

# Sanford Herald

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Today: Patchy dense fog early this morning. Otherwise mostly sunny with the highs in the low to mid 80s. Wind south 5 mph.

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## TODAY

### BRIEFS

#### Fight Investigation

SANFORD — The Seminole County sheriff's office Major Crimes section is continuing an investigation into a fight at approximately 10 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of Southwest Food Mart, 1920 Southwest Road.

According to sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough, six women were reportedly stabbed during a knife fight which may have involved 11 or 12 women.

The most serious wound was sustained by Donna Cox, 22, of 3018 Truman Blvd. in Sanford. McDonough said she was stabbed in the right kidney area, the right shoulder, and over her right eye. She remains in serious but stable condition at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Five other females were reportedly treated and released at Central Florida Regional Medical Center in Sanford.

McDonough said, according to witnesses, Cox was confronted by a female outside the food market, at which time the woman stabbed Cox three times. When other women attempted to help Cox, they were attacked by several other females.

McDonough said the reason for the fight has not been determined.

The only description of the suspect is that she is approximately 20 years of age, five feet nine inches tall, and weighing approximately 200 pounds. She was seen driving a lime-green Cadillac.

#### Fraud charge

DELAND — Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Bob Crawford, has announced that the owner, manager and an employee of a transmission repair shop in DeLand, are facing criminal charges for allegedly systematically defrauding customers.

Law enforcement officers conducted a search with a warrant Friday at Transcare Transmission, 1301 S. Woodland Ave., (U.S. Highway 17-92).

Arrested were owner Philip Geraldo Salvia, 31, of Apopka, and manager Jerry Charles Jackson, 32, of DeLand. A warrant was issued for the arrest of an employee, Louis Peter Casale, 31, of DeLand.

Salvia and Jackson were charged with grand theft and fraud.

In an undercover operation, Florida Department of Agriculture agents reportedly took a vehicle into the establishment for a transmission fluid change, advertised at \$14.95. They said the repairs made at the shop totaled \$1,800. They said the shop also used old parts, identified as new.

Crawford said the arrests were the result of numerous complaints filed by consumers.

Crawford said in addition to the criminal charges, the shop could also be fined \$1,000 per violation, and revocation of their state business registration certificate.

#### Motivational speaker at SCC

Nationally acclaimed motivational speaker Dr. Dennis Watson will address the issue of challenges facing students of color in a presentation on Thursday, Feb. 29 from noon until 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Concert Auditorium at Seminole Community College.

In a racially divided America, black students nationwide are challenged by tremendous pressure and obstacles, he says.

In addition, Watson will present his program called "Black Love in the Afternoon," one of the most popular and talked about events among black students. The audience participation performance deals with issues and concerns that affect the relationships of black students on campus.

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Every great mistake has a halfway moment, a split second when it can be recalled and perhaps remedied.

-Pearl S. Buck

## Accident ends in tragedy



Michael A. Grady, 23, of Club Road, Sanford, was killed Monday when his car overturned and ended up in a ditch off SR-46 near Geneva. Several vehicles from the Seminole County Sheriff's department and water rescue units responded.

## Rental properties may be shut down

By NICK PFEIFAUPE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Two weeks, if several rental properties owned by Violetta Williams are not brought up to city and state codes in that time period, the Sanford City Commission says they will be ordered closed.

The decision came after an extensive discussion during Monday's

commission work session. The structures in question are located at 718 W. First Street, 210 Laurel Avenue, 611, 615 and 621 Oak Avenue, 612 Park Avenue and 101 W. Ninth Street.

Responding to a number of written complaints about structure problems, broken screens, poor or no heating, plumbing or electrical wiring, the city launched into an investigation of the homes.

City fire inspectors and other city officials inspected the properties, reportedly finding them in violation of a number of code requirements including the lack of smoke detectors, electrical, plumbing, and structural problems.

Fire officials say the structures, most of which were originally single family homes, are now being used for multi family dwellings. They also reported the lack of fire alarms

and smoke detectors.

Sanford Fire Inspector Richard Cohen said the alarms were mostly outdated and some had batteries removed. "If we cite them and give them 14 days to resolve these problems," Cohen said, "we will probably find the same problems whenever we go back again."

Commissioner Lon Howell wasted no time in proposing a resolution to

## Lake Mary man wins lottery's televised game

From staff reports

LAKE MARY — Jesse Staples, Jr., 35, a switch administrator for AT&T in Lake Mary, won Florida Lottery's Flamingo Fortune this past weekend. The amount was listed as \$17,000.

According to lottery officials, Staples won the money on the Florida Lottery televised show "Splashdown," in one of Flamingo Fortune's four chances to win. He became eligible to play on the show after buying a Florida Lotto ticket at Albertsons in Lake Mary.

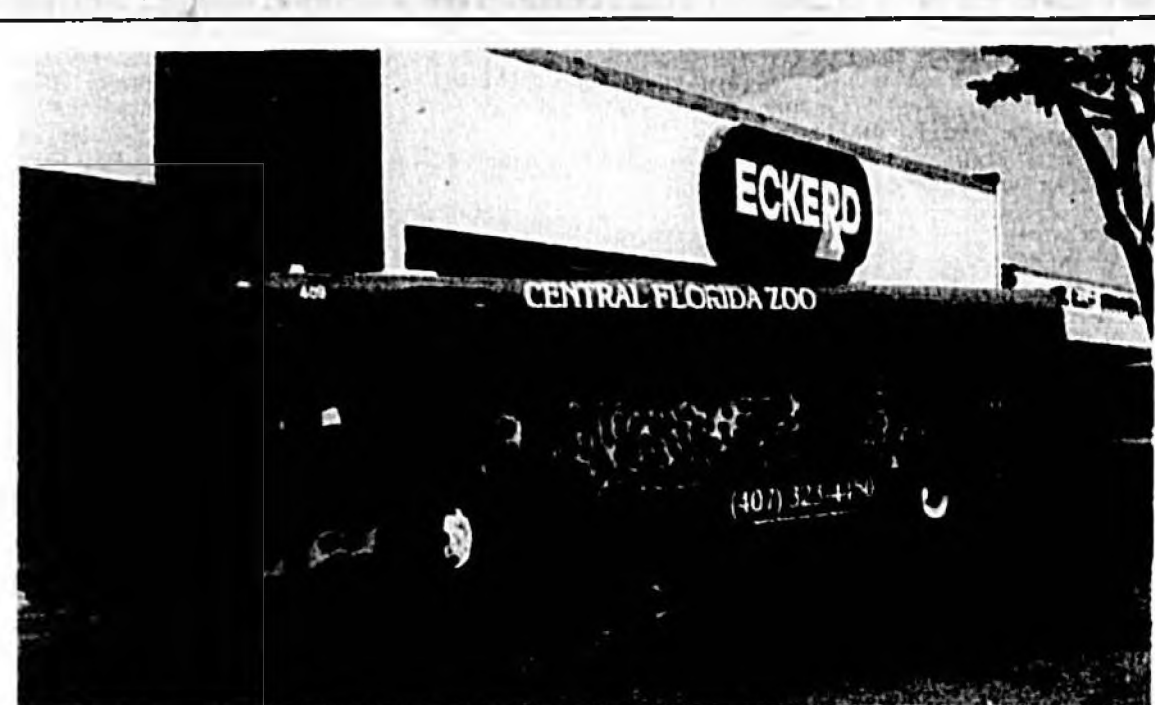
He was reportedly in line to win much more, but several bad breaks peppered the game of chance. Staples nearly dropped the green ball into the water pool for which he would have won \$100,000, but on both tries, yellow balls blocked the green's path.

On top of that lottery officials said, Staples, at \$34,000, tried to double his winnings, but lost on his final turn, cutting the prize amount in half to \$17,000.

Despite the outcome, Staples said he was not disappointed. Asked what he planned to do with

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## Have you spotted the cheetah lately?



A cheetah, one of the featured animals at Central Florida Zoological Park, now adorns the side of one of the Lynx buses serving the route between the Seminole Center on U.S.

Highway 17-92 in South Sanford, and the Seminole Towne Center. Several of the artistically decorated buses feature prominent Sanford zoo animals.

## Students brainstorm for better, safer schools

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The high schools in Seminole County are neither the drug and violence ridden compounds we fear nor the pristine, peaceful settings we would hope for.

They are, as they always have been, a proving ground where adolescents push toward adulthood in thousands of different ways, bringing their myriad of dreams and hopes, problems and obstacles from home with them.

"It's not all that bad," said Monika Lugo, a junior at Lake Howell High School.

Lugo and about three dozen of her colleagues spent a day last month discussing what the students, the teachers and the administrators could do to make the schools better and safer.

It was not a day to simply gripe. Administrators were looking for workable solutions, not complaints.

"We instituted a three mint rule," explained Bob Ledford, who helped coordinate the forum. "Every time a student made a negative comment, he had to put a mint in his mouth. Once he was out of mints, no more negative comments. And, do you know, we had mints left over."

Students and administrators agreed that the problems of drugs and violence must be dealt with in a proactive way. Once they become problems, the group agreed, it is much more difficult to deal with.

The forum, they noted, was not the end of the



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Dr. Tom Marcy, director of secondary schools for Seminole County was joined by students Yarian Rosado of Lyman, Justin Woods of Lake Mary, King Duncan of Oviedo, Betty Pun of Lake

process, rather it was the beginning. King Duncan, a senior at Oviedo High School said the schools have to set an example for the students. He is working with the administration at his school to try and make it possible for the

Howell, Monika Lugo of Lake Brantley, Jeremy Kaplan of Seminole and Bill Brammeyer of Crooms, in a discussion of safety in the schools.

school resource officers to be on campus unarmed.

"If kids see them with guns they either think it's that bad because the officer thinks he needs

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# Unemployment compensation State program may not withstand severe recession

By ADAM VROMANS  
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The state has paid cash to the unemployed since the end of the Great Depression but it may not have enough money to survive a severe recession, a new report said.  
Florida's unemployment compensation program would have covered benefits for less than one year in a sharp economic downturn as of the end of 1994, according to a study by legislative auditors.  
"The fund's capacity may be inadequate to finance the benefits that would have to be paid if a severe recession developed," said the review by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.  
The report released Monday said employers may face steep tax increases for unemployment compensation under the current financing scheme to generate enough money to pay benefits.  
If the program ran out of money, the state would turn to

the federal government to pay unemployment compensation benefits.  
As a result, unemployment tax rates for Florida employers would increase to pay current benefits and to repay the feds, the report said.  
"This tax increase would occur during a recession when employers could least afford it and could hamper economic recovery from the recession," the auditors wrote.  
As of December 1994, the state program had a balance of \$1.8 billion, which would last less than a year in the event of a deep recession, the report said. In 1989, the fund had enough money to last almost a year and a half.  
At the end of 1995, the program's balance had increased to \$1.8 billion, but solvency measures were not yet available to determine how long that amount would last in a major recession, the report said.  
Florida's unemployment compensation program began in 1939 after the federal government established a national system as a result of heavy

unemployment during the Depression.  
The program gives workers temporary and partial insurance against lost income when they become unemployed through no fault of their own. It also helps the economy by maintaining workers' buying power.  
Eligible jobless people may receive weekly benefits ranging from \$10 to \$250 for up to six months. Individuals received an average weekly benefit of \$169 for an average of 15 weeks during 1994.  
In all, 285,055 jobless people received cash help starting in 1994 and the state paid out a total of about \$707 million in benefits that year.  
The report said the Legislature should increase the program's reserves by changing the tax rate formula imposed on employers.  
State Labor Secretary Doug Jamerson agreed with the report's findings, but said any change in the tax rate formula should be postponed until the agency completes its own review.  
"The decision is not which of these options is better, but which combination of these changes would increase the fund size while equitably distributing the tax burden among employ-

ers," the department said in its response.  
The state tax rate now ranges from 0.1 percent to 5.4 percent of the first \$7,000 of each employee's wages. The feds impose a 6.2 percent tax on the first \$7,000 of each worker's wages but employers can take a credit of 5.4 percent for paying the state tax.

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### Motel raid

Sanford police, following up on a report regarding a possible missing juvenile, converged in a motel room in the 3300 block of S. Orlando Drive in Sanford on Sunday. There was no indication as to whether the report was true or not, but a number of arrests were made. Police said when they entered the room, they saw alcoholic beverages, and made their first arrest. Kenneth Allan Klots, 19, of 231 Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, was charged with possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21.

In addition to Klots, police said there were two juvenile females in the room, as well as Robert Wayne Bostright, 27, of Alma, Georgia. The arrest report said Bostright was reportedly giving the girls drugs and alcohol. He was subsequently charged with possession of a controlled substance and child abuse.

### Prostitution sting

Seminole County sheriff's deputies conducted an undercover prostitution sting operation Friday on Sanford Avenue near 12th and 13th streets, and on Seminole Boulevard along the Sanford lakefront.

- Anna Marie Allgood, 51, of 127 Bethune Circle, was arrested on a charge of assignment to commit prostitution.
- Ruthie Maria Pennington, 18, 218 Holly Avenue, was arrested on a charge of assignment to commit prostitution.
- Charlene Clinton, 35, 1013 Cypress Avenue, was arrested on charges of assignment to commit prostitution and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### QUAD activities

Members of the Sanford police QUAD-Squad raided a residence in Bridgewater Apartments Thursday. Robert Allen Strine, 21, of 500 W. Airport Blvd. was arrested on charges of cultivation of cannabis and possession of cannabis with intent to sell. Two others of that same address were also arrested. Charles L. Long, 30, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

### Drug arrest

Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert B. Barfield, 26, of 383 Country Club South, Lake Mary, on Thursday. He was located as the result of a traffic stop at 25th Street and Willow Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, tampering with physical evidence, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, resisting a law enforcement with violence, and battery on a law enforcement officer.

### Warrant served

Sheriff's deputies served Keith Leonard Myers, 22, of 1506 W. 17th Street in Sanford, a civil writ of attachment Friday. As the result of a search however, he was given additional charges of possession of under 20 grams of cannabis, and possession with intent to distribute.

### Airport thefts

Two separate burglary reports were filed with Sanford police Sunday, connected with construction work at the new International Terminal at 1911 Airline Avenue, at the Orlando Sanford Airport. In one case, tools and a tool box estimated at \$1,255 were reported stolen from the back of a pickup truck. In the other case, tools and a tool box valued at \$1,499 were reported stolen.

### Stolen/recovered autos

- George Jenkins, 24, of 1803 W. Third Street, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police in the 3000 block of S. Orlando Drive Saturday. He was charged with driving under the influence. Officers subsequently found that the vehicle he was operating had been reported stolen from the parking lot of the Seminole Towne Center earlier in the same day. He was given an additional charge of grand theft auto.
- A black and grey 1985 Buick, license number QCM-881 was reported stolen early Monday from an apartment parking lot at 400 Locust Avenue in Sanford.
- A black and blue 1982 Oldsmobile was reported stolen Sunday from a residence in the 600 block of Park Avenue.
- A 1985 Ford, reported stolen in Orange County, was located by police in the parking lot of Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford.
- A Moped, reported stolen on Feb. 10 in Sanford, was located Sunday at Fifth Street and Pecan Avenue. Police said a person was seen running from the Moped, but could not be apprehended.
- A person reported his grey 1988 Ford, with temporary license number P-940186 was stolen Sunday. The police report said there was not information given regarding where the vehicle was when it was found to be stolen.
- A 1986 Chevrolet was reported stolen Sunday in the 2000 block of Palmetto Avenue in Sanford. The vehicle was subsequently recovered on SR-427 near Crystal Creek Road in Longwood.
- A white 1982 Cadillac funeral coach was reported stolen Friday from a business in the 2400 block of Old Lake Mary Road. The vehicle was recovered at 17th Street and Oleander in Sanford.

### Traffic stops

- Joe Louis Perry, 21, 2 Castle Brewer Court, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday in the 2700 block of Ridgewood Avenue. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and resisting an officer without violence.
- Wendy Kathleen Schirrad, 32, 101 W. Crystal Drive, Sanford, was stopped by sheriff's deputies on Interstate-4 Friday. She was charged with driving under the influence, refusing to sign a citation, and assault/battery on a law enforcement officer.
- Tony B. Van Volkenburg, 31, 611 Mimosa Terrace, Sanford, was stopped by Lake Mary police on Lake Mary Boulevard near Rinehart Road Saturday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license. Police said he was also wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on a charge of having a suspended license.
- Fernando Gonzalez, 22, 420 E. 28th Street, was located by Sanford police at his residence Saturday following a reported accident at 11th Street and Sanford Avenue. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries, and having no valid driver's license.

### Sanford police reports

- A \$150 man's watch and between \$70 and \$80 in cash were reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 400 block of Rosalia Drive.
- A man told police a person identifying himself as a police officer, came to his residence and wanted to check the man's money to see if it may possibly be stolen. After the man gave him \$750, he said the pretend-officer drove off.
- Three bikes valued at \$100 were reported stolen Sunday from a business in the 1300 block of S. French Avenue.
- Two 12-packs of beer were reported stolen Friday from a store in the 1700 block of W. Airport Blvd.
- An estimated \$2,250 in jewelry was reported stolen Saturday as the result of a vehicular burglary in a parking lot in the 300 block of Rachelle Avenue in Sanford.
- Two closets were reportedly vandalized, but nothing was stolen Saturday at First Baptist Church of Sanford, 519 Park Avenue.
- Three chain saws valued at \$900 were reported stolen Saturday from a shed in the 400 block of Willow Avenue in Sanford.

# Following bombings, Israel prepares wanted list of Hamas leaders

By HANN LAUB  
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Under pressure from Israel after two deadly bombings, Palestinian police have arrested more than 120 militants of the Islamic Hamas group.  
But Hamas members said today that only two of the detainees are leading Hamas figures and none belong to Hamas' military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, which carried out two weekend suicide bombings in Israel.  
Prime Minister Shimon Peres has vowed to destroy Hamas and told Yasser Arafat he must disarm the group and arrest its leaders if he wants to remain a credible peace partner.  
The Palestinian leader was to meet today with Israel's military commander, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, to discuss the crackdown. Shahak will give Arafat a list of about 10 Hamas leaders Israel wants arrested, Israeli officials said.  
Foremost on the wanted list is Mohammed Delf, the reported mastermind behind the bombings that killed 27 people Sunday in Jerusalem and the coastal town of Ashkelon.  
Sunday's bombings on a Jerusalem bus and at a hitchhiking post for soldiers at Ashkelon were planned in Gaza, but the suicide bombers came from a refugee camp near the West Bank city of Hebron, which is still under Israeli control, Palestinian officials said.  
Arafat's security forces have arrested more than 80 Hamas activists in the Gaza Strip, including one of the group's founders, Mohammed Taha, Hamas activists said. In the West Bank, about 40 Hamas members have been arrested, Hamas said.  
The two suicide bombers were tentatively identified today as Majdi Abu Wardeh, 19, and Ibrahim Sarhneh, 26, Palestinian officials said.  
The two men have been missing for several days, said

the Palestinian officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Abu Wardeh, who graduated from high school last year, left behind a photograph of himself with the words, "Farewell, Izzedine al Qassam Brigades," written on the back.  
Sarhneh's mother, Maryam, said Israeli troops raided her house Monday night and seized documents and photographs of her son, who formerly did construction work in Israel and had been unemployed for a year. Three other sons were arrested, she said.  
Sarhneh is suspected of carrying out the Jerusalem bombing, which killed 25 people and wounded 49, Palestinian officials said.  
Both bombers reportedly were disguised as Israeli soldiers, and carried the bombs in olive green army bags.  
The attacks, the worst in Israel in nearly two decades, have sent Peres' popularity plummeting ahead of May 29 elections. One survey suggested he was now running even with his challenger, Benjamin Netanyahu of the Likud Party.  
Palestinian Cabinet Secretary Tayeb Abdel Rahim said today that Israel shared responsibility for failing to prevent the attacks because the bombers apparently came from an area of the West Bank still under Israeli control.  
He said Israeli security officials also did not share all the warnings they had received about planned suicide attacks with their Palestinian counterparts.  
Also today, police re-enacted a car crash to try to determine if an Arab-American who struck a Jerusalem bus stop did so intentionally or lost control of his vehicle.  
Ahmed Abdel Hamida, 36, of Los Angeles, was shot to death by three West Bank settlers after Monday's crash, which killed an Israeli woman and injured 23 other people.  
Police Minister Moshe Shuhail said many senior investigators now believe they are dealing with an attack, not an accident.

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# Tax filing lagging

WASHINGTON — Federal tax filing is lagging despite the popularity of telephone and computer filing.  
The Internal Revenue Service said Monday that through Feb. 16 it had received 26.2 million tax returns, down 6.5 percent from the same period a year ago.  
Despite the lag in returns, the number of refunds — 8.28 million — is up 3 percent. The average refund so far is \$1,448, compared with \$1,117 during the same period last year.  
Telephone filing — available to eligible taxpayers nationwide for the first time this year — totaled 1.79 million, nearly quadruple last year when it was available on a more limited basis.  
Telephone filing is available to single taxpayers who receive a Telefile package in the mail and who otherwise would use Form 1040EZ.

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### EDITORIAL

## What will become of the children?

Recent statistics revealed by the Florida Center for Children and Youth are not only interesting, but, depending on one's point of view, very shocking.

The report concerns how many children are in Florida (3.6 million under age 20), and what is happening to them.

For example, Florida's infant mortality rate is half of what it was back in 1980. Even so, in 1995, 7.4 of every 1,000 children born in Florida die before their first birthday.

Additionally, 465 children under age 15 died from accidental causes last year.

It is estimated that 74,910 children were abused or neglected in 1995.

With what seems to be an ever-growing divorce rate in Florida, the payment of child support has become an issue. Last year, the state decided to allow publishing names of persons who were considered "deadbeat parents." Only a few newspapers, including the *Sanford Herald*, agreed to publish the names.

Something went awry however in making these lists available for publication. To boil it down to a simple explanation, they are just not being distributed.

While there was a crackdown which got under way last year to locate persons who were delinquent in back payments, it is questionable as to whether or not the crackdown works.

The Florida Center's statistics indicate that 52 percent of parents ordered to pay child support, did not pay anything in 1995. With only 29 percent being paid in full last year, it leaves us with 71 percent who have not fulfilled their obligations.

Of course, in many cases, you can't get blood out of a turnip. When all facts are put on the table, there are many cases when parents who are supposed to pay child support, simply don't earn enough money, especially when they still have their own lives to finance.

The point is; the people of Florida had better take a more serious look at what we are doing to the children. They are not only our offspring, but they are the citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

It is good that last year's figures showed a welcome increase in the number of foster care children who were adopted, (from 1,310 to 1,622 the previous reporting period), there are still many up for adoption.

It seems as though everyone has their own cheerleading team. Senior citizens have several organizations, political parties have theirs, handicapped people have theirs, and there are many others.

Only a few organizations are working to help our children. We believe it's time to have more. We need action aimed at helping protect and preserve the lives of our children, whether it's through cracking down on negligent child support payments, providing better health care, more services, or better protection against all the ills of their lives.

The Florida Center statistics were compiled by the governor's office. We hope the government pays attention to their own figures.

### LETTER

## Help us learn

Our fourth grade class would like to learn more about our state of Florida from people who live throughout our state. We feel that this would be an exciting way to learn our history and geography. Our class is asking you to print this request in your local newspaper at your earliest convenience. We would like people to send us postcards from your town or city telling us one or two facts that would be interesting for us to know. We are excited to learn as much as we can about our state of Florida. We are looking forward to hearing from many people so that we can put these postcards on display in our classroom at Orangewood Christian School.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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### 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.

### NAT HENTOFF

## Treating HMOs with due process

As of January, there were at least 50 million Americans enrolled in Health Maintenance Organizations, not counting other forms of managed care. As their numbers keep growing, so do chilling stories of badly failed patient care.

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, a renowned bioethicist at Georgetown University Medical Center, is critical of HMOs that "define the physician as an instrument of productivity. Medical ethics," he has written, "puts the genuine needs of the patient at the center. That primacy should not be sacrificed to economics lest the vulnerability of sick persons be ignored -- with consequences for the moral health of the whole society."

The patient can only be returned to the center, Dr. Pellegrino told me. "when the public begins to appreciate what's being done to it -- and when the medical profession stops talking about its own self-interest, focusing instead on the damage being done to patients."

In a number of cities, the public is beginning to be informed by newspaper series on the cost-cutting withholding of essential care in some HMOs. In California, moreover, Consumers for Quality Care has been issuing "Casualty of the Day" reports. A characteristic headline: "Cancer Patient Undiagnosed by HMO for Months. Diagnosed by Clinic in Days."

Piecemeal bills have been introduced in some state legislatures to regulate HMOs. The most comprehensive approach, however, is a set of reforms being proposed in California by the California Nurses Association in alliance with health consumer groups and labor unions.

A vigorous supporter of the measure is Ralph Nader who -- contrary to several premature career obituaries -- is likely to be more relevant than ever in this and other areas of rearguard consumer activism.

The CNA's confrontation with managed care is in the form of an initiative which requires 700,000 signatures to get on the ballot in

November -- thereby bypassing the California legislature and its thick barnacles of health-industry lobbyists.

Titled the Patient Protection Act, it forbids managed care operations from ordering their doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to withhold from patients information relevant to their health care.

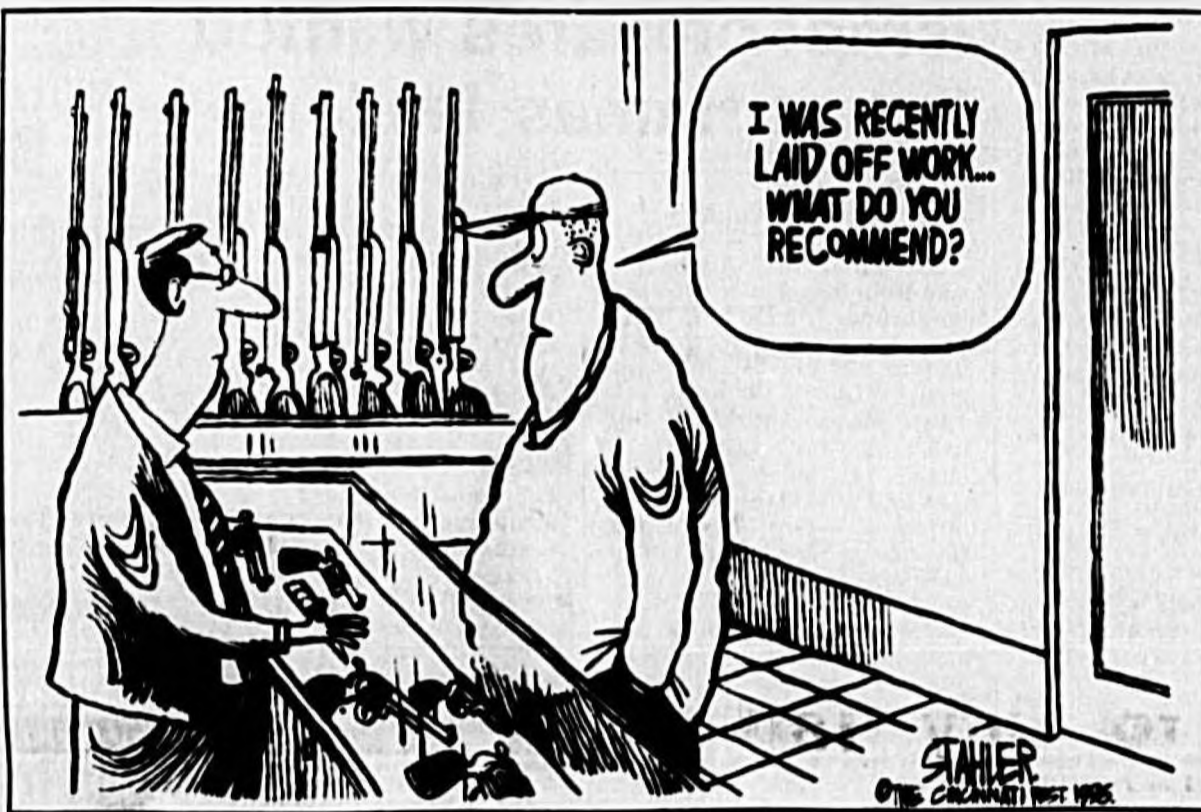
Nor can doctors be pressured to increase their own pay -- and the HMO's profits -- by not referring a patient to a specialist.

One of the maddening frustrations for doctors in many managed care plans is the requirement that they get permission for an expensive procedure by having to phone a company nurse or another intermediary who does not see the patient. The CNA initiative mandates that no such request by a patient's physician can be denied unless a qualified health professional has physically examined the patient.

There's a good deal more in this initiative which could become a model for consumer groups and labor unions around the country. For example, "The confidentiality of patients' medical records shall be fully protected as provided by law ... no health care business shall sell a patient's medical records to any third party without the express written authorization of the patient."



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### MORTON KONDRACKE

## Alexander has ideas, Dole doesn't

MANCHESTER, N.H. -- It takeschutzpah for Mr. Third Place, Lamar Alexander, to urge former front-runner Bob Dole to get out of the GOP presidential race, but Alexander is right about this: He has ideas to run on, while Dole has none.

Alexander calls his ideas "fresh," and some of them actually are. Others are downright radical and could be the basis of a fascinating debate -- what Alexander calls "a vision contest" -- within the Republican Party and with President Clinton in the fall.

Chief among them, he wants to "rip out of Washington" all welfare responsibilities and send them not to state or local bureaucracies but to private "community charitable foundations," financed by a federal takeover of Medicaid costs and a tax credit for contributions to charities that help the poor.

Alexander also wants to eliminate all federal education and job training programs and convert them into vouchers for parents and workers to use in purchasing their own school and training services.

He favors a historic diminution of the powers of Congress by making it a part-time body and by imposing the most restrictive term limits now under debate, the 6-year House and 12-year Senate constitutional amendment backed by the combative libertarian group, U.S. Term Limits.

He also favors creation of a new branch of the armed forces to control the nation's borders and, in a departure from the GOP mainstream, more federal spending to ensure clean air and water and to set aside wilderness areas for conservation.

But Alexander's personal style is so bland and his record so moderate that the radicalism of his ideas has largely escaped notice. Another factor overshadowing his message: his own preoccupation in speeches and interviews on the tactics of the GOP race.

Campaigning around New Hampshire before the recent primary and his 23 percent third-place finish, Alexander's forces chanted the slogan, "ABC -- Alexander Beats Clinton," an idea exploded by exit polls showing that most voters still think Dole has the best chance of any GOP candidate in November.

For his part, Dole is also living in a dream world by contending that he is now in a two-man race with Pat Buchanan. Alexander, after all, trailed Dole by only 3 points here and threatens to split the anti-Buchanan vote throughout the primaries.

For Dole, the concept that he's now fighting with Buchanan for "the heart and soul of the Republican Party" may give his campaign an energy that it's so far woefully lacked, but Dole also needs what Alexander has: ideas about where he wants to take the country.

Dole staffers and outside advisers have been trying desperately for months to get the Senate majority leader to assemble his thoughts into a program for the future, but Dole deems talk

of "vision" as "phony" and resolutely refuses to indulge in it.

Dole talks about cutting taxes, reforming welfare, and balancing the budget, but even some of his top advisers admit that it all comes out sounding like "blah, blah, blah."

"He is forever talking about means," one adviser said. "You never hear him talking about ends."

One option suggested by advisers is for Dole to "go the nostalgia route," by promising to "get America back where we were" -- before crime and illegitimacy rates began soaring and education scores began plummeting.

This theme would give Dole the opportunity to collect his proposals for tougher policing, welfare reform and school choice into a coherent package, advisers say, adding a forward-looking element by claiming that the Dole plan is meant to create a better future for America's children.

The nostalgia option, though, does not deal with Buchanan's key issues of jobs, income insecurity, and trade -- the so-called "conservatism with a heart" that is giving heartburn to traditional conservatives.

Dole -- and Alexander, too -- needs to do more to combat Buchanan than merely label him (correctly) an "isolationist" and "protectionist."

Both of them need to educate the public about the benefits of free trade and the dangers of a depressed world economy -- and to convince voters they can reignite income growth and improve job security for the middle class.

Alexander actually has a jobs program -- part conventionally Republican, part borrowed from President Clinton -- consisting of elimination of the capital gains tax, tax reductions for individuals, portable pensions and health insurance, increased government support for research and higher education, and job training vouchers.

Alexander also favors a "flatter" tax system, but even he finds it hard to explain what loopholes he wants to close when he wants to keep the mortgage interest deduction, expand the charitable deduction, and add a deduction for Social Security taxes.

Then again, some vision beats no vision any day. If Dole doubts it, all he has to do is remember what happened to George Bush.



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### JACK ANDERSON

## Old Buchanan vs. the new Buchanan

WASHINGTON -- Could Pat Buchanan, who spent his formative years in politics flinging filth on Richard Nixon's behalf, be suffering from his own version of the "18-minute gap"?

It was 18 missing minutes from the infamous Watergate tapes that convinced many Americans of Nixon's complicity in the scandal that ended his presidency. Similarly, Buchanan is skirting segments of his own career when he complains to audiences about the "sleazy tactics" and "attack ads" employed by his Republican opponents.

Though Buchanan often wraps himself in Nixon's legacy when it suits his political ends, he has conveniently edited out parts of his past that conflict with his new image as the pugilist populist who panicked GOP officials by winning the New Hampshire primary.

He likes to tell audiences that he's an "authentic conservative who's been right from the beginning." In the beginning, however, Buchanan was a free-trade advocate who found comfort in the corridors of power: an elite suburbanite who drove a Mercedes-Benz until he realized that the pitch-fork bearing peasants he preaches to don't drive pricey German sedans. The man who now draws cheers for condemning "bloodless corporate butchers" plied his trade in a White House whose illegal courting of the corporate gentry prompted sweeping changes in the campaign finance system.

But Buchanan's most astonishing break from the past may be his born-again attitude toward negative campaigns.

"Over the past year we have fought a good, clean campaign, and I am proud of that campaign," Buchanan said last week. "But in the last 24 hours, Bob Dole has reverted once again to the nasty attack ads he withdrew only last week. His campaign is making telephone calls smearing me; his surrogates are openly attacking my character."

Those are ironic words for a man who spent the summer of 1972 preparing the "assault book," a sleazy encyclopedia of negative information for Nixon to use against his opponent that fall, Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D. No blow was too low for the assault book. At one point, Buchanan referred to a McGovern campaign contributor as a "screaming fairy," and accused McGovern himself of having a "lynch mob attitude towards the nation's peace officers, a knee-jerk tendency to exonerate hell-raisers and condemn the police."

While he condemned McGovern, Buchanan urged Nixon to stand firmly behind one of this century's most controversial figures -- J. Edgar Hoover, the tyrant who ran the FBI for nearly half a century until his death in 1972. At the time, the public already was aware of Hoover's legendary abuses of power; his habit of using FBI resources to pursue private vendettas against lawmakers, entertainers and other "subversives."

"Let me say this," Buchanan wrote in a "suggested speech insert." "George McGovern will never be half the man, or half the American, that John Edgar Hoover was -- the more Hoovers this nation produces, and the fewer McGoverns we get as candidates, the better off the United States will be."

Could those be the words of today's Pat "Let's-Clean-Up-Politics" Buchanan? Is there any wonder why they were not included in his recent television commercials touting his White House experience?



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**NATIONAL BRIEFS**



**Coddling Castro?**

WASHINGTON — Critics of President Clinton's Cuba policy say he isn't getting tough enough with Fidel Castro's government for shooting down two unarmed U.S. civilian planes off the Cuban coast.

Clinton announced a series of actions Monday designed to retaliate for the incident Saturday over the Florida Straits that left four occupants of the planes missing and presumed dead. Another plane from the Cuban-American exile group Brothers to the Rescue escaped Cuban MiGs and returned safely to the United States.

Congressional Republicans pounced on Clinton's announcement, saying that while his actions were welcomed, they didn't go far enough.

"President Clinton's response today was tragically insufficient," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla. Presidential candidate Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., declared that Clinton was "coddling Castro."

**Pilot admits he was a double agent**

MIAMI — Juan Pablo Roque played the quintessential Cuban in exile, a former fighter pilot who fled the communist island four years ago for a life dedicated to working against Fidel Castro.

Now, Roque admits he was a double agent who infiltrated Miami's exile groups, including as a pilot for Brothers to the Rescue, and gave information to the Cuban government.

Roque (pronounced ROH-kay) returned to his homeland Friday, a day before two Brothers to the Rescue planes were shot from the sky by Cuban MiGs, leaving four presumed dead. A third plane escaped.

Speaking on Cuban television Monday, Roque said he returned to reveal "the real character" of Brothers to the Rescue, which helped save thousands of Cubans who fled the island in rubber rafts and makeshift boats.

**Dole's presidential dilemma**

PHOENIX — At the root of Sen. Bob Dole's presidential dilemma is this sobering fact: While half of Republican primary voters view him as the strongest candidate against President Clinton, nearly three-fourths are voting for someone else.

It is a telling dynamic, offering evidence not only of Dole's weaknesses as a candidate and communicator but also of the teasy mood of a GOP primary electorate that has jumbled the presidential race at every opportunity.

"Most of these people aren't thinking about electing a president," said Republican strategist Alex Castellanos. "Dole is the candidate for the risk averse, and in primaries people are more willing to take risks."

Three primaries today offered Dole a chance to rebound. He was favored in North Dakota and South Dakota, while Arizona was less predictable. Polls showed a tight Dole-Pat Buchanan-Steve Forbes race but the Dole and Forbes camps conceded Buchanan the late momentum.

**Heading to the polls in three states**

PHOENIX — Republicans in three states are heading to the polls, with most of the attention focused on Arizona and the potential the GOP presidential race could become even more scrambled as it moves West.

With 39 delegates at stake today in the winner-take-all voting, Arizona held the biggest single prize of the campaign to date. Voters in North Dakota and South Dakota today will pick 18 delegates in each state.

Commentator Pat Buchanan, his campaign on a roll since winning the New Hampshire primary, banked on momentum to carry the day in Arizona. He slumped relentlessly across the state in the closing days, while rivals were already looking down the road to other contests.

"If we can break out of Arizona, you're going to see an explosion," said Buchanan. "This train is going to be rolling."

**Turning in her best friend**

MANASSAS, Va. — When Robin Wolfe heard the voice of her best friend on the telephone last week, she began to shake.

It was Geoffrey Ward, a convict serving eight life sentences with no chance of parole for a crime spree that included raping a woman and a teen-age girl, and strangling them with the cord to his electric guitar.

"I'm out," Ward told Mrs. Wolfe, then held up the receiver so she could hear trucks rolling by.

Ward had scaled the Powhatan Correctional Center's razor-wire fences and was running wounded with a manhunt on his tail. He only wanted to know one thing: Would she help him?

"I fell on my knees and prayed," Mrs. Wolfe told The Associated Press on Monday.

Mrs. Wolfe borrowed money to drive to Virginia from her Iowa home. She packed a bag with medical supplies, and then called a friend for advice. Then she called police to turn Ward in.

Prison authorities found him hiding in woods north of the prison last Thursday, 30 hours after he escaped into the dark, foggy countryside. He was waiting for Mrs. Wolfe, whom he had called twice, including once from crossroads near where he was caught.

"This was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life," said Mrs. Wolfe, who asked that the name of her hometown not be released. "It was head over heart, because in my heart I wanted him to get out of there — to start a new life."

**'Rest in Peace' is dying**

BOSTON — "Rest in Peace" is dying a slow death.

Hipper headstones are letting today's dearly departed express themselves with immortal etchings that test the bounds of dignity: dancing elephants, dice, golf clubs and even beer cans with the epitaph, "I did it my way."

"When someone thinks something is wonderful and beautiful, it may be — in their mind," said Donald Kenney, director of cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Boston. "But someone else may be mortified to see a Schlitz beer can on a headstone."

With the refinement of etching during the past two decades, including the use of lasers and the addition of color, the possibilities for headstone designs have allowed for more than just crosses and flowers.

**The best and worst of Hillary's hair**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — While some voters weigh their choice for president, others have another important race to decide: the best and worst of Hillary Rodham Clinton's hair.

A pair of World Wide Web designers have created a site displaying — at last count — 43 hairdos worn by the first lady.

"One night I'm watching the nightly news and I noticed Hillary had another new hairdo. 'I thought 'hillaryshair dot com,'" said Mike Miller, an online services manager for Vanguard Technology Group in Chicago.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 people have looked at the site each day since it went online Feb. 7. About 1,300 people have voted for the best and worst hairdo, Miller said.

From Associated Press reports

**Reports: Military troops questioned about homosexuality**

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Despite its "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the military is still investigating the sexual orientation of some troops. The New York Times reported Tuesday.

Pentagon documents and interviews show the military is not only continuing to ask troops about their orientation, but also is asking their parents, friends and therapists, the newspaper reported.

The documents suggest that the Clinton administration policy, adopted two years ago, has led to wide-ranging and formal probes in cases that might otherwise have been handled quietly and without punishment, the Times said.

Authorities were uncertain how to implement the policy, so they resorted to secondhand accounts and unwieldy investigations because they couldn't ask service members directly about their sexual orientation.

That may explain why the number of troops discharged

from the Army, Navy, and Marines for being homosexuals rose 17 percent in the year ending Oct. 1, with 488 service members discharged, the Times reported.

The documents were obtained by the Washington-based Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which assists members of the military thought to be homosexuals.

A report by the group, to be released Tuesday, was quoted as calling the policy "as bad, if not worse, than its predecessors," noting that searches for gays were still common in the military.

One 1994 Air Force document outlined the "don't ask, don't tell" policy and listed service members to be questioned about whether they were gay.

A Navy memo issued after the new policy seemed to recommend that Navy prosecutors consider intimidating soldiers who serve as character witnesses for gay service members by warning them that they, too, could be punished if they supported "homosexual interests."

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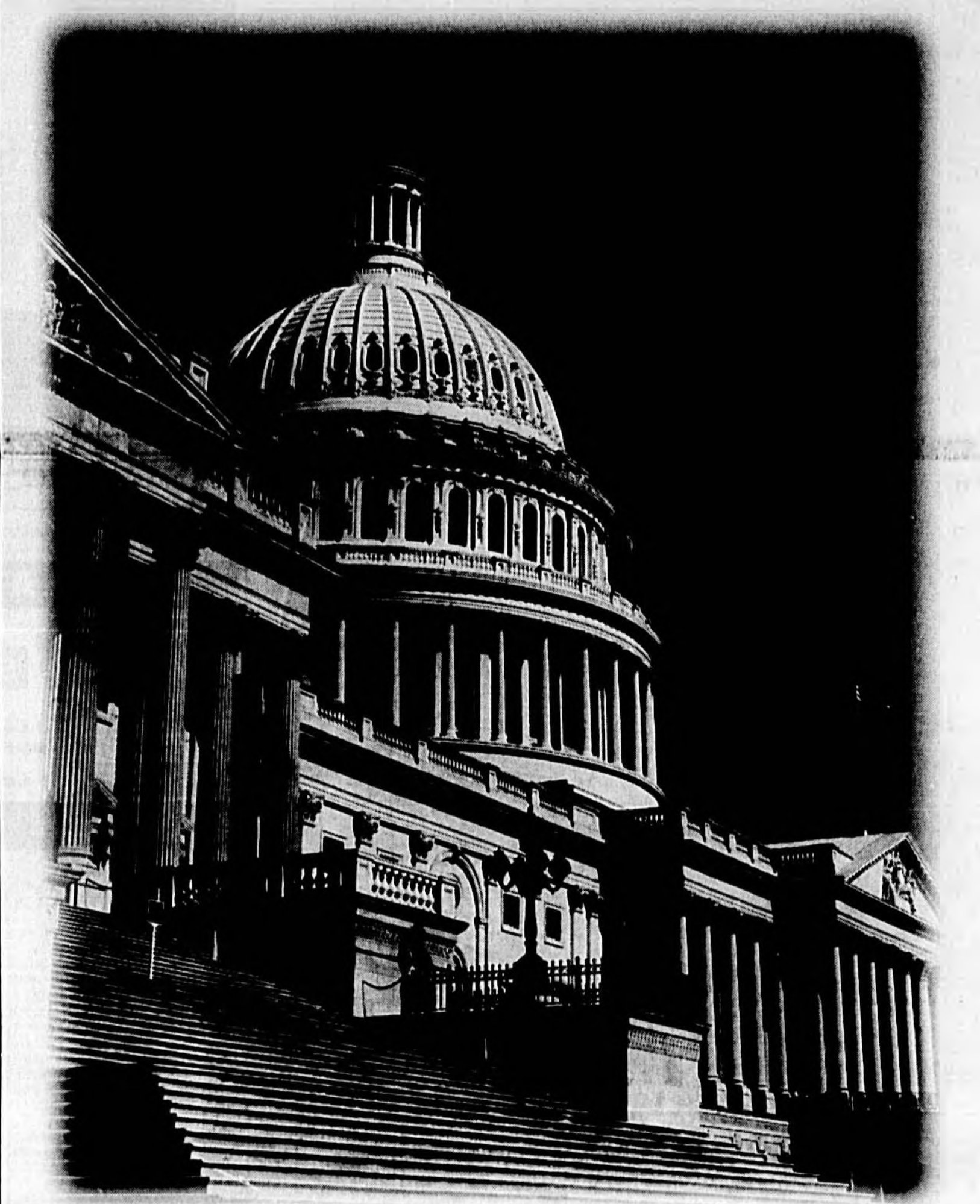
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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### LOCALLY

#### Hamburger Feast

SANFORD — The Seminole High School girls' softball team will host a Hamburger Feast this Saturday, March 2nd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Girls' Softball Field.

Advanced tickets (see coach David Rogers at the school) is \$4 and includes juicy grilled burger, baked beans and a beverage. Admission to the game is not included.

There will be a junior varsity-varsity doubleheader against St. Cloud with the JV's starting at 11 a.m. and the varsity set for a 1:30 p.m. start.

#### SCC women headed to state

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College women's basketball team won the Mid-Florida Conference Tournament by beating Florida Community College at Jacksonville 74-56 in the semifinals and Valencia Community College 74-66 in the final to advance to the NJCAA Region VIII Championship in Ft. Walton Beach at Okaloosa-Walton Community College, March 3-5.

The Raiders (16-12) of head coach Ken Patrick were led in scoring in both games by Johanna Lautala of Tampere, Finland. The 5-9 sophomore had 20 against FCCJ and 22 against Valencia. Also in double figures against the Stars were Charlotte Griffin and Theresa Flowers (16 points each) and Oviedo's Felesha Wilson (12). Flowers (15) and Griffin (13) also were in doubles against the Matadors.

#### Hackers win opener

WINTER SPRINGS — The PDS-Hackers whipped the Maulers 10-5 in the opening game of the Winter Springs Women's Spring Monday Night Slowpitch Softball League at Central Winds Park.

Winning pitcher Juanita Johnson gave up five unearned runs in the second inning and finished the game with a five-hitter.

Providing the offense for the Hackers were Christie Kesinger (4-for-4, three runs, three RBI), Jane White (3-for-4), Terri Mann (2-for-2) and Tami Chesser (2-for-4).

PDS has a doubleheader next Monday against Soap Box at 7:30 p.m. and J & J's True Value-Angels at 8:30 p.m.

#### Polar Bear volleyball

SANFORD — Monday's results from the Sanford Recreation Department Polar Bear Recreational Volleyball League.

A League: Kathy's Baby Shop (3-0) and Nichol's, Beer:30 and Club Paradise (all 1-2).

B League: Church of God (4-0), Park Air (3-1), the 1st United Methodist-Flames and Father-Daughter Team (both 2-2) and Fisher, Laurence, Deen & Fromang (0-4).

#### Orlando Co-Ed Adult Volleyball

ORLANDO — The City of Orlando's Community and Youth Services Department will be conducting a Spring registration meeting for co-ed adult volleyball teams on Wednesday, February 27th at 8:30 p.m. at the Athletics Office, 649 W. Livingston Street.

Volleyball managers can register their team in a 10-week season that begins March 11th for a fee of \$200.

For more information, call 246-2646.

## AROUND THE STATE

#### Edwards joins Bucs staff

TAMPA — Herman Edwards, who spent seven seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, moved to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as assistant head coach-defensive backs.

Edwards played 10 seasons with Philadelphia and the Los Angeles Rams from 1977-86 and joined the Chiefs as a coaching intern in 1989. He spent two seasons as a scout and assistant secondary coach before serving as Kansas City's defensive backs coach from 1992-94.

#### Gators whip Noles

TALLAHASSEE — Murrell Page scored 27 points to lead the No. 18 Florida over Florida State 76-37 Monday.

Page hit 12-of-18 attempts for the Bators (19-7) while DeLisha Milton and Chanda Stebbins both added 10 points.

Florida State (7-19) was led by Wendy Hampton's 10 points.

#### DePaul stops Bulls

TAMPA — Jermalne Watts scored 21 points to lead DePaul its first Conference USA victory Monday, a 65-61 win over South Florida.

Chucky Atkins led South Florida (10-15, 1-12) with a game-high 22 points.

**BEST BETS ON TV**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 ☐ 9:30 p.m. — ESPN, Kentucky at Auburn. (L)

# Tribe on warpath

## Young Seminole team wins third in a row

### From Staff Reports

ST. CLOUD — There is an uprising going on at Seminole High School.

Freshman Chas Lytle got his first varsity victory and Tim Raines Jr. and Alex Acosta led a productive offense as the Fighting Seminoles knocked off Class 5A-District 6 foe St. Cloud 3-1 for their third straight victory Monday night.

Lytle, a left-hander, scattered four hits, struck out four and walked none to run his record to 1-1. The only run he allowed came in the bottom of the second inning.

The Tribe, fresh off a seventh place finish in the Raminole Classic, scored single runs in the first, second and seventh innings to improve their record to 3-4. Seminole will be on the road for another 5A-6 game on Wednesday night, travelling to Satellite Beach for a 6 p.m. contest.

Leading the Seminole offense were Acosta, a senior shortstop, who was two-for-three with two doubles and one run scored and Raines, a sophomore, who drove in a pair of runs.

Also contributing for the Tribe were junior Phillip Eubanks (double, run), senior Chris Youmans (double), senior Terrell Jackson (single, run, RBI) and sophomore Rob Denman (single).

Bronson was two-for-four for the Bulldogs (2-4).

### RAMINOLE ROUNDUP

LAKE MARY — Leesburg bounced back from a Friday night loss to Seminole to defeat previously undefeated Seabreeze 9-5 to win the championship of the Raminole Classic at Lake Mary High School Saturday night.

In the third place game at Lake Mary, Nick Sosa continued his hot hitting in the tournament, hitting another home run and driving in three runs as the co-host Rams outscored Lyman 8-7.

Lake Mary erased a 4-3 deficit by scoring four runs in the bottom of the third inning and the Greyhounds were unable to come all the way back.

The Rams (5-1) were led by Sosa (2-for-3, home run, three RBI), Shawn St. Dennis (2-for-3, two RBI), Jimmy Smith (2-for-3), Luis Rivera (2-for-4, triple) and Jason Yero and Mike Bucky (one double each).

Leading the Lyman (3-5) attack were Tyler Carr (2-for-4, double, two RBI) and Jason Shipley (double).

Lake Mary and Lyman will both be on the road today, with the Rams playing at Deltona at 4 p.m. and the Greyhounds battling Orange County power Dr. Phillips at 3:25 p.m.

In the fifth place game at Seminole High's Alumni Field, Guy Erwin singled in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Oviedo Lions knocked off St. Cloud 4-3.

The Bulldogs scored a run in the top of the seventh inning tie the game at 2-2, then took the lead with a run in the top of the eighth. But the Lions would not be denied as they came up with two runs and even their record at 4-4.

Erwin wound up the game going four-for-four and Richie Schneck was two-for-four with an RBI. Oviedo will be at Lake Mary for a Seminole Athletic Conference game on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

In the seventh place game at Alumni Field, Seminole took a 5-0 lead in the top of the third inning and held off New Smyrna Beach 9-5.

Alan Gehr (3-for-4, double, two RBI) and Acosta (2-for-3) paced a seven-hit Tribe attack.

SEMINOLE V. ST. CLOUD		
Seminole	110	000 1- 3 7 4
St. Cloud	010	000 0- 1 4 2
Lytle (1-1), LP — Youmans, Croft, Blanford (7) and West, WP — Lytle (1-1), LP — Croft, Save — none, 2B — Seminole, Acosta 2, Youmans, Eubanks 2B — none, HR — none, Records — Seminole 3-4, St. Cloud 2-4.		
RAMINOLE CLASSIC		
OF ALUMNI FIELD, SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL		
SEVENTH PLACE		
FIGHTING SEMINOLES V. BARRACUDAS		
Seminole	003	002 0- 0 7 3
New Smyrna Beach	001	002 0- 0 5 3
Kemp, Flannigan (7) and Youmans, Martin, Montgomery (4), Croft (3) and Kuba, WP — Kemp (1-0), LP — Montgomery (0-1), Save — none, 2B — New Smyrna Beach, Green: Seminole, Gehr, 2B — none, HR — none, Records — New Smyrna Beach 0-4.		
FIFTH PLACE		
LIONS V. BULLDOGS (0-NH)		
St. Cloud	001	001 01- 3 7 3
Oviedo	000	010 02- 4 11 1
Davis, Hopper (7) and West, Malaychick, Boutwell (7) and Burger, WP — Boutwell (2-0), LP — Hopper, Save — none, 2B — St. Cloud, Kennedy, 2B — none, HR — none, Records — Oviedo 1-4.		
OF LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL		
THIRD PLACE		
RAMS V. GREYHOUNDS		
Lyman	011	000 2- 7 5 1
Lake Mary	000	010 2- 4 11 1
Wojciszewski, Panku (3), Beggs (7) and Grant, Mau, Granger (3), Kapaal (5), Alexander (7) and Yero, WP — Granger (1-0), LP — Wojciszewski (0-1), Save — Alexander, 2B — Lyman, Shipley, Carr, Lake Mary, Yero, Bucky, 2B — Lake Mary, Rivera, HR — Lake Mary, Sosa, Records — Lyman 3-5, Lake Mary 1-1.		

# Snow storm ousts Rams

### From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary was blanketed by a "blizzard" Saturday night as Donnette Snow had 24 points, 18 rebounds and 12 blocked shots as Pensacola High School eliminated the Rams with a 50-47 overtime victory in the Class 6A North II Regional Semifinals.

Snow, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, was the difference as the Tigers, 25-4 and the runners-up from District 1, held off a game Lake Mary team that refused to give up.

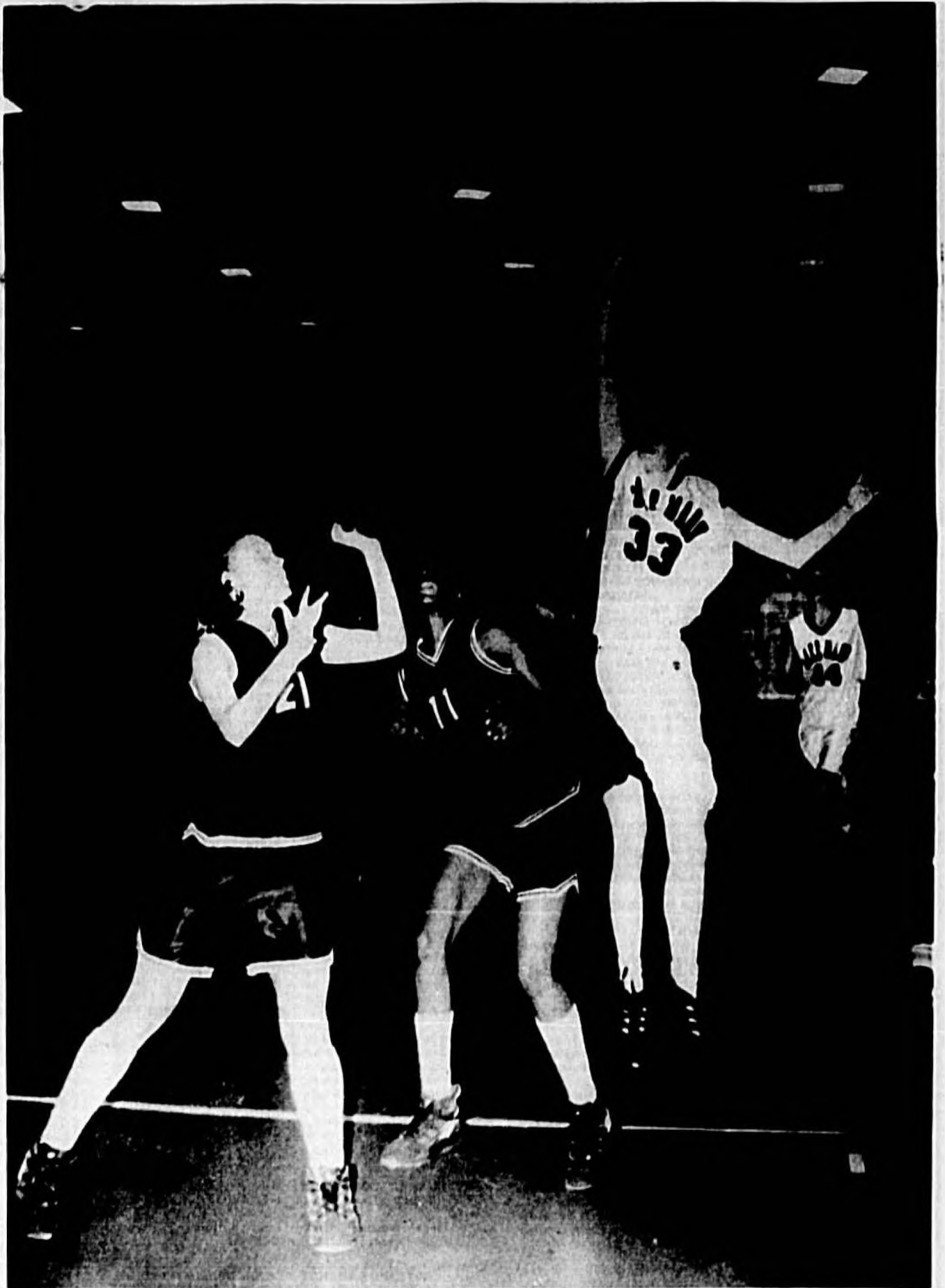
The Rams were down 41-38 with less than two minutes left, but freshman Ashlee Ballance hit a three-pointer to send the game into overtime tied at 43-43.

Lake Mary, the District 4 champions, went up 47-46 in overtime on a jumper by sophomore Stephanie Dale, but Pensacola regained the lead on a turnaround jumper by Snow with 0:23 left on the clock.

The Rams turned the ball over in an attempt to get off a final shot and the Tigers hit two free throws to close out the scoring.

The loss was the first of the year at home for seventh-ranked Lake Mary, which finishes the season with a 24-3 record. Senior center Lori Hammett was the lone Ram in double figures with 13 points. Ballance added nine points and junior Maggie Reedy eight.

TIGERS 50, RAMS 47 (OT)	
Pensacola (50)	Hunter 3, Smith 17, Snow 24, C. East 2, Thompson 1, Slightworth 3. Totals: 23-4 12-38
Lake Mary (47)	Dale 6, Bradley 3, Hammett 13, Ballance 9, Harris 3, Reedy 8, Doby 2, Jaeger 2, Woodall 6, Arroyo 0. Totals: 19-31 12-37
Pensacola	13 2 16 14 7 — 50
Lake Mary	10 10 10 12 4 — 47
Three-point field goals — Lake Mary 1 (Ballance), Fouts — Pensacola 12, Lake Mary 15. Fouled out — Pensacola, Hunter, Lake Mary, Bradley, Technicals — Lake Mary, Hammett. Records — Pensacola 25-4, Lake Mary 24-3.	



Freshman Ashlee Ballance (No. 33) finished with nine points and hit a three-point shot with time running out to force overtime, but the Pensacola Tigers proved to be too much as they eliminated the Lake Mary Rams from the state playoffs with a 50-47 overtime victory Saturday night in the North Region II Semifinals.

## County track teams do well in weekend meets

### From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY — The Seminole High School boys' track and field team finished a strong second to Lake Wales on Saturday in the 32 team George Jenkins Invitational in Lakeland by a score of 86 to 83.

Scoring first places for the

Fighting Seminoles were the 4x800-meter relay team of Tony Martin, James Swain, Keith Cain and Willie Lawson in a time of 8:27.0. Lawson in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:00.0 and Bobby Williams in the Triple Jump with a leap of 43-4.

Earning second place finishes

were Derrick Swain in the 400-meters with a time of 50.2 and Bernard Smith in the Long Jump with a leap of 21-1.

Coming home in third place was the 4x400 relay team of Tyler Cummings, James Swain, Tony Martin and Lawson at 3:37.0, while finishing fourth were Steve Brown

in the Shot Put (44-5), Tori Woods in the Triple Jump (42-5), Chauncey Rickard in the 110 High Hurdles (15.5) and Jeremiah Mitchell in the 3,200 Meter run (10:50.0).

Vince Butler got fifth in the 200 with a time of 23.1 and D.D. Hampton paced the 4x100 relay

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# People

## CALENDAR

**Al-Anon group meets in Sanford**  
If you are troubled by the alcoholism of a friend or relative, there is help. Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2587 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 332-4122.

**Overeaters to gather**  
A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, corner of Park and 6th, Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0657.

**Nar-Anon to offer help**  
Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 889-8364.

**Clogging classes formed**  
The Old Hickory Stompers offer free beginner clogging classes. Intermediate and advanced lessons also available. Meetings are at the Deltona Civic Association on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 349-9629 for more information.

**Take off pounds sensibly**  
Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1007 Sanford Ave., Sanford.  
The group now has a private room to weigh people between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m.  
Each week a different program on weight loss will be conducted.  
For more information about the club, call 323-1768 or 323-1864.

**Toastmasters meet**  
Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #6581 will meet every Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at the old Lake Mary City Hall on Country Club Road. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-8284 for more information.

**Blood Bank seeks donors**  
Central Florida Blood Bank is seeking donors of all types blood — especially O-type donors — to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0622.

**Optimist Club meets weekly**  
The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome. Call 323-2194 or 322-0298.

**Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday**  
The Kiwanis Club of Sanford holds its noon luncheon meetings every Wednesday at the Sanford Civic Center, North Sanford Avenue at the lakefront. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information call Walt Smith, 323-5088.

**Dancing for seniors**  
The Over 50 Dance Club dance is held every Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the Deltonians 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

**Club takes the lead**  
L.E.A.D.S to Success, a club formed 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 Linda Short at 327-2160.

**Widowed Persons meet**  
All widowed persons are invited to meet at 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Casseberry Senior Center, 200 Lake Triplet Drive, Casseberry.

**Woman's Club to meet**  
Lake Mary Woman's Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Contact Cheryl Greene 323-5102 or Pauline Bundachu, 330-3965.

## Volunteer of the Week

# Rotarian likes to help others

**SANFORD** — Richard Martin describes himself as one of those people who likes to help others. One of his helpful efforts has been his work with the Sanford Christian Sharing Center.

Although his duties with the center take precedence he is also involved as a member and the past president in 1990 of the Sanford Rotary Club. He presently serves on the board of directors.

He is also the property chairman of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sanford where he and his wife, June, attend. The couple have been members there since 1980.

Martin is active with a men's golf association in DeBary at Glen Abby.

Working at the Sanford Christian Sharing Center now for over 10 years has given him a lot of valuable experience. He functions as one of the drivers for the organization as well as caring for the property and grounds.

"I do the mowing and trimming on the property at the center," he said. "I also make about two to three trips a month to Second Harvest to bring food back to the center. I'm not as busy in the winter because the grass doesn't need cutting as often. In the summer I have a lot more yard work to do."  
Putting in as much as five



Richard Martin inspects boxes of food at the Sanford Christian Sharing Center.

to six hours a week Martin keeps the outdoor area of the Sanford Christian Sharing Center in tip-top shape.

"I got involved with the center after Irene Brown, the director asked me if I would be interested in helping," he said.

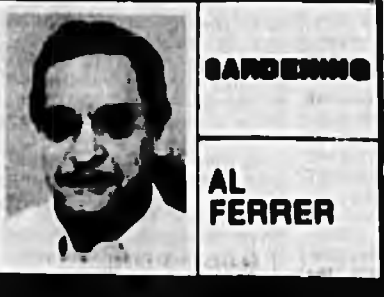
"She used to go to our church. She was the choir directors and I sang in the choir. She said why don't I come down sometime and help so I did."

He summed things up by saying, "This is what drives me. If somebody needs help, I'm

your man."  
Martin and his wife have been married for 45 years. They have four children, Richard Jr., Cynthia, Peggy and Denise. They also have ten grandchildren.

# How to maintain St. Augustine grass

**Fertilization:** The best way to go about fertilizing your lawn is to take a sample of your soil and have a reputable soil laboratory do a soil analysis to determine the actual needs of your soil. The University of Florida Soil Testing Lab will analyze a soil sample for \$5 and give you information on pH and major nutrients like phosphorus and potassium, and some of the other essential elements such as magnesium, copper, zinc, and manganese in your soil. They will recommend the fertilizer and rate to use for your specific lawn needs. If you do like most people do, you will skip this important step and buy a general fertilizer. A good all-purpose lawn fertilizer for the spring is a 16-4-8 with a slow release nitrogen, preferably with micronutrients. Always follow the rule that nitrogen should be applied at a rate of 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. If you use a 10-10-10 fertilizer, you will need 10 pounds to apply 1 pound of actual nitrogen to cover the 1,000 square feet of if you see a 6-6-6 fertilizer, you will need 18.7 pounds to cover 1,000 square feet of lawn. A high maintenance fertilizer program will require 4 fertilizer applications per year. For Central Florida, it means one in March, May, July, and September. A 15-0-14 fertilizer



can be used in May and July instead of the 16-4-8 fertilizer. Iron may be applied in the summer (June) to give the grass a better color, and especially if some yellowing appears in your lawn. Apply 2 oz. of ferrous sulfate in 3 to 5 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet or use a chelated form of iron as indicated in the label.

**Irrigation:** Watering your lawn may be a tricky business. If you water too much you can promote diseases or if you do not water enough you can encourage insect build-up or poor growth of your lawn. You should irrigate only when needed, generally, when the grass blades begin to wilt. Apply 3/4 inches of water and do not water again until willing occurs.

**Mowing:** Mowing is a very important practice and many problems arise because of improper mowing practices. Mow

the lawn at 3 inches on a low-maintenance fertilizer program or 2 1/2 inches on a high maintenance fertilizer program. Do not remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in each mowing.

Make sure that the blades are sharp during the mowing operation, otherwise the leaf blades will be injured more than necessary and the recovery may be slow and predispose the plant to other problems.

**Pests and diseases:** St. Augustine grass is affected by many insect and disease problems. Learning to recognize their symptoms is important because if the damage is allowed to continue for a long period of time, the problem could be more difficult to control and the damage could become very expensive. Chinch bugs are probably one of the most important insects in St. Augustine grass. The best way to control them is to use resistant varieties such as Floratam or Florawyn. There are known cases of chinch bug damage to these cultivars and therefore you should be alert of this insect even if you have resistant varieties. Other insect pests are webworms, army worms, grass loopers, and mole crickets. The most recognized diseases in St. Augustine grass are brown

patch and gray leaf spot. Brown patch occurs in warm, humid weather (spring and fall months) and is associated with excessive nitrogen levels. Gray leaf spot occurs during the summer rainy season and it is also associated with high nitrogen levels. Damage of both diseases can be minimized by using slow release nitrogen fertilizers and maintaining good drainage in your yard. Fungicides can also be used to control these diseases. Another disease known as Take-All disease has been reported frequently in St. Augustine and other grasses. This particular disease is harder to diagnose and is difficult to control. Grasses affected with this disease will not recover from the damage and in many instances it is necessary to replace the affected areas. Only systemic fungicides have some effect in controlling this disease but in many cases, because of the difficulty in identifying this disease, the affected plants are not treated early enough to provide an adequate control of the disease.

(Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 260 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 323-2500, Ext. 5558.)

## TUESDAY'S PRIME TIME

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## Groom should help writing notes

**DEAR ABBY:** Where is it written that it is the bride's duty to write all the thank-you notes? Aren't wedding gifts intended to be enjoyed by both the bride and the groom? At least half of our wedding gifts came from my husband's side of the family.

Even though my husband agreed to write thank-you notes for the gifts from his friends and relatives, he kept putting it off for so long, I was embarrassed, and I finally wrote them all myself.

Please print this in your column. Many newlywed wives will thank you.

FRANK'S WIFE  
IN SPRINGFIELD, VA.

**DEAR WIFE:** Times have changed. More newlywed wives are now fully employed outside the home.

In years gone by, the husband brought home the bacon and the wife fried it. No more. There's a new innovation, as I clearly state in my wedding booklet: "The bride and groom share the writing of thank-you notes. She writes to her friends and family, he to his."

**DEAR ABBY:** Regarding "Enraged in Bremerton, Wash.," who has been inspired to political activism by the closing of a government-sponsored food shelter in her state: Why does she assume that it's the government's responsibility to feed the hungry? Where in the Constitution does it say that? Rather, it is our duty as neighbors and citizens to help those less fortunate

**ADVICE**

**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

Best of all, it's done with donated time and food that would have gone to waste, rather than spending our precious tax dollars.

EILEEN COALE,  
ANNAPOLIS, MD.

**DEAR EILEEN:** Thank you for your helpful suggestions to implement community activism. I see your point, and it makes sense to me. However, it's not as simple as you make it seem. There are health department regulations, tax ramifications and fiduciary responsibilities that I doubt an 18-year-old would know how to handle. Perhaps those wishing to solve this nationwide problem should volunteer to work with an established charity such as a privately funded or church-sponsored food bank or service club.

(Problems? Write to Dear Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 60440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90068. All correspondence is confidential.)

**GRUMPIER OLD MEN**  
**TO WONG FOO**

Legal Notices

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GIVES NOTICE OF INTENTED AGENCY ACTION
The District gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to the following applicant(s) on March 12, 1996:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 719 SOUTH WOODLAND BLVD., DELAND, FL 32720, application #12-117-00843M2. The project is located in Seminole County, Sections 19 & 20, Township 19 South, Range 30 East. The WRM application is for MODIFICATION TO THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PERMIT FOR EXCAVATION AND FILL OF WETLANDS ADJACENT WITH CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS AT ORLANDO LAKE FOREST SECTIONS 19 & 20. The receiving waterbody is the LOCKHART SMITH CANAL.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each cipher stands for another. Today's clue: X equals Q.

OFF THE LEASH



Right, Bobby, and I'm the tooth fairy. Now can I get a little nap?

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that E. LAMAR OR JANEL L. SHARP, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 95-129-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF JASON BILL Deceased.

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PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 95-436-CP
IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF RYLE EUGENE McDERMOTT, a minor child.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
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PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 95-100-CA-14-R
BARNETT BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, N.A., Plaintiff.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
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NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING NAME
Notice is hereby given that I am engaged in business at 2790 Narcissus Ave., Sanford, FL 32771, Seminole County, Florida, under the Fictitious Name of GIBB JONES, and that I intend to register said name with the Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of the Fictitious Name Statute, To-Wit: Section 965.09, Florida Statutes 1991. William R. Griffith
Publish: February 27, 1996 DEM-247
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given: all at McCConnell Towing will be at Public Auction for Salvage for Cash on demand to highest bidder, the following described vehicles:
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The Auction will be held at 12:00 pm on said dates above. McCConnell Towing & Recovery 2800 Sanford Ave., Sanford, FL 32773. Prospective bidders may inspect vehicles one hour prior to sale. Terms are cash or Certified Funds. McCConnell Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Publish: February 27, 1996 DEM-244
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**BLONDIE**

by Chic Young



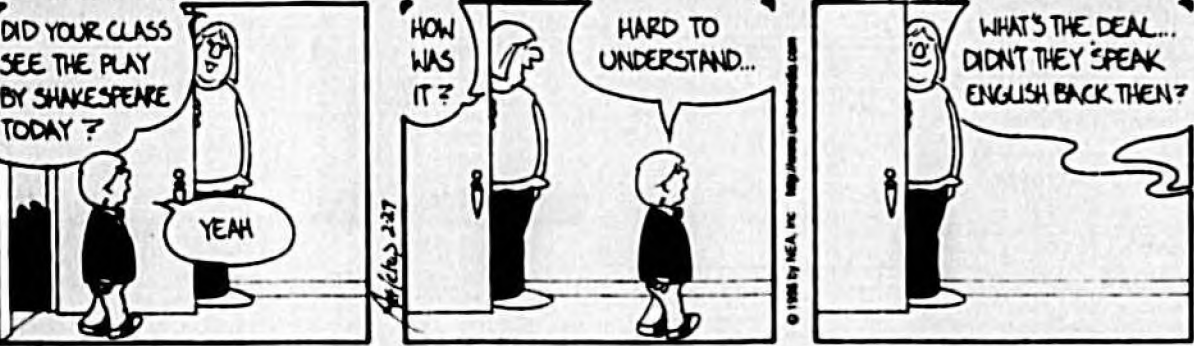
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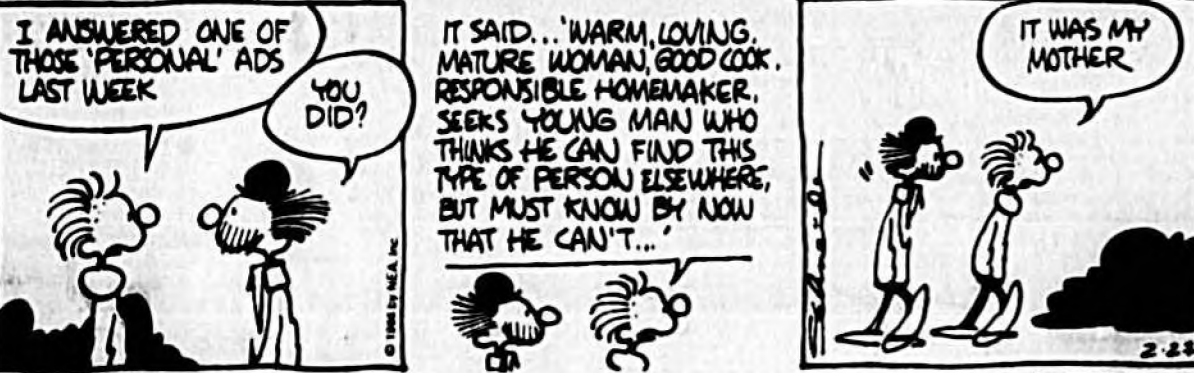
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**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



**How much food is enough?**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** When a medication comes with instructions to "take with food," what constitutes food? If between meals, is a cracker, for instance, sufficient?

**DEAR READER:** Some medications are absorbed more completely when taken on an empty stomach; others enter the body more readily when combined with food. The question is how much food.

As a general rule, it's easiest to take the latter drugs with a meal. In this way, it isn't necessary to debate how much food is appropriate. I doubt that a single cracker fills the bill. Would two do? Maybe, depending on the medicine.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My husband was diagnosed with high blood pressure four months ago. He was put on Prinivil and, ever since, he has stopped snoring. He's now so quiet that I check on him when he's sleeping to see if he's breathing. Is there a connection?

**DEAR READER:** Prinivil is a drug commonly prescribed for hypertension. To my knowledge, it has no effect on snoring, which is usually caused by flaccid tissue at the back of the throat that interferes with breathing. Can your husband's doctor, after appropriate examination, shed some light on your interesting observation?

To give you more information on the two conditions discussed, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Hypertension" and "Sleep/Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like copies should send \$2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I'm a 28-year-old female. For the past year I've suffered from interstitial cystitis. At times the pain gets so bad that I have to remain in bed. I'm under the care of a urologist and have had numerous procedures performed by him. I've already received a second opinion. I will do anything to be able to live pain-free. Can certain foods or behavior upset my condition?

**DEAR READER:** Interstitial cystitis is a non-infectious bladder irritation, probably due to an auto-immune phenomenon (self-allergy), which causes ulcers of the bladder lining, painful urination, diminished bladder capacity and blood in the urine.

The condition usually responds to repeated, mechanical stretching of the bladder, in conjunction with

cautery of the ulcers. However, as you've discovered, the procedure must be repeated, because the ulcers tend to recur.

Foods and behavior will not affect the bladder problem.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Do you have any information on the effectiveness of shark cartilage in the treatment of cancer, and is it possible for bone cancer to go into remission in a female in her early 40s if she is treated with shark cartilage?

**DEAR READER:** Shark cartilage has gained a lot of media attention recently as an anti-cancer compound. Although research into its effectiveness is presently under way, scientific studies have thus far been inconclusive.



**MEDICINE**

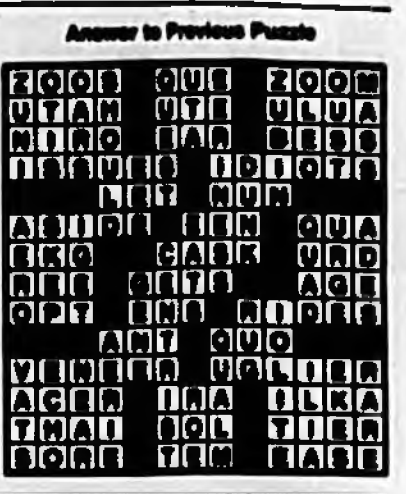
**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

For no known reason, some cancers (including bone cancer) may go into remission with no therapy whatsoever. Therefore, anecdotal reports of "cures" from one substance or another must be viewed with skepticism.

Until shark cartilage has been proved worthwhile, I recommend that patients stay away from it. There are many useful alternatives, which can be prescribed by oncologists (cancer specialists). I believe that these drugs are superior to shark cartilage.

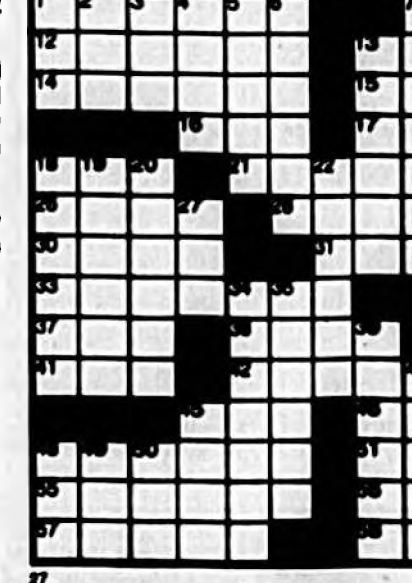
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**STUMPED?** Call for Answers @ Touch-tone or Rotary Phones 1-800-454-5555 ext. code 100 @ 95¢ per minute



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- 54 Commit a faux pas

**WIN AT BRIDGE**

**Success from supposition**

By Phillip Alder

During the play of a bridge deal, clues flutter around the table like fireflies on a summer's night. The hard part is spotting them. Yet help is now at hand. Albert Dormer has written an excellent book, "Dormer on Deduction" (Gollancz, \$18.05 p.p. from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124).

Be warned that some deals are difficult, but I think Dormer has the best writing style of any bridge author, molding the words into delightful sentences. This alone makes the book a pleasure to read.

Today's deal is one of Dormer's easiest. Against four spades, West leads the diamond ace: three, queen, two. West continues with the diamond king and

another diamond. You ruff, play a trump to dummy's king, which wins, and a trump to your queen. West signaling with the heart nine. East takes your next spade play with the ace (West discarding the heart three) and switches to the heart 10. Should you finesse the queen or go up with the ace and play for the clubs to break 3-3?

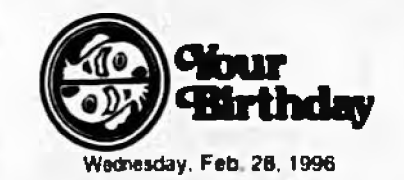
Maybe you played the heart queen, thinking that a finesse is 50-50 whereas a 3-3 break will occur only about one-third of the time. True, but bridge logic is more important than percentages. East's diamond queen at trick one showed the jack. If West held the heart king, he would have underled his diamond king at trick two. East would have switched to a heart at trick three, defeating the contract. As West didn't defend like that, he cannot have the heart king.

So, take the heart finesse, draw East's last trump and claim.

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**HOROSCOPE**



Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1996

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Partnership arrangements will look encouraging to you today. You can supply the idea and game plan, but let your cohort carry out your strategy.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** With a concerted effort, you can derive greater-than-usual gains from your customary sources today. New channels might not offer you the same probabilities.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You should lead rather than follow today. If you hope to advance your self-interest, you should rely on your abilities and assets instead of depending on others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not be unduly concerned today if you have to take a few hits in the early innings. Your strengths will come into play during your last at bat.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Take measures today to lighten the lies that bind you to two close friends. Something mutually beneficial can develop if these

bonds remain intact.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You will have the ability to find what you seek today, especially if your objectives are of a financial or commercial nature. Pursue your goals boldly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Even though you might be tempted to avoid distasteful issues today, you must try to face the music. Today, even the unsolvable can be resolved.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Do not let preconceived, negative notions hold you hostage today. Make an effort to experience new situations.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you have doubts regarding a decision you might have to make today, seek the counsel of a trusted friend. He or she will not let you down.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Set your playthings aside and focus your energies and efforts on productive endeavors. You can accomplish a lot today if you work for what you want.

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