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Tropical Foods survives

SANFORD — Tropical Foods swept a doubleheader to win the Sanford Recreation Department Thursday slowpitch softball league as the Polar Bear season came to an end. **See Page 1B.**

BRIEFS

To-Do Weekend Guide

●SATURDAY — April 1 — Sanford Middle School PTSA is sponsoring a wrestling event. A total of nine matches are scheduled, with local as well as professional wrestlers participating. Tickets are \$8 ringside, \$8 for general admission, and \$5 for students. The matches are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Gymnasium at Sanford Middle School, 1700 French Ave. in Sanford. For additional information, phone 322-3063.

●SATURDAY — April 1 — The Central Florida Zoological Park will hold the fourth annual Cruise for the Zoo benefit. Two scenic cruises will be held by St. Johns River Cruises and Tours, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to benefit the zoo. Cost for the tour is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors 60 and older, and \$6 for children 3-12. St. Johns River Cruises and Tours is located at Sanford Boat Works and Marina, 4359 Peninsular Point. Seating is limited. For reservations or additional information, phone 330-1812.

●SATURDAY — April 1 — A concert of lively gospel music will take place at the Sanford Civic Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. On the program will include The Pickering's, The McFalls, The James Blackwood Quartet and J.D. Sumner and the Stamps Quartet. Tickets are \$9 in advance (available at Osborn's Book and Bible Store, 2599 Sanford Ave., Sanford) or \$10 at the door.

●SATURDAY & SUNDAY — April 1 and 2 — Airshow Orlando will be held at the Central Florida Regional Airport in Sanford. Gates open at 8 a.m., with the show scheduled to start at noon on both days. The event is sponsored by the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for juniors 7-12. At the gate, costs are \$12 for adults and \$7 for juniors 7-12. Children under seven are free with a paying adult. Parking is \$2.

●SUNDAY — April 2 — The Seminole County Harley Owners Group is sponsoring the third annual Scavenger Hunt to support the eagles at the Central Florida Zoological Park in Sanford. The hunt will begin at the zoo with registration from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$5 per person. To enter or for additional information, phone 643-9241.

●SUNDAY — April 2 — The Spring Choral Concert of Seminole Community College will be held at 4 p.m., in the Fine Arts Concert Hall on the college campus. A varied program has been selected from Bach to Broadway, to be performed by the Chorale, Choraliers, and Alumni Choir which is being constituted for the occasion. Admission is free and no reservations are required. Seminole Community College is located at 100 Weldon Boulevard in Sanford.

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Yet I do fear thy nature; It is too full o' the milk of human kindness, To catch the nearest way.
-Shakespeare, Macbeth



Today: Increasing cloudiness with a good chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. A few severe storms possible. High in the lower 80s. Wind light and variable becoming east 5 to 10 mph. Rain chance 50 percent.

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Rescue workers from Seminole County and Sanford fire departments prepare a shooting victim for helicopter transport to the hospital.



Not a mobile yard sale, but clothing recovered following a store robbery in Sanford Thursday. Five suspects were arrested.

Busy day for cops

Shooting, stabbing at school

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A fight allegedly

over a stolen \$20 bag of marijuana resulted in the shooting of one teen-ager followed closely by the stabbing of his close friend at Seminole Community College Thursday.

The students all attend the SCC adult high school, Sanford police Cmdr. Dennis Whitmire said.

Albert Vaca, 17, Winter Park is in stable condition at Orlando Regional Medical Center after undergoing

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Boutique robbed

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — On paper at least, it looks as though the entire Doe family was taken to jail yesterday. Actually, Sanford police arrested

five persons in connection with a clothing store robbery, but because their identities could not be verified, two men were booked as John Doe, and three women were booked as Jane Doe.

According to Sanford police Commander Dennis Whitmire, the incident started yesterday morning at It's Fashions, a clothing store in the 3700 block of Orlando Drive, in the Wal-Mart shopping center.

Two black females and one black

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Random acts of kindness



Left: Clinic assistant Linda Myers gets a hug from Jason Poloski, Sarah Coulter, Megan Pickren and



Elliott Wells. Right: Elliott Wells and Jason Poloski hold the door for principal Dr. Rita Ramsey.

Pine Crest Elementary School kids find being nice is fun

By VICKI DEBORNIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Youngsters at Pine Crest Elementary School in Sanford are trying to make the world a better place.

They aren't trying to take on the planet, however. They are trying to make those changes one person at a time.

They plan to make everything "A-OK" by performing random acts of kindness.

The school receptionist gets a hug from a student. The principal walks through a door held open by two eager students. A young girl hears that she looks

"very nice today."

There are a lot of smiles at Pine Crest these days. Mary Balk, a guidance counselor at the school, decided to try the A-OK project as a part of the Violence Free Schools program.

"I thought it would be fun for the kids," she said. "But it would be a good way to teach them to try to do something nice for other people every day."

The youngsters at the school are, indeed, having a lot of fun. The lessons they are learning are varied, however.

"I like doing this because I get in the newspaper," said fourth grader Elliott Wells. "Well, the hugs are fun, too, I guess."

Fourth grader Megan Pickren likes to help other

people as much as she can, she says.

"We need to be nice to other people and they need to be nice to us," she noted.

Fourth grader Jason Poloski likes holding the door open for people.

"It's just a nice thing to do," he said.

Linda Myers is the clinic assistant. Her day is filled with making other people feel better. Whether it's a fever, a dosage of medicine or a bandage on a boo-boo, she administers the care with a smile and, perhaps, a hug.

"This is great," she said of the A-OK program. "They are all being very sweet...more that they usually are."

Balk said the students are, for the most part, "very sweet young people," but the random acts of kindness remind them to think about others as they go through their days.

"I think more about other people now," said fourth grader Sarah Coulter. "I think about their feelings more."

The students are learning a valuable lesson, Balk said. She hopes the lesson will stay with the youngsters far beyond the practice time when the random acts of kindness are an official part of their days.

"We hope they will continue to show a little kindness next month and after that," she said.

SHDWA petitions to save courthouse

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford Historical Downtown Waterfront Association (SHDWA) has jumped on the bandwagon to save the courthouse.

Members are joining others who are voicing opposition to county plans to move the judicial facilities of the Seminole County Courthouse out of downtown Sanford, south to Five Points.

SHDWA has sent a letter to the board of county commissioners regarding the matter, and is not only urging others to do the same, but a petition is being circulated among

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Hospital antitrust lawsuit isn't dead

From Staff and Wire reports

ORLANDO — Despite losing a preliminary round, Orlando Regional Healthcare System will press a federal court lawsuit alleging antitrust violations against two merging major hospital chains.

A federal judge rejected a move by Orlando Regional to temporarily block a proposed \$3.5 million merger between HealthTrust Inc. and Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp.

Orlando Regional alleges that the merger would give Columbia — a major competitor — a near monopoly in Seminole County and an unfair competitive edge throughout the Orlando area and the rest of Florida.

Columbia/HCA is the parent company of Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford and Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

Attorney John T. Cusack said Thursday that Orlando Regional would take its case before a jury and tack on a claim for damages.

The case centers around a 206-bed hospital in nearby Longwood which is jointly owned by ORHS

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EDITORIAL

Blue skies over courthouse?

Unless clouds restrict our view, most people would say "the sky is blue." A few may say it isn't blue, rather it's the lack of absorption of blue pigment in the atmosphere, that the sky is everything but blue.

That being as it may, the average person still looks at the sky and says it's blue. We WANT it to be blue because that's what we are used to. (If it weren't, it would surely ruin lyrics of a great many classic songs).

Likewise, unless specific reasons are restricting our view, most people are saying, "the entire Seminole County Courthouse facility should remain in downtown Sanford."

If there are economic reasons to move it, they haven't been made strong enough to convince people such as the Sanford City Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, or members of the Sanford Downtown Historic Waterfront Association.

Just as with the sky, there are a few people who may tell us it's more practical to move some of the judicial areas of the courthouse out of the downtown area. That doesn't change the fact that the majority of people are indicating they want it to remain where it is, and see some improvements and expansions.

We don't see these sky-coloring experts trying to enact a law saying the sky isn't blue. In the same manner, we shouldn't have people trying to force the majority of local people into supporting the courthouse move.

Several people who have had their share of government leadership are wondering what is hidden behind this suggested relocation. They say they haven't been able to put their fingers on it yet, but have little doubt they will eventually become aware of the behind-the-scenes movement.

We commend SHDWA for their drive against this proposed move. We also believe the City of Sanford and others are approaching this with an eye on what will happen in the future.

Many people say Sanford, which has been on a downslide in economy during the past few decades, is now starting to climb back on a good road to recovery. If we allow this relocation, even if it's only a portion of the overall courthouse activities, we will be making a complete turn-around again, and those who are left downtown may as well expect sad times ahead.

Our suggestion? End this proposal once and for all. Forget it. It's been tried before and never won support. We see this as a lose-lose situation. Move the judicial courts to Five Points, and both that area and the downtown Sanford area will suffer.

LETTER

Injured workers

As I woke one morning last month around 5:30 a.m. listening to KIX FM 100 Radio, I could not believe my ears. Because of so many workers reporting back injuries, a rule was being proposed to limit the amount of wage an employee would be entitled to lift.

What upsets me is that it seems the more hours you spend on the job and the harder you work, the more rights are stripped away from you.

In 1994, the Hon. Gov. Chiles, Insurance Commissioner Tom Gallagher and Florida's Secretary of Labor along with House and Senate members took 50 percent of your rights away from you if you happen to get injured on the job. Don't say it won't happen to me because, at some point in your employment, you will be injured on the job. Let's just hope it's not as serious an injury as I sustained in 1984 as a department store customer service manager in Kissimmee. I was one of those who thought they would never get injured. But I did. Today I am confined to a wheelchair and a target of insurance companies that harass me every day.

As a result of the 1994 legislation, injured workers must now pay for their own attorneys and they cannot even choose their own doctors. Insurance companies hold all of your rights in their hands. Not only do they pick your doctor, they also audit the caregiver. If insurers think doctors are providing too many services, they will not let you see them anymore.

Where does that leave you? You are not drawing benefits, you don't have a doctor, you cannot work and you don't have the money to hire an attorney.

If you are an employee who cares about your rights, please call the Workers' Compensation Division at 1-800-342-1741 and ask them to send you a book outlining the rights of injured workers.

If you have been injured and need help, call me at (904) 562-6005 or write to: Injured Workers Association of Florida, 4419 Camden Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303

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ELLEN GOODMAN

Mrs. Forbes is rare as a milkman

KANSAS CITY — These days, Jim Caccamo is thinking a lot about Mrs. Forbes.

When the exuberant director of Partnership for Children was growing up, she was the eyes and ears on his childhood street. By the time he got home from playing ball, she'd already given him a full report of any misbehavior.

Back then, he says, "there were responsible adults everywhere. You couldn't get away with a thing." Today, Mrs. Forbes is as rare as a milkman.

The concentric circles of responsible adults that buffered and shaped children's lives have disappeared one by one. The neighbors are minding their own business. The corner storekeepers have gone to the mall. The "old heads," the respected elders, have moved or been intimidated into silence. The parents have gone to work, or sometimes just gone.

Children are like the cheese in the old nursery rhyme; the kid stands alone.

For all the reams of research and the endless social jargon, the current troubled state of children in America can be summed up pretty much in one sentence. There aren't enough caring adults in their lives. Most of the adults that children now see live inside a television set.

But this year Kansas City leaders have embarked on a hugely ambitious task to

reverse this trend. They have eagerly embraced

the concept of mentoring. This is a movement based on the recognition that the best, maybe the only, way to reach kids in trouble is by breaking through their isolation with caring, mature adults who forge one-to-one relationships.

Mentor programs have sprung up in a number of places. But in Kansas City they aren't looking for 10 or 30 mentors — a few good men and women. The city is looking for 30,000 good men and women.

As Jim Caccamo, one of the guiding hands behind YouthFriends, admits cheerfully, "Nobody has tried it on this scale." They aren't just trying to create a program, but in effect, to encourage a whole new norm.



Children are like the cheese in the old nursery rhyme; the kid stands alone.



DONNA BRITT

That which would destroy them

WASHINGTON — Months ago, I was browsing at a record store when I noticed a boy of about 10 standing before a display for gangsta rapper Snoopy Doggy Dogg's then-infamous album, "Doggy Style."

The boy — blond, blue-eyed and stylish — grabbed a CD and approached his mom, asking, "Can I get this?"

Without looking up, she said, "Sure." These days, lots of parents don't look up. We're too tired, too hassled, and so distracted we don't always realize that by not looking, we risk missing everything.

Ironically, I was recently struck by several parents who were looking up — from the pages of a New York Times Sunday magazine article on "brat rap" — rap music by children as young as 13. Posing with their children, and pointing their arms draped proudly and protectively around their young rappers.

Their pride was interesting, considering their children's lyrics, as quoted in the piece. A sampling (FYI: a freak is a promiscuous woman; a Glock is a popular semiautomatic):
"Some gal a freak, some gal a freak a do week" and "Glock-glock-glock, who gets shot? Enough of Vicious brethren have got Glock" — from two songs sung by Vicious, a boy of 13.

"It's thing to be done for fun, hee ... I wanna walk up your stairs real sneaky; Romeo's gonna get real freaky" — from a immature, a group of teen-age rappers.

Also interesting were the parents' comments. Said Linnie, mother of Kelton Kessac of Immature: "Women in their 20s are into them. I don't like that. They are just little boys."

Said Delores Riley, mom of Vicious, of her son's rapping about "freaks": "Whether he sings dirty or not, he knows exactly what he wants."

Said dad Ralph Kessac: "When the girls are screaming, I just say, 'That's a chip off the old block.'"

Let's review that: They are just little boys who know exactly what they want. Chips off the old block.

Not quite. Yes, a 13-year-old is a boy, and yes, every child knows exactly what he or she wants.

But "chip off the old block"? Because the "chip" is a child, and the "old block," who lives vicariously through him, is an adult, the stakes for each are vastly different. Ultimately, parents must be responsible for their children.

It's amazing, how quickly our society has moved from "Father Knows Best" to "Society must know best, because I haven't a clue." It's chilling, how many parents have relinquished their authority to a culture proven to know best how to misguide and hurt children.

What could be on the minds of a loving parent who'd allow a child who barely has hair under his arms to sing about slutty women and supposed sexual exploits? Or about the gunplay that's killing black people of every age?

Money? Fame? Letting their child's talent purchase the family a better life, even at the expense of other impressionable — and even younger — children?

One needn't strain wondering what the grown-up producers of such trash are considering — cold, hard, seductive cash.

I felt a warning chill on this issue three years ago, watching the video featuring scowling pre-adolescent rappers Kriis Kross scoping out the honeys from the driver's seat of a car neither was near old enough to drive.

Today, lyrics like "Hey little m o m m y , why you dance so funky? Get on the floor and shake it like a donkey" go a step further.

And that's from a song by a brother and sister whose father feels sales would be higher if their lyrics were harder, violent. But dad won't let them go gangsta.

More power to him. And to young Vicious, whose advance money from his first album went toward a video game, private school and medical bills incurred when he was wounded in a cross-fire shooting in 1992.

Even as I applaud Vicious's smart money choices, I hate that adults who should know better let him use his misfortune to seemingly glorify that which might have killed him. Of course, getting shot gave him a great excuse to rap about guns; rising numbers of teen births and AIDS cases suggest that kids who sing about sex have the excuse of "realism."

But who needs excuses? It took me a while to discover that pop culture had little interest in helping me be a good parent — and, in fact, had a vested interest in helping me fail.

In the war for our children's souls, loving moms, dads and grown-ups everywhere must look up — and look out — for all children.

Even those who aren't theirs. Even those making a mint off singing about that which would destroy them.



These days, lots of parents don't look up.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Mary Dale Jones



Mary Dale Jones is a former elementary school teacher and personal assistant to U.S. Sen. Paula Hawkins. She is a civic activist and community volunteer.

A solution to litter problems

When I married and moved to Sanford in 1992, after living in Winter Park and Orlando for 29 years; I was distressed and concerned by the amount of trash I saw on the streets, sidewalks, right-of-ways and parks of this very nice town. My poor husband, who had caused none of it, heard loud and long about the unsightly litter.

Finally, I decided to quit whining and complaining and "do something." I chose the worst street I could find, 15th Street between Elm Avenue and U.S. Highway 17-92 and volunteered with the Sanford Adopt-A-Road program to keep it clean. You who know this street know the south side is used as a dumping ground for car parts, garbage, and empty beer and liquor bottles. Both sides are generously sprinkled with cups, wrappers and sacks from Checkers on the corner. I agreed to clean this street at least six times a year. By going weekly, I can barely keep up with the litter. Time and time again, as I work on my adopted street, people have stopped and thanked me for the cleanup of the roadway. So I know that what I am doing is appreciated.

While taking my daily walk, I pick up any trash that I see (I carry a bag for this). I remove tacky garage sale signs that people leave to rot on utility poles. Doing these things takes very little time and effort.

Some people feel that they are "too good" to pick up trash. Instead, they should feel that they are "too good" to look at and live with trash in their town.

We can put up awnings and quaint signs. Install new landscaping, and repave streets; but, if there is litter all over, Sanford looks like a crummy town.

Don't let this be! Help keep Sanford's parks and roadways free of litter. Individuals, families, organizations and businesses can participate in the Adopt-A-Road program. The Public Works Department will provide safety vests and trash bags. Refuse will pick up and dispose of the filled bags.

So get involved! Call Kris at the Public Works Department, 330-5681, and volunteer to clean a chosen street. And never, never pass by a piece of trash on public property. Pick it up!

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

April is Cancer Control Month

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

April has been designated Cancer Control Month. In comparing figures of cancer cases throughout the nation, Florida stands as the second highest.

The American Cancer Society explains that cancer is actually a group of diseases, characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. If the spread is not controlled, it can result in death.

Cancer can occur both externally and internally. In the entire nation, they expect approximately 1,252,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in 1995. The death toll expected in 1995 is approximately 547,000, or an average of 1,500 people per day. One out of every five deaths

is cancer related.

Regarding individual cancer cases, the society says approximately 90 percent of the 800,000 skin cancer cases expected to be diagnosed in 1995, could have been prevented by protection from the sun's rays.

The society adds that all cancers caused by cigarette smoking and heavy use of alcohol could be prevented completely. The ACS says that in 1995 about 170,000 lives will be lost to cancer due to tobacco use, and 18,000 from excessive use of alcohol, often in conjunction with tobacco.

The ACS statistics show a steady rise in the cancer mortality rate in the United States during the last half-century. The rate in 1930 was

143 people per 100,000 population. By 1950 it had climbed to 157, and to 174 per 100,000 persons by 1990.

Specifically regarding lung cancer, the society estimates that if it were eliminated, the total toll between 1950 and 1990 would have actually declined by 14 percent.

Florida is second only to California in the number of estimated new cancer cases expected in 1995. Eighty eight thousand seven hundred (88,700) are expected, twice the number as expected in Michigan, and more than the cases predicted for Indiana and Illinois combined.

For California, the number is 120,000, and exceeds every state in every individual type of cancer.

States with low populations are naturally predicted to have the lowest number of cancer cases this year. Only 1,200 are predicted for Alaska, and 1,900 for Wyoming. In comparison, the District of Columbia, small but heavily populated, is expected to see 3,500 cases this year.

During the month of April, the ACS suggests persons take time to learn as much as possible about cancer control.

The Florida Division of the ACS has established a free telephone hotline for individuals wishing to talk with a cancer information specialist, and receive, at no cost, a variety of information on cancer and cancer-related topics.

The number is 1-800-ACS-2345.



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Cpl. Mike Anley and Ofc. Tim Welter retrieve a shell casing as evidence found in the Seminole Community College parking lot after a shooting Thursday.

Shooting

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surgery for bullet wounds in the abdomen.

Robert Finzel, 17, 2275 E. Riveria Blvd., Oviedo was arrested for attempted murder, use of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a person under 18 and possession of an altered firearm. Finzel is being held in the Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center.

Investigators have pieced together this account of the events:

Finzel told investigators that on Wednesday, three or four of Vaca's acquaintances roughed him up and took \$20 worth of marijuana. Vaca was not directly involved in the drug theft.

After being advised of his rights, Finzel told investigators in a taped interview, Vaca kept staring at him in the parking lot of the SCC Continuing Education Building. Words were exchanged. Finzel said Vaca walked toward him with one hand out of sight and he feared for his safety in light of the previous day's incident.

Several shots were fired. Finzel said he shot Vaca once and he fell down, then Finzel allegedly shot him two more times. Whitmire said he is not certain how many times Vaca was hit.

The suspect drove away from the scene in a brown Cadillac El Dorado, toasting the .380 semi-automatic handgun out near the campus administration building. Police have recovered the weapon, Whitmire said, but the serial numbers were altered.

Four students followed the suspect's car and were in constant contact with a Sanford police dispatcher by cellular phone, Whitmire said. A BOLO (be on the look out) was issued, and Longwood police and sheriff's deputies joined in the search. Two Seminole County deputies stopped Finzel's vehicle on County Road 419 near Moss Road in Winter Springs.

Nine witnesses identified Finzel in a photo lineup as the shooting suspect.

In a related incident shortly after the shooting, Vaca's friend, Marvin Bryan, 18, Winter Park was stabbed during an altercation with a 17-year old friend of Finzel's. Bryan was treated for a slash on his stomach at ORMC.

Both teens had pocket knives with 3 1/2 to 4-inch blades drawn, Whitmire said. The 17-year old knifing suspect turned himself in to Oviedo police and was released after questioning by Sanford Police. The state attorney's office will determine if any charges are filed or if the teen acted in self-defense.

Hospital

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"The court cannot see any irreparable harm at the present time" to Orlando Regional, U.S. District Judge G. Kendall Sharp said in rejecting a temporary injunction.

The merger agreement is pending review and consent by the Federal Trade Commission. Shareholders of both companies approved the merger last month.

Columbia, based in Louisville, Ky., operates 195 hospitals. HealthTrust, based in Nashville, Tenn., operates 116 hospitals.

Their networks overlap broadly in Florida, Texas, Tennessee and Utah and the merger would create the largest hospital chain in the nation.

Orlando Regional alleges that their partnership in South Seminole Hospital requires HealthTrust to sell its half-interest to Orlando Regional before any merger.

Columbia wants to force out Orlando Regional from Seminole County or use the merger with HealthTrust to compete unfairly, Orlando Regional argues.

Negotiations for ORHS to purchase its half-interest in

South Seminole Hospital have broken down several times, both before and after the merger agreement.

"What we have here is a contractual dispute...in the guise of an antitrust case," said Robert R. Vawter Jr., lawyer for HealthTrust and South Seminole Hospital.

He said Orlando Regional wanted to purchase HealthTrust's share for about half of the \$27 million it paid for its own half-share in 1992.

HealthTrust submitted a letter to Orlando Regional on Wednesday, offering either to buy it out

or sell the HealthTrust share — for \$30 million either way. But Cusack called this "a phony because the FTC will not approve Columbia getting this hospital."

Columbia and HealthTrust stood to lose some \$670 million if a preliminary injunction delayed the merger, according to court documents filed by Columbia.

The combined companies would operate more than 300 hospitals in 37 states, with more than \$15 billion in annual revenue.

Robbery

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male went into the store and began emptying racks of clothing," Whitmire said. "Then they exited the store carrying the merchandise, without saying a word to the clerks."

He indicated that one clerk was punched in the left eye by the male burglar before he left.

The woman was later treated at the scene for her injury.

"Then the three got into a white Nissan with no license tag, which was in the parking lot with two other persons in it. The five drove off in a northerly direction," he continued.

Whitmire said a Sanford Fire/Rescue unit saw the vehicle and began following it, running through several red lights.

"Then the vehicle turned onto 20th Street and South on Holly," Whitmire continued. "By that time, a Sanford police car driven

by Officer Rick Cummings began the pursuit. But the five stopped the Nissan in the 2000 block of Lake Avenue, got out and tried to run, apparently leaving the transmission in gear," he said.

At that time, Ofc. Cummings's vehicle collided with the empty Nissan.

With assistance from police officers Chuck Locher, Greg V. Smith and John Evans, all five of the persons in the Nissan were eventually apprehended within a short distance from the scene, just before noon.

Whitmire said all of the clothing reported stolen from the store — valued at \$450.00 — was recovered in the Nissan, with store tags still on them.

All five persons were arrested on charges of robbery and grand theft.

Although their names could not immediately be verified,

Whitmire said the names and dates of birth initially given to arresting officers were as follows:

• John Doe — AKA Jimmy Mallory, 30, (believed to have struck the store clerk)

• Jane Doe — AKA Tawana Griffin, 23 (one of two females who reportedly entered the store).

• Jane Doe — AKA Lamonte Mallore, 26 (one of two females who reportedly entered the store).

• John Doe — AKA Ronnie Mallory, 28, (believed to have been the driver of the Nissan).

• Jane Doe — AKA Carrie Washington or AKA Tasha Brown, 23, (passenger in the Nissan).

Whitmire could not immediately determine the extent of damages to the police vehicle, as it requires a separate investigation when a city owned police car is involved in a collision.

Whitmire commented, "We do know that Ofc. Cummings didn't intentionally hit the Nissan. The collision apparently was accidental when the five burglary suspects left it in gear when they fled."

DEATHS

CHRISTOPHER HOWARD BESESEN

Christopher Howard Besesen, 40, Brigham Loop, Geneva, died Wednesday, March 29, 1995 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. Born May 8, 1954 in Bottineau, N.C., he moved to Central Florida from Columbus, Ohio in 1974. He was an irrigation contractor. He was a member of Geneva Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include wife, Shelley; daughters, Jenni Bowlin, Sanford, Jayci, Geneva; brother, Nick, Casselberry; sister, Julie Crable, Winter Springs; parents, Hildur and Alfred, Geneva; one grandson.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

PATRICIA GLORIA CASALI

Patricia Gloria Casali, 67, First Street, Geneva, died Thursday, March 30, 1995 at Florida Hospital South, Orlando. Born Dec. 11, 1927 in New York, she moved to Central Florida in 1989. She was a writer. She was Episcopalian. She belonged to Florida Hospital Auxiliary and ASCAP.

Survivors include son, Philip Fantasia, Boston; daughter,

Annette Blackmore, Geneva; sister, Sally Dombrowski, Erie, Pa.; four grandchildren.

Orlando Direct Cremation Service, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM A STIVER

William A. Silver, 76, Vista Willa Drive, Winter Springs, died Thursday, March 30, 1995 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. Born Aug. 21, 1918 in Duquesne, Pa., he moved to Central Florida in 1958. He was a postal clerk. He was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, American Legion, DAV, AARP, and Florida Board of Realtors Association. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include wife, Loretta; sons, William E., Sanford, Donald J., Bostic, N.C., Raymond J., Casselberry; daughter, Gay S. Rader, Oviedo; brothers, Lawrence, Belleview, Paul, West Millin, Pa.; sisters, Nancy Hobbins, Clara Seman, Dora Hop, all of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod, in charge of arrangements.

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Appreciate kids

Sanford Mayor Betty Smith, front center, has proclaimed the month of April as Youth Appreciation Month at the request of the Sanford Optimist Club. The club has various programs planned during the month, and urges other service clubs to join in with some type of appreciation for the youth of the community. Also seen during the issuance of the proclamation, front left to right, Optimist Club President Peggy Hardin, Mayor Smith, Dr. Bob Leidner, back left to right, Debbie Bowlin, Amber Griffin and Audrey Ogden.

Herald Photo by Herman Schroeder



Cyberspace pet lovers

Fury unleashed on police accused in dog death

By JULIA PRODIS
Associated Press Writer

BAYOU VISTA, Texas — Tom Hawkins was grieving on the Internet over the deaths of his pet poodles, Missy and Muffin, when he first heard that two renegade police officers may have used a little stray dog for target practice.

From his home in nearby Texas City, he recounted the story on the pet bulletin boards of Prodigy and America Online. And what started as an incident that rattled this little bayside community of 1,200 escalated into international outrage.

"The next morning, my e-mail signs were flashing all over the place," said Hawkins, an assistant professor of nursing at the College of the Mainland in Texas City.

Pet lovers from across the country and around the world responded to Hawkins' messages by unleashing an avalanche of angry letters, faxes and phone calls.

The newspaper that first reported the allegations received four or five calls a day. Mayor Billie Moore received enough letters to fill a three-inch-thick file. The accused officers received death threats.

"There's kids killing kids around here and nobody gives a damn outside Galveston," said Doug Toney, managing editor of the Galveston County Daily News. "But shoot a dog and we get letters to the editor, calls from around the country and e-mail from West Germany."

Officers Greg Trantham, 27, and John Overstreet, 32, were charged with misdemeanor cru-

elty to an animal. They were found innocent Tuesday.

One juror told the Daily News that all six jurors wanted to convict the men but didn't have enough evidence. Despite testimony from two men who said they saw the body of the bullet-ridden animal and heard the officers bragging about it, no corpse was ever recovered and no pictures were taken.

The officers have maintained their innocence, testifying that the dog ran away when they tried to put it in a cage. They say the shooting story was made up by a former police chief with a grudge against Bayou Vista.

"I have never killed a warm-blooded animal — I take that back. I've set mouse traps — much less would I take a dog and kill it for pleasure," Trantham said Thursday, his first day back on the job after the nine-day trial.

The case began nearly a year ago in this retirement community where every house is built on stilts and overlooks a canal. Anthony Weber was feeding bread to the ducks when the 22-pound white dog, a well-groomed but dirty Lhasa apso, first came begging. His wife, Gerda, called the Bayou Vista police, who double as dog catch-

ers. When Trantham and Overstreet arrived late that evening, the dog hopped right in the back seat. Mrs. Weber handed the officers bags of dog food and doggie biscuits and hoped she was doing the right thing.

Now, she says, "I wouldn't give a rat to them. I really wouldn't."

That night, Tony Reid said he ran into Overstreet and Trantham at the convenience store. He said they were laughing, and told him they had taken the dog

to Dump Road — a dead-end street littered by trash and old appliances and used frequently by off-duty police officers for target practice.

According to Reid, Trantham said Overstreet let the dog out and shot it in the leg and Trantham finished it off.

"I ran across the dog — I seen it with my spotlight on my car," said Reid, the former police chief who was fired two years ago by the mayor and rehired by city council the same day, then quit and took another job as a patrolman in nearby Tiki Island. "I could still see steam coming from the dog's body. It was filled up with bullet holes."

The mayor said Reid "has been known to tell tale tales before," but wouldn't elaborate on why she fired him.

Overstreet, who had faced a \$3,000 fine and a one-year jail term, broke down crying when the innocent verdict was read. He plans to be married Saturday. Trantham had planned a double wedding with Overstreet, but said the cost of the trial has forced him to postpone his own ceremony.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

LMHS track coach honored

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary High School girls' track coach Mike Gibson has been selected as the Region 3 Southeast girls track coach of the year by the NHSACA (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) and is now in the running for national coach of the year.

The organization honors coaches in eight regions and 16 different sports. Gibson will fly to Tucson, Az. on June 30 for the 30th annual national convention where the national winner will be announced.

Ware leads JV 'Hounds

LONGWOOD — Winning pitcher Jason Ware supported his cause by going 3-for-3 with four RBI in Lyman's 6-3 junior varsity baseball win over Deltona Thursday night.

Ware is now 5-0 on the season. Kevin Naas went 2-for-4 for the Greyhounds (11-3). Lowell James added a triple. Lyman plays again Saturday at home against Lake Brantley in a 7 p.m. game.

Senior baseball players needed

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is registering players for its 16-18 year old baseball league that starts play in late April. For more information, call (407) 330-5687.

Umpires, scorekeepers needed

SANFORD — The Sanford Officiating Service is looking for A.S.A. certified (1995 card) umpires and scorekeepers to work games in Sanford and Lake Mary. For information call Duane LaFollette at 321-8541 and leave a message.

Stetson promotes Brown

DELAND — Assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Randy Brown was promoted Thursday to head coach at Stetson. Brown, 37, replaces Dan Hipsher, who quit Wednesday to coach at Akron.

AROUND THE STATE

FSU's Sura drops out

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State's Bob Sura, the school's all-time scoring leader and only first-team Atlantic Coast Conference selection, has quit school well short of earning his degree.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

Prep Baseball

- Seminole at N. Smyrna, Airport Complex, 7 p.
- Lake Mary at Lake Howell, 7 p.m.
- Oviedo at Lake Brantley, 7 p.m.

Prep Softball

- Lyman in Kissimmee-Osceola tournament

Boys' Track and Field

- Roberson Invitational, Showalter Field, 4 p.m.

Water Polo

- Lake Howell at Lake Brantley, Girls, 7:30 p.m.; Boys, 8:40 p.m.

SATURDAY

JUCO Baseball

- St. John's River CC at Seminole CC, 2, noon.

JUCO Softball

- Seminole CC at Daytona Beach CC, 2, 1 p.m.

Prep Baseball

- Seminole at Leesburg, P. Thomas Field, 1:30 p.
- Lake Mary at Brooksville-Hernando, 6:30 p.m.
- Lyman at Deltona, 1 p.m.
- Bishop Moore at Lake Howell, 1 p.m.
- Lake Brantley at Jacksonville-Sandwood, 7 p.

Prep Softball

- Lyman in Kissimmee-Osceola tournament

Girls' Track and Field

- Lady Wildcat Open, Showalter Field, 8 a.m.

Water Polo

- Lake Mary vs Lyman at Lk Brantley, Girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11:10 a.m.
- Lake Mary at Lake Brantley, Girls, 4:10 p.m.; boys, 5:20 p.m.

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Complete Listings on Page 28

Down to the final at bat

Tropical Foods sweeps to Pinehurst Polar Bear title

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — It took every run it could muster, but Tropical Foods did what it had to do, sweeping a doubleheader to claim the championship of the Sanford Recreation Thursday Men's Polar Bear Softball League at Pinehurst Park.

With two makeup games left to play, Tropical Foods went into the night's action trailing Briar Corporation by a half-game and needing a sweep to pull out the title.

And while they accomplished the sweep, it was not easy as Tropical Foods trailed in both games.

In the first game of the evening, Tropical Foods was down 4-0 to Dec's Nuts in the first inning and

Team	W	L	T	GF	RA	ER	BB	SO
Tropical Foods	603	263	2	—	15	18	11	16
Dec's Nuts	487	141	6	—	11	16	—	—
Briar Corporation	534	650	0	—	17	22	—	—
Tropical Foods	509	811	3	—	18	21	—	—

trailing 7-5 as late as the fourth inning, before surviving 15-12 to throw the league into a tie.

The final game was a real barn-burner, with Briar Corporation taking leads of 5-0, 12-5 and 17-14. But Tropical Foods scored single runs in the 15th and 16th innings to close the score to 17-16.

Tropical dodged a huge bullet, turning a double play with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the seventh inning to keep the score 17-16.

In the bottom of the seventh, Terry Griffin led off with a triple and scored the tying run when Fred Marino reached on an error. After an out, two walks and a fielder's choice loaded the bases before Mike Cain singled in the game-winning and championship-clinching run.

The final league standings were: Tropical Foods (8-2), Briar Corporation and City Slickers (both 7-3), Custom Rentals and Nobles Construction (both 4-6) and Dec's Nuts (1-9).

Pacing Tropical Foods were, with four hits — Dave Hensen (two runs, two RBI); three hits — Marino (two runs, three RBI); two hits — James Thompson (triple, double, two runs, two RBI), Griffin (triple, double, two runs), John Viggiani (two runs, three RBI), Pete Harrison (two runs); one hit — Willy Harrison (run, RBI), Jason Bender (two RBI); run — Cain.

Providing the offense for Dec's Nuts were, with three hits — Frank McLoain (double, two runs), Al Campbell (three runs, two RBI); two hits — Andy Whitfill (double, two RBI), Clay Morgan (two runs, four RBI), Eric Bullock (two runs, two RBI), Mike Davis (run); one hit — Mike Davis Jr. (triple, two runs), Wayne Pounders (RBI) — Bob Oaler.

Powering Tropical Foods over Briar were, with four hits — Viggiani (run, two RBI); three hits — Thompson (triple, run, three RBI), Pete Harrison (two doubles, three runs, two RBI); two hits — Griffin (home run, triple, two runs, four RBI), Willie Harrison (home run, two runs, RBI), Cain (double, two runs, two RBI), Hensen (double, three runs); one hit — Bender (double), Marino (two runs, RBI), Todd Addington (run); run — Scott.

Doing the damage for Briar were. □ See Pinehurst, Page 28

Rams go to 'middle man'

By TONY DESORMIER
 Herald Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — Often, the role of middle reliever on a baseball team is a thankless one. You either come on in mop-up situations when your team is far ahead or way behind or you're protecting a win for a starter while setting up a save for the closer.

And if you do the job well, you don't have it for long, either earning a shot as a starter or closer.

According to Lake Mary coach Allen Tuttle, Ram middle reliever Howard Stanton has just about earned himself a start. On Thursday, Stanton pitched five strong innings in relief of starter Carlos Colon, allowing the Rams to rally from a 5-0 deficit and claim a 10-7 win over the visiting Mainland Buccaneers.

"He did a great job, didn't he?" said Tuttle of Stanton. "He pitched about 20 innings in middle relief for us and he's done a nice job. He deserves a chance to start."

"We knew that we had some depth in the pitching staff and that Howard would be a key contributor. He pitched well for us last year."

Stanton allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits, striking out five without walking a batter in earning his first win on the season.

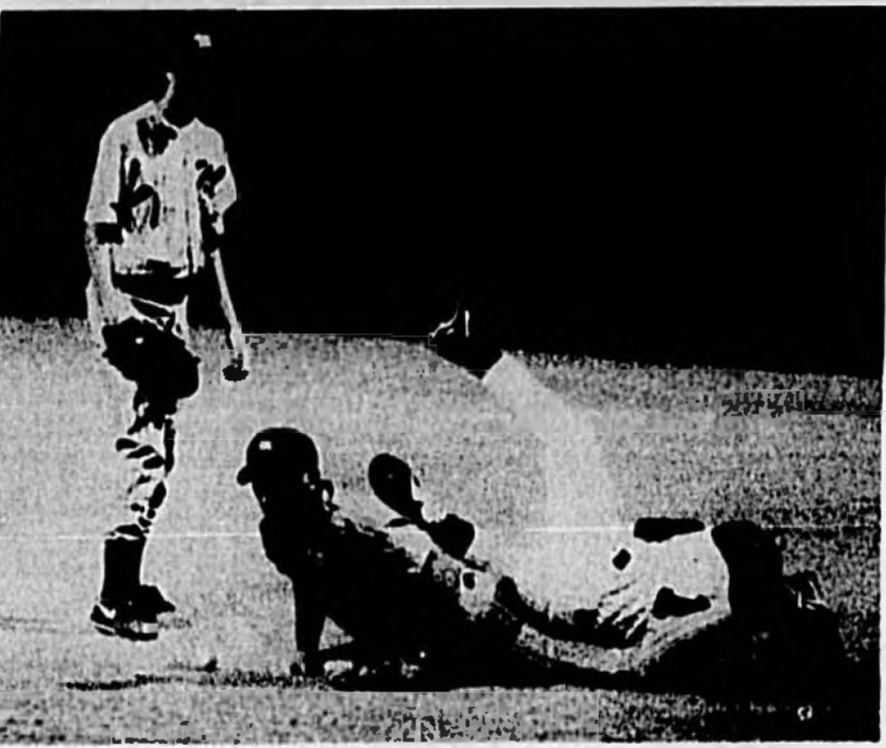
Scott Bryan drove in Lake Mary's first two runs with a two-out double in the third inning. Brent Wehmeyer doubled in two more runs in the fourth inning for the Rams. In the fifth inning, Luis Rivera drove in a run with a double before Rene Perez tied the score at 7-7 with a two-run single.

Lake Mary broke the tie when Wehmeyer and Jay Reynolds scored on a Mainland error in the bottom of the sixth inning.

□ See Baseball, Page 28



Lake Mary's Carey Hobbs (No. 1) and Mainland first baseman Anthony Blake had an unfortunate meeting last night. In the fourth inning, Hobbs hit a ball that Blake knocked down but couldn't get a grip on right away. In their mutual haste to get to first base first, Hobbs slid into and Blake dove for the bag. Fortunately, neither was hurt in the resulting collision.



Raiders suffer one-hit loss to FCC-J Stars

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Malcolm King's single to lead off the seventh inning was all that stood between the Seminole Community College Raiders and a no-hitter in a 6-0 loss to the Florida Community College at Jacksonville Stars in a Mid-Florida Conference game Thursday afternoon.

The Raiders (18-17 overall, 5-9 M-FC) managed just five base runners all day, two coming on walks while the other two came on FCC-J defensive mistakes.

King, who also reached base on a third strike wild pitch in the first inning, entered the lineup after SCC starting first baseman Chris Thorne was shaken up in a collision with FCC-J leadoff hitter Rico Harris on the

Team	W	L	T	GF	RA	ER	BB	SO
Florida CC-Jacksonville	200	600	102	—	4	7	1	1
Seminole CC	600	600	600	—	0	1	1	1

first play of the game. The Stars (12-3 M-FC) scored all the runs they would need in the first inning, reaching SCC starter Anthony Von Dolteren (3-4) for three runs on two hits. Seminole CC will be back in action Saturday, when the Raiders will host the St. John's River Community College Vikings in an M-FC doubleheader scheduled to start at noon.

White Sox take care of last Little Major unbeaten team

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — It took just two weeks to clear the undefeated teams out of the Sanford Recreation Little Major Baseball League.

The sole remaining unbeaten team, the Disabled American Veteran Royals, suffered their first loss Thursday at Lakefront Field, falling 8-4 to the Stairs Realty/Hopkins Meats White Sox.

Meanwhile, at Roy Hollar Field, the Sunniland Red Sox bested the First Union A's 7-1.

All 12 teams will be in action Saturday. At Roy Hollar Field, the Royals (2-1) play the United Trophy Expos (2-1) at 8 a.m.; the A's (1-2) battle the Marlins (2-2) at 2:30 p.m.; and the Cook

Team	W	L	T	GF	RA	ER	BB	SO
Sunniland Red Sox	524	610	—	7	16	—	—	—
First Union A's	500	100	—	1	6	—	—	—

Construction Indians (2-2) tangle with the Railroader Cubs (2-1) at 4:45 p.m.

The agenda for Lakefront Field has the Fisher, Laurence, Deen & Fromang Blue Jays (0-3) challenging the Rinker Material Blue Jays (2-1) at 8 a.m.; the Red Sox (2-1) mixing with the Pirates (0-4) at 2:45 p.m.; and the White Sox (3-1) going taking on the Enterprise Trucking Braves (2-1) at

Team	W	L	T	GF	RA	ER	BB	SO
RAIDERS 16-16, VIKINGS 1-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

4:45 p.m. Mike White led the White Sox with an inside-the-park home run, a single, two runs scored, and two RBI. Josiah Smith added a double, one run, and two RBI. Jason Murray and Keith Wright each hit a single and scored a run. Joseph Gunter scored two runs. Lee Fredrick scored a run. Marcus White had an RBI. Jeremiah Jenkins homered for the Royals. Keith Parrett singled and scored twice. Corey Sheffield and Chris Cathoun each singled. Jamal Bell scored a run. Donvan Redden had an RBI. Matt Mergo collected a triple, double, single, and three runs scored to highlight the Red Sox's 10-hit effort.

STATS & STANDINGS

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Table with columns for dog names, breeds, and statistics. Includes entries like '1RD's Hanky Panky', '2 Out McDee', etc.

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Table with columns for dog names, breeds, and statistics. Includes entries like '1 Robles Victor', '2 Zupaza Uralde', '3 Mendible'.

NBA STANDINGS

Table showing NBA team standings by conference (Eastern, Western) and division (Atlantic, Central, Pacific, Midwest).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table showing college basketball standings by conference (Atlantic, Central, Pacific, Midwest).

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing various sports transactions, including player acquisitions and releases for teams like Toronto Blue Jays, Chicago Cubs, and others.

Calvary, AF III cagers remain undefeated

Force III battles Calvary at 7:30 p.m.; and Tillman faces Nazarene at 8:30 p.m. Calvary (87) leading 1-0-2. Watson 6-0-0, Bass 1-1-2.

Baseball

Continued from 1B Contributing to Lake Mary's eight-hit attack were Bryan (double, single, two runs, two RBI); Peres (two singles, three RBI); Wehmeyer (double, run, two RBI); Rivera (double, run, RBI); Nick Sosa (double, two runs); Carey Hobbs (single, run); Reynolds (two runs); and Mike Buky (one run).

Pinhurst

Continued from 1B with four hits - Ruben Garcia (run, two RBI); three hits - Tom Ryan (home run, three runs, three RBI); two hits - Bo Myers (double, run, RBI); Bert Burgess (two runs, RBI); Allan Truskaukas (run, two RBI); Mark Rhodes (run, RBI); one hit - Don Baldwin and Don Lively (run, RBI); J.J. Jiles (two runs), Bill Elliott (run).

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Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types of blood — especially O-type donors — to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

Aerobics offered

Sanford Recreation Department offers Step Aerobics at the youth center in Sanford City Hall, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9 to 10 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Instructor is Lisa Hines. Cost is \$3 per class. For information, call 330-5697.

TOPS meets Monday morning

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #821 meets every Monday, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the First Christian Church, 1807 Sanford Ave., Sanford. All interested in losing weight are welcome. For information, call 322-3130.

Sanford Rotarians to meet

Rotary Club of Sanford meets every Monday at noon, at the Sanford Chamber of Commerce building.

Activities for seniors

Lake Mary Seniors invite anyone 55 years or older to join them in two weekly activities on Monday: Woodcarvers, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Games, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Frank Evans Center, 158 N. Country Club Road.

Employment opportunities for seniors

An employment program sponsored by AARP Senior Community Service is held at the Sanford Army Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bill Downey and Nick Callahan are available to help seniors find employment.

Cancer support group meets

Support, Hope and Recovery, S.H.A.R., meets every Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Central Florida Regional Hospital in the far corner of the dining room. This is a self help support group for all cancer survivors, whether in treatment now or finished with it. Call 324-8737 or 322-7785 for more information.

Divorce versus credit

How divorce affects consumer credit



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When you obtained credit, you signed a contract agreeing to pay your bills. A divorce decree doesn't change that contract. It's only fair that the credit grantor collect what's due.

D-I-V-O-R-C-E can spell post-marriage headaches for the unwary. Of all the ills that divorce is designed to cure, credit problems can be the most nagging.

Why? Joint accounts mean joint liability. When you obtained credit, you signed a contract agreeing to pay your bills. A divorce decree doesn't change that contract.

Following are several ways you can prevent credit obligations from making divorce more difficult than it is — and re-establish your own distinct credit lines after divorce occurs.

• **Talk it out.** Communicate with your soon-to-be ex-spouse. Even in good times, many couples find it difficult to discuss money issues. When divorcing, it's more important than ever to put bitterness aside and make as clean a financial cut as possible.

• **Communicate with your creditors.** Decide on which debt belongs to whom, then ask each creditor to transfer the debt to the name of the person who will be responsible.

• **Creditors don't have to agree,** and they may defer a decision until you prove you can handle the payments alone. But this an

excellent way to protect yourself from new liability and re-establish credit as an individual.

• **During divorce negotiations,** keep your joint bills current, even if it means paying for your spouse. If you don't, your creditors could become more reluctant to release one party from joint liability.

Remember, joint bills are joint responsibilities. You obtained credit based on both of your incomes. It's only fair that the credit grantor collect what's due.

• **Make it legal.** If your ex-spouse assumes the major joint debts, this should be recognized as part of the support agreement.

If you can't convince your creditors to remove you from liability and your ex later goes bankrupt, you may be able to sue for that money should creditors pursue you. The reason: support agreements aren't

dischargeable in bankruptcy.

• **Limit your liability** by ensuring that your soon-to-be ex-spouse cannot charge on your accounts. Ask the credit grantor to remove your spouse's name as an authorized user.

• **If your spouse runs up large amounts of debt,** you should cancel as many of the accounts as possible. Inform all creditors, in writing, that you are not responsible for these debts.

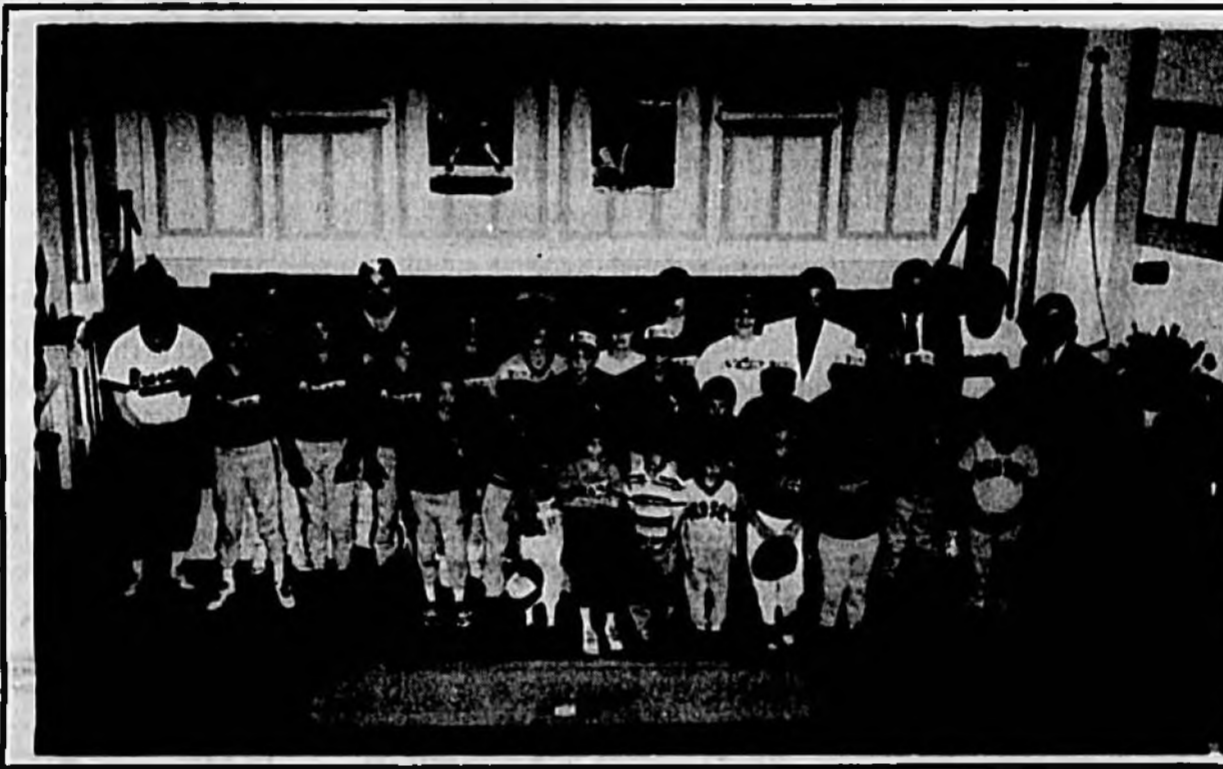
This may not prevent them from trying to collect, but it does show that you attempted to act responsibly.

• **Upon your divorce settlement,** close your joint accounts and establish or re-establish credit in your own name.

• **Keep both eyes open.** Even if your marriage is proven and secure, it can pay to take note and stay alert to your credit situation.

If divorce looms, watch out for those bankcards, the mortgage and that home equity loan. For a separated couple, each of these can become a recurring pain that's resistant to all but the most courageous financial antidotes.

(Barbara Hughes/Gregg is the Seminole County Extension manager. Inquiries may be directed to her at the Cooperative Extension Service, 290 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 322-3266, Ext. 6588.)



Baptists honor Sanford Recreation

First Baptist Church of Sanford recently brought 31 adults and youths together for a special program to honor the Sanford Recreation Department. The stage was lined with 31 people, most in uniform, to mark the event.

World Photo by Agriyl Kankston

PATRICIA A. MITCHELL
Marine Master Sgt. Patricia A. Mitchell, a 1971 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford, recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Support Activity, Kansas City, Mo.

She joined the Marine Corps in March 1973.

Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, and has been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (22nd MEU).

Rothert is one of 2,000 Marines and 1,000 sailors who are deployed with the three-ship USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group, which includes USS Nassau, USS Gunston Hall and USS Ponce.

He joined the Marine Corps in July 1991.

JONATHAN B. PATKUS
FORT KNOX, Fort Knox, Ky. — Army Pvt. Jonathan B. Patkus has completed basic training here.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Patkus is the son of Matthew L. Patkus of 1500 Almond Court, Casselberry, and Marta Holden of 216 Cobble Way, Walkersville, Md.

MICHAEL B. ROTHERT
Marine Cpl. Michael B. Rothert, a 1991 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the

SHAWN D. VANSELL
Marine Cpl. Shawn D. Vansell, a 1991 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course.

During the course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., students receive instruction on the operation, inspection, maintenance, and repair of rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. Studies also include preparation of weapons for shipment, storage, and related safety precautions.

He joined the Marine Corps in October 1991.

Suicide some kind of glamorous act?



FAMILY COUNSELOR

MARY BALK

DEAR MARY: One of my daughter's friends from Ohio where we lived until this year, committed suicide last fall after her boyfriend broke up with her. This girl had a troubled history. Her mother had been divorced three times with several live-in boyfriends in between. The girl had been involved with drugs and had been arrested for shoplifting a couple times.

Anyhow, since the girl's death, it seems like people want to put her on a pedestal as though she was some kind of hero. There was a schoolwide memorial service at this girl's high school and her mom sent my daughter pictures of the memorial service and the funeral.

I'm about half afraid my

daughter has the idea that suicide is some kind of glamorous act. When I try to talk to her about it she tunes me out with, "Oh, Mom." I want her to see that this girl was a sad study but certainly not a hero. I don't know how to make her understand.

NO FRIEND OF SUICIDE

DEAR NO FRIEND: The girl in Ohio certainly fits the profile of a potential teen-age suicide victim, and we've all heard of the cluster effect that can follow a teen-age suicide. Most researchers feel that mass gatherings such as memorial assemblies at schools and sensationalized media accounts may influence other teen-agers to attempt suicide.

Fortunately, schools in our area deal with this crisis very differently, and in my opinion, much more appropriately.

Your goal of wanting to be sure that your daughter does not develop a glamorized perception of death is important. You didn't tell me much about her, but if

she has experienced some of the same risk factors as the girl in Ohio, or if she has witnessed or lost someone to violent death, the need to be sure she's thinking clearly on this subject becomes even more essential.

If you have any uneasy feelings about her perceptions, have her talk to a trusted counselor or clergy person. It seems to be an unfortunate reality that some teens view suicide as a way of getting the love and attention they feel that they are lacking in their lives.

(Mary Balk is a Certified Addiction Prevention Professional and a counselor at Pine Crest Elementary School. Contact her at the Sanford Herald, or call 322-1711.)

Words to popular birdies' song sweet tweet for readers

DEAR READERS: "Stumped in Clearwater, Fla.," wrote to ask if anyone knew the words to a song from her childhood. The first line was: "Let's all sing like the birdies sing ... tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet." More than 20,000 readers sent me letters with the words (some also sent sheet music and cassettes). Some responses:

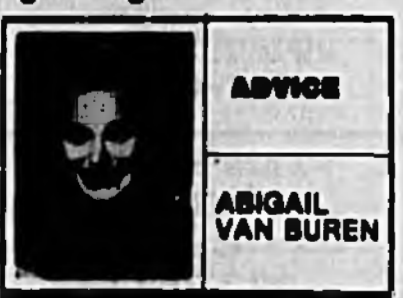
DEAR ABBY: I've copied the words from the sheet music that has been in my piano bench for many years. I hope "Clearwater" enjoys having it. The chorus goes:

"Let's all sing like the birdies sing.
"Sweet! Sweet! Sweet! Sweet! Sweet!"

"Let's all warble like nightingales, give your throat a treat."
"Take your time from the birds, now you know all the words:
"Tweet! Tweet! Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!"

JAN PAYNE, OKLAHOMA CITY
DEAR JAN: Thank! Thank! Thank! Another version, which I received from many, went like this:

"Let's all sing like the birdies sing.
"Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet."
"Raise your voice, let your heart take wing."



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

"Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet."
"Let's all warble like nightingales, give your throat a treat."
"Now you know all the words, take a cue from the birds."
"Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet."

DEAR ABBY: I am sending you the words to "Let's All Sing Like the Birdies Sing." I sang that song as a child growing up in England. I came to America as a British war bride and have lived in the States ever since.

On May 1, 1995, my dear husband, Charles, and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. And you might also like to know that our youngest daughter, Amanda, was awarded an Abigail Van Buren journalism scholarship at Stanford University in 1977.

TERESA SUSHKIND, BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR TERESA SUSHKIND: Congratulations on your 50th! And thank you for letting me know about Amanda. Please drop me a line and let me know what she's doing.

DEAR ABBY: By this time, you must have heard from at least 10,000 readers who sent you in words to "Let's All Sing Like the Birdies Sing." Robert Hargreaves and Stanley Damerell wrote the words, and Tolchard Evans and H. Tilley wrote the music in 1932. It was recorded in the United States by Ben Bernie on Feb. 1, 1933.

WILLIAM CHAMBLESS, NEWARK, DEL.

DEAR ABBY: The song my seven children, 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren most enjoyed singing with me is:

"When my sugar walks down the street,
"All the birdies go tweet, tweet, tweet."
"And in the evening when the sun goes down,
"It's never dull when she's around.
"She's so affectionate, and I'll say this,
"When she kisses me, I stay kissed.
"When my sugar walks down

the street,
"The little birdies go tweet, tweet, tweet."

A SINGING GRANDMA

DEAR SINGING GRANDMA, WILLIAM CHAMBLESS, TERESA SUSHKIND, JAN PAYNE, and the thousands of readers who took the time to send me the lyrics: Thank you! The problem is resolved, and this old bird is just about all "tweeted" out! So please, cease and desist with the tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet — before I croak!

DEAR ABBY: Your letter from the couple in Long Branch, N.J. brought back many memories. (I smiled; no — I laughed out loud!) My husband and I attended a marriage enrichment weekend, and it was wonderful. We went through airports holding hands, whispered sweet nothings in each other's ears, and found new joys we never knew existed. We can't thank you enough for introducing us to Marriage Encounter — that was almost 20



years ago, and we haven't lost the glow that comes from being in touch with the one you love.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last St. Valentine's Day. Thank you, Abby, for all the good you do.

TRACY AND DOUG VANDERGRIFT, ALBERT LEA, MINN. DEAR TRACY AND DOUG: Congratulations on your 50th.

May you enjoy many more years of wedded bliss in the best of health.

(Problems? Write to Dear Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69828, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.)

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Parents:
Anne Burkhardt Schaeffer
Arash Farshid

Maternal Grandparents:
Dr. John & Linda Schaeffer
of Sanford

Paternal Grandparents:
James & Carmen Huescher
of Sanford
and
Saeed & Shahn Farshid
of Bulgaria

Religion

IN BRIEF

St. James hosts play

SANFORD — The Annie McGill Women's Missionary Society will be presenting a play titled, "Putting Pride on Trial." This play was written by Caroline Shine.

The event will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. Historic St. James A.M.E. Church, corner of 9th St. and Cypress Ave. The public is invited.

Episcopalians hold 'Souper Supper'

SANFORD — Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 401 S. Park Ave., will sponsor a "Souper Supper" on Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the church parish hall. The meal will be followed by a presentation and discussion at 6:30 p.m. titled, "Overview of the Spirituality of Lent." This is the last in a Lenten series and will be presented by Father Al Cole.

The public is invited. For more information call the church at 322-4611.

Youth revival set

SANFORD — A youth revival will be sponsored by the Hickory Ave. Church of God, 503 Hickory Ave., at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The speakers will be Minister Israel Black, Jr. and Minister Qwendolyn Black. The Seminole High School Gospel Choir is scheduled to sing during the services.

Crusade planned

SANFORD — The Reverend Le Otis Sibley, pastor of Springville Full Gospel Baptist Church in Couchatta, La. will be in crusade along with The Springville Baptist Choir and Crusade team.

Sibley is also a preacher, teacher, minister and evangelist. The Crusade will be held April 5 to 7 at 7:30 p.m. nightly at House of Refuge Ministries, 1001 Celery Ave. For more information call 324-4711.

Methodist Choir to sing

SANFORD — The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, 419 Park Ave., will present Lenten selections from Handel's Messiah Sunday at the 10:55 a.m. worship service. Solists for the performance will be Elise Howell, Heather-Gail Raymond, Libby Sellers and Barbara Swaggerty.

Worship Center presents seminar

SANFORD — The Family Worship Center, 1770 W. Airport Blvd., will hold a seminar titled, "Answers to Life's Most Important Questions." The program will be held at the church each Sunday in the month of April.

For individual topics call the church at 322-9222.

Youth rally set

SANFORD — The public is invited to attend a free martial arts exhibition presented by three time National Champion Tony Isaacs from Pompano Beach. Isaacs is a 5th degree Black Belt and has traveled extensively using his great athletic ability to teach people for Christ. The karate demonstration will be in conjunction with the Central Florida Youth Rally scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

For more information call 323-1583.

Old fashioned campmeeting

SANFORD — Larry Stevens, a "Healing Prophet" is coming to Sanford to bring new life to broken lives and broken bodies, beginning Sunday, April 2 at 7:45 p.m. at the House of David, 5211 Hester Ave., behind Fica World off 427.

For more information call 321-2255.



Presbyterian youth work on Adopt-A-Road

Youth from First Presbyterian Church of Sanford have been working on the road they adopted. The group felt led to do their part to save the environment and help the community. From left to right, Patty Webb, Patty Hughes, Lindsey Evans, Sarah Thomas, Jarred Blythe, Amy Hunter, Cassidy Webb, Steve Lee, Carl Lee and Matt Lee.



Easter is more than a bunny with eggs



Tell us what JESUS means to you

The Sanford Herald is sponsoring a writing contest for kids, grades 2 through 12. Essays of 50 words or less. Have it to us by April 10, 1995. Local Bible bookstores have donated prizes.

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Snowbabies reaches community

By **SUSAN WENNER**
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Snowbabies, Inc. has been one of the many groups ministering to women. Its mission has been to communicate the profound and tragic effects of drug abuse. Through education and support programs, they direct their message to women and children at risk as well as the general public.

Its founder, Tammy Herman Sevison, shared her story of how she was led to this work. "My walk with God has been a very close and personal one since May 1, 1986," she said. "On this day, I gave birth to my cocaine exposed baby girl Halle. I remember sitting in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous wondering who the God of my understanding was. After a short time in recovery, I became aware of the fact that I would face many hardships due to my 18 years of addiction. On July 11, 1987, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ and from that day forward, I have had honor of watching Jesus do for me what I could not do for myself."

Now Sevison has been sober for eight years. She has worked with Orange County Corrections since 1991 with substance abusing mothers through assisting them in the H.E.L.P. (Healing Education for Life's Purposes) Program. Her goal has



Back, Shelia Stanley, volunteer; Tammy Herman Sevison, founder; Javon Dalton, Regina Nash, Amber Nash; front, Halle Herman, and Dawn Dalton. The children were snowbabies and mothers were helped by the Snowbabies program.

been to reach as many as possible with the message of the harmful effects of drug abuse. She felt that given the opportunity many could make the necessary changes toward a productive life.

Sheila Stanley, mother of a drug addicted daughter, is also involved with Snowbabies, Inc. Stanley is raising her two grandsons.

She commented about her experience with the organization. "I want people to realize that you don't have to be intimidated by the drug addicted

person," she said. "We need to get them the help they need and get the children out of it. It's a matter of tough love. We've got to take a firmer stand on what we do to help. They're people just like you and I. We have to take them, feed and clothe them and do things for them to help them recover. We've got to open our eyes to this problem."

She continued by saying, "The reason I feel I was called into this ministry was to help women establish disciplines in their lives and to realize the awesome

responsibility to be a mother. They've been blessed with this child. They need to get their lives straight so they can help their children."

Plans have been made to begin classes at Northland Community Church in Casselberry. They hope to get the public involved in education and reaching the needs of this group of women.

Snowbabies, Inc. has also worked with the P.A.Y. (Prosecution Alternatives for Youth). Young people that are court-ordered to the program. Project Crackdown, with Snowbabies, are taken through a two hour program and toured through the neo-natal unit at O.R.M.C. (Orlando Regional Medical Center). They also watch a video and frequently hear a testimony from a recovering addict who shares their story of how Jesus has changed their life.

Sevison and Stanley's hope and prayer is that more individuals will become active with the organization. They are available to speak to groups and share a video presentation. Videos can be purchased through Snowbabies, Inc. for a \$50 donation. Volunteers are needed to help in the office, nursery, fundraising and as mentors.

For more information about Snowbabies, Inc. call 889-9733 or write to P.O. Box 162856, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-2856.

Nash shares recovery from addiction

By **SUSAN WENNER**
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Success stories have been a rarity with numerous addictive personalities, yet Snowbabies, Inc. has a list a mile long. One of their many tales with a happy ending was Regina Nash.

She shared her experience with her abuse and how Sevison and her ministry encouraged her through the hard times. Now after three years of sobriety she has her daughter back and is thriving in a productive and meaningful life.

Nash said, "I began on the streets. I was doing whatever I could for that next high. I was arrested on prostitution charges even though at that particular time I wasn't turning a trick. I was supposed to be in jail for 21 days but I had to stay longer because of an old charge. It was there that I met Tammy Sevison with Snowbabies. I was in denial about my addiction. Finally after three weeks of classes I finally faced the facts."

Being sentenced to home confinement because of her pregnancy Nash began to put the pieces of her life back together. She became a resident of the



RELIGION

SUSAN WENNER

HELP house that Sevison had put in place specifically for women needing residential type assistance. Once Nash left the facility she kept in close touch with Sevison.

Two years of probation have now been completed with a clean slate. Nash commented, "Without the help of Tammy I would have never made it through the five months of home confinement. In my sobriety I can help other people realize they don't have to go back to the streets. There's places they can get help."

She further emphasized the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. "You have to trust in the Lord," she said. "You accept the Lord and know that he will help you with the battle. It's a hard battle but it can be done."



Pastor celebrates 30 years of service

By **SUSAN WENNER**
Herald Correspondent

LAKE MARY — While many are searching for just the right job and at times changing employment the Rev. A.E. Stephens has been content for many years at the same position. Stephens recently celebrated 30 years as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary. He jokingly shared, "The building is an antique and I'm getting to be one too."

Stephens was his choice for undergraduate work and he received his Masters at Florida State University and did his post

graduate studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Stephens began in the ministry as a Baptist minister. Being raised Baptist he tended to lean that way. After three years in the Baptist faith Stephens then accepted a position as a Presbyterian pastor in Lake Mary. "I feel more at ease with the government and some of the theology of the Presbyterians," he said. "I was accepted into the Old North Florida Presbytery and am now a member of the Central Florida Presbytery."

He has been married for 36 years to his wife, Naurte. They

have two children, Cameron and Naurte and two grandchildren, Megan and Caly.

He spoke about his congregation. "We try to be an extended family," he said. "We have an interesting history of helping people in the community both financially and with food. For such a small church I think this

is admirable."

The church has a building fund at the present. They are striving toward the purchase of a new building. "We already have a site," he said. "We just need to sell the building where we are now. We're asking \$350,000 but that's negotiable. It was built in 1928. We do love this old building. It has history."



The Rev. A.E. Stephens

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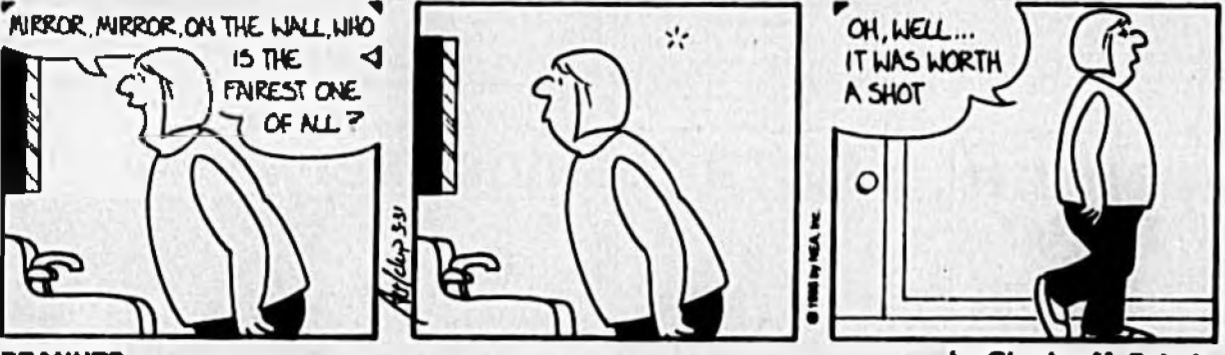
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What causes boils on stomach, arms?



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm overweight and have boils underneath my arms and sometimes on my stomach. What should I do? I really need help.

DEAR READER: Boils (skin infections usually caused by staph bacteria) are, like obesity, often associated with diabetes.

a powerful medication, you and your doctor must decide if the potential benefits outweigh the risks of taking it. Other medicines -- such as gold shots and anti-inflammatory drugs -- might be more appropriate and less likely to cause serious complications.

You should have a frank discussion with your

rheumatologist to explore options. At the same time, he should provide you with a rationale for using methotrexate, as well as the possible side effects.

Although you may be able to reduce the incidence and severity of these infections by taking antibiotics and using antibacterial soap, such as Dial, you should see your family physician for an examination and blood tests, to check for diabetes or an immune deficiency, both of which may require treatment.

In addition, the doctor can work with you to develop a satisfactory weight-reduction program. Weight-loss may also help cure your boils.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have rheumatoid arthritis. My rheumatologist wants to start me on a drug called methotrexate. I understand this is used to treat cancer patients. I'm worried about the possibility of toxicity of the blood and bone marrow, among other things. I have to make up my mind soon, and would appreciate your comments.

DEAR READER: Methotrexate is, as you pointed out, an anti-metabolite used to treat certain cancers. It is also appropriate therapy for psoriasis and rheumatoid arthritis. The precise method of its action is unknown.

Naturally, any drug that affects metabolism -- no matter how effective it may be in curing disease -- is bound to have side effects. Methotrexate is no exception. In a small percentage of patients, it is associated with a wide range of toxic effects, including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, mood alteration, weakness, lung inflammation, rash, renal failure, malaise, fever, mouth ulcers, and leukopenia (low white blood corpuscle count), and others.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

Howard Hughes, the American businessman and film producer, said of an actor that "his ears made him look like a taxicab with both doors open." About whom was he speaking?

At the bridge table, it pays to keep one's ears as open as the Shuttle bay doors during a satellite launch.

North's double was negative, not for penalty. It showed enough points for a bid and suggested length in the majors.

Against three no-trump, West led the club king. South ducked the first trick, won the club-jack continuation, played a heart to dummy's jack and took a spade finesse. However, West won with the king and cashed three club tricks to defeat the contract.

South shook his head and muttered about his finesses always losing. But was it such a surprise that West had the spade

king? After all, he had made a vulnerable two-level overcall.

After winning the second trick, South should have cashed his heart and diamond winners, bringing everyone down to five cards. Now some card-reading might be needed. If West has three clubs and two spades left, South just exits with his last club. West may take his three tricks, but then must lead away from the spade king, giving South two tricks in the suit and nine in all.

However, West might be able to come down to a singleton spade king (though not with this layout). Then South will have to cash his spade ace to drop the king. Not easy, but at least South has a chance to make the contract. It is better than taking a hopeless finesse.

Hughes' comment was made about Clark Gable.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get

Smarter at Bridge." is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169. © Copyright 1992 by NEA Inc.

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Dealer: South

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HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bode Ouel

YOUR BIRTHDAY
April 1, 1995

You might do more recreational traveling in the year ahead than you have done for quite awhile. Although your trips may not be of long duration, they will include many pleasant adventures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A well-intentioned friend might offer you some bad business advice today. Take what he/she says with a grain of salt. 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 \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4485, New York, NY 10163.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Timing will be extremely important for something you hope to accomplish today. If you jump in prematurely, it could set you back a few squares instead of moving you ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your hunches pertaining to career matters is apt to be on target today. However, your insights in other areas could be way off, so be careful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Business and pleasure might not blend constructively today, so think twice before involving friends you know socially in your commercial affairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Persons you helped in the past will help you today, but if you seek assistance from people you've rejected, they're apt to turn you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to treat everyone you encounter with consideration today. At all costs, avoid behaving arrogantly to anyone in a subservient position.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you stay within the realm of familiarity today, the results will be gratifying. Experimenting on new turf, however, could be a different story.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This isn't a good day to make

snap decisions on important family matters. Take your time weighing all your alternatives before rendering judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Unless you have something nice to say about others today, it would be best to say nothing. Acidic comments will not be readily forgiven or forgotten.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you aren't extremely careful with your money today, you might spend funds on foolish things you could easily do without.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your mate's way of handling a critical matter might be more effective than yours today. If your spouse offers suggestions, at the very least, listen to him/her.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Stick to procedures that you know from experience produce desirable results. This will not be a good day to experiment with untested methods.

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