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Today: Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low to mid 60s. Wind northwest 20 mph and gusty.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Lincoln Day

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The Seminole County Republican Executive Committee's annual Lincoln Day dinner will be held this Saturday, March 23, at the Altamonte Springs Hilton.

Guest speaker for the event will be Congressman Tom Delay of District 22, in Texas. He is the Majority Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. Cost of tickets are \$80 with corporate tables available for \$800 each.

For information or to obtain tickets, contact Sandra Colombo at 327-7317 or John Bush at 365-8101 after 6 p.m.

Federal employees

ORANGE CITY — The next meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be held Friday, March 22, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Emmaus Lutheran Church, U.S. Highway 17-92, in Orange City.

During the meeting, a vote will be taken for delegates to the Federation convention. All federal retirees are welcome and urged to attend.

For additional information, contact Chapter 939 President Thomas Broomfield at (904) 789-5056.

Volunteer meeting

SANFORD — The monthly meeting of the Council of Volunteer Coordinators of Seminole County will be held Thursday, March 21, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office on the Seminole Community College campus, portable building 72.

The meeting will allow volunteer coordinators to network, share ideas, and learn new ways to coordinate and recognize volunteers.

The program topic is "The Use of Community Service Volunteers," with three guest speakers to be on hand.

To register, contact Ellen Rollins at 321-4500, ext. 5784.

Sheriff gets dog

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Don Ealinger will receive a McGruff crime-fighting dog costume tomorrow morning. The costume is being donated by Motorola, Inc., and coordinated through the Seminole County School Board.

The McGruff costume will be used by the sheriff's office in crime prevention and safety presentations at county schools.

The donation will be made at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Goldsboro Elementary School, 1301 W. 16th Street in Sanford.

Door-knocking campaign

SANFORD — Members of the Sanford Church of Christ, 1500 Park Ave., and preaching students from International Bible College will be conducting a meeting and door-knocking campaign through Thursday.

The group will be traveling to homes in the Sanford area inviting others to the scheduled services and arranging Bible studies for interested individuals.

Services tonight and Thursday will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information contact the church office at 322-7781.

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Shared laughter is erotic too. *-Margo Percy*

Taking a close look at Sanford

Realtors say they like what they see

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer



Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

Above, Rosa Mangan, Judy Leonard, Susan West, Cindy Dale, Susan Baker-Panrock, Jan Fitzgibbons, Phil Copeland and Ross Linville chatted about Sanford on the first stop on a tour of homes in town yesterday. West, of Chelsea Title and Baker-Panrock of ERA-Advantage Realty Group hosted the gathering at a home

at 101 Virginia Ave. Below, at Pine Crest Elementary, second grade teacher Linda Hudrick looked on as realtors Cher Fusco, Marie Kerr-McCool, Nancy Megill and Martin Castaldo chat with the youngsters explain the computer-aided spelling program they use in class.



SANFORD — For years, Sanford has suffered the slings and arrows of a bad reputation.

Last year, the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce organized a plan to bring realtors to Sanford to show off the positive aspects of town and to show that the bad reputation was unfounded. On Monday, the second such tour made its way through town.

In the past, some realtors and real estate agents eager to make sales in upscale neighborhoods in the fast-growing southern and eastern parts of the county steered potential buyers away from Sanford. Soon, the sleepy little town slipped into a virtual coma.

Yesterday, realtors from all over the Central Florida area converged on the city to see the quality programs offered in the schools and to take a gander at some of the more beautiful homes in the city that are currently for sale.

Some were surprised at all Sanford had to offer. Others said they have always known of Sanford's charms and assets and are pleased to see others appreciating the good things available here.

"People just weren't coming to Sanford," realtor Susan Baker-Panrock said. "Now they're coming out and getting a chance to see what there is to offer out here."

Baker-Panrock, a former teacher who grew up in Sanford, said she was pleased the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce had joined forces with realtors and mortgage companies to put together the tour of the city. She was glad, also, they had included the schools which, she said, had a great deal to add to what the city could offer.

Susan West of Chelsea Title Company in Casselberry was **See Tour, Page 5A**

Lake Mary aim: Control flooding

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — American essayist Charles Dudley Warner was the person who said, almost a century ago, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it."

Judging from hearings held during the past few months, and one scheduled for this Thursday in Lake Mary, elected officials and the general public, at least want to do something. Not necessarily control the weather, but control the problems caused by heavy rainfall.

Although the regular Lake Mary City Commission meeting generally begins at 7 p.m., a special called meeting has been scheduled to start at 5 p.m. with the city already planning

on having to move the regular meeting to 8 p.m.

The special meeting's purpose is to receive input on water issues, primarily regarding the Crystal Lake Basin. The water levels have been high during the past few months, causing some streets and yards to be flooded.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, the city staff will make a presentation on the status of the water levels, with discussion scheduled by the commission.

From 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., city officials are asking all citizens who wish to participate by addressing the various issues. Because of the number of people expected, the commission plans to limit the amount of time for each participant, and require that speakers sign in prior to the public participation.

"After we hear from the people," said City

Manager John Litton, "the commission will continue discussion, and take any action they deem is appropriate at that time."

One of the big problems is in the Crystal Lake Basin, where a group of neighbors, led by Doug Forner, president of the Crystal Ridge Homeowners Association, have voiced complaints about flooding.

Forner has accused the city, Seminole County, and the St. Johns Water Management District of being negligent in resolving the problem.

Recently, Forner fired off letters to the four candidates seeking election in Florida House of Representatives District 33, replacing Marvin Couch. He has demanded to know where each of them stands, "...on the issue of residents' safety and security versus the pleasure of boating and **See Flooding, Page 5A**

Ambulance gift to save lives in sister county

From staff reports

SANFORD — A completely refurbished LifeFleet Atlantic Ambulance is to be flown from the Orlando Sanford Airport to Wicklow County, Ireland, Seminole County's sister county. The ambulance was presented as a gift from LifeFleet, with representatives of the Irish county on hand during a presentation Friday in Altamonte Springs.

The vehicle is a 1988 van-type ambulance, manufactured by Wheeled Coach Corporation and has seen service in Seminole County. With the recent rebuilding, the vehicle is valued at nearly \$20,000.

A delegation from Wicklow spent some time in Seminole County examining ways the two counties

can work together more closely economically as well as being goodwill ambassadors to the recently completed Irish Festival in Seminole County.

Among special guests was Liam Kavanagh, a member of the Irish Parliament from the Wicklow District. He described Wicklow County as a ruggedly beautiful area of approximately 100,000 residents. He said the ambulance would provide much needed added service to the remote areas of the county.

Representing LifeFleet at the presentation were Dorinda Todaro, administrative assistant, Bob Eberhart, LifeFleet government relations vice president, and LifeFleet manager Sam Wood.

There was no immediate indications regarding when the ambulance is to be flown out of Sanford to its overseas destination.



Photo Courtesy of Harvey Smith

Sitting in the back of an ambulance heading from Sanford to Ireland, left to right, Tony O'Neill, Wicklow County, Ireland Director of Tourism, LifeFleet Seminole General Manager Sam Wood, and Liam Kavanagh, member of the Irish Parliament.

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NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Panel approves settlement

TALLAHASSEE — A three-judge federal panel approved a settlement in a legal dispute over a Senate district in the Tampa Bay area created to elect a minority.

The seat held by Sen. Jim Hargrett, D-Tampa, was targeted in a federal lawsuit by six residents seeking to overturn the district, claiming it was created solely to elect a minority.

The judges' decision Tuesday will allow the state to avoid a special election and end the spending of tax dollars on the litigation.

House Speaker Peter Rudy Wallace, D-St. Petersburg, and Senate President Jim Scott, R-Fort Lauderdale, proposed the settlement last November.

It will condense Hargrett's District 21 into parts of Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas counties and reduce the voting age population of the district from 45 percent black to 36.2 percent.

The district currently takes in part of Polk County as well.

The settlement agreement also affects the districts served by Sens. John Grant, R-Tampa; Rick Dantzer, D-Winter Haven; Jack Latvala, R-Palm Harbor; Donald Sullivan, R-St. Petersburg; and Malcolm Beard, R-Seffner.

Defense rested in mayor's trial

MIAMI (AP) — The defense in the racketeering and extortion trial of Hialeah Mayor Raul Martinez rested without putting on a single witness.

Earlier Tuesday the government rested its case after two weeks of jury selection and testimony. At the end of the government's case, Martinez's attorney Jose Quinol moved for a directed verdict of acquittal on the grounds the prosecution had failed to prove its case; U.S. District Judge James W. Kehoe denied it.

When it was time for the defense to present its case, Quinol introduced as exhibits photographs and documents, then announced "The defense rests."

Martinez is on trial for the second time. He was convicted in February 1991 and sentenced to 10 years in federal prison. That sentence was overturned by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on grounds of jury improprieties and the failure of the judge to properly instruct the jury.

This trial is being held in the historic central courtroom of the downtown Miami complex of court buildings. It is the same courtroom which was the scene of the trials of Miami's "caine cops" and Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Closing arguments are set for Thursday.

Wanna cheap plane ticket?

MIAMI — Hey, pal. Wanna buy an airline ticket cheap? If you hear that pitch, just say no, police and a spokesman for American Airlines said Tuesday in revealing that hundreds of thousands of dollars of stolen tickets have been sold recently in South Florida.

You may get a real bargain, but the tickets are being seized at American ticket counters, where agents have lists of the numbers of the stolen tickets, American spokesman Gus Whitcomb said Tuesday from the airline's headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

Neither Whitcomb nor police would say where the tickets were stolen or when.

About \$500,000 worth of stolen American tickets were recovered, and another \$600,000 of American's tickets already may have been peddled in South Florida, police said Tuesday.

Two men were arrested, Metro Dade police said.

The airport division of Metro Dade Police set up a sting and bought four stolen American tickets worth \$3,480 for \$1,800, the police said. Francisco Carbo was arrested.

Carbo gave detectives information that led to the arrest of Juan Carlos Fabrega, police said.

Investigators say that at Fabrega's home they found over \$500,000 of stolen American Airlines tickets and records that indicated an additional \$600,000 in tickets already had been sold.

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State withholds tax money from the Florida film commission

By ADAM YEMANS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — While the Legislature debates a major plan to shift job-creation efforts into private hands, a 3-year-old public-private program for the film business is getting close attention from financial watchdogs.

The Comptroller's Office has withheld \$50,000 in tax money from the Florida Entertainment Commission while investigators review whether the organization has addressed longstanding concerns about financial irregularities.

Commission officials said they're working to resolve any

dispute about how the organization accounts for the public dollars it spends marketing the film and TV business. This year, the Legislature approved \$200,000.

Joe Betta, director of financial investigations for Comptroller Bob Milligan, said Monday he withheld the latest quarterly payment after a series of reports last year by the comptroller's office, the governor's inspector general and the state's auditor general.

Other concerns were raised in recent reports from an independent auditor and the commerce department's inspector general.

Betta said the commission

used an accounting method that didn't include certain expenses and other financial information, such as in-kind contributions from private companies.

"We're in the business of protecting the interests of the taxpayers," he said. "I certainly would like to see everything as they say it is."

Created by lawmakers in 1993, the commission took over film industry promotions from the state Department of Commerce. The organization is run by a 15-member board consisting of industry representatives and politicians and solicits both public and private dollars.

John Reitzammer, the com-

mission's executive director, said the delayed state payment won't effect the organization. He said the commission was trying to address the comptroller's concerns.

"There's never been a year when we had a consistent flow of dollars from the state. There's always something that comes up that makes it take longer," said Reitzammer. "These guys are doing their job and they're doing what they need to do."

The comptroller and governor's inspector general had criticized the commission for lax administrative and management practices.

For the record

Fifth grader Ryan Dallas was among the 30 youngsters who were finger printed by the Sanford Police this past weekend as part of the department's community relations division based at the Seminole Towne Centre. In addition to being fingerprinted, the kids got free coloring books and crayons from the officers. Community Service Officer Gerald Taylor and reserve officer Paul Herz met with the youngsters and did the fingerprinting.

Herold Photo by Renee Faith



Investigators not sure what letter meant

DESTIN — Investigators were unsure what to make of a letter claiming responsibility for planting a homemade bomb that Air Force demolition experts exploded without causing harm.

The letter, filled with spelling and punctuation errors, was sent to the Northwest Florida Daily News in nearby Fort Walton Beach on Monday. The device was detonated last Friday.

The writer claimed the intended target, charter boat crew member Jimmy Dalton, "had done me wrong one to many times. He always got the jobs I wanted and needed."

Cuba's threat may hurt the island

MIAMI — Cuba's threat to close its airspace to U.S.-bound planes may cost airlines tens of millions of dollars in extra fuel and airplane usage and would cut off an steady source of dollars for the cash-strapped country.

Still angry over strengthened U.S. sanctions following the downing of two planes owned by a Miami-based Cuban exile group, Cuba said it may prevent U.S. overflights of its territory. The Cuban government maintains the four members of the group Brothers to the Rescue in the planes had violated the island's airspace when they were shot down.

Despite the U.S. embargo which prevents most financial transactions with Cuba, airlines have been allowed to pay an average of \$140 for every flight that crosses Cuban airspace.

About 132 U.S. planes fly over Cuba every day.

The Air Transport Association estimates the extra time and fuel to go around Cuba would cost U.S. airlines \$89 million annually.

But declaring its airspace off limits to U.S. flights would also cost Cuba some badly needed cash. The ATA said U.S. airlines pay Cuba about \$6.56 million a year for the overflights. American Airlines alone pays the Cuban government about \$5.8 million for its 90 flights that cross over the island daily.

"The overflights exist because they are an obvious benefit to everyone concerned," said Tim Neale, a spokesman for the ATA. "Cuba gets cash. The airlines save fuel and time. And Miami benefits because it has become the gateway to Latin America due to its geography."

Cutting off access to its airspace would add between 35

and 60 minutes of flying time to each of the U.S. flights that fly over Cuba every day, said Tim Neale, a spokesman for the ATA.

For example, the flying time between Miami and Jamaica, would increase from one hour and 15 minutes to two hours and 15 minutes.

The Cuban ban would likely hurt Miami most, industry officials said, since most Latin American flights to South Florida cross Cuban airspace.

"Blocking planes from flying over Cuba...would wreak havoc with South Florida," said Bill Spohrer, president of Miami-based Challenge Air Cargo.

Ironically, a recent short-lived plan by some Dade County commissioners to ban from Miami International Airport all planes that pay the overflight fee died when commissioners realized the economic impact it would have.

LOTTERY

MIAMI — Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
05-03-26-06-12

Cash 3
1-9-0
Play 4
1-9-9-8

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low to mid 60s. Wind northwest 20 mph and gusty. Tonight: Fair with the lows in the lower 40s. Wind northwest 5 to 10 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny with the highs in the mid to upper 60s. Wind northwest 15 mph and gusty. Friday: Sunny and cool. Highs in the lower 60s. Saturday: Fair and cold at night. Sunny and cool during the day. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Sunday: Fair and a little warmer. Lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Highs in the lower 70s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY Pty cldy 43-63	THURSDAY Motly sunny 53-67	FRIDAY Sunny 43-63	SATURDAY Sunny 43-63	SUNDAY Fair 53-73

MOON PHASES

New March 18th
First March 26th
Full April 3rd
Last April 10th

TIDES

WEDNESDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: min., 5:35 a.m.; 5:55 p.m.; maj., 11:45 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. **TIDES:** Daytona Beach: highs, 8:34 a.m.; 8:54 p.m.; lows, 2:16 a.m.; 2:34 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 8:39 a.m.; 8:59 p.m.; lows, 2:21 a.m.; 2:39 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 8:54 p.m.; 9:24 p.m.; lows, 2:36 a.m.; 2:54 p.m.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 66 degrees and the overnight low was 47 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Wednesday, totaled 0 inches

☐Sunset.....6:38 p.m.
☐Sunrise.....6:32 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 5. Better wear hat and sunscreen.

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

0.1-2 minimal
3-4 low
5-6 moderate
7-8 high
9-10 very high

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 3 to 4 feet and choppy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 61 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 3 to 4 feet and rough. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 61 degrees.

BOATING

St Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Small craft advisory. Today — Wind west to nw 20 to 25 knots. Seas 7 to 10 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy in exposed areas. Tonight: Wind northwest 20 knots. Seas 6 to 9 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop in exposed areas. Thursday: Wind northwest 15 to 20 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy in exposed areas.

NATIONAL TEMPS

City	H	L	Pr	W
Anchorage	59	35	clr	
Atlanta	58	41	pt	
Baltimore	58	38	pt	
Boston	48	33	pt	
Buffalo	48	33	pt	
Chicago	48	33	pt	
Cincinnati	41	33	pt	
Cleveland	48	33	pt	
Dallas-Ft Worth	57	42	pt	
Denver	47	38	pt	
Des Moines	31	22	pt	
Detroit	47	38	pt	
Houston	64	41	pt	
Indianapolis	52	33	pt	
Jacksonville	41	36	pt	
Kansas City	35	28	pt	
Las Vegas	70	48	pt	
Little Rock	46	39	pt	
Los Angeles	77	68	pt	
Memphis	43	38	pt	
Minneapolis	39	31	pt	
Mobile	36	23	pt	
New Orleans	35	23	pt	
New York City	44	37	pt	
Omaha	47	34	pt	
Philadelphia	53	35	pt	
Pittsburgh	44	33	pt	
Richmond	44	34	pt	
Sacramento	74	53	pt	
St Louis	39	31	pt	
San Francisco	57	48	pt	
Tulsa	41	33	pt	

POLICE BRIEFS

Geneva Gardens

Sanford police made several arrests Monday at Geneva Gardens. Officers checking a possible burglary in the 1800 block of W. 25th Street, said they saw four men run from an apartment and gave chase. One of the men, identified as Antwane Lavon Smith, 18, of 2524 Elm Avenue, was subsequently apprehended. He was charged with criminal mischief, trespassing in a dwelling, and resisting an officer without violence.

Another officer reported seeing a man walking in the Geneva Gardens parking lot carrying what appeared to be a wine cooler, and taking a drink. When he tried to apprehend the man, the officer said he pulled what proved to be a 9mm handgun from his pocket, but eventually dropped the weapon before he was stopped. Diandre Lloyd Hayes, 18, of 2580 Ridgewood Avenue was arrested on charges of having a concealed firearm, resisting an officer with violence, and violation of the open container law.

Suspicious vehicle

Members of the Sanford police QUAD-Squad investigated a phone report regarding a suspicious vehicle at Third Street and French Avenue Monday. They said a person was seen to have thrown a plastic bag from the vehicle. The bag reportedly contained small zip lock bags, the type officers have found are generally connected with drug sale activities. Officers checked the two persons reportedly in the vehicle, but no drug-related charges were filed.

Rahn Edward Arnold, 25, of Orlando, was found to be wanted on an Orange County warrant for violation of probation on a conviction of resisting an officer without violence.

Avens Pierre, 23, also of Orlando, was found to be wanted on an Orange County warrant for violation of probation on a conviction of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Domestic case

Nathaniel Devon Williams, 19, of 900 E. Airport Blvd., was arrested by Sanford police in front of his residence early Tuesday. Officers said he had reportedly been involved in an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Sheriff reports

● A 1991 Honda was reported stolen Monday from the 100 block of E. Cottemore Circle near Longwood. The vehicle has been located by Apopka police.

● A 1991 Chevrolet was reported stolen Saturday from the 300 block of Golfbrook Circle, near Longwood. The car has subsequently been recovered in Orange County.

● A refrigerator and range with a total value of \$2,400 were reported stolen Saturday from a residence on Caladonia Place in Lake Sylvan Estates.

Sanford police reports

● A TV set and other items with a total value of \$1,400 were reported stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 2400 block of Chase Avenue.

● An estimated \$940 in jewelry was reported stolen Monday from an apartment at 611 Park Avenue in Sanford.

● A \$500 9mm pistol was reported stolen Sunday from a residence in the 100 block of Garden Court.

A ring valued at \$125, and three containers of beer were reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 2400 block of Marshall Avenue in Sanford.

WORLD BRIEFS



Suicide bombers

AL FAWAR, West Bank — Majdi Abu Wardeh spent hours in the company of his beloved birds. He courted a secret high school sweetheart with gifts of pens and notebooks. And then the 19-year-old blew himself up on a Jerusalem bus.

Fellow suicide bomber Ibrahim Sarahneh, 26, is no less a paradox. A pious Muslim, he liked to cook chicken-and-rice dishes. He hoped to put his younger brother through college, become a nurse and start a family.

Today, Abu Wardeh and Sarahneh's families paid for their sons' actions.

The two-story Sarahneh home was blown up by Israeli army demolition experts as dozens of angry residents of the al Fawar refugee camp watched from the surrounding hills. Some shouted the Islamic militants' battle cry "Allahu Akbar" (God is great).

First operation in years

BOCHUM, South Africa — A day after starting work in rural South Africa, Cuban surgeon Salvador Hernandez eased a tube into a patient's right lung. It was the first operation performed in years at the Helena Frans Hospital.

The patient was improving hours after Hernandez drained fluid that had pooled during a bout of pleurisy — and the staff at Helena Frans was also breathing easier.

The arrival of Hernandez and two colleagues on three-year contracts more than doubled the hospital's supply of doctors and revolutionized the expertise it could offer an estimated 100,000 villagers in the surrounding countryside.

It also was a sign of the political revolution in South Africa. Two decades ago, South Africa's white minority rulers sent troops to neighboring Angola to fight on one side of a civil war, while Cuban soldiers fought on the other.

Color of mourning

TOKYO — White is the color of mourning in Japan, and today the white flowers on a subway platform's makeshift altar told the story of a nation's sorrow.

One year ago, on March 20, 1985, nerve gas spread through five subway cars bound for central Tokyo, killing 12 people and sickening more than 5,500. Members of a doomsday cult have confessed to carrying out the attack.

Today, transit officials and bereaved families held a memorial ceremony in the central Tokyo station that was the focus of the attack. With trains rumbling by on nearby tracks, mourners prayed for a moment in silence, then unveiled a memorial plaque and made offerings of flowers.

From Associated Press reports

Voice From The grave

Teacher recorded last pleas for her life

By JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — When investigators found the body of Kathleen Weinstein, she was still able to tell them about her last moments alive.

In a secretly recorded tape she hid in her coat pocket, the teacher is heard doing everything she can to reason with a teen-age carjacker, authorities said. Eventually she breaks down and begs in vain for her life.

"You haven't done anything yet. All you have to do is to let me go and take my car," Weinstein tells the boy. "For my life, don't you think I should be concerned and let you take my car? For my life!"

The woman's miniature tape recorder clicked to a stop before she was smothered with her own coat and other pieces of clothing, officials said.

"I have no doubt Kathleen Weinstein spoke to us through that tape," prosecutor Daniel Carluccio said as he released transcripts of the tape Tuesday.

She "valiantly and persistently used every skill and power she had to convince her attacker to simply take her car and not her life," he said.

While it didn't save her, the 24-minute recording did provide the key piece of evidence against the 17-year-old suspect —

identified only as M.L. — who was caught Sunday driving the woman's car. His first name, age and details about his past were all revealed on the tape.

The prosecutor read some of Weinstein's comments, but did not disclose any of the youth's taped comments.

Weinstein, 45, of Tinton Falls, disappeared Thursday after staying home from her job as a special education teacher to study for a graduate school exam. She was en route to take the test when she stopped to buy a sandwich.

After her attacker grabbed her from behind and forced his way into her car at gunpoint, she managed to turn on the voice-activated miniature cassette player hidden in a bag, Carluccio said. She later removed the tape and slipped it in her coat.

At times, Weinstein seemed as concerned about the teen-ager as herself, pleading with him not to ruin his future.

"Don't you understand what kind of trouble you are going to get in?" Weinstein told him. "Don't you think they're going to find you?"

"Why don't you just start all over again and not take the car and let me drive you somewhere. You'll be safe and you don't have to get in trouble. Whatever trouble you're in, you didn't add to it yet, right?"

She also spoke of her concern

for disadvantaged people, saying she hoped to take in a foster child or adopt someone, and "give something to somebody."

"Her humanity and skills as a special education teacher are apparent in the recording," Carluccio said. "She made every effort to befriend and understand him."

Slowly, Weinstein's composure appears to wear down and she promises her attacker she will not tell anyone if he will just take her car and leave her alone.

Weinstein's body was found Sunday in a wooded area of Berkeley Township, near a highway. She leaves behind a

husband and 6-year-old son.

The suspect was jailed on murder and carjacking charges. Carluccio said he would seek to have him tried as an adult. However, New Jersey law does not allow juveniles to face the death penalty.

The killer went to the Toms River shopping center because he was about to turn 17 and wanted a car, Carluccio said. He even had a model in mind: a 1995 Toyota Camry like the one Weinstein drove.

Prosecutors did not let reporters listen to the tape, which had to be enhanced to make up for its poor quality.

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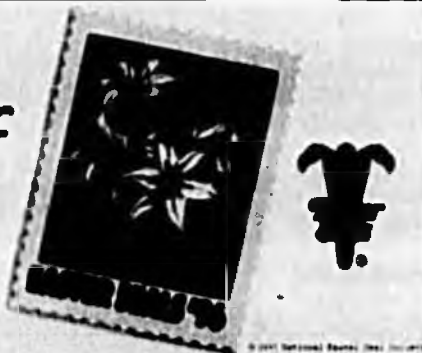
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HIV-positive: One baby's miraculous fight

EDITOR'S NOTE — When researchers saw the HIV virus mysteriously disappear in a baby, they chalked it up to a mistake in the original diagnosis. But now there is evidence that a child actually shucked the virus, and the answers to how and why may answer some deeper questions about the virus that causes AIDS.

By **JOHN BARBOUR**
AP Newsfeatures Writer

LOS ANGELES — The baby "Infant Charles" was born HIV-positive, a possible death warrant at the moment of his birth.

His mother was also diagnosed with that same virus, which cripples the human immune system and causes AIDS, leaving the victim defenseless to any number of otherwise harmless infections.

The mother and child were part of a study to determine the frequency at which mothers transmit the HIV virus to their offspring and if there were ways of detecting the infection early. To do this, infants were tested for HIV essentially at birth.

In spite of the dire prognosis, baby Charles' (not his real name) mother was optimistic, never without hope. Her family, including her uninfected husband, rallied around.

The mother already faced the specter of a strong familial tendency to cancer, which was a threat she had learned to live with.

And in fact she did not die of AIDS. She succumbed to cancer.

But Charles met a far different fate. Diagnosed as positive for HIV at birth, the virus suddenly and inexplicably disappeared,

apparently for good, before the age of 11 months. Charles, now 5, still tests negative for the virus.

His was the first well-documented case of this aberrational HIV reaction. Since then, there have been studies reported in the journals AIDS and Lancet involving more than 20 additional cases worldwide — but mostly in Europe — in which positive tests reverted to negative.

Now, as scientists probe why and how, they are finding clues to the virus in its disappearance.

The minuscule amount of virus recovered from Charles' early blood tests has shown for instance that all HIV infections are not created equal. They vary in virulence, outcome, and even in the cells that harbor the virus.

Charles, of course, knows nothing about his infection or his medical history in spite of his regular and frequent visits to the doctor. His family resolutely guards their identity in spite of considerable media pressure.

Says his father, who responded to written questions:

"It's been so strange for me, for us. Because this is personal and private. And yet it gets so much attention in the news. I have been in a group of people and heard them talking about it. And they have some facts wrong. I want to correct them, but I don't because it's personal business."

"What happened is a very strange experience."

Meanwhile, the checkups of

the original group of 250 mothers and children in the study — including Charles — continue on a regular basis.

But what measure of fate singled out Charles?

Did he and the few other lucky ones truly shuck the virus? Or is it hiding in a site somehow undetectable somewhere in the body?

At first, Dr. Yvonne Bryson of Children's Hospital, University of California, Los Angeles, thought there had been a mistake in Charles' case. Did the laboratory goof? Was there a mix-up in blood samples? Was he really HIV-positive?

She consulted with colleagues, some of whom admitted having seen occasional cases of suspected reversal. They were simply discounted as laboratory error.

A check of the literature showed that in big studies such as hers there were buried in the text other mentions of reversals, usually chalked off as unexplainable and insufficiently documented.

But, unlike earlier investigators, Bryson retained the original blood samples so they could be checked again and the HIV-positive results confirmed. Her colleagues agreed there might be something to it.

"Now, of course, people are really looking for it," she says.

In fact, several unusual cases regarding disappearing viruses have popped up and are under investigation. In one report, yet to be published in scientific journals, both a child and its

mother shucked off the virus, a truly unprecedented occurrence, but one that fits with some of Bryson's hypotheses.

"I wanted to do a lot of tests on the virus earlier, including tissue typing, but I had some trouble convincing people it was worth doing," Bryson says.

"I had to sort of go out there on a limb in a way. And, as with anything new, people were naturally wary. I would be too. I feel good now. I think I've opened up a new area to look at that people never thought was possible."

The delay was fortunate in another way. The virus Bryson had isolated from Charles was very weak and available only in minuscule amounts. Now, laboratory tests have improved, the DNA has been mapped and cloned so it can be grown in greater quantities. Not only was there more virus to work with, but better tests to probe weaker reactions.

"We certainly see that this virus doesn't grow well in human cells," Bryson says. "And the other thing that I observed but haven't published is that this child's cells were resistant to the mother's virus in the test tube."

The HIV virus varies in virulence.

Charles' resistance to his mother's virus, Bryson says, "was not a general resistance to all HIV. It seems to be specific to this virus."

Bryson tried another track. She separated out a group of children born to HIV-infected mothers who did not get infected and who never had evidence of the virus at all.

This led to more questions. Working in test tubes, she tried to infect the cells from the uninfected children with virus reaped from their mothers. Unsuccessfully.

So something beyond the strength of the virus seems to be at work.

"I think the disappearance of the virus might be partly the virus and partially the interaction between the cells and the virus," Bryson says. "The virus in this child was a very, very low amount, not like other infected children."

"In Charles, not only were the viral levels barely detectable, but the virus did not replicate well in this child. And that's very unusual."

Did he have a heightened immune response to his mother's virus? Did he have some innate resistance? If so, where did it come from?

Babies get antibodies from their mothers in the womb, but

these seldom, if ever, persist for more than a year.

When Bryson told her husband, a UCLA medical professor, of Charles' strange case, he found it interesting, but he was not really surprised.

"Because we are researchers, we're not so dogmatic that we can't look at something in a different way and take a different approach," she says.

In fact, Charles' virus was confirming a pattern of infectivity seen in other diseases.

But rather than provide answers, the virus from Infant Charles has left more questions in its wake.

"One possibility is that it is a weakened virus," Bryson says, "a virus that was not able to replicate as well as others."

Another is the chance that the mother's antibodies play a role in communicating resistance to the offspring in the womb.

Still another is that some infants may have an innate resistance. If so, where does it come from?

Or is the ability to get rid of the virus a partnership of two or more of these effects?

What needs to be done, Bryson says, is develop some uniformity

in the way these studies are done. Blood samples that are positive need to be saved to be tested again if subsequent tests show negative results.

Bryson would like to see universal criteria and testing adopted, since different research groups are following their own procedures. Nevertheless, with the number of positive-negative cases approaching two dozen, the phenomenon seems well-established. Some people, some lucky few, have been rid of the virus.

When Charles was first diagnosed with the infection, his father was stung by this strange intrusion in his family's life:

"I didn't know much about it," he says. "I was afraid."

"But I had a belief inside me that he was going to overcome it. I did not give up hope. I just always believed he was going to be OK."

And when the virus suddenly disappeared, he felt vindicated.

"It just felt right, like I always believed. He was going to be OK."

And for the children and parents who are infected, Charles' father says, "All I can say is never give up hope. There is always hope."

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Budget talks

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's new budget has next-to-nil chance of being embraced by the Republican Congress in an election year.

But as a political document, it defines the battlefield for a presidential contest that, at least for the next few months, won't be waged across the country but across town.

Five months before the Democratic National Convention, President Clinton has given himself a full platform to run on, the \$1.64 trillion spending outline he submitted to Congress on Tuesday.

And Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, whose latest string of primary victories on Tuesday clinched the Republican presidential nomination, won't have to await a GOP platform in August — parts of which may be written by vanquished rival Pat Buchanan anyway — for a fall campaign document.

One last try

WASHINGTON — While harshly dismissing President Clinton's 1997 budget plan, GOP congressional leaders are responding dutifully to the president's invitation for one last try at reviving balanced-budget talks.

But in advance of today's White House meeting, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich sounded skeptical.

"If the president's serious about a real budget, a real balanced budget, not just adding up arithmetic, not raising taxes, not adding additional spending, then obviously I'm prepared, and I think the speaker's prepared to have meaningful discussions," said Dole, R-Kan., who on Tuesday night clinched the GOP presidential nomination.

For his part, Clinton used the release of his election-year budget earlier Tuesday to tell Republicans once again that they could strike a balanced-budget deal if only they would accept his smaller tax-cut proposal and less-severe savings in Medicare, Medicaid, education, environmental protection and other Democratic priorities.

Kato sues tabloids

LOS ANGELES — Brian "Kato" Kaelin is suing two tabloid newspapers for \$15 million each, claiming they libeled him by printing false allegations tying him to the homicides of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

Kaelin sued the National Examiner and the Globe Tuesday, and asked both for retractions.

Simpson was acquitted of murder last fall in the slayings of his ex-wife and Goldman. Kaelin, a prosecution witness, was Ms. Simpson's former tenant and a houseguest of Simpson at the time of the slayings.

Kaelin said both newspapers published articles containing false claims, including that Kaelin saw Simpson drenched in blood and helped him dispose of bloody clothing.

Referring to a headline in the National Examiner, Kaelin's attorney, Gary L. Bostwick, said his client "has reached his limit on people saying things as outrageous as 'Cops Think Kato Did It.'"

A New York telephone number listed for the tabloids' publisher, Jim Fraguela, wasn't in service, and no one answered the phone at Globe Communications Corp.'s offices after business hours Tuesday.

Oil could wash up for weeks

GALVESTON, Texas — Though oil is no longer oozing from a buckled barge, a 210,000-gallon spill has already soiled more than a mile of beaches and officials fear balls of thick goo could be washing up for weeks.

"It is a residual oil," said Rich Arnhart, coordinator for the Texas General Land Office. "It will be around for a while."

Crews worked around the clock to clean glops of fuel oil from the beaches and waters around the mouth of Galveston Bay after the barge ran aground Monday. One slick along the coast stretched for more than five miles.

Hundreds of yellow-suited workers scooped splashes of oil from 2,000 yards of beach on Galveston's eastern tip. More than 34,000 feet of orange protective boom was in place around vulnerable areas.

Arnhart said the spill likely would affect sea birds living in nearby wetlands but the extent of the impact was not immediately known. Five oiled ducks and seagulls were recovered Tuesday.

"Fortunately, we are early for the breeding of birds," said Linda Sheard of the Galveston Bay Foundation. "There aren't many nesting birds and we don't expect any major bird damage."

From Associated Press reports

Perot: If called, I will run

By KEVIN GALVIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In what looks like a case of deja vu, Ross Perot says he's ready to run for president if his new Reform Party calls on him.

Although the Texas billionaire said "no" to running just last month, his comments Tuesday were eerily like the promise he made in 1992 to campaign if volunteers got his name on ballots nationwide.

"Let's assume the dust clears, and that's what the members of this party want," Perot told WOAI radio in San Antonio. "Then certainly, I would give it everything I have."

Perot's remarks came as aides worked to put his name on the November ballot in Texas, Florida and a dozen other states. Officially, his name was being used until a Reform Party nominee is chosen in September.

But those organizing the effort have made no secret that they want Perot to run, and on Tuesday he said he would heed their wishes if pressed.

The not-quite candidate blamed both major parties for "government shutdowns, train wrecks and propaganda."

"I just can't sit here and see things deteriorating and not do everything I can to put our house in order for our children and grandchildren," he said.

The man whose campaign for the White House could be hurt most by a Perot candidacy questioned why the Texan run again. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said congressional Republicans were addressing issues that concern Perot voters.

"Ross, we are the reform party. ... Every issue you've raised we have had or will have a vote on it," Dole said on CNN. "Ross, what else do you want?"

As ballot deadlines approach, no political figure of note has stepped forward to seek the Reform Party nomination. By allowing his name to be placed on ballots, Perot showed he is determined to be a player in 1998.

"A sense is settling in among the public out there that there ought to be more choices" than the two major party candidates, said Russell Verney, Perot's top political aide.

"I think finally everyone is figuring out it is going to be a three-way race," said Gordon Black, a pollster who has advised Perot. Black is convinced Perot will be his party's can-

didate "because there has never been another serious alternative."

Verney insisted otherwise. "The Olympics are coming up and they ought to add a new event — baseless political speculation," he said.

National surveys suggest that in a three-way election today, President Clinton would win and Perot would run third, with slightly less than the 19 percent he won in 1992.

Republicans worry that Perot could tip Republican states like Florida and Texas to Clinton, although President Bush carried both in 1992 despite Perot's strong showings.

"I think there's always a problem if Ross Perot or someone else gets in," said Wisconsin's Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Dole said a Perot candidacy wouldn't change his strategy, but he urged the businessman to think twice before running: "I would hope that he would take a look at both of us and decide ... I don't like what's happening in the Clinton administration ... I'll stick with Bob Dole."

Pat Buchanan, Dole's Republican challenger, has voiced interest in the Reform Party but Perot has said he

doesn't consider the conservative commentator a worthy heir.

Former Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker also has talked of running as an independent, but he does not share the Reform Party's opposition to the NAFTA and GATT trade deals.

The Reform Party already has qualified for ballots in five states, including California.

Party organizers are working to qualify in other states, and Perot will be listed as the candidate in any that require a name before the Reform Party convention on Labor Day weekend, including Florida and Texas, Verney said.

Roughly 15 states do not allow creation of a new political party by petition drive. In these states, the Reform Party will petition for ballot access as an independent — as Perot did in all 50 states four years ago.



Geologists baffled by recent sporadic eruptions of Old Faithful.

YELLOWSTONE - Old Faithful, the world's most famous geyser, isn't faithful anymore, it's the turn of the century, Old Faithful was highly dependable in hourly eruptions, to the minute. In the past 25 years, a huge geyser has been timed at anywhere from 55 to 77 minutes.

"It's embarrassing for us," commented D.B. Sweeney. "I've been here for 25 years and suddenly, we have to tell people to wait. Believe it or not, some geologists have speculated that the syndrome is brought about by global warming to the geyser. Curious visitors have been waiting for the geyser's vent."

Experts: marathon GM talks indicate many differences

By JAMES HANMAN
Associated Press Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — Negotiators for General Motors Corp. and striking workers are spending long hours at the bargaining table, but that doesn't necessarily mean an end to the walkout is near, a labor expert said.

"There's no reason for optimism," Dale Brickner, a labor professor at Michigan State University, said Tuesday. "There's just reason to believe they're going to argue the thing through as far as they can. It gets gloomier by the day."

But Harley Shaiken, labor professor at the University of California at Berkeley, thought the lengthy sessions were cause for cautious optimism. "The length of these sessions indicates there are still a lot of differences being worked out," Shaiken said.

GM and United Auto Workers Local 698 refuse to say whether any progress has been made as they try to negotiate an end to the 16-day-old strike by 2,700 workers at two brake plants in Dayton.

The strike has crippled 26 of GM's 29 assembly plants and 17 parts plants, forcing the nation's largest automaker to furlough about 168,550 of its 250,000 hourly workers in the United

States, Mexico and Canada. The strike has also affected dozens of parts plants and independent GM suppliers.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich said today that federal mediators are available should the two sides want them. In an interview on "CBS This Morning," Reich said union and GM negotiators appear to be making progress. He didn't elaborate on that statement.

After a 10-hour break, negotiations resumed at noon Tuesday and continued overnight and into this morning.

"We'll be here for a while today," said Joe Buckley, local shop chairman and a union negotiator, when he came out of the plant for a few minutes about 8 a.m. He would not comment further.

Negotiators held 40 hours of nonstop talks from Sunday to early Tuesday. Daylong talks were also held Saturday.

The strike has focused on GM's practice of buying parts from outside manufacturers to reduce labor and production costs. The union sees it as a job-killer, but GM says it needs that option to remain competitive.

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The nomination his, Dole makes Senate bully pulpit

By MIKE FEINSLBER
Associated Press Writer

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole says his quick wrap up of the GOP presidential nomination shows he offers "the right agenda for the next generation." What looms ahead is the selection of a running mate — a delicate matter in a divided party — and a freshly-renewed threat of a Ross Perot third-party candidacy.

Solid victories in four Midwestern states, coming exactly a month after a humiliating loss to commentator Pat Buchanan in New Hampshire, nailed down the party's nomination for the 72-year-old Dole. He had first sought it 16 years ago.

With Buchanan reduced to nuisance status, Dole is planning to make the Senate his bully pulpit — and is also planning to give himself a week off sometime soon in the Florida sunshine.

But for now "I'm going to be a full-time senator," Dole said, in line with his strategy of using his Republican leadership position to carry the fight to President Clinton.

Both of the November rivals are leaders within the government, so each is able to undercut — or cooperate with — the other, intertwining even more than usual the business of government with the requirements of politics.

In a first skirmish today, the rivals agreed to a White House meeting for one more effort to settle their yearlong dispute over how to balance the government's budget and still preserve their competing priorities.

Dole's intention is to use Republican congressional majorities to put before Clinton bills — tax cuts, welfare reform, regulatory reform, the line-item veto — bearing the GOP stamp.

The idea is to make the Democratic president choose between going along or being vulnerable to the label of defender of the status quo.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Dole predicted that Clinton's edge in head-

to-head polls against him would melt away now that Dole is the clear candidate. "We're going to be hard at work convincing the American people we have the right agenda for the next generation and the next century," he said.

"The fall campaign is under way," Dole said as returns from Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin nailed down his 22nd consecutive victory. "It is 230 days to defeating Bill Clinton."

Buchanan, already working the immigration issue in California, wasn't ready to concede that Dole had it wrapped up although he accepted that Dole was "very, very close." An AP count put Dole's delegate total at 1,005 to 109 for Buchanan, with 996 needed to nominate.

For his part, Dole doesn't plan to campaign in California until Friday, three days before the voting.

In a new twist, two Buchanan aides — spokesmen Greg Mueller and John Condit — said Buchanan had done well enough in the Industrial Midwest to make him vice presidential material.

Buchanan's appeal to blue-collar Democrats and Perot voters should "send a message to Dole that he needs Pat on the bottom half of the ticket," is the way Condit put it.

But Buchanan said such talk was "grossly premature. ... We are doing battle for the nomination."

Nearly complete returns showed Dole winning majorities in the four states, with Buchanan taking a third of the vote in Michigan and Wisconsin — his best votes of the primary season — and more than a fifth in Illinois and Ohio.

Even as the Buchanan threat faded, billionaire Perot threw a scare in the Dole camp by saying that if members of his newborn Reform Party want him as their candidate, "I would give it everything I have."

Just a month ago, Perot said "no" when asked if he would run. But his spokesman said Tuesday that "a sense is settling in among the public out there that there ought to be more

choices."

Aides are working to put Perot's name on the November ballot in Texas, Florida and as many as a dozen other states. It is generally felt that in 1992 Perot skimmed enough votes to give some crucial states to Clinton. Some say President Bush would have won re-election in a two-man race.

Meantime, the vice presidential decision promises to vex Dole. Midwestern voters, in surveys as they left polling places, made it clear that retired Gen. Colin Powell has strong appeal. Powell has insisted he's not interested, and the GOP's most conservative elements dislike his centrist views.

But when asked if they preferred their own governors — who are all Republicans, all popular and all considered potential veep candidates — many Midwesterners said they preferred Powell.

Only Michigan voters clearly favored their governor, John Engler. In Ohio, Powell edged out Gov. George Voinovich. In Wisconsin, Tommy Thompson tied with Powell. In Illinois, voters preferred Powell to Gov. Jim Edgar.



Arts festival and scholarship awards

Photo Courtesy of Joanne Lucas Bourg

Twenty five \$1,000 scholarships for graduating Seminole County high school students will be given this year by the Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts. The scholarship recipients will be determined on March 30. Students wishing to apply may obtain an application from their guidance counselors. Members of the scholarship committee, left to right, front row,

Fran Kemp, Seminole County Public Schools Dept. of Curriculum Services, Festival Vice Chairman DeLores Lash, and Betty Carroll. Rear, Bud Raihl, Dr. Karen Copp, SCC cultural arts coordinator, Festival Chairman Joanne Lucas Bourg, and Sun Bank Vice President Janice Springfield.

Buchanan declares himself 'future of this party'

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Pat Buchanan, the Republican presidential nomination officially beyond his grasp, declared himself "the future of this party" and pledged a bruising fight for the title.

"This time, no more Mr. Nice Guy," said Buchanan. "There's no backing down."

Buchanan plunged ahead with a campaign for next week's California primary, all the while dismissing projections showing Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole had earned the delegates needed to secure the GOP nomination.

"My guess is they're probably adding a lot of figures that are not solid," said Buchanan. "I don't think he's got this locked up yet."

But Buchanan has virtually conceded Dole the nomination, and is vowing to build strength by picking up delegates along the primary trail in hopes of shaping the GOP's fall campaign.

"We need strength for the journey, my friends," Buchanan told a cheering rally of about 400 backers after the returns were in Tuesday night. "I know it's going to be tough in California."

A major card Buchanan is playing in California is his get-tough stance against illegal immigration. He was heading to the border with Mexico today for a telegenic tour of a border station to underscore that point.

"If we can send troops to defend the borders of Bosnia and South Korea, why can't we send troops to defend the southern borders with Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and right here in California?" Buchanan told the rally.

He opened his tough-talking tour with a verbal assault against judges that have blocked some anti-immigration measures.

"We are not governed by judges or little dictators in black robes," he said.

It's a message that resonates in California, but Buchanan now faces the daunting prospect of trying to lure support in a race that's gone from long-shot status

to unwinnable. Even as he disputed counts showing Dole the winner, Buchanan conceded that's hardly the point.

"In any event, he's very, very close to having enough delegates to get over the top," said Buchanan.

Though Buchanan cannot deny Dole the nomination, he has the potential for being troublesome and made it clear that's precisely what he intends to be. In some states he's pulled a third of the GOP primary vote, and wants to translate that into clout.

"Maximum votes equals maximum leverage," Buchanan said.

By staying in the race and galvanizing his conservative backers — and by floating the second spot notion — Buchanan is signaling he intends to be a force which must be accommodated.

It was a message his backers clearly wanted to hear.

While they cheered and shouted "Don't give up," Buchanan said his sharply conservative message has shaped this year's Republican presidential agenda and he vowed no letup.

"You and I, we are tomorrow," Buchanan told his cheering supporters. "We are the future of this party."

Dole doesn't plan to campaign in California until later in the week, and Buchanan said he will hammer away all week. "We are going, as they say, to pull no punches," he said.

With the nomination settled, Buchanan's fight is to carve a role for himself in a party to be headed this time by Dole. Buchanan scoffed at — but didn't reject — suggestions by some of his aides that the No. 2 spot on the ticket might be that place.

"I simply don't think we ought to get into that subject," he said. "It's a way down the road."

This year's Republican race has shifted gears often, and Buchanan said he'll press on to see what happens next.

"All kinds of things can happen between now and August," said Buchanan. "It's a very volatile situation."

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Sanford Girls' Softball

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is taking registrations for the 12-Under (as of 9/1/96) Girls' Softball League. The fee is \$15 per player. For more information, please call 330-5697.

Sanford adult recreation plans

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will hold organizational meetings for its Spring Leagues on March 26th and 27th. The volleyball leagues will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at Sanford City Hall. The slowpitch softball meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27. The Men's and Church leagues will meet at 6 p.m., with the Women's and Co-Ed leagues meeting at 8:30 p.m. Both will take place at Sanford City Hall. For more information, call 330-5697.

Smith pleads guilty

ORLANDO — Former NFL running back Sammie Smith pleaded guilty Tuesday to two federal charges of possession and distribution of cocaine and faces a minimum sentence of 20 years in prison. Smith, 29, arrested last September after a five-month undercover investigation, could be sentenced to life and fined \$4 million, said U.S. Attorney Charles R. Wilson. Sentencing is set for June 24. Smith, a Florida State star who played for the Miami Dolphins and Denver Broncos, was accused of being one of Central Florida's major suppliers of crack cocaine to drug dealers in the Orlando-area communities of Zellwood and Apopka, where he grew up.

AROUND THE STATE

FSU gets wrist slapped

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State's football team escaped serious penalties Tuesday and received a year's probation from the NCAA for failing to properly monitor the on-campus activities of unlicensed sports agents.

The probation took effect Feb. 3, the date school officials met with the NCAA Committee on Infractions. The NCAA also warned FSU that it must avoid another major rule violation for five years to avoid more serious penalties.

Despite the comparatively light punishment, Florida State President Taibot "Sandy" D'Alemberte said the university would appeal the NCAA's decision.

"We respectfully disagree with the categorization of these as major violations," said D'Alemberte.

The NCAA praised the actions taken by Florida State officials in responding to its compliance problems, which first surfaced in an article in Sports Illustrated in May 1994.

The probation resulted from a 1993 sporting goods shopping spree by Florida State football players, which was paid for by sports agents.

Panthers beat Senators

MIAMI — Jody Hull broke out of a scoring slump with two goals as his Florida Panthers snapped Ottawa's three-game winning streak with a 5-2 victory over the Senators.

Hull's goals, his 19th and 20th, were his first in his last 13 games for the Panthers, now 10-0-1 against Ottawa since the Senators entered the NHL.

The win continues a resurgence for the Panthers, who had gone winless in nine games before beating New Jersey 3-0 on Sunday.

The win over the Devils came one game after Florida overcame three deficits to tie the New York Rangers 3-3 last Wednesday.

ELSEWHERE

Fryer signs with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Irving Fryar, a three-time Pro Bowl player and free agent wide receiver, agreed to terms Tuesday on a three-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles. Terms were not disclosed.

The move reunites Fryar with cornerback Troy Vincent, whom the Eagles acquired from Dolphins on March 3.

Fryar, 33, will enter his 13th NFL season ranked 23 on the all-time reception list with 562 catches for 8,916 yards and 57 touchdowns. He was in the Pro Bowl after the 1985, 1993 and 1994 seasons.

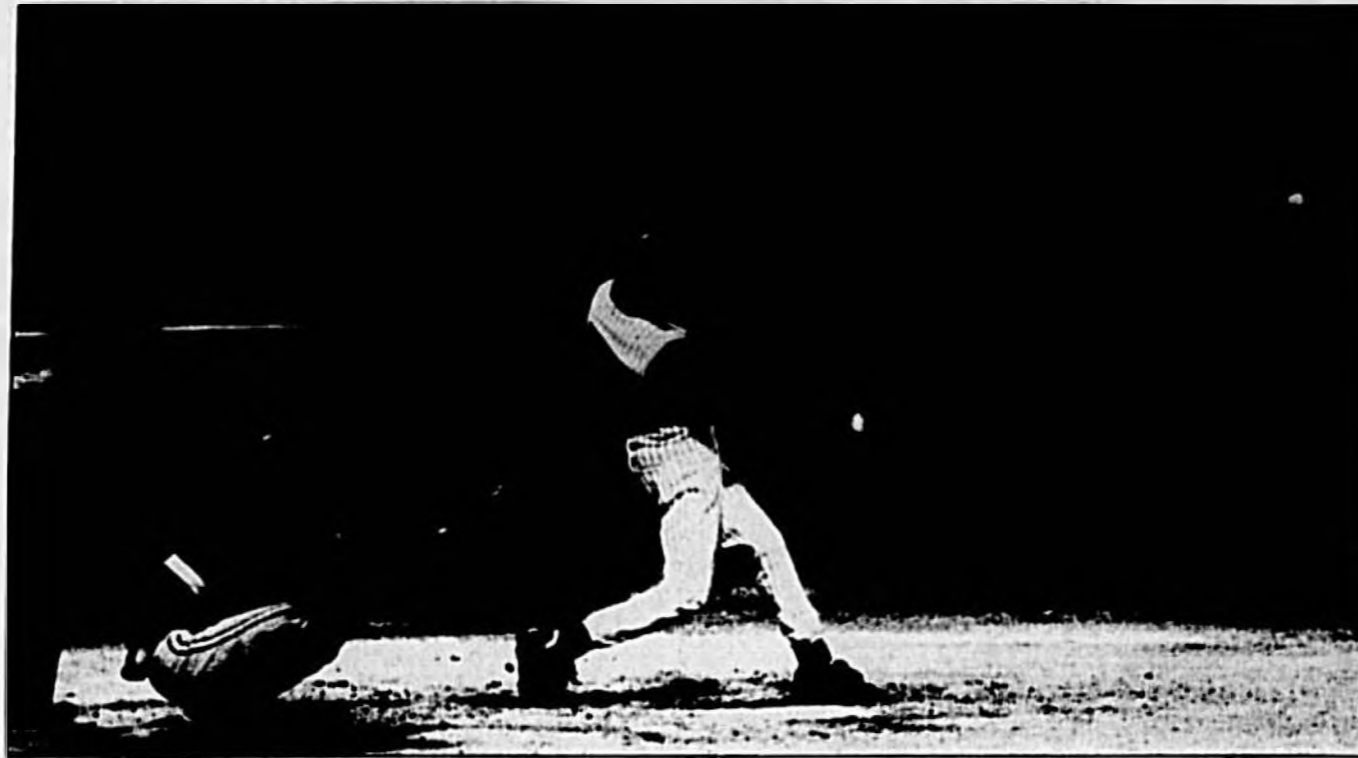
The first overall selection in the 1984 draft by New England, Fryar spent nine years with the Patriots before being traded to the Miami Dolphins for two draft picks on April 1, 1993.

During the past three years in Miami, the 6-foot, 200-pound Fryar was the team leader in receptions with 169 catches for 3,190 yards and 20 touchdowns.

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LeMieux's two blasts help Lake Howell rip Lake Mary

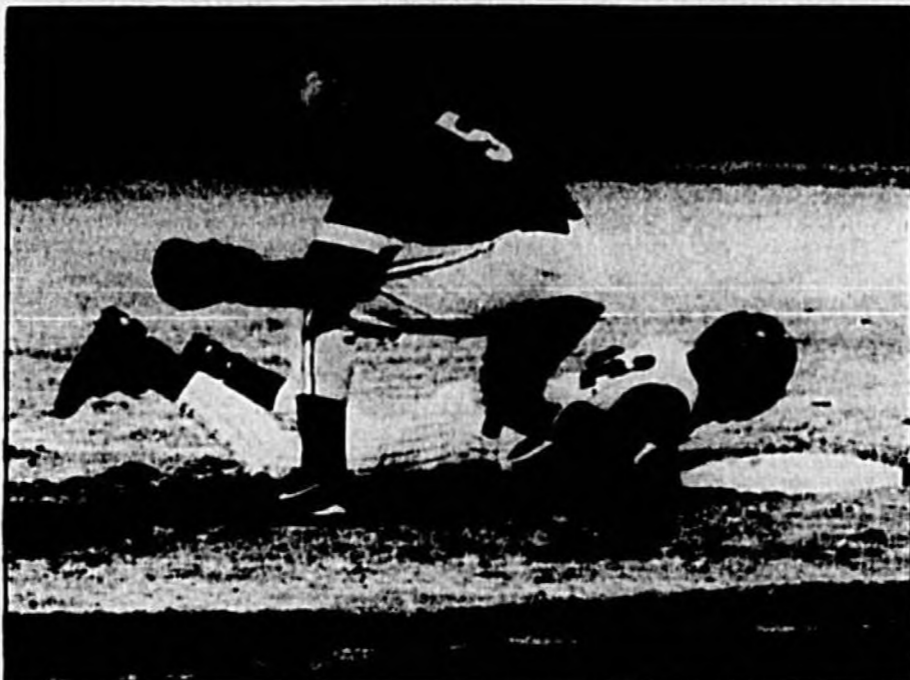
By GARY COATMAN
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Jason LeMieux was 2-for-3 with two home runs and seven RBI Tuesday to lead Lake Howell past Lake Mary 8-1 in Seminole Athletic Conference baseball action at Lake Mary high school.

"We could use some more of that," said Lake Howell coach Birto Benjamin. "Jason had a nice fluid swing going, and he made contact. That's all it took. Kevin Knorat pitched another good game, and I thought he did very well in the cool weather."

Knorat, who had college and professional baseball scouts watching him again, improved his record to 5-2 by striking out 11 batters. He was 1-for-2 at the plate including a double and a walk while allowing just four walks and three hits over seven innings.

"I think Knorat is a great pitcher, and we made him look even better."
□ See LeMieux, Page 2B



Swinging and sliding

Lake Mary's Jimmy Smith (top) rips a single to center field as Lake Howell catcher David Nilles watches and Luis Rivera dives back safely into first base (left) as the Silver Hawks' Brandon Bowen awaits the pick off try during Lake Howell's 8-1 Seminole Athletic Conference baseball victory Tuesday night.

Herald Photos by Mike Stodolinski

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Knorat and Nilles, Smith (7); Vessey, Rivera (5); Grantinger (6) and Vera, WP — Knorat (5-2), LP — Vessey (3-3). Save — none. 2B — Lake Howell, Knorat; Lake Mary, Vera. 3B — none. HR — Lake Howell, LeMieux 3. Records — Lake Howell 10-2, 3-1 SAC; Lake Mary 9-7, 2-3 SAC.						

Trio takes early lead in LML

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Stars Realty-White Sox, United Trophy-Expos and Enterprise Trucking-Braves all got a jump on the rest of the teams in the Sanford Recreation Department Little Major Baseball League as they all improved to 2-0 with victories at Fort Mellon Park on Tuesday evening. At Roy Hollar, Frank Martin
□ See Baseball, Page 2B

Tribe diamond teams tumble

From staff reports

LONGWOOD — Kevin Naas was 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and two RBI Tuesday and Lyman broke a 6-6 tie with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Greyhounds edged Seminole 7-6 in Seminole Athletic Conference baseball action. The trio of Danny Bogeajis, Jason Dickey and Jason Ware combined to record six strikeouts while giving up just six hits and five walks as the Greyhounds improved to 9-8 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

The lead traded hands three times and the score was tied twice. The Fighting Seminoles (8-9) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Lyman came back to tie the score in the bottom of the frame. Seminole regained the advantage by plating three runs in the top of the fifth inning before the Greyhounds grabbed their first lead of the game by scoring five runs in their half of the fifth.

The Tribe tied the game at 6-6 with two runs in the top of the sixth inning setting the stage for Lyman's winning seventh inning. Mike Meadows was 2-for-4 with two doubles and

GREYHOUNDS 7, FIGHTING SEMINOLES 6

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Blue Devils 14, Fighting Seminoles 1

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three RBI to lead Seminole. Chris Louwama added a double and two RBI for the Tribe. Seminole will travel to Merritt Island for a Class 5A-District 6 game on Thursday, while the Greyhounds will be at 10th ranked Deltona Saturday afternoon.

5th INNING KILL SEMINOLES
APOPKA — Winning pitcher Moriah Cobb was 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBI as Apopka whipped Seminole 16-1 in a non-conference softball game Tuesday. The Tribe plays at Lyman in SAC action Thursday.

Raiders hit, but don't plate runs in M-FC defeat

From Staff Reports

JACKSONVILLE — The Seminole Community College baseball team found out Tuesday that hits don't always convert into runs.

The Raiders outlived homestanding Florida Community College at Jacksonville 10-8, but the Stars came out on top in the score column 7-1 in Mid-Florida Conference action at FCCJ's North Campus.

SCC had runners on base all day against FCCJ starter McDade, getting nine hits and five walks off the Stars' ace over the first eight innings.

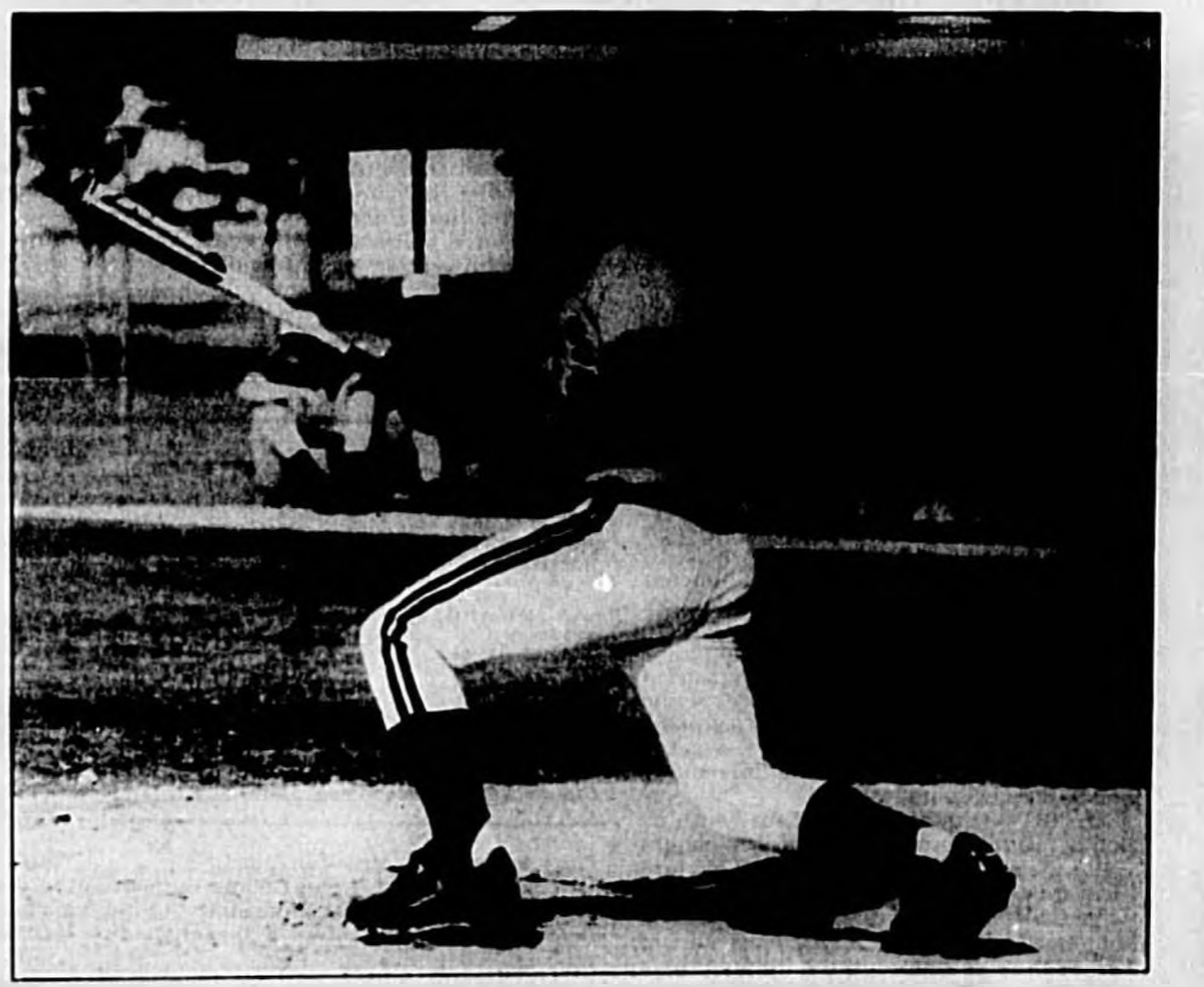
But only Robert Marciano, who singled to open the fifth inning, was able to score, coming home on Chris Thorne's fourth double of the season. The Raiders already trailed 5-0 by the time Marciano scored.

McDade improved his record to an unblemished 7-0, but he needed help from Kearney, who came on to hurl a scoreless ninth inning.

FCCJ catcher Stanton did most of the damage to SCC pitching, going three-for-four, including
□ See Raiders, Page 2B

STARS 7, RAIDERS 1

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Herald Photo by Tommy Venzel

St. Cloud's Chris Thorne went three-for-five, drove in Seminole Community College's only run including his fourth double of the season, and in a 7-1 loss in Jacksonville on Tuesday.

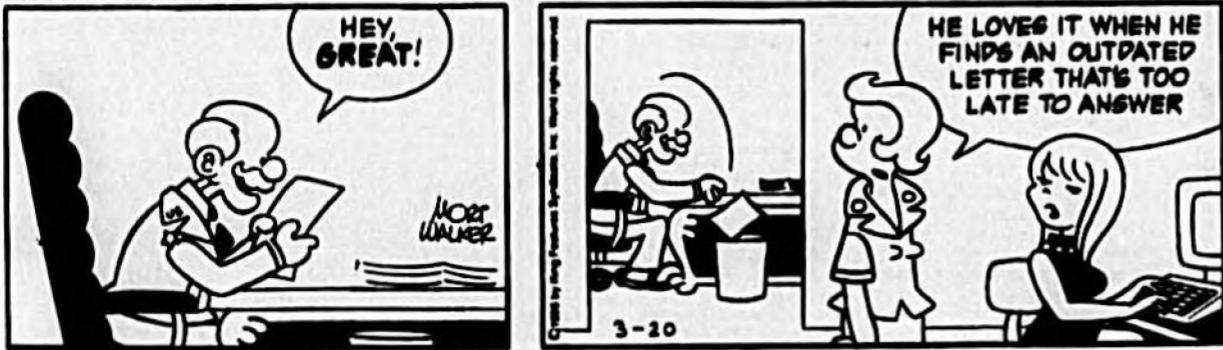
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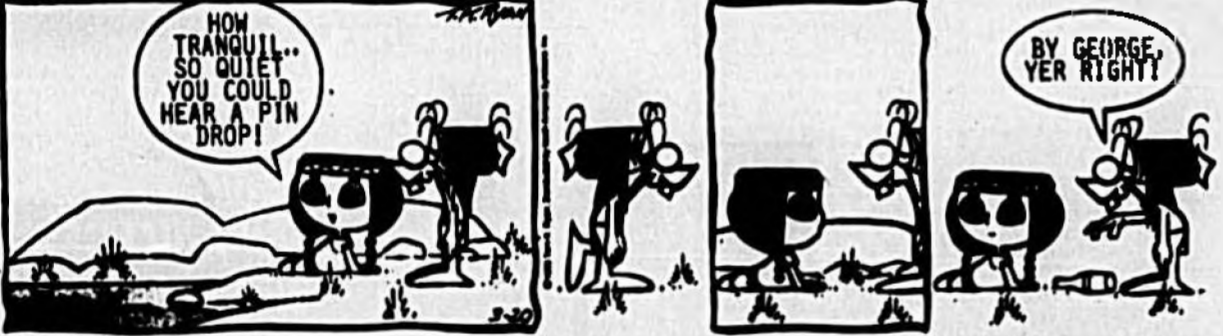


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TUMBLEWEEDS

by T.K. Ryan



ARLO AND JANIS

by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



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ROBOTMAN

by Jim Meddick



Is a second operation necessary?

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a year ago I had a colonoscopy. A polyp was discovered and I underwent a right hemicolectomy. It was benign; however, my doctor insists that I need to have another colonoscopy now to determine if any pre-cancerous polyps were missed. Do you think I need another one so soon?

DEAR READER: Yours is an unusual story, because surgeons usually do not remove part of the colon (hemicolectomy) for benign polyps.

As a general rule, any polyps are removed at the time of the colonoscopy, the intestine is left intact and the situation is monitored with repeat colonoscopies every four or five years. Therefore, I cannot comment on your doctor's strategy, because I'm not sure of his rationale.

If you had a benign polyp, the physician should have been able to detect other polyps (if any were present) during the first colonoscopy. Hence, a second procedure should not be necessary for several years. On the other hand, a malignant polyp would require more aggressive therapy, such as you described, again with colonoscopic surveillance every few years.

It sounds to me as though your doctor believes he missed something and now wants to cover his buttocks by repeating the colonoscopy. Or perhaps the polyp he removed was, in fact, pre-malignant and he is being overly cautious.

I'm as confused as you are. Consequently, I suggest that you insist on a second opinion from a gastroenterologist, who — after reviewing the records of your previous procedures — can advise you when (and if) another colonoscopy would be appropriate. In addition, the consultant should be able to tell you if you were subjected to unnecessary surgery.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently saw on TV a report about the use of nitrous oxide (or a form of it) to help people with emphysema. My pulmonary specialist and therapists have no knowledge of it. Do you?

DEAR READER: No, I don't. However, I'd be happy to hear from other readers who might have some insights into this novel therapy. Emphysema is customarily treated with bronchodilators, antibiotics, when needed, and supplemental oxygen.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband of 35 years suffers from Peyronie's disease. The condition began about seven years ago, and it has progressed to the point that having sex is very difficult for him. He's convinced it's all my fault because we don't have sex enough. He's even moved out of the house and is seeking companionship in other places. Is there any truth to infrequent relations, or can it be linked to all the blood pressure medi-

cines he's been on?

DEAR READER: Peyronie's disease is marked by progressive fibrosis (scarring) of the erectile cylinders on either side of the penis, leading to crooked erections that may make intercourse painful or impossible. The cause is unknown.

There is no evidence to suggest that the affliction in any way stems from too little (or too much) sexual activity or from prescription medication. Your husband is unfairly blaming you for his disorder. If he has moved out, there are probably other factors that have destabilized your marriage. Perhaps some counseling is in order for both of you.

In any case, your husband should be aware that urologists have developed a number of surgical techniques to



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

treat Peyronie's disease. Rather than "seeking companionship in other places," he would probably experience more satisfying sexual relations by obtaining treatment from appropriate medical professionals.

I should add that a wide variety of anti-hypertensive drugs do interfere with potency.

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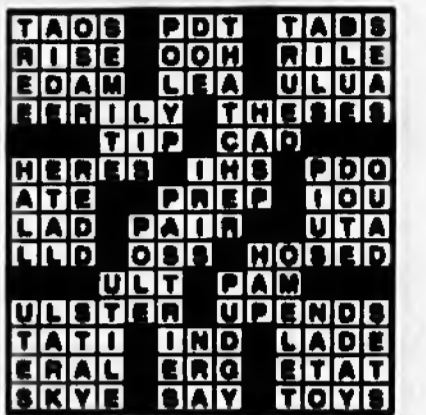
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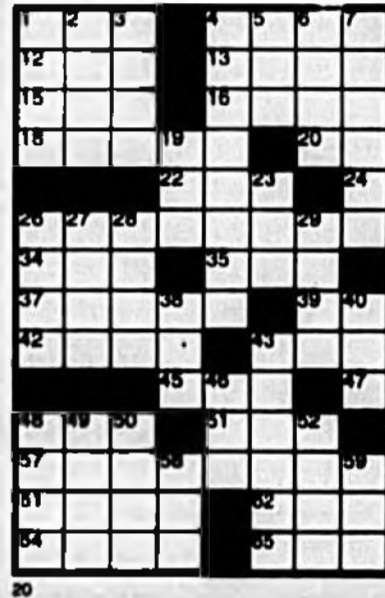
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WIN AT BRIDGE

Straightforward, if you think of it

By Phillip Alder

Leslie Baron Lever, a Labour politician who died in 1977, said in a speech in the House of Commons, "Generosity is a part of my character, and I therefore hasten to assure this government that I will never make an allegation of dishonesty against it wherever a simple explanation of stupidity will suffice."

It has been said many times — with justification — that the best ideas are the simplest (not the stupidest). And it applies at the bridge table, too. Often the simplest line of play is the best. The hard part, of course, is thinking the simple thought.

Today's deal occurred during a rubber-bridge game in Sydney, Australia.

How would you plan the play in six spades after West has led the diamond ace?

The bidding wouldn't meet with universal approval. Most American experts would overcall one heart rather than make a takeout double. In response to the double, four spades showed a long suit and values. South was hoping to end a lucrative rubber. North, opposite a long spade suit, was happy to try for an even more lucrative rubber.

After declarer ruffs the diamond ace in dummy, it is tempting to play a spade to hand and take the heart finesse, which is surely working. With the actual layout, this line is successful. But South spotted a much simpler play that would give him greater security against bad splits. He led a low heart to his jack at trick two. When West won with the king, everything was under control. Yet even if West had ducked (a good play), declarer would still have got home.

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HOROSCOPE



Thursday, March 21, 1996

In the year ahead, you can reap benefits if you expand your range of social involvements. Good things can happen if you develop new contacts and use your resources wisely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to produce effectively today, construct a sensible production schedule. If you allow work to pile up, you might buckle under the pressure. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not have as much fun today if you have to worry about the money you spend.

instead of being uncomfortable, select activities that do not cost much.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) For your own peace of mind today, try not to involve yourself in endeavors that exceed your capabilities. Do not make impossible demands on yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you need help assessing an important development today, avoid overly optimistic and overly pessimistic people. Seek out a realist.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use common sense in regard to your financial affairs today. Do not put yourself in a position in which you feel obligated to lend something you can't afford.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One-to-one involvements could be a testy area for you today. Try to be tactful, diplomatic and show a willingness to make adjustments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might find yourself in a quandary today. Do not betray someone's trust by telling another friend a secret that was told to you in

confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This will not be a good day to take financial risks if you do not know much about the ventures. Even well-researched situations could prove too risky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might take an enormous amount of fortitude to achieve your ambitions today. If you aim for a challenging goal, prepare to go all out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will not have to yield any ground today to people who disagree with your opinions, even though you know that you shouldn't be so inflexible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The desire for instant gratification today might cause you to spend funds earmarked for serious obligations on novelty items.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) All problems have solutions, even the ones that will aggravate you today. Make an effort to focus on positive rather than negative aspects.

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ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

