

## Go To Agency, Says Spokesman

# Hospital Past-Due Billing Errors Cited

By GEOFFREY POUNDS  
Herald Staff Writer

Seminole Memorial Hospital Administrator Charles Bentley today said he is satisfied the \$500,000 figure listed as past due bills owed the hospital is accurate despite reports by individuals claiming bookkeeping errors on the hospital's part.

The reports of errors began coming into the hospital after former patients started receiving letters this month from a Minnesota collection agency informing them they were delinquent in their bills. At least 20 persons have questioned the accuracy of the statements, saying they were never billed by the

hospital to begin with or that their insurance companies had already paid the bills.

Typical of those with questions about the accuracy of the hospital's billing procedure is Mrs. J.D. Driggers of 1402 S. Oak Ave., Sanford. She said the collection agency, Allied Medical Accounts Control, has told her she and her husband owe \$196 for that amount, or an itemized account of the bill available.

"I never received anything from the hospital telling me what I owe that money for," she said. "I'll be darned if I am going to pay anything until I am told what the bill is for, and I couldn't have

paid anything if I never got a bill in the first place."

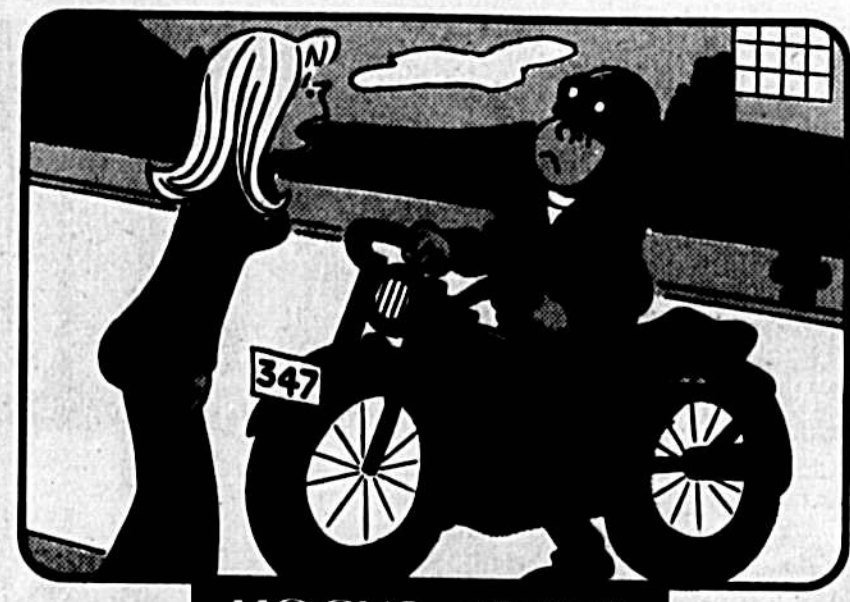
According to Mrs. Driggers, she got a statement from the hospital several days after her husband was discharged as a patient in February. The statement said only that additional charges not covered by Medicare were pending. No amount was given, she said. She said in the past her insurance company has picked up the portion of medical expenses not paid through Medicare. Mrs. Driggers said she followed the same procedure this year and assumed her insurance would again cover the difference. She said she did not bear anything else on the bill until she was contacted by the collection agency. When she tried to

inquire into the matter, she said she was "given the runaround."

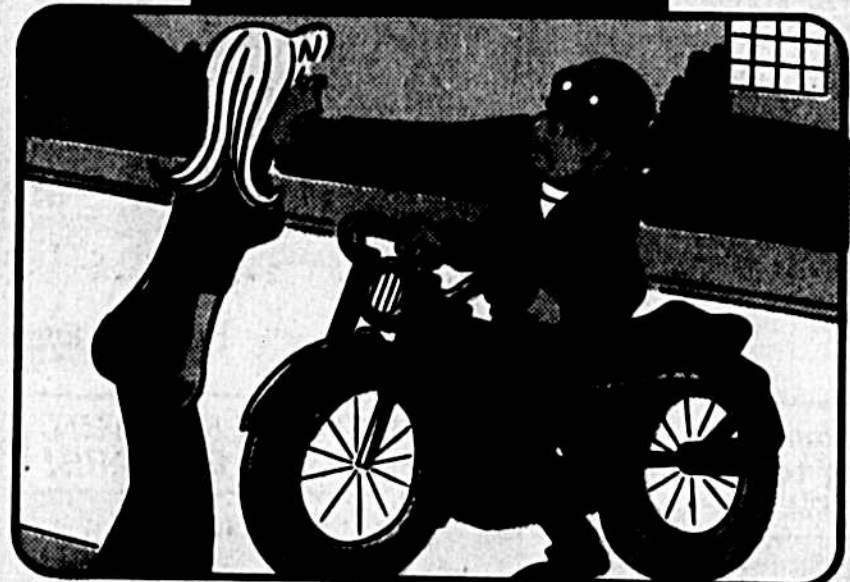
"When I asked why I never got a bill, I kept getting referred from one person to another. Finally someone said my statement had been 'put in another file, whatever that means,'" she said. She said she still has not been told what the \$196 she reportedly owes is for.

Bentley said part of the task of the Minnesota firm will be to audit the billing procedure and he admitted there may be a few errors, but he said he does not think there are many or serious enough errors to change the \$500,000 he says is owed by patients

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HOCUS-FOCUS



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Hair in girl's hair; 2. Tire on bicycle; 3. Tire on bicycle; 4. Tire on bicycle; 5. Tire on bicycle; 6. Tire on bicycle.

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

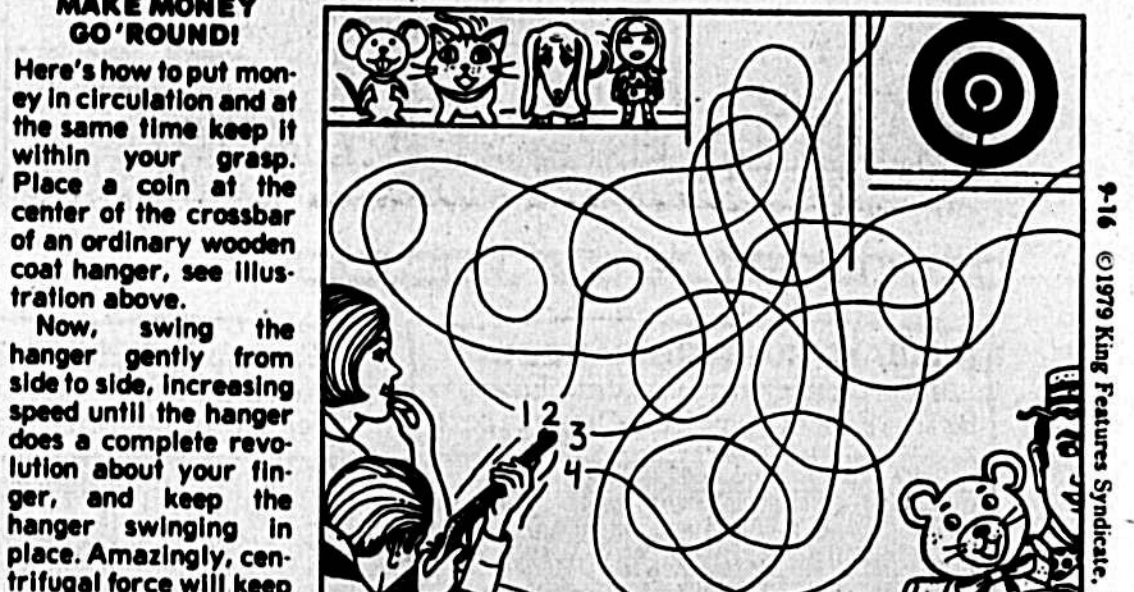
● **SUM NAME!** Five hundred begins it; five hundred ends it; and five in the middle is seen. The first of all letters, the first of all numbers, have taken their stations between. What given name is spelled out?

● **Challenge:** Place the numbers 1-9 in three rows so that the top row is half the middle row and one-third the bottom row. No fair peeking.

● **Check 'Em Out!** Rearrange letters to identify items on this grocery list: 1. raebd; 2. imik; 3. odas; 4. trufi; 5. gfyuyr.

● **Bird Lore!** Which bird is a chef? Cook Robin. Which bird cooks with a spit? The kabobolink. Which bird cooks with a frying pan? The skillet fanager. Can you think of some?

● **MAKE MONEY GO ROUND!** Here's how to put money in circulation and at the same time keep it within your grasp. Place a coin at the center of the crossbar of an ordinary wooden coat hanger, see illustration above.



Now, swing the hanger gently from side to side, increasing speed until the hanger does a complete revolution about your finger, and keep the hanger swinging in place. Amazingly, centrifugal force will keep the coin steadfast in its precarious place on the crossbar.

ON TARGET! "Hit the bull's-eye, win a prize," cries the Barker. Will our shooter pal above comply? You decide.



## SALT Vote Delay Eeyed By Senator

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — Sen. Henry Bellmon, saying he was suspicious of Soviet motives in the SALT II accord, vowed to propose legislation today postponing ratification of the treaty at least until March 1, 1980, to allow reappraisal of U.S. defense and foreign policies.

He said the panel would be expected to develop recommendations on the level of conventional and strategic military needed through the year 2000.

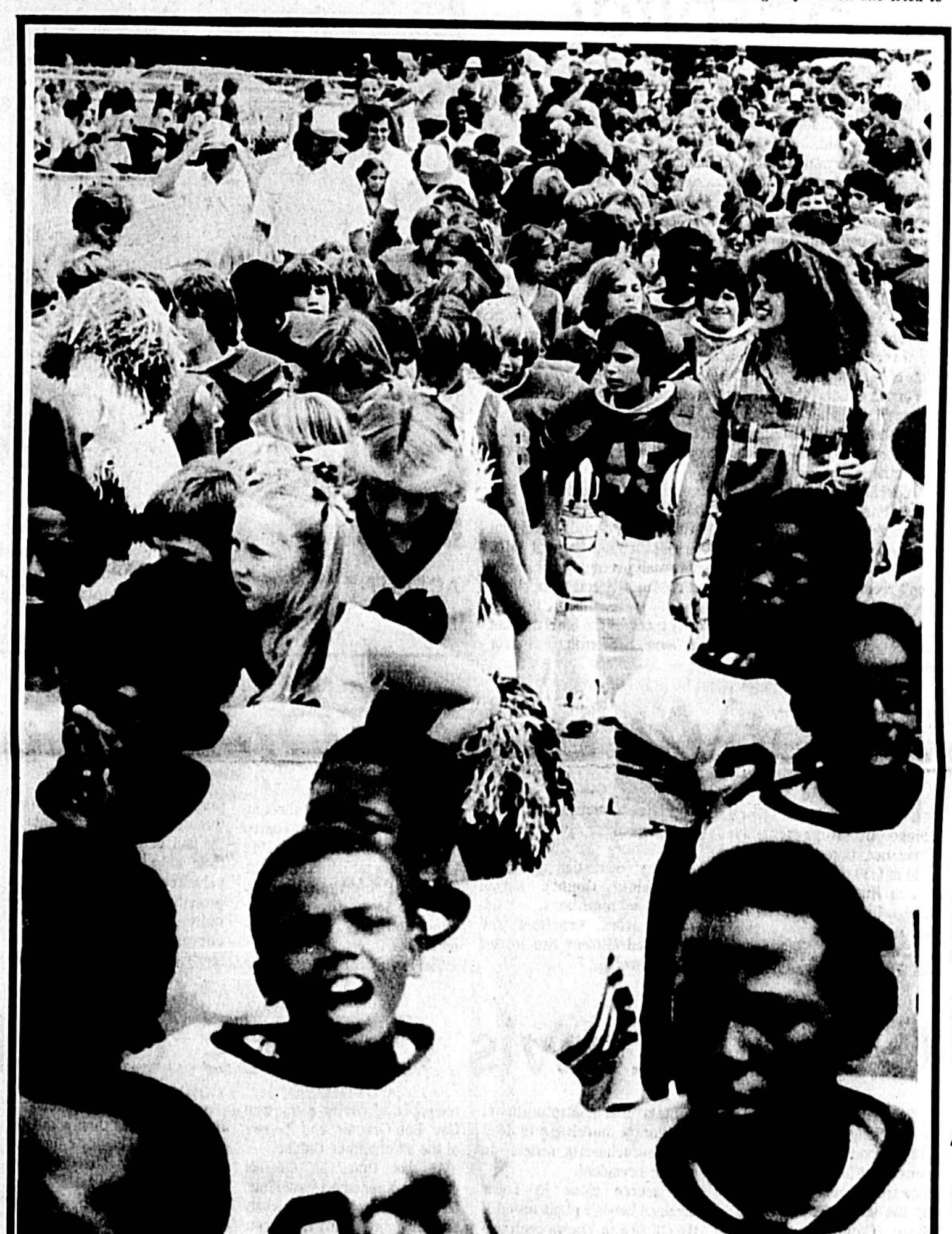
"How long has it been since the Senate and Executive Branch, or any other decision-making body thoroughly, methodically and intelligently reviewed the nation's foreign policy?" he said.

He said he had doubts that U.S. intelligence could monitor Soviet military activity because "we don't even notice Russian combat troops massing 90 miles off the Florida coast."

"U.S.-Soviet relations have been strained, if not temporarily poisoned by the revelation of Russian troops in Cuba."

"Administration credibility has been wounded by the clumsy cover-up efforts made to hide this significant development from Congress and the country," Bellmon said.

He said Congress might find out it missed a chance to review U.S. defense policy if the treaty was passed now.



A REALLY BIG SHOW  
Players and cheerleaders enter the stadium Saturday for showcase day for Pop Warner League footballers in Seminole County as some 987 boys and 600 cheerleaders and drill team girls participated in a jamboree at Lake Brantley High Stadium. The program, sponsored by the Seminole Youth Sports Association, gets underway this Saturday at fields throughout the county.

## Health Dept. Gears For Flu Vaccines

By JANE CASSELLBERRY  
Herald Staff Writer

Next Sunday is the first day of fall, and for all that entails, the Seminole County Health Department means getting ready for the flu season.

The health department is readying itself this week to give free flu vaccine to help those who need protection through the season.

During the 1978-1979 season the health department issued flu vaccine to about 500 persons, according to Mrs. Bernice Duncan, a nursing supervisor.

Mrs. Duncan said last year there were about 115 confirmed flu cases, but that for this area 100 to 120 cases would be considered normal. More than 120 confirmed cases, according to Mrs. Duncan, would probably be classified an epidemic.

Dr. Jorge DeJu, public health director, said there is nothing at this time to indicate there may be a flu epidemic in this area this year.

"It is difficult to predict when and whether a flu epidemic will occur, and there is nothing at present to suspect an epidemic," said Dr. DeJu.

"Viruses change every so often and the vaccine is based on these changes," he pointed out. "The last flu epidemics occurred in Brazil and Russia and if epidemics occur this fall and winter we expect the virus will be closely related. The vaccine we use will be designed to protect against those strains," Dr. DeJu added.

Flu immunization shots will be available from the county health department beginning this week.

The free immunization will be available from the clinic at 300 S. French Ave., Sanford, from 8:11 a.m. Tuesday and Friday, and the Longwood clinic at Church Street and Wilma Avenue, on Mondays, 8-11 a.m.

Dr. DeJu said the county health department will be responding to requests for immunizations from area nursing homes, clubs for the elderly and other groups which might want them. He recommends the flu shots especially for those 65 years and over and those suffering from chronic diseases.

Mrs. Duncan said the vaccine to be used this year is the same as last year's to afford protection against the Russian strain.

## Rattlesnakes Cause Scare

A 12-year-old Lakeview Middle School student received a scare but no injury Friday when he was bitten by one of two baby rattlesnakes who made their way into the school and hid behind a gym door.

Lakeview principal Ted Barker said the youth was taken immediately to a doctor, but the skin had not been broken on the wound and there was no injury.

"He was back in class within two hours. The snakes were very small and did not have any venom," said Barker.

The principal said both snakes were found behind the door to the gym. The youth had reached down for one of the snakes when it bit him, Barker said.

## The Colonel Coming Back To Sanford?

Site plan for a new Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant to be constructed at the corner of Airport Boulevard and U.S. 17-92 will be considered by the Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission at its 7 p.m. meeting Thursday.

The meeting will be held in the commission room at city hall.

City Building Official Bill Brockland said plans are to remove the old gasoline station structure from the corner property to construct the new 61,000 sq. ft. restaurant.

Brockland said construction is expected to be underway before the end of the year.

## Group Seeking Seminole Mass Transit Will Propose Referendum For Fees

By GEOFFREY POUNDS  
Herald Staff Writer

A plan asking for a service charge of \$2 per month for every homeowner in Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties in order to subsidize mass transportation has been unveiled by leaders of the Free People's Transit Organization.

John Hedrick, Free People's Transit spokesman, said his group will be seeking to get the county commission in each of the three counties to put the proposal to the voters in a March referendum.

The plan, which Hedrick says he will formally present later this month to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), calls for a \$2 fee to homeowners and a \$1 fee to non-homeowners. The fee would be tacked onto a consumer's monthly utility bill, he proposes. Based on these fees, Hedrick said, about \$5 million would be generated.

"The first year that money would go into capital expenses — more buses," he said. Part of the money generated would also go to cover a loss incurred by a planned reduction in bus fares from 50 cents to 10 or 35

cents, depending on time, he said.

In subsequent years, the money generated from the fees would be used to expand the number of bus routes and the number of buses running those routes, he said.

Hedrick is proposing that the 50 cent bus fares be lowered to 10 cents during non-rush hours and 35 cents during peak periods of use in the mornings and afternoons. He said studies have indicated bus usage declines markedly when the rate exceeds 35 cents.

If county commissioners in the three counties reject the referendum proposal, Hedrick said his organization will try to put the plan to the voters through initiative petitions in individual cities throughout the area.

Hedrick further announced he would be meeting with representatives of Seminole County social service agencies in an attempt to mobilize support for improvements in the mass transit system.

Last week representatives from 23 social service agencies in Seminole County met at Seminole Community College for a work session on common needs. The representatives tabbed better mass transit as the number one priority.

"There are a lot of people falling between cracks — people who can't get to jobs or services they need because there is no transportation," said Ed Holst, resource and job developer for the Epilepsy Association of Central Florida.

Holst said the agency representatives will plan another work session next month to map out a strategy for presenting requests for better transportation to the county commission. Specifically, Holst said, the social service agencies would like to see expanded service on buses running from Orlando up 17-92 all the way to Sanford. No regular service on that route now exists.

## Airport Restaurant Closed Temporarily

After 2½ years operating at the site, Jerry's Restaurant at Sanford Airport closed its doors to business Friday.

Richard Buck, owner of Buck's Catering, Sanford, who plans to submit the entry, said he expects to reopen the restaurant on Wednesday for breakfast and lunch.

Because of the necessity of various license transfers, Buck said today he has not as yet set a definite time for reopening the bar and banquet room.

Marvin Greenstein, assistant J.S. (Red) Cleveland, said the transfer in operations probably will be routinely approved by the Sanford Airport Authority.

### Today

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Castro Lost A Few In Havana

The basic orientation of the non-aligned countries in world affairs appears to have been little changed by their just-concluded summit conference in Havana.

In terms of their final declaration of views, the 95 countries at the conference, as in the past, were highly critical of the United States and the West on familiar grounds.

Write Please

Letters to the editor are welcomed for publication. All letters must be signed, with a mailing address and, if possible, a telephone number so the identity of the writer may be verified.

BERRY'S WORLD



How would YOU like it if I put Guy Lombardo in my car?

Around



The Clock

By DONNA ESTES

ANGLE-WALTERS

There's No Time To Lose

WASHINGTON (NEA) — President Carter and his loyal associates are whispering in the dark if they hope to keep Sen. Edward M. Kennedy out of the 1980 presidential contest with warnings that his candidacy would split the party.

Washington (UPI) — A new political phenomenon has appeared on the American scene. All over the country, we are seeing the formation of groups seeking a Democratic alternative.

Washington (UPI) — The D.C. Committee for a Democratic Alternative, it joins similar organizations already created in 19 states.

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"OH OH... WE'RE IN TROUBLE. THERE GOES TEDDY WITH A NOTE FROM HOME!"

LIGHTER SIDE

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VIEWPOINT

What's In 100 Days?

By DON GRAFF

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was responsible for introducing into the language of American politics a time period that is now of critical importance to James Earl Carter — 100 days.

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Bucs Trade In Training Wheels For Division Lead

By United Press International The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are ready to throw out their training wheels.



Trinity Crunched, 27-6

Frosting is expected back for this Saturday's home opener against Shorecrest Prep.

Angels, Royals Lose; California Up By Three

By United Press International In the spirit of generosity, the California Angels and Kansas City Royals are trying their very best to give away a division title.

Seaver 13-Of-14 As Reds Go 2 1/2 Up Over Astros

By United Press International In 1983 a 24-year-old right-hander named Tom Seaver is making a comeback.

Major League Baseball

Scoreboard table with columns for League, Team, Score, and Game information.

Seminoles Get Ready For Miami

By United Press International The first of the state's five college football showdowns is set for Saturday.

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BUN, B.J. — RUN, RUN, RUN

By United Press International Jack Watson listens for the hoofbeats, but doesn't want much time in scooping 60 yards for a touchdown.

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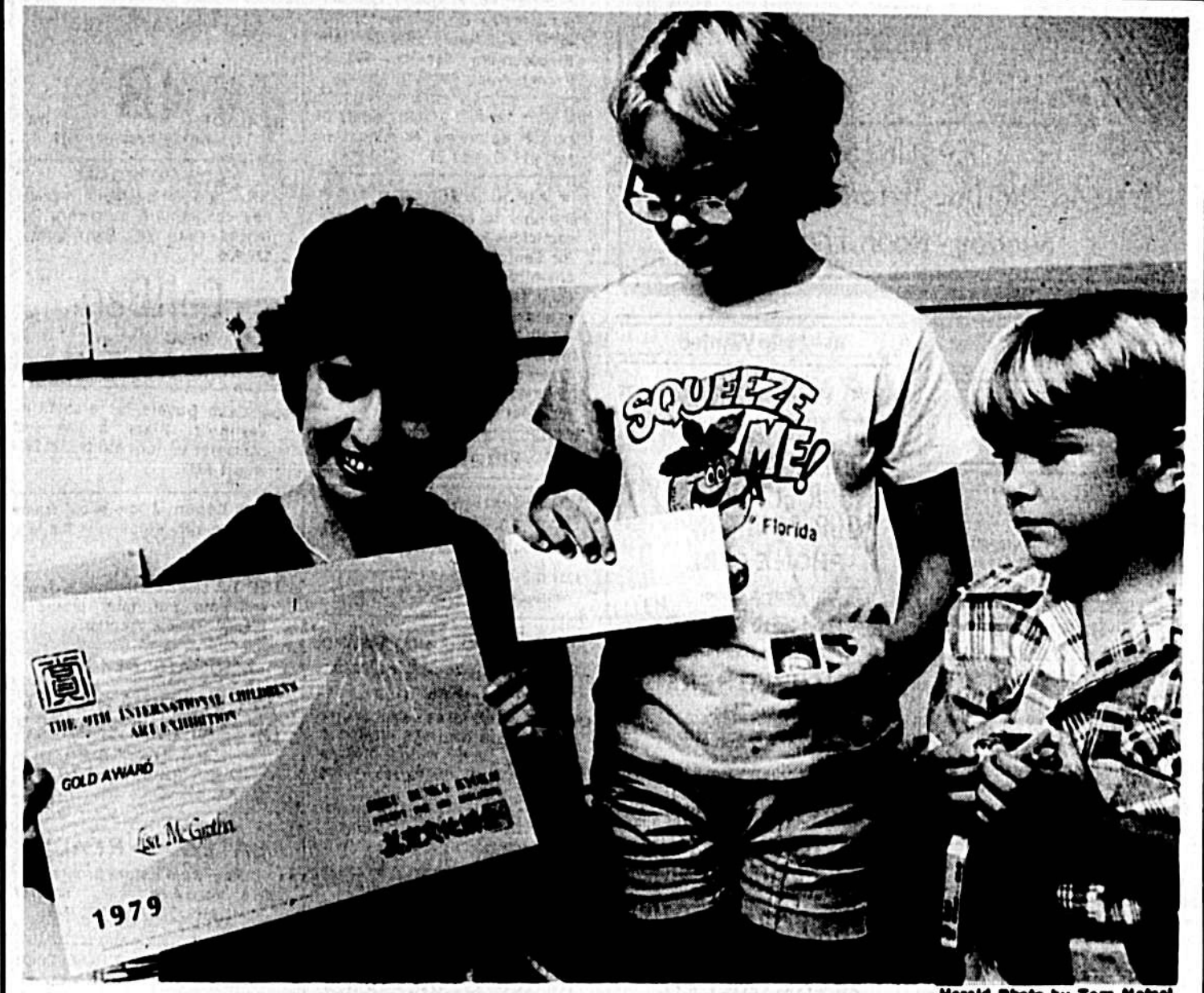
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DEAR ABBY: I work at a small community driving school. There are just two of us girls working here in a tiny room.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 62, and this is my first letter to Dear Abby. To get right to my problem, how can a mother get her grown, married children to pay back the money they borrowed?

OURSELVES

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