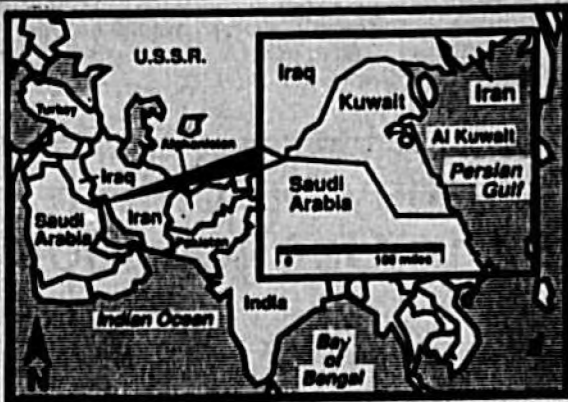


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NEWS DIGEST

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Iraq: Day eight and counting

LONDON — Secretary of State James A. Baker III opened talks today with European allies, determined to prevent any cracks in the anti-Iraq alliance. He ruled out a French proposal to hold a Middle East peace conference in exchange for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

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Sports

Where's my bat and glove?

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And just to prove that point, 34 slowpitch softball teams will start playing in Sanford this week.

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Florida

New semester, new warnings

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida freshman Chelsea Krazmien arrived back at school with her Christmas present — a stun gun, one more indication of campus life a semester after five students were brutally murdered.

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People

Focus on environment in 1991

In 1991, the focus in many issues will be the environment. And in managing your home landscape, there are many ways that you can do your part to protect the environment. In addition to enhancing the environment, you will save maintenance time and costs. Sounds great, doesn't it?

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OPINION

Anti-drug meeting set

SANFORD — Seminole Chemical Awareness Network (SCAN) in its regular meeting Wednesday morning will feature keynote speaker Mary Ann Andrews of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The public is welcome at the board meeting at 8:30 a.m. and at the regular meeting at 9 a.m. at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce on First Street in Sanford.

The meeting is of special interest to law enforcement, business operators and church workers. Andrews will address the drug problem from a federal perspective on the local level. She will be available for individual discussions after the meeting, a spokesman said.

Toddlers saved from road

JACKSONVILLE — The state has taken custody of two 20-month-old boys and charged the mother with neglect after motorists rescued the infants from the center lane of a busy street.

The twins wandered out of an apartment and into the center turn lane of the heavily-traveled University Boulevard West in Jacksonville Sunday.

Police charged Lisa Mixon, 24, with misdemeanor child neglect.

From staff and wire reports

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Sunny and warm



Mostly sunny with the high near 80 and an southeasterly wind at 5 to 10 mph.

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David Meador

Meador named head of local advisory group

By LAGY DOMEN Herald People

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary City Commissioner David Meador was named chairman of the Council of Local Government last week. He said his focus will be to "lessen the burden on taxpayers."

The council is a representative body in Seminole County comprised of elected officials from the cities, county and school board.

"It allows us all to work together toward a common goal as opposed to playing adversarial roles," Meador explained. "I see a real spirit of cooperation between the governing bodies."

The members discuss alternatives to maximize governmental services to citizens. They address the financial status of all areas of Seminole County.

"For example, we do not want duplicity of services, such as 'first response,' which could cost taxpayers extra money," Meador said. The county and cities have entered into first response agreements, where they agree to send their police or fire agencies to emergencies outside their jurisdiction if they can be the

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Reapportionment may aid northern Seminole

By J. MARK BARFIELD Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Seminole County may not gain new state lawmakers or a Congressman during reapportionment next year, but it may have representatives who will have smaller areas outside the county to dilute their clout.

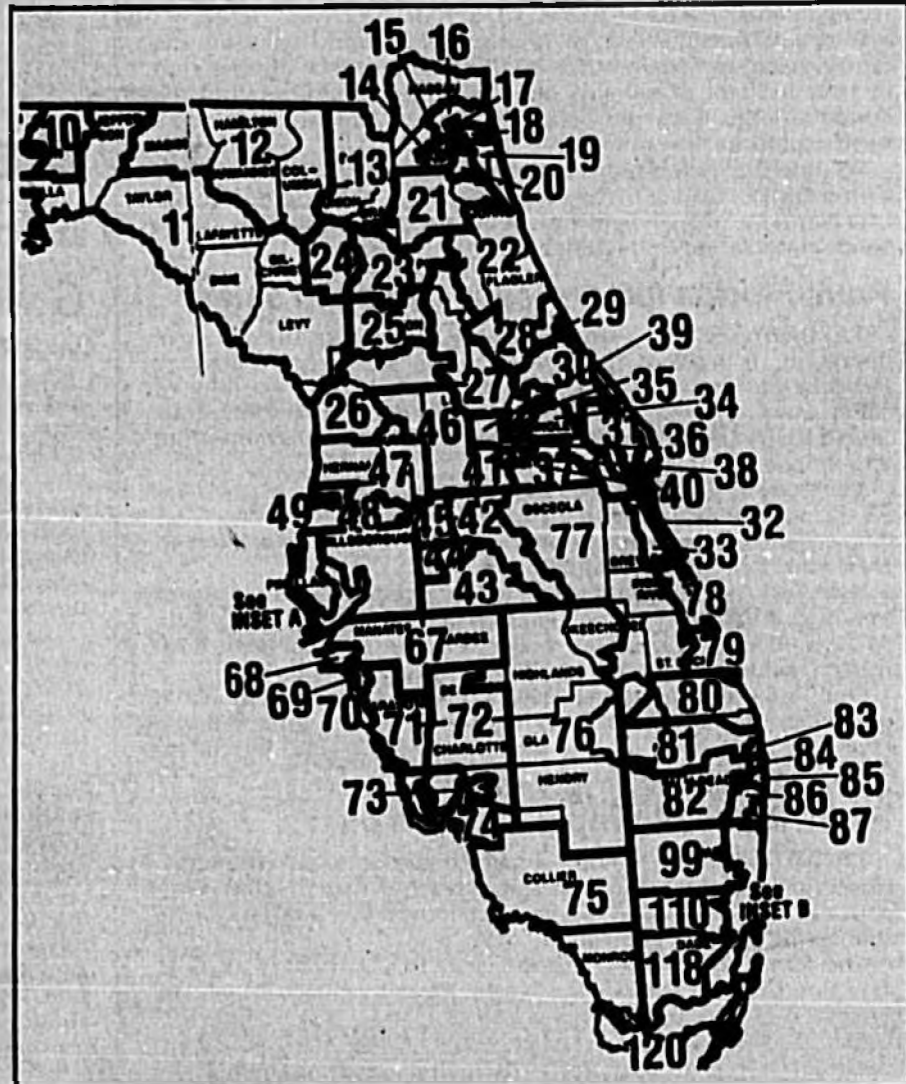
And northern Seminole County may have its own representative in the state House.

Those are some of the assumptions of one key Seminole County lawmaker who has been appointed to a political hotseat on the House Reapportionment Committee, Rep. Art Grindle, R-Altamonte Springs. Two of Seminole County's Senators, Dick Langley, R-Clermont, and Tom Jennings, R-Orlando, serve on the Senate Reapportionment Committee.

After the results of the U.S. Census are published in April, those population figures will be "crunched" in computers and haggled over in hallways and ultimately used to review all of the representative's boundaries are reviewed and changed in 1992. New representatives will be elected that year for the revised or new districts.

Florida stands to pick up four additional congressional seats from population growth during the 1990s. Each Congressman will represent about 585,000 people, said George Meier, director of the House Reapportionment Committee. Each

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County delegation's new Tallahassee lineup

Senate	House
<p>SW. W. "Bud" Gardner, D-Titusville: President, pro-life, chairman Appropriations, Health and Human Resources, Education, Rules and Calendar, chairman Joint Legislative Information Technology Resource Comm.</p>	<p>Richard Langley, R-Clermont: Appropriations, Criminal Justice, Education, Health and Human Resources, Professional Regulation, Transportation, Community Affairs, Finance, Taxation and Claims, Professional Regulation, Reapportionment - Congressional subcommittee.</p>
<p>Tom Jennings, R-Orlando</p>	<p>Art Grindle, R-Altamonte Springs: Commerce - Banking</p>

Lake Mary refuses to pay comp plan bill

By LAGY DOMEN Herald People Editor

LAKE MARY — A contractual dispute between the City of Lake Mary and Henigar & Ray Engineering Associates, Inc., has left city commissioners vowing they do not want to see the city pay an additional bill of between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for work on the city's comprehensive plan.

The engineering firm, through its attorneys, submitted a letter to City Attorney Ned Julian outlining its position. The proposed annual addendum had not been accepted by Lake Mary, which left the city in jeopardy of not having its comprehensive plan completed by the April 1991

deadline set by the state. "It's a dispute over interpretation of a rule of compliance. The crux of the dispute is they think they are only required to submit a plan according to their interpretation," Julian said.

Although Henigar & Ray later agreed to submit a completed plan by the deadline, V. Gail Easley, vice president of the engineering firm, informed her attorneys the cost to review and revise the final draft following the state Department of Community Affairs objections, recommendations and comments report (DCA ORC) would cost the city an additional \$15,000 to \$50,000.

"It's a mistaken belief on the part of the city that the original contract provides and requires Henigar & Ray, at no extra cost, to review and

respond to this," attorneys wrote to Julian. The rule of compliance, Rule 9J-5, had not been interpreted by DCA at the time the original contract was forged with the city in 1988, according to Henigar & Ray's attorneys.

"They told us 9J-5 had changed a great deal and they didn't know they'd have to do as much work as they found out they had to do. They under-shot the mark," Julian said.

"That's their problem," Commissioner Tom Mahoney added.

Commissioner Paul Tremel cited one incident which caused him to lose faith in the engineering firm.

"When they recommended we institute a

Iraq: Day eight and counting

Baker rules out extending deadline

By BARRY SCHWEID AP Diplomatic Writer

LONDON — Secretary of State James A. Baker III today ruled out any extension of the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to end its occupation of Kuwait.

"We are not interested in that,

frankly," Baker said after a session in which British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd reaffirmed his support for the Bush administration policy in the Persian Gulf.

Responding to reports that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein might be willing to negotiate if the deadline is pushed back, Baker said: "We

should not talk about postponing deadlines. This deadline is real. The only real chance for peace is if Saddam Hussein begins to understand this."

Hurd, in a strong statement of support that Baker hopes to find echoed in his eight-day trip to 10

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Congress Unsure How to Respond to Crisis

By JIM BRINKMAN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The new 102nd Congress had barely convened when it found itself lost in the muck of the Persian Gulf issue — afraid to assert its constitutional prerogatives, and afraid not to.

But now lawmakers appear poised to take the risk they have shied away from for the five months of the crisis: a vote on whether war should be waged over Iraq's occupation of Kuwait.

It is unclear just what shape the debate and votes will take when they occur before Jan. 15, the United Nations-ordered deadline for Iraq's withdrawal.

President Bush's supporters will press for an authorization of force. Democratic leaders appear to prefer to call for a continuation of economic sanctions.

Support group meets tonight

SANFORD — The Operation Desert Shield Support Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, located on S. Sanford Avenue.

The meeting is open to all family members and friends of service personnel stationed in the Persian Gulf.

For more information, call Judy Osborn at 323-0105.

Others want to simply assert that Bush must first come to Congress for permission to go to war.

Why has it taken so long for lawmakers to come to a decision point?

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Protesters march against Gulf war

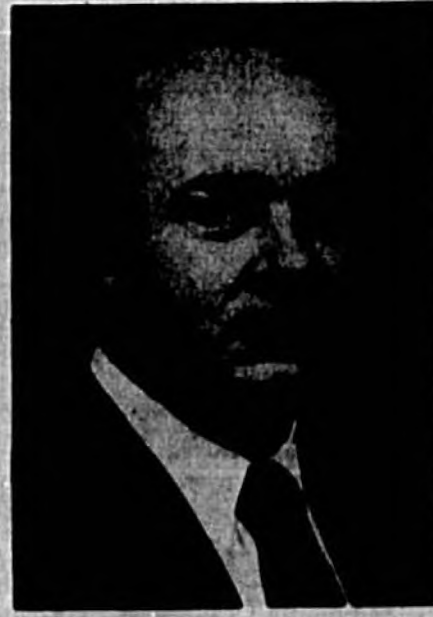
Associated Press

Thousands of anti-war protesters wearing white ribbons held a candlelight march in San Francisco, and a rally by about 1,000 people in Atlanta collected hundreds of letters to President Bush urging negotiations in the Persian Gulf.

Protesters in San Francisco held banners reading "Bring the Troops Home" and "No War for Big Oil" as they marched 10 blocks from St. Mary's cathedral to the federal court building. Police estimated Sunday night's crowd at 5,000.

"We must bring sanctions and diplomacy back to center stage," Robert McAfee Brown, a former religion professor active in protests

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Larry Furlong

Leader search, deficit dogged county in 1990

By J. MARK BARFIELD Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Fiscal woes led the events shaping Seminole County government during the first year of the new decade.

And those financial stresses will leave their mark on 1991 and likely the next several years.

Seminole County also saw the election of the first Democratic

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IN BRIEF

JUCO HOOPS

Raiders back in action

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College women's basketball team will play its first game since December 11 tonight when they host Shaunce College of Illinois starting at 7 p.m. at the Health and Physical Education Center.

It will also be the first home action for the Raiders, 4-5 on the season, since late November. Doing most of the damage for the Raiders this season have been sophomore's Debbie Olason and Tina Lester and freshmen Michelle Kumpf, Brandie Groves, Carla Letbetter and Teresa Martin.

GOLF

Tourney to benefit ADA

LAKE MARY — Sykes Enterprises Inc. will sponsor the second annual American Diabetes Association (ADA) Golf Tournament on Jan. 23 at Timacuan Golf and Country Club.

The SEI tournament will be a four-person scramble with tee-off set for noon on Wednesday, Jan. 23. The entry fee is \$75 per golfer. For entry forms or additional information, call the ADA at 894-3888.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Record breaking night

LOS ANGELES — It's been a final season to remember for Kevin Bradshaw and U.S. International — and they can thank Loyola Marymount for the memories.

Bradshaw broke Pete Maravich's 21-year-old scoring record with 72 points on Saturday night, but the Gulls were beaten by Loyola Marymount, which set an NCAA single-game record in its 188-140 victory.

U.S. International, an independent university in San Diego, declared bankruptcy about two weeks ago and the basketball program will be eliminated after the season.

Bradshaw, a 28-year-old senior, broke Maravich's NCAA record of 69 points while the Lions' 188 points broke their NCAA record of 181 set on Jan. 31, 1989, in a 181-150 victory over the Gulls — the highest scoring game in NCAA history.

Bradshaw played all 40 minutes, making 23 of 59 shots from the field and hit 19 of 23 free throws. He also had 10 rebounds.

Bradshaw spent the first two years of his college career at Bethune-Cookman. He left after the 1983-84 season to join the U.S. Navy.

PRO FOOTBALL

Bears advance

CHICAGO — Neal Anderson accounted for 164 yards running, catching and passing as the Chicago Bears beat the New Orleans Saints 16-6 Sunday. The victory, helped greatly by an offside penalty on a blocked field goal that negated a touchdown by New Orleans, sent the Bears on to face the New York Giants in the second round of the NFL playoffs.

The Bears got a lot of help from Robert Massey, who lined up offside on Butler's field-goal attempt in the third quarter, with Chicago ahead 10-3.

The kick was blocked by Renaldo Turnbull and returned 61 yards by Vince Buck for a touchdown. But the offside call nullified the play and Butler went on to kick a 22-yarder for a 13-3 lead, meaning a 10-point swing.

The win sends Chicago, 11-5 and the NFC Central champion, to New Jersey next Sunday to meet the Giants in one of the two NFC semifinals. Washington, which beat Philadelphia in Saturday's wild-card game, will be at San Francisco on Saturday.

Bengals rout Oilers

CINCINNATI — It happened again Sunday, and neither the Cincinnati Bengals nor the Houston Oilers could figure out why.

The AFC Central rivals continued a recent tradition by turning their first-round playoff game into a rout. Boomer Esiason threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in a 41-14 Bengals victory that wasn't surprising.

They've traded blowouts on their home fields the last few years. Houston has won the last six games in the Astrodome, outscoring Cincinnati 212-119. The Bengals have won nine of the last 10 at Riverfront Stadium, including the last four by a margin of 188-62.

Ickey Woods and Eric Ball also ran for touchdowns to clinch a rematch with the Raiders, who beat the Bengals in Los Angeles 24-7 three weeks ago. The only problem for Cincinnati was an injury to running back James Brooks, who dislocated his left thumb in the first quarter. His status for the Raiders' game was unknown.

Compiled from wire and staff reports.

BEST BETS ON TV

BASKETBALL
 □ 8 p.m. — WKCF 68, NCAA, Georgia Bulldogs at LSU Tigers. (L)

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Where's my bat and glove?

Record 34 teams to play in Sanford Polar Bear leagues

By DEAN SMITH
 Herald sports writer

SANFORD — Evidently not everyone has heard it's winter. It's supposed to be cold and you're supposed to stay indoors. But this is Florida and no one stays indoors.

And just to prove that point, 34 slowpitch softball teams will start playing in Sanford this week.

Yes, the crack of the bat will be heard again starting tonight at Chase Park with the first of six Polar Bear leagues that are sponsored by the Sanford Recreation Department over the next 10 weeks.

This many teams joining a league this time of year is just a continuation of the growth the Sanford leagues have enjoyed in the last year. Just a couple of years ago,

there were as few as five teams playing in Sanford.

It also shows the competitiveness of the leagues. Last fall's leagues, with the exception of Monday night and the women's league, went down to the last week or two before a winner was decided.

Both Chase and Pinehurst parks will be used to accommodate the leagues.

There will be one men's league on Monday night, one men's and one women's league on Tuesday night, two men's leagues on Wednesday night and one men's league on Thursday night.

Defending Monday night fall champion Tim Raines Connection, led by the Chicago White Sox's Tim Raines, will open tonight's action by taking on Wednesday night fall

champion HD Realty at 6:30 p.m.

TRC has been the class of the Sanford leagues the past few years and is currently on a streak that has seen them lose only one game in the last year.

Also on tonight's schedule will be Lambert Erectors playing the Boomtown Boys at 7:30 p.m. and Suffolk Homes facing the Wrecking Crew at 8:30 p.m.

The rest of this week's schedule is as follows:

In the Tuesday night men's league, at Chase Park, the McClanahan Law Offices A's will be challenging the Regulators at 6:30 p.m., the Regulators will come back to play the Recyclers at 7:30 p.m. and Home Rehabilitative Services (HRS) will face Sanford Landing Apartments at 8:30 p.m.

In the women's league that will play on Tuesday nights at Pinehurst Park, it will be Gator's Docksider, the new sponsor of defending fall champion Thermocarbon, versus the Miafits from Apopka at 8:30 p.m., Electone playing A1A Quality Sod at 7:30 p.m. and Cargo, Inc. facing Bikini Beach at 8:30 p.m.

In the Wednesday night league at Chase Park, Bradbury Auto Salon will take on the Sanford Police Benevolent Association (SPBA) at 6:30 p.m., Smitty's Plumbing will challenge Hall's Stucco at 7:30 p.m., and the Direct Connection will face the Aronow Survivors at 8:30 p.m.

In the Wednesday night league at Pinehurst Park, Bikini Beach will play Capt. Nemo's at 6:30 p.m., Capt. Nemo's will come back to play Pratt Automotive at 7:30 p.m., and the Liquor Store will face Harcar Aluminum Products at 8:30 p.m.

In the Thursday night league at Chase Park, defending Thursday fall champion Sanford First Baptist Church will play Town & Country R.V. at 6:30 p.m., Dunbar's will challenge Gator's Docksider at 7:30 p.m. and Florida Manor will face Sanford Grace Apostolic Church at 8:30 p.m.

Recreation hoops tip off

From staff reports

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department's boys' basketball league got underway with five games Saturday at Lakeview Middle School.

In the Junior League, Dunbar's stopped ABB 19-11, Lee Hood defeated Mike Vallot 18-11 and the Fleet Reserve squeaked by Sanford Electric 21-20.

In the Senior League, the Salvation Army topped the Sanford Boys/Girls Club 27-21 and Suniland crunched the Fleet Reserve 30-14.

Dunbar's broke open a close game by outscoring ABB 8-2 in the final period.

Doing the damage for Dunbar's were Jeremy Whaley (eight points), Aaron Thomas (six points), Hector Vazquez (three points) and Marcus Beasley (two points). Charles Smith also played. Whaley was selected as the offensive player of the game while Beasley picked up defensive honors.

Doing the scoring for ABB were Tyler Blair and Ron Jackson (four points each), and James Young (three points). Also playing were Adam Dryden, Kamar Gear, Michael Coffman and Tony Guerra.

The Fleet Reserve got points from six different players to overcome an 11-point scoring spree by Sanford Electric's Albert Hampton. Hampton was the offensive player of the game while Johnny Hollie picked up defensive honors for the Fleet.

Facing the Fleet Reserve scoring were Mark Watson (eight), Hollie (six), Nick Barnes (three), Chris Lowman (two) and Richard Badger and Michael Eason (one point each). Phillip Reynolds, Daryl Redding, Patrick Allen and Brian Zaladonia played but failed to score.

Also scoring for Sanford Electric were Troyman Hollis (six), Terence Jones (two) and Eric Johnson (one). Phillip Miller, Aaron Hollis, Ivory Peterson and Warren Hooks also played.

Lee Hood overcame a 9-5 halftime deficit to pick up its win over Mike Vallot. Michael Peiry was the offensive player and Renay Proenza the defensive player of the game.

Contributing to the Mike Hood
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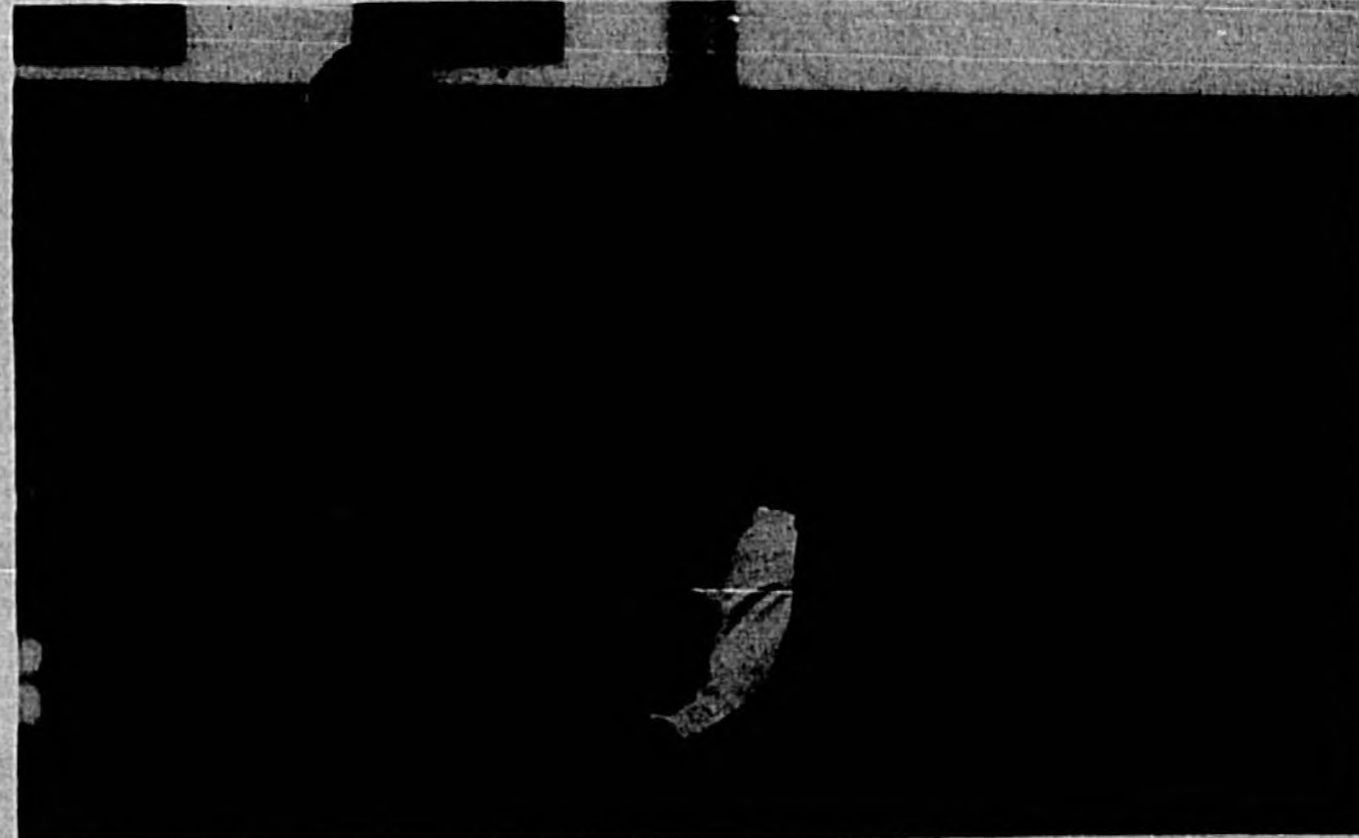
DOUBLE TAKES

Applied diplomacy

Coaching any sport at any level demands a certain level of what are generally called "people skills." Last Wednesday night, for example, Lyman High School boys' soccer coach Ray Sandidge (near right) and Lake Howell's Anatol Popovich (far right) didn't agree on how the championship game of the Goldenrod Rotary Cup tournament should be decided. On Thursday evening, Greg Robinson (below) guided the Seminole High School boys' basketball team to an upset of the visiting Lake Howell Silver Hawks.



Herald Photos by Kelly Jordan



Wane of sandlot ball creates void in athletic tradition

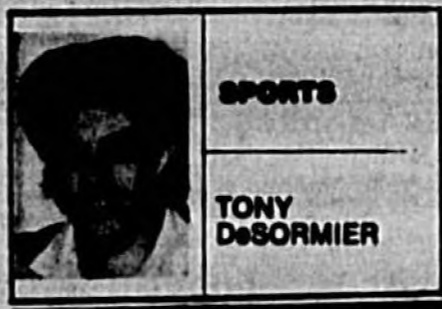
Whatever happened to sandlots? Most adults will remember when sandlot was a key word describing the games we played when we were kids, like "sandlot baseball" or "sandlot football."

At the risk of overstating the obvious, sandlot means exactly what it sounds like — a sandy, vacant lot that was claimed by the neighborhood youth for their pick-up games.

Lacking the manicured grass, defined boundaries and fences, games played on sandlots had a character that Little League and Pop Warner fields don't provide. That half-buried tire is third base. This rock is home plate. That tree over there . . . no, not that one, the other one, is first base.

It wasn't a diamond, but it was ours.

The odd configurations, availability of players and local conditions often dictated rules modifications. Not having enough bodies to cover all positions might lead to right or left field (depending on the hitter's tendencies to pull the



SPORTS

TONY DeSORMIER

ball) being closed. A severe shortage of players would a game of "pitchers' hands."

To keep balls from being hit into an unretrievable location — a swamp, a street, a non-understanding neighbor's garden — hitting balls in those designated areas would be automatic out. To keep players from taking advantage of a particularly short fence for easy home runs, balls hit there would be ground-rule doubles.

But somewhere along the line, we lost sandlot. We haven't lost the sandlots themselves, goodness knows there's plenty of those

around. But when you drive by, they're not alive with activity. And if there are games being played, odds are it'll be adults picking up sides rather than kids.

Instead, our boys and girls are involved in more structured athletic events, leagues organized and coached by adults. We teach them the rules, we show them how to play the game right, we provide them with nice fields on which to play.

By doing all this, we sanitize the games. By keeping track of wins and losses, we put a premium on competition instead of competing. While these aren't necessarily bad things, their benefits may not be as great as we would like to believe.

And when I saw "we," I mean "we adults" have all been guilty at one time or another of unfavorably comparing today's young players with those of our youth. I've heard a surprising number of coaches in different sports at different levels say that something they have to deal with is that many of today's children have it "too easy."

Instead of playing from daybreak until it's too dark to see, a majority of children involved in organized sports are more concerned with uniforms or publicity. And we know that's not something they come by naturally.

Am I suggesting that we do away with organized youth leagues? No. Am I suggesting we restructure organized youth leagues? No. Then what am I suggesting? Good question.

As tempting as it may be, we can't enact legislation that would regulate the use of video games to days when it was raining or evenings after homework is down. We can't order children to leave the fields we've built and go play on sandlots.

What we can do is try to remember what made those day-long games on rocky fields special to us and share it with the coming generations. And by remembering what made those days special, hopefully it will help us in the administration of organized youth sports.

BLONDIE by Chic Young

1 I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING SMART TONIGHT AND GO TO BED AN HOUR EARLIER.
 2 THEN I'LL GET UP A HALF HOUR EARLIER TOMORROW MORNING.
 3 WHY DON'T YOU GET UP AN HOUR EARLIER?
 4 I DON'T WANT TO BE THAT SMART.

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

1 ARE YOU MAD BECAUSE I WRECKED YOUR JEEP, SARGE?
 2 ONLY DOGS GET MAD, BEETLE...
 3 SERGEANTS GET EVEN.

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

1 WARREN FINCUS 3 WAY, IT'S GOTTA BE 25 YEARS!
 2 YOU MUST'VE FOUND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!
 3 BUT...
 4 TELL ME, YOU SONOFACUN, HOW IS LITTLE WARREN, JR.?
 5 WELL, I'VE HAD A TOUCH OF FLU, BUT OTHERWISE FINE.

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

1 HOW CAN HOLDING A STUPID BLANKET MAKE YOU FEEL SECURE?
 2 OH, BOY...

EEK & MEEK by Howie Schneider

1 WELL... I GOTTA GO... THE WIFE WANTS ME HOME EARLY TONIGHT.
 2 I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYBODY CONSIDERS MARRIAGE A 'UNION'...
 3 FOR ME IT'S ALWAYS BEEN 'MANAGEMENT'.

TUMBLEWEEDS by T.K. Ryan

1 ANY FINAL COMMENTS BEFORE WE MOVE OUT?
 2 SO FLIP A COIN!
 3 SO WE HAPTA RAID THE TRADING POST? THERE AIN'T ENOUGH SHOPPIN' CARTS TO GO AROUND, AND LAST TIME I GOT BIT ON THE LEG FIGHTIN' OVER ONE!

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

1 AHH... THIS FEELS SO GOOD! I AM SOOOO TIRED... RELAX, I WANT TO RELAX...
 2 BFF BATH TUB NEEDS CLEANING!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

1 I FEEL LIKE I JUST PASSED MY "BEST IF USED BY" DATE.

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

1 OKAY, JON, THIS IS THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE.
 2 I'LL PAINT A LINE ON THE FLOOR. EVERYTHING ON YOUR SIDE IS YOURS, AND EVERYTHING ON MY SIDE IS MINE.
 3 IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE IN MY KITCHEN.

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

1 ROBOTMAN! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!
 2 I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE BRANDEST GIRL IN MY SCIENCE CLASS.
 3 YOU'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO BOOST MY IQ... LIKE FLASH CARDS OR BRAIN SURGERY OR...
 4 HAVE IF I MOVE YOUR OPERELLUM OVER HERE.
 5 HE'S ALREADY GIVEN ME ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO REALIZE WHAT A STUPID IDEA THIS WAS.

Altitude does not cause TIA or stroke

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother has had several TIAs recently. She loses the ability to speak and becomes very confused. We are puzzled because nothing has shown up in exhaustive tests such as CT scans, EKGs, etc. Since we live at 6,500 feet, could the altitude complicate her problem?

DEAR READER: A TIA (transient ischemic attack) is a temporary neurological deficit, such as weakness or inability to speak, that resembles a stroke but is not permanent. It is believed to be caused by a blood clot that becomes wedged in an artery in the brain; within hours, the clot is dissolved by the body's natural anticoagulants.

Thus, unlike a stroke, a TIA disappears, leaving no nerve disorder. Because the affliction is transient, it is impossible to diagnose using the usual tests, such as CT scans. Doctors diagnose the condition when the patient suffers what appears to be a stroke — but recovers quickly and completely. (A stroke will often be visible during CT scanning as a permanent smudge on the otherwise normal X-ray pictures of the brain.)

The blood clots that cause TIAs are carried to the brain from other blood vessels — in particular, the aorta and carotid arteries. Thus, the affliction is not so much a brain disease as a circulatory disorder. TIAs often herald the onset of a major stroke. Therefore, many practitioners advocate immediate and aggressive treatment with medicine to retard clotting.

Coumadin is frequently used but has not been shown to be more effective than a cheaper, safer drug: one-half an adult aspirin daily. I suggest you question your mother's doctor about this option. It might save her extensive future disability. Altitude does not cause TIAs or strokes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read that 250 to 500 milligrams per day of carnitine will improve heart muscle function, lower body weight and cholesterol level. I dropped 15 pounds in two months and lowered my cholesterol level in one month.

Does it really work, or am I being misled?

DEAR READER: Don't believe everything you read; examine the source. I believe you have been misled by claims about L-carnitine, a substance necessary for the transport of certain fats to the cells. Carnitine is widely distributed in most animal foods, such as red meat and dairy products.

Moreover, humans are capable of manufacturing all the



carnitine they require; therefore, deficiencies do not occur, except in newborn infants who cannot make enough and who should be breast-fed. (Many infant formulas do not contain carnitine.)
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 - New Mexico art colony
 - 1944 invasion date
 - Time — half
 - Music-synthesizer pioneer
 - Bald head
 - Do as —
 - Edward's nickname
 - Arrogantly
 - Intent
 - Give name to
 - Ultra-masculine
 - Pueblo Indian
 - Dill seed
 - Dec. holiday
 - Narrow
 - High sound
 - Year
 - Layer of tissue
 - Timber tree
 - Building wing

WHAT BRIDGE? By James Jacoby

Prolific writer-expert Mike Lawrence has come up with a new idea for those wishing to hone their proficiency at the game. "Topics on Bridge" is a series of 15 booklets, each dealing with an important aspect of play or bidding. Although a bit pricey at \$5 each, all 15 ordered simultaneously are discounted at \$40 (Michael Lawrence, 131 Alvarado Rd., Berkeley, CA 94705). This week we will examine deals from "Signals on Defense," one of Mike's topics. After partner's takeout double and East's raise to two spades, South had too good a hand to merely compete with three of either red suit. Relying on the likelihood that North had four

hearts for his takeout double, South jumped to game in that suit. Unfortunately the proper use of accurate signaling provided the tools for the defenders to beat the contract. West led the spade king, and East played the nine, an encouraging card, which had to promise possession of the spade queen. (With 10-9-x-x of spades, East would play low, not wishing partner to assume that he held as much as the queen.) With that knowledge, West led his singleton diamond at trick two. When declarer forced out the ace of hearts, West underled his ace of spades to East, who promptly returned a diamond to give West a ruff, thus setting four hearts. (C)1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

NORTH 1-7-91

♦ J 7
 ♥ K 6 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 3
 ♠ K 10 4

WEST ♦ A K 8 4
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ 9
 ♠ J 9 7 5

EAST ♦ Q 8 5 3
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ J 2
 ♠ Q 6 6 3 2

SOUTH ♦ 10 3
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ K 10 7 5 4
 ♠ A

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: West

South West North East
 ♠ 1 0 2 0
 ♥ All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

HOROSCOPE By Bernice Bode Ouel

YOUR BIRTHDAY Jan. 6, 1991

There is a strong likelihood that goals and objectives which are of present significance to you will be replaced with a fresh set of values. Your new aims will give you greater gratification than your old ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You sometimes surprise associates with your determination and tenacity, but, if you meet with resistance today, you could start to slack off instead of asserting yourself more vigorously. 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 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It could prove wise today to leave well enough alone. If critical situations are running smoothly, don't institute change merely for change's sake.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Evaluate your finances realistically and spend accordingly today. Don't be extravagant and, above all, don't borrow to gratify current whims.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be extra mindful of your behavior when in the public eye today. If you make a bad impression, an adversary might distort what you do even more unfavorably.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Fixity of purpose and determination are two of your greatest assets today, but you might not use them to your advantage. You may lock in on a bad idea which you'll be reluctant to discard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are negotiating a matter of importance today, it is best not to take things at face value. Having lots of good ideas is commendable, provided you act upon them in constructive ways. Make mind and muscles move for a unified purpose today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You must guard against your own extravagance today, as well as that of a friend who could involve you in something costly. In either instance, both could be "budget benders."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your performance will improve today if you do only one thing; but, do it properly rather than attempt several things to which you cannot give adequate time and attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though you may have justification, it is best not to let an old grudge influence your thinking today. You will benefit the most from forgiveness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) On occasion, you are sometimes a tad impractical where your financial affairs are concerned. This could be one of those days, so keep a tight grip on your wallet.

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ANNIE

1 BULLY BULLY! YOU LOOKED SO... SO...
 2 NOW, NOW—I'M PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT, ANNIE. JUST... A BIT...
 3 WELL, NO WONDER! LOOKIN' ALL THIS RUNNIN' IT WOULD EXHAUST ANYBODY! YOU'NT GET SOME REST?
 4 I... I THINK I'LL JUST TAKE A SHORT NAP...
 5 OH, GEE, PROFESSOR, YOU'VE GOT TO BE SURE 'DADDY' ISN'T BACK?
 6 I'M AFRAID THE POOR FELLOW IS GONNA BE SICK...

by Leonard Starr