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Lake Mary Assistant Principal Suspended

By Paul Schaefer and Susan Loden

Seminole County Sheriff John Polk said today his investigators are preparing paper work to present to the State Attorney which may lead to the arrest of a Seminole County school teacher who was videotaped by investigators as he allegedly sold illegal drugs to a former student.

While it is not known who is shown on the tape, effective today Seminole County Superintendent of Schools Bob Hughes has suspended Jay Stokes, an assistant principal at Lake Mary High School, after having been presented with "evidence of probable cause of misconduct in office and immorality in connection with his employ-

ment," said schools Personnel Director Ann Neiswender.

Polk said he doesn't know when the tape was recorded and he hasn't seen the video. However he said, with the tape the testimony of the former student seen in the tape is not needed to make a case against the teacher.

For three and a half years the Seminole County Sheriff's Department has been investigating allegations that some Seminole County teachers have supplied cocaine and marijuana to students and there have been allegations of male teachers having sex with female students, according to sheriff's Capt. Roy Hughey.

To date the allegations have been made by

parents and students not involved in the illegal activity, Hughey said. Without the direct testimony of a "student victim" it would be difficult to make a case against a teacher, he said.

Polk said the existence of the videotape may in this particular case result in charges being filed against a teacher.

Stokes received a hand-delivered letter Saturday notifying him of the suspension. It was delivered by long-time associate Lake Mary High School Principal Don Reynolds.

According to Mrs. Neiswender, Stokes is suspended with pay until an April 18 school board meeting, when the superintendent will present the evidence. She said she believes that at

the meeting, scheduled for 3 p.m. at county school board offices, 1211 Mellonville Ave., Hughes' recommendation to the board will be to suspend Stokes without pay "pending dismissal proceedings." She said Stokes would have 15 days after the board action to request a hearing on the dismissal.

A Lake Mary High School social studies teacher, Wilson Gordon, Jr., was suspended by Hughes April 3, also charged by Hughes with misconduct in office and immorality in connection with his employment.

The Stokes and Gordon suspensions "may be connected," Neiswender said, adding that another

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Oh, You Beautiful Baby!



Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

Ashley Payne, left, 3-year-old daughter of Jay and Liz Payne, Sanford, clutches first place trophies she won for the "most beautiful baby" in the age 2-3 years class and the "best smile and personality contest" at the Sanford's Most Beautiful Baby Contest held Saturday morning at the Sanford Nursing and Convalescent Center. Ashley Nicole

Yawn, middle, 13-month-old daughter of Wayne and Theresa Yawn, Sanford, "best dressed girl" contest winner, and Bonnie Lee Keith, right, 1-year-old daughter of Bradley and Bonnie Keith, Sanford, first place in the age 1-2 class of the "most beautiful" contest, show trophies. Contest proceeds go to the Missing Children Center, Inc., Winter Springs.

Neighborhood Watch Group Battles Threats

By Karen Talley Herald Staff Writer

Sanford's Georgetown community is being victimized by some of its own residents, who are using threats of reprisal to effectively drive a wedge between their neighbors and police.

Residents aren't reporting the "attacks, break-ins and robberies" they witness "because a lot of times they know who's doing it, and they've been told what would happen if they talk to the police," according to Artia Hardy, co-founder of Georgetown's Neighborhood Watch Program.

Hardy also said "the threats" residents receive are far from idle.

"These people mean what they say; they're not fooling around," he said.

The result is that his neighbors are uninvolved and "afraid," while Hardy is "frustrated."

"They're scared of being hurt, so they go inside when they see something going on. They don't want to be seen," he said. "Then they watch, but they don't tell police about it."

Hardy also said the vigilance Sanford police display in Georgetown "is great, but they can't be everywhere. Neighbors have to help each other."

Sanford Police Chief Steve Harriett wholeheartedly agreed with Hardy. "Citizen involvement is absolutely essential in this day and time, in any neighborhood," he said.

Harriett also said Georgetown's crime rate "really isn't more than any other area of the city," and commended the patrolling done by Hardy and the program's co-founder, Earl C. Myers.

"Those two are making one of the most active efforts in Sanford," Harriett said.

Hardy and Myers started the Georgetown Neighborhood Watch effort last summer. Since then, Hardy said they have regularly patrolled the community's approximately six miles of roads, which run from Sanford to Mellonville Avenues and 2nd Street to Celery Avenue.

Although the program did have other patrolers when it started, "They don't go out anymore because it's hard to pay for the gas," Hardy said.

Now, aside from himself and Myers, Hardy said the program's eight other members "walk around and watch from their homes."

With the program's first anniversary approaching, Hardy is calling for all his neighbors to "forget about fear and get involved. If you see something suspicious, call the police, call the watch people."

"It's the only way we can stop what's going on," Hardy said. "If we're afraid, we're nowhere."

Hardy said he would like to see patrols beefed up, "but with the way things are now, I'll take some support. Some watching and some cooperation with the police."

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Experts Suggest First Strikes Against Terrorists

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The United States has a "legal and moral right" to make pre-emptive strikes at terrorists, and should not be so cautious about using it, the former national security advisor, Robert McFarlane, said.

McFarlane said Sunday the United States should join its allies in developing a covert anti-terrorism force that would infiltrate terrorist organizations and make pre-emptive strikes against their training camps.

"Moving effectively, with strength, is particularly dif-

ficult," McFarlane said at a conference on international terrorism. "But we are being cautious, probably to a fault. We must overcome our lack of understanding of this scourge and put aside the romantic notion of giving terrorists the benefit of the doubt."

"Violence must on occasion be a component of an effective strategy."

Meanwhile, the top U.S. official for fighting terrorism says President Reagan's anti-terror efforts have failed because other nations see the problem as purely

"an American obsession."

Robert Oakley, the head of the State Department's counter-terrorism office, noted Sunday, however, that of the 928 people killed in 1985's terrorist attacks, only 23 were Americans, and none of the incidents took place in the United States.

Oakley, during an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation," jabbed at American's allies, comparing the failure to challenge Libya's Moammar Khadafy to the failure to stand up to Adolf Hitler, both leaders he described as madmen.

Asked whether Americans, given the potential for terrorism, should continue traveling to Europe and the Middle East, Oakley said, "I think they should."

He said the United States should not be bullied into becoming a "fortress America," with its citizens fearful to travel abroad because of terrorism.

"We should get out there and confront it," he said.

McFarlane said people need to understand that the United States has a "legal and moral

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Abducted Tot Found Safe

DAYTONA BEACH (UPI) — A 4-year-old Orlando girl who was abducted Saturday by a man who promised to show her some puppies was found unharmed late Sunday as she cried for her mother.

"I got to see daddy," little Tabitha Ann "Tammy" Thomas said as her father, Charles Thomas, walked into the Daytona Beach police station. Tammy ran down a hall and jumped into her father's arms.

A Daytona beach couple found the girl, crying for her mother, outside a condominium. They said she identified herself and they

called police.

A largely volunteer neighborhood search force of about 80 people had looked for Tammy for about 32 hours before the girl was found.

Tammy and her 7-year-old sister were playing outside the family's apartment Saturday when a man offered to show them some puppies. He led them behind an adjacent building, and the older girl became frightened and ran home, police said.

Tammy and the man were gone by the time the girl's mother, Cynthia, 29, arrived to check her daughter at about 2 p.m.

West Berlin Team Continues Probe Into Disco Bombing

BERLIN (UPI) — Authorities searched today for suspects in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque that killed a U.S. serviceman and a Turkish woman and officials said reports of Libyan involvement in the attack were speculation.

A 100-member West Berlin security team continued its investigation into the bombing early Saturday at the nightclub frequented by American soldiers and a spokesman for the team said they had made progress.

Spokesman Manfred Ganachow said West Berlin police were still unable to determine who was responsible for the bombing and said newspa-

per reports that authorities were linking Libya to the attack were "only speculation."

"Libyan involvement is one of the possibilities we are looking into," he said. "There are others."

Authorities said the West Berlin district attorney had offered a \$62,500 reward for information leading to the capture of the bombers. Police found the explosive that destroyed the La Belle was attached to a service counter.

Investigators planned to release photographs of a part of the club where the bomb was planted along with an appeal for

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Neiswender To Run For School Board

Citing a need for comprehensive planning within the school system, the school board's director of personnel services, Ann W. Neiswender, announced her candidacy today for a position on the school board.

She will face school board member Jean Bryant in the general election in November unless another person announces candidacy for seat five which would prompt a primary run-off in September. She is the first person in Seminole County to announce a school board candidacy, a non-partisan race.

Ms. Bryant said today that she intends to run for re-election and had spoken with Mrs. Neiswender about her pending candidacy.

Mrs. Neiswender, 42, said she was leaving her \$43,000-a-year position with the school system and running for the \$15,000-a-year seat "because I believe I have the qualifications



Ann Neiswender

It would take to be a very good school board member."

She is scheduled to take a leave of absence from her post-

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Longwood May Double Water, Sewer Fee Hikes

By Jane Casselberry Herald Staff Writer

Increased water and sewer fees will be discussed when the Longwood City Commission meets 7:30 p.m. today at city hall, 175 W. Warren Ave.

Under the proposed ordinances prepared by the city's consulting engineer, Dyer, Riddle, Mills and Precourt, residential sewage rates would be doubled going from \$12 per customer per month to \$24. Commercial sewer rates would go from 1 and a half times the monthly water bill (\$7.50 a month minimum) to three times the water bill or \$24 a month, whichever is greater.

Longwood has 400 residential connections to its Columbus Harbour and Skylark Sewage Treatment Plants. The development assistance fee for reserving sewage capacity would be increased from \$2 per gallon to \$5 per gallon. There would also be a reserve capacity fee for property owners who purchase capacity, but have not yet connected to the system, of 10 cents per gallon per year. The residential and commercial connection charge of \$550 and \$750 each would remain the same.

The monthly sewer fee for the Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club will be

\$1,000 during the season and \$75 off-season. The monthly fee for property which is vacant, but for which capacity is retained, is \$4.

There would be an incentive discount to those converting to a "gray-water" system reducing monthly charges by 25 percent per month and sewer connection fees by \$100.

Existing water rates and connection fee will remain the same, but development assistance fees would go from \$1 per gallon for reserved capacity to \$3 per gallon. Recommended new charges are a \$10 shut off or turn on charge.

There will be a discussion on whether to advertise for a part-time city attorney or hire a full-time attorney on staff. City Attorney Gerald Kormann's resignation has been accepted, but he is continuing in the position until a replacement is found. Because of the high legal expenses the city has experienced this year, commissioners are considering hiring a full-time attorney.

A compensatory time settlement with the Police and Fire Department employees requested by Police Chief and Acting City Manager Greg Manning will be discussed. Manning

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Are They Still Covering Up?

In 1982, when Congress was trying to investigate allegations that the federal toxic cleanup program was being politically manipulated, the administration claimed executive privilege and refused to let the public or its representatives in Congress see the Environmental Protection Agency's toxic cleanup records. That set off a controversy, which only deepened when the files finally were released and were found to contain clear evidence of EPA misconduct.

As a result, the chief and 21 other top political employees of the EPA were fired or forced to resign, and the House Judiciary Committee opened a second investigation — this one into the administration's decision to withhold the EPA documents. Last December, the committee reported its conclusions: that Deputy Counsel to the President Richard Hauser, up to a dozen Justice Department attorneys and at least one EPA attorney appeared to be guilty of official misconduct of their own. They not only advised withholding evidence of malfeasance, which is illegal, the committee said; several had knowingly and falsely testified before Congress and before a federal judge that the withheld EPA files contained no evidence of improprieties.

Nor was that all. The congressional committee reported that the Justice Department kept right on withholding evidence all during the committee's investigation into the earlier withholding of evidence. The department delayed releasing some files for more than a year; it took no action to find or protect other files and hid still others until the committee learned of their existence from other sources. And after the committee's report was released, according to Chairman Rep. Peter Rodino, the Justice Department's handling of certain documents raised "the extremely alarming possibility that the department has destroyed or is destroying files" before any special prosecutor could get to them.

The committee had urged Attorney General Ed Meese to arrange for the appointment of a Watergate-style special prosecutor to look into the matter — as he is legally required to do when he receives "credible evidence" of wrongdoing by high-ranking administration officials. But Meese has taken three months, so far, deciding whether the results of a two-year congressional study count as "credible evidence." And he is still stalling; while he has the FBI reinvestigate Congress' evidence.

By now, of course, it hardly matters what those former EPA officials once did. But it matters greatly whether the administration is still withholding, still covering up, still behaving as if the running of the country were none of Congress' business. That kind of response to a charge of administration misconduct can quickly become more dangerous — for the administration and the nation — than the original misconduct itself. The attorney general, of all the people, should know that and clear the way for a special prosecutor to be hired immediately.

PLEASE WRITE

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BERRY'S WORLD



"I may just send a thank you note to Ortega."

DONALD LAMBRO

The DOT Aiming Its Ax At The Deficit

WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Hanford Dole has survived her third year in President Reagan's Cabinet as the chief spearcarrier for the president's most radical deregulatory initiatives.

"I feel like a Wall Street banker," Mrs. Dole said during an interview in her spacious DOT office. During the interview, she talked about everything from the selling of Conrail to abolishing the Interstate Commerce Commission.

White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan once introduced her at a gathering by saying, "She's doing what I used to do on Wall Street — selling the railroads."

Like the president, Mrs. Dole thinks that certain commercial government activities would be more efficiently run by the business sector or by local and state governments.

To that end, she sold the Alaska Railroad in 1985 (the state of Alaska bought it for \$22.3 million) and is in the process of pushing legislation to sell Conrail, the rail-freight line Congress established in 1976.

She calls the proposed Conrail sale the administration's "flagship for privatization," and much of her legacy at DOT rides on the outcome.

The Conrail bill has passed the Senate, largely as a result of her indefatigable efforts in its behalf, although she had some help from her husband, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas, who gave it top priority earlier this year.

Sen. Dole has quipped that in bed at night, he has heard a voice saying, "Conraaaaail."

The measure faces an uncertain future in the House, where Democrats insist the government should get more for the railroad than \$1.2 billion in cash being offered by its designated buyer, Norfolk Southern.

But Mrs. Dole suggests that critics are being shortsighted when they focus solely on Conrail's price tag.

"See, the financial strength of this railroad is what I'm concerned about," she says. "I want to make sure that it never comes back to the federal government again. I don't want another

Penn-Central (bankruptcy) to happen. I'll take strength of the railroad any day for some extra (financial) consideration."

Through tough negotiations, she insisted that the deal carry five years of tightly worded covenants. For example, Norfolk "can't defer maintenance. You have to put \$500 million into capital every year. You cannot issue dividends unless you have \$500 million after you issue the dividends. Only 40 percent of net earnings can go to dividends."

In short, she thinks Norfolk "brings strength" to Conrail and is committed to preserving and running it profitably. Norfolk's competitors, she suggests, are in it for Conrail's assets.

As for the price-tag issue, there are hints from within the industry that when the measure nears action in the House, Norfolk is ready to raise the ante in order to crush its competitive bidders.

Mrs. Dole is confident of the bill's eventual passage. After three years of trying, she says, "we didn't come this far to lose this."

DICK WEST

Whatever You Do, It's Bad

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It was good to find the Supreme Court this week coming to grips with the question of whether the Bill of Rights extends into the bedroom.

Of all the liberties supposedly guaranteed by the Constitution, none has been more widely abused in recent years than privacy. In drafting the basic code by which we all live, our forefathers said nothing about freedom from prying eyes.

Yet, a Georgia resident had the audacity to attack that state's anti-sodomy law.

Police, as epitomized by your local sheriff, have a right to know what goes on behind closed doors and drawn blinds. I'm not sure the justices will go far enough in protecting the rest of us from unwarranted private exchanges.

It seems to me the court ought also do something about seduction. Certainly there has been plenty of that in modern times.

We all have heard stories about spouses who come home dead tired after working all day only to find their marital partners decked out in something seductive and obviously ready to go.

It usually does no good to say, "Not tonight, I have a headache." Or utter some other traditional excuse. Usually, one's marital partner simply will not be put off.

A wife or husband who is tucked out from the workaday world may be pined with flowers and bonbons until he or she yields to blandishments.

But if there were a cop at the bedroom door, or within hailing distance, one's marital partner might not be so persistent.

All this nonsense about "consenting adults" is just that — nonsense. There have been plenty of instances in which the alleged seducers weren't even married — at least, not to the party of the second part.

There also have been documented cases of seduction, or attempted seduction, in automobiles and on living room sofas.

According to sworn testimony, even some marital partners regard open fires as romantic, so I am hoping the Supreme Court will ban fireplaces outright. And the same thing goes for fetching garments and soft music.

Sure, there will be concerted opposition from attorneys for merchants who sell firewood and clinging clothing, to say nothing of stereo equipment. But I trust the court will be able to withstand such withering attacks.

Other enticements, including blowing or whispering sweet nothings in a loved one's ear, would be barred along with seduction, of course.



ROBERT WALTERS

But Who's Watching?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (NEA) — In an understatement of heroic proportions, a journalist here recently observed that Rep. William H. Boner, D-Tenn., "has always had an avid interest in small business deals."

The four-term representative's financial transactions — large and small — in recent years include these deals:

— In 1983, a local real estate developer gave him a 5 percent interest in a proposed \$18 million hotel project in Greenville, S.C., in return for Boner's investment of exactly \$5.

— In 1984, the same businessman gave Boner a 5 percent interest in a planned motel and restaurant project in Richmond, Va. On that occasion, the congressman made a \$50 investment.

— In 1982 and 1983, Boner's wife received almost \$48,000 from a Defense Department contractor, ostensibly as payment for work she performed — but the head of the firm now characterizes those payments as a "bribe" to the congressman.

Boner is one of four members of the House to be investigated this year by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which supposedly serves as a watchdog of legislators' ethics.

The cases of the four representatives share common characteristics that reveal a great deal about the maintenance of ethical standards in Congress: In each instance, the alleged wrongdoing was initially investigated and disclosed by a newspaper, and no congressional probe was launched until the publicity became intolerable for the politician involved.

In Virginia, it was a Richmond newspaper that revealed that Rep. W.C. "Dan" Daniel, D-Va., had accepted as least \$8 — and possibly as many as 212 — free trips aboard corporate aircraft owned and operated by a Pentagon contractor.

In Oregon, it was a Portland newspaper that disclosed that Rep. James Weaver, D-Ore., lost almost \$82,000 speculating in the bond market with money taken from his campaign treasury. He then claimed the money was repayment for a series of personal loans he had made to the campaign many years earlier.

Finally, it was the Wall Street Journal that first reported how Rep. Bernard J. St Germain, D-R.I., became a millionaire while serving in Congress — with the help of firms whose activities are under the jurisdiction of the House Banking Committee, which he chairs.

Here in Nashville, it was the Tennessean, one of the city's two daily newspapers, that aggressively pursued reports of Boner's allegedly improper business transactions.

"Boner has been enmeshed in a byzantine assortment of political and private relationships," two Tennessean reporters said in a recent magazine article. It concluded that the legislator "has used his public office for his own private gain."

In the case of the Virginia and South Carolina real estate ventures as well as other transactions, Boner failed to report the lucrative deals on the financial reports members of Congress must submit annually for public inspection.

JACK ANDERSON

Nicaraguan Upsets Maureen Reagan

By Jack Anderson
And
Dale Van Atta

WASHINGTON — Did Maureen Reagan try to have an official guest sent home because the visitor opposed the administration's aid to the contras? The president's daughter denies any such attempt, and the visiting Nicaraguan finished her stay as scheduled. Here's what government sources told our associate Lucette Lagnado:

Azucena Ferre is a politically active intellectual, a member of a wealthy Nicaraguan landowning family. She was selected by U.S. Embassy officials in Managua to come to Washington as part of the U.S. Information Agency's cultural exchange program.

Ms. Ferre was known to be an opponent of the Sandinista regime. What apparently was not so well known is that she also opposes the

contras. Her views coincide with those of an alternative anti-Sandinista group, the coalition that includes the Costa Rica-based guerrilla force of Eden Pastora, the onetime Sandinista hero known as Commandante Zero.

When she arrived in Washington a few weeks ago, Ms. Ferre told her USIA hosts she wanted to meet members of Congress and tell them her anti-Sandinista, anti-contras views. Someone involved with the trip had the bright idea that Ms. Ferre should also meet Maureen Reagan, the president's politically active daughter. Both women had attended the international women's conference in Nairobi last year.

Instead of reminiscences of Kenya, however, there was a passionate discussion of Nicaraguan politics, with each woman taking pains to make her opinion known to

the other. The scheduled 30-minute meeting stretched to more than an hour, sources said, causing Ms. Ferre to miss an appointment with officials of the Republican National Committee.

Ms. Reagan admitted to our associate that she was upset by Ms. Ferre's anti-contras views. She also acknowledged that she called her father's good friend, Charles Z. Wick, head of the U.S. Information Agency.

Ms. Reagan said she merely told Wick that Ms. Ferre was not the "political organizer" she was thought to be, and added that Ms. Ferre could be in danger back in Managua if her anti-Sandinista views were publicized. For her own safety, Maureen Reagan said, she urged that Ms. Ferre be kept from meeting the Washington press corps.

At no point, Ms. Reagan insists,

SCIENCE WORLD

Linking Chemicals To Notes

By Deltha Ricks
UPI Science Writer

DUARTE, Calif. (UPI) — When Francis Crick and James Watson unraveled the structure of DNA more than a quarter of a century ago, little did they know that the genetic blueprint for life also might serve as a source of music.

Not just any music — but melodies that can be likened to the Baroque and Romantic periods and to the austere dissonances reminiscent of 20th century master composer Igor Stravinsky.

Dr. Susumu Ohno, who holds the title Distinguished Scientist at the City of Hope Medical Center in suburban Duarte, claims to have discovered what he calls "the primordial secret," a link between music and the chemistry of genes.

DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid, is the chemical component of genes. It is responsible for all inherited characteristics of every form of life, determining everything from susceptibility to certain diseases to eye color, height and life span.

By translating the basic chemistry of DNA into musical notes, musicians are performing Ohno's scheme created from cancer genes, genes for antibodies and those that code for enzymes.

When played, a cancer-causing gene called an oncogene, sounds somber, slightly out of control.

An enzyme that breaks down lactose, simple milk sugar, sounds like a lullaby. The tune, recorded by a violinist has been played in several kindergartens in Tokyo and always helps put the children to sleep at naptime, Ohno said.

The melody of a synthetic antibody responsible for detoxifying the chemical phenol sounds lively, light-hearted.

"I had no formal training in music," explained the reproductive geneticist. "I knew the basic position of notes but that was all, absolutely nothing more."

In a scheme he calls periodicity to reflect the repetitive nature of the musical refrain and recurring chemical components of DNA, Ohno hypothesizes that all of nature is characterized by repetitions — Earth spinning on its axis, the revolution of planets around the sun.

"Ever since the creation of life on this Earth eons ago, our lives have been dominated by multitudes of periodicities.

"It's very simple," said Ohno of the process he has created to correlate the basic chemistry of genes to notes of the musical scale.

"The relationship is found between the molecular weights of the purine-pyrimidine bases (the basic chemistry of DNA) and the position of notes on the staff," he said.

did she suggest that the USIA send Ms. Ferre packing back to Nicaragua.

Officials involved with the Ferre trip put a different spin on the episode. They insist that they got word from "the top" that Ms. Ferre was to be sent home forthwith, that she be kept from press contacts — and that Maureen Reagan was behind it all.

Sources said the officials were called on the carpet by USIA officials and told to "terminate" Ms. Ferre's visit. But they pointed out that the Nicaraguan visitor already had an appointment with the editors of the New York Times, and her failure to show up could be more embarrassing than anything she might say at the meeting.

"What should I tell these people, that she dropped dead?" one official reportedly asked.

SPORTS

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Majors To Open With 5 Games

Baseball

United Press International
After six weeks of formulating questions in the sun of Florida and Arizona, major league baseball teams begin to get some answers Monday.

That's when the season officially opens with five scheduled games, stretching from coast-to-coast. Boston is at Detroit, Cleveland at Baltimore and Milwaukee at Chicago in the American League and Philadelphia at Cincinnati and San Diego at Los Angeles in the National League.

Over the next six months, fans across the country will get the answers to the following questions and lots more:

— Is their life in Los Angeles without Pedro Guerrero?

— Can Lou Piniella survive baseball's hottest seat as manager of the New York Yankees?

— Is rookie Pete Incaviglia of the Texas Rangers really the fictional Roy Hobbs come to life?

The Detroit Tigers have the honor of being the first team to take the field this season as they entertain the Boston Red Sox at Tiger Stadium in an afternoon game, beginning at 1:30 p.m. EST. Right-hander Jack Morris will start for Detroit against Boston left-hander Bruce Hurst.

The starting time of the Red Sox-Tigers game has created a bit of a furore in Cincinnati, where the Reds have traditionally had the honor

of officially opening the season. The Reds will play host to the Philadelphia Phillies Monday but the game is not slated to start until 2:05 p.m.

The fact the Red Sox-Tigers game starts a full half hour before the Reds contest does not sit well with Cincinnati Vice Mayor J. Kenneth Blackwell.

Opening Day is a long-cherished tradition in Cincinnati and not one to be taken lightly, Blackwell noted.

Blackwell has countered the Tigers' move with some tongue-in-cheek offensive strategy. He proposes:

— City Council should pass a resolution chastising baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth for allowing the Tigers an early start.

"The only thing he can do to make up for this," Blackwell said, "is to schedule the next three World Series in Cincinnati, regardless of who is playing."

— Greater Cincinnati International Airport should suspend all landing rights for airplanes flying in from the Detroit area.

— The State Highway Patrol and the Cincinnati Police Department should stop all cars with Michigan license plates and reroute Detroit

drivers around the Queen City.

— Everybody at the Reds' Opening Day game — including the scoreboard timekeeper — should turn back their watches one hour at 2 p.m. Blackwell says this deception will confuse future historians about whether the Tigers actually started their opener before the Reds.

Tigers spokesman Robert Miller said Detroit did not intend to upstage the Reds.

"It's just a quirk in the schedule," Miller said. "There was no intention on the part of the commissioner, the American League or the Tigers to steal the thunder away from the Reds. The Reds' game has been designated as the traditional opener of baseball."

Fans attending the Reds-Phillies game will not get to see baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, in action, however. Rose, bothered by a stomach virus and flu all spring, was forced to place himself on the 15-day disabled list Sunday and will be relegated strictly to managing the club for the first two weeks of the season. It is only the second time in his 24-year career that Rose has gone on the disabled list.

Rose has named right-hander Mario Soto as his Opening Day starter and the Phillies will counter with left-hander Steve Carlton. It marks a remarkable comeback for the

41-year-old Carlton, a four-time Cy Young Award winner who appeared in only 16 games last year.

Another left-handed pitcher attempting a comeback, Mike Flanagan, will start for Baltimore in its opener at home against Cleveland. Flanagan missed most of last season with a knee injury and pitched in only 15 games. Ken Schrom will start for Cleveland.

A knee injury is already plaguing the Dodgers as they begin defense of their NL West title. The Dodgers will take the field without Guerrero, their most feared slugger, in the lineup. He suffered a torn tendon behind his right knee in a sliding accident last Thursday and will be lost to the team for at least three months. Left-hander Fernando Valenzuela has been named by Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda to pitch the opener and Eric Show will start for San Diego.

One of baseball's youngest pitching stars against one of the oldest will be the featured attraction at Chicago's Comiskey Park where the White Sox play host to the Brewers. Ted Higuera, a 27-year-old left-hander who won 15 games for Milwaukee last season, will start for the Brewers and Tom Seaver, a 41-year-old right-hander who has won 304 career games, gets the starting assignment for Chicago.

It's Make Or Break Week For Softball

This could be the week that makes or breaks many of the teams in the race for the Seminole Athletic Conference title.

Lake Brantley's Lady Patriots lead the way with a 5-1 SAC mark, one game ahead of Lake Howell (4-2) and one and a half ahead of Oviedo (4-3). Seminole and Lake Mary are still in the running, two games back at 3-3. Lyman can only play the role of spoilers as it is 0-7 in the league.

Lake Brantley, which has not lost since the finals of the Lady Hawk Tournament, has games this week with the second and third place teams in the standings. The Lady Patriots host Oviedo Wednesday and are at Lake Howell Thursday.

The Lady Patriots are 21-4 overall and have already broken the school record for victories in a season. Brantley has gotten consistency from the top to the bottom of its batting order with three players hitting over .400 and a total of eight over .300 with two more closing in on .300.

Lake Howell, 12-9 overall, is coming off two straight losses in which the offense took a powder but the Lady Hawks look to get back on track this week as they host Seminole on Tuesday and Brantley Thursday.

"It's do or die for us this week," Lake Howell coach Jo Luciano said. "We have to play much better than last week. Hopefully, that was just a little slump that we went through that's over."

Oviedo's Lady Lions put themselves in contention in the SAC with a win Friday over Lake Howell. Oviedo, 11-6 overall, is also currently leading the Orange Belt Conference with a 5-1 record. Along with the game against Brantley, Oviedo has two OBC games this week as it hosts Bishop Moore on Tuesday and goes to Orlando to play Jones on Thursday. All Oviedo home games start at 3:30 and are played at Red Bug Park.

Seminole High's Lady Seminoles are one of the most improved teams around and they have won four of their last six to improve to 7-9 overall. Seminole has already surpassed its record (6-14) of a year ago. The Lady Tribe has a couple of big conference games this week as it goes to Lake Howell Tuesday and is at Lake Mary Thursday. Seminole hosts DeLand Wednesday in a nonconference game.

"We're starting to play a little more consistently," Seminole coach Lance Abney said. "We have a shot at a good seed in the district if things keep going like they are now. Put we don't have any pushovers from here on out."

Consistent has been the word for the Lady Seminoles on offense as they have 10 players hitting .296 or better. Another player, catcher Shelly Sanders, has improved her average over 100 points. Sanders went through an early season slump where she hit just .111 but has come on strong the past two weeks to raise it to .229.

Lake Mary's Lady Rams are still having problems scoring runs. Lake Mary won one of two games last week and relied primarily on defense in a 4-3 win over Oviedo. Amy Adams' over-the-shoulder catch of a long drive by Jill Knutson saved the win over the Lady Lions.

The Lady Rams, 7-10 overall, host DeLand in a nonconference game today at 4. Lake Mary then hosts Lyman on Tuesday and Seminole Thursday.

"We have nothing to lose at this point so we're going to experiment a little," Lake Mary coach Cindy Henry said. "We're going to play some kids that haven't played very much and see what they can do. We want to get a more relaxed atmosphere, the kids have been too uptight lately."

Lyman will look to snap out of an 11-game losing streak when it goes to Lake Mary Tuesday for its only game this week. The Lady Greyhounds are 4-12 overall and their last win was over Lake Brantley in the Evans Tournament on March 1.

Of Lyman's seven losses in the SAC, five have been by one run including a 7-6 loss to Seminole

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Hitting Winners

Two reasons Lake Howell's girls and Lake Brantley's boys captured Seminole Athletic Conference championships Saturday are Bonnie Oliver, above, and Dirk Hortian. Oliver finished second in the Division IV singles as Lake Howell compiled 15 points to overcome Oviedo and Lake Brantley who tied for second with 13. Mindy Gardberg (Division V) and Renee Eisasser (Division III) won individual championships. Edie Dulce was second at Division II and teamed with Gardberg to take second in the Division II doubles. Emy-Lou Dulce teamed with Eisasser to capture second in the Division I doubles. Lake Brantley, meanwhile, had an easier time. The unbeaten Patriots totaled 18 points to 11 for Lake Howell and six for Lyman. Hortian won the Division II singles title while the Palus brothers — Mark and Pete — took the singles crowns at Division III and IV, respectively. Jonathan Bourne also won for the Pats at Division V. Hortian and Bourne took the Division I doubles while the Palus brothers topped Lake Mary's Shea Whigham and Mike Renaud in the Division II doubles.



Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

Rose Takes Unnatural Seat For Opening Day

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Pete Rose, for the first time in his 24-year career, today missed playing in a season opener.

Because of illness during spring training, the Cincinnati player-manager started the season on the 15-day disabled list when his Reds faced the Philadelphia Phillies at 2:05 p.m. EST.

In Sunday's practice, Rose spent only a few minutes batting and fielding, then retired to the dugout to psychologically prepare himself for spending Opening Day on the bench.

"I'll be thinking I'm playing," Rose said. "I'll be in the game (mentally)."

"Sure, I'd love to be the Opening Day first baseman, there's going to be a huge crowd here. It will be an empty feeling if a situation comes up where I feel I could have helped the team and I can't. But if we get a lot of runs early and win the game, I'll feel OK."

"Even though I won't play, I'll sure be part of the game," he insisted. "I may decide the game with a right or wrong decision. I just won't be on the Star of the Game Show. I sure hope one of my players is, though."

Rose, who will celebrate his 45th birthday April 14 and be eligible to play again April 18, has been on the disabled list only one other time: in 1968 when he broke his thumb.

Rose said he hated to miss the start of the season, but admitted he simply isn't ready to play yet.

"I'm just not ready because I wasn't able to do the things in spring training I wanted to do, and that's because I had a couple of ailments," he said. "I had the flu and for four or five days I couldn't do anything. I was dead tired."

"I'm getting better every day, but I'm still not 100 percent. I think it'll take me another week and a half before I feel I'm ready to play."

Along with Rose missing an opener, another tradition died at Cincinnati today. The Reds, traditional hosts of baseball's opener, were upstaged by the Detroit Tigers, who scheduled their opener for 1:30 p.m., 35 minutes ahead of the Reds.

"Who cares if they start a half-hour before us," Rose said. "You could start a game two days ago in Detroit and not have the same kind of atmosphere you have in Cincinnati. Even in Timbuktu, they know the baseball season opener is really in Cincinnati."

Reds owner Marge Schott had a suggestion: "We're going to turn our watches back an hour," she said.

Rozelle: Pinckes Wasn't Recruited For Lake Mary

By Sam Cook
Herald Sports Editor

Fred Rozelle, executive director of the Florida High School Activities Association, said Friday he ruled there was no residency violation or recruiting involving Mike Pinckes, a 17-year-old baseball player who transferred from Lake Brantley High School to Lake Mary High School last November.

"I talked to several individuals on both sides and there was no conclusive evidence that he was recruited," Rozelle said via telephone from his Gainesville office Friday morning. "The family does live in the house, so there is no violation of residency."

Rozelle also said, however, the circumstances were such that Pinckes and Lake Brantley coach Mike Smith should have sat down and worked out their differences so Pinckes could have stayed at Lake Brantley. Pinckes said he did not feel it was in his best interests scholarship-wise to remain there.

"They should have solved their problems and the young man (Pinckes) should have

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stayed at Lake Brantley," Rozelle said. "He transferred strictly for sports reasons, but that is not a violation."

The charges of a residency violation and recruiting were brought forward by Lake Brantley Principal Darvin Boothe after an investigation by Lake Brantley baseball parents Richard Coffey and Joe Davis.

Terry Hagen, owner of Hagen Homes, rented a house to the Pinckes family in the Lake Mary school zone. Coffey and Davis said they felt Hagen was instrumental in Pinckes' transferring to Lake Mary. Hagen vehemently denied the charge.

Rozelle discussed the situation with Lake Mary Principal Don T. Reynolds, Hagen, baseball coach Allen Tuttle and the Pinckes family (parents Steve and Carol) on March 24. He talked to Boothe, Smith and an unidentified Lake Brantley baseball player last Monday.



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Neal Harris leans back and fires. The Lake Mary senior righthander tossed a two-hitter at Daytona Beach Mainland Saturday. The victory was the 20th of the season for No. 5 ranked Lake Mary against just two losses. The Rams return to Seminole Athletic Conference play Tuesday at Seminole.

No-Hit Hurlers To Duel In Tuesday's SAC Battle

By Sam Cook
Herald Sports Editor

Brian Sheffield and Mike Schmit, two righthanded hurlers who authored no-hitters on consecutive Friday nights the past two weeks, will square off Tuesday when Seminole and Lake Mary meet in a Seminole Athletic Conference baseball game at Lake Mary High.

First pitch is set for 3:30 p.m. Sheffield, a senior with a dipping curveball, no-hit Lyman in the final game of the Greater Greyhound Invitational on March 28. The three-year varsity starter is 5-5 with one save this year. He leads the county in innings pitched with 58 1/2 and strikeouts with 65.

Coach Mike Ferrell's workhorse worked two innings Friday to wrap up Mike Edwards' victory over Lyman. "Brian has looked pretty good the last couple of times he's pitched on three days' rest," Ferrell said. "It's hard to tell, though. Sometimes he has it on three days' rest and sometimes he doesn't."

Schmit, meanwhile, has had it

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just about every time out. The senior righthander is a four-year varsity starter and the foundation of Lake Mary's strong program.

After Schmit tossed his no-hitter this past Friday against a hard-hitting Lake Brantley team, he improved his record to 8-0. He has 65 strikeouts in 53 1/2 innings and a fine 1.31 earned run average.

"It should be a real interesting matchup," Ferrell said. "Maybe Schmit had his best game against Lake Brantley. It's really something to no-hit those guys."

Lake Mary's victory over Lake Brantley gave it a 4-1 SAC mark. The Rams are one game ahead of 4-3 Lake Howell. Blumpling Oviedo is 3-2 while Seminole and Lyman are 2-3. Brantley is 1-8.

"The loss to Lyman and the first one to Oviedo really hurt us," Lake Howell coach Burt Benjamin said. "But we're still

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BEETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



THE BORN LOSER

by Art Sansom



ARCHIE

by Bob Montana



EEK & MEEK

by Howie Schneider



MR. MEN AND LITTLE MISS

by Hargreaves & Sellers



BUGS BUNNY

by Warner Brothers



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



TUMBLEWEEDS

by T. K. Ryan



Make Changes Which Enhance Life Quality



Dr. Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT — For the past three years, my mother, 65, has been having problems with memory loss, an impairment severe enough that she was pressured into early retirement. Two doctors did extensive tests and say they have ruled out most of the possible causes of these problems. But she is on Inderal, which I understand has loss of memory as a side effect. Even assuming that Alzheimer's disease is a possibility, should she be taking a drug that has memory loss as a possible side effect?

DEAR DR. GOTT — You are correct that Inderal (a drug in the beta-blocker family) can cause mental alterations in elderly patients. I think you could do your mother a service by asking her doctor to change the medicine to one that is not associated with memory loss. Even if the change only results in some small improvement, the quality of her life may be enhanced.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I have read books and articles and have seen television reports indicating that people who are adequately medicated for chronic pain rarely become addicted to the medication. An article in the magazine Nursing 85 states that the percentage of patients receiving continuous narcotic infusion who suffered addiction was less than 0.05 percent. Why, then, are physicians so reluctant to provide adequate medication to control chronic pain?

DEAR READER — You raise an extremely pertinent topic. As a whole, doctors have been reluctant to administer narcotics to patients with chronic pain. Thanks to hospice programs and other organizations dealing with chronically and terminally ill patients, many doctors are now revising their prescribing practices. Several studies have shown that patients with chronic pain from diseases such as cancer do much better if they are given analgesics on a regular schedule, before the pain becomes severe. Hence, physicians are finally realizing that the important issue is pain control and comfort, not addiction.

narcotics more freely to those patients who need the medicine. I do not believe that this change will lead to abuses. I think it is part of physicians' awareness that, for many illnesses, pain control is really all we can offer; and patients seem to be grateful that we are willing to prescribe in ways that are the most effective. Thank you for your perceptive comments.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I am very weak and stagger around. I have to use a walker in my apartment. I did have a slight stroke four

years ago and have cataracts on both eyes. I will soon have them removed. Will this make me steadier on my feet?

DEAR READER — Absolutely. Successful cataract extraction appears to produce an enormous improvement in older patients' abilities to get around, stay steady on their feet and maintain independence. I'd like to hear from you after the surgery. Let me know if things are better.

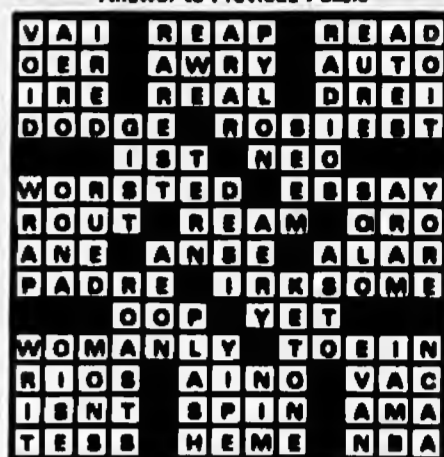
ACROSS

- 1 Tame animal
- 4 Adjoin
- 6 French cleric
- 12 Lip
- 13 Chinese (comb. form)
- 14 Town
- 15 Spider
- 17 Opera fare
- 18 Bill of fare
- 19 Impure
- 21 Tear
- 24 Hebrew letter
- 25 Like a leopard
- 29 Very wet
- 33 Bench
- 34 Rowing tools
- 36 SC Pacific island
- 37 Egyptian king's crown
- 38 Long garment
- 41 Firearm owners' gp.
- 42 Kind of automobile
- 44 Ball players
- 46 Skeleton part
- 48 Foot
- 49 Splash
- 53 Eastern priest
- 57 Curved doorway
- 58 Dawn
- 61 Tedious one
- 62 Opera prince
- 63 Engage in winter sport
- 64 Addict
- 65 Business note
- 66 Monetary unit of Japan

DOWN

- 5 Box for coal
- 6 One
- 7 Present age
- 8 Run out on
- 9 Actor (Lancaster)
- 10 French cheese
- 11 Mild oath
- 16 Brief in speech
- 20 Island of the Aegean
- 22 Former Japanese statesman
- 23 _____ and carrots
- 25 Health centers
- 26 Folksinger (Seeger)
- 27 Was indebted to
- 28 Thrash soundly
- 30 Yearn
- 31 Cat sound
- 32 Positive words
- 35 Hand blow
- 38 More distant

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 40 Indian
- 43 Insect egg
- 45 Russian ruler
- 47 Cloud
- 49 Hollywood's elephant boy
- 50 Experts
- 51 Farm measure
- 52 Violence
- 54 Porgy and Bess
- 55 Cook with dry heat
- 56 Related
- 59 — Kippur
- 60 Brother (abbr.)

WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby

There is a school of bridge that advocates opening the bidding whenever you can muster two and a half defensive tricks. I don't really object to that philosophy, provided that the opening bidder has a convenient rebid. In today's deal North had defensive strength, but the easy rebid was nowhere to be found. After South's one-heart response, North was loath to bid no-trump without a stopper in either black suit, so he now bid his mangy five-card diamond suit. South had no problem — he jumped right to three no-trump.

South bid the hand better than he played it. He won the first club trick with his queen and took a diamond finesse. When the queen won, he quickly cashed the ace, even though he should have been alerted by

East's play of the nine. Now he had to scramble. He played a spade to the jack and then played the queen of hearts. East won the king and returned a club, which West ducked. Declarer now took the rest of his nine tricks and ran for cover.

It's a different story if North passes originally. Now South will open with one no-trump and North will raise to three. In the absence of any clairvoyance, West will probably lead a diamond. Declarer will now win all five diamond tricks and probably make two overtricks. This is not meant as a sermon for sound opening bids. The result was certainly random, but take it from me, defensive strength or not, a scattered 11 high-card points with no rebid should not be opened. Pass and await developments.

NORTH 4-7-8		EAST	
♠ 10 8 3	♥ A 5	♠ Q 9 6 5 2	♥ K 9 7 4
♦ A 8 6 2	♣ J 10 7	♦ 9	♣ 8 6 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 7 4	♥ 10 6 3	♠ A K J	♥ Q J 8 2
♦ K J 7 5	♣ A 9 5 4	♦ 10 4 3	♣ K Q 2
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: North			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

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What The Day Will Bring...

YOUR BIRTHDAY APRIL 8, 1986

Life is going to take you off in an entirely new direction in the year ahead. You'll now have the courage to tackle challenges that previously intimidated you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Beginning today, there will be improvements in conditions that affect an important personal interest. Stumbling blocks that have hampered you will be removed. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, Box 1848, Cincinnati, OH 45201.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) The secret wish you've been hoping for may soon be fulfilled. Don't give up on it now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A progressive friend is going to turn you on to a new project that will capture your imagination. It's an area you've yet to explore.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are now in a cycle where important career objectives can be achieved. You'll have to work hard for what you get, but your goals can be attained.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, start laying firm foundations for plans that affect not only the immediate, but what will be important to you a few weeks from now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A joint venture could work out favorably for you at this time. Carefully examine financial proposals brought to you by people you trust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Alliances you enter into during this cycle have promising potential. You'll be fortunate in partnership arrangements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You'll now start receiving material rewards that you're entitled to, but have thus far been denied. Keep producing at full speed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Specific benefits will be gained through social contacts that you now have or will be soon making. It's to your advantage to get out and circulate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today marks a time of endings and beginnings. Something that has caused you problems will now be replaced by something that is good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your mental abilities are extremely acute today and any bright ideas you conceive should not be treated lightly. Your mind can make you money.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) As of today, there will be a positive upturn in your financial trends. But you must be patient, and let matters gain momentum.

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IN BRIEF

Florida Ma Bell Has New Leader With Henry Taking State Reins

H.C. "Buddy" Henry, Jr., Southern Bell vice president, has taken charge of the company's Florida operations as of April 1. Henry succeeds Walter Aford who has been elected an officer in BellSouth and named to the position of vice president and corporate counsel.

Henry was in charge of operations in South Carolina before his promotion.

The new Florida executive joined Southern Bell in 1965. A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Henry is a graduate of the university of South Carolina and holds an MBA from Florida Atlantic.

He was elected a vice president of Southern Bell in 1984.

Heathrow Sales Top \$10 Million

Residential sales in Heathrow during the past three months have topped \$10 million, according to Thomas J. Stevenson, president of Heathrow Realty.

Sales of 25 units totaled \$10.6 million, Stevenson said. Single family estate homes comprised 75 percent of the sales, Stevenson stated, with homes in The Hamptons, a golf condominium development, making up the remainder.

Exxon To Honor Honor

An agreement has been announced between Barnett Banks, Exxon and the Honor automated teller machine network, that will enable Honors 4.3 million cardholders to begin making purchases with their bank cards at participating Exxon outlets effective on or about May 1.

Barnett will serve as the financial organization for Exxon. Customers will be able to make purchases using their debit cards and qualify for any offered discounts for cash, according to J. L. Whitehurst, Exxon's southeastern regional sales manager.

Apprenticeship Program Set

Allen Gast, president of the Air Conditioning Contractors Association of Central Florida, has announced the creation of the Ed Ross Memorial Apprenticeship Program. The program will be in conjunction with Westside Votch and Wymore Tech.

The program was named as a tribute to Ed Ross, late president of Comfort Pac Systems in recognition of his gifts of time and efforts on behalf of the air-conditioning industry's educational programs, according to Gast.

The apprenticeship program is a two year training course for those in the air-conditioning, heating and refrigeration industries.

Quit Smoking Center Opens

Schick Laboratories, Inc. has announced the opening of a franchised Schick Center for the control of smoking and weight serving Central Florida.

The Schick programs are the result of a \$6 million investment in habit and addiction research by Schick Laboratories, according to the announcement.

Schick Center offers free consultation with no obligation. The center is located at 201 Park Place, Suite 204, Altamonte Springs.

CentTrust-Freedom Cancel Merger

By Susan Postlewaite
UPI Business Writer

MIAMI (UPI) — CentTrust Savings Bank called off a proposed merger with Freedom Savings and Loan Association in Tampa Friday, blaming Freedom with trying to hurry the \$70 million takeover.

The merger of CentTrust in Miami and Freedom in Tampa would have created Florida's largest savings bank.

"As far as we're concerned, we're out of it," said Dave Whitney, vice president of CentTrust. "We needed more time to complete this and they couldn't agree to that," he said.

"It would have made a good combination. We're predomi-

nant in South Florida, they're in West Florida and both of us are in Central Florida," he said.

Freedom Chairman Bob Klingler denied that he hurried the deal. He said he had hoped to get a definitive agreement before Freedom's annual meeting April 29, but agreed to give CentTrust more time.

"From the stockholder standpoint we're disappointed but not totally surprised," Klingler said.

He said Federal Home Loan Bank Board regulators had discussions in the past week with CentTrust. "I can't speculate as to the reasons for the action. We agreed to give them as much time as they had requested."

CentTrust chairman David Paul, who owns 53 percent of CentTrust's stock, called off the deal early Friday.

"I have not heard from David Paul," said Klingler. "I got word through our attorney."

Freedom, with \$2.6 billion in assets, made progress last year in restoring its financial health and increasing its capital worth, which had been severely depleted. It reported a profit of \$9.1 million.

Klingler said Freedom is not seeking another merger partner.

"The game plan for Freedom has been to get back into a very healthy position," he said.

CentTrust had offered \$22 per share for Freedom's stock for a total of about \$70 million.

CentTrust, with about \$4.8 billion in assets, is Florida's second-largest savings & loan association, behind Florida Federal in St. Petersburg.

He said CentTrust will continue to look around for another partner. "We're always looking. It's just a matter of what comes along."

State Solons Eye Insurance Crisis

TALLAHASSEE (UPI) — Skyrocketing commercial insurance premiums have pitted many of Florida's heavyweight legislators and lobbyists against one another in what may be the most hotly debated issue of the spring.

At the heart of the debate is the doctrine of joint and several liability, universally blamed by insurance companies for their woes. Other industry watchers question how big a problem the doctrine really is, and suggest the industry may be using joint and several to draw attention away from other solutions.

Chief among those critics is Commissioner of Insurance Bill Gunter, who contends premium increases of "300, 500, even a thousand percent" have become commonplace. Gunter's proposed reforms include a plea for more authority to review and reject rate increases.

Gunter's proposal is anathema to insurance industry representatives, who say marketplace economics would bring rates under control if only the Legislature would reform runaway courtroom damage settlements.

Joint and several holds that any defendant in a multiple defendant suit can be forced to pay all damages. Insurance industry representatives say that encourages litigants to target the

"deep pocket" defendant — usually the wrongdoer's insurance company.

"It's basically a question of fairness," said Florida Association of Insurance Agents spokesman Kenneth Walton. "We believe the doctrine of joint and several liability has been with us long enough."

The insurance industry is coming off one of the worst years in its history, one marked by multi-million dollar settlements. Spokesmen say the industry lost \$5.5 billion last year — a figure that Gunter and other insurance critics strongly dispute. Their vanishing profitability, insurance spokesmen say, has forced them to increase rates and avoid insuring high-risk businesses.

They have asked the Legislature to drastically reform or abolish joint and several and place a \$250,000 cap on damage and suffering awards. They are backed in that effort by several high-power interest groups, including the Florida Medical Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

Gunter, backed by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, say the industry cannot guarantee abolishment of joint and several and a damages cap would lower rates.

A joint and several repeal bill passed the House in 1985, but failed to clear the Senate.



Bunny Hug On Romance

Margo Schmidt and Jill Bedenbaugh, stewardesses aboard the Romance, flank Jim Fulghum, of the Seminole Flower Shop in Sanford, as the trio celebrates during a special Easter Dinner cruise. The 'Bunny' delivered center pieces for the riverboat dining tables. In fact, Fulghum was dressed as a bunny for all of his deliveries for the flower shop that day.

Belzberg Bid For Ashland: Greenmail?

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (UPI) — The \$1.8 billion bid by Canada's Belzberg family to gain control of Ashland Oil Inc. has reinforced their reputation in U.S. business circles as crash-and-grab corporate raiders.

The success of the publicity-shy Belzberg brothers — Sam, William and Hyman — in building a \$3 billion financial empire is unquestioned.

But the tactics that have won the Belzbergs that success have been described by some analysts as corporate "greenmail."

Through their Vancouver-based holding company, First City Financial Corp., the Belzbergs have garnered some \$60 million by launching takeover attempts on widely held corporations and then backing out at the last minute.

The takeover bids inevitably inflate the share value of the target company, allowing the Belzbergs to sell their shares at a substantial profit when they pull out.

First City spokesmen deny the "greenmail" label, insisting the Belzbergs are looking for sound investments rather than quick profits. But the Ashland bid did little to help their reputation.

"It's hard to second-guess their motives, but it appears a lot of people, like the Belzbergs, have been purchasing stock and taking profits rather than taking control of the companies involved," said Lincoln Werden of Thomson McKinnon Securities of New York. "It seems they'd rather take greenmail than hang around."

When First City Financial Corp. aborted its run at Ashland last Tuesday by agreeing to unload its 9.2 percent interest in Ashland at \$51 per share, the Belzbergs walk away with a cool \$14 million pre-tax profit.

It was not the first time the Belzbergs had walked away from a failed takeover attempt with a hefty profit.

In November, First City failed in a grab for Potlatch Corp., a San Francisco-based forest company. The Belzbergs made almost \$6 million before taxes for their trouble.

The reputation began in 1981 when the Belzbergs acquired a 22.8 percent in Bache Group Inc., parent of the Wall Street brokerage house Bache Securities. Bache viewed the bid as hostile and brought in the Prudential Insurance Company of America as a "white knight."



Sports Car Buff

Milton Smith, left, member of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce's welcoming committee took time out after the ribbon cutting ceremonies to admire one of the

used cars at Ernie Jackson Auto Sales, 508 S. French Ave. Owner Ernie Jackson gives Smith the guided tour.



Fashionable Cutting

Teri Ricci, center, manager and fashion coordinator of Eve's Fashions, is flanked by Florida Rep. Art Grindle and Sanford Mayor Bettye Smith, during ribbon-cutting ceremonies by the Chamber of Commerce's Welcoming Committee. The firm is located at 3673 Orlando Drive in the Seminole Centre.



Auto Welcoming

Brad Matthews, owner of Matthews Motors, holds the giant scissors and, with the assistance of Sanford's Mayor Bettye Smith, clips the ribbon celebrating the Chamber of Commerce's ribbon-cutting ceremony at the auto dealership located at 4274 U.S. Highway 17-92 South.



State Of The Art Movies

Sanford Mayor Bettye Smith, center, joins Marshall W. "Bill" and Joy Dickson, owner-managers of the Movie Gallery, in wielding the scissors to celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Chamber of Commerce's Welcoming Committee. Others

shown are, left to right, Martha Yancey, Bobby Douglas, City Commissioner Milton Smith, Dick McAllister and Minnie Kane. The Movie Gallery is located at 3699 Orlando Drive, Seminole Centre.