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Conchs to defend 'Blue' title

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Reigning Big Blue Bonanza champion Key West earned the chance to defend its crown by blanking Seminole 10-0 Wednesday. The Conchs play Deltona tonight. **See Page 1B**

People

Volunteer of the Week

An area woman administers lots of tender loving care to retired racing greyhounds before they are adopted. **See Page 3B.**

BRIEFS

Army's civic appreciation

SANFORD — The Salvation Army of Seminole County will hold its annual Civic Appreciation Banquet today, beginning at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Major Tom Jones, Community Relations and Development Secretary with the Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in Atlanta.

He was appointed to Sanford by the Army in the late 1960s and is familiar with the area. Both of his children were born in Sanford.

Various award winners from the past year will be officially recognized.

Secretary of the Year

SANFORD — The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce will observe National Secretary Week on Tuesday, April 25, with a special gathering at Heathrow Country Club. The event is scheduled to begin at 12 noon with guest speaker Lisa Maile, of Lisa Maile Image, Modeling, Professional Acting School.

One of the highlights will be the announcement of the chamber's secretary of the year winner.

The chamber is still accepting nominations for the secretary of the year, which must be submitted in writing to the chamber by no later than Tuesday, April 19.

Cost for the luncheon is \$15 in advance. Reservation deadline is April 21.

For advance reservations, phone the chamber at 322-2212.

Airport meeting set Friday

SANFORD — The Sanford Airport Authority of the Orlando Sanford Airport will hold a special meeting Friday, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m., in the conference room of the A. Kay Shoemaker International Terminal.

Items scheduled for discussion include a consideration of a new lease with Comair Aviation Academy, and a briefing and tour for members of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority.

Earth day celebration

SANFORD — Earth Day will be observed at the Central Florida Zoological Park, Saturday, April 22. During the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the Backyard Habitat Exhibit will officially open to the public with a vine-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m.

Special displays, workshops and presentations are being scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be no change in the regular admission prices at the zoo for this special Backyard Habitat Display debut.

For additional information, phone 323-4450, ext. 115.

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There are only two occasions when Americans respect privacy. Those are prayer and fishing. —Herbert Hoover



Today: Partly sunny. High in the mid 80s. Wind East 10-15 mph. Rain chance 30 percent.

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Commuters' nightmare

I-4 chemical spill snarls morning rush hour traffic

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — As on most days, rush hour on Interstate 4 and on U.S. Highway 17-92 this morning permitted little in the way of rushing.

The problem was intensified this morning when traffic ground to a complete halt in both directions just before dawn after a single vehicle accident created a chemical spill. The accident forced the closing of the Interstate and the rerouting of traffic to U.S. Highway 17-92, to the Greenway and to Markham Woods Road.

Ken Roberts, emergency management coordinator for the Seminole County Fire Department, said the county's specialized Hazardous Materials cleanup team was dispatched to the scene on the eastbound side of I-4, just north of the eastbound rest stop, where a 6,000-gallon Clearwater Chemical Company tanker truck had rolled over on the outside shoulder of the road, rupturing some lines on the vehicle.

A "relatively small amount" of Hydrochloric acid, a strong bleach, was spilled.

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Commuters this morning leave I-4 after a chemical spill to fight traffic on southbound 17-92.

No academic lightweights



Lake Brantley High School Physics Olympics superstars

Photo Courtesy of Chris Lapota

Physics Olympics proves students are in good shape

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Physics is not a science for academic lightweights. The science students in Seminole County

have proved, however, they are up to the challenge and are better than most when it comes to physics.

Last month, 25 central Florida schools took part in the Physics Olympics that challenged

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Girls to play ball in spite of controversy

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A girls' under-15 softball team left without a coach will resume playing Saturday. They will do so with their regular coach, but without their assistant coach.

The girls, members of their families and supporters have been conducting a drive to get their volunteer assistant coach Jack Berning reinstated after he was dismissed by Recreation Department officials.

Berning, a former deputy sheriff, had reportedly been charged in connection with sexual battery last December, and subsequently resigned from his law enforcement position.

Sanford Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Kirby, said the city attorney subsequently deemed it to be in the best interests of the city to dismiss him from his coaching position until the matter is resolved.

At the time, Kirby said the regular coach, Dave Blakely, had said he refused to coach without the assistance of his assistant, Berning.

The girls made their first public objection to the

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Computer crime: Former mayor pleads

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The former Casselberry mayor faces 15 years probation, 200 hours of community service and will pay restitution to a Sanford business after pleading no contest to grand theft and computer crime Wednesday.

Joe Hillebrandt, 35, is scheduled to be sentenced next month under the negotiated plea agreement. The charges against the ex-mayor stemmed from computer work he performed for the Sanford Auto Auction. Hillebrandt's computer software company is Longwood Enterprises.

He was arrested in September on charges he used bogus vehicle identification numbers and dealer data to write his business unauthorized checks totaling over \$23,000 from the auction.

Hillebrandt had been Casselberry mayor since 1991. He was suspended from office Sept. 14 by Gov. Lawton Chiles but qualified to seek re-election two days later. Hillebrandt dropped out of the race in October to focus on preparing his defense against the criminal charges.

The plea agreement calls for Hillebrandt to pay \$15,315 restitu-

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In your Easter bonnet...



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Kieara Cotton, 3, left, and Claudia Rodriguez, 4, display their Easter bonnets for the Pre-K Easter Parade at Goldsboro Elementary School Wednesday.

Salvation Army to expand

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Salvation Army has denied that they will abandon services in Sanford.

They will, instead, expand to serve Seminole County through an additional facility in the south part of the county.

The variety of services provided by the Salvation Army is becoming more than the one facility in Sanford can handle.

"We are looking to expand our work further into the south part of the county," said Lt. Greg Franks, commander of the Seminole County corps. "Our headquarters would remain in Sanford, but we would move some operations to the south part of the county."

Franks said there are many people in the south part of the county who travel to Orlando in search of assistance. They go there, he said, because it is closer.

"Unfortunately, Orlando has to send them all the way back here to Sanford," he noted. "They have to send them back here because we are divided along county lines."

Franks said the Salvation Army has been located in Sanford for

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FLORIDA BRIEFS



Ex-mayor gets break in prison

MIAMI — Former Miami Beach Mayor Alex Daoud, who says he got the punishment he deserved for public corruption, was given a break on his prison sentence for helping put two bankers behind bars.

"I realize now how wrong I was," Daoud told a judge Wednesday. "I didn't want to believe what was in the indictment. I realize how I had fallen. I made a shambles of my life. I really deserved the punishment."

U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King ordered Daoud, 52, a six-year mayor and lawyer, to be set free by Sunday, and defense attorney Bruce Rogow said he hoped the paperwork could be processed for release today.

Daoud was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison and has served about 18 months on bribery, obstruction of justice, money laundering and tax evasion charges.

His testimony was used to convict CenTrust Savings Bank chairman David Paul and Capital Bank founder Abel Holtz, and federal prosecutors in both cases testified for Daoud.

Fire causes terminal damage

HOLLYWOOD — A terminal was evacuated at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport when a fire on an American Airlines luggage conveyor system sent heavy smoke through the building.

About 1,000 passengers were evacuated Wednesday. About 3,000 to 4,000 suffered flight delays, said airport spokesman Jim Reynolds.

The fire, believed to be electrical in origin, was contained within an hour, and normal airport operations resumed, said airport officials.

One person reported heart problems, Reynolds said, adding he didn't know whether it was related to the fire.

Passengers were allowed back into the terminal within two hours.

"I was at the bar watching something on television when I heard the alarm go off and I didn't understand what was happening," said passenger Ellen Pollack. "At first I thought it was a bomb or something. I got scared."

There was no major physical damage to the building, Reynolds said.

Appeals court says sentence too light

MIAMI (AP) — An appeals court has ruled a sentence of probation for a man convicted of trying to smuggle weapons to Cuba was too lenient, but his lawyer doesn't plan to challenge the ruling.

The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta ruled March 18 the sentence of 24 months probation for Ivan Leon Rojas wasn't enough and ordered Federal Judge James Lawrence King to resentencing him.

Rojas, who pleaded guilty in 1993 for his role in attempting to transport machine guns, grenade launchers and ammunition to Cuba, already has served 22 months of his probation.

According to the circuit court's mandate, which has not been formally issued to King, the judge must follow federal sentencing guidelines and send Rojas to prison for up to 30 months for possessing unregistered firearms.

Defense attorney Gerardo Remy said he has no immediate plans to contest the appeals court's opinion, but will wait until the court transmits its mandate before making a final decision.

In January 1992, Rojas and four others were stopped by the U.S. Coast Guard about 50 miles off the Cuban coast. A search of the men's boat uncovered an arsenal including .30-caliber and .50-caliber Browning machine guns; four fully automatic rifles, including three equipped with grenade launchers; and 10,000 rounds of ammunition.

5 arrested in loan scam

WEST PALM BEACH — Five people have been arrested in connection with a fake loan scam which netted almost \$2 million in illegal advance fees for loans which were never granted.

Authorities said those charged Wednesday owned and operated several storefront loan brokerage businesses in Broward and Palm Beach counties. They placed newspaper ads around the country soliciting applications for business loans.

Interested individuals would pay fees between \$4,000 and \$65,000, then be put off with a variety of excuses when the loans did not come through, according to a release from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Arrested were: Roy Gusow, 63, of Hillsboro Beach; Scott Gusow, 38, of Delray Beach; Mark Gusow, 34, of Boca Raton; Warren Stang, 40, of Delray Beach; and Bruce Kitchen, 55, of New York.

All are charged with racketeering, conspiracy to racketeer, conspiracy to commit grand theft and several counts of grand theft.

The investigation continued and more arrests were expected, FDLE said.

From Associated Press reports

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Black caucus

Lawmakers express concerns over schools

By ADAM YEOMANS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The Legislature's push to allow private groups to receive tax money to operate so-called "charter" schools should be slowed down, a group of black lawmakers told Gov. Lawton Chiles.

"Charter schools seem to be on a fast track," Rep. Les Miller, vice chairman of the Legislature's black caucus, told Chiles on Wednesday. "We have some major concerns about the issue and if charter schools are beneficial to the state of Florida."

The Senate already has passed a bill (CS-SB 2396) to allow businesses, teachers and other groups to operate the experimental schools. School organizers would not be bound by state or federal regulations, although they would have to comply with health, safety and civil rights protections.

Supporters, such as Education Commissioner Frank Brogan, say charter schools would give local districts another tool aimed at improving public education. The House

bill (CS-HB 1191) is in Appropriations.

Miller, D-Tampa, and about a dozen other black lawmakers met with Chiles and Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay over lunch at the Governor's Mansion on Wednesday to discuss the caucus's top legislative issues.

Miller said black lawmakers wanted the state to study the charter school concept before moving forward. Many of them are concerned charter schools will drain tax dollars from existing public schools in inner-city neighborhoods.

"What happens in a charter school district? Do we go back to segregated schools?" Miller said after the luncheon.

Some lawmakers have suggested increasing the tax money for charter school organizers who set up in areas with large concentrations of at-risk youths.

Chiles said he wanted school districts to have the ability to try to implement charter schools but agreed lawmakers had legitimate concerns.

"We don't think it ought to be opened up like crazy or anything like that," he said.

Black lawmakers also told Chiles they wanted more money for prevention programs such as pre-kindergarten classes, subsidized day-care and welfare reform. They said they supported his efforts to bring more high-paying jobs to Florida, but they wanted minority-owned businesses included in the mix.

Chiles appealed to the caucus to support his efforts to reduce the state's rules and regulations.

"I think it is a jobs issue more than anything else," he said. "I think it's also a dadgum good political issue."

The friendly mood at the luncheon was a marked contrast to last year when Chiles and then-caucus Chairman Al Lawson argued over support for a claims bill for the survivors of the Rosewood massacre in 1923. Chiles supported the bill, but Lawson didn't think the governor was doing enough to get it passed, which it did.

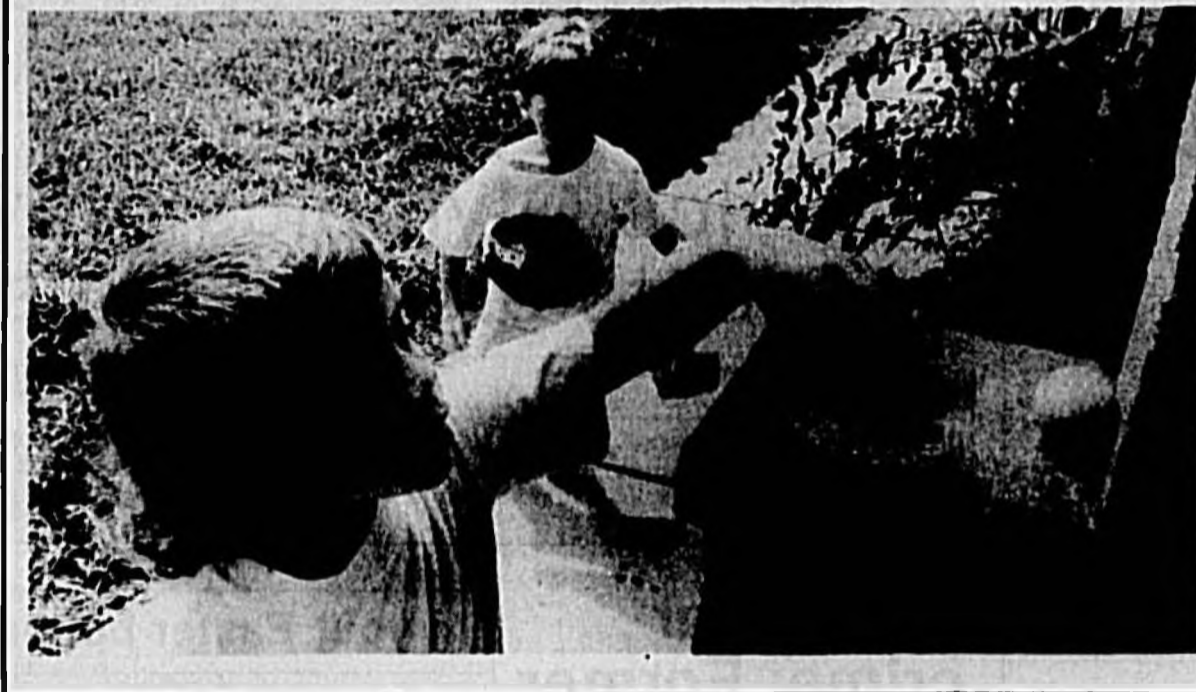
Lawson, D-Tallahassee, did not attend this year's luncheon.



Herold Photos by Tommy Vincent

St. Peter's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny visited St. Peter's Pre-School in Lake Mary a little early this year for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. In top photo, youngsters scatter to find the brightly-colored eggs under the watchful eyes of the bunny and Laurie Meador, pre-school director. In lower photo, Michael Mundon Jr., 4, finds an egg on top of a building block.



Bomb explodes in Jax

Device blew up in front of tax office

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By Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — A bomb exploded early this morning in front of a tax collector's office and next to an abortion clinic, but officials weren't sure what the intended target was.

The device blew up in front of a Duval County tax collector's office at about 12:30 a.m. EST, shattering glass and sending pieces of metal 50 yards away, officials said. No one was injured.

"The office is next door to the All Women's Health Center, which provides abortions," a spokeswoman at the clinic had no comment on the blast.

The explosive device was placed on the sidewalk in front of the tax office, where area residents renew their license tags.

"All indications were that it was directed to the tax collector's office," said Sgt. Malcolm Adams, spokesman for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. But he added: "We're not going to limit it to anything."

No other buildings in the area were damaged, but pieces of shrapnel penetrated the concrete wall of a Chinese restaurant facing the tax office across a parking area in a strip mall, Adams said.

"It blew the window out. It blew the door frame out. It blew shrapnel over 50 yards" from the office, said Jacksonville fire-rescue spokesman John Peavy.

"I'm sure they'll look at every angle, including if there have been threats at Chinese restaurants," Adams said.

LOTTERY

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

Fantasy 5
23-15-8-2-9

Cash 3
1-5-7
Play 4
5-2-0-1

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THE WEATHER

LOOK AHEAD

Tonight: Fair, clearing after possible storms. Wind north 5-10 mph. Temperatures in the mid 80s.

Friday: Mostly sunny to gorgeous, lows in the upper 60s to low 70s, highs in the mid to upper 70s. Saturday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the lower 60s. Easter: Mostly sunny with no chance of rain. Highs in the lower 80s, lows in the lower 60s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

THURSDAY Mostly cloudy 82-88	FRIDAY Mostly sunny 78-88	SATURDAY Partly cloudy 82-88	SUNDAY Mostly sunny 82-88	MONDAY Mostly sunny 82-88

MOON PHASES

FIRST May 7	FULL April 15
LAST April 21	NEW April 29

TIDES

THURSDAY SOLAR TABLE: Min. 4:00 a.m., 4:15 p.m.; Maj. 10:05 a.m., 10:30 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: high, 8:55 a.m., 7:25 p.m.; low, 12:48, 1:04 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 7:00, 7:30 p.m.; low, 12:53, 1:09 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 7:15 a.m., 7:45 p.m.; low, 1:06, 1:24 p.m.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford on Wednesday was 82 degrees and Thursday's overnight low was 61 degrees as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Educational Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the weekend period ending 9 a.m. Monday, totaled 0 inches.

☀Sunset.....7:50 p.m.
☁Sunrise.....7:01 a.m.

FLORIDA TEMPS

City	Hi	Lo	Pr
Daytona Beach	88	71	.20
Fort Lauderdale	88	70	.mm
Fort Myers	80	70	.76
Gainesville	74	65	.76
Hernando	82	74	.84
Jacksonville	79	67	.84
Kay West	83	77	.80
Lakeland	85	71	.80
Miami	82	74	.80
Orlando	85	72	.84
Pensacola	77	64	.84
Sebring	85	72	.80
Tallahassee	77	64	.84
Tampa	83	73	.80
Vero Beach	85	73	.80
W. Palm Beach	82	73	.80

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 1-2 feet and semi-glassy. The current is to the north. Water temperature is 68 degrees.

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

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Today: Wind south to southwest 10 knots becoming west 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Wind and sea higher near scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Tonight: Wind shifting to northwest and increasing to 15 to 20 knots.

NATIONAL

City	Hi	Lo	Pr	Ch
Amarillo	66	38	.00	city
Anchorage	67	41	.00	city
Atlanta	67	40	.00	city
Atlantic City	67	39	.00	city
Austin	82	58	.00	city
Baltimore	73	50	.00	city
Boston	69	48	.00	city
Buffalo	68	33	.00	city
Burlington, Vt.	57	44	.00	city
Casper	57	36	.00	city
Charleston, S.C.	73	60	.00	city
Charleston, W. Va.	68	37	.00	city
Charlotte, N.C.	68	38	.00	city
Chicago	68	36	.00	city
Cincinnati	64	39	.10	city
Cleveland	65	41	.00	city
Concord, N.H.	65	39	.00	city
Dallas-Ft. Worth	77	48	.00	city
Danver	58	40	.00	city
Des Moines	61	38	.01	city
Detroit	60	38	.00	city
Honolulu	83	72	.13	city
Houston	83	54	.00	city
Indianapolis	68	41	.00	city
Jackson	68	39	.00	city
Kansas City	68	31	.00	city
Las Vegas	89	64	.00	city
Las Vegas	89	64	.00	city
Little Rock	76	49	.00	city
Los Angeles	82	69	.00	city
Memphis	69	48	.00	city
Milwaukee	68	48	.10	city
Minneapolis	68	38	.00	city
Nashville	73	44	.00	city
New Orleans	80	53	.00	city
New York City	58	31	.00	city
Oklahoma City	69	37	.00	city
Omaha	67	38	.00	city
Philadelphia	71	50	.00	city
Phoenix	87	41	.00	city
Pittsburgh	61	41	.13	city
Portland, Maine	64	39	.00	city
Sacramento	71	51	.00	city
St. Louis	68	41	.00	city
Salt Lake City	69	39	.00	city
San Antonio	85	50	.00	city
Springfield	79	48	.00	city
Washington, D.C.	74	41	.00	city

POLICE BRIEFS

Singing man

Sanford police arrested Joseph R. Labrecque, 63, of 519 E. First St., in front of the Sanford City Hall Tuesday. A police officer said he saw a man with a scratch on his nose, standing near the corner, singing. When the officer approached the man and asked if anything was wrong, he reported the man attacked him and indicated he wanted to make a citizen's arrest. Labrecque was arrested on a charge of battery to a law enforcement officer.

Burglary arrest

Lamar Donnell McClary, 24, 138 Carver Ave., Sanford, was arrested at the Sanford police station Monday following an investigation into two burglary cases. Police said they identified McClary through fingerprints, in connection with the burglary reported recently at the Boys and Girls Club on Persimmon Avenue in which an estimated \$500 in property was reportedly stolen. Police said an aluminum ladder believed to have been used in the burglary was one reportedly stolen in a separate burglary at Crooms School of Choice. McClary was arrested on charges of burglary and grand theft.

Man arrested at pool

Sanford police arrested David Alan Doran, 29, of 121 Wilner Circle, at his residence Tuesday. Officers said he was seen by children on a chair at a swimming pool reportedly with his pants halfway down. He was arrested on a charge of committing a lewd act in the presence of a child.

Multiple charges

Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Ruben Joiner, 27, of 311 Rachel Ave., at his residence early Wednesday. Deputies said he had reportedly been involved in a dispute with his wife in a parking lot on U.S. Highway 17-92, west of Sanford, but had subsequently driven to his home. When deputies arrived, they indicated the dispute was still in progress, and the man was said to have attacked one of the deputies in the process of the investigation. Joiner was arrested on charges of battery domestic violence, possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest with violence, and assault/battery on a law enforcement officer.

Domestic case

Todd Andrew Greene, 32, 4473 W. SR-48, was arrested by deputies at his residence Tuesday following a reported dispute with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Disorderly

Todd Ronald Henderson, 23, 900 E. Airport Blvd., was arrested by Sanford police following difficulties reported at Palmtree Apartments. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

Sheriff reports

• An estimated \$400 in jewelry was reportedly stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 2000 block of Burroughs Avenue in Roseland Park near Sanford.
 • The theft of a checkbook was reported Tuesday, from a residence in the 8400 block of Markham Road. The owner told deputies the book had been stolen near the first of the month, but he has recently become aware that a check had been forged and cashed at an area bank.

Incidents

• Sheriff's deputies are investigating reported thefts, since March 27, of items in excess of \$300 from a business in the 1800 block of State Road 419. Deputies said evidence indicated the items had been taken in a wheelbarrow.
 • Two TV sets, jewelry and other items valued at \$650 were reportedly stolen Monday from a residence in the 300 block of Palmetto Avenue in Sanford.
 • Sanford police report a number of power tools were apparently taken out of a business early Tuesday in the 700 block of French Avenue. Police said most of the tools were found strewn in various areas outside the building. It is unknown if any additional items were taken.
 • A maroon 1988 Dodge, license number PYB-70J was reported stolen Monday from a school bus compound in the 1500 block of E. Eighth Street in Sanford.
 • A convenience store clerk told police a man pushed the clerk out of the way Friday and reached in the cash drawer, escaping with an estimated \$45 in cash.

Dog virus temporarily closes shelter

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The death of a dog from the highly contagious parvovirus has closed the Humane Society of Seminole County until Monday and has pet owners checking their dog's vaccination records.

Regular vaccinations help

prevent parvo but sometimes the virus strikes dogs who have received their shots. Puppies and old dogs are usually more prone to the disease and Rottweilers are especially vulnerable.

A Rottweiler died of the virus last week at the humane society, closing the shelter for 10 days. The dog had been at the shelter

several weeks and was vaccinated for parvo.

"We have not had any other cases of parvo," executive director Bruce Johnson said this morning. He noted the virus incubation period is 7-10 days. "We are proceeding with the quarantine until Monday as planned, although it makes it difficult for us because it eliminates a funding source for us, which is our adoption fees," Johnson said. "But we have to be responsible."

Dogs who had contact with the Rottweiler before it died have been separated from the pet population. Areas occupied by the dog have been scrubbed and

disinfected.

A worker at a Lake Mary veterinary clinic said no parvo cases have been reported there.

The virus is spread through contact with saliva and feces. Keeping pets away from strange dogs and from contact with dog droppings may help stop the virus.

Parvo symptoms include lethargy, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and no interest in food or water. A dog may be active and playful one minute and ill the next. If symptoms occur, dogs should be taken to the veterinarian immediately. Usually, early diagnosis and treatment cure the virus.

Florida touts 'family-centered' welfare reform

By JACKIE NALLIFAX
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Deadbeat parents who tell judges they can't pay child support because they can't find work could get a little help under a package of welfare reforms backed by House leaders.

A bill headed for the House floor would give judges in two circuits the power to order unemployed parents who are behind on their child support payments into work or a job-training program. Lawmakers were to debate it today.

The plan is to amend the legislation to add another measure that would speed up the suspension of driver's licenses of deadbeat parents and could cost their boat registrations as well.

Reforms passed two years ago put Florida on the cutting edge of welfare reform, according to House Speaker Peter Rudy Wallace.

Under the 1993 law, welfare recipients in Escambia and Alachua counties are given more training and day care to help them become self-sufficient. At the end of two years, if they don't have work, they will probably lose their benefits. Participation is mandatory in Escambia and voluntary in Alachua.

"We were the first state in the nation to make welfare benefits time-limited," Wallace, D-St. Petersburg, told reporters Wednesday.

The House budget has \$28 million to expand that program to another 19,000 families. Rep. Mary Brennan, chairwoman of the Aging and Human Services Committee, said the 1993 reforms have proved successful and put Florida ahead of the curve on welfare reform.

"It's like the Mountain Dew commercial," Brennan, D-Pinellas Park, said. "We can say 'Done it, done it, done it, done it.'"

Unlike other states, Florida doesn't have a problem with welfare recipients getting stuck in a cycle of dependency, she said, noting the average welfare

At a glance

A welfare reform package (HB 2687) advocated by House leaders:

• Lets judges in two judicial circuits order delinquent parents who say they can't make their child support payments because they're unemployed into work or a job training program.

• Speeds up the process for denying or suspending driver's licenses of deadbeat parents.

• Allows the denial or suspension of boat registrations.

• Allows the state to intercept refunds of \$295 for motor vehicle registration for back child support.

• Makes the state set up pilots for the electronic transfer of welfare benefits.

• Gives state managers the right to fire any workers who help ineligible people get benefits.

• Creates a program designed to help teenagers resist pressure to become sexually active with classes conducted by older teens and media campaigns promoting abstinence.

• Directs agencies to share information in order to cut off benefits to people sent to prison.

family has 1.7 people and is off the dole in two years.

But the House planned today to debate a welfare reform bill (HB 2687) to give judges power to order into work or training those parents who say they can't pay child support because they don't have a job.

Other provisions will be added, including anti-fraud measures and proposals designed to teach teenagers to abstain from sexual behavior. A companion bill (SB2938) sponsored by Sen. John Grant, R-Tampa, is awaiting committee action.

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Closing arguments scheduled in fatal stabbing trial

By RON WORD
Associated Press Writer

GAINESVILLE — No defense witness was put on the stand to counter the gripping testimony of a young woman who recalled the night she and her roommate were attacked by Richard Anthony Meisner.

The defense claims it was spontaneous violence resulting from a fight. But prosecutors say Meisner committed premeditated first-degree murder, stabbing to death a University of Florida graduate student and attempting to kill her roommate.

Closing arguments were scheduled for today, and the case should go to the jury by this afternoon.

Meisner, 29, is charged with the Sept. 18, 1993, knife slaying of Gina Marie Langevin, 27, and the near-fatal stabbing of her roommate, Jena Hull. He also faces a burglary charge.

The state presented more than two days of testimony from witnesses who testified Meisner and Ms. Langevin had a longstanding dislike for one another. Witnesses, including Ms. Hull, who suffered more than 20 stab wounds, placed Meisner at the apartment complex where the attack occurred.

Ms. Hull, 24 at the time of the knifing, gave compelling testimony Tuesday that Meisner was the man who savagely stabbed her in her upstairs bedroom. Another woman living in the apartment, Eden Matthews, told the jury Meisner had come to the apartment

earlier asking to see Ms. Langevin.

Marlin Snook, a fingerprint expert with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, testified Wednesday that a bloody palm print found in the room where Ms. Hull was attacked was left by Meisner.

A portion of Ms. Hull's bedroom wall — splattered with the print — was shown to the jury.

In opening arguments, defense attorney Andrew Vloedman said Meisner had gone the apartment to see Ms. Langevin, but not with the intention of killing her.

"Something very quick and very violent ensued, but it is not part of any sort of premeditated scheme or design," he said.

State Attorney Rod Smith said he will seek the death penalty if

Meisner is convicted.

If found guilty of a lesser charge than first-degree murder, Meisner would be spared from the electric chair.

Smith contends Meisner brought the knife into the apartment with him. Ms. Hull testified that none of the occupants of the townhouse owed a knife like the one used to attack her.

Defense attorneys claim the knife was in the apartment and was used by in the heat of the moment.

A possible motive for the slaying was to keep Ms. Langevin from testifying against Meisner in an arson case. The state and defense, however, did not mention the case because Ms. Langevin was never listed as a witness.

Sanford police reports

• Tools and a bike, with a total value of \$315 were reportedly stolen Tuesday from a shed near a residence in the 700 block of Magnolia Avenue.

• A burglary was reported Tuesday at a residence in the 2400 block of Yale Avenue. An estimated \$971 in items, including jewelry and a tax return check were said to have been taken.

• A store clerk told police two women entered a business in the 3600 block of S. Orlando Drive Tuesday, and left without paying for a \$33 bathing suit.

• A black 1983 Chevrolet was reportedly stolen Tuesday from the 4200 block of Orlando Drive.

• A burglary was reported Tuesday at the Seminole County School Museum, 301 W. Seventh Street. Police said entry was made but nothing was immediately determined to be missing.

• Jewelry and a handgun were said to have been stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 2400 block of Key Avenue.

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EDITORIAL

Just do it

American writer Edgar Guest's most well-known poem dealt with something everyone said couldn't be done. But one man, not knowing it couldn't be done, moved ahead and did it.

With today's influence from TV and motion picture violence, some people say it's practically impossible to teach our children the principals of our American heritage. Yet a few, not believing it's impossible, are doing exactly that.

Two cases come to mind: The Florida Society of Engineers, and the B. Duke Woody Branch 147 of the Fleet Reserve Association in Sanford.

In both situations, the organizations spurred school children in our area to achieve what they may not have attempted under normal circumstances.

Fleet Reserve, as it has done for many years, conducted the Americanism competition. In response to letters sent to schools in Seminole, Lake, Orange and Volusia counties, Fleet Reserve received 169 essays. Winners have been chosen to receive savings bonds. But actually, everyone who participated was a winner. They were given a dare. Give your heritage some serious thought, then put it into words.

It may not have been easy, but it took time, and required effort. Every one of these youngsters has undoubtedly benefited from their involvement.

The Florida Society of Engineers managed to get approximately 50 fifth graders from eight Seminole County elementary schools to participate in an annual Project Create. The youngsters were challenged to "utilize critical and creative thinking skills by brainstorming and creating a product to solve the problem," by designing and constructing a city to meet today's needs.

Again, there were winners selected, but each individual who became involved now has a much better knowledge of what it takes to create a municipality, design structures, provide for streets and landscaping, and many other factors.

Wow! These two projects were outstanding and both organizations deserve a great deal of appreciation for taking this leadership roll.

If only adults could be thusly dared to tackle a project, and through it, receive a much better knowledge of the past as well as the future.

If someone has said it couldn't be done, don't believe them. Take advice from Edgar Guest and do it anyway.

LETTER

Tell them

Congressman John Mica asked me how well he was doing and what else he, and I, should do. Pretty good so far, Mr. Mica, but clean your own house first. You have made some changes, but mostly cosmetic, and they do not go to the real problem. We want you to feel our pain, not by saying so — we don't believe that — but by taking the cuts in the wallet that we do. We, the people, hate the fact that you, our employees, steal our money for "freebies" that we never agreed that you could have.

We, the people, don't want you to have free airport parking, or free trips home, or \$100,000 chaplains or \$80,000 historians. We want you to pay for your own health insurance and your own retirement. We don't want you to have anything except your salaries, and we don't want those raised without asking us.

We, the people, know that nothing is too small to cut. We are infuriated when we are told this only costs \$100,000 or that is only one percent of the budget. We know that there are thousands of items that must go. Including our pork. They are liars who say we won't cut our own welfare; we want to cut everyone's welfare. You will convince us to cut ours by cutting your's first.

What can or will I be willing to give up? No Social Security; I and my employer paid into that for 50 years, at interest. And I need it to survive on. Medicare Part A (Hospital); I paid into that ever since it began and consider it paid up. Medicare Part B (Medical); No one paid into that. Everyone pays \$48.10 per month, but general revenues pays the other 75 percent of our premium; that's our welfare. I say double our Part B Medicare premium; cut our welfare. It's still the cheapest health insurance we can buy.

I'm sure that others who have worked all their lives and feel that they have helped build this country will have some other ideas. Let's tell Congress; I'm telling Mr. Mica and Senators Graham and Mack.

William F. Sheffield
Sanford

WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Liberals are close-minded on prayer

Now that the Hundred Days are over, Speaker Gingrich has indicated that a bill, and if necessary a constitutional amendment, permitting some sort of school prayer will come before Congress this year. The precise form of prayer permitted — or even whether it will be a prayer at all (rather than merely a "moment of silence") — is still wide open. But we seem to be on track for a serious discussion of the matter, and quite possibly for some action as well.

Given the difficulty of devising anything that could plausibly be called a "prayer" and still wouldn't offend the class atheist, a lot of effort has been devoted to finding some suitably inoffensive way to proceed. Mr. Gingrich declares that he is firmly against any form of prayer prescribed by the school or the individual teacher, and suggests that he would settle for a law permitting devout students to "pray before lunch" (for example) if they wanted to.

Others have suggested having all students participate in a "moment of silence" at the beginning of the school day. That way, the religiously inclined could pray (silently) in any way they chose; the class atheist could reflect on how ridiculous his classmates looked praying; and the merely indifferent could think about the weather, or the girl in the next row.

But when you shrink the idea of a moment of prayer down to a moment of silence, you run into the objection that CBS correspondent Bob Schieffer posed not long ago to someone who suggested it: "Would that really accomplish anything?" The suggestion was that any gesture so empty of content is scarcely worth battling for.

But is that really true? If a moment of prayer, or at least of silence, would be so meaningless, why are many liberals so bitterly opposed to it?

The answer lies in understanding what every student — Christian, Jew, Muslim, atheist, or None of the Above — would perceive to be going



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on during that moment. To religious students, it would be a precious opportunity to communicate with their God. Atheist students would presumably dismiss any such idea, but they would realize that their fellow students — and probably in most cases the great majority of their fellow students — felt otherwise. The merely non-religious students would realize the same thing.

Thus there would be introduced into the consciousness of every student — not merely the religious ones — the concept of a higher Being or Authority, to which many people believe they owe devotion and obedience. And that would be an enormous contribution toward that "internalization of discipline" that is the first step on the road to America's moral recovery. Needless to say, it is also something that secular liberals are determined to resist at all costs.

Of course, everybody is already familiar in a general way with the concept of God, whether one believes in it or not. But just being familiar with it isn't nearly the same thing as seeing a large majority of one's classmates seize on a daily "moment of silence" as an opportunity to acknowledge and worship their Creator.

Insert that little grain of sand in the adolescent oyster, and someday you may well be rewarded with a pearl.



Amendment wannabes: Will they work?

Last week we covered Amendments XI through XXIII — at least lightly. This week we shall attempt to cover the last three existing and in force amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Hopefully we will then gallop through a couple of amendment "wannabes" trying very diligently to cover most, if not all, the possible bases.

I really hate to rain on anybody's parade but with the baseball crybabies — yes, those seven-figures-per-annum characters — still out crying up a mighty storm, those are just about the only bases that might get covered. The other ones are knees deep in crocodile tears.

Amendment XXIV, ratified Jan. 23, 1964. Short and sweet and once again — right to the point. It repealed any and all "poll tax" applications to deny a citizen's right to vote. The poll tax, as some of you more mature citizens may recall, was used very extensively in some parts of the country and did, very effectively, deny some folks their chance at voting.

Amendment XXV, ratified Feb. 10, 1967. This one covers the succession factors, rules and regulations of the replacement of the president, vice president by reason of death, resignation or incapacitation. The president pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House also come into the picture.

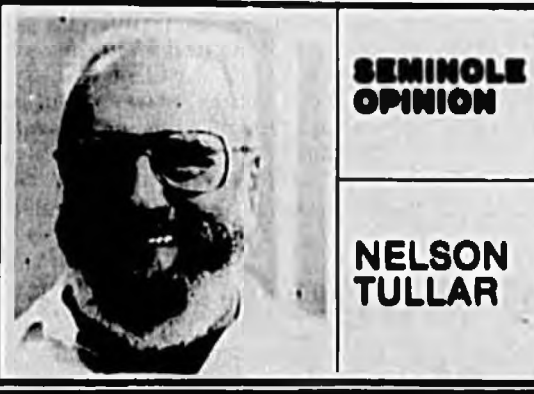
Amendment XXVI, ratified July 1, 1971. Real short ... real sweet ... and right on target. Gives the right to vote to 18-year-olds. If they have the right to fight and die for this country, they damn well have the right to help direct where and how this country is to be headed politically. You may agree ... you may disagree ... either is A-OK with Grandpa.

Well now folks, that is the whole ball of wax as far as the seven articles and the 26 adopted and ratified amendments of and to the Constitution of the United States. Just think — the last eight amendments from #20 to #28 — all occurred within my lifetime — 1933 through 1971. Aw come on now, my lifetime spans 1925 to 1995 ... so far. How much more? God only knows.

All right now. Let's get down to brass tacks on the first "wannabe" amendment — the balanced budget. A good idea — a hellava good idea. But has its time come? Well, let's analyze a bit of how our federal government runs its business. Let's bat their procedures against the way most of us have to run our business of everyday life.

Tax and spend ... borrow and spend ... don't tax or borrow but spend like crazy anyway. Commit to spend with absolutely no apparent way to finance that spending. And they don't deal in a few bucks ... or a few thousand bucks, or even in a few million bucks. They deal in the billions or even trillions of bucks.

If you and I operated in that manner we would not only lose our credit, our creditability, our bank account, we'd lose our shirts right along with all the rest. There wouldn't be a bank or savings and loan that would advance



SEMINOLE OPINION

NELSON TULLAR

us a thin dime. And justifiably so. Has the balanced budget amendments' time come of age? Yes, yes, a thousand times yes. How much good would it do? Probably not a hellava lot. Just take a long hard look at amendments #1,2,4,5,6,8,10,14 and perhaps some others on an occasional basis that are viciously violated at least in this old duffer's eyes, on a regular basis. The future Amendment #27 — the balanced budget amendment — would just be one more to sweep under the rug.

OK, on to more brass tacks. The future Amendment #28 — term limits for (at least) our senators and our representatives.

Some of our senators and representatives appear to support the concept of limiting their terms to six or 12 years for the good of the country ... as well as more efficient government.

Others in the Senate and House of Representatives appear to be vehemently rejecting any form of limitation. I can't help but wonder why. I wonder, could it possibly be personal income protection? Could it possibly be personal power protection? Maybe — just maybe — could it be for a continuation of all those "big time" perks that so many of our long term senators and representatives are packing away year after year?

Whatever the reason(s) it just might appear that the U.S. of A. comes in dead last in the benefit column. I have very sincere doubts that even the "party" comes into the picture more than an inch or two.

Well, so much for "Wannabe" #28. Was a good idea ... is a good idea ... works without any problems for the office of president. Would it work on Congress? You betcha! Will it work for Congress? No way. Too much money and power involved.

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.

JOSEPH SPEAR

Gut-check time for journalists

One of the extracurricular things I sometimes do, for which I receive no compensation save satisfaction, is volunteer myself as a sounding board for troubled journalists.

I got a call from one on a recent rainy night, a young regional reporter who hacks out a living covering Washington for three or four papers in northern California and one in southern Oregon. To protect his identity, I will call him PENCIL.

"I think I want to come in," PENCIL said.

"Come in? What do you mean, come in? You shouldn't be out in this weather, anyway."

"That's not what I mean," he said. "I've been beat to hell and I'm worn out. I want to come in. You know, like the spy who comes in from the cold. I want to confess my transgressions, pray for a pardon, and maybe go into the meat-packing business."

"What brought this on?"

"I guess it's the whole Limbaugh, Gingrich thing. The Bloated One lambastes the 'liberal media' day in and day out. 'They'll never be your friends,' he tells conservatives, as if anybody of a sound mind would want to be friends with that scorpious. The Paramount Leader tells everybody we're sick, cynical, nitpicking socialists and despicable demagogues."

"What, these jerks can't remember the Gennifer Flowers story? Paula Jones? They can't recall that six months ago we were already talking about the Democrats wanting to dump Bill? They forget about New York Post columnist Jack Newfield saying Clinton is a lead weight around the Democrats' ankles?"

"So that's the right wing. Then comes the Clinton crowd. The damn liberal media never gives him a break, he says."

"Liberal media.' What a hoot. Look, the truth is, I don't know what I am and I don't care. I don't know if I am Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative. All I know is, I work my butt off trying to get at the truth. I get paid one-fourth what the people I'm writing about make, one-tenth if I'm writing about lobbyists. I make one-one hundredth what the real media elite make, those TV ding-a-lings, and all I get is grief."

I said nothing. When PENCIL broke the silence, his voice was quavering. "And now there's the Huffington thing."

"Huffington? As in Michael, the nincompoop who spent, what, \$28 million of his own money trying to buy a Senate seat in California? The one they called an empty suit?"

"As in Arianna, his wife." "The New Age author who flirted with eat and the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness? That Arianna?"

"That's her. She thinks she and Michael got a raw deal from the media and she is now shopping around a television show she calls 'Beat the Press.' She's planning a segment on what the press failed to ask the president about each week, another on success stories the media failed to report each week. And she's going to give a 'pullet surprise,' a rubber chicken, to the reporter who does the stupidest story of the week."

"And get this: She's got a co-host, Camille Paglia, the way-out left-wing academic and author who champions drug legalization, pornography and paganism. Modern liberalism is mush, she says, and the media elite keep serving it up."

"Think about it. We're going to get slammed if we don't bust Newt's glutei, stomped if we don't tout porn and drugs."

The line was dead for about 15 seconds, then PENCIL took a deep breath. "Thanks," he said. "I needed that."



To protect his identity, I will call him PENCIL.



Sanford Police Ofc. G.A. Smith routes traffic at U.S. Hwy. 17-92 and Lake Mary Boulevard.

Traffic

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"It was about 500 gallons from a tank that holds between 5,000 and 6,000 gallons," Steve Homan, a spokesman for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), said.

The HazMat team quickly secured the leak and set to work cleaning up the spill with the assistance of workers from the FDOT.

After the lines were shut down, Homan said, potash was spread over the liquid and debris was cleared. By 9 a.m., the westbound lanes were opened and eastbound traffic was expected to resume travel no later than noon.

However, Homan said, the eastbound lanes would have to be shut again around noon as the tanker is completely emptied before it can be righted. That closure could last into the afternoon rush hour, Homan said.

Meanwhile morning commuters experienced a travel nightmare.

"It was literally bumper-to-bumper, stop-and-go," said Jim Shupe, principal of

Lakeview Middle School in Sanford who was mired in the traffic on U.S. 17-92. "I can only imagine what it must have been like on the interstate."

Shupe predicted "lots of late students, late teachers and late buses" as a result of the spill. Homan said he, too, was trapped in the traffic jam. He was attempting an I-4 commute.

"It was awful," he said. "They were just stopped. But, really, there was nothing else to do."

Evacuation of nearby buildings was never deemed necessary. Though the hydrochloric acid produced a vapor cloud, the still air left it stationary above the accident site.

"There was never any danger to the surrounding industrial area or residences in the area," said Roberts.

Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Berry said the driver of the truck, whose name was not available at press time, was slightly injured in the accident and was transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital. His condition was not known.

Olympics

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students to solve problems and undertake other tasks to demonstrate their skills.

Four of the top ten teams represented Seminole County schools. Lake Brantley High School was the first place team, beating second place Cypress Creek (Orange County) by more than 10 points.

Lake Howell High School in Winter Park took fourth place. Lake Mary High School was in eighth place and Seminole High School in Sanford rounded out the top 10 finishers.

Lyman High in Longwood and Oviedo High School did not participate in the olympics.

"We are very proud of our students," said Stan Cutler, physics instructor at Lake Brantley.

Cutler explained that his team does not consist only of gifted or honors students. Many of the

team members are "just regular" students who have worked hard to earn top honors for the school.

The Lake Brantley stars included:
 ●The third place winners in the solar water heater category: Mike Harrison, Brad Jones and Curt Hillman.

●The sixth place (tie) winners in the same category: Kim Stuurop, Kim Ho and Jackie Clegg; Pete Justiniano and Adam Diaz.

●The first place winners in the house of cards category: David Pecoles, Glen Marr and Raohad Sheikh

●The sixth place winner in the poetry category: Larry Ragland

●The second place winner in the electric car category: Sean Rogers, Jason Poits and David Chernak

●The second place winner in the category called Cleopatras'

Barge: Richard Sacco, Greg Seyler and Cory Tashkin.

●The third place winners in Fermi Questions: Michael Chang, Todd Martin, Chris Rira and Michael Keane.

●The second place winners in Eggshell Express: Meredith Medea

●The top winner in the Physics Test: James Dotson.

●The top team in the bridge building category: Joey Capelli and Curtis Malocha

●The fourth place in the Soda Straw Strongman category: Kristine Machmer and Emily Owens.

●The sixth place in that same category: Molly McCormick

●Second place in the Mystery Event: Hozefa Boice, Michael Keane and Ryan Kellogg.

●The second place in the Laser Top category: Todd Martin, Michael Chang and Laura Meyer.

Softball

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dismissal with a rally at the Sanford City Hall Tuesday, April 4.

This Monday, the girls flocked to the Sanford City Commission meeting to reaffirm their opposition. Edith Van Gilder, the mother of one of the girls served as spokeswoman urging the city commission to reinstate Berning.

"We don't believe it's fair to the girls," she said. "We don't understand why everyone is jumping to judgment about him before his case even comes to trial."

She asked if the city would allow him to return to his position of assistant coach if an

adult was provided to watch the games, and parents of all participants signed a waiver.

In addition to Van Gilder, several of the girls also addressed the commission with their concerns, one of whom managed to speak over the cries and sobs of one of her fellow teammates who was in the audience.

"This is a difficult situation," said Commissioner Lon Howell. "If we reinstate him, and just one thing happens, we don't want the city involved. And if he is convicted, we (the city) would be idiots to allow him to remain."

City Attorney Bill Colbert said even if the parents signed a

waiver, it would not be upheld in the courts. "This is a matter of health, safety and welfare," Colbert said. "We would do best to let this stand where it is until the courts decide."

Van Gilder presented the city with a petition she said was signed by 150 persons, asking for Berning's reinstatement.

Following the meeting, Kirby met with Van Gilder and the girls to discuss alternatives.

Yesterday morning, Kirby said he has now been informed that the regular coach, Dave Blakely, has announced that he would return to coaching the team. "As a result," Kirby said, "the girls will be back on the field again beginning this Saturday."

DEATHS

LOUISE BRANTLEY ALBRITTON

Louise Brantley Albritton, 79, S. Grandview Ave., Sanford, died Wednesday, April 12, 1995 at her residence. She was born Jan. 18, 1916 in Palatka. She was self-employed in the dairy industry.

Survivors include daughter, Betty Lou Brooks, Sanford; sisters, Gladys Amerson, Ft. McCoy, Shirley Kowanzeta, Ten Mile, Tenn.; brother, Charles Brantley, Kingston, Tenn.; three grandsons; six great-grandchildren; two great-step-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. Buxton Funeral Home, Okeechobee, in charge of arrangements.

GENEVIEVE BARNES

Genevieve Barnes, 89, Bethune Circle, Sanford, died Tuesday, April 11, 1995 at her residence. She was born Sept. 17, 1925 in Cocoa. She was a beautician. She belonged to St. Paul M.B. Church.

Survivors include husband, Evans; son, Freddie Majes, Sanford; brothers, James McIntyre, Eatonville, Timothy McIntyre, Deltona, Johnnie McIntyre, Philadelphia; sister, Cora Grant, Sanford; three grandchildren. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ALLIE E. BLACKBURN

Allie E. Blackburn, 83, Miller Road, Sanford, died Wednesday, April 12, 1995 at South Seminole Hospital, Altamonte Springs. Born Dec. 14, 1911 in Millford, N.H., she moved to Sanford in 1951. She was a seamstress.

Survivors include husband, John; sister, Allina Nathan, Wilton, N.H.; brother, Adolph Ruonala, Wilton. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

EEZEL BUTLER

Ezell Butler, 57, West Avenue, Eatonville, died Tuesday, April

11, 1995 at Florida Hospital, Orlando. Born Sept. 13, 1937 in Chattanooga, he moved to Central Florida in 1994. He was a retired construction worker. He was Baptist.

Survivors include mother, Evelyn Levy, Panama City; sons, Ezell Jr., Eatonville, James Curtis and Don Rico, both of Pensacola; stepsons, Eugene Reynolds, Pensacola, Anthony Bassett, Georgia; stepdaughters, Mildred Knight, California, Barbara Hurd, Eatonville; 27 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

BRENDA SEAGERS

Brenda Seagers, 53, Springwood Circle, Longwood, died Tuesday, April 11, 1995. Born in Dothan, Ala., she moved to Central Florida in 1989. She was a director of human resources for South Seminole Hospital. She was Baptist.

Survivors include parents, Mr.

Lab charged with homicide in women's cancer deaths

By JAMES A. CARLSON
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE — Calling it a case of criminal recklessness, a district attorney has charged a medical laboratory with homicide for allegedly misreading Pap smears that could have saved the lives of two women.

The Chem-Bio Corp. could be fined up to \$20,000 if convicted on the two counts of reckless homicide filed Wednesday.

The technician and doctor involved in the tests reached a deal with prosecutors and will not be charged as long as they follow certain guidelines for the next six years.

"This is not a case of negligence," District Attorney E. Michael McCann said. "Every human being makes a mistake ... The issue here is recklessness."

Martin E. Kohler, a lawyer for the laboratory, said the company would fight any charges. The lab is still in business but no longer does Pap smears.

"We believe it was an act of negligence and not criminal re-

cklessness," Kohler said.

Dolores Geary and Karin Smith died of cervical cancer after the laboratory missed what experts testifying at an inquest said were unmistakable signs of cancer on their gynecological exams. When detected early, cervical cancer can easily be cured.

Both women were diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer years after the Pap smears were taken. Geary, 40, a mother of three, died in 1993. Smith, 29, died March 8.

Both victims received multimillion-dollar settlements from the lab and their health maintenance organization, Family Health Plan. Smith, before dying, asked McCann to pursue criminal charges as well.

Criminal charges for a medical error are rare. Such mistakes are normally handled by lawsuits or other civil actions, such as the lifting of a doctor's license.

McCann said he hoped to bring the case to trial to focus attention on the need for quality controls at such labs.

Over the weekend, the inquest jury had recommended reckless

homicide charges against the laboratory as well as the technician and the doctor who oversaw the lab.

But the technician and doctor avoided charges by signing an agreement with prosecutors.

Under the deal, Dr. Robert Lipo cannot act as medical director of any laboratory or supervise technicians doing tissue testing.

June Fricano, the technician who handled both women's tests, agreed to work on salary or on an hourly basis instead of being paid by the number of samples analyzed.

McCann said Fricano examined 20,000 to 40,000 Pap smears a year, compared with the maximum of 12,000 recommended under professional standards.

Fricano also agreed not to work more than 42 hours a week.

Fricano's lawyer, David Geraghty, said his client was relieved and "ready to get on with her life."

Lipo's attorney, Patrick Knight, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Quiet companion looms large in FDR's life

By GALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — She was the "little mud wren" in FDR's glamorous circle, the adoring and unassuming distant cousin always by the president's side, and never in anyone's way.

Now comes evidence that Roosevelt, a man historians say never gave all of himself to anybody, gave more to Margaret "Daisy" Suckley than people thought.

Fifty years after FDR's death and four years after hers, a book edited by Geoffrey C. Ward portrays through their discovered letters and her diary a deeply affectionate, even giddy, relationship that stretched through his presidency.

The papers making up the book "Closest Companion" were found in a battered trunk in Suckley's one-apartment house, Wilderstein, at Rhinebeck, N.Y., after the spinster died at age 99, her family's fortune long gone.

They suggest the president

and his sixth cousin reveled in the secrecy of their meetings, exchanged "thought messages" when apart and planned a hilltop retreat where he tantalized her with the prospect of living together one day.

Amid the momentous events of his time, the stoic Roosevelt told her of frustrations and fatigue that he could not seem to admit to his wife or the other women whose company he famously enjoyed.

"What a week — why did I come back — why this endless task — why run again — why see the endless streams of people — why the damned old basket of mail which is either full and hanging over my head or just emptied and ready to be filled," he wrote in April 1938 in a rare burst of self-pity.

"I have longed to have you with me," he wrote to her while at sea, stoking one of the several relationships with women that he kept going at once.

For her part, she constantly reassured a man who told her, "I hate my speeches," fretted over

his health and teased him for being "really very bad — for you take advantage of a weak woman's yielding tendencies."

He was, she wrote to herself, "so completely perfect in a thousand little ways."

Still, the letters don't indicate a sexual relationship and Ward doubts there was one, even if the polio-stricken president was capable of it.

The papers "constitute an old-fashioned love story — chaste but clandestine, and often distinctly flirtatious," Ward told a lecture audience at the National Archives.

"Their mutual delight in it (was) intensified, I think, by the fact that it would never actually be consummated."

Ward wrote two well-received biographies of Roosevelt and was co-author of "The Civil War" and "Baseball," two documentary and book projects led by film-maker Ken Burns.

Scholars have praised "Closest Companion" as a contribution to the record of Roosevelt's casual hours and of his declining health in his last few years.

FDR died April 12, 1945, at age 63. Suckley, by then a presidential archivist with a professional claim to his company, was among the women with him at the end.

The Suckleys and Roosevelts were well-heeled neighbors in the Hudson River Valley and the cousins first spent time together in 1922, when FDR was 40 and newly crippled.

The record of his 38 letters to her and her scores of letters to him starts in 1933, with his first inauguration, and intensifies later that decade when they exchanged notes almost most daily.

Salvation

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more than six decades and there are no plans to leave the city.

"What we need to do is expand, to better serve the needs of people in this county," he said.

Franks said the Salvation Army does more than hand out money and food to the needy.

They work with other agencies to provide shelter for those who have been displaced by disaster. They provide toys for children who might otherwise be without gifts on Christmas.

"There are too many people in the south part of the county who might find it hard to get up here to Sanford," he said. "We think that a more centralized location might be better for those people. We'd keep our Sanford headquarters, but we'd have another facility down there to help provide better services to the south

part of the county."

The Salvation Army has not yet selected a possible location.

"We don't know where we might go," Franks said. "Maybe Altamonte Springs, but we don't know. We're just starting to look at the possibility of expansion."

Meanwhile, Franks said, they plan to continue serving Seminole County's needs and to keep holding religious services in the Sanford facility.

Computer

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tion when he is sentenced and an additional \$10,000 to the business during his probation representing the cost of bringing the auction's computer back on-line. About a month after Hillebrandt left the auto auction, its computer programs shut down leading managers to speculate a virus was programmed in to make the system crash.

The former mayor could also face 90-days in jail under the plea agreement.

Public school money

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NATIONAL BRIEFS



Punitive tariffs for Japan?

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is drawing up a list of Japanese imports worth billions of dollars that could be subject to punitive tariffs if the current negotiations over opening Japan's auto market don't succeed, officials say.

U.S. officials of late have expressed a new sense of urgency about the so-called framework talks, which, despite nearly two years of on-again, off-again negotiations, have shown little progress.

Negotiators have given priority to autos and auto parts, which accounted for 60 percent of the record \$66 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan last year.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor has said the United States was "not going to wait forever" for a resolution.

Corporate buyout attempt

DETROIT — Chrysler Corp.'s blunt response to a \$22.8 billion takeover bid from billionaire Kirk Kerkorian and former Chairman Lee Iacocca should end debate about whether the action was hostile.

But the automaker is leaving a door open for more maneuvering in Kerkorian and Iacocca's attempt to complete the second-largest corporate buyout in U.S. history.

Hours after the offer landed like a bomb on Wall Street, a Chrysler statement said "the company is not for sale."

It also said, however, that Chrysler directors would review the audacious \$55-a-share offer from Kerkorian's Tracinda Corp. A key Chrysler objection to the proposal is Kerkorian's intent to tap 70 percent of the automaker's \$7.5 billion cash reserve to help finance the deal.

Jury divided

LOS ANGELES — The jury in the racially sensitive O.J. Simpson trial is so divided that black and white jurors couldn't even agree on what videotaped movies to watch, the attorney for a dismissed juror says.

In closed-door testimony before the judge Wednesday, Jeanette Harris explained how seemingly trivial matters exploded into major conflicts in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of sequestration, her lawyer said.

"It's more (like) several small things just adding up," attorney Milton Grimes said at a news conference.

Grimes said that Harris, who is black, discussed how one white juror harbored racial animosity toward blacks, and how another juror, now booted from the panel, talked to a fellow panelist about wanting to ensure a hung jury.

Campaign kickoff

WASHINGTON — Accusing his party's leading presidential contenders of ducking the tough issues, Rep. Bob Dornan is joining the Republican field as a pro-military, pro-family crusader against America's "moral decay."

The combative, eight-term congressman from California was kicking off his campaign today at Washington's National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. He chose that site because "I love people who put their lives on the line."

Although regarded as far back in the growing field of GOP presidential contenders, Dornan is well known for his venomous denunciations of President Clinton and liberals such as Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The 62-year-old lawmaker from conservative Orange County says his main concerns are that Clinton is an inept commander in chief and that the nation is mired in "moral decay" and being "torn asunder by a national sin" — abortion.

Probe of tax information

WASHINGTON — Federal officials are investigating whether followers of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan submitted false tax information in seeking contracts to provide security for Baltimore housing projects.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development began the investigation in response to Jewish concerns about NOI Security Agency, which is owned by a member of Farrakhan's Muslim group.

HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros disclosed the tax investigation in an April 3 letter to Rabbi Marc Schneier, chairman of intergroup relations for the World Jewish Congress.

"We have commenced an investigation to determine whether the security firms there submitted false claims regarding outstanding tax debts due to the Internal Revenue Service," Cisneros wrote.

Ins and outs of mass culture

PHILADELPHIA — Ridicule and scorn greeted Ray Browne in 1970 when he started the nation's first academic department dedicated to popular culture. Pop culture? That was Andy Warhol's soup can, not a curriculum.

Today, the laughs have faded, the program has thrived and more than 2,300 people are visiting Philadelphia to dissect, examine and enjoy the ins and outs of mass culture — what makes Americans American.

To Browne and his ilk, studying the way the everyday world ticks is a way of taking the ivory out of the ivory tower.

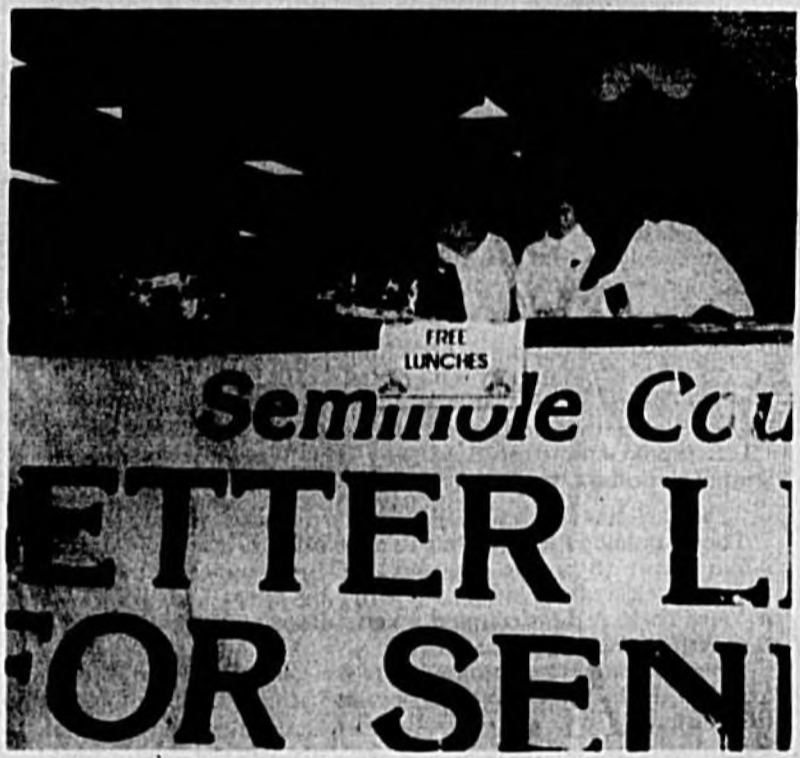
From Associated Press reports



Seniors in action

Better Living for Seniors held its third annual fund-raising Senior Festival recently. Above, 25 people from the Sanford area, representing the Sanford Foster Grandparents program, traveled to the event at Seminole Greyhound Park. Right, Seminole County representatives on hand, left to right, referral official Lea Stenberg, assistant director Jeanne McKee, Meals on Wheels coordinator Jeanie Watts, Congregate Meals program representative Myra Tomlin, and Information Referral member Tessa Chisolm. Better Living for Seniors is the former Federation of Senior Citizen's Clubs of Seminole County, with 30 full and part-time people and over 800 volunteers. They take people to doctors, help with meals on wheels and congregate meal sites. Sponsors for the event include Castle Woods Apartments, Digicell Telecom, FPL, Future Health Care, Humana, Orlando Lutheran Towers, Walt Disney, and Siemens Stromberg-Carlson.

Herald Photos by Norman Schneider



Social Security plan draws criticism

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The White House plan to streamline Social Security misses the point and fails to address the looming insolvency of the national retirement system, leaders of its employees' unions say.

Unless changes are made in the way Social Security pays benefits and raises revenue, it will go broke in 2030. The sooner the system is fixed, experts agree, the less painful the prescription.

But touching Social Security is political dynamite, and the Clinton administration has been reluctant to recommend solutions to the Senate, despite requests from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

As a result, the nomination of Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater to a six-year term in charge of the newly independent Social Security Administration has been put on hold.

In the midst of this tug-of-war over Social Security's future,

Vice President Al Gore on Wednesday proposed several changes in the agency's operations.

Under Gore's plan, Social Security would send monthly checks to future retirees in four batches a month, instead of all at once. Retirees would also be encouraged to have their checks deposited directly in their bank accounts instead of mailed.

More than 35,000 checks are reported lost each month, according to the White House, and direct deposits would help solve that problem, while saving \$70 million a year in mailing costs.

Gore said the overall blueprint would save \$850 million from 1997 through 2000.

Approximately 4,500 jobs would be cut from the agency, which lost nearly one-fifth of its work force during the 1980s. Large employers would take over some of the agency's work, by filing retiring workers' claims for benefits directly with Social Security.

Gore's office said the change would allow workers to apply for a company pension, Social Security

and health benefits at one time and in one place.

"We'll have a system ready for the next century, providing world-class service to its customers," Gore said.

But union officials who represent Social Security workers say the plan would not improve service in an agency that is struggling to cope with growing workloads and dwindling staff.

Social Security has 85,000 employees on its payroll today, down from 80,000 in the 1980s.

"Cutting staff, that's what this is all about," said John Gage, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1923, which represents Social Security employees at the agency's Baltimore headquarters and in field offices in Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia.

Witold Skwierczynski, president of the AFGE Council 220, which represents Social Security field workers, said the proposed changes are an attempt to blur the real issue: "Can an efficient government program survive the

constant whittling away of its resources?"

"Moreover," he said, "these changes avoid the public's main concern: Will Social Security be there for me when I retire?"

Gore also proposed to close five of Social Security's 10 regional offices. Some of the employees affected by the consolidations would be assigned to work with the public in Social Security's 1,301 field offices.

Staggering the distribution of Social Security's retirement and disability checks would be one of the biggest changes. Instead of all the checks going out at the beginning of the month, there would be a payment date every week. Only future retirees and current recipients who volunteer to switch would be affected. Congress would have to sign off on the proposal.

Social Security now sends disability, retirement and survivors' checks to 49 million Americans on the third of each month. By 2020, the agency will be providing benefits to more than 76 million people.

Feeding the poor

Welfare plan would send food stamps back to states

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Republican governors are working with the Senate to draft welfare reform legislation that would dismantle the \$27 billion food stamp program and send the money back to the states as a block grant.

House Republicans proposed a food stamp block grant in their "Contract With America" campaign manifesto, but abandoned the idea under pressure from farm state lawmakers as they drafted a far-reaching plan to reform the nation's welfare system.

The idea of a block grant is being revived in the Senate, where the debate over welfare reform is just starting to pick up. Early supporters include Republican Sens. Phil Gramm of Texas and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

"The more flexibility we give the states, the better," Gramm said.

But a key voice on the issue, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., has not decided whether to endorse the idea, spokeswoman Minda Markie said.

Two state welfare directors, Gerald Miller of Michigan and Gerald Whitburn of Massachusetts, said Wednesday

they were pressing the Senate to turn the food stamp program into a "food assistance block grant."

They are not, however, seeking control of the National School Lunch Program and the supplemental feeding program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC.

The House welfare reform legislation, which passed last month, would send both programs back to the states and set spending at fixed levels, igniting Democratic charges that Republicans were taking food from children. The bill would create block grants for child care, cash assistance to poor families, and foster care.

Santorum said the national news media "completely misrepresented the school lunch issue and is primed and ready to do it again in the Senate, and we may want to avoid it."

Whitburn said the state officials were asking the Senate to end the individual entitlement to food stamps — the government's promise to provide a monthly benefit to anyone whose income and resources meet federal guidelines. The money would be divided among the states instead.

Whitburn and Miller said a food stamp block grant was an essential part of their efforts to

convert welfare into a system that encourages work.

"The discussions are early, but we're encouraged," Miller said.

Parents on welfare now receive three major sources of assistance: Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps and Medicaid. Miller argued that true reform will involve handing off all three programs to the states.

"What we're about is trying to change the face of welfare as we know it. If we don't have control of all three of those (programs) it's very difficult, if not next to impossible, to change behavior," he said.

"It's an important piece of addressing welfare reform," Whitburn said. "And as we move toward introducing more of the real world of work values

into our efforts with those that are on the AFDC caseload, food stamps are a very important part of the mix."

Just over 27 million Americans receive food stamps, and the federal government spends whatever is necessary to finance the program when it grows in times of recession or rising poverty.

Robert Greenstein, director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal research and advocacy organization, said states have much to lose by converting food stamps into a block grant.

"When need goes up, when poverty goes up, instead of the federal government bearing 100 percent of the additional costs ... states must bear 100 percent of the increased costs," he said.

Poll shows growing support for 3rd party

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new poll suggests nearly 60 percent of voting-age Americans favor creation of a third political party.

The poll released Wednesday by the Times Mirror Center for The People and The Press also found 37 percent of those surveyed identifying themselves as independents, 30 percent Republican and 29 percent Democrat.

"If I were a betting person, I'd say we're going to have a third-party candidate in the race next year," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Times Mirror center.

On other topics, the poll found 59 percent believing Republicans have kept their campaign promises and that 52 percent are happy the GOP controls Congress.

But only 39 percent say Republicans care more about them, compared with 49 percent who say the Democrats do. And only 44 percent approve of "the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress," while 43 percent disapprove.

Respondents said House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole have more power and influence in Washington politics than Clinton.

Dole had the highest rating, with 59 percent approving the way he is doing his job and 25 percent disapproving. He scored well among men and women and in all age groups and education levels. Even among Democrats, Dole's approval rating (45 percent) was higher than his disapproval (41 percent).

Clinton got good marks from 47 percent, while 43 percent disapproved of the way he is handling his job.

Respondents were evenly divided over Gingrich, with 43 percent approving and 42 percent disapproving. The gender gap was especially obvious on him: 58 percent of the men but only 35 percent of the women approved the way Gingrich is doing his job.

The poll was based on telephone interviews with 1,800 adults from April 6 to April 9. Results based on the entire sample have a margin of error of 2.5 percentage points in either direction.

WHAT THE SOURCE BE WITH YOU

WORLD BRIEFS



Back from Antarctic with 330 whales

TOKYO — A Japanese whaling ship returned to port today with 330 minke whales hunted in the Antarctic Ocean in the country's much-criticized research program.

The Nisshin-maru, Japan's last whale processing ship, and two catcher boats had been in the Antarctic area since November. The two catcher boats were to return Friday, said Takatori Ohashi of the Fisheries Agency.

The International Whaling Commission imposed a global moratorium on commercial whaling in 1986. Japan formally halted its commercial whaling at the end of the 1986-87 season, when it caught 1,941 whales.

But environmentalists argue that Japan and some other whaling nations, including Norway, have used research as a loophole to continue commercial whaling.

Researchers are obliged by IWC rules to sell meat of the whales they have caught. The meat commands a top price in Japan.

U.S. expels two Cuban diplomats

UNITED NATIONS — Two Cuban diplomats accused of assaulting protesters in front of their U.N. mission have been ordered to leave the United States by Sunday.

The Cuban government called the expulsions of Edmundo Suarez Hernandez and Saul Hermida Griego a "ridiculous decision."

Suarez is a counselor at the Cuban mission and Hermida is an attache.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry said in a statement issued late Wednesday in Havana that the expulsions were ordered "suspiciously, a few days before the start of another round of talks" on expanding legal Cuban immigration to the United States.

Cuba has no diplomatic relations with the United States but is allowed to maintain offices in New York for its U.N. representatives. Under an agreement to set up that office, the United States retained the authority to expel its diplomats.

U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said U.S. officials informed the United Nations of the expulsion order and the reasons for it.

"The U.N. has taken note of this information," he said. The expulsions are related to a demonstration last Aug. 30 when about 15 people opposed to Cuban leader Fidel Castro tried to lock a chain across the entrance of the Cuban mission in New York. A fight erupted when mission employees tried to remove the chain, police said.

Police arrested four employees of the Cuban mission, but the arrests were later voided because they had diplomatic immunity.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry statement said the disturbance was "not provoked by our officials, but by terrorist groups who go around unpunished because of the inefficiency of the New York police."

Excerpts of the statement were quoted by the Cuban government news agency Prensa Latina.

Fire kills six in south China

HONG KONG — Six people died in a fire in a Chinese garment factory where employees lived, ate and worked in violation of safety rules, a Hong Kong newspaper reports today.

Firefighters rescued 10 workers but found the bodies of two men and four women after extinguishing the blaze Wednesday morning in Guangdong Province, bordering Hong Kong, Wen Wei Po said.

The newspaper did not give a cause of the fire.

Eleven executed in Canton

BELING — Eleven people convicted of crimes ranging from theft to murder have been executed in the southern city of Canton, a newspaper reported today.

One of the executed men was Zhang Jun, a 28-year-old from eastern Shandong Province who was convicted of breaking into an apartment and murdering one of the occupants, said the English-language China Daily.

Another, Cao Zhiyong, was convicted of stealing and reselling 10 motors worth \$6,676.

Details on the other people executed were not available. In China, executions are usually carried out with a single gunshot to the back of the head.

Sentences for synagogue firebombers

SCHLESWIG, Germany — A court today sentenced four men to jail terms of 2½ to 4½ years for the first torching of a synagogue in Germany since the Nazi era.

Judge Hermann Ehrich declined to sentence the four for attempted murder as the prosecutor had requested.

Five people were sleeping in apartments above the Luebeck synagogue when the youths hurled gasoline-filled beer bottles into the building on March 25, 1994. Everyone inside escaped unharmed.

From Associated Press reports

Aristide urges people to vote

By MICHAEL HORTON
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Concerned that too few people are supporting Haiti's new democracy, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide urged Haitians to vote in the June elections, the first since he was restored to power.

"Without free, democratic and honest elections, the country has no future," Aristide told thousands of people gathered Wednesday in front of police headquarters in the coastal town of Port-de-Paix.

The speech was broadcast on Radio Metropole.

Aristide's appeal came two days after the government postponed legislative and local elections from June 4 to June 25, responding to political parties' criticism of the Electoral

Council's management. Runoffs are scheduled for July 16.

Only a quarter of the electorate has registered to vote in Haiti's two most populous departments, which contain Port-au-Prince and Port-de-Paix. The majority of the electorate registered in 1990, when Aristide won the presidency in a landslide.

Aristide was ousted by a coup in 1991. A U.S.-led multinational force in September dismantled the army and returned Aristide from exile.

Aristide also urged demobilized soldiers to avoid violence. Many disgruntled former soldiers still have weapons and are widely believed to be responsible for much crime in the capital.

"Don't use the weapons you had when you were in the army to go and steal," he said to the cheers of the crowd.



Gospel celebration

'I Find No Fault' is a religious gospel play to be presented Friday at 7 p.m. at the historic St. James AME Church, 819 Cypress Ave. The musical play was written by renowned gospel recording artist Vernon Jones. Performing will be the Sanford Community Workshop Choir featuring special soloist Vernon Papa Jones, pictured, and Mary Liggins DeBose. Public is invited.

Harold Photo by Marco Hawkins

Hypochondriac hospital

Just because you think you're ill doesn't mean you're not sick

By DOUG MELLEREN
Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway — A new clinic in Norway treats patients for the only ailment they don't claim to have: hypochondria.

"Hypochondriacs believe they have a serious illness, either one that is terminal or at least serious. They hold onto that belief, that fear, even after they have been examined," said Ingvard Wilhelmsen, the doctor behind the clinic.

It's a miserable way to live: constant worry, time lost from work, stiff medical bills, and even broken marriages because one spouse can no longer stand the other's obsession with imagined or negligible ailments.

Everyone knows a hypochondriac. Politely asked about their health, they respond with a list of maladies.

"They always choose the least likely, and worst possible alternative. If they have a headache, they assume it's a brain tumor. If their chest hurts, they assume they're having a heart attack," Wilhelmsen said.

The 45-year-old doctor — a psychiatrist and internal medi-

cine specialist — opened a government-subsidized clinic on March 1 in Norway's west coast city of Bergen. He sees hypochondriacs on Wednesdays, and other patients the rest of the week.

To get to the clinic, patients walk through a hospital laboratory to their favorite setting: an examining room packed with medical equipment.

"It's very clear that they are in a hospital, so it is a very reassuring environment for a hypochondriac," Wilhelmsen said.

Wilhelmsen isn't sure his new patients are all hypochondriacs, since other doctors may have grabbed the chance to get an outside opinion on difficult cases.

He starts by carefully reviewing patients' medical records, ordering tests and making sure they get any necessary medical treatment.

But if there's nothing wrong, Wilhelmsen gives it to them straight. "I use the word 'hypochondriac,'" he said.

Many other doctors quickly recognize hypochondriacs, but hesitate to use the "h" word for

fear of alienating or even angering patients, he said. "Nobody likes to hear that they are a hypochondriac."

Wilhelmsen said hypochondriacs don't want to be sick, but are obsessed with illness and need constant reassurance that they are healthy.

"It's a lot like fear of flying. They know it's silly, but they can't help it," he said. "They really do suffer."

They are also the butt of jokes. At a recent medical fair in Oslo, a whimsical "Norwegian Hypochondriac Union" stand was empty except for scrawled note saying: "We could not attend due to illness."

Even Wilhelmsen chuckles about the ailment.

"Humor is part of the treatment," he said. "If they can laugh about it, that's a good start."

Hypochondria is nothing new — the ancient Greeks named it. But Wilhelmsen said it can be more common when people have more free time to think about their health.

"Hypochondriacs misunderstand what their body is saying," he said. They "hear"

each harmless ache and pain as a serious symptom.

Wilhelmsen refused to discuss specific patients or allow them to be interviewed, except to say the first eight ranged in ages and included men and women.

Patients show up at Wilhelmsen's clinic because their doctors or weary families send them or because they are sick of feeling sick.

Hypochondriacs also crave expert opinions, often racing from one doctor to another — an affordable pastime in Norway because of the state-funded medical system.

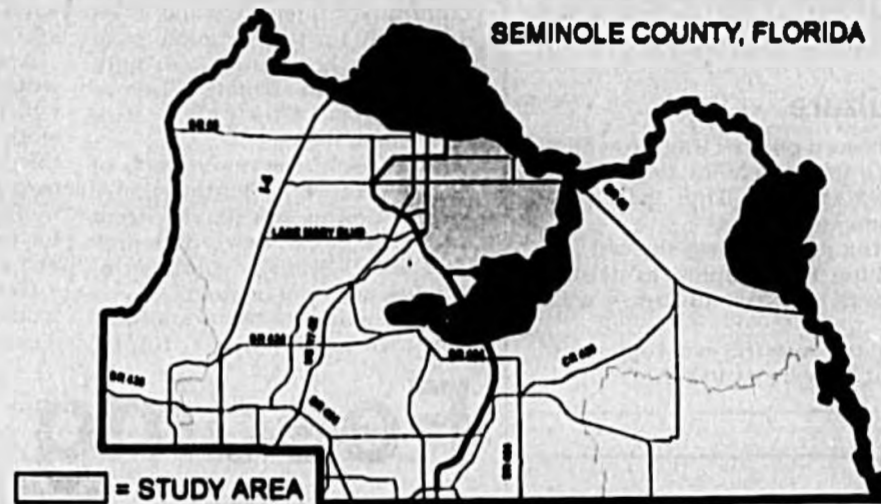
"They want to know with 100 percent certainty that they are healthy. But they can never know that. Life just isn't like that," Wilhelmsen said.

Hypochondriacs tend to seek out all doctors except those that can best help them — psychiatrists. They start talking to Wilhelmsen the medical doctor, but end up talking to Wilhelmsen the psychiatrist.

Then, the real treatment starts. Wilhelmsen says he tries to free hypochondriacs of their chronic worry, but can't promise what would give them peace of mind — perfect health forever.

"Just because they're hypochondriacs doesn't mean they can't get a serious illness," he said. "They can, and most probably will."

**AIRPORT AREA LAND USE STUDY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
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THE SEMINOLE COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN INFORMAL OPEN HOUSE TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED AIRPORT AREA LAND USE STUDY. THE STUDY OF THE LAND USE IN THE VICINITY OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL AIRPORT EXAMINES EXISTING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, NEW LAND USE ALTERNATIVES, AND PUBLIC FACILITIES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

The open house is the fifth in a series of community workshops. The purpose for having community workshops is to provide a process that gives residents and property owners the opportunity to comment on and contribute to the plan for the future development of the airport area. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

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Sports

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

JV Rams win tourney

LAKE MARY — Mike Kapaak pitched the Lake Mary Rams to a 4-0 win over the Oviedo Lions in Wednesday's championship game of the Lake Mary Junior Varsity Baseball Tournament.

Power volleyball wraps up

SANFORD — Tim's Team and the Spearhuckers completed their championship runs through the Sanford Recreation Co-ed Power Volleyball League Wednesday night at the Sanford Middle School Gymnasium.

LMHS golf tournament

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary High School golf tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at Timacuan Golf and Country Club.

O-Cubs dump Greenville

ORLANDO — Mark Kingston hit a two-run double in his first at-bat of the season to open a five-run seventh inning and lead Orlando to a 5-1 Southern League victory over Greenville on Wednesday.

Marlins sign Conine, 10 others

MELBOURNE — The Florida Marlins signed eleven members of their 40-man roster Wednesday, including all-star left fielder Jeff Conine.

Islanders trip Panthers

MIAMI — The Florida Panthers' playoff chances received another blow from New York Islanders goaltender Tommy Soderstrom.

Knoxville blanks Suns

JACKSONVILLE — Sammy Stewart had three hits and drove in a run to lead Knoxville to a 2-0 victory over Jacksonville in Southern League baseball Wednesday.

JUCO Baseball

Sanford FC CC at Seminole CC, 3 p.m.

Prep Baseball

Big Blue Bonanza at Lake Brantley: Seventh-place — Lake Howell vs. Edgewater, 10 a.m.; Fifth-place — Lake Mary vs. New Smyrna Beach, 1 p.m.; Third-place — Seminole vs. Lake Brantley, 4 p.m.; Championship — Key West vs. Deltona, 7 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV

PRO BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. — WKCF 16, Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics, (L)

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Doing whatever it takes

Shipley beats bases-loaded infield single to lift Lyman

From Staff Reports

LONGWOOD — Jason Shipley's two-out, bases-loaded infield single in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday night lifted the Lyman Greyhounds to a 4-3 varsity baseball win over the Meigs County (TN) Tigers at the Carlton Henley Athletic Complex.

Lyman has won two in a row and six of their last seven. It was the third consecutive loss for the Tigers, having dropped both their games in Lake Brantley's Big Blue Bonanza.

The two teams will play again at Lyman tonight in a 7:30 p.m. game. Lyman led 2-0 and 3-2 Wednesday before the Tigers tied the score at 3-3 in the seventh. Robby Bruce led off the Lyman half of the

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seventh inning. After failing to bunt Bruce to second base, Danny Bogaevia delivered a base hit. Mike Paulus followed with an infield hit to load bases.

Two outs later, Shipley hit a three-hopper toward the shortstop hole and beat the throw to first base, allowing Bruce to score the game-winning run.

Shipley was 3-for-4 with a run and two RBI to lead the Greyhounds (18-3). Also contributing for Lyman were Bogaevia (two singles); Ted Koller and Bruce (each with a

single and a run); Mike Henach (single, RBI); Paulus (single); and Freddie Young (run)

Providing the offense for Meigs County were Charles Morris (double, single, two runs); Matt Meadows (double, run); Johnny Chandler (single, two RBI); Chris Davis (single); and Michael Bolen (RBI).

Bogaevia also was the winning pitcher, working the final two-thirds of the seventh inning in relief of starter Tommy Dixon. Bogaevia struck out one and hit a batter. Dixon gave three runs (all earned) on five hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Josh Sewell tossed a complete game in a losing effort for Meigs County, allowing four runs (all earned) on nine hits. He struck out five and walked one.

Seven-run explosion powers Sox

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — David Brock singled twice during a seven-run rally in the first inning that started the Nobles Construction White Sox on the way to an 11-1 rout of the Expos in Sanford Recreation Babe Ruth Baseball League play Wednesday at Zinn Beck Field.

The game between Kiwanis Club Indians and Knights of Columbus Cardinals at Sanford Memorial Stadium was suspended because of darkness after four innings with the Cardinals holding a 6-5 lead.

With the win, the White Sox go to 3-2 while the Expos drop to 2-3. Both the Indians and Cardinals took 1-3 records into their game.

One game is scheduled for tonight, the Oviedo Cubs (2-2) playing the Oviedo Marlins (0-3) in a 6:30 p.m. in Oviedo.

On Friday, the Rotary Club Royals (4-0) and Moon Lodge Pirates (4-0) will meet in a battle of the two remaining undefeated teams at 6:45 p.m. in Sanford Memorial Stadium.

Brock finished with three singles and a run scored for the White Sox while his brother, Danny, chipped in with two singles and an RBI. Joe Mendosa added two singles, a run, and an RBI. Freddie Hawkins had a double, three runs, and an RBI.

Also contributing were Robert Woodward (single, two runs); Larnard Brick (single, two runs, RBI); Kendall Kennon (single, run, RBI); Eddie Rollins (single, run); and Richard Thompkin (RBI).

Bobby Rush singled and scored the only run for the Expos. Eric Mundy also hit a single.

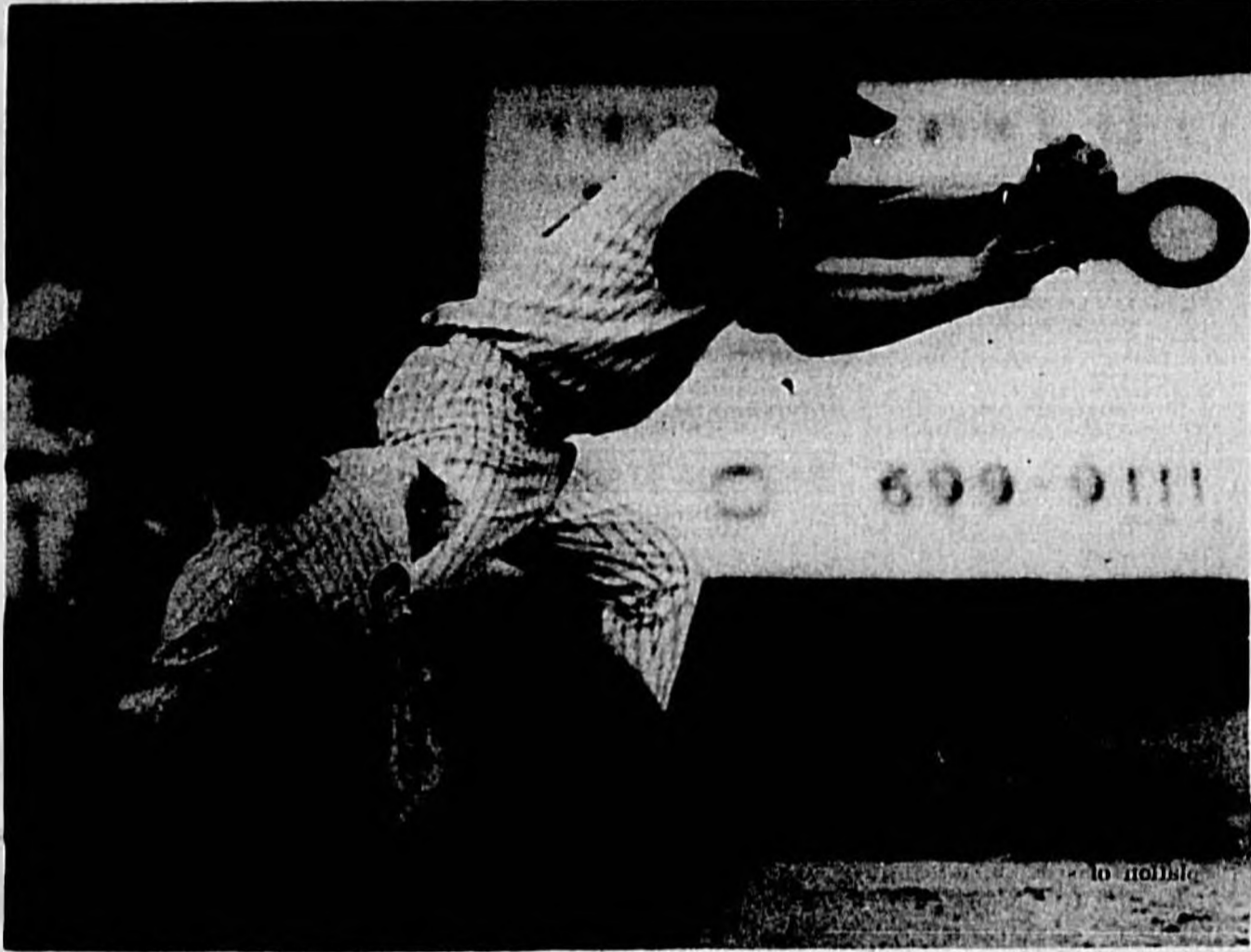
Donovan Daniels led the Cardinals through four innings, hitting a pair of singles and driving in a pair of runs. Jason Hill had a single, a run, and an RBI. Ramone Raines also had a single and an RBI. Gerry Murby singled and scored a run.

William Kirby hit a single. Corey Murby scored two runs. Aaron Richardson had a run scored and an RBI. Eric Sperry scored a run.

For the Indians, lead-off hitter Bruce Carter tripled, singled, scored a run, and had an RBI. Mario Alexander added a single. Adam Dryden had a run and an RBI. Joe Perry, Dwayne Tullman, and Monterro Stokes each scored a run.

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SANFORD MEMORIAL STADIUM Kiwanis Club Indians 000 0 - 0 0 Knights of Columbus Cardinals 110 0 - 6 6



Shortstop Sean Arago and his Lake Brantley teammates took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning of their Big Blue Bonanza semifinal with Deltona Wednesday evening.

But Dustin Sweeney (No. 16) and the Wolves rallied for a 9-4 victory and a berth in tonight's championship game at 7 p.m. opposite Key West.

Wolves, Conchs in Big Blue finale

From Staff Reports

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Having mastered a 'sea' and two lakes, the Deltona Wolves will see how they fare with a key tonight in the finale of the Big Blue Baseball Bonanza at Lake Brantley High School.

The Wolves (12-6), who opened the tournament with a 2-0 win over Seabreeze and defeated Lake Mary 6-1 Tuesday, beat Lake Brantley 9-4 in the semifinals Wednesday to advance to this evening's championship game against defending champion Key West.

Dax Rankine tossed a two-hit shutout as the Conchs (23-2) and ranked fifth in Class 4A) blanked Seminole 10-0 in their semifinal game Wednesday night.

In other games played at Lake Brantley, Lake Mary bested Mainland, 3-0, behind pitcher Luis Rivera's two-hitter and New Smyrna Beach rallied by Neptune Beach-Fletcher, 5-4.

At Lake Howell, Edgewater topped Seabreeze 4-1 while Kevin Knorr and Matt Huston combined to pitch Lake Howell to a 5-0 shutout of Melbourne-Florida Air.

The tournament is scheduled to

BIG BLUE BONANZA OF LAKE BRANTLEY HIGH SCHOOL RAMS & BUCCANERS Lake Mary 000 000 - 0 0 0 Mainland 000 000 - 0 0 0 Rivers and Perez, Youngman and Cash, WP - Rivers, LP - Youngman. Records - Lake Mary 12-9.

SABRACUBAN SENATORS 4 Neptune Beach-Pine 121 000 0 - 4 7 6 New Smyrna Beach 100 001 - 0 0 1 Jones and Bagunas, G. Henry, Beard (1) and Puhall, WP - Beard, LP - Jones. 2B - New Smyrna Beach, Davis and Smith. Records - Fletcher 12-7, New Smyrna Beach 11-4.

WOLVES & PATRIOTS 4 Lake Brantley 000 011 0 - 4 10 3 Deltona 000 004 - 0 0 1 Bliska, Anderson (4), Brock (4) and Grassing, Knorr, Puhall (3) and Reid, WP - Puhall, LP - Bliska, 2B - Lake Brantley, Deart and McAllister; Deltona, Morgan, HR - Lake Brantley, Cartmill. Records - Lake Brantley 11-10, Deltona 12-4.

CONCHS VS. FIGHTING SEMINOLE 6 Seminole 000 00 - 0 0 3 Key West 011 00 - 10 10 0 Youmans, Wagner (1), Dwyer (2) and Wilcox, Rankins and Menendez, WP - Rankins, LP - Youmans, 2B - Seminole, Youmans, 2B - Key West, Olson, HR - Key West, Menendez and Lantz. Records - Seminole 9-16, Key West 22-1.

OF LAKE HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES & SAND CRABS 1 Edgewater 000 000 - 4 7 0 Palm Bay 001 000 - 1 2 1 DiPronto and Coates, Christiansen and Biggers, WP - DiPronto, LP - Christiansen.

SILVER HAWKS & FALCONS 9 Lake Howell 000 000 - 0 0 0 Melbourne-Florida Air 000 000 - 0 0 2 Knorr, Huston (4) and Gill, Seler and Andrews, WP - Knorr, LP - Seler, Sevo - Huston, 2B - Florida Air, Andrews; Lake Howell, Knorr. Records - Lake Howell 15-5, Florida Air 13-7.

wrap up today at Lake Brantley. At 10 a.m., Lake Howell and Edgewater were to play for seventh place. The fifth-place game between Lake Mary and New Smyrna Beach is set for 1 p.m. Seminole and Lake Brantley play for third at 4 p.m. The finale will start at 7 p.m.

Nick Bona, Rene Peres, and Carey Hobbs each had RBI singles for the Lake Mary Rams in support of Rivera, who was working on a

perfect game through 3 1/3 innings. Clay Davis and Kevin Smith each hit a double to help rally New Smyrna Beach. Leo Bagunas was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Fletcher.

Deltona got a two-run single from Christian Morales and a two-run double from Tony Morgan. For Lake Brantley, J.B. Cartmill hit a home run while Matt Deart and Andy McAllister both doubled.

Pierce posts uneventful Sportsman win at New Smyrna

By PAUL MARABELLA Special to the Herald

SAMBULA — After coming back from a mid-race wreck to win the Sportsman feature Friday at Orlando Speedworld, Barbara Pierce had a quiet ride in winning the Sportsman event Saturday, April 8, at New Smyrna Speedway.

Pierce started the race from the third position and used a high-groove pass going into turn four on the second lap to overtake leader Ron Lufey.

At the midway point, Dale Clouser moved into second place with Tony McDowell and John Witt in tow. As they raced for position, Pierce pulled away to a comfortable lead and cruised to her eighth win of the season.

Clouser was second in front of McDowell, Witt, and David LeBeau (last week's feature winner). Rick Clouser led every circuit to win the Bomber main event.

The first five laps, Clouser was chased by Mark

Manfredi. For the next few laps, the field shifted positions with Dwayne Waddell and Bobby Bell moving ahead of Manfredi.

Manfredi came back and caught Waddell and Bell with six laps remaining.

Rounding out the top five behind Clouser and Manfredi were Waddell, Bell, and Chad Pierce.

David Rogers, who had trouble finishing a race with last few months, notched his second consecutive Late Model feature win.

Starting from the eighth position, Rogers took command on lap six. Two laps later, a seven-car pileup in turn one brought out the red flag. Although the cars received extensive damage, none of the drivers was seriously injured.

After 15 minutes under the red flag, the race was restarted with Rogers on the point in front of John Kennedy and Tom Blattery.

Another caution put two more cars behind the wall. As the race continued, mechanical problems and another fender-bender cut the field

from 23 cars to 11.

The last five laps ran under the green flag as Rogers took the checkers ahead of Kennedy, Blattery, David King, and Johnnie Gazdacko.

Bobby Sears continued his dominance of the Limited Late Model division as he collected his 11th victory of the year. Brad May was a distant second, finishing in front of Hank Baker, Timmy Todd, and Ed Woodring.

Mike Fitch cruised in the Modified headliner, giving him three victories on the season. Danny Bancroft, Joe Middleton, and Dave Savicki raced inches apart for the runner-up slot. Bancroft gaining the edge at the stripe, Middleton was third ahead of Savicki and Terry Rooser.

Ted Vulpius headed a 17-car field to take the top money in the Mini-Stock division. Jared Allison was second with Gene VanAlstine, Conrad Grenier, and Keith French in tow.

Also taking wins were Hank Sanders (Run-Abouts) and Dale Clouser (Demolition Derby).

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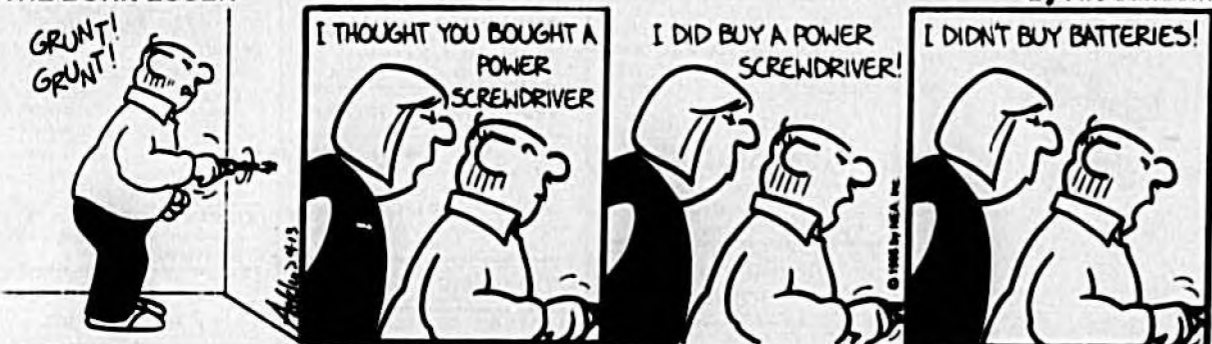
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treated with another anti-cancer drug. He should ask his oncologist about this. Or, if your husband is unwilling to risk further reactions from other chemotherapy, his doctor may agree to adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude: no drug unless and until there is future evidence (from X-rays, for

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DEAR READER: Drugs used to treat cancer are antimetabolites. They affect normal cells as well as diseased ones. Therefore, side effects, such as those your husband suffered, are common. However, your husband evidently had a profound reaction to his chemotherapy. I do not know the reason why this happened. Perhaps he would have fewer side effects if he were



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

example) that the colon cancer was not eradicated by surgery. Your husband should discuss the pros and cons of this decision with his doctor.

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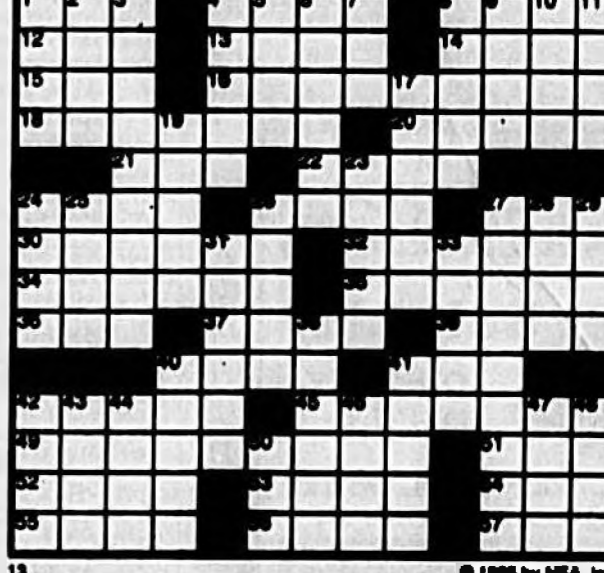
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

Frank Stewart has written several comprehensive bridge books. He does excellent research, supplying many deals to support his arguments. And if the vast majority of bridge players applied his principles, they usually do just fine.

Stewart's latest offering is "The Bidder's Bible" (C&T; 800-525-4718; \$18.95). In almost 300 large pages, Stewart covers most aspects of non-conventional bidding. You won't learn how best to employ, say, transfer bids. But you will find out when to double for penalties and when not to.

In general, you should double only when you have a nasty surprise for declarer and can envisage two down. Any time you double with a trump stack, declarer will probably use the information to play the hand one trick better than he would have done if you hadn't doubled.

On today's deal, taken from the book, Alan Sontag, sitting East, made a double that wouldn't occur to many players, but it was perfectly logical.

After South opened with a weak two-bid, North, expecting his club suit to run, used Blackwood. But when North signed off in five hearts, Sontag knew his partner had two aces. A club ruff as well would kill the contract. So he doubled.

West, Steve Altman, led the diamond ace. Sontag signaled with a suit-preference two. The defense continued with a club ruff, a spade to West's ace and a second club ruff for two down; plus 300.

True, East-West can make six spades, but once West didn't risk a two-spade overall, they were frozen out of the auction.

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♥ A 10 9 3	♥ K J 8 5 4 3	♥ Q 8 2	♥ A ...
SOUTH		NORTH	
♠ K 7	♠ K J 7 6 5 3 2	♠ Q 6	♠ 10 9
Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Dbl.
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Opening lead: ♠ A			

HOROSCOPES

By Bernice Bode Osoi
YOUR BIRTHDAY
April 14, 1995

Although you might have been tagged as a bit cautious or conservative in this past year, this might change in the months ahead. Your courageous instincts may be aroused and you could turn into a trail blazer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although the opposing party might want you to believe otherwise, you're the one who has the upper hand in negotiating a critical agreement today. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and \$4 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good time to implement changes to improve your career. Dare to be bold or different if circumstances warrant it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although you might have been tagged as a bit cautious or conservative in this past year, this might change in the months ahead. Your courageous instincts may be aroused and you could turn into a trail blazer.

You will have the ability today to bring together unrelated factions for a common purpose. Use this skill wisely.

CANCER (June 21-July 23) Completing distasteful assignments that you've been avoiding could give you a solid sense of achievement today. Once begun, it might even prove pleasurable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) This is a good day for you to take care of any outstanding social obligations. Almost anything you plan should turn out to be fun for all involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Financial currents could turn in your favor as of today. Wait until you have the cash in the bank, however, before going on a spending spree.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your warmth and enthusiasm will be your greatest assets today. You can inspire hope in the hearts of those you love. You will make a winning duo with anyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) This could be one of those days when friends might assist you

without your having to ask. Just remember to repay their favors at a later date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are now in a favorable cycle for dealings with persons who could help advance your immediate plans. Temporarily shelve the older stuff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There will be a good chance that Lady Luck might work behind the scenes on your behalf today. A financial situation you recently goofed up may turn out OK.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your hopes have a good chance of being fulfilled today. Concentrate on matters that are the most meaningful to you and your partners.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You mustn't be intimidated by competitive developments today. You actually have more luck and reserve to draw upon than your adversaries have.

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ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

