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Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower to mid 90s. Wind west 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Life saved

SANFORD — A six-year-old Sanford boy reportedly came close to drowning Sunday in a swimming pool near his residence in Covilla Apartments. According to Sanford police, when the boy's body was spotted in the pool, a 12-year-old girl jumped in the water and pulled him out. A man who was nearby was able to administer CPR on the youngster until Sanford police and rescue units arrived at the scene. Officers with the Sanford Fire Department rescue squad were able to revive the youngster.

Money money money

A Cocoa Beach woman, who won the Florida Lottery five months ago, finally stepped forward to claim her share of a \$30 million Florida Lotto prize. She didn't announce the fact that she had the winning ticket until early this week. Her share will be \$10.3 million, in 20 annual installments of \$518,000. Meanwhile, the largest Lotto amount since that time, \$27 million, was announced this past Saturday night. Two tickets matched the winning numbers but so far, no one has claimed to have the tickets. One was purchased in Jacksonville, and the other in Volusia County, in Orange City. Each would receive approximately \$13.5 million.

Dancetime

SANFORD — The Over 50s Club is resuming regular Wednesday afternoon dances at the Sanford Civic Center, beginning Sept. 11. The club's Vice President, Collin Sayer, who is chairman of the dance committee, said the event will be from 2:30 until 4:30, with a \$2 per person donation requested for admission. As in the past, a variety of dance music will be provided by the Deltonians. Sayer said people wishing to attend need not be members of the Over 50s Club. The event is open to the general public.

Arson arrest

Willis Grant, 27, of Apopka, was scheduled to make his initial court appearance at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility this afternoon. He has been charged with one count of first degree arson. According to sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough, Grant was arrested Wednesday afternoon by state fire marshals. He has been accused of setting fire to a small apartment complex at 9250 Overland Road, at 9 a.m. Wednesday. The apartment was listed as his address. Grant is being held without bond. First degree arson is a first degree felony which carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison on conviction.

Private school planned

HEATHROW — A new school has been announced for Heathrow. Royal Academy has contracted to purchase a 1.5 acre tract in the Heathrow International Business Center for a private school facility for children age two through fifth grade. Stirling International Realty Partner Roger Soderstrom said the facility will be the first private school facility to be built at Heathrow. Ashok Aggarwal, owner and administrator of Royal Academy said the new facility is a natural outgrowth of Royal Academy's skyrocketing

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Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind.
-William Shakespeare

Lake Mary mayor won't seek re-election, backs deputy mayor

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Mayor Lowry Rockett said he gave it considerable thought. "It was one o'clock in the morning (Wednesday) before I finally made up my mind that I wouldn't seek re-election this year," he said. Rockett is founder and part owner of a consulting engineering firm, Blount, Sikes & Associates. "Between my family and my work," he said, "it is just too difficult to continue serving as mayor, so I've decided not to run for a third term." Rockett has served the city for nine years, two 2-year terms as mayor, preceded by five years on the city's Planning and Zoning Board.

"I've discussed this with Deputy Mayor David Meador, (City Commissioner, Seat 3), and he indicated he would run for the mayor's position," Rockett continued. "If he does, I plan to throw my full support his way because I believe he has done an outstanding job on the commission." In addition to the mayor's position, Meador's seat, and that of Seat 1 commissioner Gary Brender will be up for election. Brender indicated this morning that he intends to seek re-election to his present commission post. "I had considered running for mayor," he said, "but I have the utmost respect for David Meador, both personally and professionally, and I certainly wouldn't want to run against him. I believe he will make an

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Lowry Rockett

'Spokes'men for Multiple Sclerosis



Dr. Walter Roth, from left, Dr. Cindy Watson and Dr. Jim Quinn team up for a ride.

Cycling physicians use hobby to benefit charity

By ALYSSA PETERSON
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Dr. Walter Roth has been curing for the feet of the Lake Mary area since he first opened his foot and ankle clinic in 1989. However, when the podiatrist is not examining patients, his own feet are pedaling across Florida, California and even Ireland. Dr. Roth, together with 12 other doctors and nurses, participated in Central Florida's Multiple Sclerosis fund-raising

bicycle race this past May. The team, representing Columbia Medical Center Sanford, was the leading money raiser at this year's MS ride. As a veteran cyclist, it was Roth's second year wearing the hospital's jersey, and he was encouraged by the strong showing. "My first year there were only three of us, but most of our pledges came from the hospital staff," said Roth. "This May, more doctors and nurses were involved in the biking part of the drive. It's a great situation"

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Chamber pitches incentive plan

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The Greater Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce is all in favor of the Economic Incentive Program. Executive Director Diane Parker plans to express this support before the Lake Mary City Commission at this evening's meeting. She will be speaking on behalf of the chamber's Board of Directors. Parker has already met with various officials including Seminole County Manager Ron Rabun and Commission Chairman Dick Van Der Welde about the program. She said much of what she has heard indicates there is considerable support for the program, which most often is a combined financial incentive on behalf of the county as well as individual cities. "Many of the complaints we have heard about the Economic Incentive Program," she said, "is that it only benefits the large companies, and leaves the small businesses out in the dark." "But when you consider that these programs have brought major industry and employment into our local communities, it's easy to see that helping them is also helping everyone in the community. These new jobs bring more people into our community. They shop at our stores, eat

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Birds of a feather



Birdie, an ambassador of McDonaldland to Pine Crest Elementary School, stopped by for a visit to the school recently. The McDonald's restaurant at 3785 Orlando Drive is a business partner with the Sanford school, offering

assistance in the form of volunteers, gifts and services. On her most recent visit, Birdie was on hand to honor the teachers for their hard work and dedication to the students as part of Teacher Appreciation Day.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Federal judge: state has two months to figure out how to provide care

By The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The state is appealing a ruling that gives Florida 90 days to figure out how to get people such as the mentally retarded into centers for treatment paid for by the state.

The state has filed its appeal notice and is waiting now for the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta to set a schedule for briefs.

The appeal, however, won't stop the clock on the deadline unless a court grants a stay, state lawyer Chesterfield Smith Jr. said Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Wilkie

Ferguson Jr. ordered last week after a hearing that the state has just 90 days to change its Medicaid plan. He ruled that people shouldn't have to wait more than 90 days to get care.

Ferguson had ruled earlier that the state can't take years to get treatment for people.

Florida spends \$450 million on services to 28,000 people who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled because of things like cerebral palsy and autism.

Some 3,000 are in private centers, 1,600 are in state-run institutions and the rest get community-based services. But another 8,000 are on waiting

lists and some have been there for years.

The federal government doesn't require states to extend Medicaid to institutional care for the developmentally disabled but gives them the option of taking that step — and Florida has.

Six years ago, a lawyer for 13 unidentified people sued in federal court in Miami, alleging that being forced to wait years for placement is as bad as being denied care entirely.

In late July, Ferguson ruled that if the state chooses to extend Medicaid to cover institu-

tional care for developmentally disabled it must provide care for all eligible people.

Estimates of the cost of eliminating such waiting lists vary widely. The state warns it could cost several hundred million dollars at an annual cost of \$70,000 per person.

But Steven Weinger, a Miami attorney representing the plaintiffs, said the state's estimate was unrealistic. Weinger said the number of people seeking placement was more like 3,000 and the state's share of their care would be more than \$70 million.

Fornes concert cancelled

MIAMI BEACH — A planned performance by one of Cuba's most famous entertainers has been canceled after threatened demonstrations by anti-Castro protesters.

It was the second time Rosita Fornes had to bow out of a Miami-area appearance this summer.

Her promoters, represented by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union, said they were forced to cancel her scheduled Friday concert because the city of Miami Beach imposed unfair financial requirements on them to provide security.

They vowed to sue the city on the grounds it was restricting freedom of speech if the concert wasn't rescheduled under more favorable terms.

But City Manager Jose Garcia-Pedroza said the promoters and the ACLU were creating the controversy as a cover for snagging ticket sales. Various deposits were to have been submitted by last Friday and weren't, he said, so the city waited — and two days before the curtain was to go up, got a letter canceling the show.

Fornes, 75, has never publicly denounced Fidel Castro, which has drawn the ire of many who fled Castro's rule.

She originally was scheduled to perform in late July and early August at a club in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood. But those shows were abruptly canceled after the Centro Vasco club was firebombed in July.

Weapons in seminarians' apartment

TAMPA — Authorities found an AK-47 assault rifle, ammunition, a homemade sledge and a crossbow at the apartment of a seminary student accused of bringing weapons and explosives to Tampa International Airport.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents discovered the additional weapons and ammunition Sunday morning, Special Agent Supervisor Becky Miller said.

They found the items in a suitcase at the Brooksville apartment that 31-year-old Roman Regman shared with his mother, Miller said.

Regman was charged with trying to board a USAir flight Saturday with two grenades, gunpowder, 181 rounds of ammunition, six military knives and a 9mm pistol, all in his carry-on luggage.

He also had gloves, a ski mask and homemade handcuffs, police said.

Regman was bound for an Orthodox Church of America seminary in northeastern Pennsylvania, where he was in the third year of a four-year program to prepare for the priesthood.

He was still jailed without bond Wednesday on 14 counts of state weapons charges.

Federal authorities were considering whether or not to file charges. FBI spokesman Brian Kessel said agents plan to present evidence to the U.S. attorney's office this week.

Aquarium sinking financially

TAMPA — The Florida Aquarium is losing money at twice the rate of last year as attendance plummets and contributions dry up.

The aquarium lost \$2.3 million for the quarter ended July 31, according to financial statements released late Tuesday. The attraction ended its first year of operation with a \$4 million deficit.

Now, attendance is off 40 percent from last year; aquarium officials said. Individuals and companies donated \$11,388 — a third the amount received for the same period in 1988.

"We were short the first year and chances are the attendance drops the second year, not income is going to be smaller," said Elizabeth Stewart, chief financial officer.

The bleak financial picture puts extra pressure on city officials to refinance \$64 million in bonds that built the attraction. The city could save up to \$600,000 off the bond payments by refinancing at a lower rate.

Hillary fan club going strong

WASHINGTON — To the members of her fan club, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is a doll. Literally.

The group presented Mrs. Clinton with a Hillary doll on Wednesday during a reception at the White House. They also sang "You've Gotta Have Bill (And Hillary Too)," an adapted version of "You've Gotta Have Heart."

"A song, a doll — I am overwhelmed," Mrs. Clinton said. Glancing at the doll, she quipped: "I like that hair style."

The doll, clad in an aqua suit and sporting a bouffant hairdo, was encased in a clear plastic box and surrounded by two U.S. flags and flags from the foreign nations where the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Fan Club has chapters.

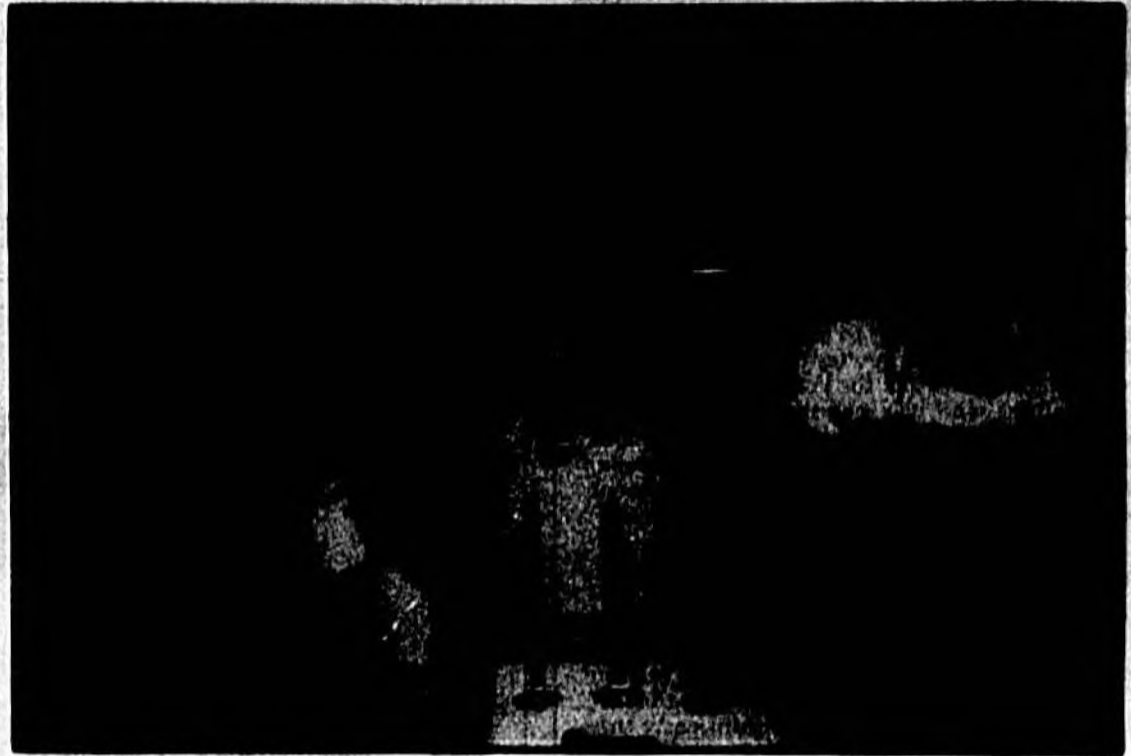
The doll was created by Jordan Polirinchak of Sarasota, Fla., who has been collecting Hillary memorabilia with his wife, Mrs. Clinton said she would display the doll in her office, "and then it will be part of history forever."

From Associated Press reports

Earning honors

These members of the Laureate Alpha Tau chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority received the Master Degree at a recent meeting of their group. The Master Degree is the sixth highest degree in the sorority. Earning the award were Joyce Sammett, June Helms, Kathy Carlson, Annet LaRosa and Grace Marie Stinesipher.

Photo courtesy Beta Sigma Phi sorority



Firefighters to battle blaze

By The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A fire in a building was quickly extinguished by an early-morning blaze fought by 70 to 80 firefighters. No injuries were reported.

All damage was to the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Basin facility, not to boats in the water, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Division Chief James Sheehan said.

Firefighters were still working to put out hot spots five hours after the flames were reported shortly before 1 a.m. EDT.

"Heavy, heavy, heavy smoke and flame when it was first called in," he said.

There was no immediate estimate of damage, but Sheehan said it would be extensive.

"All the buildings that were involved are a total loss." The structures were mostly office and storage areas.

Sheehan said the firefighters from Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach and Broward County as well as his agency used about 17 trucks.

Smuggler boat lugged to Miami

By JOHN PASCARELLI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI BEACH — The vessel was called the Oyster, but what the Coast Guard found nestled within its gas tanks was more valuable than any pearl: 5,000 pounds of cocaine.

The Honduran fishing boat was spotted off the Colombian coast and then boarded a few days later by a law enforcement team of the U.S. Coast Guard. That's when the real adventure began.

With the eight Colombians aboard under arrest, the 110-foot boat was towed all the way to Miami — including a jaunt through the Panama Canal — as part of increased efforts to stop drugs at their source.

About a dozen men from the Coast Guard stayed on the dilapidated Oyster during a three-week journey to South Florida. On the way, they had to contend with rats, two fires, two floods and two flea-infested dogs.

"There were rats on the

boat and we didn't have any means of sanitation. ... There were fleas on board, there were lots of roaches," Petty Officer Leroy Holland, who was in charge of the law enforcement team, said at a news conference Wednesday.

The seizure was the latest by the Coast Guard and other U.S. authorities in a summer that has netted 9,600 pounds of drugs throughout the Caribbean.

Catching the smugglers right off of Colombia was a rarity, though.

"This was a very difficult, complex operation," said Admiral Robert E. Kramsek. "Five thousand pounds of cocaine is fairly significant. What you see here is heaping 5 million crackheads off the street, away from our kids and out of our cities."

The Oyster was spotted Aug. 10 in international waters, 45 miles off the coast of Colombia. A P-3 Navy plane observed speed boats running alongside the fishing vessel while it was dead in the water. From the

air, bales were observed. The boat was intercepted three days later heading west by the team aboard the U.S.S. Stead. They couldn't find the drugs, so the Oyster was escorted to Naval Station Rodman, Panama. There a dockside boarding was conducted. On Aug. 21, the diligence paid off.

"We actually had to pump the fuel out of the fuel tanks and within them were hidden compartments with the drugs," said Lt. Commander Marcus Woodring.

The Colombians, who were arrested on cocaine trafficking and distribution charges, couldn't be transported back to their native country because the boat was Honduran. So they were flown to Miami.

The Coast Guard had hoped to make the boat to Miami, but fuel became contaminated and the Oyster had to be towed most of the way by a 210-foot cutter. It arrived on Labor Day.

MIAMI Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
7-14-26-17-18

Cash 5
4-0-7

Play 4
0-3-3-6

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THE WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower to mid 80s. Wind west 10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Tonight: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Low in the lower to mid 70s. Wind west 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the lower to mid 80s. Wind west 10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday through Monday: Mostly fair. A slight chance of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny 82-78	Partly cloudy 82-78	Mostly fair 81-75	Mostly fair 81-75

SOLAR TABLE: min.: 1:10 a.m., max.: 7:05 a.m., 7:30 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: high, 3:21 a.m., 3:59 p.m.; low, 9:55 a.m., 10:55 p.m. New Smyrna Beach: high, 3:28 a.m., 4:04 p.m.; low, 9:43 a.m., 10:31 p.m. Cocoa Beach: high, 3:41 a.m., 4:14 p.m.; low, 9:58 a.m., 10:46 p.m.

At Augustine to Sebastian Inlet — Tropical storm warning well offshore tonight. Hurricane watch in effect. Heavy surf advisory in effect. Small craft advisory due to increasing swells. Today: Wind 8 to 15 kt. Wind waves 5 to 8 ft with large swells. Minor beach erosion possible at time of high tide. Bay and inland waters choppy. Scattered showers and thunders.

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 89 degrees and the overnight low was 73 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Thursday, totaled 0.23 inches.

☐Sunset.....7:43 p.m.
☐Sunrise.....6:05 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 10. Below wear hat and sunglasses.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

0.1-3 minimal
3-4 low
5-6 moderate
7-8 high
9-10 very high

City	H	L	P	W
Altoona	84	62	31	67
Anaheim	85	67	34	67
Aspen	85	71	28	67
Boston	71	55	24	67
Burlington	77	55	24	67
Butte	81	55	24	67
Burlington, Vt.	84	55	24	67
Cambridge	84	55	24	67
Charleston, S.C.	84	77	21	67
Charleston, W. Va.	79	65	24	67
Charlotte, N.C.	85	65	24	67
Chicago	85	61	24	67
Cincinnati	85	65	24	67
Cleveland	85	65	24	67
Dallas-Ft. Worth	85	71	24	67
Dayton	85	65	24	67
Denver	75	55	24	67
Detroit	85	65	24	67
Houston	85	71	24	67
Indianapolis	85	65	24	67
Kansas City	85	65	24	67
Las Vegas	101	85	24	67
Little Rock	85	65	24	67
Los Angeles	85	65	24	67
London	85	65	24	67
Los Angeles	85	65	24	67
Madison	85	65	24	67
Memphis	85	65	24	67
Minneapolis	85	65	24	67
Mobile	85	65	24	67
Montgomery	85	65	24	67
New Orleans	85	65	24	67
New York	85	65	24	67
Omaha	85	65	24	67
Orlando	85	65	24	67
Philadelphia	85	65	24	67
Pittsburgh	85	65	24	67
Portland, Me.	85	65	24	67
Portland, Ore.	85	65	24	67
Raleigh	85	65	24	67
San Antonio	85	65	24	67
San Diego	85	65	24	67
San Francisco	85	65	24	67
Seattle	85	65	24	67
Tampa	85	65	24	67
Washington, D.C.	85	70	24	67

No real alternative to tobacco

By **LESLIE LLOYD**
Associated Press Writer

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Tony Slaughter could be a poster boy for those who would have tobacco farmers start anew with different crops. It's easier said than done.

For 11 years, Slaughter has been growing fruits and vegetables on his tobacco farm. But now he is considering growing only burley tobacco next year.

"The market is the problem," he said. While the market for tobacco is well-established, finding a place to sell vegetables and alternative crops is not as certain.

Meanwhile, the assault on tobacco and cigarettes has increased. President Clinton has unveiled strict government regulations to curb tobacco advertising to teen-agers and to allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate sale and promotion of cigarettes.

Those actions led to increased talk of alternative crops and supplemental crops. But experts said that for East Tennessee farmers, there really is little alternative to tobacco because of the terrain and the climate.

"After 11 years, it's disheartening to give up," Slaughter says. "This is tobacco country and that's what it's going to stay."

Last year in Tennessee, tobacco was second to cotton as a cash crop with sales of \$248 million. Most of the \$4 million pounds grown was burley tobacco, mainly in East Tennessee.

"I don't think folks need to get scared," said Slaughter, a Sullivan County farmer. "I think tobacco's always going to be here. I do not believe the FDA will ultimately be able to regulate tobacco."

Don Fowlkes, a tobacco specialist with the University of Tennessee's Agriculture Extension Service, agrees.

"The FDA stuff right now is not going to amount to much," he said.

Fowlkes says he supports "the concept of diversification" for the economic well-being for burley farmers. But he also admits that there really is not much choice other than tobacco for most East Tennessee farmers who grow the leaf.

Bob Miller, of the extension service's Tobacco Experiment Station in Greene County says the same thing.

"The bottom line is we haven't identified any other crop in this part of the state that a lot of families can grow that can make anywhere near the return per acre," Miller says.

The mountainous terrain is not conducive to the scale needed to make row crops such as corn profitable. The cooler climate makes for a shorter growing season, meaning almost everyone is harvesting at the same time.

"We have vegetables when everybody has stuff in their

garden," Slaughter says. He grew tomatoes, peppers, beans, squash, cucumbers, zucchini, watermelon, cantaloupe and okra. For a while, he sold his produce to a local grocery chain.

Then, that chain was bought out. The larger grocery chains are not interested in local produce, Slaughter says, because they can get fruits and vegetables more cheaply through a broker.

"They don't care about qual-

ity, nothing but price," he said.

A farmer's market that opened two years ago in White Pine was supposed to be a retail and wholesale market but it has not met expectations.

Miller says wholesalers have not been attracted because not enough produce is put up for

sale at the market. But farmers have been reluctant to grow produce for the market because the wholesalers are not there.

What East Tennessee really would need to make growing produce profitable is processing plants for the fruits and vegetables, Miller says.

QUAD arrests

Members of the Sanford police QUAD-Squad arrested Cassandra Jean James, 31, of 19 Castle Brewer Court on Tuesday. Officers were looking for possible drug related activities in the Constance Park area of W. Ninth Street. James was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aric A. Williams, 28, of 1150 Florida Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday, following a drug surveillance at Third Street and Olive Avenue. Williams was apprehended in Edward Higgins Terrace and charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession of crack cocaine.

Drug arrest

Debbie Ann Blake, 33, of 1507 W. 14th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. Officers said they saw three persons loitering in the Lincoln Court area near 13th Street. When they approached, they said a woman, subsequently identified as Blake, walked away. She was located in the 1500 block of W. 13th Street and arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine.

Traffic stops

Patrick John McConigal, 33, of 1308 Northlake Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Longwood police on U.S. Highway 17-92 Tuesday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license and possession of cocaine.

Michael P. Rupert, 35, of DeLona, was stopped by Sanford police Tuesday near the intersection of Colby and Bay Avenues. Officers said they stopped the vehicle after it was reported to be circling through a neighborhood. Rupert was charged with having an open container and possession of marijuana.

Donald M. Bass, 34, 878 CR-15, Lake Monroe, was stopped by Sanford police at Fifth Street and French Avenue Tuesday. He was charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

Charles Williams, 33, of 23 Seminole Gardens, was stopped by Sanford police Tuesday. Officers said he was also identified as Terry Bryant and Charlie Brown. He was charged with obstruction by a disguised person and driving with a suspended license.

Retail thefts

Christopher B. Whitley, 28, of Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police at the Seminole Towne Center Tuesday. Officers said he attempted to take an estimated \$824 in items, including shirts, socks and hats from a store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

Arthur L. Evert, 60, of 1704 W. Ninth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at a store in the 2400 block of French Avenue Tuesday. Officers said he attempted to take five items, valued at \$18.35 from the store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

Domestic case

Leroy Ervin, 40, 108 Academy Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday in the 3600 block of Washington Street where he was reportedly involved in a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery domestic violence, and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Stolen/recovered vehicles

A 1991 Oldsmobile, reported stolen in Orange County, was located by Sanford police Tuesday parked near a business in the 1100 block of E. 25th Street.

An orange 1991 Chevrolet, license number VNU-94A was reported stolen Tuesday in the 400 block of Catalina Drive, in Sanford.

Sanford police reports

Six calculators, 18 CDs, five computer speakers and other items with a total value of \$3,700 were reported stolen over this past holiday weekend from Sanford Middle School, 1700 S. French Avenue.

Two shots from a handgun were reportedly fired into the windows of a Sanford business Tuesday, in the 1200 block of S. French Avenue.

An estimated \$1,780 in equipment was said to have been stolen Tuesday from a van in a parking lot in the 2900 block of S. Orlando Drive.

Two cassette players and candy with a total value of \$380 were reported stolen Tuesday from a business in the 1600 block of Merithis Avenue.

A \$250 TV set was reported stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 2400 block of Palmetto Avenue in Sanford.

High school completion rate rises for blacks ages 25 to 29

By **BOB ROSSMAN**
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — The high school completion rate for blacks between the ages of 25 and 29 rose to nearly 67 percent last year, reaching about the same level as their white peers for the first time, the Census Bureau said today.

That education level for all adults 25 and older reached nearly 83 percent — the highest since it was first measured by the bureau in 1947, a Census report said.

"The long-term rise in educational attainment for the general adult population is driven principally by the replacement of older less-educated people by younger people who have completed substantially more education," the report said.

The findings are based on data collected in the bureau's Current Population Survey in March 1985. Those questioned were asked to state the highest grade or degree they had completed.

The percentage of adults aged 25 and older who said they had completed at least high school peaked not only for the entire population, but for each race and for both blacks and whites, the bureau said. The proportion of adults who had earned a bachelor's degree also was at a record high — 23 percent last year.

"School completion is one of the most important influences on economic well-being," says Jennifer Day, author of the report. "Higher educational at-

tainment tends to be reflected in greater socioeconomic success for individuals and the nation."

In the general adult population, the high school completion rates for men and women were roughly equal, at about 62 percent. But 26 percent of the men had earned college bachelor's degrees, compared with 20 percent of the women.

In the 25 and older category, sizable differences in the numbers of people who had completed high school remained between whites and blacks. Eighty-three percent of whites were high school graduates, compared with 74 percent for blacks.

But when the bureau just looked at the youngest segment of the adult population — 25- to 29-year-olds — blacks and whites were almost equal last year, at 67.4 percent for whites and 66.5 percent for blacks.

The level of high school attainment has remained relatively unchanged for this younger white population — about 67 percent — during the past 10 years, the report said. However, the proportion of blacks ages 25 to 29 who have at least a high school education rose from 60.6 percent in 1985 to 66.5 percent last year, the report said.

People of Hispanic origin have the lowest proportions of completed education, the report said. "A contributing factor may be the large proportion of foreign-born Hispanics with less than a high school education," it said.

Fifty-three percent of Hispanic adults aged 25 and older are high school graduates, up from 45 percent in 1985, the report said. The rate rises to 57 percent for the 25- to 29-year-old Hispanics.

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EDITORIAL

Freedom to learn

Every year, the People for the American Way (a liberal-leaning organization that reports on the state of First Amendment rights in this country) issues a several-hundred page publication entitled "Attacks on the Freedom to Learn."

The book itemizes every incident in this country where an individual, a group of parents or concerned citizens or legislators filed a complaint about a book, a rule or a practice used in a school district.

We applaud the People for the American Way for their publication of this book.

For whether you believe the People for the American Way or the objectors are fringe lunatics, you will know where both sides stand and how the school boards and other legislative bodies charged with making decisions on those matters reacted.

Seminole County, which has been the target of objections in the past, including one two years ago regarding the student newspaper at Lake Mary High School, was free of incident this year.

Most of the materials that were challenged during the last year were library materials available to the students for their reading pleasure. The most offensive books this year (based on the number of complaints) were: "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, "The Giver" by Lois Lowry, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker, "The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier, "Go Ask Alice" by Anonymous, "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger, "A Day No Pigs Would Die" by Robert Newton Peck, "Native Son" by Richard Wright, "My Brother Sam is Dead" by Christopher and James Lincoln Collier, and "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson.

The objections are most often based on sexual content, objectionable language and religion and they are most often brought by religious right political groups. Many of the complaints are based on an anti-gay philosophy, the report said.

We all have a right to know when attacks are being made on our children's right to the education we would want for them, be it from the books to which we object or from those who would remove certain books from the shelves from which they select their reading materials.

LETTERS

On non-partisan races

I imagine quite a few more of us Democrats would have voted yesterday. I feel cheated. There are some people on the county commission and school board I wanted to vote for and some I wanted to vote against. Even though we're Democrats, we should have been able to vote.

Ernest A. Baumelster
Sanford

Save Our stadium

I would first like to applaud all the young people, parents, volunteers, and sponsors, who worked so hard to make the concert at Sanford Memorial Stadium a huge success. It is not necessarily good to destroy the old for the new. Rehabilitating the stadium with its roots and extensive memories will give everyone a great deal of Sanford pride. It is more creative to combine the new ideas with the old to strengthen both. In that way, the roots are strengthened, more memories are created, and the pride continues.

However, the entertainment was a disappointment and brought back memories of July 4th, 1994, when the fireworks over Lake Meares were an hour and ten minutes late. The big build-up for Jack Elton "Elvis" was a farce. I would call his performance less than professional. He had no respect for the purpose/spirit of the concert or the audience. The steel trusses were inauspicious. On the other hand, I can be forgiving of "Let It Be's" delayed pianos. Their true passion emerged toward the end of their performance. I would love to attend another one of their concerts at the stadium.

Mayor Bettye Smith, we want money allocated to refurbish the stadium, not more money. Let us put our priorities in order, young people! the future, family, pride and then the slightly deflated by husband and I will support more fund-raising for the stadium. Maybe in the near future, there could be a blue grass/jazz concert, a car show, carnival, a band, arts/crafts show, or even a dog show held at the stadium. The possibilities are endless.

Valerie and Donald Williams
Sanford

WILLIAM RASPBERRY

From the economist in the cab

WASHINGTON—The cabbie was in the doldrums. "I've just had an economist in my cab," he said, "and now I've got a problem."

I checked to make sure I wasn't sitting in anything before I asked him to explain what he was talking about. He explained.

"I'm not that big a fan of Bill Clinton, especially after he said he'd sign that anti-welfare bill," he said. "But if that Bob Dole gets in, you can kiss the whole government good-bye."

I got tired of such, well, Dole-ful talk, and I told the cabbie as much. "The way your mind works, anything remotely conservative automatically brings us one step closer to disaster," I said. "Reform welfare and you'll have children starving in the streets. Tinker with affirmative action and you reinstate slavery. Aren't you the one who used to go around saying Newt Gingrich had a contract on America? Get a grip, man!"

"I'm not just belly-aching about conservatives," the cabbie said quietly. "Like I told you, I had this economist in my cab, and the way he explains it, Dole is determined to shut down the government, lock, stock and barrel."

He seemed so genuinely alarmed, I thought I'd better explain. "Dole does believe the federal government is trying to do too



much—and doing much of it badly," I admitted. "But what he has in mind is greater governmental efficiency, not anarchy. OK, maybe he has cast a baleful eye on the Department of Education, but ..."

"Have you read his tax proposal?" the cabbie interrupted.

I had read several articles about the tax proposal, so I felt nearly justified in saying yes.

"Then you ought to understand what I'm talking about," the cabbie said. "How much of a tax cut is Dole proposing?"

"About \$548 billion, if memory serves," I told him. "But then, it's our money we're talking about, isn't it? The way you talk about

tax cuts, you'd think the government owned all the money and conservatives are determined to steal a little of it back."

"Hold up a minute," the cabbie said. "I'm not as quick as you, so let me just take this thing one step at a time, the way this economist explained it to me. You say Dole wants to cut taxes by \$548 billion. And he also promises to balance the budget. What's the federal deficit running now?"

"Let's see," I said. "We're talking in about \$61.25 trillion and spending about \$1.4 trillion, so that leaves a deficit of roughly \$150 billion."

"So if we keep spending at the rate we're spending ..."

"I see your problem," I told him. "Obviously what Dole is saying is that we can't go on spending at current rates. You're also overlooking the fact that if we cut taxes, that will stimulate economic growth—Dole projects a growth rate of 3.5 percent—which will increase revenues. But first, we've got to shrink government to manageable size."

"Do you know the last time we had a growth rate as high as 3.5 percent?" the cabbie said. "My economist says it was maybe when LBJ was in office."

"Do me a favor," I told the cabbie. "Don't pick up any more economists."



JACK ANDERSON

Drug dealers use banking loophole

WASHINGTON -- The trial of reputed Mexican drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego is set to begin this month. But nothing that happens at the trial is likely to stem the tide of drugs entering the United States from Mexico -- or reduce the river of cash flowing in the other direction.

One of the untold stories of Mexico's rapid rise in the drug hierarchy is the corresponding increase in money laundering. Tax regulations and legal loopholes have made Mexican banks a haven for drug dealers seeking to disguise their profits. And once money is safely deposited in a Mexican bank, it can be transferred virtually anywhere in the world without detection.

Though it often receives little attention in the media, the problem was laid out in a March 1996 State Department report on international drug strategy:

"Proximity to the United States, endemic corruption, and little or no regulation or enforcement of regulations pertaining to the deposit of U.S. drug dollars into the Mexican financial infrastructure ... have combined to make Mexico the No. 1 country of choice for the movement of drug cash generated by Western Hemisphere drug cartels."

The subject will be taken up by Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., at a Sept. 5 hearing of the Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations of the House Banking Committee. In the meantime, experts from inside and outside of government have pieced together for us how easy it is for drug dealers to launder their profits.

In most cases, cash is simply smuggled across the Mexican border via car or truck. While the U.S. Customs Service has hundreds of agents to inspect vehicles that enter the United States, it pays almost no attention to those that leave.

Only a tiny percentage of the cars and trucks that leave the country are inspected by U.S. officials. One figure, told to Rep. Bachus, puts the number at less than 3 percent, but others believe even that number is too generous.

"Three percent? In my dreams," one U.S. Customs inspector told us. "It's like, point-zero-zero-something. These cars are zipping by at 50-60 mph going across the bridge ... The most we can do is spot-check."

According to this inspector, only two of the 215 Customs inspectors in El Paso, Texas, are detailed exclusively to inspecting outbound traffic. "Our workforce is basically checking things coming in," he said. "We also have a mandate to do outbound operations. But that's way down at the bottom (of priorities). We would love to check the outgoing stuff."

"It is a huge problem," adds James Dutton, a deputy attorney general in California and the head of that state's money laundering investigation program. "Nobody can tell you for sure how much cash is leaving the country." American officials put the number at between \$5 billion and \$10 billion per year. Mexican officials say the total amount is closer to \$20 billion.

Leading up Customs inspectors could pose new hassles, however. If authorities were to check more cars leaving the country, traffic could get backed up for miles at busy border crossings in California, Texas and elsewhere.

Once in Mexico, dealers deposit their money in banks that don't have the same strict disclosure requirements that are found in the United States.



Law regulations and legal loopholes have made Mexican banks a haven for drug dealers.

DONNA BRITT

What matters is what we do

WASHINGTON--When I learned that Christopher Reeve, the world's most famous wheelchair-bound human, will make a "non-partisan" speech at the Democratic National Convention, I sighed. Reeve's appearance surely will elicit the glowering-eyed awe accorded the world's brave sufferers--in the unworthy hope that voters' admiration will spill over onto the Democrats.

Certainly, that was the hope of the Republicans, who offered poignant speeches by lovely HIV carriers Mary Fisher and Hydaia Broadbent at their recent convention--even though many AIDS activists view the Republican Party as unresponsive of their community's needs. The GOP also featured several black speakers during prime time--though there were 81 percent fewer black delegates in San Diego than at the 1992 convention, and only 8.7 percent of African Americans identify themselves as Republican.

What such speeches do is to offer an impression, an image more persuasive than numbers.

But all of politics is images and impressions. Fisher and Broadbent are unlike most people with AIDS, the majority of whom still are, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, men who have had sex with other men, or intravenous drug users--people whose disease might be deemed as "their own fault" by some of the very folks who sniffled during Fisher's and Broadbent's remarks.

Politicians know we like our victims "innocent"--whatever that is. They know we like them to be like Reeve.

After his horse threw him on Memorial Day weekend in 1995, crushing part of his spine, Reeve switched roles--from fading actor to rising star of the disability movement. Despite his paralysis, Reeve, 43, remains as witty, handsome and humble as he was as Superman.

I admire him. But I saw his speech as part of a cheap competition to see which party's speaker could elicit the most easy tears--until I read a remarkable cover story about Reeve in the new Time magazine.

Then I felt ashamed.

One expects to be moved by any story in which an active person is slammed into stillness and strapped into a contraption that holds his hands, as writer Roger Rosenblatt put it, "like fish on platters. ... A seabird holds his misdeed ... when a spear threatens to jolt his body from the chair."



But all of politics is images and impressions.

But knowing you'll be moved to different from being moved; playing a hero could never compare with becoming one. Experience always surprises.

So while it once hurt "Superman" Reeve to close the door after visiting sick kids and feel a secret relief, it's worse now, he says, that "I have to stay in the room and be the one with the problem." It's worse feeling "tremendous jealousy of people doing normal, everyday things ... putting on a coat and walking down a hallway ... rummaging around in the kitchen cabinet."

Despite our reaction to it, grievous injury does not automatically make one heroic. Generating millions for spinal cord injury research and the American Paralysis Association, as Reeve has, doesn't either--it's smart helping those who could help you walk.

What elevates Reeve is his poise in the face of trading flying, sailing and scuba diving for strenuous medical activities such as "suctioning," "ranging" and being "coughed." It's his awareness of the challenges of similarly injured people with fewer resources and his honesty about his terrors and frustrations.

It's his grace in reminding me of how much I have and owe. Which is what Broadbent and Fisher and others who have sparked our tears do.

However cynical politics has made us, what matters here is what we do--and the Republicans and Democrats do--when our eyes are dry. Reeve points out that people with disabilities sometimes grieve when it's implied that there's something wrong with them. Well, "there is," Reeve says. "My response is that we're entitled to more in life."

Yes, they are. Genuinely concerned voters should, says Washington AIDS activist James Milner, "go back and look at politicians' voting records, at what they're willing to do."

Former postmaster dies

Glenoe David Donaldson, left, in 1952, when he was appointed Lake Mary postmaster. He replaced Virginia Anderson right, in that position. Donaldson, 71, died Sunday, Sept. 1, following an extended illness. He was a native of Lake Mary, and served as postmaster from 1952 to 1988. He is credited with promoting the building of the new post office on Lake Mary Blvd., which has since been built. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, was a salesman for Swift and Company and several automobile agencies, as well as being employed by the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. He was an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary.

Photo Courtesy of Margaret Wesley

Mayor

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excellent mayor."

Qualifying started yesterday morning at the Lake Mary City Hall, but as of early this morning, no one had submitted papers for any of the three positions.

Qualifying, which began this Tuesday, will end at 5 p.m. next Friday, Sept. 13. The election will be held on Nov. 5, with a runoff, if needed, on Dec. 3.

During his term in office, Rockett has been considered a driving force on the commission. He said he is extremely proud of the progress in Lake Mary since he has been mayor, including community improvements, plans for a new public safety complex, the completion of Lake Mary Boulevard widening, and the start of the Economic Incentive program to attract more business into the area.

"There are still many projects which need accomplishing in the years ahead," Rockett observed. "The high water problem hasn't been resolved, but we are working on a co-op agreement between the county and St. Johns Water Management. Also, the development of the downtown area is just beginning to get off the ground and that may take many years before it is completed."

Nuisance

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"We go out there and watch the hookers and the drug dealers and sometimes the cops all night long," she said with a mock laugh.

According to board attorney Judd Hedrick, the board is specifically designed to serve as a code enforcement board of

sorts which deal directly with prostitution, gang-related activities and the sale and delivery of controlled substances (drugs).

"We have to look at it all on a case-by-case basis," Hedrick said.

Wells said she and her neighbors have a list of areas that are a nuisance "in any

sense of the word" and they plan to address the board when its first meeting is announced.

"We want to work with them to clean up Sanford," she said.

The Nuisance Abatement Board consists of Simmons, Hedrick, and representatives of the Sanford Police Department, including liaison Cmdr. Dennis Whitmore.

Briefs

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enrollment. The first Royal Academy facility opened at Greenwood Blvd. and Lake Emma Road in Lake Mary only two years earlier.

"We have a waiting list now," Aggarwal said. "Demand for a new, expanded Royal Academy facility to teach children up to the 8th grade is exceptionally strong in this part of Seminole County."

The new Royal Academy facility will contain 12,000 square feet, and is to be located off International Blvd., on AAA Drive, adjacent to the

AAA worldwide headquarters.

Soderstrom said ground-breaking for the new facility is expected to be held in December. Construction is expected to cost approximately \$1 million.

Aggarwal said the V-shaped Royal Academy facility will also offer before and after school programs, intersession care and summer camp programs.

Starting International Realty is representing Royal Academy in the land sale.

WILLIE BERNARD CHRISTIANSON

Willie Bernard Christianson, 8, William Clark Court, Sanford, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 1998 at his residence. Born Nov. 2, 1932 in Bainbridge, Ga., he moved to Central Florida 45 years ago. He was a fruit picker.

Survivors include wife, Shirley; daughter, Francina McQueen, Sanford; son, James Jackson, Bainbridge; mother, Easter M., Sanford; three grandchildren.

Batts Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

ROSE THERESA GOTHANN


Rose Theresa Gothann, 77, Shadywood Road, Geneva, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1998 in Longwood. Born March 8, 1919 in Mohrin, Hungary, she moved to Central Florida in 1966. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church, Geneva. She belonged to Ladies Oriental Shrine, Order of Eastern Star, Amaranth White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, and Geneva Homemakers and Garden Club.

Survivors include sons, Edward, Ingliside, Ill.; Kenneth A., Geneva, Carl, Weasna, Wis.; daughter, Lois Susan Parfman, LaGrangeville, N.Y.; sister, Theresia Bumbart, Spring Hill; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Galles Carey Hand Garden Chapel Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

SERVANTS BORN YOUNG
 Social Service for Seniors, Inc. will be holding a fund-raising event at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 13. The event will feature a luncheon and a raffle. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 407-321-6626.

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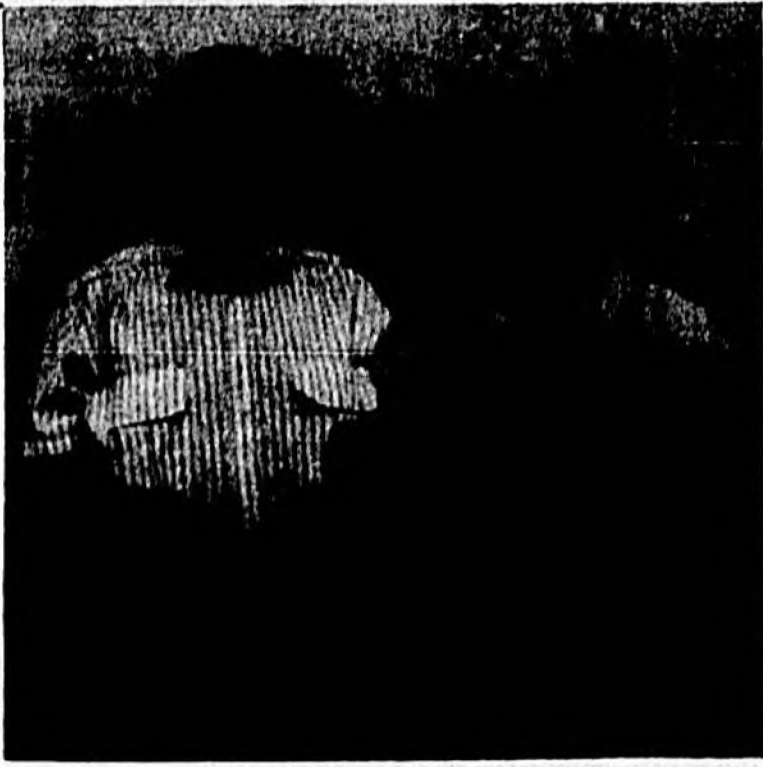
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Here we go again!

Former Sanford City Commissioner A.A. "Mac" McClanahan, left, with City Clerk Jan Dougherty, was the first candidate to qualify to run for mayor of Sanford as qualifying got under way Wednesday morning. He was followed by Vern Spears, extreme right, who was on hand with his campaign manager John Colbert. Spears also qualified to seek the position of mayor.



Harold Photos by Brent Lynn Hill

Possibly six others are also expected to seek the post. One other candidate, Walt Padgett, filed his qualifying papers yesterday to seek the District 1 city commission seat. The election is on Dec. 3, with the runoff on Dec. 17. Qualifying period for city elections will end at noon on Oct. 28.

Earliest views ever of galaxy formation

By PAUL RISSER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Images of clumps of clustered stars linked by their mutual gravity and slowly moving together may be the first pictures ever of what

researchers say are the building blocks of galaxies.

"It's the first time anyone has seen that many star-forming objects in such a small space," said Roger Windhorst, lead author of the study.

Chamber

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in our restaurants, and pay taxes. So it's easy to see that helping bring new businesses into the area helps everyone."

Several representatives of major businesses and industrial communities are also expected to be on hand for the commission meeting.

Near Lake Mary, two businesses have already been the recipients of Economic Incentive programs. AT&T received \$731,000 while BellSouth received \$500,000. In both cases the money came through Seminole County, which expects to see a return on the investment over the next five years.

The City of Sanford has also been involved in the program.

Last month, commissioners indicated tentative approval of an economic incentive application in the amount of \$32,000 to Aircraft Industries.

Two additional requests for assistance are expected to be brought before the commission in the near future for additional consideration.

Parker's presentation before the Lake Mary City Commission is scheduled early in the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Due to a commission workshop scheduled to begin at 8:30 this afternoon, the commission meeting will begin at 7 p.m., or as soon as possible after the workshop.

Lake Mary City Hall is located at 100 N. Country Club Road.

Cycle

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for the community. Bikers do what they enjoy while raising money for the cause."

The MS ride is an annual fund-raiser for the foundation that usually occurs in Lake County each May. The funds raised are used for education and research of multiple sclerosis. The country-wide event encourages each biker to raise money through sponsorship. This year's team from Columbia Medical Center Sanford obviously did its part to support the foundation.

However, Dr. Roth does not simply bring out his bike once a year for the MS event. Cycling has become quite a regular activity in the busy doctor's life. The Detroit native first started biking as a young boy, mainly as a means of transportation around the city.

"It's been my number one interest since I was a teenager," he explained. In middle school, Roth began to ride from school, but in high school he began pedaling more frequently. "In high school, I started to take more of an interest in it for fun. That was when I purchased my first ten speed road bike," Roth continued.

Dr. Roth attended John Hopkins University in Baltimore for undergraduate school, a perfect city for a recreational biker. "I biked all over Baltimore, exploring the city and side streets," said Roth, who began participating in races for his fraternity. "It was mainly for pleasure, but the underlying theme is always fitness."

While he enjoys biking for its touring advantages, Roth describes competition as a "personal thing." He typically participates in races called Centuries, which are 100 mile rides found all over the country.

"I first got involved in Centuries in California, where they are very exciting with one to two thousand bikers," Roth explained. The races are designed to be for pleasure, but most of the participants come for a best time. Depending on the course, one ride can last from four to seven hours.

Unfortunately, the races are not as popular in the Central Florida area, but he rarely misses an opportunity to participate. This summer he returned to California to test his legs at the "Annual Death Ride" just south of Lake Tahoe.

"It's 120 miles of biking up and down five of the more challenging mountain passes in the area," described the brave cyclist. Although he may have been prepared for the grueling length of the race, the weather came as quite a surprise. "At the bottom of the third mountain pass it was 90 degrees and sunny. At the top, it was 40 degrees and hailing," recalled Roth. Wearing just a shirt and shorts, he tried to wait out the storm, but was never able to finish the "Death Ride."

However, the treacherous weather did not dampen his enthusiasm to return. "I had a blast for the first time, so it definitely won't be my last."

Dr. Roth is not alone in his love for cycling. His wife, Cindy Watson, also a podiatrist, is not only a partner in his medical practice, but on the bike as well. Although the couple has been busy with their growing business since they first moved to Longwood in 1988, they always find time for a

practice run. "We plan on buying a tandem bike so we can ride together in some of the Centuries for tandems," said Roth.

In addition to returning to Europe, Roth has other races planned for the future. "I certainly plan on continuing the MS ride and returning to the 'Death Ride' again," he said and Dr. Roth was quick to add that the next time he will be ready for whatever weather the

mountains have in store.

This past June, Dr. Roth, Dr. Quinn and their wives took their interest to Ireland to explore the gorgeous country

aboard a bicycle. Dr. Roth, who described his biking as a way "to tour new areas," thoroughly enjoyed this new way of vacationing.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Toucan Willie's opens with win

OVIEDO — Toucan Willie's opened play in the Oviedo Men's Wednesday Night Class C Fall Slowpitch Softball League with a 5-3 victory over GMAC at the Oviedo Sports Complex.

Former Lake Howell and Seminole Community College player Billy Stripp paced the offense, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored, while Dan Gladman was 2-for-3 with a run scored and Harold Hill singled in two runs.

The Toucan Willie's infield led the defense as former Oviedo and Rollins star Ryan Alkire had eight assists and two put outs at shortstop and Oviedo defensive coordinator Greg Register had five assists and three put outs at third base.

Winning pitcher Rick Tribit, the Oviedo High wrestling coach, scattered nine hits.

Sanford Girls' Fall Softball

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is offering Fall Girls' Softball.

Triumps will be held on Saturday, September 7th at Pinchurst Park on West 24th Street.

Ages 12 and Under (before December 31st) will tryout at 9 a.m., while ages 14 and Under (before December 31st) will tryout at 10 a.m.

Cost will be \$15 per player.

Call 330-5697 for more information.

Magic signs Ellis to contract

ORLANDO — The Orlando Magic signed veteran forward LeRon Ellis to a contract.

Ellis, who has played with the Clippers, Hornets and Heat, played with the Magic during summer professional play in July. He averaged 8.9 points and 6.1 rebounds, while shooting 61 percent from the field in nine games.

AROUND THE STATE

Marlins 9, Cubs 2

MIAMI — Kevin Brown won his fifth straight start to become Florida's first 15 game winner Wednesday night, leading the Florida Marlins to a 9-2 win over the Chicago Cubs.

Brown (15-10), who was the NL's top pitcher for August, took a two hit shutout into the ninth before giving up three hits and two runs.

Brown got his 1,000th strikeout in the eighth, and lowered the majors best ERA to 1.88.

Jeff Conine drove in four runs for the Marlins, who have won 10 of 12.

Huizenga hires sports exec

FORT LAUDERDALE — Wayne Huizenga has hired entertainment executive Dick Evans to oversee his sports empire.

Evans, who starts Nov. 1 and will be president and chief executive officer of Huizenga Sports and Entertainment Group, will be in charge of the operation of the Miami Dolphins, Florida Marlins, Florida Panthers, Pro Player Park, Broward Civic Arena, Homestead Motorsports Complex and other Huizenga interests.

Evans has been chief operating officer of Gaylord Entertainment Co. (the Grand Ole Opry, The Nashville Network). He also worked for Walt Disney, Radio City Music Hall and Madison Square Garden Corp.

Panthers sign goalie Billington

MIAMI — With backup goaltender Mark Fitzpatrick unsigned, the Florida Panthers announced the signing of free agent goalie Craig Billington for insurance Wednesday.

Billington, who turns 30 next week, was 10-13-3 last season with the Boston Bruins.

The Panthers open training camp Saturday.

MacLean gets new contract

MIAMI — Doug MacLean, who led the Florida Panthers to the Stanley Cup Finals in his first year as an NHL head coach last June, signed a new three-year contract to remain with the team through 1998-99, the first season in the Panthers' new arena to be built in Sunrise.

"It's the players who perform," MacLean said, "and I know it's because of their efforts, along with my assistant coaches and the entire staff, that I have been given a new contract."

ELSEWHERE

Mutiny 2, MetroStars 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Frank Hejduk scored his first Major League Soccer goal early in the game and added an assist late in the match as Tampa Bay handed the New York-New Jersey MetroStars their fourth straight loss, 2-0.

The victory, which boosted the Eastern Conference leading Mutiny to 16-12, clinched no worse than a second place finish.

BEST BETS ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
8 p.m. — ESPN, Notre Dame at Vanderbilt. (L)

Prophecy realized

Oviedo trips Seminole in SAC boys volleyball



Seminole's Troy Cath goes high to try a spike over a pair of Oviedo Lions during the hard fought Seminole Athletic Conference boys' volleyball opener for both teams that saw the Lions pull out a three game victory.

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — Seminole High School boys volleyball coach Bill Whalen proved prophetic Wednesday night.

After beating Spruce Creek in the Fighting Seminoles' opener Tuesday night Whalen said that the Oviedo Lions had looked good in the pre-season Jamboree last week and would be a handful for his squad.

And how right he was, as the Lions bested the Tribe in three hard fought games, 12-15, 15-7, 15-5, in the opening Seminole Athletic Conference game for both teams before a large and boisterous crowd at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium.

Oviedo also claimed the junior varsity contest in straight games, 15-12 and 15-8.

Seminole (1-1-0-1 in the SAC) will play its third home match in as many nights tonight as it hosts the perennially tough Osceola Rowboys from Kissimmee at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium. The JV's start at 6 p.m. with the varsity hitting the court at 7 p.m.

The match was much closer than the final score might indicate as the contest lasted nearly two hours, with several sideouts in each game.

Most of the points were contested at the net as the two teams took

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Hunter course offered

Special to the Herald

SANFORD — The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission is again offering its Hunter Education course to the public in cooperation with Seminole Community College.

To register for this course, you will need to call the college's Community Education Department at (407) 843-2003. There is a registration fee of \$10 required by the college.

The course will be held on Saturday, September 14th and Saturday, September 21st from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Range Dab will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 7 a.m. at the Leesville Falls and Pistol Club.

The course covers many interesting topics including survival, wildlife identification, hunting laws, ethics, first aid and gun safety. Students will get to practice what they learn in class during a field trip as they will get a chance to shoot rifles, shotguns and bows and arrows.

The course is open to any one and families are encouraged to attend and learn together. Children 12 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult during each session.

Each student will need to bring a pen or pencil and paper for notes. All other materials for the course are provided, including guns and ammunition for the range trip.

Since June 1991 anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, is required to successfully complete a state hunter education course before hunting in the State of Florida.



Seminole's Mario Frederick (No. 20) scored the game's only touchdown in the first quarter and the Fighting Seminoles withstood a last-minute Lake

Brantley drive as the Tribe blanked the Patriots 7-0 in the opening game of the freshmen football season at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium Wednesday night.

Tribe freshmen outlast Pats

By JEFF BERLINICKE
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole freshman coach Scott Casko was nervous. So were the fans.

But Tribe running back Mario Frederick never had a doubt.

As Lake Brantley drove toward a game-tying and possibly game-winning touchdown in the closing seconds Wednesday night, Frederick said he was as calm as could be.

He was right. The Seminole freshmen held on to take

the season opener, 7-0, over the Patriots at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium.

Frederick scored the game's only touchdown early in the opening quarter and the Seminole defense pounded Lake Brantley all afternoon until a last minute drive netted three completions that moved the ball to the five with 11 seconds remaining on the clock.

"No, I wasn't nervous. I knew we'd win," Frederick said. "I didn't have any doubts about it."

Casko had been waiting a long time for this game. His team practiced on a voluntary basis all summer and

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Bramlett cruises to End of the Month crown

By DAVE WESTERMAN
Special to the Herald

BITHLO — Scott Bramlett was Mr. Untouchable last Friday night at Orlando SpeedWorld as he led wire-to-wire to win the 50-Lap End of the Month Late Model Championship.

Bramlett set quick time in his FASTEC Performance Warehouse/Amalite Oil/Chevrolet Monte Carlo, earning the pole.

From the start it was no contest as the race went all 50 laps under green. The St. Cloud pilot took the checkered flag nearly a half lap ahead of Tuffy Heater. The only other cars on the lead lap were third place finisher Rusty Ebersole and fourth place runner Kevin Lawrence. Ricky Wood took fifth a lap down.

While the Late Model race went off without a hitch, the Racing Adventures Limited Late Model 25-Lap Special was a slam-bang affair that saw only three cars make it to the finish line.

Osteen's Bobby Sears set fast time and led all the way but spent most of his time watching the rest of the field crash in rearview mirror.

The first big wreck happened on Lap 7 as Chad Allman, Jim Erb and Tommy Johnson hooked up and hit the wall, eliminating all three.

The worst incident happened on Lap 17 as Chris Lawrence bounced off the wall and was drilled by Keith Miller. Both cars were wiped out, but the drivers emerged unharmed.

With only three cars left, Sears easily raced to the victory over Kenny Crites and Dave Carlson. Lawrence was credited with fourth place and

Darryl Erb got fifth in his first race in the class, despite dropping out on Lap 16.

The Modified race saw only minor cautions, but nothing fazed Eddie Hartin as he led all the way in his Smith Drywall Batmobile. The South Daytona connection of Joe Middleton and Dave Savicki were second and third, followed by Darrell Jones and Bill Brown.

Ronnie Watson drove his B & D Asphalt Service Ford Mustang to his first career win in the Mini-Stocks, outrunning points leader Conrad Grenier and Brian Bellaw, which finished in a near dead-heat for second and third. Pedie Allison was fourth over Richard Newton.

Ted Head led all the way in the Sportsman main, beating Sanford's Jerry Smith, last week's

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FOR THE BEST COVERAGE OF SPORTS IN YOUR AREA, READ THE SANFORD HERALD DAILY

People

IN BRIEF

Surprise grandparents

Surprise Grandparents on September 8 with Senior Friends membership.

Celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 8, with a gift of good health, exciting travel opportunities and social activities. Give your grandparents a Senior Friends membership and watch as a whole new world of benefits, services and new friends opens to them.

"With more than 200 chapters across the country and some 270,000 members, the National Association of Senior Friends is able to offer valuable discounts on a host of products and services and numerous education and social programs that enrich the lives of our members," explains Senior Friends advisor, Ellen Rollins, of the Columbia Medical Center-Sanford chapter.

Ellen Rollins cites the example of Louise Wilson, Senior Friends member in the Columbia Medical Center-Sanford chapter, who was referred to the Senior Friends program by her granddaughter, Tammy King. "Senior Friends has meant so much to my grandma. She is new to the area and she has made many new friends. My grandma now participates in senior aerobics, mall walking and water aerobics," says Tammy.

Among the many privileges, services and discounts available to Senior Friends members are:

- Mall walking.
- Health screenings and educational seminars.
- Travel discounts.
- Free notary service and copying of important papers.
- Discounts on prescriptions, car rentals, hotel accommodations, financial planning, vision and hearing care, and hard cover books.
- Senior Friends magazine and wall calendar.
- Annual national convention.
- Senior aerobics.
- Water aerobics.

Columbia Medical Center-Sanford chapter activities include an Ice Cream Social, Friday, September 8, 10 a.m., at the Sanford Senior Center. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

The cost of a one-year membership is \$18; a 2-year membership is available for \$36. Membership is open to all adults age 50 and over. For more information, call your local chapter at 407-321-4800, Ext. 5784 or the toll free member services line 1-800-348-4888.

Welcome Wagon meeting

Seminole Spokes-Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at Mason Et Jardin in Altamonte Springs at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11. There will be a program presented by the National Audubon Society.

For reservations, call Ariene at 888.2601; or Carole, 888-1579. Reservations must be made by the Friday before the luncheon.

Men's Day

Men's Day will be held at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford's classroom on September 28 from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Men will gather to learn skills to help them cope with the ever constant changes of life. During the meeting, guest speaker Richard H. Shook, M.S., N.C.C., L.M.N.C., will be discussing seven basic skills that can help men more effectively deal with the physical, mental and psychological changes in their lives. All men are welcome (sorry ladies, men only). No cost, refreshments will be served. Topics will include:

1. Managing Yourself And Your Time
2. Facing The Problem. Learn Pro-active Problem Solving
3. Treating Yourself Right. Mental, Physical, Social and Spiritual.
4. Learn Your Own Personal Strategy For Change. Why We Deal With Change In Different Ways.
5. Keeping The Change In Perspective: Help With Cognitive Therapy.
6. Building Self-Confidence And Self-Esteem: You're Never Too Old To Have Good Self Esteem.
7. Learning To Love, Let-Go And Relax.

LAFRA to meet for luncheon

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit 147 will meet for luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Red Lobster, Seminole Towne Center, Sanford.

The monthly meeting of the auxiliary will be held at 8 p.m., Sept. 9, at the Fleet home followed by a dessert auction.

Ah! The jolly folly of youth

It was fun being a kid, and I wish there was a way to reverse time for a day or so.

I'd like to build an oceanliner with my tinker toys. The old wooden Tanker Toys.

I'd like to ride the merry-go-round.

Catch lightning bugs. Play hide-and-seek. Eat baby food spinach.

Try to make milk come out of my friend's ears.

Try to reach China by digging a hole under the side porch.

Make goofy noises in pop bottles.

Fly a kite. Buy baseball cards for a nickel a pack.

Go with my dad to 25-cent western movies on Saturday afternoons.

Pretend I am Hopalong Cassidy or the Lone Ranger.

Go to the Penny Arcade. Go on the Bumper Cars.

Swing. Slide. Seesaw. Ride piggyback.

Shoot Tricky Winks. Wink at Tricky.

Catch falling stars. Be an older boy.

Go to summer camp at the YMCA.

Join the Cub Scouts. Be in the Washington Senators Knot Hole Gang.



Russ White

STAFF WRITER



Russ White at a tender age

Make goofy faces. See a circus. Go to the mountains. Eat apples. See my dad in his White House police uniform.

Hear my mom say, "Don't worry." Watch Howdy Doodie. Play with toy cowboys. Play 78's on the Victrola. Throw bean bags at a Hitler target. Trick or treat on Halloween. Hunt for Easter eggs. Write notes to Santa Claus. Brush with Ipana Toothpaste. Drink TruAde. Play in the attic. Catch turtles. Trace pictures of ballplayers. Play leap frog. Peddle a canoe. Pretend to fly. Eat chocolate pie. Try not to cry. Skip school on opening day. Make 30 straight free throws. Get a kiss from the girl next door. Learn to jitterbug. Listen to the Platters. Wonder if I'll ever grow up.

Ask Bob Feller for an autograph. Sleigh ride. Throw snowballs. Fly paper airplanes. Juggle three balls. Climb trees. Make a tree fart. Play after dark. Run through the water sprinkler system. Erect houses of cards. Look for Oakley Deke in the comics. Catch the good humor man. Go on the trolley. Ride a two-wheeler. Get buried in the sand. Get a good tan. Laugh at Mortimer Snerd on the radio. Run through the woods. Skip rocks across a stream. Shoot fireworks. Go to the zoo. Dance my yo-yo.

Tolerance for nudity depends on which gender is exposed

DEAR ABBY: "Mrs. R.B. in Santa Clarita, Calif." was bothered that the neighbor woman sunbathes in the nude, because her 11-year-old son can climb trees in her yard to peek, which no doubt he will now that he knows what goes on next door. Also, because the woman and her female friend did not object to his coming over to pick up the ball, she fears he may intentionally hit balls over the fence as an excuse to go over and get an eyeful.

You wrote: "Your neighbor has the right to sunbathe in the nude in the privacy of her fenced back yard. Better to tell your son to refrain from climbing the tree in his yard to get an eyeful."

Both you and she concerned yourselves only about the son getting an eyeful.

Imagine a gender reversal (which is so instructive in these gender-mad times). Suppose the nude sunbathers had been men, and Mrs. B. had had a 11-year-old daughter. Would you have merely said she should restrict the 11-year-old girl from climbing trees to get an eyeful? Would she have simply expressed worry the daughter would get an eyeful, which a curious 11-year-old of either sex might do? Or would she have called the cops and tried to have the men arrested for exposing themselves to the 11-year-old girl?



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Our different responses when the gender is reversed in this story reveal the differences between how we regard female sexuality and female nudity, and how we regard male sexuality and male nudity. It reveals that we are a long way from treating males and females equally.

JERRY A. BOGGS, WESTLAND, MICH.

DEAR MR. BOGGS: You make an interesting point. I don't know what Mrs. R.B. would have done — but had it been my daughter, I would have first chopped down that tree, then warned the unsuspecting men next door that they'd better be on the lookout for newly drilled holes in the fence.

DEAR ABBY: Peace and all good things! I am a man writing in desperation, hoping that you have a charitable solution to a most annoying problem.

I live in a small religious community with other sisters whom I dearly love. It seems that whenever I am trying to eat a quick lunch, a certain sister comes over with her crossword puzzle and asks, "What was the name of Seth's son?" Or, "What was Noah's boat called?" Dear Abby, have you any ideas? Deliver me from crossword puzzles, now and forever. Amen! IMPATIENT SISTER

DEAR SISTER: Practice the virtue of patience, pray for forbearance and utter ye not a cross word about the puzzle.

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She holds fast to the commitment and the belief that "things will be better for my children." Her titles have included domestic, farmer, migrant worker, widow and disabled worker. We prefer other titles such as visionary, dreamer, motivator and caretaker. We remember and appreciate the inheritance of your wisdom. Above all, we prefer the title "MOM."

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Sept 11	11:30 AM	Red Lobster	LAFRA Luncheon
Sept 11	8:00 PM	Fleet Home	Monthly Meeting
Sept 28	3:00 PM	Columbia Medical Center	Men's Day
Sept 28	11:30 AM	Mason Et Jardin	Welcome Wagon Luncheon

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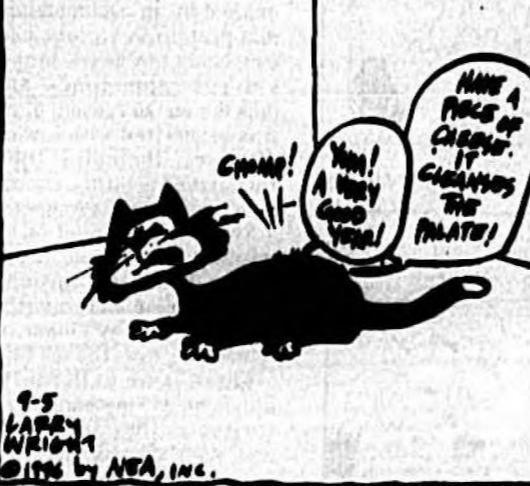
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217-Garage Sales

FRIDAY/SUN. 9a-7 Pm. tools, bath, books, pictures. 20-100

SAT. & WEEKENDS BY APPOINTMENT. 911 Sanford Ave. 20-100

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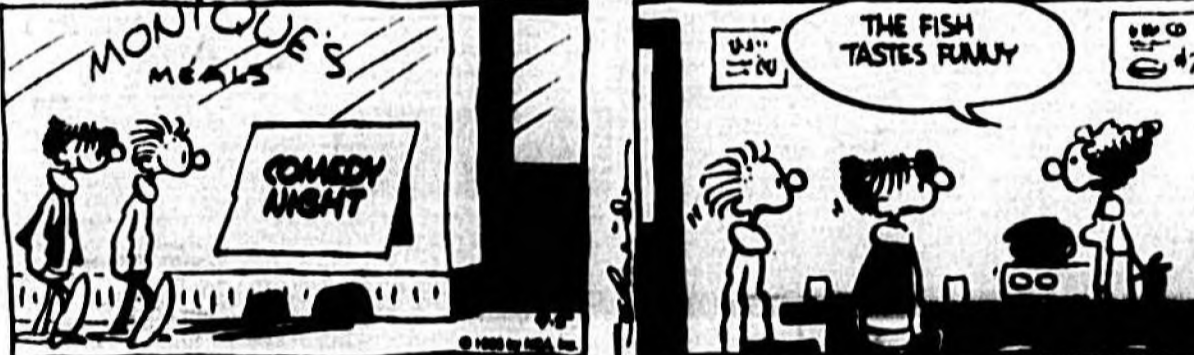
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Kidney failure linked to affliction

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you know of any treatment for amyloidosis? My daughter has the disease and her doctor knows of no treatment.

DEAR READER: This is a puzzling affliction of unknown cause that is marked by an accumulation of abnormal protein in various body organs, especially the heart, lungs, skin and kidneys.

There is no uniform therapy for amyloidosis. Instead, symptoms are treated as they appear. Prednisone and other steroids may retard development of serious organ damage; a kidney transplant may be necessary.

Although your daughter's primary-care physician should be able to treat the various complications of amyloidosis as they appear, he may wish to call upon various specialists as the need arises.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your column daily, and I respect your opinion. I'm 73, have recently moved, have a new doctor, and this medicine to control my blood pressure...

DEAR READER: As I have frequently written in the past, I am reluctant to judge other practitioners' use of prescription drugs, because a patient's own physician is the one who is most familiar with the situation.

You have been prescribed three potent medications. If your blood pressure is now normal and you are not suffering side effects (dizziness, fatigue, constipation and others), I suggest that you continue with the program developed by your own doctor.

On the other hand, if your blood pressure becomes elevated (above 150/90), your physician should consider altering either the dosages of the medications or the medicines themselves.

For now, the situation appears stable. Follow your doctor's instructions.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$3 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10154.



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

ourselves — for example, by drinking too much and smoking cigarettes. But we cannot lengthen the process. That's built into the genes.

The products you mention have not been scientifically proved to provide health benefits. They certainly will not "stop" the aging process, any more than any other supplement will.

I know this statement infuriates health-food faddists, who believe that a variety of herbs and vitamins can extend life. But no reputable studies have shown this to be true. In fact, you may have heard of recent reports associating the beta-carotene vitamins with an assortment of health risks.

As much as we all yearn for an elixir of youth, it just ain't there. We're governed by our genes and the best we can do is to avoid messing things up by shortening our lives.

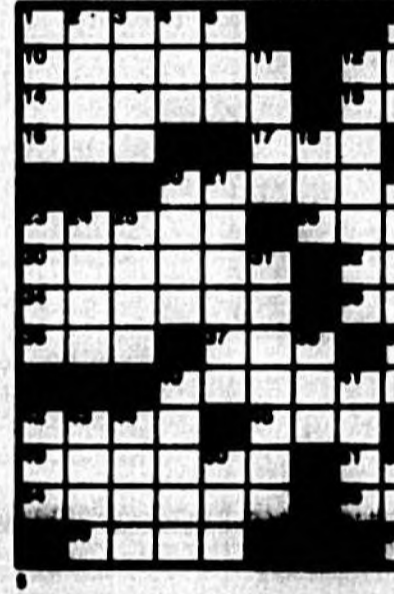
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Let me hold your hand

By Phillip Alder

Did you know that Plato was a midwife? No? Well, read this: "My art of midwifery is in most respects like theirs; but differs, in that I attend men and not women, and I look after their souls when they are in labor, and not after their bodies; and the triumph of my art is in thoroughly examining whether the thought which the mind of the young man brings forth is a false idea or a noble and true birth."

played a club to dummy's queen. West discarding the diamond three. Declarer continued with the ace and another club, but East and West defended perfectly. West threw two spades and East switched to the heart jack. When South covered with the queen (ducking wouldn't have helped), West won with the ace and returned the heart three to East's king. Now the heart two back left West with the nine-seven over South's eight-five.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West cards and a vulnerable dealer table.

Clear Card Day

Friday, Sept. 8, 1988 You may be very fortunate in the year ahead because colleagues could also turn out to be marvelous companions in social situations. You will have the best of both worlds.

strongly as you started. In order to be successful, you must be determined and consistent. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Associates will have more faith in your abilities today than you will. Do not let negative thinking establish your pace, progress or probabilities.

your fan club. ARS (March 21-April 19) Try not to be too concerned about impressing others today. If you are just trying to boost your ego, you might boast or exaggerate. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be forthright today, even if it's painful. If you follow this policy, you won't have to worry later.

