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### BRIEFS

#### Bond ratings improve

SANFORD — Moody's Investors Service Inc., one of the leading municipal bond rating companies, has moved Seminole County up a notch to the next-to-highest classification.

Moody's has awarded county general obligation rating from A1 to Aa. Only the coveted Aaa rating is highest. The new rating indicates to bond investors that county bonds secured by property taxes and other general revenues are among the most secure in the country and they run little risk of losing their investment.

According to Moody's new publication, "Municipal Focus on Florida Counties," the upgrade was made because of several factors: a per-capita income rate that outpaced population growth, low unemployment levels compared to state and national averages, modest debt levels and conservative spending.

"Well-maintained financial operations along with consistently strong growth in the property tax base provide above-average credit quality," the publication announced.

#### Backflow ordinance meeting set

LONGWOOD — An ad hoc committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday in the Longwood City Commission Chambers to organize and begin work on the backflow device ordinance. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. The five member committee made up of business and professional persons will review a backflow device film and elect a chairman and secretary. They will also establish a meeting schedule. The backflow devices are to be used on city water lines to prevent backflow into residential connections.

#### Turtles subject of lecture

LONGWOOD — Turtle expert Peter Pritchard will give a lecture on sea and inland turtles at the April meeting of the Citizens for Wekiwa Springs State Park Thursday.

Pritchard is vice president for Florida and International Wildlife Conservation of the Florida and International Wildlife Conservation of the Florida Audubon Society.

The lecture will be at 8 p.m. following a 6:30 p.m. club business meeting. Plan to arrive at the park gate from Wekiwa Springs Road or State Road 434 by 7:30 p.m. The park admission fee will be waived for the lecture.

#### A sole winner hits jackpot

TALLAHASSEE — Somebody with great luck bought the sole jackpot-winning ticket for the weekly Florida Lotto game, Lottery officials said Sunday. The jackpot is estimated at \$9 million.

The \$1 ticket, sold last week in West Palm Beach, had the six numbers drawn late Saturday. They were 11-18-19-28-30-46.

There are 252 tickets matching five of the six winning numbers, and each is worth \$1,494.50. The 15,607 tickets with four of the correct numbers can be cashed in for \$59 each, and there is a \$4.50 prize for each of the 277,191 tickets that got three of the winning numbers.

This week's Lotto jackpot is estimated at \$8 million, if paid to one winner over 20 years.

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#### Sunny Spring day



Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Wind east 10 to 15 mph.

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# Big bucks found

## County budget adjustment yields \$13 million

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County reserve coffers are flush with \$13 million in extra money.

Commissioners performed their semi-annual budget adjustment last week in the positive side, rather than the negative side. Unanticipated revenue collections, unspent carryover money from last year and other factors allowed commissioners to increase their overall budget from \$392 million to \$405 million.

All of the money was quickly tucked away in various "rainy day" reserve accounts and not spent on new projects or equipment.

"I think that's the smart thing to do," said County Manager Ron Rabun. "I don't think the public expects us to find money and then find ways to spend it."

Rabun said the new money would be included in next year's budget and may be used to offset

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-County Manager Ron Rabun

anticipated big-ticket items such as a new government office building campaign and drainage improvements.

Of the \$13 million, about \$9.7 million was placed in contingency funds which are used for unforeseen expenses. The balance was placed in construction reserve funds to pay for any construction overruns.

The windfall enabled the county to increase its general operating fund safety net from about 5 percent of overall spending to nearly 9 percent. Ten percent is the maximum allowed by the

state. Rabun said he considers 5 percent adequate.

The general fund accounting line increased by more than \$2 million. Among the chief sources of unexpected income were \$268,000 in excess clerk of court fees, \$492,000 in excess tax collector's fees, and \$141,000 in delinquent property taxes.

An extra \$281,000 was collected in building permit fees, mostly from the March 1992 hailstorms that destroyed thousands of roofs in south Seminole County. More than \$298,000 was collected from the electric utility tax pegged for the unincorporated road fund. About \$324,000 was collected for the fire fund from increases in utility taxes and \$824,000 was saved from lower-than-expected personnel costs.

On the negative side, the county took in \$425,000 less in developer's construction fees than expected and spent \$1.1 million more than expected in last year's construction projects.

### National Volunteer Week



Mother Weaver, seated, and Sylvia Drake need your help.

# Help!

## Mission founder seeks shelter for kids, moms

By KELLEY MITCHELL  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — When Mother Blanche Bell Weaver, executive director and founder of the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, Inc., first came to Sanford she saw a need for a homeless shelter and worked to fill that need.

Mother Weaver is again attempting to fill another need in the community.

"I see these poor children come to the mission hungry and dirty every day," said Mother Weaver. "I want to see them off the streets and in a place of their own, safe and healthy."

Mother Weaver and the Board of the Rescue Outreach Mission have plans for a badly needed shelter to provide temporary housing for these homeless women and children.

The cost for the land, fixtures and furnishings of the Open Door Shelter for Homeless Women and Children has been

estimated at \$270,000.

The project has recently been awarded a \$125,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Seminole County, and grant applications have been applied for to Heart of Florida United Way, Disney Community Service Awards, Sheila Ryan Foundation and the CDBG for 93-94.

Seminole County will also allocate a portion of the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, federal funds distributed by the state to counties in need, to help run the existing shelter. A number of businesses and governmental agencies have also committed to donating services and assistance, including the Seminole County Expressway Authority. They are providing a storage space at the old Zayre Plaza. But much more is needed.

The goal of the Rescue Mission is to assist the homeless and hungry to get back on their feet, and into society as contributing.

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# It's National Secretaries Week

## 6 competing for Chamber's Annual Secretary of the Year

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Six names have been submitted for consideration in the annual Secretary of the Year competition sponsored by the Greater

Sanford Chamber of Commerce.

Elvis Prealey impersonator Jack Elton will be on hand to assist in the announcement of the winning entrant at a chamber luncheon this Thursday.

Persons nominated for the honor include the

following:

• Juanita Kuhlen, nominated by the Tony Russel Insurance Agency. She was described as "a very dedicated worker who never misses work and is never late. She is well liked by all our

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# Lake Mary proposal defeated

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — A proposal to change Lake Mary's summer recreation program from a half to full day was defeated. The City Commission voted against the change.

Parks and Recreation Director John Holland had submitted a three-pronged proposal for commission consideration. Option 1 was a continuance of the half-day programs. Option 2 moved it to a full day, and Option 3 combined the program offering a half day summer camp, and afternoon day-care.

"If we start running our recreation program for a full day," Commissioner Gary Brender said, "we would be competing with commercial day care centers and I don't think that is right."

Commissioners A.R. "Doc" Jore and George Duryea agreed with Brender.

"I would prefer the camp in the morning and the day care in the afternoon," said Mayor Lowry Rockett. "I have fond memories of such a program when I was a small child, and I believe this is a way we could really serve the needs of the people of Lake Mary."

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### In support of Seminole's burned-out animals



The Merchants Association at Flea World, on S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford, ran a fund-raising booth this past weekend to help raise money for the Seminole County Humane Society after fire destroyed the facility. Board member Larry Goldberg (from left) receives donations from Justine Finocchiaro and Lisa Hensley.



POLICE BRIEFS

Possession, illegal tag charged

Bart Lee Collins, 21, 5711 Deer Path Lane, Sanford, was charged with possession of cocaine and with attaching a tag not assigned to his vehicle by Seminole County Sheriff's officers on Saturday morning.

Officers try to stop car, arrest 2

Charles A. Williams, 19, 2945 Dixie Ave., Sanford, and Samuel Hillery, 19, of 2360 Sipes Ave., Sanford, were arrested Saturday morning by Seminole County sheriff's officers.

DUI charged

James Patrick Svenson, 29, 261 1/2 Ruskin St., Lake Mary, was charged with DUI on Saturday by Lake Mary Police.

SCC awards scholarship to SHS senior

By VICKI DeBORNER Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Excitement was high Saturday afternoon as the top high school mathematicians in Seminole County competed for a full scholarship at Seminole Community College and the right to move on to a higher level of competition.

Students scribbled work in cryptic formulae on orange pieces of paper and checked their answers over. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's a fun learning experience," said Matt Landry from Lake Howell High School, who said he didn't mind not winning anything in the contest.

schools.

In the calculus contest, the top three schools were Lake Howell, Lake Mary and Seminole high schools.

The top individuals in that contest were: Gabriel Bouch of Lake Howell, Bill Dougherty of Lake Mary, Trill Vong of Seminole and Amy Pickford of Lyman.

In the trigonometry and analytic geometry competition, the winning schools were: Lake Brantley, Lake Mary and Lyman high schools.

The top individuals in that contest were: Gil Wartell of Lake Brantley, Adrian Biseer of Lake Mary, Matt Chidester of Lake Brantley and Cory Harris of Lake Mary.

In top schools in the Algebra II contest were: Lake Brantley, Lake Mary and Oviedo high schools.

The highest scoring individuals were Greg Martin of Oviedo, Matt White of Oviedo, Glen Marr of Lake Brantley and Adam Ross of Lake Mary.

The top schools in the geometry contest were: Lake Brantley, Lake Mary and Seminole high schools.

Individuals who scored the highest in that contest were: Chip Vorndran of Lake Mary, Sara Hayne of Lake Brantley, Amy Derron of Lake Brantley and Kristi Machmer of Lake Brantley.

Finally, the top finishers among the schools in the Algebra I contest were: Lake Brantley, Lake Mary and Lake Howell high schools.

Top finishers in the individual contest were: Eva Ngo of Lake Howell, Sabiha Kazi of Oviedo, Benay Sinalkin of Lake Brantley and Rashid Sheikh of Lake Brantley.

Walk for the hungry

By NICK PFENPAUF Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Four separate locations including Sanford and Longwood, have been announced for the 8th Annual Central Florida Walk for the Hungry. The event will be held Sunday, May 16.

Sponsored by Church World Service, the walk raises money for Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Catholic Social Services, Christian Service Center, South Seminole Christian Sharing Center, West Orange Daily Bread, the Sanford Christian Sharing Center, Rescue Mission Outreach, and Grace 'N Orits.

Last year, with only three events held, in Sanford, downtown Orlando and west

Orange County, over \$41,000 was raised by 1,300 walkers.

This year, with the addition of Longwood for the event, the goal is \$65,000.

Major sponsors include Red Lobster, the Oliver Garden and Winn Dixie. Each has been involved for years.

Sanford's walk route begins and ends at Centennial Park. The route for Longwood is expected to be finalized within the next two weeks.

Each walk site has both a five mile route for avid walkers, and a shorter one mile walk for families with small children or seniors.

Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. at each location with all four walks kicking off at 3 p.m.

For further information, phone 426-7123 or 295-1066.

Crowd helps plan future of waterfront

By VICKI DeBORNER Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Saturday morning crowd in the west recreation room at the Sanford City Hall was smaller, but livelier than the one that gathered at the Sanford Civic Center a month ago to help in the planning stages of the Lake Monroe Waterfront Master Plan.

As he did then, Ed Preston of Ed Preston and Associates, a company of planning facilitators from Jacksonville, raced frantically across the front of the room, cheering and clapping as the assembled interested citizens shouted ideas.

"What would make someone from Tampa or Jacksonville come all the way up here to Sanford?" he shouted at them challengingly.

Citizens scribbled ideas on yellow note cards and shouted them out. Preston and others pinned the ideas on a story board in an effort to get a better picture of what people wanted and what was needed to bring the Lake Monroe waterfront to life.

"We're still early in the planning stages," Preston said during a break. "But the people who are here are serious about making some improvements to the waterfront area out here."

Twenty-four people listened intently to each suggestion that was shouted out.

Occasionally a less-than-serious idea was offered and the person who had made the suggestion was forced to dodge a torrent of brightly colored Nerf balls that Preston had provided for such a purpose.

When asked what would draw



Ed Preston, the consultant leading the planning for the Lake Monroe Waterfront Master Plan takes

some ideas from Jerry Mills, a Sanford architect who was at Saturday's meeting.

people to the Lake Monroe waterfront, civic activist Martha Yancey jokingly suggested nude dancing. She was pelted with Nerfballs.

"Well, I just suggested whatever it'll take to get them down here," she said with a laugh during the coffee break.

City manager Jay Marder said he was pleased with the size and quality of the group that had assembled to spend a full day working on a Saturday.

"These are the people most dedicated to Sanford," Marder said. "We've narrowed down the customers. These are the people we want to attract."

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Private colleges studied

By Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — As a "bubble" of students moves through Florida public schools, some state lawmakers want to examine the role private colleges can play in educating the coming wave of high school graduates.

"We have the situation in Florida where we're staring down the loaded gun barrels of what we call 'the eighth-grade bubble,'" State Sen. George Kirkpatrick said of a large student population entering high school this year.

About half of Florida high school graduates go on to some kind of post-secondary school, including vocational training. That means about 45,000 high school graduates a year now, and perhaps twice as many within 10 years.

Kirkpatrick, D-Gainesville, compared the situation to a crowded six-lane highway dumping abruptly into a one-lane segment under construction.

"That's where we'll be," he said. "And the tragedy will be for kids unable to arrive at that juncture and with no alternate route to take."

While issues such as health care preoccupied the legislature this session, Kirkpatrick said Education Committee members and others take the impending education crush seriously. They have debated private colleges' role and taxpayers' contributions toward them.

"It's been very spirited discussion, to say the very least, and sometimes I'm concerned that the discussions focus on turf protection rather than on creating the best opportunities for students," Kirkpatrick said.

"It's my belief that we're going to have to use every conceivable piece of our educational infrastructure to service the needs of these students," he said.

The state has contracts with private colleges, such as with the University of Miami's medical program, and it has long given private-college vouchers to Florida residents.

Lawmakers approved \$18 million in private-college vouchers this year. About 30 percent of state scholarship recipients use that money to attend private colleges.

Likewise, students may use their needs-based Florida Student Assistance grants to pay for private schooling.

The legislature this year created — but hasn't yet funded — a grant program to help students offset the higher costs of attending private colleges. It also called for a study of students' ability to pay for college to help lawmakers set future policy regarding private and public universities.

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Citizens of the Greater Sanford community: Something wonderful is about to happen to Sanford's historic downtown/ waterfront district. It's called Sanford Main Street. During the last few months a group of business leaders, public officials, and concerned citizens have organized to seek a state designation as a Florida Main Street community. Our goal: to revitalize the historic downtown/ waterfront district of Sanford for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to East Central Florida. The time to move is now. With the groundbreaking of the Seminole Towne Centre mall this year and next year's opening of the Seminole County Expressway, there is no time to waste. So - we're moving. Our Sanford Main Street Kickoff will be held on April 19, at the Sanford Civic Center, and you're invited. Please join us Monday night, and bring a friend. We need a good turnout to get things off to a great start.

Sincerely,

(Handwritten signature)

Lee P. Moore Fundraising Committee Chair

# Editorials/Opinions

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## EDITORIALS

### Example of good city government

This past Thursday night, the Lake Mary City Commission considered the installation of speed humps on three city streets. The way it was handled was an example of good government.

Although the proposal was defeated, everything was out in the open and the residents knew the details.

Residents along the three streets involved were notified of the hearing and invited to attend. Prior to public discussions, members of the city staff explained studies that had been made, survey results, costs for installations, and the reasons for the proposal.

Citizens were then allowed to speak freely, both for and against having the speed humps installed in their neighborhoods. To avoid repetition, those who did not speak were given a paper to sign indicating their preferences.

Each member of the City Commission then presented his individual point of view, and again, staff members including the police chief, commented on the proposal.

Approval of speed hump installation would have required authorization for spending approximately \$5,000. With the commission voicing disapproval, the matter was allowed to end with only a consensus vote.

The point is not whether the speed humps would have been good or bad for the three streets. Rather, it is in the way the matter was handled by the city.

It was informative, and extremely well done.

Citizens in the surrounding area were polled. Then, residents of the three actual streets were polled. Traffic studies were made. Citizens were given sufficient notice of the decision and they were allowed to speak freely, both pro and con.

While some Lake Mary citizens may not have agreed with the final decision, knew what had taken place and why.

Too often, government bodies bring matters up at a meeting relying only on the fine print of a public notice, or a briefly-worded agenda posted on the city hall door, to inform the public.

While public input is accepted, it is seldom encouraged.

Staff explanations are either very short, or difficult to understand by laymen.

Citizens who attend commission meetings often walk away wondering what had transpired. Others who didn't attend wonder how an important matter that may have affected them came up without advance warning.

In this particular situation, Lake Mary gave an excellent showing of good government in action.

We urge commissions, boards and other governmental organizations to follow this example. Be of service to the public rather than keeping them in the dark.

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.



**Berry's World**

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"Hey, buddy, how about some new taxes - I mean a contribution?"

## NAT HENTOFF

# The Clarence Darrow of our time

When I was young, I read a lot about Clarence Darrow. Since then, I have known a few public-interest lawyers who were in his league, but his equal, in my experience, was Morton Stavis. Like Darrow, Stavis never gave up. One of his clients, George Merritt, convicted three times for murdering a policeman, was in prison for 10 years. Because of Stavis' work as his appellate lawyer, Merritt was finally freed.

Also like Darrow, Stavis had been a labor lawyer. That is, a lawyer for workers and unions, by contrast with attorneys who call themselves labor lawyers but are in the pay of management. William Brennan, before going on the bench, was one of the latter, and opposed Stavis in two New Jersey cases. They tied.

Stavis, sometimes at personal peril, went on to win key voting rights cases in the South, helping clear the way for the 1965 Voting Rights Act. He was an attorney for Martin Luther King, Philip and Daniel Berrigan, and was long involved — as Clarence Darrow had been — in trying to abolish capital punishment. Also like Darrow, he spent a great deal of time and care in preparing his cases.

Stavis was a founder of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York. It too took on unpopular clients and illuminated some of the unconstitutional stratagems of the FBI. At the

age of 74, Stavis decided to represent, on appeal, a woman who may have been the most unpopular client of his career. Margaret Kelly Michaels had been convicted in 1988 of 115 counts of sexual abuse of 19 children between the ages of 3 and 5 at the Wee Care Day Nursery in Maplewood, N.J. The charges against her included forcing the children to have oral sex with her, penetrating their orifices with spoons, forks and toys, and compelling them to eat feces and defecate on her.

In sentencing her to 47 years in prison, Judge William Harth characterized her crimes as "sordid, bizarre and demeaning." So did much of the press, including Anna Quindlen, a New York Times columnist whose account of the case had the hortatory headline, "Believing the Children" — the children who had testified on closed-circuit television against Michaels.

Mort Stavis, on reading an article on the trial by Dorothy Rabinowitz in Harper's and talking to several people who also believed in Michaels' innocence, decided to take the case. Pro bono, Michaels' family had no money left. With his age in mind, Stavis said to a friend, "This may be my last big case."



Like Clarence Darrow, Stavis never gave up.

His Center for Constitutional Rights refused to help him, recalling at the politically unwise idea of defending someone charged with sexually molesting children. So Stavis turned a room in his apartment in New York's Greenwich Village into an office and recruited some law students to help in the research.

He was obsessed by the case. He and I lived in the same building, and whenever we met in the lobby, he had news of other cases that, he felt, would help free Michaels. One day, triumphantly, he showed me some of the transcripts of the state's investigators and therapists as they had interrogated and manipulated the children. ("Are you going to be a good boy? You want to help her stay in jail, don't you? So she won't bother you anymore.")



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## HODDING CARTER

### Schools should stick to basics

"Quality education." Both buzzword and goal, it is also a phrase that encapsulates the extraordinary demands we Americans put on public education. It means different things to different people, but for almost all of them, there is a shared bottom line: The schools should provide to our children what the family, the community, the larger society and the church do not or cannot. It is a task for supermen and superwomen, not mere mortals, and it guarantees frustration and failure.

There is hardly a public school system in the nation that is not torn by controversy. In my hometown of Alexandria, Va., the most recent flap has been over the future of homogenous grouping in advanced-placement classes. The superintendent of schools believes that "tracking," as it is called, consigns less gifted students to permanent second-class status. Parents whose children have been identified as quicker learners, or who hope that they will be, argue vehemently that their kids should not be "held back" by classroom coexistence with slower learners.

Here, as elsewhere, the debate has racial and ethnic overtones. White students tend, on average, to be higher achievers than black and other minority students. Many white students start school with built-in advantages, not least their parents' educations and interest in education. In larger urban systems where whites are in the minority, ability tracking is seen by some parents as an acceptable form of segregation.

But the debate over tracking was being waged furiously long before there was much integration of any kind in many public schools. When I was a child in a segregated public school in Mississippi, my then hometown dumped its superintendent in part because he didn't believe in what is now called "classism." The parents of smart white kids didn't want their children being paired with poor white kids who slept their way through class.

Elite grouping as a deliberate policy goes back for 100 years or so in America. Today, according to some estimates, there is tracking of one kind or another in 80 percent of the nation's elementary schools and in 80 percent of the secondary schools. But the trend lines are down as the result of a new wave of educational theory which holds that the drawbacks of ability grouping for the bottom two-thirds of the students outweigh the limited advantages for the top one-third. Students consigned to the "dumb" classes tend to live down to their reputations, some experts contend, converting their designation to self-fulfilling prophecy.

It is worth noting that Japan, a society that unabashedly divides itself by class and ability, nonetheless practices a ruthless form of educational egalitarianism in the elementary

grades. The Japanese theory is quite simple. Everyone can and will go through together, which means that everyone can and will learn the basic material in each grade. Their classes are a third larger on average than ours and unsegregated by ability. But thanks to a totally different approach to teaching — and discipline — every student benefits from a shared educational experience that leaves no one behind.

That takes us back to the massive extraneous burdens we put on public education in this country. Often with the best of motives, we have made our schools into factories whose products only incidentally include well-educated students. They are feeding stations and birth control clinics. They offer big bands, winning teams and drivers' ed. Extracurricular activities are stressed and popularity contests encouraged. Children assume the privileges of adults with too few adult constraints. Suburban high schools often closely resemble shopping centers, their buildings bobbing on a sea of parking lots, the students' cars more important than their classroom performance.

Until the public schools are allowed to refocus their attention on their central task, or are required to do so, the controversy over their performance will intensify. Trying to be all things to all people, they will be too few to too many, individual parents, surveying the chaos, will continue to try to carve out a special niche for their children, and the devil take the hindmost.

There is and will be a natural reaction, but no less wrong and harmful because it is understandable. This society, in which 90 percent of all children depend on public school education, will rise or fall on its success. And success in an increasingly heterogeneous society will not be measured with how well a favored few perform, but how thoroughly and well the vast majority is educated.

But to meet their basic responsibility, educators must be set free to be educators, not nannies or soup kitchen operators. Those are vital tasks, and society should undertake them in appropriate settings and circumstances.



It is a task for supermen and superwomen, not mere mortals, and it guarantees frustration and failure.

## JACK ANDERSON

### Republicans finally have found fight

WASHINGTON — Republicans may have found the will to fight President Clinton's fiscal stimulus bill during a closed-door strategy meeting three weeks ago that turned a normally staid session into a political rally filled with cheering and footstomping.

The spark may have been provided by a senator on an exercise bicycle.

Republicans convened the meeting to draft a response to the Clinton administration's \$16.3 billion stimulus package. Initially there was little stomach for a fight with a president who was rolling the Republicans in a series of recent votes. Clinton's record was even being compared to Ronald Reagan's, who set the modern benchmark for legislative successes during his first two years in office.

Enter Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.

According to Republican sources present at the meeting, D'Amato launched into a superintimated presentation that helped turn a wake into a revival.

"It came at a good moment in our deliberation," commented one Senate Republican about D'Amato's performance. "He got excited. He basically came in and stopped the meeting and said 'we've been waiting for somebody to come up with the response, and I just saw it on television.' He (D'Amato) was jumping up and down."

D'Amato's inspiration was CNN footage of a speech delivered on the Senate floor by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. It was early in the morning and D'Amato described to colleagues how he was in the middle of working out on his exercise bicycle. CNN flashed to Gramm ticking off examples of waste and pork in the Clinton package, a package the Democrats were selling as an emergency.

D'Amato said he knew instantly that Gramm was outlining a GOP game plan against Clinton. D'Amato and Gramm, however, are hardly soul mates. D'Amato joked that he often can't understand Gramm — whose personal style tends to be too professorial for the pyrotechnic D'Amato. But Gramm was on to something that could be communicated in the most pedestrian prose.

"Up to now, we've been talking to ourselves," D'Amato told his colleagues. "This is inside baseball. Nobody knows what we're talking about. It might even appear to people we're trying to be obstructionists. But this morning I'm watching television and riding my bicycle when I saw Phil Gramm (on TV)." Gramm was reading from a list that included swimming pools, bicycle paths, ice skating rink warming huts and boat docks.

What Republicans have successfully done is turned the swimming pools into metaphors, which stand as arguments against the whole thrust of Clintonomics. All these projects are included in the relatively small \$2.5 billion in block grants that make up a small part of the overall stimulus package. Some of these projects may have dubious value as federal expenditures — but as political metaphors they are the margin of victory.

After months of wallowing in the George Bush blues, Republicans are again a minority to be reckoned with, despite inevitable defeat. On April 20, the Senate is expected to vote again to end Republican debate. Since Democrats hold a 57-42 majority, they lack the 60 votes required to stop Republican filibustering. Several Senate Republicans report being wooed by the White House with promises if they defect from Republican ranks on this critical test of Clinton's strength, and vote with Democrats.

Perhaps the biggest political loser besides Clinton is Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.



The spark may have been provided by a senator on an exercise bicycle.





# Lake Mary

## IN BRIEF

### Kindergarten Round-up set for this week

Will your child be entering kindergarten or first grade for the first time in a Seminole County public school this fall?

If so, you are encouraged to take advantage of Kindergarten Round-up at Lake Mary Elementary, April 22, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Requirements for kindergarten: child must be five on or before Sept. 1, 1993; first grade: child must be six on or before Sept. 1, 1993 and must have successfully completed kindergarten.

The following documents are required for entry into school in August 1993:

1. Proof of residence: a) If you own your home, school needs a copy of the warranty deed and homestead exemption; b) If you rent your home, school requires a copy of the lease or rental agreement or a notarized letter from landlord.
2. Birth certificate;
3. Student's social security number;
4. Immunization (shot) records on HRS680 form;
5. Student health examination (physical) — physical must be within one year from start of school.

Your child will be screened for speech and language at time of registration.

Please note: Any foreign kindergarten student, regardless of whether they speak English or not, must register through the foreign student registration office (Altamonte Elementary School Portable located at 525 Pineview St., Altamonte Springs). Before coming to the foreign student office, call 280-8308 to make an appointment. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Club hosts acupuncture physicians

The Lake Mary Woman's Club luncheon meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at the Timacuan Country Club. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. and the luncheon at noon.

The speakers will be a husband and wife team, Huo-Min and Helen Tsai, licensed Florida acupuncture physicians trained in China. They have over 26 years experience and are fifth generation acupuncturist/herbalists. "How Acupuncture Can Help You" will be their topic. A few of the areas they specialize in are as follows: arthritis, headaches, allergies, back pain, depression, addictions, poor circulation, quit smoking, and overweight.

### Show, brunch to help hearing impaired

Reminder — The Greater Seminole La Sertoma Club will be presenting a fashion show and brunch on Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m. at the Country Club at Heathrow. Donation is \$20 per person with a cash bar. Seating is limited so please hurry. The fashion presentation will be by Gayfers.

In addition to the brunch and fashion show there will be door prizes, a silent auction and entertainment. Proceeds will be donated to the following charities: Camp Endeavor, a summer camp for hearing impaired children, and Marie Taylor Needy Children's Fund, for hearing impaired children in need.

If you would like to donate a door prize, be a sponsor, or need further information, please contact Mary Scuito at (407) 333-4470. Make checks payable to Greater Seminole La Sertoma Club.

### 'School Libraries Change Lives'

Lake Mary Elementary announces that April 18-24 is National School Library Media Week, and the theme is "School Libraries Change Lives."

If any parents or grandparents would like to read their favorite stories aloud to a media class during the week, please contact Mrs. Warner at 322-5218.

Also, they are going to have a paperback book exchange during the week of April 28-30.

Please send books in the week of April 18-24. Books need to be placed in a paper bag with the students' and teachers' names and the number of books sent on the outside of the bag.

"The exchange will take place during media classes," said Warner. "These paperbacks need to be books students want to trade forever. Please make it clear to your child that they will not get their books back."

The media center is in need of a rocking chair for the story area. If you have one you would like to donate, please call Mrs. Warner at 322-5218.

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### Camera club sets meetings

The Seminole Lake Mary Camera Club meets the second Wednesday every month in Old Lake Mary City Hall, 158 N. Country Club Rd. at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Grace at 321-4723 or Sel at 323-8891.

### Club takes the lead

L.E.A.D.\$ to Success, a newly formed club to share business connections, will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Pebble Creek Apartments clubhouse, 780 Creekwater Terrace, Lake Mary. One of the focal points of the meeting is to exchange business cards. Only one member of a particular type of business or profession is allowed to join.

For more information, contact Marcia Kurtz 648-0609.

### Rotary meets early

Rotary Club of Lake Mary meets Thursday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Timacuan Country Club, on Rinehart Road. Contact Paul Osborne, president, at 321-4764.

### Lake Mary Optimists meet weekly

The Optimist Club of Lake Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at 109 E. Crystal Lake Ave. (corner of Crystal Lake and Country Club Road). Visitors are welcome.

### Historical Commission gathers

The Lake Mary Historical Commission meets Mondays at Old City Hall. Contact Mary Wolff at 321-5666 for more information.

### Clogging group to have classes

Dixieland Cloggers hold classes from 7-8 p.m. each Monday at the Lake Mary Volunteer Fire Station #33, First Street and Wilbur Avenue.

### Weight Watchers meet on Thursdays

A local chapter of Weight Watchers meets at the Lake Mary Community Building every Thursday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.

### Youth Center open on Friday nights

Every Friday night, the Lake Mary Community Building is transformed in a Youth Center from 7-11 p.m. Area youth are welcome to participate in the fun.

### Sunbelt Daylily Club to meet

Sunbelt Daylily Club meets the first Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. through April at the Old City Hall, Highway 15A near Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary.

The club educates members on daylily growing through slide shows, guest speakers and trips to daylily gardens. A May flower show and plant sale is planned. There are no club dues. Call 866-3196 for more information.

## Educators reunite

### Teachers, class of 1943 gather for a 'community picnic'

By SARABECA ROSIER  
Herald Columnist

Ettie Jane Keogh, a teacher who retired last year from Lake Mary Elementary, invites the entire community to a "community picnic" at Sylvan Lake Park — Area C, on Saturday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m., to honor Ola Cochran and the graduating class of 1943.

Ola Cochran was a teacher back then at Lake Mary Elementary School. She taught third and fourth grades for 13 years and then for 10 years she was a principal and a

teacher of seventh and eighth grades. It is the 50th anniversary of the graduating class of 1943 when Ola Cochran was principal and there were only 43 students in the entire school and only six students in the graduating class. The six students from the 1943 graduating class who will all be coming to this picnic are as follows:

Lester Tillis, who now lives in Georgia;  
Kenneth Lloyd, of North Carolina;  
Floyd Sjoblom, from Tennessee;  
Virginia Reaves Heath is coming from Virginia;  
Jean Boteler Brooklyn, and

Ettie Jane Keogh, whose maiden name was Gleason.

All the classes of 1943 are coming to the "community picnic." Everyone who attends is respectfully asked to bring a covered dish.

"Ola has been a real special person to us," according to Keogh. So the day before this big picnic, April 23, they are taking her out. Joining them will be Lorraine Whiting who taught fifth and sixth grade back then and Esther Neidler, who taught music.

For information, call Mrs. Keogh at 321-3094.

## Hetrick chosen as 'Dreamer and Doer'

Each year Lake Mary Elementary School has the honor of selecting one of its fifth grade students to receive a very special award presented by the Walt Disney company. This award, the "Dreamer and Doer" award, recognizes a student who possesses the same characteristics that made Walt Disney famous — curiosity, constancy, creativity, and confidence.

The following students were nominated for consideration from each fifth grade class — Stephanie Charlot, Amber Hoffman, Melissa Hetrick, and Allison White. Being nominated for this award is an honor in itself.

Sherrill Casey, principal of the elementary school, recently announced that Melissa Hetrick has been selected as Lake Mary Elementary's 1993 "Dreamer and Doer."



LAKE MARY HEATHROW

SARABECA ROSIER

They wish to thank all the teachers, staff and students who brought doughnuts.

This month they will be sponsoring a "no paper day" in celebration of Earth Day. Except for certain classes who will be testing, the school will not use paper on that day. They are looking forward to hearing about all the creative ways students worked on their lessons during their "no paper day."

### Teal goes to state

Lake Mary Elementary School is proud to announce that Roger Teal's musical entry in the "Reflections" program is a county winner and has been forwarded to state competition. Also Kara Detwiler's literary entry received an Honorable Mention. Congratulations to both students on their awards and to all the other students who entered the contest for their creative efforts.

The last cultural arts event of the school year will be held Friday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m.

The cultural arts department will host its very first spring arts festival in the park at Lake Mary City Hall. They plan to have art, music, face painting and food.

"We need your help in planning and executing this event," according to Jane Ivey, of the department. "Please call Jane Ivey, 323-8880, and volunteer!"

### Student council news

March proved to be a very active month for the student council. They sponsored a limerick contest using the theme "Green-Up, America." There were many entries received, the winners received a free doughnut and read their limericks during the morning announcements.

Also, their doughnut sale was highly successful on March 19.

## AARP to host crime seminar

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary chapter of AARP will be holding a crime protection seminar Tuesday, April 20. Law and legal experts will be on hand to instruct and respond to questions from the audience, according to DeLores Lash, president of the organization.

Guests will include Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Beary, Seminole County Sheriff Don Estinger, and a representative from the State Attorney's office.

The meeting will begin at noon with a free luncheon supplied by the club, followed by the program beginning at 1 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Lake Mary CIA building, located at 260 N. Country Club Road. No advance reservations are required.

For more information, contact DeLores Lash at 323-1142.



Yard of the Month

Leo Boucher, and his wife, Eleonore, of 307 Oak Leaf Circle, were chosen as the recipients of the Yard of the Month by the Lake Mary

Garden Club. Heather Azaleas, King Sego Palms and a statuary accent the landscape of the couple's home.

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## NATIONAL BRIEFS



### Teachers vote to approve contract

DAYTON, Ohio — Striking teachers voted overwhelmingly to approve a new contract and go back to work today. "It's not everything they wanted, but ... it's the best we could hope for without having a strike that would last the rest of the year," Keith Haws, president of the Dayton Education Association said after Sunday's voice vote. The public school teachers walked off the job March 25 after rejecting a contract offer from the school board. About 92 percent of the district's 1,900 teachers honored the picket lines. The 28,000-student district hired substitute teachers, but only about 40 percent of students attended classes. No one answered the phone at the office or home of Jill Moberly, spokeswoman for the Dayton Board of Education.

### Two wounded at street festival

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Gunfire erupted at a street festival, wounding two people and sending the crowd running for cover. Authorities confiscated at least eight firearms after the violence erupted at the Apple Chill Festival on Sunday. Police said the incident may have stemmed from a gang dispute. No one was charged in the shootings. Merchant Jeff Marciniowski said someone started shooting out of a car. "It seemed like he was just shooting into the air, just blowing off steam," he said. "It was just nuts. For about 10 minutes, people were panicking, screaming and running for cover. It was a small riot."

### Analysis ordered in rape case

RICHMOND, Va. — Gov. L. Douglas Wilder has ordered an independent analysis of a genetic test that prosecutors say proves a man has spent seven years in prison for a rape he didn't commit. Walter T. Snyder Jr., 26, has requested clemency based on a recent DNA analysis of semen that indicated another man committed the 1985 rape. Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney John E. Kloeh asked Wilder in February to grant clemency. "Had that evidence been presented at trial, he would have been acquitted," said Kloeh. Wilder expressed doubts about Snyder's innocence. "In the absence of that DNA, the evidence would have been pretty damning as it relates to this gentleman," he said.

From Associated Press reports

# Spokeswoman blamed in hostage death

By JAMES PRICHARD  
Associated Press Writer

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — Inmates who have been holding five guards hostage at a maximum-security prison for more than a week will be allowed to consult with a lawyer during negotiations with state officials. Meanwhile, a newspaper reported today that a guard killed last week, Robert Vallandingham, had been tortured and mutilated by inmates. One of two guards freed since the uprising at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility began blamed Vallandingham's death on a prison official who seemed to dismiss the rebellious inmates' threats.

"He died after that woman said, 'Oh, they have been making death threats since Sunday.' As if our lives were jokes."

-James A. Demons

Also Sunday, negotiators said they have an audio tape indicating that the five remaining hostages are still alive. The hostages' families heard the tape and verified the guards' identities, said Sharron Kornegay, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

The siege began April 11 when 450 inmates took eight guards hostage and gained control of a cellblock at the prison, about 70 miles south of Columbus. Seven inmates have died in addition to the guard.

Former hostage James A. Demons said in reports published Sunday that Vallandingham was killed because inmates heard corrections spokeswoman Tessa Unwin on the radio seeming to belittle their threats to kill a hostage.

"He died after that woman said, 'Oh, they have been making death threats since Sunday.' As if our lives were jokes," said Demons, 26, who was released Friday after inmates were allowed to air their demands on television.

# Majority of blacks say system is biased

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A majority of blacks believe the American justice system is biased against them, according to a poll taken after a Los Angeles jury returned guilty verdicts against two police officers in the Rodney King beating case.

The USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll released today found that 68 percent of the blacks interviewed said the system was biased, while 60 percent of whites polled called it fair.

The poll also found racial differences on questions about the verdicts themselves. Among blacks interviewed, 55 percent said the two guilty verdicts were not enough. Only 33 percent of blacks said the verdicts were right, while 54 percent of whites agreed with the findings.

A federal jury Saturday convicted two of the four white policemen charged with violating King's civil rights during a 1991 arrest that was videotaped by a bystander. The poll also found that:

—30 percent of blacks and 20 percent of whites interviewed said racism was a factor in the jury's decision.

—88 percent of blacks and 64 percent of whites said it was fair that the officers were tried in federal court for violating King's civil rights. A state jury last year acquitted the officers on charges they used excessive force in arresting King.

The nationwide poll of 633 adults, including 300 blacks and 307 whites, was conducted Saturday and Sunday. The margin of error was 4 percentage points. The race of the other respondents was not identified.

# U.S. warplane hits Iraqi radar site

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. warplane destroyed an Iraqi radar tracking site after the aircraft was threatened, the Defense Department said. DOD spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Brian Cullin said the crew of the plane, one of two on a routine patrol in the no-fly zone over northern Iraq, "felt threatened." The plane was not fired upon, Cullin said. "The action 'is consistent with our policy that when our forces feel threatened, we're going to respond,'" said White House spokeswoman Lorraine Voles. Iraq's official news agency reported three Iraqi soldiers were wounded in the incident. The Iraqi News Agency, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in Cyprus,

quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the attack was provocative, hostile behavior.

The spokesman, who was not named, said the attack occurred 33 miles south of Mosul, apparently placing it outside the allied-enforced no-fly zone.

The two U.S. Air Force F-4G Wild Weasel fighters were in the no-fly zone throughout the incident but were illuminated by the radar operating south of the 36th parallel, Cullin said.

"They operated under the guidelines that when you're illuminated it is considered to be a threat," he said.

The 36th parallel marks the border of the no-fly zone over northern Iraq set up to protect Kurds from Iraqi attack after the Persian Gulf War.

# Compromise on jobs bill elusive

By JIM ABRAMS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders Bob Dole and George Mitchell try again today to find common ground on President Clinton's stymied jobs bill, but both see little hope for compromise. "Their strategy is gridlock, filibuster, obstruction, delay, defeat and embarrass President Clinton," Senate Majority Leader Mitchell said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Mitchell, D-Maine, said there was no chance the Senate would pass, intact, the \$16.3 billion economic stimulus package when it returns from a two-week recess this week.

Republicans have already rejected a Clinton offer to cut the package by \$4 billion if they will end their filibuster and let the bill come to a vote. Senate Minority Leader Dole, R-Kan., speaking on the same program, said that while the dialogue with Mitchell was to continue today, "we understand the limits of what we can do."

Dole said Republicans support one part of the package, \$4 billion to extend unemployment benefits, and might make "minor exceptions" for other provisions to increase summer jobs and ensure child immunization.

But he said his party rejects the need for emergency spending unless it is paid for.

He said Clinton's willingness to trim the plan was "not a compromise" because "he didn't offer to pay for one cent of it."

Dole said the "gridlock in the White House" because Clinton won't see that Americans don't want more government spending, Mitchell, he said, "has the world's record of blocking legislation" when for four years he stopped President Bush's attempts to reduce the capital gains tax.

Mitchell, speaking separately, said that 10 years ago Dole and other Republicans voted for a similar \$15 billion stimulus package, also unpaid for, pushed by President Reagan.

"The Republican strategy is clear," he said. "It is to defeat and embarrass the president by picking apart his program, piece by piece."

The Senate leaders did agree that the value-added tax, floated as a means to pay for Clinton's health care program to be announced next month, was undesirable.

Dole said he would rule out support for the national sales tax unless it replaces another tax such as the corporate income tax.

Mitchell said he generally opposes value-added taxes, but that "what people are willing to pay for depends upon what the plan is. I think it's a mistake to begin the discussion by talking about what type of tax, how much money, until you know what it is you're paying for."

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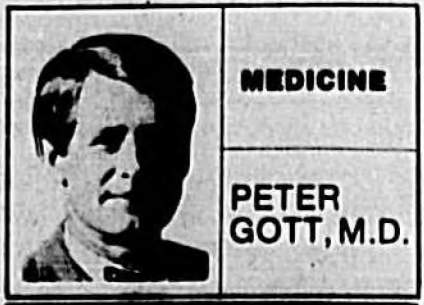


**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



# Emphysema surgery is experimental



**MEDICINE**

**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have emphysema. I recently saw an exhibition of a new laser operation that is supposed to clear up this condition to a great extent. Have you heard of such a treatment or was I watching a science fiction channel?

**DEAR READER:** This may be science fiction; the technique has yet to be thoroughly tested. Emphysema is marked by blockage of the airways, which leads to breakdown of lung tissue and the appearance of large sacs filled with stale air. The emphysema patient is unable to empty these sacs, which displace normal lung tissue and make breathing difficult.

The purpose of surgery is to collapse or remove these air sacs, thereby permitting healthy lung tissue to expand and function.

In the past, such surgery was technically difficult and fraught with complications, such as infection. With the laser operation, however, there is less damage to normal lung and fewer complications. Despite some surgeons' relative success with the laser operation, the procedure remains experimental.

Most emphysema patients have to be content with non-surgical therapy, such as special breathing exercises, supplemental oxygen and drugs to dilate the bronchial passages.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I'm in a dispute with my in-laws, as they don't see any harm in using the kitchen sink to wash their hands as long as they use a germicidal soap. What do you think of this habit?

**DEAR READER:** I think it's OK. Water from the kitchen sink joins waste water from other sources in the house and drains into a septic system or sewer. I assume that you are concerned that the germs from your in-law's hands may somehow contaminate the kitchen sink and, by extension, the food that is

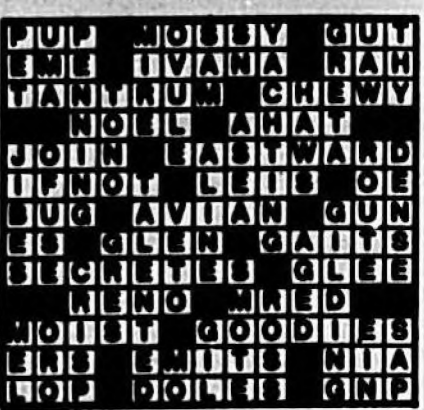
prepared in it. In my opinion, this is highly unlikely. Hand-washing in any sink in the house is appropriate. (Incidentally, germicidal soap is unnecessary for routine washing, either in the kitchen or elsewhere; soap is soap.) Find less pedestrian matters to dispute with your in-laws, such

as where your children will go to college or whether President Clinton's energy tax favors certain parts of the country.

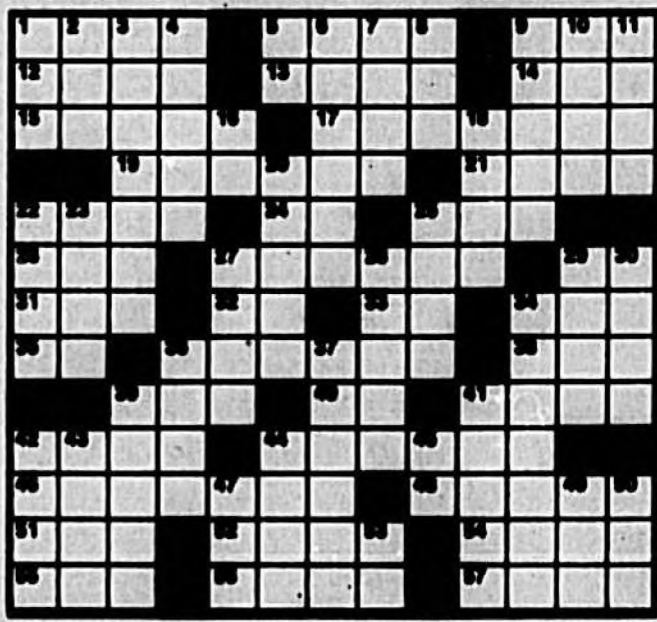
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- 1 Smooth-spoken
- 5 Surplus
- 9 Weapon
- 12 — Breckinridge
- 13 Simple
- 14 WWII area
- 15 Instruct
- 17 Twisted
- 19 Sounds
- 21 River in France
- 22 Profit
- 24 Forward
- 25 Dolly
- 26 Federal agcy.
- 27 Choice morsel
- 29 Beast of burden
- 31 Even (post.)
- 32 — Gore
- 33 River in Siberia
- 34 Chewing —
- 35 Metric wt.
- 36 Vigorous scuffle
- 38 Neighbor of Can.
- 39 Totem pole
- 40 Bible div.
- 41 Acquires
- 42 Secluded valley
- 44 Hurts
- 46 Small flying appendage
- 48 Actor bill —
- 51 Comedian — Phillips
- 52 Pain
- 54 Judge
- 55 Negative prefix
- 56 Ostrich
- 57 Icelandic epic

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



- 4 Smoked pork
- 5 Auto co.
- 6 Folk tale
- 7 Plant containers
- 8 Beverage
- 9 Frozen
- 10 Southwest
- 11 ern Indians
- 16 Word of greeting
- 18 Source
- 20 Llama, e.g.
- 22 Carnival performer
- 23 Take down — or two
- 25 Sneer
- 27 Not relaxed
- 28 Nuts' companions
- 29 Expel
- 30 Dec. holiday
- 34 Estimated
- 36 Sharp flavor
- 37 Calm
- 39 Rare gas
- 41 Stone containing crystal
- 42 Dancer Verdon
- 43 Cab's kin
- 44 High
- 45 Neighbor of NC
- 47 Household god
- 49 Article of furniture
- 50 Entertainer
- 53 Apelec (abbr.)



## WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

If a movie is a major moneymaker, the studio instantly thinks of filming a sequel. And the sequel usually retains the original title, just adding a new number. For example, we have had Rocky 2, Back to the Future III, and so on. However, will the sequel to Madame X be Madame XI or Madame Y?

In many bridge deals, if you make the right play early, the sequel is success; whereas if you blunder near the beginning, you can't recover — as in today's deal.

Against your four-spade contract, West leads the heart queen. What is your line of play?

North's response of two hearts was a transfer bid, showing at least five spades. His jump rebid of three no-trump offered a choice of games. South had no

trouble in selecting four spades.

The careless declarer sees only three losers: the missing ace. He wins trick one and immediately plays a trump. However, East wins and returns a heart. Suddenly South sees a fourth — now unavoidable — loser in hearts: one down.

The more thoughtful declarer realizes he has a third-round heart loser and must do something about it immediately. He must organize a discard on the third round of diamonds. And since the defender with the diamond ace might duck for one round, he carefully plays second hand high, winning the first trick with the heart king. Then he leads a diamond. However the defenders play, dummy's heart loser disappears on the third round of diamonds and the contract is made.

Keep an eye open for those third-round losers.

**NORTH** 4-10-93  
 ♠ Q J 8 3  
 ♥ K 5 4  
 ♦ 3 2  
 ♣ Q J 10

**WEST**  
 ♠ 7 5  
 ♥ Q J 10 8  
 ♦ A 10 8 4  
 ♣ A 6 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ A 5  
 ♥ 9 3 2  
 ♦ 8 7 6 5  
 ♣ 9 8 5 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K 9 4 2  
 ♥ A 7 6  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ K 7 4

Vulnerable: East-West  
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

## HOROSCOPE

**By Bernice Bede Osoi**  
**YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
**April 20, 1993**

If your objectives are clearly defined in the year ahead, your probabilities for success look good. Know where you want to go, what you want to do, and how you plan to get there every step of the way.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You'll be desirous of helping others today, but you must be careful not to make big things out of small favors. Minimize your efforts instead of exaggerating them. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Today, you might find yourself in the company of a person who isn't as materially fortunate as you are. It won't help to talk about what you have that he or she doesn't.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) End results might not come out exactly as you hoped they would today. However, don't make excuses if you fail. No one expects you to win every race you enter.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if your ideas are a trifle better than your companions are today, don't attempt to force your brilliance down their throats. Let them make the mental comparison themselves.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might get involved in a joint endeavor today that requires cash. If you're the one who has to ante up, be sure the other party contributes something of commensurate value.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to let yourself be maneuvered into a situation today where you're compelled to defend an unpopular position. Stand up only for that which you truly believe.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a realistic and practical person, but today you might step out of character and take gambles in ways that you would normally deem unwise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're involved in a group activity today, don't push for last-minute changes for your convenience that could upset the plans of others.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep outsiders out of your family affairs today, regardless of their good intentions. Issues that could be easily resolved might be derailed by their input.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's important today to establish a basic blueprint before starting a complicated endeavor. Trying to ad-lib as you go along could really foul up the operation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) This is not a good day to pal around with friends who are big spenders, especially if they want to partake of things that are beyond your financial capabilities.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Don't bring up volatile issues today that could lead to crossing swords with your mate. Small differences might be quickly blown out of proportion.

**ANNIE**

by Leonard Starr

