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Briefly

Waste amnesty day
The Seminole County Solid Waste Division has scheduled its annual household hazardous waste amnesty day for county residents on Sunday, Feb. 6. Residents may take the following materials to the Seminole County Central Transfer Station, 1634 SR-419 Longwood. Items include battery acid, lawn chemicals, solvents, insecticides, disinfectants, gasoline, paint thinner, used motor oil, car batteries, oil based paint, glue, cement and pool chemicals. The Central Transfer Station will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 6. For additional information, phone 407-665-2260.

Sanford Middle School Holds Magnet Open House
On Feb. 8, Sanford Middle School will hold an informational meeting and open house beginning at 7 p.m. in the school's gym. Parents and students will have the opportunity to learn about the math, science, technology magnet school and the Pre-International Baccalaureate program. After a brief meeting, teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors will be available throughout the school to share information and answer questions. For more information, call (407) 320-6150.

Today is ...

Friday, Feb. 4, 2000
Today is the 35th day of 2000 and the 45th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, George Washington was elected president of the United States. On this day in 1929, in New York City, John Giola danced the Charleston for 22 hours, 30 minutes. On this day in 1993, at Boston Garden, the Celtics retired Larry Bird's number, 16.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thaddeus Kosciuszko (1746-1817), Polish patriot; Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974), aviator; Rosa Parks (1913-), civil rights leader, is 87; Ida Lupino (1918-1995), actress-director; Betty Friedan (1921-), feminist-writer, is 79; Dan Quayle (1947-), politician, is 53; Alice Cooper (1948-), singer, is 52; Lawrence Taylor (1959-), football player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Jim Murgie bowled three consecutive perfect games in Philadelphia, Pa.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the wilderness I sense the miracle of life, and behind it our scientific accomplishments fade to trivia."
Charles Lindbergh

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Feb. 5).

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Reaction positive to chamber merger

By Michelle Jeria
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Bill Stange, executive vice president of the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, summarized what he thinks of the new relationship between the county chamber and the Greater Lake Mary-Heathrow Chamber of Commerce in one simple statement. "We're married now."
And, like many newlyweds, Stange couldn't be happier about the new merger between the two largest chambers in Seminole County.

Consolidation expected to benefit core chamber members — small business

"This is a wonderful thing for our membership and the community," he said. "We will be able to offer better programs and events."
On Wednesday, Lake Mary Chamber members voted overwhelmingly in favor of the merger — the last step before it became official. Previously, the executive boards and boards of directors of both chambers unanimously

approved the issue.
Unlike Lake Mary, the county Chamber — according to its bylaws — did not need a vote by its members. However, the board members listened to the concerns and comments of its members concerning the merger before they voted in favor of it, Stange said.
The consolidation will bring together

nearly 3,000 businesses from Seminole and surrounding counties. The staff will consist of nine people currently working in the chambers — four from Lake Mary and five from Seminole.
The current board of directors will remain in place until the end of the year, and several items for the merger will be in place by March 1.
"We thought of the combination and what it would mean to the membership," Stange said. "The idea just always made sense."
According to Stange, the merger will eliminate any duplication of services, offer

From Worst to First



The Crooms Academy girls basketball team includes coach Bennie Shaw, Patricia Cull, Natoya Fort, Linda Spivey, Cheree Burch, Jerika Parker, Angela Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Securia Riggins and coach Andell Grant. Not pictured are Samantha Horne, and Regina Davis.

Crooms team rebounds from winless season

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Crooms Academy girls basketball team has caught all observers by surprise. Everyone, that is, except themselves.
Last season, the Panthers finished 0-11. This season, Crooms (13-9) finished tied for first place with Warner Christian Academy (12-9) of Daytona Beach for the regular season Class A District 4 championship. Both teams were 4-2 in the district.
When Crooms started this season with four consecutive losses, head coach Benny Shaw kept telling his team that they would win the district championship.

"I told them at the beginning of the season we would win the district," said Shaw. "I always knew we would win. Our goal is to win it all."
The Panthers finished the regular season by winning 7 out of the final eight games. Crooms will take the first step next week toward advancing in the state playoffs when the Class A District 4 Tournament begins at Trinity Christian Academy in Deltona.
Seeded second in the tournament behind Warner Christian, Crooms will grapple with Calvary Christian Academy of Ormond Beach at 6 p.m. Monday. Calvary Christian is seeded third with a 3-3 district record.

Crooms split the season series with Calvary Christian, both winning games at home. Crooms defeated Calvary Christian 51-35 on Jan. 25, but lost 32-30 on Jan. 6.
"We can believe that we will win in our hearts and minds, but we still have to go out there on the floor and do it," Shaw said. "They beat us at home, and we beat them at home. Now, we'll play on a neutral court."
If Crooms defeats Calvary Christian, the Panthers will play either Warner Christian or fourth seeded Trinity Christian Academy for the district championship Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Warner Christian and Trinity Christian play

Committee proposes cuts in pay

Other proposals include cuts in 'corporate welfare' and term-limits

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — In recent years, Seminole County Commissioners have prided themselves as being business-oriented progressives who embraced well-planned growth. Today, there are those who prefer less business, less growth and less of the old politicians.
A 15-member Charter Review Commission — many of whose members want to shake the establishment — will discuss 21 topics at a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9.
Among the proposals are an 8-year term limit for county commissioners, and another to

chop each commissioner's salary from the present \$60,000 per year to as little as \$6,000 a year.
Further, there's a proposal to elect a county chairman as Orange County does — the chairman would run the day-to-day county operations, and there would no longer be a need for a county manager.
There, also, would be no more economic incentives — which many on the committee consider "corporate charity" — to businesses interested in moving into the county and no capital improvement construction or purchase of property without approval of the electors and no new taxes without voter approval.
Charles Champion, Vice President of the Seminole County Libertarian Party, is one of those calling for changes.
"The current form of county government is not at the level that it does not need improve-
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Brender won't run for mayor

By Michelle Jeria
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — It once again appears there is only one individual running in the Lake Mary mayor's race for the November election.
Lake Mary City Commissioner Gary Brender announced Thursday he will not be running for mayor. Instead, he will seek the seat he currently holds on the City Commission.
"I had considered running for the mayor's seat," Brender said. "But, I feel I can best serve my city in my current seat."
Several individuals showed interest in running for the mayor's seat after Lake Mary

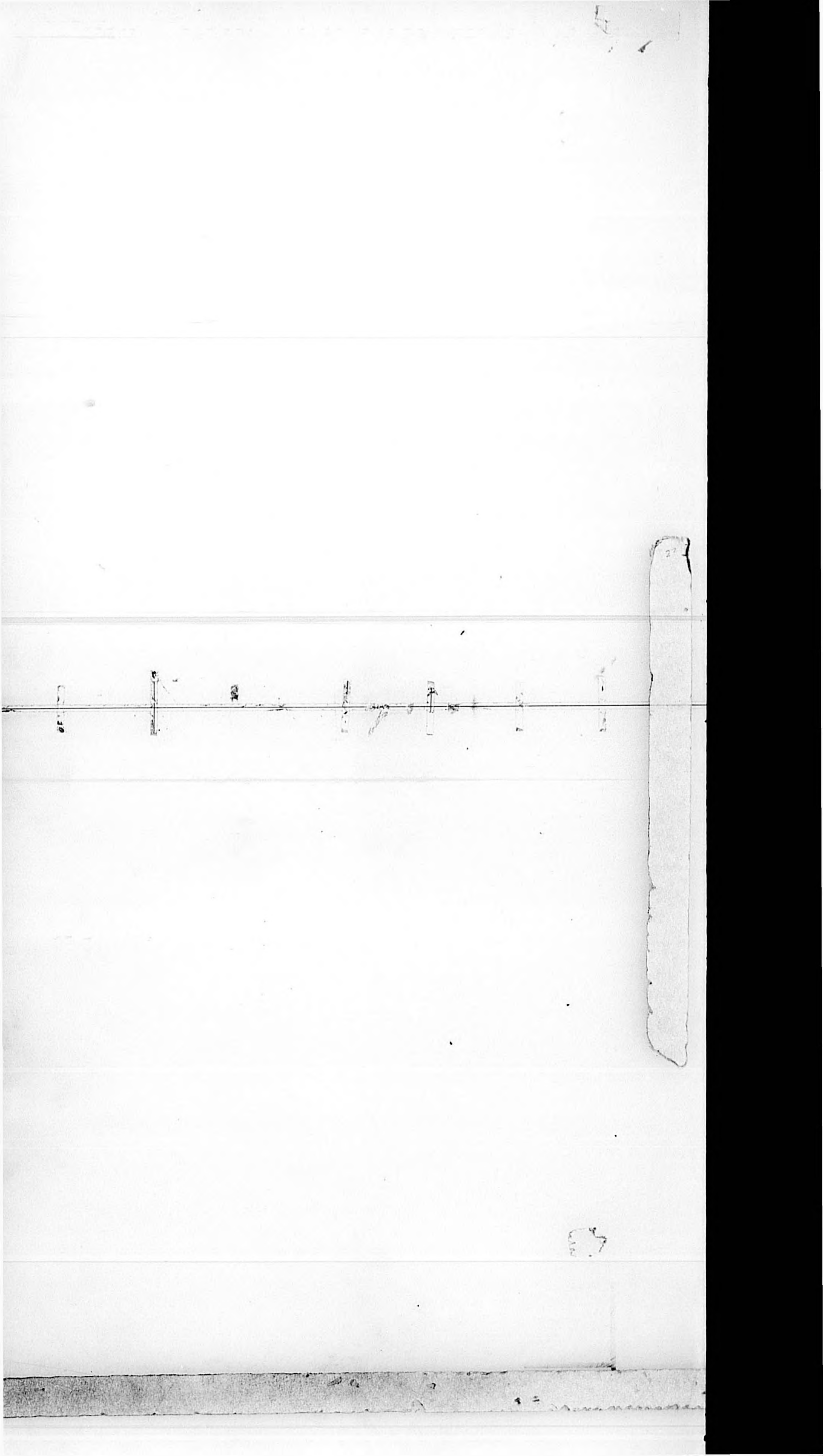
Mayor David Meador announced plans on running for state representative in the November election. However, only one person is publicly preparing for the campaign.
Last September, Lake Mary Deputy Mayor Thom Greene unofficially announced he was running for mayor and began raising money and making contacts for his campaign.
"The qualifying is not until September," Greene said. "So I

want to have things in place in case someone decides to run against me."
Greene said he was surprised by Brender's announcement Thursday, but he believes it is a "plus" for his campaign. He plans on making an official announcement about his candidacy in the near future.
In other November election news, Lake Mary resident and businessman Mike McLean announced his candidacy last month for City Commission.

This one didn't get away



James Burke Jr. has proof the big one didn't get away from him. Burke, a Sanford native who now lives in Deltona, caught this 23-pound Bullhead Catfish on the St. Johns River near Lemon Bluff. He said it took more than 30 minutes to land the fish.



Religion

Faith-based missing children center serves Seminole County

By Russ White
Staff Writer

WINTER SPRINGS — Investigator Bob Wasser of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office needed help locating a runaway, so he turned to Joan Thompson.

Thompson is the director of the Missing Children Center, a faith-based, non-profit organization she founded 16 years ago.

Wasser was looking for 17-year-old Melissa Hubbard, who ran away Dec. 9. The center was able to locate Melissa, however, the organization has been unsuccessful in re-uniting the girl with her parents. But that's the exception.

Assistant Director Marge Glaze said that there were more than 140 missing children cases

last year, and there have been six since the start of 2000. Glaze said more than 90 percent of the runaways are found and returned home each year. Most are 14-year-olds.

And while Melissa says she doesn't want to return home, the staff at the center continues to provide assistance to both her and her family.

"We have talked to Melissa," Glaze said. "We know she is nearby, and we know she does not want to return to parents. Joan talked to Melissa for quite awhile. She assured Joan she was in a safe place."

Joan told Melissa that her little brother missed her and wished that she would come home," Glaze said. "We had tried to get Melissa to go home for Christmas but she didn't. She is with a boy friend. She

said she loves him, and she won't go home."

When first contacted about Melissa's disappearance, the center made posters with a picture of Melissa, and asked any one who saw her to give the center a call. One of Melissa's schoolmates at Lake Howell High School did call. Melissa Hubbard, herself, called the center after seeing one of the posters.

When Joan Thompson asked Melissa if she could call her parents and tell them that she was all right, Melissa gave her permission.

"It is a shame," Glaze said, "that Melissa was missing school — her senior year at Lake Howell. She was enrolled in gifted classes and now she'll lose the whole school year as a result of her running away."

Glaze, a former secretary at Rock Lake Middle School, said that law enforcement agencies can only do so much in finding missing children.

"There is no law against being a runaway," she said. "And law officers have enough lawbreakers to catch."

The Missing Children Center prints a six-page monthly newsletter known as The Light. Melissa Hubbard's picture is on the back cover of the February issue. She is 5-foot-7, 125 pounds, has blue eyes and blond hair.

The Seminole County Board of Commissioners sponsors the center as do a number of local businesses and families. The center is located at 276 East Highway 434 in Winter Springs. The telephone number is (407) 327-4403.

Last Generation



Special to the Herald
Mike and Karen Mateszyn will perform an evening of Southern Gospel music on Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Sanford. Admission is free. The Mateszyns formed Last Generation in 1982 and have made six recordings. For more information, call the church at (407) 327-6041.

Prayer breakfast March 1

From Staff Reports

The 9th annual Seminole County Prayer Breakfast has been set for Wednesday, March 1, at 7 a.m., at the Sanford Civic Center. Early reservations are urged, as the gatherings annually draw a large attendance.

Madeline Manning Mims, gold and silver Olympic medalist in track will be the keynote speaker.

Named one of America's Outstanding Young Women, she pioneered the 800-meter run for the United States by being the first and (at present) only American woman to bring

back a gold medal in the event. She has been a member of four Olympic teams for the United States, spanning a 16-year international career.

She is an international speaker and contemporary gospel recording artist. She and her family have a ministry through sports and the arts known as Ambassadorship, Inc. She currently resides in Tulsa, Okla.

Individual tickets are \$15 per person and a corporate sponsorship (table of 8) costs \$150 each. For reservations or further information, phone 407-333-0548.

Sanford First Christian Church has new minister

From Staff Reports

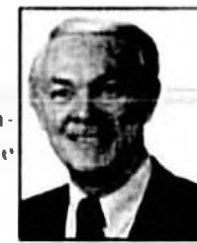
SANFORD — Dr. William A. Gerrard III, recently began as minister of the First Christian Church in Sanford. Prior to coming to Florida, he served Christian Church congregations in Kentucky, Illinois, West Virginia, Texas, and Georgia. He has also served as interim minister of a United Church of Christ congregation in Belvidere, Tenn. Here in Florida he has served in ministry at the Ocoee Christian Church and the Central Christian Church of Orlando.

Gerrard attended Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., and graduated from the University of

Kentucky in 1954.

Before he began his seminary study, he served as Second Lt. in the U.S. Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Also, he worked as a research and analytical chemist for Pillsbury Mills.

His seminary education was at the Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Ky., where he received the Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees. He also did post-graduate study in Theology and New Testament



Gerrard

at the University of Chicago and received a doctorate in Theological Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., in 1982.

Gerrard has taught Theology and Church History at Emory University and Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and at the South Florida Center for Theological Studies in Miami.

He has had extensive experience in evangelism and church growth and conducted seminars in evangelism. For many years he has been actively involved in various ecumenical organization and has written numerous articles on Christian unity. He is the author of the book, "Walter

Scott: American Frontier Evangelist," a study of the 19th Century Disciples of Christ leader and evangelist.

Gerrard and his wife, Suzanne, have two sons, Christopher and Jonathan. The First Christian Church in Sanford is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida. The church is located at 12607 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. The phone number is 407-322-7727. The First Christian Church is open to all persons who seek to worship God and serve Christ. The Christian church is distinctive in its stress on freedom in biblical interpretation and has a strong emphasis on Christian unity.

Man having second thoughts about hosting teen-age cousin

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old man and not very close to my extended family. Out of the blue,



Dear Abby

..... my teen-age cousin called and asked if he could come and stay at my house for a week while he looks at colleges in Los Angeles. Of course, I agreed, but now I realize that entertain-

ing and feeding a 17-year-old for a week will be somewhat costly — and I am by no means wealthy. Should I call and ask his parents to provide expense money, or, by initially accepting my cousin's request, is the responsibility now mine?

"JOHN" IN SANTA MONICA

DEAR "JOHN": It was kind of you to agree to host your young cousin, and it will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to become better acquainted with your extended family.

Call ahead and ask what he would like to do while visiting you, and you'll have a better idea of what he "expects." Most teenagers like hot dogs and hamburgers, and watching videos — none of which should break your budget. If what he wants is expensive, tell him honestly that you can't afford it, and let his parents come up with the extra cash.

Enjoy your time together. It could be the beginning of a rewarding relationship for both

of you.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Stacking the Odds in Oregon," who decided not to name her mother as guardian of her children because of her drinking problems. Not knowing "Stacking" and Grandma personally, I don't know whether Grandma really does have a drinking problem (getting drunk and "loud" only when she entertains doesn't sound very serious to me). However, I was moved to write on behalf of all social drinkers who get labeled "alcoholics" by their friends and family who are recovering addicts.

I don't mean to belittle the pain of those who grew up with drunk, abusive, self-destructive parents, but it is possible to drink socially without having a "problem." My own parents did it, and I have never noticed any negative impact on our lives.

If someone came to me, like "Stacking" to Grandma, and accused me of having a drinking problem, I would probably be just as "hostile and defensive" as Grandma, and then be labeled "in denial." It's a no-win situation.

Please, all you children of alcoholics, don't perceive all drinking as being a "problem." For some people it is; for some it isn't.

NO PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO PROBLEM: Whether Grandma is or is not a problem drinker may be open to interpretation. The woman's "social drinking" was unpleasant enough to her daughter that she doesn't want to subject her

own children to it. And as a parent, that's her choice to make.

While many people can drink socially without becoming problem drinkers, I'm not so sure that the majority of them would react with hostility were they told they had a drinking problem. The normal reaction to a preposterous statement is to laugh, not to become defensive. In fact, when someone becomes defensive, that individual should

examine more closely the reason why.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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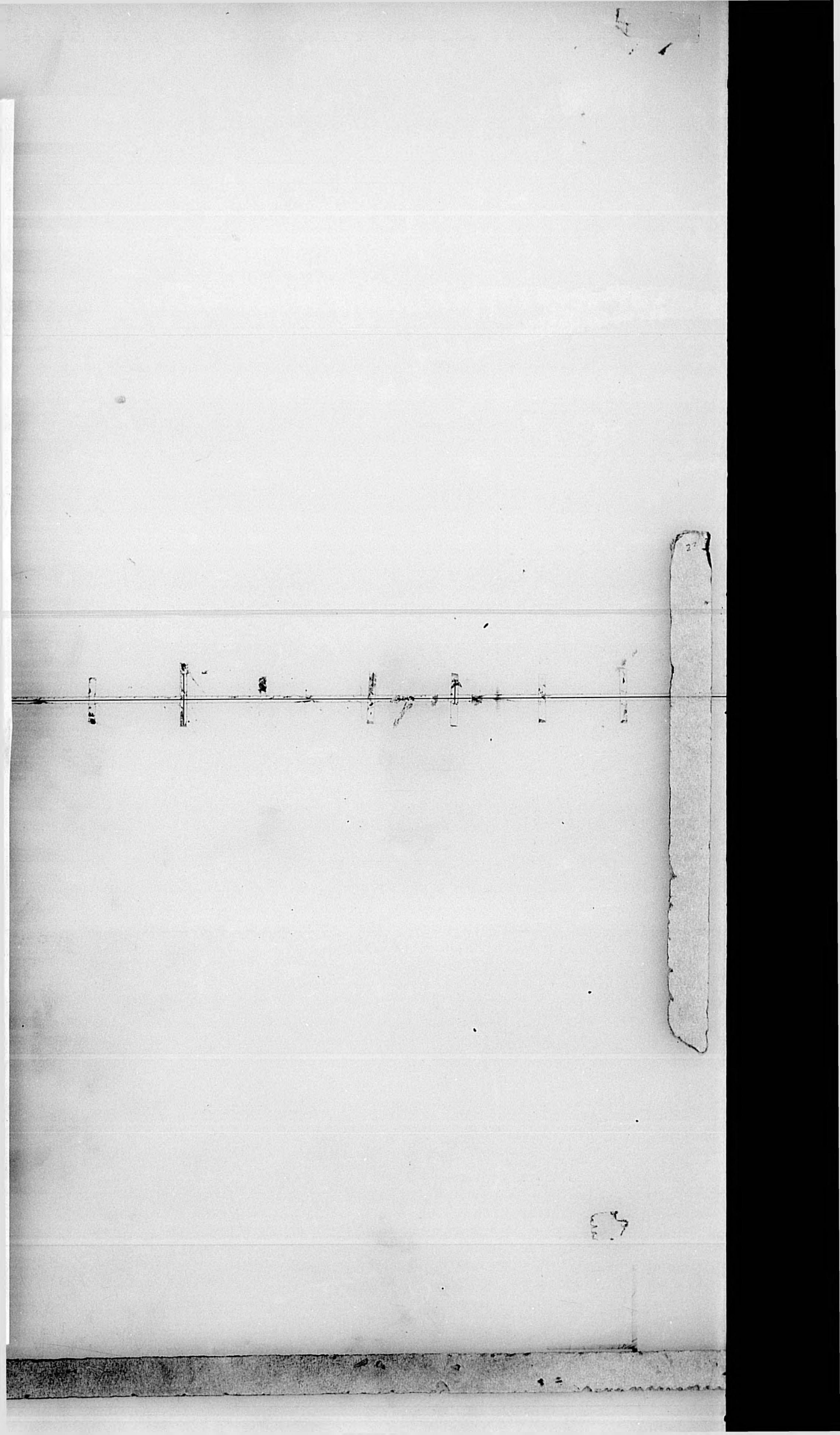
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by Bob Thaves



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by Jim Meddick



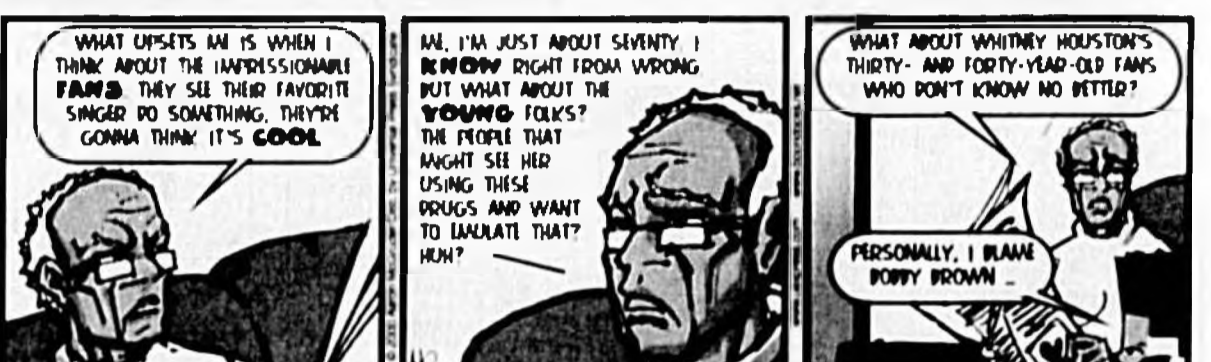
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by Art Sansom



BETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



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by Jimmy Johnson



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



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Your Birthday
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000
 In situations where your leadership skills were once happy to play second fiddle, you'll now begin to want to direct the orchestra in the year ahead. The new effects will be music to your ears.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That which you personally manage or direct today have the best chances for success today. Don't allow inept associates to handle anything you know you can do better. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.
PICES (Feb. 20-March 20) A new ambition is likely to be awakened in you today. However, no matter how excited you get about it, it might be wise to keep it to yourself until things are better crystallized.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Positive measures can now be taken today in those up important relationships that haven't been

going your way, be they business or social. Get working on them.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be afraid to take a well-calculated risk where your career is concerned today. You can be rather fortunate now in situations that have competitive elements.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you believe you are a winner, then the results will reflect it today. Your success may be determined by how much faith you have in yourself.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a chance a side venture with profitable potential could be brought to your attention today. If your source is credible, it'll be worth it to explore it further.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A stabilizing influence in an arrangement that hasn't been too harmonious lately might be ushered in on a new wind today. The change will be welcomed by one and all.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be a doer, not a dictator today. Focus your attention and efforts on responsibilities you can take care of by yourself, rather than through the need of surrogates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today will offer you a chance to put your affairs in good order. Begin immediately to reorganize slipshod situations so that you can be more effective and productive in the future.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Present conditions are favoring you in matters that need closure. Give top priority to important issues, especially domestic ones that should be put to rest.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you haven't produced the types of results you desire, don't hesitate today to revise your plans and start anew. It may only take a few changes to get you back on track.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take advantage of today's aspects that are favoring you where your financial interests are concerned. These propitious times offer a bit of the Midas touch.

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Win at Bridge

Teaching bridge is fun

By Philip Alder
 As regular readers know, I teach a lot of bridge classes. I enjoy them immensely, despite the occasional frustrations. Still, I haven't yet had the problem that confronted B.J. Becker some 30 years ago when he was using this deal. How should the play go in four hearts after West leads the diamond king? North has a very soft hand, with all seven points in quacks. But with four trumps, it would be tactically poor to pass. (Yes, in the modern tournament game, West would make a weak jump overall of three diamonds. But what would happen after that? North would bid three hearts, and South would probably pass. Pre-emptive bidding sometimes backfires, because three hearts is laydown.) East should overtake the diamond king

at trick one, cash the spade ace (not necessary here, but good technique), and return the diamond eight. West will win with the queen and continue with the diamond nine or 10, allowing East to overruff the dummy to defeat the contract.
 Becker's beginner sitting East played the diamond eight at trick one, though. Now four hearts couldn't be beaten.
 Becker pointed out to East that her partner's opening lead of the king showed either the ace-king or king-queen. And as East could see the ace, she knew West had the king-queen. This drew a blank stare, so Becker asked, "Have you ever seen anyone with, say, K-10-4-2, plunk down the king as the opening lead?"
 "The people I play with do it all the time."



Philip Alder
 Bridge

North 02 04 00			
♠ Q J 8			
♥ 10 8 7 6			
♦ J 3			
♣ Q J 7 2			
West		East	
♠ 9 6 2		♠ A 10 7 4	
♥ 5		♥ J 9 4	
♦ K Q 10 9 6 2		♦ A 8	
♣ 8 6 4		♣ 10 9 5 3	
South			
♠ K 5 3			
♥ A K Q 3 2			
♦ 7 5 4			
♣ A K			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

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Doctor Gott

Anemia should be treated at any age

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has diagnosed me with anemia. He says that at my age (88) nothing really needs to be done. When I asked about vitamin B12 shots, he retorted that they could damage my liver. Nonetheless, I don't feel up to par and wonder if I am running any risks by ignoring the anemia. Should I see a hematologist?
 DEAR READER: Anemia (too few red blood cells) has three basic causes. Either the body isn't making enough cells, or blood is being lost from the system, or the body inappropriately destroys the blood cells that it normally manufactures. In the first instance, there is a problem with the bone marrow. Malnutrition, iron and vitamin deficiency, or a serious side effect of medicine are three common factors leading to anemia. In the second category, the most

common cause of anemia, hidden blood loss, usually from the intestinal tract, is to blame. In the third situation, the body develops an allergy to its own blood cells, and the immune system destroys normal blood cells.
 I do not agree with your doctor. Anemia at any age is abnormal and should be investigated and corrected, if possible. In my opinion, you need further blood tests, a stool blood examination and — perhaps — a bone marrow analysis to diagnose your ailment. Further, your physician is incorrect that B12 shots cause liver damage. These injections can correct a vitamin deficiency. But even if your B12 level is normal, supplemental injections would not harm you.
 If your physician is not inclined to take your anemia seriously, I agree that a referral to a hematologist is the next logical step. However, as I mentioned, your own doctor could easily order the basic lab tests that

need to be performed. In my experience, seniors with anemia can usually be diagnosed and treated quite easily, leading to a feeling of greater strength and stamina. Discuss this situation with your doctor and see if he won't be willing to take a more aggressive role in defining the cause of your anemia.
 DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been told that I have optic migraine. What is this disorder? I almost never have headaches.
 DEAR READER: No one knows precisely what causes migraine. The current theory is that an instability of blood flow in the brain leads to headaches. However, in some people, this instability causes other, non-headache symptoms, such as spots or flashing lights in the visual field, distortions of sight and other peculiar manifestations of circulatory deficiency.
 If your doctors have diagnosed optic migraine, you could be helped by using medicine — such as Imitrex — at the first sign of trouble. Or, better yet, a beta-blocker, such as Inderal, may actually prevent your visual symptoms from developing.



Doctor Gott

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