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Sports

Sanford teams like Lake Mary

LAKE MARY — A pair of Sanford-based men's softball teams have found a new home in the Lake Mary fall slowpitch softball leagues.

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BRIEFS

Chamber gambling debate

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce will hold a debate Wednesday, Nov. 2, on Proposition 8, casino gambling. Speakers will be State Representative Lee Constantine and Stan Driscoll of Seminole Greyhound Park.

A straw ballot is to be taken before and after the debate to indicate the business community's opinion.

Cost for the event is \$10 for members, and \$15 for guests. The debate will be held at Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs, from 7:30 until 9 a.m.

For additional information, phone the chamber office at 834-4404.

Quiet night

LAKE MARY — The Seminole County sheriff's department received only one report of any suspicious incident during the Halloween night activities.

A woman phoned the sheriff's office at 9:45 p.m. to report finding a small piece of glass inside some hard candy her daughter had received while trick-or-treating in the Snellfield subdivision near Lake Mary.

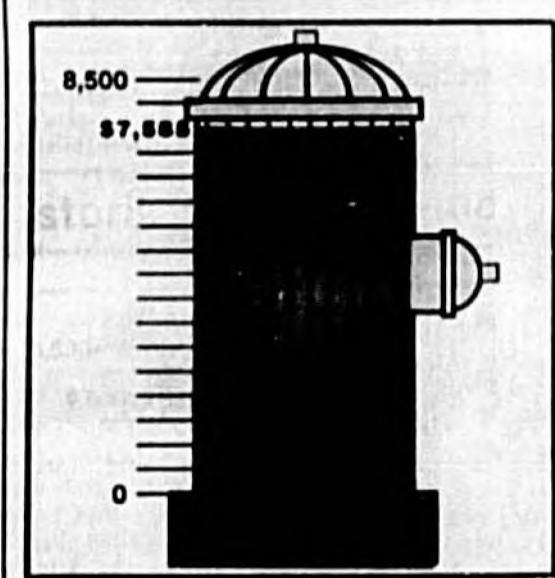
Sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough said the girl was apparently not hurt. There were no indications regarding from where the candy was obtained.

Cemetery committee

SANFORD — The city's Cemetery Advisory Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Recreation and Parks Dept. conference room at Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue.

Historic fire truck fund



Nearing the goal, Sanford Fire Chief Tom Hickson says several more donations to the firetruck repurchasing drive brings the total closer to the \$10,000 goal. Hickson announced this morning that he has obtained a last minute extension of the deadline for obtaining the needed money. "The new deadline is November 11," he said. "which must be an omen, because it was on Nov. 11, 1921 when the city first obtained the truck."

Latest donations were \$100 from McCampbell Lassing American Legion Post, \$100 from Walter and Drucilla Moore, \$25 from Ron & Mary Robert, and \$25 from ADP Tire Mart.

The latest total is \$7,888.99, but Hickson says any money over the \$10,000 will be needed to help finance the refurbishing of the old fire truck.

Compiled from staff reports

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Get your flannel jammies out



Today: Partly sunny with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the low to mid 80s. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest. Chance of rain 20 percent.

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Cash machine crimes

Banks deal with robberies at automatic tellers

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Some banks are curtailing the hours customers can use automatic cash machines to help stop ATM crimes, which are increasing in Florida as well as across the nation.

Although not as prominent here as in some areas of the nation, Central Florida is not without crimes being committed against ATM customers.

In Longwood Sunday, a man making a

transaction at an ATM machine at a bank on U.S. Highway 17-92 told police he was the victim of a robbery attempt.

The victim told police as he was using the machine, he noticed a man nearby, who appeared to be sleeping on the ground. He said as he left the machine and headed for his car, the man on the ground got up, and chased him with what appeared to be a knife.

The victim was not robbed or injured, and managed to drive off and call Longwood police.

Police said they were given a description and launched a search of the area, finding the suspect inside a nearby store.

Samuel E. Thompson, 37, of 705 Vaccinium Way, Osteen, was arrested, and reportedly identified by his intended victim. He was charged with attempted armed robbery. Police said they located a knife during a search of Thompson.

Across the nation, more and more bankers say concerns over the safety of persons using the

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Caught on film



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Representatives of the Greater Sanford Chamber director of the Orlando Film and Television of Commerce and the Sanford Historic Office, answered questions to help ensure a Downtown Waterfront Association met for smooth working relationship between merchants breakfast this morning to discuss movie making and production people.

in the downtown area. Katherine Ramsberger,

Developers back with plan for housing

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The developers of a proposed residential area south of the Mayfair Country Club golf course will be back before the Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday despite many homeowners' objections voiced at the last meeting.

This time, requests are for a conditional use for the establishment of minimum parcel areas, and a request for a dimensional variance.

The 20-acre property is located at 4000 and 4001 Country Club Road, in an MR-1, Multiple Family Residential zoning district. It is owned by Mack N. Cleveland and Patricia T. Stenstrom, and is to be developed by the Park Avenue Development Corporation.

One of the two items scheduled for discussion at this Thursday's P&Z meeting is a conditional use to permit single family residential homes with 50-foot wide lots. The other is a request for a

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House race has familiar ring to it

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The District 33 House of Representatives race this year has the familiar ring of the 1992 campaign to it, with a difference.

In 1992, GOP-to-Democrat party-switcher Frank Stone faced fierce attacks from his GOP opponent Marvin Couch. The race became a priority for both state party organizations and a strong war waged in voter's mailboxes. Backed by both angry and conservative Republicans, Couch was elected.

This year, Couch is now in the hot seat and under steady fire by his Democratic opponent Louise Ray of Orlando. But in contrast to 1992, Couch and the Republicans aren't firing back. Instead, they're emphasizing Couch's appeal to the conservative right and environmentalists.

"It's amazing that someone who's gone through what she's gone through is doing this sort of thing," says Couch, referring to the Ray



Marvin Couch

family's battles with AIDS and ignorance.

Ray attacked Couch on his federal income taxes, unpaid debts and her campaign manager Keith Morrison has filed a complaint against him with the state Commission on



Louise Ray

Ethics. Rather than fire back, as he might have two years ago, Couch says he's paying off the debts and adds Ray has little understanding of the problems faced by a small-business owner.

Couch, 41, moved to Seminole

County about three years ago after living in Orange County for more than a decade. There, he served as chairman of the Orange County Republican Executive Committee for two years and has been operating a painting contracting business for 14 years.

Ray, 36, has lived east of Orlando for about three years after moving there from Sarasota. Ray was born in rural Arcadia, Fla., where she grew up and raised her family. The family was forced to leave in 1986 when, after fighting to have her children remain in public school while afflicted with the AIDS virus, their home was destroyed by an arsonist.

Since then, Ray, a nurse, became active in blood-screening issues to protect hemophiliacs. Her three sons were hemophiliacs and caught AIDS from transfusions. One son, Ricky, died in 1992.

Couch says he's seeking re-election to assure Seminole County

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Judge stable after surgery

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole Circuit Court Judge Alan A. Dickey is in serious but stable condition at Central Florida Regional Hospital following surgery last Friday for a perforated diverticulum of the colon.

Dickey is in the intensive care unit (ICU) and is also being treated for pneumonia. Dickey's wife, Laurie, said the 51-year-old judge is not allowed to receive visitors, other than immediate family members, while in intensive care. It is also hospital policy no flowers are accepted for ICU patients.

Due to the limited visiting times in ICU, Mrs. Dickey said she would appreciate it if friends would call her at their Lake Mary home rather than at the hospital to inquire about the judge's progress.

Cards from well-wishers should also be sent to the couple's home, not the hospital until See Dickey, Page B4



Judge Alan Dickey

POLICE BRIEFS

Theft trio

Sanford police arrested three teens Saturday, reportedly seen attempting to remove an estimated \$265.30 in merchandise from a retail store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. The arrest report said the three girls were detained by two loss prevention officers until police arrived. All three teens are 15 years old, and residents of the Sanford area. Each of the three was charged with retail theft.

Church burglaries

Burglars have struck at Trinity United Methodist Church, in the 500 block of Sanford Avenue, several times recently. Most recently, police arrested Booker T. Barriner, 32, 2591 Crawford Drive, in connection with one of the incidents. Police said he was reportedly seen exiting from the church Sunday, with two yards of red carpet material. He was arrested on charges of burglary, petit theft, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Also Sunday, Sanford police said a speaker and public address amplifier system valued at \$200 had been stolen from the same church.

Another burglary had been reported at the church the previous Sunday, with several items said to have been stolen.

No connection was immediately determined between Barriner and any of the other burglaries although investigations are continuing.

Stolen vehicles

• A maroon 1987 Toyota pickup, license number PYD-30M was reportedly stolen from Exeter Drive, at Country Club Heights on Friday.

• A 1989 Isuzu pickup truck was reportedly stolen Saturday from a parking lot at the intersection of Dogtrack Road and U.S. Highway 17-92. The vehicle was later recovered in Orange County.

• A 1985 Mercury was reportedly stolen from a parking lot at Lake Mary Center Saturday. The vehicle was found later in a nearby restaurant parking lot. Deputies said nothing was immediately determined to be missing.

• A 1975 Honda motorcycle was reportedly stolen Saturday from a business in the 700 block of French Avenue in Sanford.

• A 1986 ATV 3-wheeler valued at \$1,700 was reportedly stolen Friday from Sanford Memorial Stadium, at 1201 Melionville Avenue.

Traffic stops

• Lake Mary police arrested Anthony Jerome Owens, 27, of 107 Sand Pine Circle, Sanford, during a traffic stop on Old Lake Mary Road Sunday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

• Longwood police arrested Cindy S. Adams, 39, 460 Orange Avenue, Longwood, on CR 427 early Monday. She was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested LeDarron A. Cleveland, 18, 2430 Randall Street, on Saturday. Deputies said they first spotted him on Water Street in Midway, but that he fled from the area. After they stopped his car on Main Street, they said he ran off on foot. He was eventually located and arrested on charges of fleeing and attempting to elude an officer, having no valid driver's license, attached tag not assigned, having an expired tag, and resisting an officer without violence.

Domestic cases

• Troy Anthony Calhoun, 22, 300 Elm Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by police at his residence Saturday following a reported fight with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

• Mervin Campbell, 25, 1311 Santa Barbara, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Sunday following a reported fight with a man. He was charged with battery and aggravated assault.

• Vicki Renne Cogburn, 34, 4000 Nolan Road, was arrested by deputies at her residence Sunday following a reported fight with her husband. She was charged with battery, domestic violence.

• Jackie W. Beaswell, 33, 2405 Cedar Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Sunday. Officers said he had been in an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

• Maureen Morley, 38, 177 Wildwood Drive, Sanford, was arrested by police at her residence Saturday following a reported fight with a male. She was charged with aggravated battery, domestic violence.

• Kevin Michael Bowe, 19, 302 Rachelle Avenue, was arrested near Seminole Blvd. and Oak Avenue by Sanford police early Monday following a reported fight with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence. Police also found he was wanted on a Volusia County warrant for aggravated assault.

Warrants

• Cornell Eugene Worther, 28, 611 Cypress Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police in the 900 block of Myrtle Avenue Sunday. He was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on a charge of tag not assigned.

• Charles Benjamin Smith, 41, 2321 Sipes Avenue, was arrested by deputies at his residence Sunday. He was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear to pay a fine.

Burglaries repeated on West 25th Street

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Burglaries and burglary attempts have been increasing recently in the West 25th Street areas. Several homes in Geneva Gardens have been hit more than once in the past few weeks.

• On Saturday, Oct. 28, a power blower valued at \$125 was reported stolen from a storage shed at 1505 W. 25th Street. On Oct. 23, speakers, a stereo system, TV, and cash were reportedly stolen from an apartment at that same address.

• On Oct. 29, at 1605 W. 25th Street, Nintendo equipment and CDs, with a total value of \$150 were reportedly stolen from a residence. On Oct. 17, at the same address, a woman told police she came home to find a man in her apartment. She said he immediately fled from the area, taking a stuffed toy snake and a stuffed mongoose valued at \$50.

• A short distance west, in the 2600 block of W. 25th Street, on Oct. 23, speakers, a stereo system, TV, and cash were reportedly stolen from a business.

Voters decide fate of proposed amendments

By JACKIE HALLIFAX
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Anyone who watches TV or listens to the radio, gets mail, or even glances at newspaper probably well aware voters will decide on Election Day whether to open Florida up to casinos.

More money has been spent to promote casinos than on any candidate or issue in the state's history.

But the measure is only one of five proposed constitutional amendments on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Two other citizen initiatives will go before voters. One would ban most commercial fishing nets and the other would make it easier for future voters to add tax limits to the state constitution.

State lawmakers put the other two measures on the ballot. One would link the growth in state taxes to the growth in the average personal income. The other would change the schedule of the annual two-month legislative session.

The amend. com. 200 as Limited Casinos would allow up to 47 casinos around the state.

Each of the state's 30 parimutuel facilities could open casinos. One hotel casino would be allowed in Orange, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Duval, Lee and Escambia counties.

Broward would get two hotel casinos and Dade three; one in Miami Beach's South Pointe Redevelopment Area, one elsewhere in Miami Beach and one outside Miami Beach.

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A few dozen supporters — notably the companies guaranteed or hoping to get permits — have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to sell the idea of casinos, which Floridians rejected in 1978 and 1986.

Leaders of the campaign have raised \$11.6 million — more than has been raised in Florida on behalf of any single candidate or issue.

But the latest poll still shows 55 percent of those surveyed opposed the limited casinos amendment. The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers surveyed 517 frequent voters last week. The poll had a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

Proponents argue that the casinos will generate \$700 million in new revenues for the state, create 67,000 new jobs and bring an additional 1.5 million tourists to Florida.

Opponents counter that all of the promises made by casino

supporters will turn out to be empty. They contend that special interests are trying to buy an election in order to make a privileged few businesses wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

Probably as passionate a debate — although not as visible — is the fight over fishing nets.

A group called Save Our Seafire has proposed banning most commercial fishing nets. The drive is backed by recreational anglers and some environmental groups.

Unlike most other citizen initiatives, Save Our Seafire used only volunteers to collect signatures to get the measure on the ballot.

The commercial fishing industry has fought the proposal, arguing it isn't needed and will cost thousands of jobs and raise the price of seafood.

Proponents say only hundreds of jobs will be sacrificed to protect Florida's fish and marine mammals.

The third citizen initiative on the ballot would make it easier to add tax bands to the state constitution by eliminating a requirement that citizen initiatives deal with only one subject.

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Frightfully good party

Neighborhood Halloween parties were all the rage this year. Shown at 209 E. 22nd Street, left to right, front row, Sara Roberts, Christopher Roberts, Kevin Reinel, Samantha Henry and

Shana Legg. Back, left to right, Lillian Sparks holding Andre Justice, and Heather Melvin holding Dustin Singer.

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EDITORIAL

Florida House: Marvin Couch

When Marvin Couch first spoke with us two years ago, he seemed intolerant of environmental issues and considered land preservation a waste of money. But Couch since his election has clearly listened to the residents of Seminole County and taken up the legislative torch to protect the Geneva Bubble, restore Lake Jesup and yes, even buy land along the south shore of Lake Jesup to protect natural wildlife. He even won Sierra Club accolades for his work to protect the Geneva Bubble. In the area of crime fighting, he successfully sponsored a law requiring juveniles who repeatedly use firearms in repeat offenses to be prosecuted as adults.

For these reasons, we recommend Marvin Couch be re-elected to the District 33 House seat. But Couch needs to continue his learning. He now recommends a constitutional amendment declaring new methods of gambling illegal, to block future amendment initiatives. We suggest Couch study constitutional law before making such comments which suggest an opposition to the democratic process of change. Couch also sponsored an amendment last year to prevent state funding of schools that don't allow time for in-school voluntary prayer. These decisions are best left to parents and school administrators, not lawmakers.

Couch's opponent Louise Ray offers sound ideas for welfare and criminal reform and a great deal of enthusiasm. A newcomer to Central Florida, we encourage Ray to become more active in her community before seeking to represent it.

The Sanford Herald recommends the re-election of Marvin Couch to the District 33 of the Florida House of Representatives.

LETTER

War on poverty

The meaning of poverty has not changed but the conditions associated with it and the way government tries to eliminate it has changed dramatically. Let us briefly compare poverty in the 1930s with that of today as food for thought on the subject.

As a child of impoverished parents, my experiences during the 1930s were about par for the course. The city of Palmetto, Fla., once let my family live rent-free in a condemned house. It was wired for electricity but we used kerosene lamps for lights. Electric fans, radios, and refrigerators were never even considered. A wood stove was our only means for heat and cooking. Everybody old enough to do so worked at any kind of job offered. My older brothers quit school to work and help out as soon as they legally could. The federal government (WPA) and local government conjured up a few jobs now and then, but mostly people looked on the ends of their arms for a helping hand.

A War on Poverty "amid plenty" has been waged by federal, state, and local governments for many years and continues today. A listing of all the programs from unemployment compensation to welfare and Medicaid should not be necessary. The amount of taxpayer money spent on them is mind-numbing. Waste is rampant. Poverty still exists and those in poverty think they should have more programs. The temptation is great to stay in poverty rather than work one's way out of it.

I believe we can conclude that the poverty patients are more comfortable today "amid plenty" than they were during the 1930s. I hope some of them can sense that government programs may be the unintended cause for cases of poverty. I think that ways of keeping those in poverty reasonably comfortable while fostering self-reliance and independence from government assistance need to be developed and implemented.

Donald M. Fann
Sanford

Berry's World



"Oh, yeah? Well, I say MY dad is more fashionably rumped than YOUR dad!"

NAT HENTOFF

Yes, there are pro-life feminists

For years, women who identify themselves as pro-choice have told me with absolute assurance that it is impossible for a woman to be both pro-life and a feminist. Yet, in various parts of the country, I keep meeting women who indeed are both.

Some of them like to quote a heroine of the women's liberation movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who organized the first women's rights meeting in 1848. "When we consider that women are treated as property," Stanton said, "it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

Pro-life feminism has finally achieved mainstream attention in *Glamour* magazine. Glamour had asked to hear from readers who are pro-life. Three thousand women answered, and as indicated in the February 1994 issue, many of them are feminists who resent the stereotypes of pro-lifers by journalists. Said one of them: "We are painted as fanatic zealots, usually male, and often hung up about sexual matters."

Also often part of that stereotype is that they are poorly educated. Answering Glamour's invitation were pro-life women university pro-

fessors, legal analysts, and an organizer of Science Students for Life.

Only a middle school counselor is a non-practicing Catholic who disagrees with her church's stand against birth control, pre-marital sex, homosexuality and women as clergy. She contributes to Amnesty International.

Another voted a straight Democratic ticket until Bill Clinton appeared as the presidential favorite. So did a good many pro-choice people, I know. The former Democrat emphasizes that胎児 deserves civil

rights to unborn children.

A woman who became pregnant after being raped at knife point brought the pregnancy to term and then gave the child up for adoption. "It is not a sin to be raped," she told the magazine. "But it is a sin to kill your child. Killing your child doesn't help you get over the rape."

This disdain for self-deception in matters of life and death became familiar to me years ago. I got to know the liveliest group of pro-life feminists in the country — Feminists for Life of America, now headquartered in Washington. Most of those I met in the 1980s were veterans of the civil rights and anti-war movements. One had been arrested 11 times — demonstrating at missile bases and in front of abortion clinics.

In their characteristically pungent magazine, *The American Feminist* (733 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005), they further define themselves: "We believe in a woman's right to control her body, and she deserves this right no matter where she lives, even if she's living inside her mother's womb."



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DONNA BRITT

Stirring vile American stew

WASHINGTON — Here we go again.

Once again, a white author has written a book that claims to prove that, in general, black people are inherently dumber than white people, and thus more "predestined" to be poor.

Once again, the academic, sociological and political worlds are buzzing over the resultant debate and its possible ramifications. Once again, "experts" get to defend and deride the theory; some get to leaven their private stickers with public sighs of regret.

Once again, we — American black folks — get to feel it.

The connection between what's commonly referred to as race and what is commonly thought of as intelligence — both are being seriously questioned — can be quantified, the books says. It's a matter of charts and statistics and tests and probabilities and "aggregate mathematics."

It is a matter of science.

So who'd inject into the discussion anything as sloppy and unpredictable as "as human as feelings?" In fact, it was a white man.

It should have been me. Certainly, it was feelings — exasperation, hurt, anger — that flooded me upon hearing about "The Bell Curve." The book, by Charles Murray and the late Richard Herrnstein, is about race, class and success, and how all three intertwine with intelligence. That much of the media are taking "Bell" seriously intensifies the feelings.

But my first impulse, as a writer, didn't deal with feelings at all. It was to get book galley, phone scholars, crunch the studies, stats, historical data and real lives that prove the theory is a crock. Who respects feelings? Fighting fire with fire seemed the ticket.

But once all of that heat is expended, what will the numbers, theories and "what ifs" of the debate melt down to but feelings?

More whites will feel that their lot is better because they're "naturally" smarter.

More blacks — especially young, vulnerable ones — will feel that no matter what their abilities, all whites assume they must be less. Some will feel that perhaps it is true.

So when a white, male editor said, "What I wonder is, how does it feel to hear this?" I stopped cold.

It feels like hell. Until you re-establish some distance, some sanity, it feels like screaming: "Why is it so damn important to them to feel superior?" or, "How do I defend myself, my children, all children of the 'wrong' color against this?" It feels like, "Here they go again."

And it feels like being catapulted to the early '80s, when I joined the working world. My most stunning discovery: that white people are, on the average, well — average. That most were neither superior nor inferior, but like

most black people I knew. OK. That I was surprised suggests I was taught they were better.

Since then, I've seen incompetent white people in surprisingly high positions and incompetent black people too. I've met white folks whose smarts and grace amazed me. Black ones too. And I've come to believe the way people behave is independent upon their upbringing, education, the day they're having, their commitment to kindness.

I haven't a clue as to the IQ of Harry, the blue-eyed guy, who works at a nearby gas station. He's smart enough to be unfailingly pleasant, to effortlessly brighten my day — much like the coal-black guy who makes smiling small talk at the bakery. I don't know the measured intelligence of the sultry black kid at the supermarket, the white real estate agent who appears not to want to shake my hand, my friend's honey-hued newborn, whose fragrance made me woozy when I kissed her.

The idea is to try to love and appreciate them all, regardless. And not to assume.

But the fact is, we daily assume a world of things. Because someone is homely or attractive, short or tall, chic or dowdy — or black, white or yellow — we think we know what that person is.

But if we're open, we will jump over the wall of our assumptions. Sometimes we'll discover who really is there. What Murray's book does is raise the wall a few, unneeded notches.

It makes us jump higher.

A successful black Washington architect told me the debate reminded him of his days at Yale, where a white classmate asked, "Do you feel like a token?" Without pausing, he'd replied, "No. I'm doing too well to feel that."

But "Bell," he said, "makes me wonder if my white friends have hidden assumptions that they're smarter. ... And it makes me wonder about how my son's teachers see him."

Murray, who says he's not racist, can't be bothered by such trivialities. Hurt isn't scientific.



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Charles Murray and the late Richard Herrnstein present themselves as two men brave enough to break taboos and speak the unspeakable. In the most intriguing chapters, they posit that the country is ruled by a "cognitive elite." They even claim to be deeply concerned by the division of the country into those who have and have not gray matter.

But it's clear that they are most uneasy about the problems at the dull end of the bell curve. In mind-numbing detail, they set out to prove that poverty, welfare, illegitimacy and crime are the privy of an intellectual underclass.

They then show that blacks are some 10 to 15 points lower on the IQ scale than whites and Asians some 4 to 5 points higher. And into this volatile mix of ideas, they toss the notion that intelligence is substantially inherited.

I don't know if this daring duo are better arsonists or contortionists. They throw incendiary bombs and offer sprinkles of water to douse the bonfires.

They go to great lengths to define the different intelligence of ethnic and racial groups. Then they say dumfounded that it shouldn't affect the way we look at individuals in those groups. On what planet?

They say that blacks as a race aren't as smart as whites. Then they suggest that intellectually inferior "clans" can base their pride on other attributes like, say, rhythm?

I will leave it to their peers to debate the charts and curves about the emergence of a "cognitive elite." But on the subjects of race, IQ and genes, the authors seem less like beleaguered Galileos than like pseudoscientific Creationists. They define blacks as people who call themselves black — hardly a scientific description in a mixed-racial society. Plowing through research, they dismiss many who disagree, and applaud those — including some dubious characters — who agree.

The idea that racial differences in IQ are a matter of genes as well as environment rests on grounds so shaky that I suspect they raised the whole matter in order to break the "taboo" against flouting racist sentiments.

The discussion about nature and nurture is hardly a new one. You don't have to be a member of a cognitive middle class to believe that we are products of our genes and our environment.

But with all the attention to "The Bell Curve," I can feel the emphasis shifting again to nature. And that's not a coincidence. For one thing, genetic discoveries are on the front pages every day. We are predisposed to believe such things as the preposterous statement Herrnstein made before his death: "If you accept the correlation between crime and IQ then some people are genetically disposed to break the law."

More importantly, we're becoming politically predisposed to accept the idea that some of our social problems are encoded in the DNA. It's all rather convenient.



Holiday bash

Halloween royalty, Queen Louise Baly and King Archie Partin of the Lakeview Nursing Center, Sanford, celebrate at the annual party yesterday. Each department nominated hopefuls.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

House

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gets its fair share from the state.

"We've got to take care of ourselves, but when there's dollars out there, we should get our fair share and we haven't," says Couch.

As an example, Couch cited \$100,000 he was successful in obtaining for the Lake Jesup restoration effort. The money came from a pot of money called from polluters' fines previously used only by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

"Central Florida put \$10 million into that fund and never got a single dollar out of it," he said.

Ray places her top priority on education, saying it is the base of working towards solutions in juvenile crime, welfare reform and other social ills.

"We can't address juvenile crime, health care, welfare reform unless we address education," says Ray.

To provide more money for education, Ray suggests trimming Tallahassee's administration and providing more local control over how the money is allocated to classrooms.

On welfare reform, the two candidates express similar beliefs in limiting coverage while encouraging self-sufficiency. Couch supports the pilot program being tested in two counties in the state, which grants mothers benefits for two years and provides vocational training. If mothers are not employed after the two years, they are cut off from benefits, although support for their children continues.

Educational and vocational training are important to the success of the program, Couch says.

"Tom Feeney and I fought for that and got everything in there, but we wanted it statewide," said Couch. Feeney of Orlando is now running mate with Jeb Bush, who favors a stricter program, such as elimination of day care while mothers are in vocational training.

Couch also supports a "get-tough" approach with welfare cheats, including criminal prosecution.

Ray supports a similar reform approach, saying education and training are needed to break the cycle of generations of welfare



Trick or treat

Power Rangers and witches invaded Sanford Monday night. They were considered two of the most selected costumes for Halloween 1994. Shown, Sandy Akins of Sanford, hands out treats to Kayla Phillips, center, and James Snyder, 3, left, rather than face the wrath of these costumed little people.

support. Ray supports a modified plan, however. She suggests needy mothers should receive only what support is needed, such as food stamps or medical assistance, rather than automatically giving them the full package of benefits. Ray also supports a modified two-year limit, shortening or lengthening the support period if warranted. Ray also supports a gradual reduction in benefits instead of a sharp cut-off.

In criminal justice reform, both support increases to prevention spending. Couch says the state has begun with \$232 million in "preventative stuff."

but more should be done to educate and train juvenile criminals to deter them from a life of crime. Couch also says hardened criminals need to serve longer sentences.

Ray says job-skills training is important to reduce the number of repeat offenders. She also says early anti-crime and self-respect education in schools are important to stopping the crime cycle.

Both oppose casino gambling, but Couch would take his opposition a step further. Couch supports a constitutional amendment opposing new forms of gambling the state. "We have enough," he says of Lotto and other betting.

Boat

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Environmental Protection Agency, which on Monday announced proposed requirements aimed at turning that around.

The EPA said that beginning in 1998 it will require marine engine manufacturers to sell cleaner-burning boat engines and motors for self-propelled water skis and sleds.

The new pollution controls will add 10 percent to 15 percent to the price of a boat engine, the EPA estimated, but said boaters will save money from a 30 percent increase in fuel economy and improved performance.

The proposal, which is expected to be final in about a year, calls for cutting hydrocarbon emissions from marine engines by 75 percent by the year 2006 and also cutting nitrogen oxide pollution by about a third. Both pollutants are precursors of smog.

A long lead time is being proposed to avoid requiring boat owners to scrap their dirtier engines. The EPA estimates it could take 20 years or more to replace all the currently used boat engines with less polluting ones.

"We're not forcing anybody to give up their old boats," said Mary Nichols, who heads the EPA's air quality programs.

But she told reporters it was only "the next logical step" to take aim at motorboats in the campaign to reduce urban smog, which causes nearly 100 million Americans to breath unhealthy air sometime during the year.

Off-road gasoline and diesel engines account for as much as 10 percent of all hydrocarbon emissions and 17 percent of all nitrogen oxide emissions in urban areas during summer, with boats accounting for much of that pollution, the EPA said.

Hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides are components of smog, which irritates the respiratory tract, causes chest pain and lung inflammation and aggravates other respiratory illnesses.

Since 1986, Smith said there has been a 50 percent decline in the number of boats operated in the state.

Information from the Associated Press used in this report.

Grocery store on-line

SANFORD — The Information Superhighway now has food. Watch out for bugs! No, just kidding. Today, area Winn-Dixie stores will begin offering computer shopping for subscribers of the computer dial-up service, America Online. Cyber shoppers will be able to log on and scroll through listings of 10,000 store items. After making their selection, items are

charged to a credit card and delivered to the shopper's doorstep for a \$9.95 delivery fee. The delivery charge is waived for the shopper's first try-out, said Soni Huckleberry, Winn-Dixie's Central Florida spokesman. The program is an introduction to Winn-Dixie's visual shopping service which will be on Time-Warner's interactive cable television service in the Wekiva area of the county early next year.

Dickey

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The judge is out of intensive care.

After Dickey is moved to a regular hospital room, friends who wish to send flowers may do so.

Dickey was making coffee at his home Friday morning when he crumpled in pain and asked to be taken to the hospital. Mrs. Dickey recalled,

Although Dickey had complained of some lower back pain for a few days, Mrs. Dickey said he chalked it up to muscle strain from workouts in a gym.

"What he has is a perforated diverticulum of the colon," she said. "This could happen to anybody. It would happen to you tomorrow. It just swelled up and basically burst."

"The out-pouring of love from this community has certainly been wonderful for me and at some point he will want to know everybody who called, and it's been wonderful," Mrs. Dickey added. "It's the most wonderful part of a small town."

The judge has been out of bed, sitting in a chair for brief periods. He is also undergoing inhalation therapy.

DEATHS

CHARLES L. DISHMAN

Charles L. Dishman, 82, Vine Street, Oviedo, died Monday, Oct. 31, 1994, at Manor Care Nursing Home, Winter Park. Born April 25, 1912, in St. Paul, Minn., he moved to Central Florida in 1946. He was a retired agriculture mechanic. He was Baptist.

Survivors include wife, Isabell G.; sons, Charles O., David L., both of Oviedo; daughters, Nina Ussery, Cuba, Mo.; Georgia Lee, Oak Hill; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren.

Union Park Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

PHYLLIS M. FISCHER

Phyllis M. Fischer, 43, Coach Light Court, Sanford, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 1994. Born Nov. 4, 1950, in Orlando, she was a lifelong Central Florida resident. She was manager of South Seas Shop.

Survivors include daughters, Tina Crump, Candy Rhine, both of Sanford; sisters, Shirley Windsor, Nicholson, Ga., Linda, Tennessee, Joan, Ocala; brothers, Terry, Bithlo, Jerry Mayo; six grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

VIOLET MARIE RAMAGE

Violet Marie Ramage, 81, Valencia Street, Sanford, died Monday, Oct. 31, 1994, in Orlando. Born Aug. 10, 1913, in Clarksville, W.Va., she moved to Central Florida in 1978. She was a homemaker. She belonged to Palmetto Avenue Baptist Church, Sanford.

Survivors include husband, Waltman "Mac"; daughter, Bonnie Kitzmacher, Barberville; brother, Garrett Greene, West Farmington, Ohio; sisters, Kathleen Sutton, Clarksburg, W.Va.; Viola Angersbach, Delaware, Clara June Nutter, Olney, Md.; three grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.



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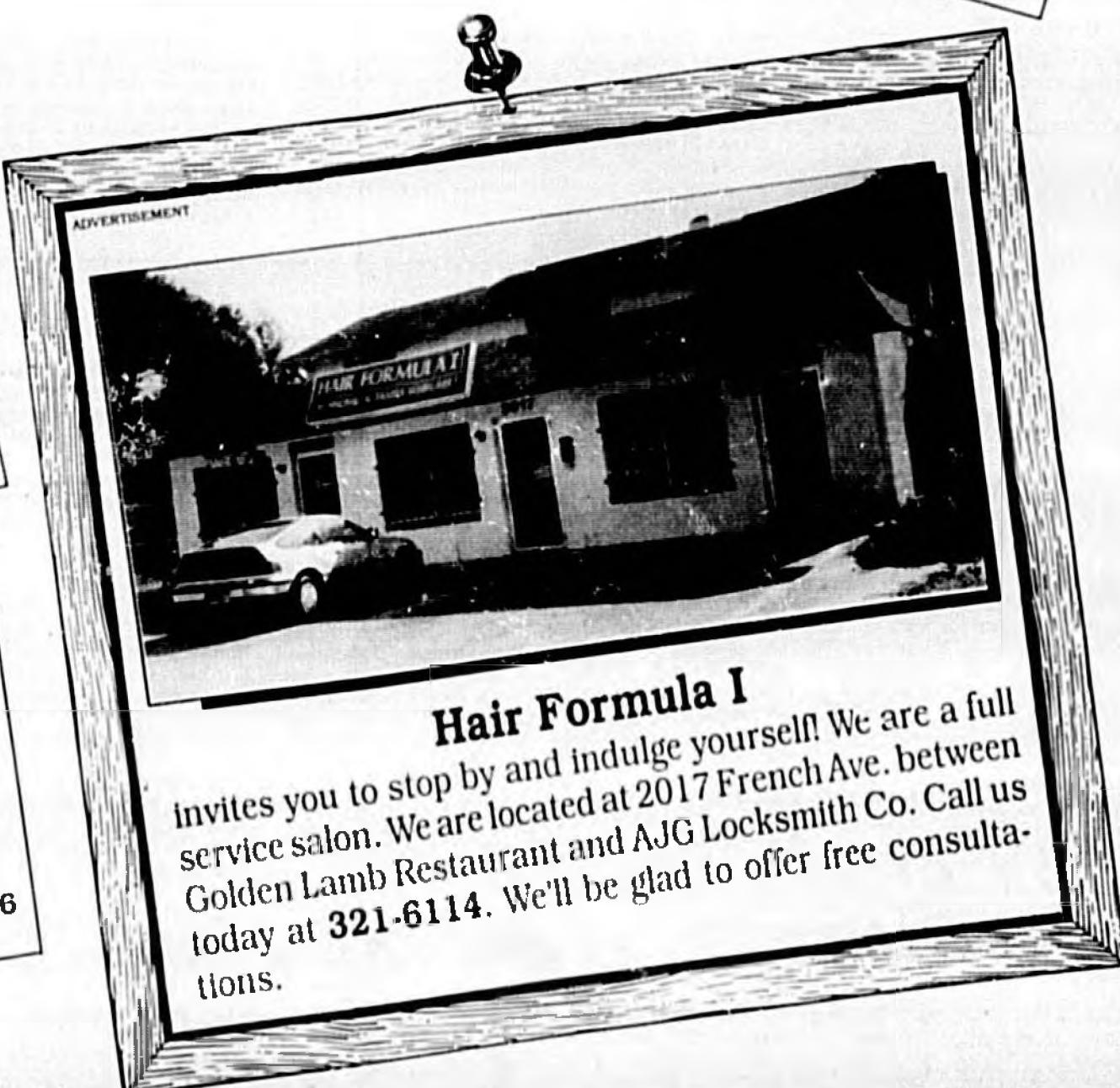
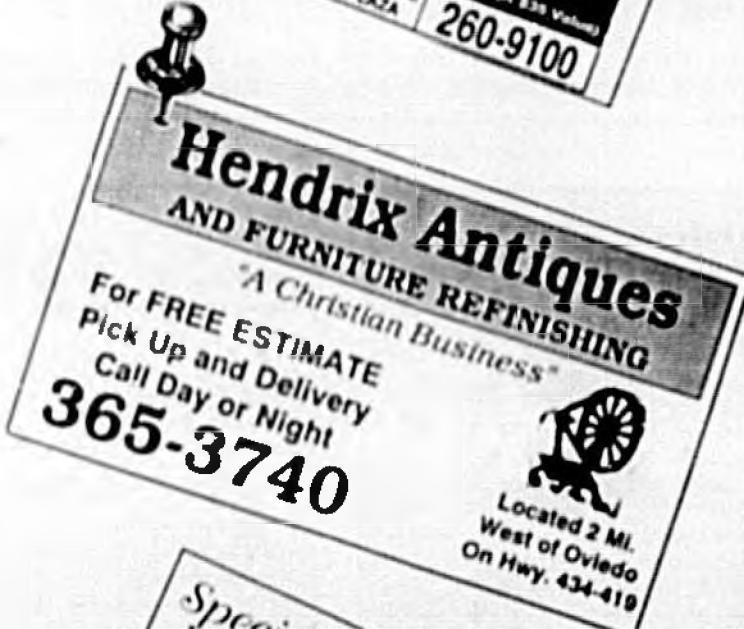
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People

IN BRIEF

4-H Livestock Club forming

Are you interested in learning more about livestock and raising animals? A new 4-H Livestock Club is forming in the Oviedo area of Seminole County and is open to youth in the county who are interested in learning about raising both small and large animals.

The club's first project will be raising pigs that will be exhibited and shown at this year's Seminole County and Central Florida Fair's swine shows. Members will need to start this project in the next few weeks in order to be ready for the fairs. The club members will also be looking for local people, businesses, and organizations who are interested in attending the fair auction as a bidder for their animals.

If you are interested and want more information on this 4-H club or would like to join, call 4-H volunteer Denise Bridges at (407)365-9877 or the Seminole County 4-H office at 323-2500 ext. 5500. Seminole County 4-H is the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension and programs are open to all regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

CALENDAR

Overeaters to gather

A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, corner of Park and 5th, Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0057.

Nar-Anon to offer help

Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 869-4364.

Clogging classes formed

The Old Hickory Stompers offer free beginner clogging classes. Intermediate and advanced lessons also available. Meetings are at the Deltona Civic Association on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 349-0529 for more information.

Take off pounds sensibly

Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1607 Sanford Ave., Sanford.

The group now has a private room to weigh people between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m.

Each week a different program on weight loss will be conducted.

For more information about the club, call 323-1768 or 323-1664.

Toastmasters meet

Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #6581 will meet every Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce office, in Lake Mary Centre, at Lake Eola Road. Contact Rosella Isomah at 323-8284 for more information.

Optimist Club meets weekly

The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Colonial Room at Touchton's in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome.

Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club of Sanford holds its noon luncheon meetings every Wednesday at the Sanford Civic Center, North Sanford Avenue at the lakefront. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information call Walt Smith, 323-5088.

Dancing for seniors

The Over 50 Dance Club dance is held every Wednesday, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the Deltonians 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

Coastliners meet Wednesday

SANFORD — The 1993-94 Coastliners meetings will be held at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Sanford Senior Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd.

All former members and employees of the former Atlantic Coastline Railroad are invited to attend.

For information, call F. P. Dunn at 322-8981.

Volunteer of the Week

She helps seniors to create ceramics crafts

By SUSAN WENNER
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — For years senior citizens have had the benefit of the caring hands of Sandy McGaha. A 23-year resident of Sanford, McGaha and her husband, Ralph, have enjoyed this community. They have two children, Ralph Jr. and Charles.

McGaha works with seniors out of her home volunteering with her ceramic classes and with two senior centers. She has worked with the Casselberry Senior Center for eight years every Friday morning and the Winter Springs Senior Center every Thursday evening.

She spoke about how she got started. "I was going through the college programs at first," she said. "I taught at the meal congregate sites through Seminole Community College. It was a grant-funded program."

Her initial interest she said was fueled by her brother who came to Disney and saw ceramics there and got her interested as well as her previous job at D&G Ceramics. "I enjoy the involvement with the people," she said. "Keeping busy helps me sleep good at night. I always had Scouts and 4-H when the kids were younger."

Speaking of memorable people in her involvement McGaha said, "I have a lady at the Casselberry center that's blind. I help her with her work."

Catalogs were a source from which many of the seniors get ideas for future projects. "I have a catalog," said McGaha. "They pick out what they like to do. Some may glaze a piece and some don't. Some only do stains and acrylics. I have a kiln. I bring the work home and put it



Sandy McGaha (standing) gives Dollie Kiaczak pointers in ceramics.

In the kiln. If they're glazing it, it has two firings to do, so I work on it."

McGaha discussed future plans for work with other seniors. "I just got a call from The Forest," she said. "I taught there for eight or nine years but I haven't worked there in a year. They have their own kilns. I look forward to going back there. I enjoy the people there. I'd also like to do one more senior class at a nursing home or senior center in Sanford."

She prepares much of the projects for those involved in her classes. "I clean the greenware," she said. "I do it for all of my classes so it can be time consuming."

Much thought was given to the type of work she gives to her groups because of many considerations. "I try to stay away from paints with lead," she said. "These are a health hazard. Most of the new paints and glazes are good and food safe. We sit down and talk about what

they're going to do with the work they choose. For example will it be a fruit bowl or hold any food. If so, we look at the paints more carefully."

Contributing to better the lives of seniors is the work McGaha feels called to do. She's helped many in the Central Florida area and continues to find more. Showing them how to find fun ways to spend their time has given her a relaxing way to share something she already loves to do.

Smooth sailing follows stormy weddings



ADVICE
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: You recently published a letter about a young couple's wedding mishap on a cruise ship. The writer wanted to know if anyone could top it. Well, I think I can.

I had two months to plan our wedding after my fiance learned he would have his leave from the Army. My budget was very tight, so I made the bridemaids' dresses, and because I didn't want to put anyone in a financial bind, I also paid for the tuxedo rentals.

It was the hottest day of June, with thunderstorms. My parents' toilet overflowed that morning, with a house full of houseguests.

My maid of honor spent the previous day at the beach, where she got a terrible sunburn on her back and shoulders. One of the ushers was told his Army leave was canceled. Our reserved motel room was "taken" when we got there.

And when we returned from our brief honeymoon, we discovered that the photographer (a friend) had used only black-and-white film!

That was 25 years ago last June. We have only one colored photo of us walking down the

aisle. (A guest took it.) It's a little out of focus and taken from a strange angle. Did any of this dampen my spirits? Not on your life — I was on cloud nine!

It was a marvelous day for us, and we have had others, such as the births of our children and their graduations from high school and college. We count our blessings — not our mishaps!

BLESSED IN DELAWARE

DEAR ABBY: Now I have to tell my "children-at-wedding" story. It took place in a remote part of Montana in a beautiful church with a raised altar area in front of a gorgeous stained-glass window.

Many of the guests, myself included, had driven from Southern California for the event. The groom was my nephew, and the ring bearer was the bride's nephew, "Chad," age 6.

When Chad and the flower girl led the procession down the aisle, everything seemed picture-perfect.

As the ceremony progressed, however, Chad decided it was too stuffy for him so he proceeded to walk out behind the bride and groom (unbeknownst to them), faced the audience, and throughout the entire ceremony, made a startling repertoire of monkey faces!

His parents and part of the bridal party on the dais made futile but desperate gestures to Chad and relatives to "do something!" but, since no one could without disrupting the entire affair (coaxing from the front row got nowhere), and the bridal pair were oblivious to what was going on behind their backs, we all sedately let the wedding (and antics) go on.

When my nephew and his bride viewed the videotape of their wedding, instead of being upset, they laughed uproariously, and said this was one wedding none of us would ever forget! After Chad's parents got him home, I'll bet Chad won't forget it either!

Now my nephew and his wife had two little girls of their own who have inherited their parents' wonderful sense of humor.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you commented on nosy people who ask, "How old are you?"

You replied, "I smile and tell them the year of my birth, and let them figure it out."

When I'm asked that question, my stock reply is "I was born 48½ years after president Lincoln was assassinated."

Not surprisingly, some have said, "I don't know when Honest Abe died."

ROBERT C. BROWN, EUREKA, ILL.

DEAR ROBERT: Clever. And for those readers whose recall of presidential history is rusty, Abraham Lincoln died April 15, 1865.

DEAR ABBY: I am a wife and the mother of three healthy, active children, ages 8, 6 and 3½.

I am short-tempered and easily angered, but get over it quickly. I sent for your booklet, "The Anger in All of Us, and How to Deal With It," and I learned a great deal from it.

This paragraph describes me perfectly:

"I doubt if there is a mother alive who has not done or said something to her child in anger. One need not lift a hand to hurt a child. Words can cut as sharply as a knife. ('I hate you!' 'You are stupid!' 'I wish you had never been born!')

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you. The positive feedback I have received from those who have read "The Anger in All of Us, and How to Deal With It" has been gratifying. I'm glad I could help.

A GRATEFUL READER IN NEW JERSEY

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