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## NEWS DIGEST

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#### Sports

##### Region at stake

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Lake Brantley will attempt to add the Region 5 boys basketball title to its collection tonight when it hosts Orlando Oak Ridge at 7:30 p.m.  
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#### Florida

##### Children feel hunger in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Almost a quarter of a million Florida children under the age of 12, know the feeling of hunger. An equal number of children are in danger of feeling the same pangs.  
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##### Agent joins gang

ORLANDO — Federal agent Steve Martin coiled up to a motorcycle gang president at an Apopka gym, got invited to join the Warlocks Motorcycle Club, eventually started his own chapter and then became instrumental in the arrests of 41 bikers on drug and weapons charges.  
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### BRIEFS

##### Annual Kasino Klassics set

SANFORD — The Sanford Rotary Club and the Junior Woman's Club of Sanford will host its 11th Annual Kasino Klassics Saturday at the Sanford Civic Center.

Proceeds from the mock casino games will benefit community projects spearheaded by the two clubs.

Tickets are \$12.50 each in advance or \$15 at the door. Admission price includes \$1,000 of Kasino play money. A raffle will be held at 11 p.m.

For more information, call 323-1739 or 321-6898.

##### Floridians' show optimism

GAINESVILLE — Floridians' growing optimism about the national economy is reflected in February's consumer confidence index.

The state's confidence index climbed to 77 last month, up from 73 in January, said David Denslow, economist with the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

"The survey was completed before the cease-fire in the Persian Gulf so we don't know yet how the end of the war will affect consumers," he said. "Perhaps the best early information will be what happens to auto sales during the first 10 days of March."

The slow rise of the index from its historic low of 67 in October 1990 is good news, but the index remains low at 77, Denslow said.

"Only when it rises to the high 80s can we be assured that recovery is at hand for the Florida economy," he said.

##### Toddler found in septic tank

OKEECHOBEE — A search party found the body of a 16-month-old boy in his grandparents' septic tank, more than a week after the toddler was reported missing, authorities said.

Workers of Parrish Septic Tank Inc., asked by detectives to pump out the tank in the grandparents' front yard, found the body of young Rigoberto Hernandez-Tinajero Monday after pumping out about 400 gallons of sewage, Okeechobee County Sheriff O.L. Raulerson Jr. said.

An autopsy was to be performed on the child's body today to determine the cause of death, the sheriff said.

The toddler was last seen Feb. 23 playing in the same yard with his 4-year-old sister and two other toddlers, Raulerson said.

A metal lid covering the pump hole on the tank was in place, according to the sheriff, and family members said they hadn't seen the lid open before or since the child was reported missing.

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### Warming trend begins



Mostly sunny with a high in the low 70s. Wind west 10 mph.

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# 1st area vet welcomed



Scott Wolff flanked by sister Tammy and mother Carol at last night's support group meeting.

By LAURA L. SULLIVAN  
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Scott Wolff, with his shy smile, blushes at being called a hero.

When he was saluted with a standing ovation last night as Sanford's first service man home from the Persian Gulf War, he bowed his head with an embarrassed laugh.

In spite of his embarrassment, the 24-year-old Navyman was welcomed by the Sanford Operation Desert Storm Support Group with words like "hero" and "courageous."

"He doesn't think he's a hero," said his mother, Carol Wolff of Winter Springs. "But when he's in the store or out somewhere, people come up to shake his hand and congratulate him."

Wolff returned home from the U.S.S. Saratoga Thursday after seven months in the Red Sea — what Wolff said the sailors called "Toto Station, because we weren't in Kansas anymore."

He has been transferred to a naval base in Astor, located in the Ocala National Forest. Before the war started he had received orders for a transfer, but all such orders were suspended by the military at the conflict's outset.

Wolff's voice cracked with emotion when he spoke of Saratoga pilot Jeffrey Zaun, who was taken prisoner by Iraq during the first day of Desert Storm. The Iraqis drew outrage from the U.S. when they paraded Zaun, who was released yesterday by Iraq, in front of television cameras shortly after his capture.

"When we saw him on TV our whole ship just wanted to go marching to Baghdad to kill him," he said.

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# Dear Norman, if your're busy stormin' please send your wife to our parade

By LAURA L. SULLIVAN  
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Allied commander Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf this week will receive an invitation to preside over Sanford's homecoming parade for the area's 160 service men and women who have served in the Persian Gulf War.

Veralynn Williams, of the Sanford Operation Desert Storm Support Group parade committee, said she wrote a letter to the general and his wife this week. Although Schwarzkopf will more than likely be inundated with similar offers and may not have returned to the United States in time for the June 15 event, she said, the invitation stands for either him or his wife.

"Our parade may not be the calibre of a California ticker tape parade," Williams wrote in her letter to the general, but Schwarzkopf would be moved by the support shown by this small community.

The homecoming parade will be more than just a show of support for troops coming home from this war, parade committee member Penny Loughan said. To symbolize the sort



Veralynn Williams Reads letter to Schwarzkopf

of healing the Persian Gulf victory has brought for 25-year-old wounds, she said, local Vietnam veterans have already announced they will have a float in the parade.

The 3.4-mile march, dubbed "Desert Victory," will start at 10 a.m. at 25th Street and Airport Boulevard, Loughan said. The procession will move up Airport, across U.S. Highway 17-92 to Mellonville Avenue, near the entrance of the Sanford airport.

Following the parade, a barbecue will be held at the American Legion Post #53 at 2874 Sanford Ave. Beginning March 11, tickets will be available at the Legion for \$2 each. Children under age 12 will be admitted to the barbecue free of charge.

Applications for parade participation are available at the Legion. The committee is also accepting volunteers to help with the festivities.

Fundraising will continue for the festivities. Donations may be made at the Legion, with checks payable to Operation Desert Storm.

The support group last night raised more than \$60 through a project sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Sanford. For every marketing survey filled out at the meeting, the parade committee received \$1.

For more information, call 321-2638.



Larica Quinn Reads letter to her dad

# County manager inagurates a new era

By J. MARK BARFIELD  
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Seminole County's new county manager, Ron Rabun, began work at 5:30 Monday morning, totting a few boxes into his freshly-painted third-floor office in the County Services Building.

That's 5:30 a.m., after a two-hour trip from his home in Clearwater. "I got up at 2:30 and was over

here at 5:30," an alert Rabun said Monday morning. "I'll be coming over from Clearwater until the 13th, so we'll be losing some sleep until then."

Monday marked the start of a new era in county management for Seminole County with Rabun's first day on the job. He replaces Ken Hooper, ousted by commissioners in October 1989. Rabun leaves his former position as city manager of

Clearwater, a title he held almost three years. Previously, he was county administrator of Manatee County, Fla. and Henry County, Ga.

Although Rabun thought last Friday he'd be staying at Sanford Landing Apartments until he and his family finds a home here, he said he will rent a home in the west Sanford subdivision Kaywood beginning March 13 until his family purchases a home in Seminole

County. His wife and three children will join him on the 13th. Until then, he'll commute from Clearwater, he said.

Initially, Rabun said he'll focus on familiarizing himself with the county comprehensive development plan, which will be reviewed by commissioners tonight. He'll also begin reviewing the county budget preparation process, he said he will

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# Attendance zones focus of school public meeting

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald staff writer

LONGWOOD — The Seminole County School Board will offer a public forum for parents of students who will be affected by the rezoning for both Heathrow Elementary School in Lake Mary and Parlin Elementary School on Wednesday evening at Lyman High School, 1141 E. State Road 427 in Longwood.

The 7 p.m. public hearing will take place in the high school auditorium to be sure there is enough space to accommodate the crowds of parents which are expected to speak to the board.

"We want to give parents the chance to voice their opinions," Joe Williams, chairman of the school board said.

In past meetings with parents over the last few weeks, the district

administrators who have been working on the plans presented their ideas and chatted informally with them afterward.

Wednesday's meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to state their opinions about the plans that are presented and to offer suggestions of their own.

One group of parents from the Glen Haven neighborhood in Lake Mary, for example, have devised a proposal which would allow their youngsters to attend Lake Mary Elementary School, 132 Country Club Rd. in Lake Mary, rather than to Goldsboro Elementary School, 1301 W. 20th St. in Sanford.

The Hazel Glen parents argue that Lake Mary Elementary School is more than five miles closer to their homes than Goldsboro.

The neighborhood, however, was not included in any of the three

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# Ugly mirror Legislature looks at itself as issue

By BILL KACZOR  
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida legislators are looking in the mirror and they don't like some of the things they see.

There have been revelations many of them failed to report, as required by law, vacation trips and other gifts received from lobbyists. The state attorney's office in Tallahassee is investigating.

One of their members, Rep. Fred Lippman, D-Hollywood, and a former staffer have been accused of sexual harassment. Their accuser, another former staffer, was paid \$47,000 to keep quiet about it.

Those matters will move ethics, an issue traditionally

kept on the Legislature's back burner. Into the forefront when lawmakers convene their 1991 regular session today.

"The emphasis and the focus is on the Legislature and our conduct," said Rep. Harry Goode, D-Melbourne, chairman of the House Ethics and Elections Committee. "My goal is to restore credibility and confidence back to the Legislature in the eyes of the public."

Gov. Lawton Chiles, who has imposed a \$2 limit on gifts that members of his staff can receive, is expected to have some recommendations for lawmakers in his state of the state address Tuesday.

However, the public pressure has been so intense the

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Suspect charged with battery

SANFORD — Harold Earl Moore, 36, 2581 Crawford Dr., Sanford, was arrested Saturday for battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence and depriving an officer means of communication.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Department report said the suspect was recognized by a police officer as having an outstanding felony warrant in Seminole County. The suspect allegedly gave the officer a fictitious name, after which the officer placed the suspect under arrest.

The suspect resisted with violence, the report stated. Sanford police officers and Seminole County sheriff's deputies arrived to assist after store personnel called 911.

The report said Moore was hogtied and transported to the Seminole County jail.

### Burglary charged

Andrew Lewis Morgan, 32, of Maytown Road in Sanford, was arrested on Thursday and charged with burglary.

Police arriving at the scene of an alarm at the Scotty's store on U.S. Highway 17-92 and 9th Street in Sanford, saw an individual hiding near the fence to the south of the store. The individual, later identified as Morgan, fled from the area but was apprehended nearby.

He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held on \$1,000 bond.

### Disorderly conduct charged

Terry Lee Pratt, 28, of 5720 County Road 427 in Sanford was arrested on Sunday and charged with disorderly conduct.

Pratt, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office report alleges, was standing in his front yard yelling when officers arrived. Authorities allege that he was upset about something and was using obscenities to describe it. He allegedly refused to go back in his house so he was taken into custody.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held in lieu of \$100 bond.

### 4 charged with grand theft

Leroy Clarence Boyd, 34, of 1319 Summerlin Ave. in Sanford; Willie B. Lawson, 45, of 2070 Muddy Lane in Sanford; Loren George Baker, 36, of 701 E. 8th St. in Sanford and Donna Jean Allen, 30, of 2431 S. Myrtle Ave. in Sanford, were arrested on Sunday and charged with grand theft.

Sheriff's officers were called to the Circle K store at 2631 Sanford Ave. in response to an alleged theft.

A woman, later identified as Allen, allegedly entered the store saying she needed a dollar's worth of gas, but could not pay for it and that she would return soon with the money.

While the clerk was allegedly dealing with Allen, three men entered the store and allegedly took many packages of cigarettes, authorities reported.

After the four allegedly left in two separate cars, a witness reported the license plate number which led the officers to Allen.

Allen, Baker, Lawson and Boyd were transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where they were held on \$1,000 bond each.

### Warrant arrest made

James Harper, 39, of 1101 W. 10th St. in Sanford was arrested on Sunday.

An outstanding warrant for a previous charge of trafficking in cocaine was used.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held without bond.

### Violation of probation arrest

Tony Leon Prichard, 19, of 146 Academy Dr. in Sanford, was arrested on Sunday.

Prichard was charged with violating his probation on a previous robbery charge.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held without bond.

## School district plans airing over cable TV

By VICKI DeSOMMER  
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — As the Seminole County School District moves toward a more business-like approach to the running of their operations, they want the public to be aware of the changes it may bring.

A 30-minute discussion about the school district's development of a strategic plan, presented by Dr. Bill Cook, an expert on educational strategic planning and Supt. Robert Hughes, will be shown on cable television several times over the next few weeks.

"Television is the most effective method of distributing the materials that we have," said Dick Hofmann, director of community relations for the district.

District officials believe they will be able to reach a wide audience with the television presentation and that the video format will be more readily accepted by the general public.

CableVision of Central Florida will air the show five times between now and March 14 on public access channel 16.

CableVision serves all of Sanford and a small portion of northern Lake Mary.

County will eight times between now and March 14 on public access channel 22.

Storer serves the portion of Lake Mary not served by CableVision as well as the south part of Seminole County.

The presentation by Cook and Hughes was videotaped during a recent visit by Cook to the school district to help train district administrators and prepare them for the change to a strategic plan.

Strategic planning allows for a school district to set specific long-range goals which they are committed to attaining. Under current policy, the school district sets annual priorities which they strive to attain.

"It's a much more business-like approach," Hofmann said.

CableVision will air the show on Thursday, March 7 at 9 p.m.; on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.; on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.; on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:30 p.m. and on Friday, March 14 at 9 p.m.

Storer will show the presentation on Thursday, March 8 at 2 and 7 p.m.; on Monday, March 11 at 2 and 7 p.m.; on Tuesday, March 12 at 2 and 7 p.m. and on Thursday, March 14 at 2 and 7 p.m.

## Longwood narrows its official list

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — The City Commission voted last night to accept the names of four candidates seeking the job of City Administrator, finally narrowing down a long list, and to make a decision on one of them next Monday evening.

James F. Coleman, Longwood's Personnel Director, presented the names of four of the five candidates originally chosen by the selection committee. The four included Christopher L. Holley, who has been Community Services Director for the City of Naples since 1984; Bill Farmer, currently a consultant who has been Manager and Personnel Director for the City of Holly Hill from 1988 to 1990; Reid Silverboard, presently Deputy City Manager of Hallandale since 1984; and Don L. Terry, who has worked in the city of Longwood since 1978. Terry is Longwood's City Clerk, and has been the Acting City Administrator since the dismissal of Mike Abels.

The fifth candidate selected by the committee, Danny Crew, had recently withdrawn his application, having obtained a job as an administrator in St. Lucie County.

The three members of the selection committee who chose the names from dozens of applications, were all members of both the International City Managers Association and the Florida City & County Managers Association. Committee membership in at least one of the organizations is required in the Longwood city charter.

As a result of the acceptance of the recommendations by Coleman on behalf of the committee, the next move will be made Monday, March 11, when the four candidates will tour the various city departments individually, then attend a work session for panel interviews by members of the Commission at 5:30.

The final decision is expected to be made in a special called meeting of the Commission at 7:30 p.m.

Coleman said, "I expect one of these four will be selected." He added however, "If for some reason none of these is picked, the City Charter calls for us to start the entire process all over again."

The person selected to be the new City Administrator will be appointed as soon as possible, on a date still to be set.

### Public school menu



#### What's for lunch?

Wednesday, Mar. 6  
Pizza  
Tater tots  
Mixed fruit  
Milk

# Are you open to some energy-saving ideas?

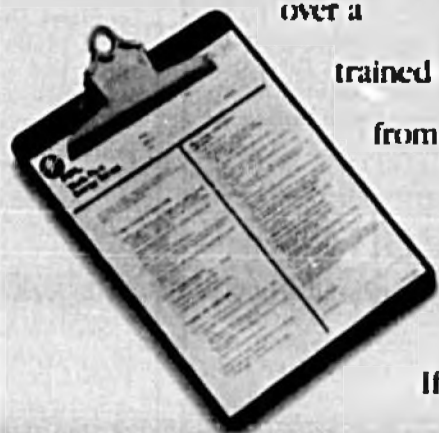


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### EDITORIALS

## Don't bail out airlines

Having absorbed \$2 billion in losses last year, the U.S. airline industry is seeking a bailout from Washington. Five major domestic carriers are lobbying for a proposal that would allow them to retain, for a year or longer, the revenues generated by the 10 percent federal ticket tax.

Proceeds from the tax go into a special fund earmarked for expansion of airports and construction of new ones.

The ticket tax, which recently was increased by Congress, generates about \$4 billion a year. These revenues are coveted by some financially ailing carriers on the premise that a large transfusion of public money is needed to ensure the survival of more than a handful of domestic airlines.

In truth, several airlines appear to be in imminent danger of financial collapse, squeezed by both the recession and a temporary but steep rise in fuel prices. Continental and Pan Am already have filed for bankruptcy protection. Trans World Airlines is on the verge of doing so, as is Midway, a regional carrier based in Illinois.

The airlines assert that a short-term cash infusion from the ticket tax would avert a painful industry shakeout. They propose to repay the federal Treasury over time. One plan calls for a payback over 5 to 10 years at an interest rate of 1 percentage point above the prime rate. Another plan calls for a surcharge on top of the ticket tax to repay the government's money.

Some airline executives predict a groundswell of public support for federal subsidies to the airline industry. If the Bush administration and Congress cannot be persuaded to hand over the ticket tax, the industry hopes to win federal loan guarantees or other considerations.

But there are many drawbacks attached to almost any kind of federal bailout of the airlines. One of these is increased pressure to reregulate the industry and involve the government in decisions that are best made by the private sector.

If Congress hands over \$4 billion to the airlines, it surely will want a say in how the industry conducts its affairs. In the long run, reregulation of the airline industry would be worse for American consumers than whatever shakeout might occur due to the industry's current financial problems.

It is worth noting that, prior to deregulation, only 17 percent of air travelers could choose from three or more carriers on a given route. Today, 85 percent of travelers have such a choice. Moreover, fares are, on average, 18 percent less today than they would have been under the old regulatory regime, according to figures compiled by the Brookings Institution. In the last 10 years, this has saved American air travelers \$100 billion.

The financial struggles of once-profitable carriers like Eastern, Pan Am and TWA are unfortunate. But the reality of the marketplace is that, where competition is keen, the fit survive and the less efficient fall by the wayside. Increased competition has certainly fomented profound changes in the airline industry. But, on balance, that competition has served consumers well — even if it means some of the least efficient carriers lose the battle against their more productive rivals.

## Berry's World



## JOSEPH SPEAR

# Beware of the Nixon revisionists

Think of this column as a lantern in the North Church steeple: Paul Revere Spear is warning you that yet another new Richard Nixon is coming over the horizon, at the head of a small but growing army. If you don't entrench, you could be overrun.

He's been planning his campaign for years and his strategy is devilishly clever. In Phase One, he sat under a banyan tree in Upper Saddle River, N.J., and dispensed snippets of specious wisdom to visitors. A few impressionable scholars and journalists enlisted in his forces.

In Phase Two, he published a personal history entitled "In the Arena, a Memoir of Victory, Defeat and Renewal," in which he attempted to demolish the "myths" that have been recorded about him. Time magazine pronounced the book "an emotional and extraordinarily candid memoir" and signed up.

In Phase Three, he opened a private "library" in Yorba Linda, Calif., in which his story is told through "interpretive exhibits." And guess who has now joined the ranks? None other than the respected New York Times columnist and heretofore inveterate Nixon foe, Tom Wicker. In a new book entitled "One of Us: Richard Nixon and the American Dream," Wicker writes

compassionately of the former president, describes the infamous Checkers speech as an "American masterpiece," and portrays Watergate as "an inevitable disaster that just happened to come about on Nixon's watch."

Bring in the heavy equipment, boys, and build the bunkers deep. This battle could get serious.

Not that I don't understand Wicker's conversion and even have a bit of empathy for him. Studying a person close up, like Wicker did Nixon, can jolt and disorient a body. I myself started liking Richard Nixon a few years ago when I was writing a book about him. But I caught myself after about eight minutes and

have not wavered since.

There are others — may the Muses stand guard o'er their word processors — who remain ever vigilant against the threat of Nixon revisionism. Among the most steadfast is Prof. Stanley Kutler of the University of Wisconsin, whose penetrating 1990 history of Watergate was manna to Nixonphobes.

Kutler is a pro of granitic character who will not be fooled into thinking that Richard Nixon was merely a bright but insecure pol who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. As Kutler wrote last August after touring the Nixon Library, it was lies that did Richard Nixon in: "Nixon's lies brought him to the dock and cost him his presidency... His lies are the heart of his history."

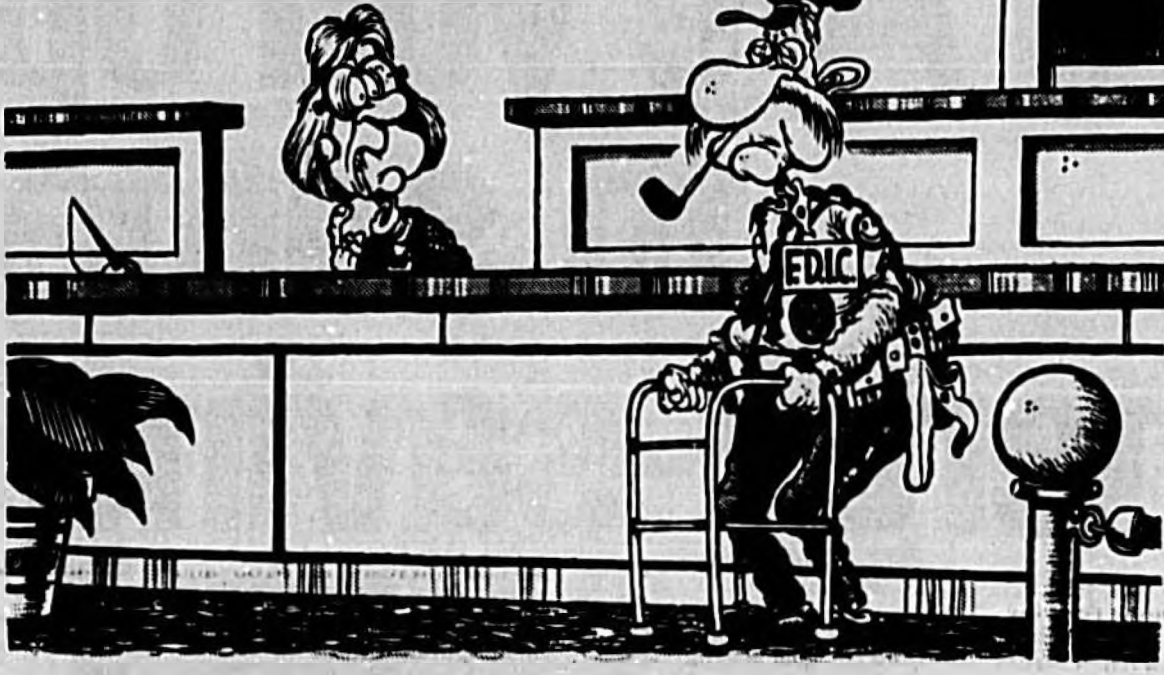
Kutler's 20-page report on his visit to the Yorba Linda Theme Park, which he generously shared with me, is crammed with incisive observations. Among them are these:

One of the 18 exhibits depicts Nixon as a young naval veteran who "risked everything" to run for Congress. Notes Kutler: "Some risk. Local businessmen bankrolled the campaign and Nixon was then unemployed."

He attempted to demolish the myths.

## U.S. BANKS

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## JACK ANDERSON

# Warthogs save day many times at war

WITH U.S. TROOPS IN SAUDI ARABIA — The Commander of the American Air Force in Saudi Arabia had to eat crow — or in this case "Warthog" — three days after the Persian Gulf War began.

Lt. Gen. Charles Horner, in charge of Central Command Air Forces, had initially opposed the deployment of the tank-killing A-10s — the warplanes that the pilots affectionately call "Warthogs." Horner was overruled by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

In an Air Force battle staff closed-door meeting a few days into the war, Horner admitted he was wrong. "I take back all the bad things I've ever said about the A-10s. I love them. They're saving our asses."

We wrote in a column last December that the image-conscious Air Force didn't like the A-10s because they are slow and ugly. The army wanted them in the Gulf because they do their job well, no matter how they look.

Now the A-10 has emerged as one of the lumbering wonders of the war — a Cinderella story about a plane that the Air Force was seriously considering putting on the scrap heap. It now has a new lease on life.

Army officials were relieved to hear Gen. Horner's mea culpa. "We would be in serious trouble if (the A-10s) hadn't come," one Army officer at the front told us before the outbreak of the ground war. "They are the major weapons between us and the Iraqis."

Air Force generals and pilots always favor the glamorous, fast-flying jets. But the Army needs slower, heavily armored planes to stick tightly to the ground troops. The A-10 can go only 450 miles an hour while the F-16 can fly more than 1,100 miles an hour.

The chief armament of the A-10 is a monstrous 30 mm, seven-barrel Gatling gun, which fires 4,000 rounds in a minute and can destroy a tank with a single, well-placed shot. It shoots dense, depleted-uranium bullets that can penetrate a tank's armor.

The A-10s also carry Maverick missiles, 500-pound Mark 82 iron bombs and Rockeye anti-armor cluster bombs.

Capt. Jessie Morimoto, an Air Force intelligence officer at one of the forward air bases, said the A-10 took on more responsibilities with every passing week of the war. Warthogs were used to knock out Scud missile sites, artillery supply points, radar installations and surface-to-air missile sites. They even helped rescue a downed Navy pilot. And one engaged in an unexpected dog fight with an Iraqi helicopter. The A-10 won.

One reason the Iraqis had trouble shooting down the A-10s is that Iraqi anti-aircraft guns are usually fired at noise, and the A-10 is relatively quiet, particularly when compared to the other noises of a battlefield. One commander estimated that enemy gunners were only able to identify A-10s by sound in one out of 100 missions.

The sturdy plane is reinforced with titanium, which creates a heavy armor "bathtub" that protects the pilot and the engines. One A-10 took a hit that left a gaping hole in its right wing, destroyed a landing gear pod and took out one of the hydraulic systems. But the plane made it back home. "The plan worked as advertised. It could take a hit and come back," said one source at the scene.

Capt. Morimoto said the A-10s had proved "that they're just as able to hit the target and get out without being hurt as anybody else — and in some cases, better."

**WAR MADE IN JAPAN** — The performance of American high-tech weaponry in the Persian Gulf War has restored confidence in American technology. Unfortunately, much of that technology is not made in the USA.



The A-10 has emerged as one of the lumbering wonders of the war.

## ELLEN GOODMAN

# Cheering and chill of exclusion

**BOSTON** — The country I walk through these last days of war is fully outfitted in its civilian uniform. Yellow ribbons hang like badges of belonging on everything from trees to storm doors to lapels. American flags line streets and mark homes as if on permanent dress parade.

Ambivalence has gone underground for the duration and we are expected to respond with the unanimity of a trained troop. Those who doubt, those who cannot join the regimental cheering, have felt the chill wind of exclusion, a patriotic form of shunning.

In New Jersey, an Italian basketball player was hounded off the team because he chose not to wear a flag. In Erie, Pa., the anti-war Benedictine sisters beat out Saddam Hussein to win a radio show's title of "bad guy" of the day. In New Hampshire, a man arguing earnestly but civilly about the origins and outcomes of the war was interrupted by a passerby who threatened to break his face.

Even this short war, with a routed enemy, seems to have chipped away at one of the values Americans hold in common: the right to dissent from what we hold in common.

Just two weeks ago, I sat with Nadine Strossen, the energetic new President of the American Civil Liberties Union, and talked of this. The ACLU was founded in the wake of World War I and she listed for me a few of the domestic casualties of that war.

There was the man arrested for sedition after he cynically told a woman knitting socks that her socks would never get to the troops. There was the minister jailed for reading the Bill of Rights in public. There was the Nebraska legislature that outlawed the teaching of German.

Strossen, a law professor, knows about wartime dissent from her family history as well. Her maternal grandfather, a conscientious objector to World War I, was publicly ridiculed before a New Jersey courthouse. Her father spent nine months in a German concentration camp for opposing Hitler.

In her forty years, Strossen said, "We have always been in some kind of warlike state — the cold war, the war on drugs, the war on pornography. It's no coincidence that war speech is used to create the sense of panic that we must give up our rights for something looming."

So war in the Persian Gulf has filled another set of folders for civil liberties files. One for soldiers who couldn't get Bibles sent to the Gulf. Another for gay and lesbian soldiers. A third for conscientious objectors. A fourth for the Arab-Americans. A fifth for press censorship. A sixth for protestors.

In the past weeks, we are told, war has pulled America up and out of its post-Vietnam depression. But I have often thought the

enthusiasm for this fighting came from another place, from a deep longing for a sense of community.

We have just lived through a decade of every-man-for-himself individualism. During the '80s, it often seemed that our nation, our cities, our families were divided into the lowest common denominator. Diversity seemed more like a cause of disintegration than the basic stuff of a melting pot. Against that backdrop, war can give a nation a sense of common purpose.

I have been among those looking for community, hoping to renew a sense of connection. But the war fever that has bound us together also reminds me that no every community is benign, not every piece of common ground is welcoming.

There is a difference between the mutual support of a community and the tyranny of a majority. There is a line of thought that runs from community to patriotism to nationalism to jingoism. When nearly two-thirds of Americans think it is a "bad thing" to protest against the war while we are fighting, the price of admission can be silence.

"My impression is that there is more tolerance for dissent than in the past," says Strossen. By historic measures, she may be right. This time there has been no internment. No laws against sedition. No hearings about treasonous speech. Not a single tar-and-feathering.

But in the waning days of the war, in a country decked out in its militant finery, I am struck again by how fragile our value system is. When the yellow ribbons are down, the flags put away, the troops home, we are only held together by the most contradictory of bonds: a common belief that we may differ.



Ambivalence has gone underground for the duration of war.

## 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. Letters are subject to editing.







**RETAKE  
OF**

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**BLONDIE** by Chic Young

THIS REPAIR CHECK IS A MISTAKE! IT'S MADE OUT TO YOU INSTEAD OF TO ME!  
 WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?  
 I'M THE ONE WHO RETURNED THE SPORT COAT, BUT YOU'RE GETTING THE MONEY!  
 WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

**BETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker

IS SHE GONE YET?  
 NO, AMOS, I'M JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO RETURN FROM YOUR "IMPORTANT MEETING"  
 BROOM CLOSET  
 BROOM CLOSET

**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Sansom

YOU'VE GOT A MEAN STREAK IN YOU, GLADYS!  
 SO I HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE MASTERING THE VOLIN...  
 YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT IS SICK!

**PEANUTS** by Charles M. Schulz

DO YOU STILL LIKE PEGGY JEAN? THEN HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...  
 TELL HER ABOUT THE LITTLE RED HAIRIED GIRL! UNFORTUNATELY, SHE'LL NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! NOW, MOST LIKELY, THE LITTLE RED HAIRIED GIRL WILL SOMEDAY ALSO TURN YOU DOWN!  
 THEN YOU'LL HAVE NOBODY, AND BE UNHAPPY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE...  
 THAT'S THE WORST ADVICE I'VE EVER HEARD!  
 WELL, I JUST THOUGHT OF IT FIVE MINUTES AGO..

**EK & MEK** by Howie Schneider

I HAD A DATE LAST NIGHT WITH A WISE GUY FROM ONE OF THOSE FOREIGN-RELATIONS THINK-TANKS...  
 WHAT HAPPENED?  
 NOTHING...  
 I TOLD HIM I WAS WITH A 'PERSONAL' RELATIONS THINK-AGAIN-TANK.

**TUMBLEWEEDS** by T.K. Ryan

WOW! YOU TOOK THE GHOST CANNON SHORTCUT!  
 NO BIG DEAL..

**ARLO AND JANIS** by Jimmy Johnson

LET ME DO THE DISHES TONIGHT?  
 GREAT!  
 THANK YOU!  
 GRATITUDE NOTWITHSTANDING, YOU DO KNOW YOU SHOULD DO THIS EVERY OTHER NIGHT?  
 UNDERSTOOD

**FRANK AND ERNEST** by Bob Thaves

I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD NOT ENGAGE IN STRENUOUS ACTIVITY.  
 WELL, KEEP LOOKING... KEEP LOOKING...!

**GARFIELD** by Jim Davis

SIGH  
 MAYBE TRYING JON'S LIPS INTO A KNOT WOULD RELIEVE MY BOREDOM  
 NOPE

**ROBOTMAN** by Jim Meddick

IN THIS TANK YOU'LL FIND EELS, RAYS AND SEVERAL LARGE VARIETIES OF JELLYFISH...  
 I'LL NEVER SWIM IN THE OCEAN AGAIN.  
 I'LL NEVER SWIM IN THE OCEAN AGAIN.  
 I'LL NEVER SWIM IN THE OCEAN AGAIN.  
 I'LL NEVER SWIM IN THE OCEAN AGAIN.  
 I WONDER WHAT FROZEN FISH STICKS ARE MADE OUT OF...

# Antacids may relieve sliding hiatal hernia

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I've been diagnosed with a sliding hiatal hernia. I elevate the head of my bed, stay up two hours after eating and take Zantac twice daily. Is there something else I can do for my problem?

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Could a lack of vitamins cause my fingernails to split away in layers?



**DEAR READER:** A hiatal hernia is a weakness in the diaphragmatic muscle of breathing at the point where the esophagus (in the chest) joins the stomach (in the abdominal cavity). If this weakness or defect is large enough, a portion of the upper stomach may slide up into the chest, causing heartburn, gas and bloating.

Treatment consists of preventing the stomach from moving out of position, and reducing the amount of gastric acid, which is the irritant causing symptoms. Thus, the methods you describe are completely appropriate.

In addition, you might try using antacids, such as Gelsulid or Maalox, to neutralize excess acid. Further, you should avoid foods that aggravate your symptoms. Such substances include (but are not necessarily limited to) alcohol, caffeine and spicy foods.

If these suggestions are ineffective, you may have to consider having the hernia repaired. During this operation, the surgeon repairs the defect and returns the upper intestinal tract to normal.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I've been diagnosed with a pericardial cyst. A cardiologist tells me nothing can be done about it, and I should forget it. Please tell me what to expect.

**DEAR READER:** The heart is surrounded by a thin but tough envelope of tissue called the pericardium. On occasion, for unknown reasons, collections of fluid (cysts) may form in the pericardial sac. These are harmless and rarely, if ever, cause symptoms; nor do they lead to heart disease. These cysts are usually discovered by accident during chest X-ray examinations.

Your cardiologist is correct: Ignore your pericardial cyst; you can expect no health consequences from it.

**WIN AT BRIDGE**

By James Jacoby

Most players with the South cards found themselves in a conservative six-heart contract. A grand slam in hearts was reasonable, but hardly ironclad. Those who reached the grand slam failed to make it. Understandable. But why should anyone in his right mind not make the small slam?

Here's the intermediate philosophy. "Damn! I missed a good grand slam. We'll play this fast and get on with the next hand." So down comes the ace of hearts at trick two. And away goes the slam.

— is there any reason to play East for length in hearts? Not precisely. But if declarer is trying to secure his contract against any distribution, he should ruff the opening lead and lead a low spade, ruffed in dummy. When that holds the trick, he should play a low heart from dummy and insert the nine. When West shows out on the nine of hearts, declarer abandons any play for seven. Instead he picks up the remaining trumps and scores his slam with five heart tricks, one spade ruff, the A-K of spades, and four good club tricks.

WEST	Q J 7 5 3	10	Q 8 5 2
	♦ - - -		♦ A K J 9 5
	♦ 8 6 3		♦ 10 6 3
	♦ 9 8 4 2		
SOUTH	A K 9 6 4 2		
	♦ A J 10 9 4		
	♦ - - -		
	♦ K 7		

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	All pass		

Opening lead: ♦ 3

**HOROSCOPE**

By Bernice Bede Osol

**YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
 March 6, 1991

You might not be inclined to expect easy victories in the year ahead, and this is to your advantage. You'll eventually get what you go after, because you'll be willing to do all that is necessary.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Ambitious intentions can be gratified at this time, provided you have both patience and endurance. Think win, but remember Rome was not built in a day. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Even though you may get involved in a new development today, it will actually be very similar to something you previously handled successfully. Follow your original script.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You should be quite adroit at handling an arrangement that is

materially meaningful to both you and another today. Just be sure it is you who calls the shots.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) You might be required to make an unselfish decision today that will be of more benefit to someone else than it will be to you. Much to your credit, you're apt to do it with a minimum amount of fanfare.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) This is the day when your past performance may be evaluated. If you were industrious, the returns could be impressive. If you weren't, the payment will be proportionate to the effort expended.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you're very cozy socially is in a position to help you in another area. Don't be hesitant about talking to this individual about this serious issue.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's very important at this time, before you involve yourself in new endeavors, that you finish now what you started earlier. Rewards are much closer than you think.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A social relationship of consider-

able significance could be established at this time that will prove to be enduring and advantageous in many ways. Lucky you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are now entering a prolonged cycle where you should begin to see marked improvements in your financial affairs. Initial events might not be dramatic, but they'll grow in importance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you've been displeased with your present vocation, your possibilities for making a change to something more gratifying and rewarding are starting to look brighter.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two involvements which, thus far, have been of little significance to you financially could start to look better at this time. However, you might not get all that you once expected.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Hopes and expectations predicated upon realistic factors have solid chances of being fulfilled over the coming months. On the other hand, whimsical objectives may be too fragile to endure.

by Leonard Starr

**ANNIE**

...OKAY, SO TH' ICE CRACKED... TH' GOOD NEWS IS, I DIDN'T FALL IN...  
 ...SO JUST... KEEP... GOIN'...  
 THERE SHE IS! BUT... AN ANNIE!! THE ICE BROKE UP... AND ANNIE IS ON THE WRONG SIDE!!

Answer to Previous Puzzle

- 1 Medical picture
- 2 Author Victor
- 3 Freshwater fish
- 4 Three
- 5 Tropical basket fiber
- 6 Native of Copenhagen
- 7 Fitting
- 8 Hebrew God
- 9 Hawaiian food fish
- 10 Cereal grass
- 11 — the ground floor
- 12 Containers
- 13 Snake's sound
- 14 Dutch cheese
- 15 — contenders
- 16 Long times
- 17 Gravel ridges
- 18 Senator Sam
- 19 Longs (sl.)
- 20 Bible book
- 21 How sweet
- 22 —
- 23 Sea hawk
- 24 — or miss
- 25 Sedative
- 26 Singer Frank
- 27 Photo fixer (sl.)
- 28 Pertaining to dawn
- 29 Calm
- 30 Far-reaching
- 31 Handle of a whip
- 32 — Domini
- 33 Negatives
- 34 Last letter