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Sports

Lake Brantley takes title

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Lake Brantley capped an upset-filled tournament by beating the Mainland Buccaneers 64-59 in overtime to claim the title in the 4A-District 9 boys' basketball tournament Saturday night at Lake Brantley High School.
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People

Tips for selecting lawn service

This is the time of the year when some people start thinking about hiring a lawn maintenance service rather than doing the lawn themselves. Selecting such a service is not an easy task, but some suggestions can help you in making a decision.
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SNIPPETS

Man jailed for non-support

SANFORD — One of Florida's top 10 "dead-beat dads" has been sentenced to 179 days in jail for not paying child support.

Circuit Judge C. Vernon Mize Jr. ordered Robert Coleman to pay his former wife \$12,000 in monthly installments. The judge said Coleman, 40, could leave jail immediately if he paid \$8,000 at once.

State workers said Coleman owed more than \$30,000 for the support of his three children. But the judge cut the figure after hearing from Coleman and his wife on Thursday.

Rain, winds pummel Florida

Although no damage was reported in Seminole County from strong winds, heavy rains and tornadoes that touched down yesterday, structural damage and cut power were reported in scattered areas throughout Central Florida, authorities said.

The National Weather Service confirmed several reports of damage in Orange, Lake and Osceola counties including tornado damage in Orange County.

Sunday's thunderstorms, brought on by a strong cold front across Northwest Florida, were related to the fierce thunderstorms that blasted northern counties at earlier in the weekend, weather experts said.

High waters from two days of rain in North Florida flooded roads and homes, forcing several evacuations.

"The area of thunderstorms and heavy rain that moved slowly across North Florida has moved east and southeast into the Peninsula," said Tom Duval, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Tallahassee.

Duval said the winds and rains were expected to ease up today.

Plant sale was a success

SANFORD — The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce annual azalea and plant sale Saturday was termed a success, with over \$200 raised to help in the various projects of the chamber's Beautification Committee.

Chamber manager David Farr said this morning, "The Gerber daisies we had went over the best. In fact, we got rid of all we had during the first two hours of the sale."

He added that the azaleas also sold well but that there were some crape myrtles left, which are still available for sale.

The Beautification Committee plans to use the proceeds to help in such projects as the continuing beautification of the Sanford Civic Center and other scenic improvement projects in the city.

The sale was held Saturday, in front of the Chamber headquarters at the corner of First Street and Sanford Avenue, during the opening day of the St. John's River Festival which helped bring Central Florida residents into the area.

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Breezy and cool



Partly sunny with the high in the upper 60s and a gusty wind at 20 mph.

Partly Cloudy

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10 allied POWs released

Coalition commanders lay down truce terms to Iraq

By RICHARD PYLE
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The Baghdad government today released 10 allied prisoners of war, six of them Americans, CNN reported. The release was in line with the truce terms laid down for Iraq by coalition commanders in a desert meeting a day earlier.

The 10, including Army Spc. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, 20, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Navy Lt. Jeffrey Zaun of Cherry Hill, N.J., were shown on CNN getting off a bus outside the

al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad. They were clad in yellow suits with the letters "PW" on the breast pocket.

They showed no emotion but appeared to be in good condition as they walked briskly off the bus. One male prisoner's arm was in a sling. The network showed videotape of the release but did not say into whose custody the 10 were freed.

Rathbun-Nealy was the only woman soldier who had been reported missing in the Persian Gulf War, and a badly battered-looking Zaun had been shown on Iraqi and U.S. television after his capture in the early days of the air war.

In that television appearance, Zaun and other POWs recited wooden-sounding statements critical of the allied war effort. U.S. officials denounced Iraq, saying it was violating the Geneva Convention's provisions for humane treatment of POWs.

The freeing of allied prisoners was among terms agreed to by Iraqi commanders in truce talks at a desert air base in southern Iraq on Sunday, three days after an informal cease-fire took hold.

Later Sunday, Baghdad Radio announced that
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Beware of free tank inspections

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — A state septic tank association urges homeowners to be wary of free tank inspections or discount tank cleaning services.

The homeowner and the environment could get ripped off.

"We're trying to weed out the jack-leg contractor who really doesn't do anything," said Jim Ogletree, representing the Florida Septic Tank Association. "Unregistered contractors cost everyone lots of money because they prey on homeowners."

Ogletree, who has operated a septic tank service in Sanford for 20 years, and Ray Mason, an Orlando septic tank contractor and an association director, said homeowners should check with the local health department to see if the septic tank contractor is registered with the state before hiring them. While a state registration is no guarantee against a rip-off, they said it usually assures a professional is doing the work.

Among the things for homeowners to be wary of is a "free" tank inspection, Ogletree said. A professional system inspection which includes checking the pipes for obstacles can cost \$100 for a complete job.

Another possible scam to watch out for is contractors offering discounts to pump a tank into a pick-up truck that has a small tank on it, Ogletree said. The average household septic tank can hold between 750 to 900 gallons of sewage and is large enough to contain a compact car.

What the scam operator does is just pump enough water out of the septic tank to allow toilets to operate better for three or four days before they begin backing up again, said Mason. By then, the operator is gone and can't be found. Most of the sewage pumped by scam operators is dumped in a wooded area, instead of an approved land spreading location or sewage treatment facility, he said.

"These operators give the whole

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Sanford artist Ashby Jones shows his festival display to Pamela Hale of Longwood

Foul weather puts damper on festival and regatta

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Both the St. John's River Festival at Lake Monroe Park and the Spring Survival Sailing Regatta held on Lake Monroe over this past weekend were forced into cancellation Sunday, because of the foul weather and tornado warnings that were issued for the Sanford area.

Dorothy Raby, President of the Sanford-Seminole Art Association said the second day of the festival was cancelled early Sunday because of the winds and rain possibility. "Even the food concession was blown down early Sunday," she reported.

Festival Chairperson Janis McGee added, "Of course as soon as we cancelled Sunday's
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Lake residents observe regatta

Herald Photos by Kelly Jordan



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Business as usual for county manager

Former Clearwater city manager Ron Rabun settled into his new office in the Seminole County Services Building this morning, filling the county manager's seat left vacant for 16 months. Rabun says he'll be staying in a local apartment until he finds a home here.

Code enforcement board wants strength renewed

By LAURA L. SULLIVAN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — The board charged with helping rid Sanford neighborhoods of junk cars and overgrown lots is asking the city commission to help it become more effective.

Bob Keith, chairman of the city Code Enforcement Board, told the commission last week the board no longer has the strength it once had. Loss of a full-time inspector to city layoffs last year, absenteeism among board members and lack of public support are keeping the board from effectively doing the work its seven members were appointed by the commission to do, he said.

"What do you want from the Code Enforcement Board of the City of Sanford?" Keith asked the commission during a work session Monday.

The board saw a decline after a 5-2 vote in November to waive more than \$24,175 in fines levied against a Sanford couple, Keith said. Keith and board member Joyce Malone opposed waiving the fine, which accrued over a three-year period when Randy and Josephine Gates

were asked to comply with a city ordinance that limits the number of pets that may be kept in a residential neighborhood.

The Gates case cost the city between \$17,000 and \$20,000 in legal fees.

City Commissioner A.A. "Mac" McClanahan said that decision prompted him to ask for the resignation of each of the five members who voted to waive the fine. Other commissioners last week expressed their anger that the board dropped the fine after city legal expenses had mounted.

"Some people on the board believe the Code Enforcement Board shouldn't have the power to levy fines," Keith told the commission. Mayor Bettye Smith quickly responded, "Then they shouldn't be on our Code Enforcement Board."

Code enforcement fines, which Florida statutes allow to reach \$250 a day for a first offense, are what Keith calls "our only stick" for making violators comply with city codes. Fines are levied in about 25 to 30 percent of all cases reported to the Code Enforcement Board, he said.

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EDITORIALS

China unrepentant

China has been trying, with some success, to polish up its image in the wake of the Tiananmen Square massacre of dissidents in June of 1989. President Bush received Beijing's foreign minister last November, ending a period of high-level isolation dating from the bloody events in Beijing. That probably ensured China's acquiescence in a crucial United Nations Security Council vote authorizing military action in the Persian Gulf.

Then, in a gesture to U.S. concerns, Beijing received a State Department human rights official in December, listened to his complaints, but followed his departure with a scathing press attack on U.S. "guardians of human rights." Since then, at least 15 pro-democracy dissidents have been tried in camera and given prison sentences ranging from two to eight years for offenses — organizing demonstrations, making anti-government statements — that in the West would bring only fines or suspended sentences, if anything.

Beijing's behavior abroad is no better. Its support for the anti-Iraq coalition has been qualified at best. China abstained on the U.N. vote endorsing the use of force, which leaves it plenty of diplomatic room for maneuver. Indeed, Western diplomats in Beijing say that China, despite its vote last August for the U.N. embargo, sought as recently as late December to sell weapons to Iraq and to get North Korea to smuggle them there, but balked at the last minute for fear of diplomatic repercussions if the ruse were discovered.

Such chicanery is consistent with China's trade practice generally. Last year, Washington imposed sanctions after learning that Beijing had been circumventing textile quota agreements by routing falsely labeled goods to the United States through third countries. China not only remains unapologetic but threatens to retaliate, an action that would make the day of those in Congress just itching to revoke Beijing's privileged trading status with this country.

In the same vein, Chinese leaders have grown bellicose toward Britain as that country prepares to hand over its colony of Hong Kong to Beijing in 1997, demanding that London take no action in Hong Kong without Chinese assent. One unstated message is that no democratic institutions must be implanted in Hong Kong before Beijing gets its hands on the capitalist enclave.

All of this reflects a totalitarian mind-set that has not changed and is not likely to at least until the present generation of leaders passes from the scene. Fortunately, the Bush administration, which foolishly tried to placate Beijing even while imposing sanctions following the bloody events in Tiananmen Square, seems now to realize that that approach was morally wrong and paid few dividends. It would do well to keep that in mind if, as expected, China declares an amnesty for political prisoners any day now in an attempt to persuade the world that its authoritarianism is tempered with humanity. It isn't, and the world must not be duped into thinking so.

Berry's World



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VINCENT CARROLL

Saddam joins a cast of ignobles

Less than a year ago The Economist magazine noted, in a lengthy survey of the Arab world, that "Iraq enjoys an almost perfect balance of oil, population and water: its future will be bright unless President Hussein starts another war."

A prudent qualification, it turns out. Like everyone who has enough, Saddam Hussein wanted more.

At what point do you suppose he realized he'd overreached? Did misgivings set in on Aug. 5, when President Bush declared that the invasion of Kuwait "will not stand"? Or was it on Nov. 8, with the doubling of U.S. troops in the Gulf, that Saddam suddenly wondered if he'd gone one border too far?

Nov. 29 must have been a bleak day for the bully of Baghdad. That was when the U.N. Security Council approved the use of force, a move Congress imitated on Jan. 12. But still the thought must have tugged at Saddam: This can't be happening. What the heck do these Americans care about Kuwait?

A British wag has quipped that it takes a special sort of incompetence for a third-rate dictator to maneuver himself into war with the most powerful nation on Earth. He might have added that it takes a heady mix of obstinacy and arrogance for a ruler to sacrifice an entire country on behalf of his own swollen sense of destiny.

But whatever the psychology at work, it's hardly new. Destroying a nation in a hopeless cause is the trademark of a certain kind of warrior throughout history. Napoleon waged battle until the only Frenchmen left to press into service were 15-year-olds. When Metternich remarked on the pitiful state of his troops, Napoleon boasted, "I'm going to bury the world in my ruin."

By 1944, every perceptive German knew the Third Reich was spent. Yet Hitler fought on, all the while complaining to Albert Speer that the German people had let him down.

Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, mastermind of the strike on Pearl Harbor, realized even before the war's first volley that Japan was decisively



It takes a special sort of incompetence.

outmatched.

"Should hostilities break out between Japan and the United States," he wrote in early 1941, "it would not be enough that we take Guam and San Francisco. To make victory certain, we would have to march into Washington and dictate the terms of peace in the White House. I wonder if our politicians, among whom armchair arguments about war are being glibly bandied about in the name of state politics, have confidence as to the final outcome and are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices."

So why did Yamamoto fight? Duty, loyalty, honor: all the human virtues that ensure a good bloodbath.

Of course, Saddam is small potatoes compared with Napoleon, Hitler or Yamamoto. In retrospect, the Iraqi's vain ambition may more closely resemble that of Francisco Solano Lopez, the 19th-century Paraguayan dictator whose father left him one of the most powerful armies in South America. No less incompetent or stoneheaded than Saddam, Lopez promptly maneuvered himself into war against Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina — the combined force of which smashed through Paraguay like Attila reborn. By the time the allies were through, they'd slaughtered three-quarters of the country's male citizens.



WALTER MEARS

War victory hurts Democrats

WASHINGTON — As the Democrats were saying when they were interrupted by the Persian Gulf War, there are other issues to be faced, problems at home, an economy in recession.

But there aren't any other issues that count politically right now.

At this point, all the opposition party can do is applaud the Republican president's success in the conflict their leaders voted against authorizing, and the 100-hour ground offensive that wrapped it up.

So Speaker of the House Thomas H. Foley said President Bush had conducted himself brilliantly. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell called the operation a credit to the president.

They will have other, contentious business with him, but that can wait. So can the field of Democrats who will compete for the nomination to challenge Bush in 1992. Every likely candidate but one, Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee, voted against going to war in mid-January. In favor of waiting to see if economic sanctions would force Iraq to surrender Kuwait.

The home-front argument already is beginning over appropriations to pay for the war, and on allied contributions to share the cost, especially from Japan, Germany and the front-line oil nations. That will, inevitably, flow into more general debate on defense spending, high-tech weaponry, the fate of the peace dividend.

But with Bush promising to bring the victorious troops home soon, and with his popularity ratings soaring to near 90 percent, political challengers and critics are out of season. They know and Bush's men know that the numbers will come down when euphoria subsides. They don't know how soon or how far.

Until that happens, they can't hope to change the subject to the domestic concerns that they want to make the focus of the 1992 presidential campaign.

Even then, they can only hope. In what surely will stand as the great crisis of his first term, perhaps of his presidency, Bush gained a triumph unmatched since the end of World War II.

And political seers in both parties had said that Bush would be almost invincible in 1992 if the war was won swiftly with few casualties.

Still, there is no guarantee the Republicans can make it all last until an election still 20 months away. The off-year campaign of 1990 began with Bush, and therefore his party, riding a wave of support that flowed from the end of the Cold War, the toppling of the Berlin Wall.

It didn't last the spring. Within months, the undertow of the federal deficit had dragged Bush with it. He had forsaken his pledge

against new taxes to seek a budget deal with the Democrats, and the surge became a slump.

While that deal was a problem at midterm, it may be a big asset when Bush himself is on the ballot. Under its terms, even if the deficit goes up — as it certainly will given the cost of war and the price of recession — the administration doesn't have to do anything about it before 1993.

The political benefits of victory in the Persian Gulf are direct and personal, not indirect or reflected as was the credit gained for the 1989 wave of democratic reform supplanting communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

Furthermore, as a wartime commander in chief, Bush has answered the first question Americans ask about a president or a candidate to become one: what does he do in a crisis?

In this one, Bush held his lines, against Democratic opposition before the war, against Iraqi threats of a battlefield bloodletting when some experts said they were credible, against Soviet diplomatic maneuvers aimed at ending the war short of Saddam Hussein's surrender.

It was done with fewer American casualties than were suffered in the Spanish American War.

When the campaign documentaries are put together next year, the Bush camp may find a spot for this comment from Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf's victory briefing:

"I'm very thankful for the fact that the president of the United States has allowed the U.S. military and the coalition military to fight this war exactly as it should have been fought."

The Democratic challenger in 1992 is going to have to prove — in the abstract — that he could exercise crisis command. That's difficult against an incumbent, doubly so against a war president who won.

So the Democrats' emphasis is, and will be, domestic. Setting their 1991 agenda, Senate Democrats said the war was critical, but "we must also address the urgent problems here at home," beginning with the recession.

Now that prediction will be tested.

JACK ANDERSON

When is a female soldier a POW?

WASHINGTON — As long as Melissa Rathbun-Nealy is going down in history as the first American female prisoner of war, her father, Leo Rathbun, would just as soon have the Pentagon call her a POW. But it won't.

Nealy disappeared near Khafji, Saudi Arabia, on Jan. 30, when she got lost while delivering a vehicle back to its unit after repairs. The Pentagon says she is "missing" and that the military needs more information before it can put her on the POW list.

It is a list that Leo Rathbun wants his daughter's name on so the Iraqis are forced to account for her when the dust settles in the Persian Gulf War.

Nealy, 20, never expected to make history when she joined the Army. She wanted an adventure, and she wanted to pay for her college education, her father told our associate Melinda Maas. Nealy's job with the 233rd Transportation Company of Ft. Bliss, Texas, was to drive heavy equipment, not to face an enemy in combat.

On Jan. 30, she headed north out of a maintenance facility near Dhahran in a heavy equipment transport vehicle, or HET. Another HET traveled with her. Their convoy commander passed them and then stopped for gas. He looked up to see the two HETs go straight through an intersection where they were supposed to turn west. They were headed or on Khafji, which was soon to become the site of the first ground battle of the war.

Outside of Khafji, the two HETs stopped and their drivers debated whether or not they were lost, according to the account the Army gave Leo Rathbun. Farther along the road, they spotted something they didn't expect to see in Saudi Arabia — Iraqi troops coming toward them. One HET made a U-turn. But Nealy's vehicle became stuck. The last thing the other driver saw before going for help was Nealy and her co-driver, Spec. David Lockett, still in the HET and Iraqi troops approaching them.

When Marines came back to rescue them, the HET was still there, but Nealy and Lockett were gone.

Iraqis taken prisoner by Saudi forces at Khafji told of seeing the capture of two American soldiers, a man and woman. The Saudis got another report later about two POWs seen near the Iraqi city of Basrah — a white woman and a black man. (Nealy is white and Lockett is black.)

That's not enough for the Pentagon to call them POWs, but it is enough for Leo Rathbun. The anguished father took matters in his own hands and wrote Saddam Hussein a letter, asking for his daughter's release, or at least to let the Red Cross see her. "I just want her to know that her family loves her and that we are doing everything we can," Rathbun told us.

Like many enlistees, Nealy was not prepared to be taken prisoner. Pilots and special operations people get rigorous POW training, but the Army says it is unrealistic and expensive to train everyone.

The vast majority of the reservists, national guardsmen and logistics personnel in the allied forces had no preparation for being taken prisoner by the Iraqis. A recent report by Amnesty International warns about Iraq's track record with POWs. They are routinely tortured.

Before the Vietnam War, the POW "Code of Conduct" said soldiers could give only their name, rank and serial number. But in Vietnam, POWs had to break the rules if they were to stay alive. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a Vietnam POW for five and a half years, said, "We learned we had to give something more to avoid torture."



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NATIONAL BRIEFS



Pilot warned of winds before crash

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A United Airlines pilot was warned of dangerous wind gusts before his jet buried itself nose-first in a park "like a missile" and exploded, killing all 25 people aboard, authorities said.

"We can't even find a chair," said Sheriff Bernard Barry. "There's not a great deal of that airplane."

Federal investigators arrived to poke through the wreckage today for clues to the cause of Sunday's crash of Flight 585.

However, officials said the pilot was warned of strong wind gusts just before the plane crashed as it attempted to land at Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. Gusts of 32 mph were reported by the National Weather Service.

NORML seeks medical use of marijuana

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court is being asked to order the government to legalize use of marijuana for medical purposes such as controlling nausea in cancer patients.

The Drug Enforcement Administration ignored evidence that marijuana can ease the suffering of patients with cancer, glaucoma and multiple sclerosis, said plaintiffs in the case being argued today before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Smoked as a narcotic drug for centuries, marijuana has been illegal in the United States since 1937.

Marijuana has been shown to ease nausea in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, lessen muscle spasms caused by multiple sclerosis and reduce eye pressure for glaucoma patients, according to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics. They are represented in court by the Drug Policy Foundation.

Cheapest heart drug proved safest

ATLANTA — The biggest comparative study of three competing clot-dissolving drugs found them equally effective in saving the lives of heart attack victims, but the cheapest drug proved safest, scientists say.

Preliminary findings showed that all save lives up to 12 hours after a heart attack and should be given to many more patients than are now receiving them, the study's director, Dr. Rory Collins of Oxford University, said Sunday.

Compared were streptokinase, a 30-year-old drug, and two newcomers: TPA, a genetically engineered drug, and APSAC, a chemically modified version of streptokinase.

The makers of TPA and APSAC have been touting their drugs as an improvement over streptokinase, based on several smaller studies. A dose of streptokinase costs about \$200; TPA costs \$2,200 per dose and APSAC sells for \$1,700.

Arthur Murray dead at 95

HONOLULU — Arthur Murray, the ballroom dance school king who helped teach millions of people how to be lighter on their two left feet, died Sunday after a bout with pneumonia. He was 95.

A gawky, lonely teen-ager who gained confidence through dance, Murray used the promise of overnight popularity to build a string of 400 Arthur Murray Dance Studios in nearly 50 countries. He also had a TV show that ran for 11 years.

Eleanor Roosevelt reportedly learned to dance the Arthur Murray way, as did the Duke of Windsor, John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Jack Dempsey.

Murray's gift for turning wallflowers into the life of the party started with himself.

WORLD BRIEFS



Latvians, Estonians seek secession

RIGA, U.S.S.R. — Latvians and Estonians have voted overwhelmingly for independence from the Soviet Union, in referendums that carry no legal weight but represent a challenge to President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

With most ballots counted after Sunday's plebiscites, secession was favored by more than three-fourths of voters in both republics, officials said.

Ethnic Russians joined ethnic Latvians and Estonians in calling for secession, despite warnings from Moscow that the non-indigenous population would be second-class citizens if independence were approved.

The balloting was similar to a Feb. 9 referendum in which Lithuanians voted overwhelmingly in favor of independence.

From Associated Press reports

Arrests made in deaths of 5 San Diego Women

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 13-month manhunt ended with the arrest of a young man in a string of five slayings that terrorized San Diego last year.

Cleophus Prince, 23, was taken into custody without incident Sunday in Birmingham, Ala., on a warrant accusing him of stabbing to death five women.

San Diego Police Chief Bob Burgreen said much of the murder case was based on DNA evidence, but he wouldn't elaborate.

"A whole variety of things that ultimately came together pointed to Mr. Prince," said police spokesman Dave Cohen.

The attacks occurred in the daytime from January through September in the city's Claremont and University City areas. Police said the killer entered through unlocked doors or windows.

Four victims were between 18 and 21. The fifth victim

42-year-old Pamela Gail Clark, was killed with her 18-year-old daughter Amber.

Alarmed by the slayings, some residents moved away, while others installed steel bars on their windows. Police beefed up neighborhood patrols and put as many as 27 detectives on the case.

Thousands of tips were examined and the killer was profiled on television's "America's Most Wanted."

The district attorney's office was expected to begin extradition proceedings this week.

Police refused to discuss Prince's background.

Burgreen said Prince had been arrested in Birmingham in a theft case. He was released on bail three hours before San Diego police called.

Bondsmen and Birmingham police then contacted Prince's parents to tell them he had to return and sign some bail forms.

When he came back, he was taken into custody.

Honesty paid off for homeless mom

By TIM CURRAN
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rosemary Pritchett's three-bedroom home is the house that honesty built.

Visitors to a February open house saw new windows, wiring and walls. The plumbing has been replaced, along with the furnace. The downstairs is carpeted now, and there are frames for the mattresses in the upstairs bedrooms. The latest addition: two cocker spaniel puppies.

Three months ago, Ms. Pritchett was homeless, living with her three children in a shelter. But then a missing paycheck brought Cheryl Wood into her life — and honesty and human kindness turned her life upside down.

On that November day, Ms. Pritchett, 31, bid \$1,200 — all the money she had in the

world — on an abandoned wreck of a house.

On that same day, she found a \$400 paycheck endorsed by Mrs. Wood, a nurse. She did not hesitate. She called the rightful owner.

Mrs. Wood picked up her check that night at the Independence shelter where Ms. Pritchett was living, one of several where she and her children, Jeremiah, 13, Natasha, 9, and Stephanie, 7, had stayed since their arrival in Kansas City in June.

She offered a \$25 reward that Ms. Pritchett reluctantly accepted, on the condition that Mrs. Wood write her a thank you note.

"I wanted the children to know that when you find something, somebody lost it," Ms. Pritchett said.

Mrs. Wood also offered help on the house Ms. Pritchett had bid on. Perhaps she could paint, she said, or help hang wallpaper.

"I said, 'Why don't I call you?'" Ms. Pritchett said. "I didn't want her to know we didn't have walls to paint or paper. (The house) was just a few boards short of being on the endangered list."

Mrs. Wood soon saw it for herself. The boarded-up shell was a long-term project lacking all the essentials — a furnace, electricity, plumbing, even windows. Located across from two vacant lots, it had been abandoned and seized for back taxes by the county, which sold it to Ms. Pritchett through a special program.

The job seemed overwhelming, but Mrs. Wood took it on, working the telephone to find the help the Pritchetts needed. A fellow church member, contractor Charlie Copeland, offered to supervise free of charge. Others jumped in. A plumbing company donated a water heater; a construction supplier built windows. Mrs. Wood's uncle installed them.

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NBA BOXES

ORLANDO (11) Scott 71-5 2-16, Turner 49-4 4-12, Kite 9-3...

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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N. Iowa 79, Cleveland 51, 75, OT. W.L. Green Bay 85, Akron 81. Missouri Valley Conference Semifinals...

Florida A&M (99) Finney 2-26 2-4, Turner 9-18 0-1, Daniels 8-12 4-20...

NHL STANDINGS

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Morris, Newberry help lead Lake Howell girls to fourth at Colonial meet

Frank Beard, 63.599, 72-46-142, Jerry Barber, 63.599, 70-70-140, Jimmy Powell, 63.599, 72-46-148...

Softball

Nazerene of Sanford will tackle Markham Woods First Baptist at 1 p.m. and First Baptist Geneva will play Holy Cross Lutheran at 2 p.m.

Leading Holy Cross to its 11-9 win over Central Baptist were Chuck Hengehold (three singles, two RBI), Tim Pitman (single, home run scored, two runs scored)...

TRANSACTIONS

Baseball transactions including Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians, Milwaukee Brewers, and other teams.

Rams Continued from 18 (four 3-pointers) added 25 while Carlos Botes (a pair of 3-pointers) added 17.

Senell added 10 rebounds for Orangewood Christian while Parke, who was 9-for-13 on two-point attempts and 4-for-9 from three-point range, added eight rebounds.

Hullford drove the lane and sank a lay-up that would have given the Rams a two-point lead. But she was called for a charge, negating the basket. It was also her fifth foul, sending her to the bench.

That swung the momentum to Hilliard, which outscored Orangewood Christian 5-3 in the overtime period. Again, the Rams had two good shots at tying the score as time expired but they wouldn't go down.

Christa Hogan had one of her best games for Orangewood Christian, scoring a team-high 21 points to go with 12 rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club advertisement featuring a dog racing graphic and contact information: 831-1600.

BLONDIE



by Chic Young

BEETLE BAILEY



by Mort Walker

THE BORN LOSER



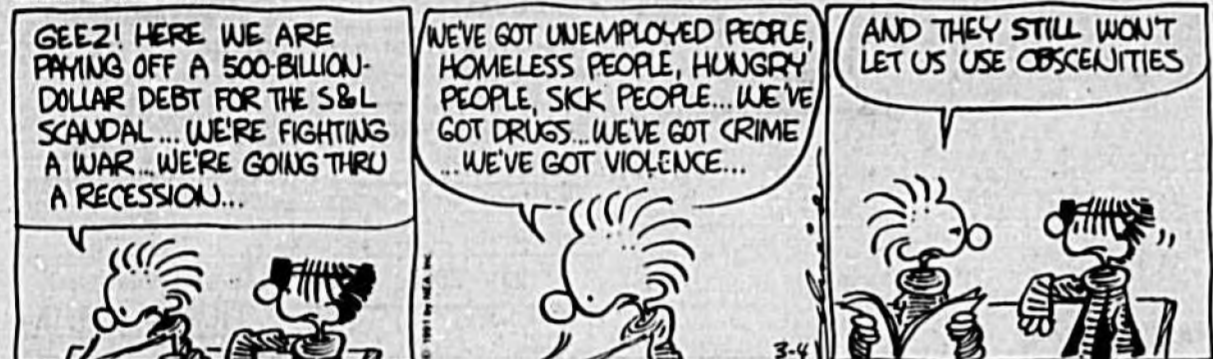
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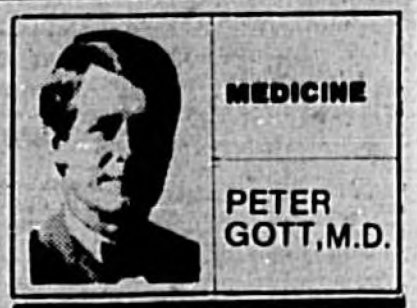
by Jim Meddick

Hypertension drugs cause side effects

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 64-year-old male with hypertension, controlled by medication. My problem is bad dreams and loss of concentration because of the medication. I've tried several different brands and find they all give me the same side effects. Is this my imagination, or is there a connection?

drug entirely) may not be effective; you need to try several classes of medication. Eventually, you will probably find one that agrees with you.

Remember, too, that you can lower your blood pressure "naturally" by losing weight (if you are heavy), avoiding salt in your



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

diet and obtaining regular exercise.

DEAR READER: The syndrome you describe can be the result of medicines for hypertension, all of which affect the nervous system.

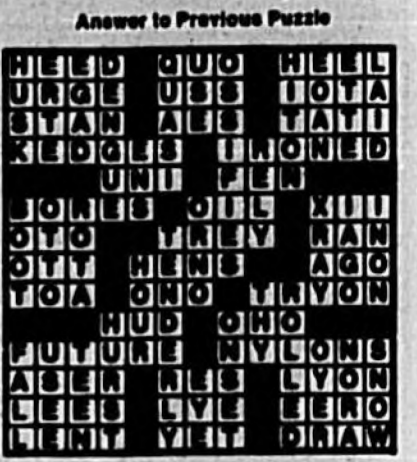
For example, Inderal (propranolol, a beta-blocker) can cause insomnia, nightmares, depression, memory loss and confusion. Calan (and other calcium-channel blockers) are associated with headache, insomnia, confusion, imbalance and psychiatric disturbances. Serpasil (reserpine) often leads to severe depression, anxiety, nightmares and nervousness. Vasotec (enalapril, an ACE inhibitor) may cause headache, dizziness, vertigo and blurred vision. Thiazide diuretics can initiate vertigo, dizziness and restlessness.

Catapres (clonidine) can lead to dizziness, headache and nervousness. Minipress (prazosin) may cause vertigo, depression and nervousness. Aldactone (spironolactone) is associated with lethargy, headache, confusion and imbalance. Aldomet (methyldopa) can cause emotional disturbances, nightmares, depression and dizziness. The list goes on.

Although all the drugs for hypertension have the potential for causing mental side effects, in practice the complications are, fortunately, relatively rare. Also, most patients who react badly to one class of medicines may not react to another.

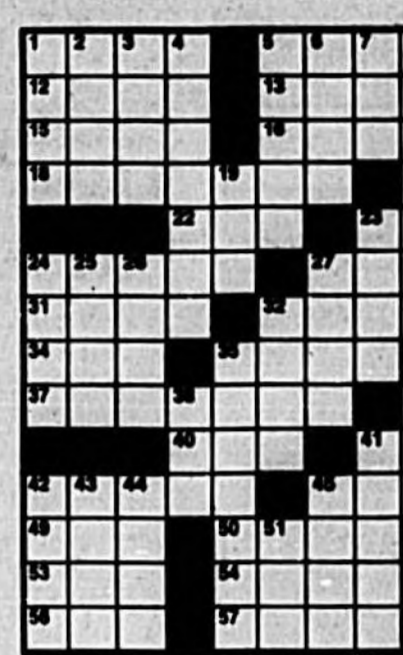
Therefore, I advise you to work with your doctor to discover a form of therapy that won't affect your concentration or sleep. You say you have tried different brands; this may not be enough. Simply switching brands (as opposed to changing the type of

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 - Baby buggy
 - Sine — non
 - Harness part
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 - Beatie —
 - McCartney
 - Experts
 - Actress —
- DOWN**
- Take away by force
 - Collar shape
 - By way of
 - Observer of strict diet
 - More metallic
 - Ear (comb. form)
 - Makes perfect score
 - Muse
 - 2,000 lbs.
 - Actor's part
 - Corn plant parts
 - Chemical suffix
 - Cheers
 - Tints



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 - 4 Pined
 - 5 Communicating instrument
 - 6 Uncommon
 - 7 Alias (abbr.)
 - 8 Thawing
 - 9 Campus area
 - 10 Edible seaweed
 - 11 Author Jean M. —
 - 12 Over (post.)
 - 13 Two pass — pod
 - 14 Colorado ski resort
 - 15 Ceramic piece
 - 16 Electa
 - 17 Hold session
 - 18 — blue
 - 19 Skirt part
 - 20 Series of heroic events
 - 21 Relax
 - 22 White
 - 23 Complete
 - 24 Capered
 - 25 Mrs. Peron
 - 26 Victory
 - 27 Shop tools
 - 28 Cast ballot
 - 29 — jacket
 - 30 Auctioneer's word
 - 31 Layer of tissue
 - 32 Now — me down to sleep
 - 33 Ireland
 - 34 Singer Diana —
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby
Each year Bols Royal Distilleries of Holland sponsors an unusual bridge-tips competition. Eight well-known bridge experts are each invited to submit a short article on the game, with emphasis on advice that can prove useful to either an intermediate or an expert player. The articles are then rated by vote of the entire membership of the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA). Prizes are awarded, but the prestige of victory is more important than actual financial reimbursement. Today's tip was submitted by my good friend Gabriel Chagas, many times world champion. It is: Don't Spoil Your Partner's Brilliance.

clarer's ace. South plays a low diamond, and suddenly your partner puts up the queen. Declarer ducks in dummy. Now West leads the four of spades to your queen. What now?

NORTH 2-4-91
♠ 2
♥ J 10 4 3
♦ A K 10 9 8 7 6
♣ —

WEST
♠ A K 10 4
♥ Q 6 5
♦ Q 4 2
♣ J 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 6
♥ 9 8 7
♦ J
♣ K 10 9 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ J 9 7 5 3
♥ A K 2
♦ 5 3
♣ A Q 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: ♠ 3

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osol
YOUR BIRTHDAY
March 5, 1991

Knowledge that you've acquired through personal experience could be put to very constructive use in the year ahead. In turn, an unusual set of circumstances might open unique possibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Having a visionary bent, you are likely to see a little clearer and a bit further than your contemporaries today. What you envision could turn out to be inspirational to them, as well as yourself. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
In several situations today, you may feel as though the reins are being yanked out of your hands, but don't let this disturb you. All types of changes tend to work in your favor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You usually prefer to do things

independently, however, you may encourage a team effort today. You'll establish cohorts, and they'll strengthen you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You will have it all together today, especially where your career is concerned. Follow your logical, preconceived game plan and the end results should be desirable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Friends with helpful connections, who wouldn't lift a finger for you yesterday, should be supportive of you today. Even if you were rejected, restate your request.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
If you have continuity of purpose, it will greatly enhance your probabilities for success today, especially in your financial affairs. Know what you want and don't settle for less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
In order to get another to reveal information that you are in need of at this time, you must first be equally as frank with this individual. Mutual trust will engender an honest exchange.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Probable possibilities are prevalent

in your involvements today. You could be fortunate in generating gains from more than one source. Therefore, get to work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
This can be a very rewarding cycle for you, provided you don't put material objectives over your non-worldly ones. Good things could come to you circuitously at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
In your business dealings today, don't discount the advice of competent associates. By the same token, don't tune out your hunches or perceptions, either. The blend will make a dynamite team.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You could be in for an interesting experience today: You might learn something of great value from a least suspecting teacher. Be respectful of the message, if not the messenger.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
You are presently in a good achievement cycle, so try not to waste time on insignificant objectives. Keep all your priorities in proper perspective.

by Leonard Starr

