaking up with Crear. The family has sued Crear and the Dade County Public School system, saying it allowed the teacher to "prey on young female students."

The families of two other girls have also sued, blaming the school system for not adequately researching Crear's background and for not acting on two warnings about his relationships with students in his previous job in Flint, Mich.

The basis for Monday's arrest stems from a three-year affair Crear allegedly had with one of the three. The girl is now 18 and identified in her suit as "Jane Doe."

She told investigators that Crear pursued her from the time she was 15 and that he asked her to wear "special underpants and clothing" in school. They had sex in school, at Crear's house, in his car, in motel rooms and on out-of-town band trips he chaperoned, the lawsuit alleges.

The affair lasted until the girl went away to college. After police began investigating, the girl recorded telephone conversations in which Crear professed his love for her and said he would leave his wife and marry her, according to police records.

"The band parents have achieved what we worked so hard for," said Gail Smith, president of Palmetto's Band Patron's Association. "He's out of the classroom, and we can call that a victory. The classroom was not safe when he was in it."

FBI searches suspect's sister's home

PENSACOLA — Federal officials searched the home where Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh's sister once stayed, looking for explosive devices, diagrams on bomb-making, and other military paraphernalia, court documents show.

Authorities refused to say whether they found anything in the single-story house with wood siding and an American flag that doubles as a curtain in a front bedroom window.

Jennifer Lynn McVeigh, flew to Buffalo, N.Y., and was being interviewed by local FBI agents Monday evening, Buffalo television station WIVB reported.

FBI Special Agent Jim Price in Jacksonville confirmed the bureau was conducting an investigation in Pensacola related to the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, but he declined to give any details.

"We can neither confirm nor deny any specific information," Price said.

Timothy McVeigh, meanwhile remained jailed, accused in the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that claimed more than 80 lives.

A probable cause affidavit in support of the search warrant, granted Sunday night by U.S. Magistrate Susan Novotny, was sealed.

Hot shoes

PORT LAUDERDALE — Three men have been indicted on charges of conspiracy to steal expensive men's Italian shoes worth nearly \$228,000 by paying for them with bad cashier's checks, federal officials said Monday.

Richard Sabatino, John Wayne Givens and Stephen Xavier Cavano are accused of involvement in a scheme to steal 1,783 pairs of shoes last year from Capricci Footwear Ltd. of Fairfax, Va.

Sabatino was arrested Monday morning at his home in Ocean Ridge. He dressed in the presence of FBI agents, who confiscated his shoes as evidence. He was being held Monday on a \$25,000 corporate surety bond pending a further bond hearing.

Givens and Cavano, along with three others, also are charged in a superseding indictment with participating in a racketeering conspiracy which included distribution of heroin and cocaine, kidnapping, burglary, robbery and more. Givens and Cavano were already in custody in that case, for which they could be imprisoned for life if convicted.

In addition to the conspiracy charges, Sabatino, Givens and Cavano also face charges involving falsely made securities and transporting and receiving stolen goods.

The three were described by Willie Fernandez, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami, as among "the worst and most violent criminals we have indicted in recent memory."

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

House passes STOP measure Inmates to serve 85% minimum sentence

By Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Legislature appears poised to require inmates serve at least 85 percent of their prison sentences despite warnings that the anti-crime measure would drain money from public schools.

House members passed the Stop Turning Out Prisoners measure 105-10 Monday.

The Senate approved a similar bill in the first week of the regular session last month as part of the Republican-led chamber's top priority this year.

Differences between the two versions must be resolved before the measure goes to Gov. Lawton Chiles.

"You got to be a pretty bad dude in the state of Florida to go to state prison," said House Corrections Chairman Bob Sindler, D-Apopka. "To the public, our constituents, the

criminal justice system is the heart and soul of state government. What we're talking about with this bill is honesty in state government."

Opponents said the state's crime fighting plans were too expensive. The House package, including STOP and other proposals, has an estimated price tag of \$1.5 billion over five years.

"The result of this package of criminal justice bills, maybe not next year, but in the out years, is going to be devastating to education," said Rep. Steven Geller, D-Hallandale.

House members failed to approve another major piece of its anti-crime package Monday: revamping the state's oft-criticized sentencing guidelines.

They passed legislation (CS-HB 2513 & CS-HB 487) to increase protections for the victims of domestic violence, which is headed to the Senate.

Other legislation passed Monday by the House and headed to the governor would:

— Rewrite the law for elderly abuse and increase criminal penalties for the abuse, neglect or exploitation of an elderly or disabled adult (CS-SB 82).

— Allow state prosecutors to seek the death penalty if a child under age 12 dies from aggravated child abuse (CS-SB 114).

Under the STOP bill, inmates convicted of a crime on or before Oct. 1 will serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. It also allows prison officials to declare inmates ineligible for incentive gain time up to six months after they receive a disciplinary report.

The STOP legislation was an outgrowth of a petition drive last year that would have placed the 85 percent minimum into the state constitution. The state

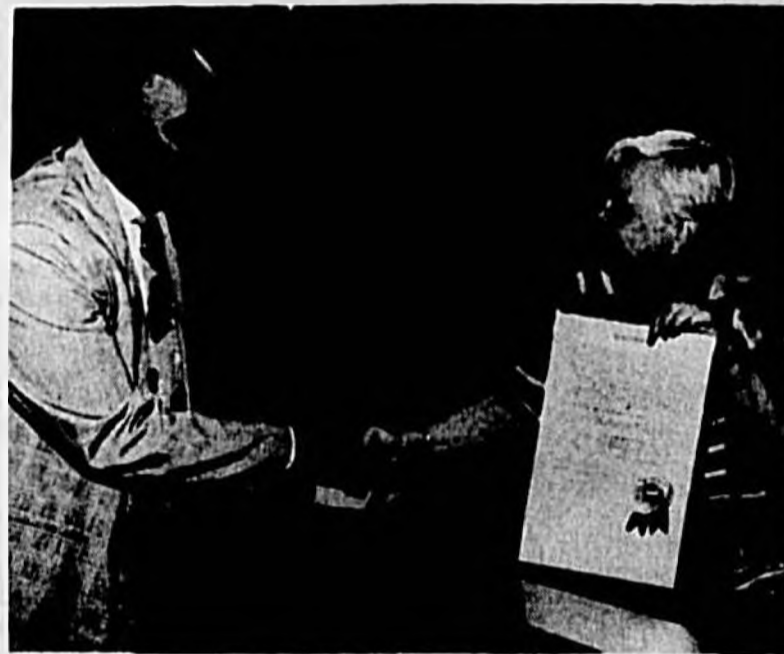
Supreme Court removed the measure from the ballot for technical errors.

The effort to strengthen the sentencing guidelines ran into trouble when Rep. John Traasher, R-Orange Park, proposed an amendment to ensure tougher sentences for violent repeat offenders.

House Speaker Peter Rudy Wallace referred the bill (CS-HB 2871) into House Appropriations when the full chamber approved the amendment. Wallace, D-St. Petersburg, made the move because of the unknown financial impact of the amendment.

Opponents of Traasher's amendment said it could kill any effort to revamp the sentencing guidelines this session. The guidelines were enacted in 1983 to provide uniform sentencing statewide but have been revamped several times, most recently in 1993.

Celebrating National Boys and Girls Club Week



The week of April 24-28 has been proclaimed National Boys and Girls Club Week. In keeping with the observance, Longwood Mayor Iris Benson (left photo) presents a proclamation to Don Miller, Seminole area director of the Boys and Girls Club.



Sanford Mayor Bettye Smith signs a proclamation declaring Boys and Girls Club Week in Sanford.

False bombing arrest Florida veteran held for questioning

By ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Dark hair and an Oklahoma license plate caused some tense moments for an Air Force veteran passing through south Georgia en route to his new home in Florida.

Scott Sweely, 32, of Dell City, Okla., was forced to crawl out of his car window and lie face down after authorities mistook him for a suspect in the bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City.

Sweely was allowed to continue his trip four hours later after being questioned by the

FBI. "He was very candid. He was very cooperative," said Lowndes County Sheriff Ashley Paulk. "I've seen people with a traffic ticket that had worse attitudes."

Sweely said he did not resent being stopped. He was discharged from the Air Force on Saturday after a 10-year career.

"They were just doing their job," he said. "Being in the military teaches you to be patient. If it was somebody else, they might have a different attitude. I'm a real easygoing person."

Sweely said someone apparently reported him to the FBI

after mistaking him for the suspect known as John Doe No. 2 when he stopped for gasoline in Atlanta.

The FBI issued an alert for Sweely's maroon 1973 BMW with Oklahoma license plates.

John Doe No. 2, a man with dark hair, a square jaw and a heavy brow, was the designation given by the FBI to a man who helped rent the bomb van.

Sweely has dark hair, but none of the other characteristics. Lowndes County Sheriff's Sgt. Robert Adkins stopped Sweely's car shortly before 3:30 p.m. on Interstate 75 near Valdosta, about 160 south of Atlanta.

Adkins had him crawl out the driver's side window and forced him to lie face down on the roadside before handcuffing him and brought him in for questioning.

Paulk said Sweely was able to produce documents that gave him a strong alibi.

The sheriff gave Sweely a letter explaining what had happened, in case he was stopped again.

Sweely referred to it as his "get out of jail letter."

He was smiling when he climbed into his car and headed south to his new home in West Palm Beach, Fla.

LOTTERY

MIAMI • Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
4-20-18-24-16

Cash 3
0-8-5

Play 4
0-8-3-0

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight: Fair with lows in the low 60s. Winds will be light to the south. Wednesday: Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s and lows in the low 60s. Thursday and Friday: Partly cloudy and cooler. Winds to the south 8-10 mph. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s with lows in the mid to upper 60s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TUESDAY Pty cldy 78-84	WEDNESDAY Pty sunny 78-84	THURSDAY Pty sunny 80-87	FRIDAY Pty sunny 80-88	SATURDAY Pty cldy 80-88
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MOON PHASES

LAST April 21

FIRST May 7

FULL May 14

NEW May 20

TIDES

WEDNESDAY
SOLUNAR TABLE: Min. 2:45 a.m., 2:55 p.m.; Maj. 8:45 a.m., 9:10 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: high, 5:32 a.m., 5:56 p.m.; low, 11:37 a.m., 11:42:55 a.m., 6:01 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 5:52 a.m., 6:16 p.m.; low, 11:57 a.m., 12:02 p.m.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford on Monday was 85 degrees and Tuesday's overnight low was 57 degrees as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the 24 hour period ending 9 a.m. Tuesday totaled .32 inches.

☐Sunset.....7:57 p.m.
☐Sunrise.....6:49 a.m.

NATIONAL TEMPS

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 9 a.m. EDT.

City	H	L	Prc	Chg
Atlanta	57	42	clr	
Boston	42	32	clr	
Chicago	48	32	clr	
Columbus, Ohio	58	37	.17	clr
Dallas-Ft Worth	65	45	clr	
Denver	55	31	.01	clr
Des Moines	58	42	clr	
Detroit	60	34	clr	
Hartford Springfield	64	37	.01	clr
Helena	60	35	.01	clr
Honolulu	83	71	clr	
Houston	71	46	clr	
Indianapolis	68	37	.14	clr
Jackson, Miss.	65	45	clr	
Juneau	55	34	clr	
Kansas City	61	39	clr	
Las Vegas	89	53	clr	
Little Rock	67	42	clr	
Los Angeles	80	63	clr	
Louisville	61	40	.12	clr
Lubbock	76	39	clr	
Memphis	66	44	.01	clr
Minneapolis	64	38	clr	
Mobile	67	39	.11	clr
Nashville	68	43	clr	
New Orleans	68	46	.01	clr
New York City	63	40	.01	clr
Portland, Me.	54	40	clr	
Portland, Ore.	60	35	clr	
Portland, Me.	60	35	clr	
Philadelphia	65	40	clr	
Phoenix	68	47	clr	
Pittsburgh	60	39	.13	clr
Raleigh Durham	63	46	.15	clr
Rapid City	56	36	clr	
San Antonio	72	47	clr	
San Diego	79	45	.24	clr
Sacramento	65	39	clr	
St Louis	67	39	.02	clr
Salt Lake City	63	33	clr	
San Francisco	63	57	clr	
San Jose	62	46	clr	
Seattle	70	44	clr	
Spokane	67	41	.03	clr

FLORIDA TEMPS

City	H	L	Prc
Daytona Beach	81	68	.29
Ft. Lauderdale	88	70	.29
Fort Myers	78	69	.29
Gainesville	80	73	.29
Haineshead	73	63	.29
Jacksonville	87	77	.29
Key West	84	78	.01
Lakeland	80	74	.11
Miami	86	76	.11
Pensacola	83	76	.29
Sarasota	83	76	.29
Tallahassee	73	66	.29
Tampa	82	74	.11
Vero Beach	80	71	.29
W. Palm Beach	92	69	.29

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 feet and slightly choppy. The current is to the north. Water temperature is 68 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 1-2 feet and slightly choppy. The current is to the north. Water temperature is 69 degrees.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet: Small craft exercise caution: Today: Wind nw to north 15 to 20 knots. Seas 4 to 6 ft. Bay and inland waters choppy exposed areas. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms part. Tonight: Wind northeast 15 knots. Seas 3 to 5 ft except higher in the gulf stream. Bay and inland waters choppy exposed areas.

POLICE BRIEFS

Battery alleged

Victor M. Nathan, 25, 405 Dorchester Sq., Lake Mary, was arrested for battery-domestic violence by Lake Mary Police on Sunday.

Police said Nathan's wife told them he had punched her and pushed her. He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held without bond.

Drugs, firearms charges

Anthony P. Christensen, 31, 915 Maple Ave., Sanford and Donald Keith Hunt Jr., 1000 Maple Ave., Sanford, were arrested on Saturday night by Sanford Police.

Christensen was arrested for possession of cocaine and Hunt was arrested for theft of a firearm.

Police said they were investigating a drug complaint about a car parked in front of a French Avenue business when they came in contact with the two.

They said they found Christensen to be in possession of some crack cocaine and when they searched the vehicle for more drugs they found a gun under Hunt's seat that had been reported stolen.

Christensen was held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. Hunt's bond was set at \$1,000.

Disorderly conduct alleged

Benjamin Malngi Mutunga, 37, 332 Little Springs, Longwood, was arrested for disorderly conduct by Casselberry Police on Sunday.

Police said he had been asked to leave a State Road 436 night club on several occasions because club employees said he was drunk. He refused.

Police report he also refused police requests to leave. After several requests, he was arrested.

He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where bond was not set.

Domestic violence charged

Kenneth Jackson, 25, 318 Palmetto Ave, Apt. 1, Sanford, was arrested for assault-domestic violence by Sanford Police on Sunday.

Police said he locked two roommates and one of the roommate's two children out of their apartment. During a verbal altercation he allegedly threatened one of the roommates, the police report states.

He was held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Assault alleged

Michael Anthony Vallot, 37, 148 Bethune Cir., Sanford, was arrested for aggravated assault on Sunday by Seminole County sheriff's deputies.

Deputies report the victims said he had threatened them with a rifle without the magazine. When they passed him again, he put the magazine in the gun, they reportedly told police.

He was held on \$2,000 bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Warrant arrests

Richard A. Parsons, 25, 20 Wekiva Haven Trail, Sanford, on a warrant for violation of probation on community control for burglary to a structure. He was held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Michael Scott Mates, 40, 275 Eagle Knob Pointe, Lake Mary, on an Orange County warrant for failure to redeliver a hired vehicle. He was held on \$1,000 bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Charlie Knight, 39 Seminole Gardens, Sanford, on warrants for violating the terms of his probation for grand theft and failure to appear in court on possession with intent to sell cocaine. He was held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Billy Baxter Moore (AKA William Bernard Cardwell), 53, 407 Magnolia Ave., Sanford, on a warrant for attempted murder and one for carrying a concealed firearm. He was held at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility without bond.

Public housing units to be razed

By **SONYA ROSS**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal officials are moving to demolish more than 2,000 apartments in dilapidated housing projects and high-rises, including a portion of the nation's first public housing complex.

Over the next two months, 2,247 units will be torn down in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Atlanta, and replaced with apartments "built to smaller, more humane scales," Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros said in draft remarks for a status report today on public housing reforms.

"These are places where the poorest of America's poor families have become concentrated, on virtual reservations of poverty," Cisneros said. "The American people will see some very dramatic changes. The landscape of public housing will literally change before their eyes."

Cisneros' plan may meet stiff opposition. Some displaced tenants will be offered rent vouchers to find housing elsewhere, an idea that has been roundly criticized by Congress and some public housing residents, who fear landlords will turn them away or refuse to renew leases of those who rent with vouchers.

Demolition will begin April 30 at the Raymond Rosen Apartments in Philadelphia, where tenant opposition to vouchers is particularly high. None of the 530 units to be demolished there will be replaced through vouchers.

Five vacant high-rise buildings at Rosen will be replaced with 191 low-rise row houses, 319 new town houses and other housing dispersed in the surrounding community. Another 308 row houses in the area will be renovated, Cisneros said.

Units to be demolished are mostly abandoned and used by drug dealers in complexes where "residents have been victimized by gang members and other criminals," Cisneros said.

Nearly half of those — 1,081 — will be razed in late May at the Techwood-Clark Howell Homes in Atlanta, the oldest public housing in the country.

The 75-acre complex, which opened in 1936 and is on the National Register of Historic Places, is adjacent to the village that will house athletes during the 1996 Olympics. Those apartments will be replaced with 900 mixed-income apartments.

In St. Louis, 656 units of the Vaughn Apartments will be demolished May 1 and replaced by 222 units. The remaining 434 units will be replaced through vouchers.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development said 32

public housing developments will be partially or completely torn down during fiscal 1995. There are 1.3 million units of public housing, run by 3,400 housing authorities.

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Opening arguments begin in trial of biker gang members

By The Associated Press

TAMPA — A 15-year-old girl bought by a gang member for sex is among the witnesses in the trial of Outlaws Motorcycle Club members charged in a racketeering conspiracy indictment that lists more than 50 acts.

In opening statements Monday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Kunz portrayed the 16 members on trial as a violent criminal group.

"The faces and names may change, members may come and go, but the enterprise stays the same," Kunz said.

Testimony was scheduled to begin today in the third major federal prosecution of Outlaws in Florida since the early 1980s. The trial is expected to last up to six months.

"The Outlaws motorcycle gang was set up to look like a bunch of good old boys," Kunz said Monday. "This was just a sham."

"These were not good old boys with hair blowing in the wind," he said. "This is a case of criminals who intimidated and made threats."

Dwight Wells, attorney for Fred Brunet who is charged with conspiracy to distribute drugs and extortion, said his client is innocent. He told jurors to closely watch government videotapes from the undercover drug sting.

"Listen and look at the videos," Wells told the 12-member jury. "Who flies the airplanes? Drives the trucks with large amounts of drugs away from the airport? The police officers?"

Other defense attorneys also attacked the government's role.

"This is a crime for the government, by the government," said John Swisher, attorney for William "Wild Bill" Zuchin of Tampa. "Would the acts have occurred except due to the acts of overzealous agents?"

Brunet, 41, and Zuchin, 45, along with their co-defendants, sat behind tables curtained to hide their leg shackles. They, along with 18 defense attorneys, took up four tables in front of U.S. District Judge Susan Bucklew.

The Outlaws claim they have been the target of selective prosecution because of their alternative lifestyle. Dozens of its Florida leaders and founders were convicted after similar trials in Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale in the 1980s.

The current indictment lists 20 defendants but two have reached plea agreements and two remain fugitives.

Eighteen are charged with engaging in a racketeering conspiracy in an indictment that lists more than 50 acts, including a 1970 Georgia murder.

Sixteen also are charged with conspiracy to traffic in cocaine, methamphetamines and marijuana from 1988 to 1994.

Others also face charges of kidnapping, threatening people, drug dealing, and possession or transfer of illegal weapons.

Kunz promised jurors there would be much testimony concerning the treatment of women, "or to be more accurate the mistreatment."

Biker girlfriends, known as "old ladies," were verbally humiliated, beaten, forced to support their men by working as topless dancers and made to wear vests with the words "Property of the Outlaws" emblazoned across the backs, he said.

If convicted, the defendants face up to life in prison. The government also seeks forfeiture of Outlaws clubhouses.

Although prior busts left membership decimated and aging, the Outlaws kept clubhouses going in St. Petersburg, Tampa and Daytona Beach until September, when indictments were announced after a 2½-year investigation.

In pretrial documents, several defense attorneys sought to have the indictment dismissed, alleging violation of due process because stings were used.

Several of the drug charges result from agents posing as dealers hiring Outlaws for \$1,000 a day to help unload drugs from government planes and deliver them to government trucks.



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EDITORIAL

Chemical-free bug control

In a time when others are looking for environmentally-friendly alternatives to pest control, we think the city of Sanford should consider a solution to the problem of the blind mosquitos that involves no chemicals and would provide a safe habitat for a species of special concern: the evening bat.

We hope residents aren't so mired in the medieval lore surrounding bats that they can not see the benefits these gentle creatures can provide.

We support the suggestion of one community member who suggested that the city build bat houses along the waterfront to attract the blind mosquitos natural enemy to the area. We believe the bats would solve the problem of midges in downtown Sanford once and for all without the use of harmful chemicals.

Dave Farr, executive director of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, said he did not want Sanford to be known as the bat capital. But we also don't want to be known as the midge capital of the world.

Visitors to Sanford who are in the downtown area at night or who are guests at the Marina Hotel become quickly acquainted with the midges during their season. The small insects, unable to see and swarming in such great numbers, end up in one's hair, nose, mouth and eyes.

Bats, contrary to popular belief, are not blind and they are quite timid, usually avoiding any contact with humans. They would gobble up the mosquitos and rarely be seen by the public.

We believe the city could only benefit from the addition of bat houses along the waterfront.

Other cities, such as San Antonio and Austin, Texas, have utilized the bats in controlling pests along waterfront business and historic districts. They have not been overrun with bats. In fact, San Antonio's historic district draws thousands of tourists, many fascinated with the migrating mammals. As a community project, and to dispel the myth that bats are kin to Dracula, members of service clubs lecture tourists about the gentle creatures. And San Antonio's once prevalent bug problem is gone.

Humans (even in Sanford) and bats can co-exist happily. We hope they might be given the chance to do so.

LETTER

Thanks for coverage

Just a thank you note for the great article covering Babe Ruth Baseball, city of Sanford Recreation Department.

I'm speaking specifically about the Blue Jays story in the Sports section, April 6, '95 edition.

Mention was made of the winning pitcher and a short graphic account was given in a very good manner.

Thank you so much for your good choice of words and recognizing the pitcher and other team contributors.

Your coverage is creating great interest among our players.

Thank you so much.
Barry Porter
Babe Ruth Blue Jays Coach

Berry's World

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make available good, meaningful jobs
for everyone; provide a top-notch
education for one and all; bring
about a first-class, low-cost
universal healthcare system...



PANDERING PANDA, POLITICIAN

HODDING CARTER

U.S. inaction helps bury democracy

This is a time of terrible anniversaries and danger-ridden deadlines in Bosnia. The clock keeps ticking away toward midnight, and everyone seems either powerless or unwilling to do anything about it.

On April 5, the war of Serbian aggression against Bosnia entered its fourth year.

On May 1, the fitfully ineffective cease-fire that went into effect on Jan. 1 will expire. There is every indication that all hell will break loose when it does. The Bosnian government is eager to retake at least some of the 70 percent of its territory lost to the Serbs. The Serbs want to pound Bosnia to pieces to solidify the creation of "Greater Serbia."

In the face of these near-inevitable, the policies of virtually every Western nation feature equal measures of hypocrisy, cowardice and irrelevance. America's most of all.

That is understatement, not hyperbole. Most other NATO countries have at least committed ground forces to the near-hopeless United Nations "peacekeeping" task, an Orwellian phrase for a mission doomed to failure by the fact of continuing war. What the United States has committed are money and feckless diplomacy, sometimes simultaneously and always without benefit of a long-term strategy.

In the meantime, Bosnia has been torn apart.

Refugees International outlines the particulars earlier this month.

"An estimated 200,000 have been killed, most of them civilian victims of Serbian 'ethnic cleansing' campaigns. Of a pre-war population of 4 million, more than 2 million Bosnians are refugees or displaced persons and an additional million depend on international aid for survival.... At an April 4 meeting in Washington... the past chairman of a commission to investigate violations of human rights in former Yugoslavia cited documented cases of over 20,000 rape and 50,000 torture victims. Although atrocities have been committed by individuals on both sides of the war, he blamed the Serbs for 90 percent..."



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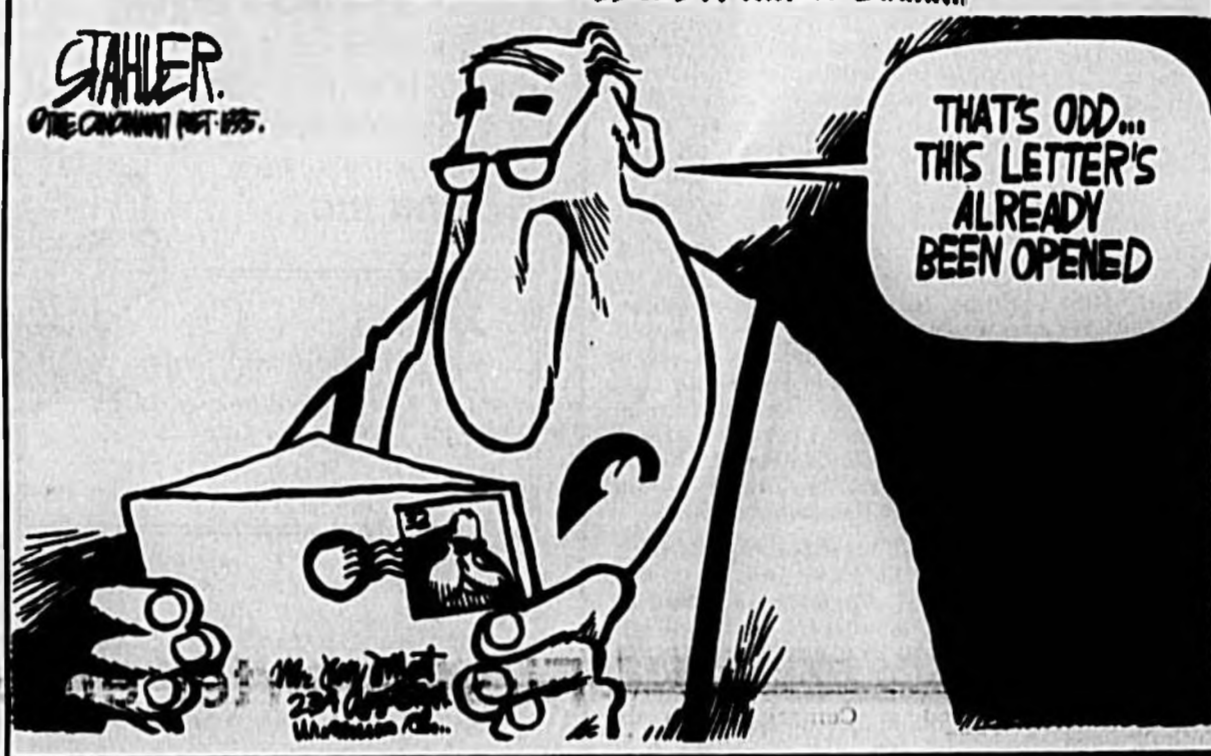
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The West's response has been appeasement. Each threat of force following each Serbian violation of U.N. and NATO resolutions has been followed by ignominious retreat. Serbia has broken or ignored every agreement and resolution without meaningful reprisal.

The Clinton administration's failure is more appalling than the Bush administration's because President Clinton promised something quite different. But faced by objections from European allies, the new president quickly abandoned good intentions in favor of a pallid realpolitik. As a result, the United States has resembled nothing quite so much as the infamous "pitiful, helpless giant" of yesteryear.

Most of the administration's efforts of late have been focused on renewing the cease-fire. A few months ago, they centered on finding a way to induce Serbia to concede formally that Bosnia is a sovereign state whose territorial integrity must be respected - a symbolic step to be disproportionately rewarded by dropping U.N.-imposed sanctions on Serbia. Before that we urged the lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnia, advocated forceful use of power on Serbian aggressors and demanded a common front. All failed, most before they came to a test, because the president backed away from his own initiatives.

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DONNA BRITT

'Just Do It' wouldn't be the same

WASHINGTON - "When you were small," my mother said recently, her voice both marveling and accusing, "you had dresses that you only wore to church."

At the moment, I was searching for clothes for my sons to wear to church. While my 9-year-old owns a spiffy, hand-me-down suit, his brother, 13, presents a problem - unless slacks four sizes too big and sweatshirts emblazoned with "Just Do It" is your idea of church clothes.

It isn't mine. In fact, my first memories of church aren't of uplifting words, but of clothes: organdy dresses with bouffant skirts; new patent leather shoes I walked flat-footed in to keep from creasing.

That my kids only sporadically possess what we once called "church clothes" reveals that they only sporadically attend church. I'm ashamed to admit that I often lack the energy or resolve to rouse the guys and insist that they attend church with me.

But this past Sunday was Easter. So my family - and countless other hit-and-miss worshippers - were at church. Hearing about resurrection, and resolving to do better.

God knows we need to. Because the world was a safer place when more of us regularly visited a church, temple or mosque. And lived by the precepts taught there.

Actually, my early link between church and fashion makes sense in a world in which church itself seems to have fallen out of vogue. For some, it's a discarded habit. For others, it's like a set of Sunday clothes, as forgotten by Monday as the sabbath outfits we tore off as children to slip into something more comfortable.

What could be less comfortable than the world we inhabit today?

I don't mean creature comforts - even Americans of moderate means enjoy more leisure options and more technological marvels - TVs, sound systems, cars and computers - than their parents dreamed.

And they live in more fear of losing them - and their lives - than their parents dreamed, too.

The reasons for our fears are economic and social, but they're spiritual as well. As tempting as it is for me to write, "perhaps our public turning from God has nothing to do with our sense of endangerment," it would be a lie. I could cite a panoply of wrongs committed in religion's name, but would still believe that we are better when we acknowledge and honor God than when we choose not to.

Most of us, I think, believe that.

Even living in a culture in which more kids know sneaker slogans than Scripture can't crush the sense that there must be greatness within us; of suspecting we might fly free of the greed, lust and brutality that some of us are so

defeated as to celebrate. We still feel the need for something larger than ourselves - to be larger than ourselves.

And yet, many of us avoid church, even though it's the only place I know of where I always feel better, cleaner and stronger upon leaving than I did when I arrived. Where, as my son puts it, I always feel "washed."

I felt that way after mysterious Latin masses at my father's Catholic church, and after basic Christian teachings at my childhood Sunday school. After fall-out-on-the-floor sermons at "holiness" churches, and services that were Baptist, Methodist, Hindu and Menonite.

At some point, I understood why a similar peace could be found in such varying places of worship: The God I sought in them was already with me when I entered. The chief function of church, I decided, is a reminding. A shaking awake of that which we've let dose within.

But trying to explain God is like trying to pin light to a page. So I sought an expert.

The Rev. Allen White recently moved his Baltimore ministry, The Church of the Universal Christ, to Washington, D.C. I asked him how the resurrection applies to this jaded world.

"Ultimately, resurrection is a rising up from the grave of the human experience - of fear, isolation, financial constraint and physical decline," said White.

"It is realizing," he said, finally "that if God truly is all, then God must be who we truly are."

Which is difficult to envision in a world where God has become a buzzword for politicians, a fashion to be worn on certain weekends.

Once, even children knew better.

Recently, I visited a Colonial-era inn in whose entrance hung a framed swatch of yellow linen. In 1834, a child named Matilda had sewn onto it her first attempt at embroidery. The stitched-on poem began, "Jesus permit thy gracious name to stand, As the first effort of a youthful hand."

It's ending: "Write thy name upon my heart."

Reading it, I smiled. Somehow, I thought, "Just Do It" wouldn't have been the same.

SARA ECKEL

Is Hillary really playing it safe?

When Newt Gingrich is glad to hear Hillary Rodham Clinton talking about women's rights, you know something is up. The speaker of the House said he was "delighted" to hear about the first lady's recent trip to southern Asia, and praised her for following "a tradition established by Mrs. (Eleanor) Roosevelt, who pioneered as an ambassador of good will."

Newt obviously viewed Hillary's trip abroad as an announcement that she plans to embrace the role of traditional first lady. He's not the only one who sees it that way. Both the liberal and the conservative press



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Hillary's trip implied a promise to shut up and behave. The New York Times, the Washington Post and Newsweek all mentioned Hillary Clinton's newer, softer image. "After (Hillary Clinton's) much-criticized work on the U.S. health-care reform plan, Americans seem to be much more comfortable with her talking on the more traditional role of presidential spouse," said an approving Houston Post editorial. "Hillary Clinton has become Mrs. Bill Clinton once and for all," lamented a Los Angeles Times opinion piece. "(She focused) on issues that are considered safer territories," said National Public Radio's Eric Weiner, "certainly safer than contentious issues like health-care reform."

Now wait just a second here. The first lady toured through a region known for dire poverty, political instability and a general hostility toward the emancipation of women. She discussed policy with heads of state and economic freedom with women in the lowest ranks of society. Since when is that the equivalent of a charity garden party?

OK, maybe images of the first lady coddling orphans in Calcutta (where she talked about health care for Indian children) is less threatening than the first lady speaking before a joint session of Congress (where she talked about health care for American children). Nevertheless, the issues of women's rights in the Third World are not exactly Junior League material. These are extremely contentious, very messy human rights issues that involve blood and sweat and a lot of other body fluids.

In India, girls are frequently denied food, so that their brothers may eat, and education so that their brothers may attend school. Sometimes they are abandoned altogether. Eighty percent of the children in Mother Teresa's orphanages are girls. Throughout India, girls as young as 10 are sold as brides to wealthy foreigners.

In Pakistan, a woman's testimony in court is worth less than a man's. In order for a woman to prove that she was raped she must have four male witnesses. If she fails to get a conviction, the woman herself is often imprisoned for having "illegal sex." In Bangladesh, such women are frequently flogged or even stoned.

Much was made of the fact that Hillary and Chelsea Clinton dressed conservatively during their visit, frequently covering themselves from head to ankle. Little was made of the fact that women in many Muslim countries can be arrested for deviating from such attire.

It makes sense that so many Americans viewed Hillary Clinton's talk of nutrition, health care and education for women as harmless charity work. Such notions are taken for granted here and, more importantly, it is always easier to cluck your tongue at the wrongdoings of another nation, rather than deal with the failings of your own, as the first lady did when she examined the U.S. health-care system.

Mayor

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 mayor be removed. Commissioner Ron Sargent agreed with Vacca, however, they did not have the backing of at least one more commissioner.
 Unable to call a special meeting, Vacca raised the question at a regular session.
 This time, Vacca and Sargent joined Winston in calling the special meeting to remove Benson as mayor.
 "I think it's a disgrace," Benson commented, regarding the ouster move. "I work very hard at my job. It's going to ruin my life."
 The mayor noted she devotes many hours working for the city by attending numerous committee and board meetings as Longwood's representative.
 "I don't leave phone calls unanswered," she added.
 Asked if she knew why Winston was calling for her removal, she added, "I think somebody else is telling him what to do."
 Winston could not be reached this morning to explain why he wants a change of leadership. However, at the regular meeting April 17, he was

displeased that an appraiser who was the mayor's friend had been picked to do work for the city without putting the job out for bid at the previous meeting. Winston and Vacca were absent from the meeting where an appraiser was discussed.
 Ironically, the commission called the special meeting for 5 p.m., April 26, just one hour before a parliamentary procedure workshop set after the first attempt to remove Benson as mayor. The commission agreed brushing up on how to conduct meetings might help shorten sessions which routinely run past the designated 10 p.m. adjournment time. In order to continue, the majority of the commission must vote to do so.
 The mayor is elected from the five commissioners and serves at the pleasure of the commission. Aside from chairing commission meetings and the prestige of the title, the mayor wields no more power than a commissioner.
 Benson captured the post in November with the support of newly elected commissioners Jim Carrico and Winston after the November election.

Secretary

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 dynamo, for on a daily basis she does the following: calls for substitute teachers, gives out various maps and keys to these teachers, types innumerable letters and documents for not only me but for the other assistant principals also. She handles the OPS budget, fills out complicated reports dealing with budget and student records. She deals with frustrated parents and students who on some occasions forget their manners."
 Schapker observed, "Ms. LeRoy has vast knowledge of how a large complicated school runs and provides invaluable and accurate information to me about a multitude of subjects. Peggy is personable, witty, kind, trustworthy, courteous and hardworking."
 As Secretary of the Year, she will receive a marble desk set, bouquet of roses, and several other items.
 Other finalists include Althea Parrish, nominated by the City of Sanford through Paul

Moore, utility director, and Georgia Robinson, secretary for Brian Terwilliger of the Central Florida Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.
 In previous years, Secretaries of the Year awards have been given by the chamber to Marie Post, secretary for Attorney Harry Reid in 1994, Debbie Whitehead, secretary for Judge Alan Dickey in 1993, Gloria Burke, secretary for Dr. Roger Stewart in 1992, Ann Hitchcock of Seminole Community College in 1991, and Joyce Thompson, secretary for Attorney Jim Barks in 1990.
 Lisa Mallie was to be the guest speaker for this noon's luncheon. She is a member of Central Florida's Image, fashion and modeling industry and lectures nationwide on how professional images help employers.
 She was recently selected by Central Florida magazine as one of the areas top ten businesswomen, and her name appears in "Who's Who and Why of Successful Florida Women."

Appeal

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 illegally renting and accumulating money because of the property while it has been non-conforming.
 Following a lengthy discussion of the request, it was denied by a three to two vote. Tango then took the matter on appeal to the City Commission where it has been listed on the regular meeting agenda, but postponed several times because of a lack of documents or other requirements.
 Last night, the matter finally reached a decision stage, and the request to have the denial overturned was voted down by the city com-

mmission.
 Among other public hearings held by the city commission last night, a consideration to close a north-south alley between E. Fourth Street and E. Seventh Street, between Bay and Willow Avenue was held off. City Manager Bill Simmons explained that there was a difficulty in required notifications of parties which may be involved so the matter was held off until a future meeting.
 Another request for an alley vacating, between W. Seventh Street and W. Eight Street, between Oleander and Mangouatine Avenues, was approved on first reading.

An activist is born: Candace Gingrich hired by gay lobby

By KIM I. HILLS
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Your brother doesn't have to be a speaker of the House for your voice to be heard in America — but it sure doesn't hurt.
 Knowing that, the nation's largest gay lobby has hired Candace Gingrich, lesbian sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and is sending her on a 34-city tour of the country.
 Gingrich, 28, started work Tuesday at the Human Rights Campaign Fund as a spokeswoman for its National Coming Out Project, a campaign to urge gay men and lesbians to tell people about their sexual orientation in hopes of ending discrimination.
 "We're going to be going all over the country basically to talk about coming out and helping people realize that there are things that they can do to help make the world a better place for us," Gingrich said in an interview.
 Gingrich will split the next six

months between traveling and working at the campaign fund's Washington office as a health policy intern, said David Smith, a fund spokesman.
 Her first stop will be an April 25 town meeting in Seattle. A flyer advertising the appearance proclaims: "Your brother doesn't have to be a speaker for your voice to be heard in America. Listen to a Gingrich who speaks YOUR language."
 Gingrich, who has been a computer technician and box-sorter for United Parcel Service, described the new job as a fantasy come true.
 "My dream when I was in college was to be a woman's studies prof. to teach at the college level," she said. "That's kind of how I feel about this. I mean, it's something very important to me, it means a lot to a lot of people that I care about, and I just feel kind of special."
 The campaign fund approached Gingrich in January about working on National Coming Out Day, which is Oct. 11. Eventually, the offer

mushroomed into a much bigger, full-time job.
 "We had been discussing for some time how to expand the program to a year-round campaign, to urge people to come out and get involved," Smith said. "Candace seemed to be a perfect fit for our program ... especially with what many people consider to be a treacherous political landscape here in Washington."
 Gingrich said she does not feel like a pawn of the gay lobby.
 "Everything that I've done, all the choices that I've made have been willing," she said.
 Gingrich, who plans to move from Harrisburg, Pa., to the Washington suburb, said her political involvement up to now had been limited to some abortion rights activity and attendance at gay pride events.
 All that changed last November, when her brother was poised to become speaker of the House, and it was reported that he had a gay sister.

Tax loopholes may cost more than double welfare spending

By DAVE SKIDMORE
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The government gives away \$456 billion a year in tax breaks, more than double what it spends on welfare and other entitlement programs for the poor, a labor-funded research organization says.
 Eliminating even half of these so-called tax expenditures, most of which go to affluent individuals and corporations, would eliminate the budget deficit, said Citizens for Tax Justice in a report, "The Hidden Entitlements."
 "A Congress that is eager to challenge low-income welfare entitlements ought to be at least as tough — if not tougher — on welfare entitlements for the

well-heeled and politically powerful if it truly wants to bring the budget deficit under control," the group's director, Robert S. McIntyre, said Monday.
 Conservatives take issue with the central concept of a tax expenditure. They say if the government refrains from levying a tax, it is not the same as spending taxes it has collected. To believe otherwise implies all income belongs to the government, they contend.
 However, the report was endorsed by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee.
 At a news conference, Bradley said he would push the committee — as an alternative to the House GOP tax cut package — to

consider closing loopholes in exchange for lowering tax rates.
 However, he said Citizens for Tax Justice' list included many tax expenditures that would be unwise to eliminate, such as employer-paid health insurance and the deduction for mortgage interest.
 "There are plenty ... fish in the water without going after some of those that are absolutely critical to the middle-class taxpayer," he said.
 Last month, Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood, R-Ore., said his panel would consider eliminating some tax expenditures as it works on tax legislation this summer. One possibility, is capping the mortgage interest deduction at \$250,000 to pay for a lower capital-gains tax rate, he said.

DEATHS

HERBERT FRANKLIN CONLEY
 Herbert Franklin Conley, 26, Margate Court, Sanford, died Saturday, April 22, 1995 at his residence. Born Sept. 12, 1969 in Orlando, he was a lifelong Central Florida resident. He was a service technician for an appliance company. He was Baptist.
 Survivors include wife, Kim; daughter, Katrina, Phillipsburg, N.J.; mother and stepfather, Janice McIndoe and Michael S. Watson, both of Sanford; father and stepmother, Leonard J. and Mary L. Conley, Geneva; maternal grandmother, Mary Danostand, Macon, N.C.; paternal grandmother, Sarah, Orlando.
 Dobbs Funeral Home, West Orlando Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

LAVERA M. DIXON
 LaVera M. Dixon, 85, Fern Drive, DeBary, died Sunday, April 23, 1995 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. She was born in Dayton, Ohio on May 28, 1909. She was retired from Rike's Department Store, Dayton. She was a member of the Indian Lake Community Church, Russells Point, Ohio. She belonged to Indian Lake Chapter #554 O.E.S. and Ormus Caldron, Dayton.
 Survivors include daughter, Donna Lee Zimmer, Minister, Ohio; sons, David E. and Gerald, both of DeBary; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.
 Van Horn Funeral Home, Lakeview, Ohio in charge of arrangements.

HENRY ENNEN
 Henry Ennen, 88, Senegal Circle, Oviedo, died Saturday, April 22, 1995 at his residence. Born March 2, 1907 in Germany, he moved to Central Florida in 1993. He was a machinist. He was Lutheran.
 Survivors include wife, Ada; son, Kenneth, Jonesboro, Ga.; daughter, Anne Cal Gowellan, Orlando; brother, Johann, Karl, both of Germany; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN A. GOLDEN
 John A. Golden, 87, Bristol Avenue, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, April 23, 1995 at his residence. Born April 18, 1908 in Dunsmore, Pa., he moved to Central Florida this

year. He was a retired forklift operator. He was Catholic.
 Survivors include son, Thomas, Altamonte Springs; one granddaughter.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Semoran-Forest City Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

JAMES TIMOTHY McDANIEL
 James Timothy McDaniel, 46, Woodmere Blvd., Sanford, died Saturday, April 22, 1995. He was born in Huntington, W.Va. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of American Legion Post 53, VFW Post 8093 and Disabled American Veterans.
 Survivors include mother, June Rose Barbour, Sanford; stepfather, Donald O., Huntington; son, Timothy Dale, Charleston, W.Va.; sister, Terri Spiech, DeBary; three grandchildren.
 Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington W.Va., in charge of arrangements.

CHARLIE CEPHUS STEVENSON
 Charlie Cephus Stevenson, 87, W. Ninth Street, Sanford, died Sunday, April 16, 1995, in Sanford. He was born March 23, 1908 in Georgia. He was a construction worker. He was Baptist.
 Survivor, sister, Esale Mac Fletch, Detroit.
 Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., in charge of arrangements.

BARBARA DORIS SCHMIDT
 Barbara Doris Schmidt, 82, West Lake Brantley, Longwood, died Monday, April 24, 1995 at Florida Hospital, South. Born Sept. 5, 1912 in Washington, D.C., she moved to Central Florida in 1980. She was a retired teacher. She was a deaconess and clerk of Forest Lake Adventist Church.
 Survivors include husband, Harold H.; son, H. Lane, Deltona; daughters, Barbara Ann Fowler, Beverly Joyce Gainer, both of Longwood; sister, Lucille Kirstein, Richmond, Va.; brothers, W. Vernon Kirstein, Altamonte Springs, LeRoy M. Kirstein, Washington state; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Forest City, in charge of arrangements.

ELEANOR C. TANOVE
 Eleanor C. Tanove, 81, Club Court, Lake Mary, died Sunday, April 23, 1995 in Port Orange. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she

First-quarter employment costs up 2.9 percent, smallest on record

By JOHN D. McLEAN
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — American workers' wages, salaries and benefits rose 2.9 percent in the year ended March 31, the smallest increase on record and held back by the lowest advance ever in benefit costs.
 The report suggested little employment cost pressure on prices.
 The Labor Department said today the gain in its Employment Cost Index was down from 3.3 percent in the same quarter of 1994 and the tiniest advance since the department began the series in 1981.
 The index is considered one of the best gauges of wage inflation pressure. Employee compensation represents about two-thirds of the cost of a product.
 Many analysts had expected the index to register a gain of about 3 percent in the 12 months ended in the first quarter.
 Consumer prices were rising at a 3.2 percent annual rate during the first three months of 1995, up from 2.7 percent in both 1993 and 1994 but still

little more than half the 6.1 percent rate in 1980 when the economy was sliding into recession.
 The Federal Reserve has engineered seven short-term interest-rate increases in the last 14 months in an attempt to slow economic growth and curb any inflationary pressures.
 As a result, analysts say, job creation has slowed recently. That, combined with continued business restructuring and downsizing, has provided workers with little leverage to seek increased wages and benefits.
 The index showed wages and salaries — nearly three-fourths of total compensation — rose 3.0 percent in the year ended March 31, after a 2.9 percent advance a year earlier.
 The cost of benefits, such as health care costs and vacations, edged up 2.8 percent, down sharply from the 4.1 percent gain in the same period a year earlier and the smallest increase since the benefit series began in 1982.
 "The moderation in benefit cost gains reflected a continuing slowdown in the rate of increase in health, workers' compensa-

tion and state unemployment insurance costs, as well as in employers' payments to retirement funds," the report said.
 The index rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent in the first three months of 1995 after a 0.7 percent gain during the previous three months.
 Wages and salaries increased 0.6 percent, compared with 0.6 percent during the previous quarter. Benefits advanced 0.3 percent, down from 0.7 percent three months earlier and the lowest quarterly increase since March 1987.
 Although the quarterly figures are adjusted for seasonal variations, the annual numbers are not.
 The report said employment costs for workers in private industry rose 2.9 percent in both goods-producing and service industries.
 But they rose 3.1 percent for white-collar occupations, compared with 2.7 percent for blue-collar jobs and 2.3 percent for services.
 Compensation cost gains were higher for nonunion workers, 3.0 percent, than for union workers, 2.6 percent.

BIRMINGHAM
 Funeral services for LaVera M. Dixon, 85, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 1995 at Van Horn Funeral Home, Lakeview, Ohio with Dr. Samuel S. Tanove officiating. Interment will be at Woodland Cemetery, Mentor, Ohio. Visitation will be Wed., April 26 from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home where O.E.S. services will be held at 7:30 a.m. She was preceded in death by husband, Luther D.S. Dixon, one sister, Beryl Brattler.
 Van Horn Funeral Home, 118 N. Main Street, Lakeview, Ohio in charge of arrangements.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS



Bombing victims buried

OKLAHOMA CITY — As funeral after funeral weighed on this stunned city and rescuers clawed through tons of debris to reach more bodies in the tomb of the federal building, new evidence emerged about suspect Timothy McVeigh.

The only person charged so far in the bombing, McVeigh has refused to answer any questions about the worst domestic terrorist attack in U.S. history. The death toll stood at 86 today, and the White House said it could rise above 200.

McVeigh remained stone-faced even when shown photographs of children maimed and killed in the blast, several news organizations reported.

But others had much to say about the suspect, suggesting he had links to anti-government paramilitary groups.

A Florida militia leader, Bob Johansen, told The Associated Press Monday that McVeigh visited that state 18 months ago with Mark Koernke, who broadcasts a militant radio show and distributes militia videotapes from Michigan.

McVeigh was one of several bodyguards for Koernke at a gathering of right-wing militias from across the country, members of the Florida State Militia said in today's Fort Pierce Tribune.

Federal agents have said McVeigh was enraged by the federal government's attack on the Branch Davidian compound. More than 80 cult members died in the raid on April 19, 1993 — two years to the day before the Oklahoma City federal building was bombed.

Talk radio under fire

WASHINGTON — One radio talk show host once advised people to shoot at the head if attacked by federal agents wearing bulletproof vests. Another used to spice his show with the sound of a gun being cocked.

The raw edges of talk radio have been drawn into the center of a debate over anger and extremism in America, with suggestions by President Clinton that rhetoric on the airwaves may be feeding violence.

On Monday, Clinton pointed at a body of critics who have been wagging their fingers at him. His attack on those in society who get people "torn up and upset" had talk radio talking indignantly about itself.

Clinton didn't name names or cite groups, with one aide saying the president was referring to "public discourse" in general. But some conservative talk show hosts recoiled at the apparent implication they might have contributed to a mood that spurred Wednesday's Oklahoma City bombing.

Unabomber may have struck again

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Unabomber may have struck again, this time killing a timber industry executive who lobbied to have the spotted owl removed from the endangered species list.

A heavy shoebox-sized package arrived by mail Monday at the California Forestry Association office. The package exploded when association president Gilbert B. Murray tried to open it, blowing out the windows and doors and scattering glass and ceiling tiles on the floor.

Murray was killed in the reception area. Five others in the one-story brick office building were not hurt.

"The similarities in the forensics preliminarily reviewed at the crime scene strongly suggest the Unabomber," FBI Special Agent Richard Ross said Monday night after the federal Unabomber task force took over the case.

New prostate cancer test

ST. LOUIS — A new prostate cancer test could eliminate up to 75 percent of unnecessary biopsies while effectively screening for the deadly disease, a study says.

"If further studies confirm our findings, the test may make it easier for physicians to determine which patients are likely to have cancer and need follow-up biopsies," said Dr. William J. Catalona, lead investigator for the study at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Prostate cancer is the nation's second-leading cancer killer of men. The American Cancer Society predicts it will strike 244,000 American men this year and kill 40,400.

A current prostate cancer blood screening test detects all types of prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a protein produced by the prostate. Elevated levels are a possible indicator of cancer. But too often the test incorrectly indicates cancer, making a biopsy necessary.

Refusal to hear assisted suicide cases

LANSING, Mich. — Cancer patient Teresa Hobbins says the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear her assisted suicide case was the final legal insult for terminally ill people fighting to die with dignity.

"The last 4½ to five years have been an exercise in futility. I could have been doing a bunch of other things and when you're terminally ill, there are a lot of things you want to do," Hobbins said after the ruling Monday.

Without comment, the Supreme Court turned down a challenge to Michigan's assisted suicide ban by Hobbins, another cancer patient and two medical professionals. The court also refused to hear Dr. Jack Kevorkian's appeal of a Michigan Supreme Court ruling that said there is no constitutional right to assisted suicide.

That left standing the Michigan Supreme Court's decision that Kevorkian — who has aided or witnessed 21 deaths since 1990 — can be prosecuted on charges of murdering two people and helping three others commit suicide.

Hobbins and cancer patient Ken Shapiro told the high court that when their illnesses reach the final stages, they want the right to end their pain by committing suicide with doctor-prescribed drugs.

WORLD BRIEFS



More bloodshed in Rwanda

KIBeho, Rwanda — U.N. troops abandoned a corpse-strewn schoolhouse housing hundreds of refugees too scared to leave after seeing 2,000 of their neighbors shot or trampled to death.

Rwandan troops surrounded the school at the Kibeho refugee camp, pointing rifles at the 600 refugees barricaded inside and demanding they come out.

The refugees "insist they'd rather remain here. There's nothing we can do," said Maj. Michael Anoufrien, a U.N. peacekeeper.

The refugees refused to join 100,000 terrified people who fled the slaughter at the Kibeho camp, closed down by Rwandan troops in a chaotic, bloody weekend operation that left at least 2,000 dead from gunfire and stampedes.

Many of those who stayed apparently were hard-line Hutus who have the most to fear from the Tutsi-led army for the massacres last year of some 500,000 Rwandans, most of them Tutsis. Tens of thousands of Hutus fled to Kibeho in July as Tutsi rebels overthrew the Hutu government. Many are afraid to return.

From Associated Press reports

Clinton walks fine line in bombing

By TOM RAUM
An AP News Analysis

DES MOINES, Iowa — President Clinton for the most part has managed to strike a balance on the Oklahoma City bombing, rallying public sympathy for the victims while channeling outrage and anger toward its perpetrators.

Just a week after Clinton felt called upon to defend his relevancy, his administration's handling of the crisis is generally winning praise from the public.

The president's performance has been high-profile as he moves from consoling victims and salving the battered national psyche to going after those he considers "purveyors of hatred and division."

But aides are mindful that Clinton is walking a fine line, and that he does not want to appear to be going too far, to be grandstanding at a time of national distress.

For instance, White House aides were quick on Monday to rush to insist that Clinton wasn't trying to accuse specific conservative talk-show hosts of encouraging violence after he complained about "some things that are regularly said over the airwaves."

He's been involved in managing the crisis, but has taken care not to get too far out front of federal law enforcement efforts.

He went to Oklahoma City and spoke eloquently and briefly at a memorial service Sunday and met with families of victims. But he also exercised restraint in deciding not to visit the ghastly site of the bombed-out federal building, even though his motorcade passed within a few blocks.

Even critics have said Clinton has risen to the occasion.

And public opinion polls reflect that.

Clinton's public approval ratings increased dramatically over the weekend as he spoke out repeatedly about the explosion. A USA Today-CNN-Gallup Poll released late Monday showed his approval ratings rose from 47 percent on Friday to 58 percent on Sunday, based on a survey of 758 adults nationwide. The survey had a 4 percentage point margin of error.

"I never want to look into the faces of another set of family members like I saw yesterday — and you can help to stop it," an impassioned Clinton told a Minneapolis audience on Monday, urging Americans to do more to speak out against "paranoia and division."

And he returned to the theme here as he began a two-day visit through Iowa designed to draw attention to problems of rural America.

"When you hear people say things that they are legally entitled to say, if you think they're outrageous, if you think they either explicitly or implicitly encourage violence and division ... then your free speech and your responsibility requires you to speak up against it," Clinton said.

Clinton's attack on "promoters of paranoia" seemed to have struck a chord with a violence-weary public, and put many conservative commentators on the defensive, if at least temporarily.

What a difference a week, and a tragedy, make.

It had been only a week since the same president argued plaintively to a prime-time news conference — one that two of the three major broadcast networks shunned — that he still was relevant in the political process.

Clinton was able to call on his well-practiced strengths in responding to the horrific episode of domestic terrorism.

He has always been able to connect with the common man, to project a sense of sympathy and engagement.

Those abilities served him well as he led the nation Sunday in grieving for the dead, the wounded and the missing.

And few could doubt that Clinton's emotions were real. Several of the victims of the bombing he knew personally, including Alan G. Whicher, 40, who had been a member of his Secret Service detail until seven months ago when he became assistant special agent in charge of the Oklahoma field office.

"I saw the children of a man who was a football hero at the University of Arkansas when so many people who are now on the White House staff were friends of his," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum covers the White House for The Associated Press.



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The staff is highly professional and keeps in touch with every aspect of advanced education. The designers within Secrets have been trained by internationally acclaimed individuals in the beauty industry. The Secrets design team has benefited from such greats as Jessie and Flo Briggs, John and Suzanne Chadwick (as seen on Good Morning America), Dixie Pelfry, Margerita Floyd, Michael Cole, and Gina Lash—just to name a few. These pros take pride in what they do. The designers have been cross-trained so that they have the skills of a cosmetologist as well as those of a barber. They know the secret to almost any style you have in mind. So whether it's a design color for Mom or a creative perm for Sis, you can rely on Secrets to get it just right. Men's styles from Brother's surfer cut to Granddad's taper cut, are always in style at Secrets. Talent is no secret at SECRETS HAIR DESIGN. The Design Team is made up of professionals who understand how important it is to get just the right haircut.

Jamie Benton, owner/operator of Secrets Hair Design, is a native to Sanford returning after 10 years of working in cities from Key West to Chicago. He has won trophies in South Florida competitions for hair design. Jamie sits on the Board of Directors for the Florida Cosmetology Association affiliate 007 and is a top educator for Aesthetics International. By educating others in the field of advanced cosmetology, make-up, skin care and precision hair design, he believes they will be better able to serve their customers.

Brenda Van Antwerp, originally from Lake

County, has designed hair in the Sanford area for the past 7 years. When it comes to talent - can we talk? Brenda holds second place in the state of Florida, and a second place in regional competition. She specializes in premium cuts, custom perms, waxing, and French facials. Brenda is the Senior Designer and her talents are a priceless asset to the Design Team.

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Volleyball signups ending

SANFORD — The time to register for the upcoming Sanford Recreation Department Co-ed volleyball leagues is almost gone.

The leagues will begin play within the next two weeks. The SRD offers a no-sprike league on Monday nights and a power league on Wednesdays at Sanford Middle School.

For more information, call 330-5697.

Softball leagues still open

SANFORD — Space is still available for teams interested in playing in the Sanford Recreation Spring Leagues that will begin play next week.

Openings are available for the Monday night women's league and the men's leagues on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night's.

For more information, call 330-5697.

Senior baseball players needed

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is still in need of players to fill out rosters for its 16-18 year old baseball league.

For more information, call (407) 330-5697.

AROUND THE AREA

Lightning hopes fading

ST. PETERSBURG — Alexander Mogilny's power-play goal with 15:04 remaining broke a 1-1 tie and led the Buffalo Sabres to a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning Monday night.

The goal, Mogilny's 15th of the season, came with the Sabres skating at a two-man advantage after penalties to Roman Hamrlik and Rob Zamuner. Donald Audette sent a pass across the crease and Mogilny beat Lightning goaltender Daren Puppa on a tap-in from the right side.

Buffalo (19-18-6) won for only the third time in 10 games, but retained its hold on the seventh Eastern Conference playoff spot with 44 points. Tampa Bay dropped to 17-24-3 and saw its already slim playoff hopes grow dimmer with only four games remaining.

Fine sign McGwire

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins signed quarterback Dan McGwire, a former first-round draft choice with the Seattle Seahawks.

The 6-foot-8 McGwire played in seven games with three starts at Seattle last year before becoming a free agent. He was taken as the 16th pick in the 1991 draft but threw just two touchdown passes in four seasons.

In Miami, McGwire will back up Dan Marino and Bernie Kosar.

The Dolphins also signed guard Chris Gray and 18 other free agents, and they released quarterback Todd Philcox.

Carolina dumps Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE — Chance Sanford hit a home run and a double to lead Carolina to a 5-3 Southern League victory over Jacksonville.

Carolina (14-5) opened the scoring with Mike Brown's two-run home run in the first inning. Jon Farrell hit another home run in the fourth.

Felix Colon and Danny Fernandez hit solo homers for Jacksonville (7-12).

AROUND THE AREA

Panthers stay alive

OTTAWA — Scott Mellanby's goal 31 seconds into the second period snapped a tie and led the Florida Panthers over the Ottawa Senators 5-1.

Mellanby intercepted Chris Dahlquist's pass at the Senators' blue line and beat Don Beaupre for his 11th goal of the season.

Florida (18-20-5) kept pace with the Hartford Whalers, New York Rangers and Buffalo Sabres — three of the five teams it is chasing for the final Eastern division playoff position.

Johan Garpenlov with two, Jesse Belanger and Jody Hull tallied the other Panthers goals.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Prep Baseball

□ Spruce Creek at Oviedo, 7 p.m.

District Softball

□ Class 5A-6. Seminole vs. Leesburg at Cypress Creek, 4:30 p.m.

□ Class 6A-4. Lake Howell at Lyman, 4:30 p.m.; Lake Mary at Deltona, 4:30 p.m.; Mainland at Spruce Creek, 7 p.m.; DeLand at Oviedo, 7 p.m.

District Tennis

□ Class 5A-3 at Titusville, TBA

□ Class 6A-4 at Seaside, TBA

BEST BETS ON TV

BASEBALL

□ 7:30 p.m. — ESPN, Dodgers at Marlins. (L)

Complete Listings on Page B8

Fastpitch slugfest

Hawks win 15-14, other district openers today



Cindy Mendez (left) and her Lake Howell teammates defeated Lake Brantley 15-14 Monday to earn the right to play Annie O'Connor (No. 17) and the top seeded

Lyman Greyhounds in today's quarterfinals of the Class 6A-District 4 Tournament at 4:30 p.m. at Lyman. The tournament will move to Lake Mary on Wednesday.

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer

SANFORD — Lake Howell and Lake Brantley got the district softball tournament season off to a wild start Monday, as Ytra Segarra tripled and scored the winning run on an error in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Silver Hawks ousted the Patriots 15-14 in the Class 6A-District 4 play-in game.

Lake Brantley had rallied from a 13-5 deficit after four innings to take a 14-13 lead, but Lake Howell scored single runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings to pull out the win.

The victory gives the Silver Hawks (9-13) the No. 8 seed in the district and the right to play top-seeded, and defending champion, Lyman at Greyhound Field today at 4:30 p.m.

In other 6A-4 games today, Lake Mary (5) will be at Deltona (4) at 4:30 p.m.; Mainland (7) will be at Spruce Creek (2) at 7 p.m.; and DeLand (6) will play Oviedo (3) at the Oviedo Softball Complex at 7 p.m. The semifinals and finals will be at Lake Mary High School on Wednesday and Friday.

The Class 5A-District 6 tournament will also open today, with Seminole taking on Leesburg at Cypress Creek High School at 4:30 p.m. The semifinals and finals will also be at Cypress Creek on Wednesday and Thursday.

SEMINOLE FUND RAISER
The Seminole High School girls' softball team will hold the "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" fund raiser at the Seminole High School Baseball Complex this Sunday, April 30.

The schedule calls for a student/faculty game at 1 p.m., a Home Run Derby at 2 p.m., and a men/women baseball game at 3 p.m.

Admission will be \$6 (including a meal of chicken, ribs & fixin's), \$3 (admission only) or free (if you are under 12).

Hackers win 7th straight

From Staff Reports

CASSELBERRY — Former Lake Mary High School star Tereasa Walburger tossed a seven-hitter and her offense backed her with an 18 hit attack as the PDS-Hackers from Oviedo whitewashed Centex Homes 12-0 in a Women's Class C Monday Night Spring Slowpitch Softball League game at Red Bug Lake Park.

The win raised the Hackers' record to a league-best 7-0. PDS will take on Bill's Elbow South next Monday night at 8:30 p.m.

Providing the offense for the Hackers were Shelia Reed (three singles), Colleen Smith (double, single, two runs), Terri Mann and Karen Koha (two singles and two runs each), April Lawrence and Phyllis Baynes (two singles and two RBI each), Walburger (1-for-2, two sacrifice fly's, three RBI), Pam Newton (1-for-2, RBI), Jaudon Marlette and Tami Cheacr (both 1-for-3) and Juanita Johnson (1-for-1).

SWINGING IN THE RAIN



The Sanford Recreation Department Babe Ruth Baseball League got its games started Monday, but it wasn't long before the rains came and forced a postponement. Today at Sanford Memorial Stadium

and Zinn Beck Field their will be a pair of Senior League (16-18 year old) games played starting at 5:45 p.m. The Babe Ruth League will return to action with two games at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Boat owners need to check rules, plumbing

Special to the Herald

TALLAHASSEE — Everybody on board every boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II or III (wearable) life jacket effective on May 1.

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's boating safety coordinator, Lt. Mike Suelter, said he believes the new regulation will save lives.

"Although it doesn't require boaters to wear personal flotation devices (PFDs), it does require that they have them on board," said Suelter. "Hopefully, that will encourage people to wear them. Probably 80-percent of the boating accident fatalities we see could have been prevented if the victims had been wearing PFDs."

The old provision that allowed for throwable Type IV PFDs (such as seat cushions) for vessels

under 16-feet no longer applies. However, vessels longer than 16-feet (except kayaks and canoes) are required to have at least one Type IV (PFD).

Also, the new regulation exempts racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes and kayaks, and sailboats from PFD requirements. Other PFD exemptions apply to exhibitions, races and marine parades, and manually propelled vessels that are rented or leased may continue to use the throwable, rather than wearable, PFDs until May 1, 1996.

TIPS FROM BOAT/U.S.

Boats are most likely to sink tied quietly to the dock. The cause is often faulty plumbing, according to BOAT/U.S. (Boat Owners Association of the United States), the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

"The least likely place for a boat to sink is at sea," said Ernie Braatz, manager of the

BOAT/U.S. Marine Insurance Damage Avoidance Program, which has produced a free guide to help boat owners identify potential trouble spots. Some tips from the guide:

● A heavy or steady rain can quickly sink a boat with bad plumbing. Make sure bilge pumping capacity is adequate for the size of your boat. Don't rely on automatic bilge pumps alone to keep a boat off the bottom.

● All thru-hull openings below the waterline should have seacocks. Be sure to close them when you leave the boat for an extended period.

● Check water hoses, clamps, fittings, ports, and hatches for leaks. Shut off shore-side water at the dock when you leave.

For a free copy of the BOAT/U.S. Guide to Prevent Sinking at the Dock, call 1-800-274-4877.

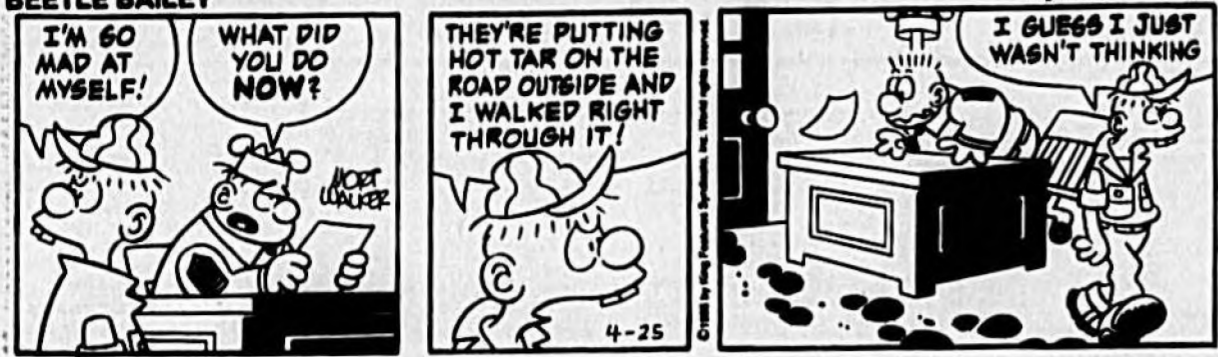
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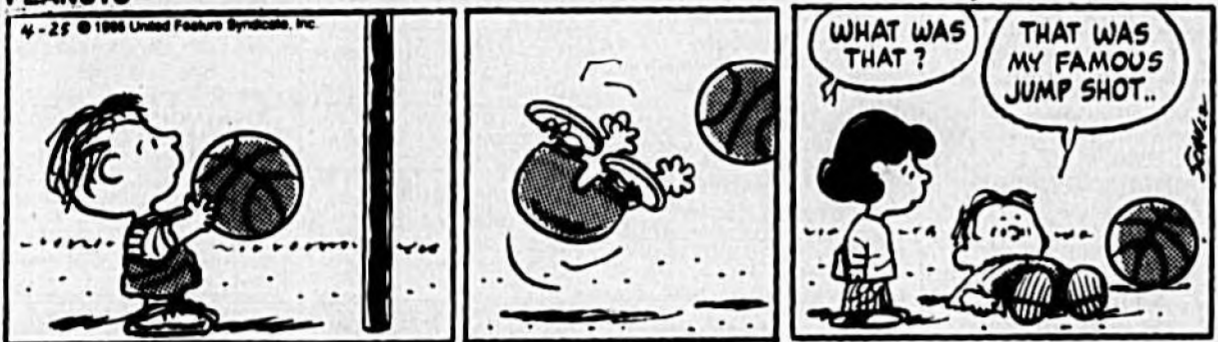
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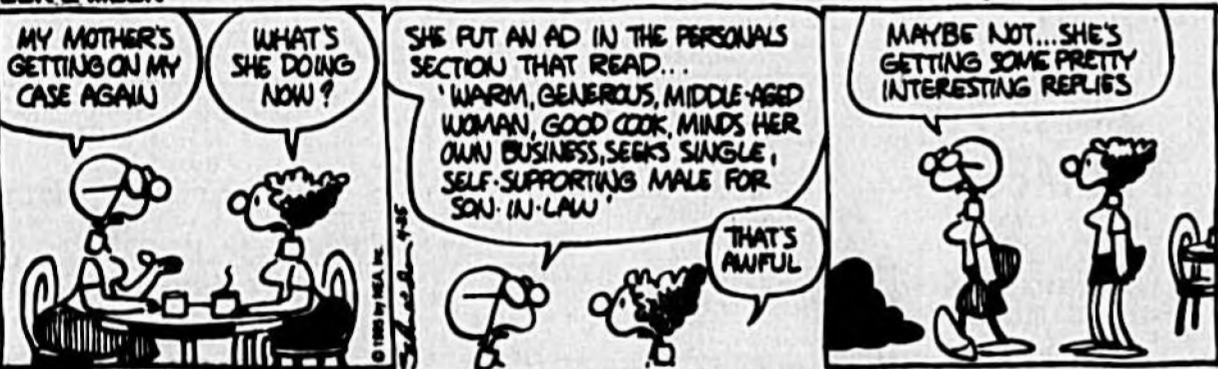
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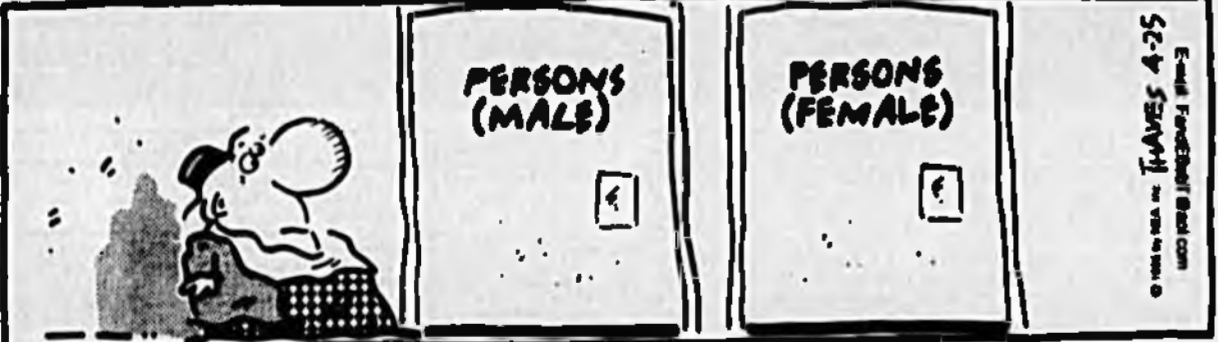
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Routine can vary with rolling veins

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was younger, I diligently donated blood to the Red Cross. In the last few years, I have stopped this because of the difficulty every nurse has in extracting my blood. The attending nurses say I have rolling veins. What is this? What causes it? Is there a way to prevent the nurses from using me as a pin cushion when I donate blood?

DEAR READER: Veins adhere to and are supported by the subcutaneous tissue beneath the skin. When this tissue is sparse, as it is in young or slim individuals, the veins may actually roll out of the way of the needle during the process of blood-letting. Unless the technician is experienced and knows the method of arretting vein-roll (by exerting pressure on the vein), people with this perfectly normal variant end up being pin cushions.

I have a couple of prominent, rolling veins in my arm that used to drive me -- and the technicians -- up a wall. Even though I used to warn, beg and plead, the technicians would invariably zero in on these veins because they looked so easy to hit.

Finally, after years of dreading blood tests, I found a wonderful and skillful nurse who discovered a non-rolling vein. Now, when in need of blood-letting, I insist that this vein be used and I experience no discomfort whatsoever.

The next time you give blood, tell the nurse/technician that you have rolling veins and ask her to vary her routine, stay away from the big and succulent veins, and try to find a less obvious vein that will behave itself.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 40-year-old female taking 40 mg of Prozac. Ever since I started taking it, my sex drive has completely vanished. Why does Prozac cause this? Is there a remedy?

DEAR READER: Although the reason for this phenomenon is not understood, Prozac has been reported to lessen the sex drive

in a small percentage of people who are prescribed this drug for depression. Raise this issue with your therapist and ask if he/she would be willing to change you to another anti-depressant, such as Wellbutrin.

Remember that depression itself can diminish sexual interest, so before you unequivocally blame the drug, ask your psychiatrist whether your symptom is due to the disease or to the treatment itself.

To give you more information,

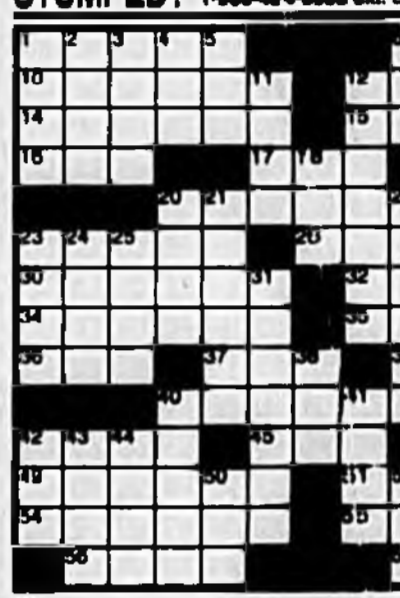
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31 Kind of cheese
33 Errand
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder
It is sad when anyone dies at a young age. It is particularly depressing when that person was a rising star in his field. Last December, Jeffrey Feldman, of Norwalk, Conn., died of brain cancer at the age of 32. He was a Gold Life Master who won the Governor's Cup for the most masterpoints in the Southern Connecticut Fall Sectional two years in a row after his cancer had been diagnosed.

You will get an idea of his excellent bridge ability from this deal, in which Feldman sat East.

Defending against three no-trump, Feldman's partner led the club jack. Declarer won in hand with the queen and finessed the diamond queen. After winning with the king, what did Feldman play now?

It is difficult to reach five diamonds, the best game contract. It is virtually impossible in a pair event when there is such a premium for playing in no-trump.

After winning the second trick, Feldman played the only card to defeat the contract: the spade nine.

When declarer ducked, Feldman continued with the spade queen and another spade, allowing the defenders to pick up four spade tricks for one down.

Note that no other spade but the nine works. If East selects, say, the queen, South ducks and West is in a predicament. If he plays the three, he must win the second spade trick. Whereas if West unblocks the 10 or jack, South can cover the spade nine and establish a trick for his eight.

Bridge has lost a brilliant young player.

WIN AT BRIDGE

NORTH 4-3-3-0
 ♠ 4
 ♥ K 10 6 3
 ♦ A J 8 3 2
 ♣ K 6 5

WEST ♠ A J 10 3
 ♥ 9 8 5
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ J 10 8 4 3

EAST ♠ Q 8 6 2
 ♥ J 8 7 4
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 9 2

SOUTH ♠ K 7 5
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ Q 10 7
 ♣ A Q 7

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

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YOUR BIRTHDAY
April 26, 1995

General conditions look more hopeful in the year ahead than they did last year. One or more of your bigger breaks could come through a relationship you've already developed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your chances for outdistancing competitors look good today because you're not apt to ignore opportunities that go unheeded by the other guy. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and BASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4485, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be an ingenious thinker today. Answers to previously unsolvable problems might suddenly pop into your head.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Starting today and for a brief

period of time, you might be luckier than usual concerning second sources of income. Investigate all opportunities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) Wise counsel could save you wasted effort today, so don't be reluctant to ask for advice in situations you do not understand. Go to persons you know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) There may be a thin line between a great idea and a goofy one today. If a friend talks to you about something that sounds strange, don't shrug it off too quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In this cycle, you could be quite fortunate in drawing people to you whose cooperation you need for your immediate plans. Fill them in on what you're contemplating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In the past, you've been a strong starter and a weak finisher. Today this could begin to change. You can now finalize things you've left dangling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Set a specific course today, but leave room for revisions as events unfold. Unexpected, propitious developments are possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Laid Luck will favor you today in situations that increase your earnings. What might occur could be generated from a least expected contact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You need to realize that the course you're setting for yourself today could affect you for some time to come. Take time to make realistic projections.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your financial prospects continue to look promising in this time frame. You might reap benefits from something you had almost written off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) New projects launched today have excellent chances for success, especially if you utilize unique principles that contain unusual or novel twists.

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