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Sports

Two hoops teams advance

SANFORD — Seminole High Arrow Force III and the Orangewood Christian School Rams advanced to Thursday's Boys' Regional Basketball Playoffs with wins Tuesday night, but the Lake Brantley Patriots fell in overtime.

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People

What's Cooking?

Pizza lovers never seem to tire of the traditional, yummy Italian pie. For adventurers who like to explore their culinary talents, there are many variations of the popular treat, including Broccoli Pizza.

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BRIEFS

ORHS files suit

ORLANDO — Orlando Regional Healthcare System has filed a federal lawsuit to block Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp.'s merger with HealthTrust Inc. and try to get full ownership of South Seminole Hospital.

Orlando Regional and HealthTrust are partners in the Longwood hospital. But Orlando Regional contends it had a contract option to buy out the hospital if HealthTrust's ownership changes.

Orlando Regional contends HealthTrust hasn't given it the opportunity to make the purchase.

Shareholders for the two Nashville, Tenn.-based giant hospital chains are to vote on the proposed merger next Tuesday.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Orlando, alleges the merger would violate antitrust laws by lessening competition and possibly creating a monopoly in Seminole County and throughout Florida.

The Columbia-HealthTrust merger would give the combined corporation 311 hospitals in 37 states and two foreign countries, including 50 facilities in Florida.

Kaplan seeks release, new trial

SANFORD — A man convicted of attempted murder for shooting his political opponent's wife has filed motions seeking a new trial and to be released from jail pending sentencing.

A 9 a.m. hearing is scheduled Thursday on the motions filed on behalf of Eric Kaplan.

Kaplan, 31, was found guilty of shooting Judith Starks, the wife of Rep. Bob Starks before the 1992 election. Kaplan was the Democratic candidate challenging Starks for the legislative seat. Kaplan fired five shots into the Starks' Matland home on Sept. 27, 1992. One of the bullets struck Mrs. Starks in the leg. She recovered from the wound.

Kaplan, who claimed he was temporarily insane at the time of the shooting, was convicted of attempted first degree murder, armed burglary to a dwelling and shooting into an occupied building. Under state guidelines, Kaplan faces 17-22 years in prison at his April 13 sentencing.

Company to appeal verdict

SANFORD — An insurance company plans to appeal a \$1.2 million verdict by a Seminole County jury to a woman injured in a 1989 head-on collision on Tuskawilla Road.

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“The longer I live the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us.”

-Oscar Wilde



Today: Sunny and cool. High around 70. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

For more weather, see Page 2A

From school to work

Employers: Students aren't adequately prepared

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Though they are encouraged to continue their education after graduation from high school, Seminole County students are prepared for the workplace when they are through.

But it's not enough, some say. School board member Larry Strickler has been trying to make the schools more aware of the needs of the business community since he was elected three years ago, but the process has

moved "much too slow" for his taste. "I think the educational system is more aware of the needs of business," said Strickler. "But I don't think the changes that are needed are coming fast enough to meet those needs."

With programs like the Academy of Health Careers at Seminole High School, students are prepared with strong occupational skills that will allow students to enter careers in the health care field with preparation far beyond the traditional high school curriculum.

They are groomed for the work force with both job skills and the proper workplace training

needed to get and keep a high-paying job.

"I think that's very important," Strickler said. Employers are more interested in a good attitude and good work habits than good grades when they look for someone to hire, according to a survey released by the Education Department.

"That's been the case for a long time," said Strickler. "Grades mean nothing. A high school diploma means nothing. The only thing is that the diploma might get you in the door."

Companies, Strickler said, often give their own tests. The ability to perform job duties is more

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Citizens get a taste of cop life

Sheriff's program demystifies aspects of law enforcement

By RENEE KEITH
Herald Correspondent



Herald Photo by [Name]

Deputy Eric Bryant guides Sheriff Don Estinger's mom, Dorothy, in the proper use of firearms, (left) Deputy Joe Nugri assists Jerry Mc...

In a continuing effort to keep the citizens of Seminole County involved in their communities as well as heightening their awareness, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office offers a program called Citizens Police Academy.

This 14-week program was first introduced to the public in January, 1994. Under the auspices of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Community Service Officer Raymond Stacey heads up the crime prevention program. Three times a year classes are held familiarizing the students with different aspects of law enforcement.

To begin with, you will meet Sheriff Donald F. Estinger and his command staff. The introduction will consist of the organizational philosophy of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and its employees. Also, an overview of the Citizens Police Academy and expected accomplishments will be examined. Additionally, students will be

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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of end of World War II

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — It's been the Sanford Armory since it was first built in 1936. Now plans are underway to have the name changed to Evans Armory.

The initial drive to have the building renamed is scheduled to begin during the reunion of the 31st Infantry "Dixie" Division from World War II. The event will be held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in Orlando this August.

Officers at the National Guard headquarters in St. Augustine said they were aware that some move is underway, but have not received formal documentation for the re-

quest. Yesterday afternoon, a National Guard public relations spokesman said, "We have heard a letter regarding it is on its way to Gen. Harrison, but it has not been received as of today."

Guardsmen said applications for a name change would have to gain approval of the Armory Board.

He continued, "To my knowledge, however, we don't have any armories in the state named after an NCO (Non-commissioned officer). The ones which were were named after officers."

Herbert Thurston, a resident of Sanford until 1960 and presently living in Merritt Island, is on the reunion committee. Thurston was a member of the 124th Infantry as

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

A proposal is afoot to rename the Sanford Armory.

Bigger, better county fair ready to open

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

CASSELBERRY — Like ants constructing a colony, the workers at the Seminole County Fair are scurrying furiously to be sure the second annual event is ready for the public Thursday afternoon.

Gregory Bean, coordinator of the fair, has made his list and he's checking it twice, making sure that everything's nice.

"We've got this fair planned down to the last detail," he said. "I don't think you've overlooked anything."

Bean said the fair, scheduled to run through March 5, is nearly twice the size of last year's inaugural event. Community participation in the arts and crafts division has increased some 100 percent.

"We were surprised at how many entries we have this year," Bean said. "We're very pleased."

Those who attended last year's fair will see a change in this year's event.

"We've made some big changes," Bean promised. "Everything is bigger and better."

The Longwoods at the Seminole See Fair, Page 5A



File Photo

Visitors to the Seminole County Fair last year will find even more to delight them beginning Thursday.

POLICE

Stolen car crashes

The Seminole County Sheriff's office received a stolen car report Sunday. A 1985 Pontiac containing a 56-year-old handgun and four rounds of ammunition was reportedly stolen from a residence in the 3500 block of Decker Way in Midway. Several hours later, a deputy reportedly spotted the vehicle being driven near 18th Street and U.S. Highway 17-92. He gave chase, and said the vehicle eventually pulled into a driveway in the 1800 block of Hickory Avenue. The driver reportedly exited from the vehicle and fled on foot, but left the motor running and the transmission in gear. The car is said to have crashed into the front of a home. No damage was estimated, and the suspected car thief was not located.

Stolen car found

Sanford police arrested Aris Vincent Xeros, 46, of 1209 W. 32nd St., Sanford on Monday. Police said they conducted a traffic stop of a pickup truck with New Jersey license tags on West 32nd Street near Chase Avenue. The truck was found to have been listed as stolen Dec. 9 in Philadelphia. Xeros was arrested on a charge of grand theft auto. He was also found to be wanted on a Seminole County warrant for failing to appear on a charge of having a suspended driver's license.

Other vehicle theft

A 1982 Pontiac, reportedly stolen Sunday from the 600 block of French Avenue, was found by Sanford police Monday on Harrison Street near Southwest Road. The vehicle had been abandoned.

Tires and rims

Larry Cornell Johnson, 36, listed as having two addresses, 109 Anderson Ave. and 1571 W. 18th St., was arrested by Sanford police Monday. Police said two investigators went to his 18th Street residence on Feb. 16 on an unrelated investigation, and noticed a number of tires and rims. Following a further investigation, Johnson was arrested Monday when police said they found 18 tires and rims believed to have been stolen at various sites around Sanford. He was charged with possession of stolen property, and dealing in stolen property.

Walking with plate

Sanford police arrested Alan Curtis Penley, 37, whose address was listed as the woods behind the Sanford Herald. Police said they saw him walking near Third Street and Cedar Avenue carrying a metal dish plate on top of his head. Police found the plate had been reported stolen during a business burglary in the 400 block of Laurel Avenue. Penley was arrested on a charge of burglary.

Theft cases

Willie T. Wright, 69, 1011 Holly Ave., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at a retail store in the 1500 block of South French Avenue Monday. Police said he attempted to remove a bottle of cologne, valued at \$8.44 from a store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

A woman was arrested as Jane Doe by Altamonte Springs police Sunday at a retail store. Her tentative identity was listed as Yvette Walker, 38, of 1016 S. Locust Ave., Sanford. Police said she attempted to take three jean jackets from the store without paying. She was charged with petit theft.

Traffic stops

Gregory Rice, 31, 19 Live Oak Drive, Sanford, was stopped for speeding in the 4000 block of West State Road 28 Monday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Deputies stopped a car driven by Robert Andrew Peavy, 38, of 481 Overstreet Ave., Longwood, when they reportedly saw him throw a bottle out of his vehicle on Benchmark Lane in Midway Commerce Park on Monday. Following a search of his vehicle, deputies charged him with possession of a controlled substance under 30 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Disturbance

Sheriff's deputies arrested Tammy Rose Alverson, 34, 660 Shiver Circle, Lake Mary at Lake Mary Center on Monday. Deputies said they were responding to a call regarding a disturbance and found the woman in a verbal confrontation with another person. She was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer without violence.

Store check

Sheriff's deputies arrested Connie Eyrone Floyd, 37, of 1991 Sipes Ave., Sanford, on Monday. A deputy said he spotted the woman in front of a grocery store in the 3500 block of East State Road 46, with what appeared to be an open can of beer. She was arrested on charges of possession of alcoholic beverage/open container, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mr. Wilde would be amused

SCC theatre review: 'The Importance of Being Earnest'

By David Williams
Herald Staff Writer

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the debut of "The Importance of Being Earnest," Seminole Community College's Fine Arts Theatre has mounted a charming production of Oscar Wilde's comedy.

The play opened Feb. 14, 1988 at the St. James Theatre in London. One can imagine the delight of its audience back then as the mannerly doctor diagnosed Victorian society and its mores. To quote Hecuba Postum in his book, "Oscar Wilde: His Life and Work," Wilde spent most of his time that night behind the scenes, dressed, according to Postum, in "the depth of fashion."

Jacqueline Whitting's depiction of Algernon's overbearing aunt (Lady Bracknell) was a tour-de-force. With her "veddy peak" English accent and droll mutterings about the aristocracy, the actress served up Wilde with humor.

The Rev. Chasuble (T.J. Tolbert) and the not-so-prime Miss Prism (Jennifer Stager) played out their courtship ritual with great enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the talented set designers, costumers, prop people, makeup artists and others who worked so diligently behind the scenes. The sets were imaginative, the costumes eye-catching — watch for the man in the velvet black hat!

Kudos to Director Copp and her charming ensemble. I'm sure Mr. Wilde would have been greatly amused.

There are several more performances, namely, Feb. 24, 26 and 28. Call the box office for reservations between noon and 5 p.m., 328-3040.

Footnote: In the theatre's foyer, display cases are mounted on the walls containing photos of cast members and facsimiles of the great man himself flanged with some of his wonderful epigrams. Take a look during intermission.

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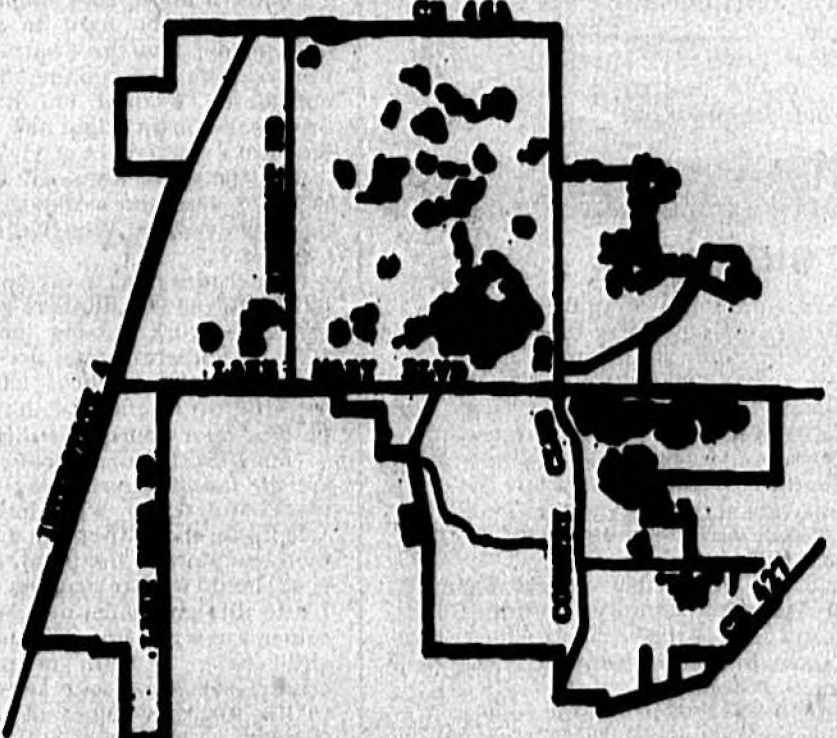
CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PERMITTED LAND USE CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Lake Mary, Florida, proposes to change the permitted use of the land within the area shown in the map in this advertisement.

A public hearing on changing the permitted land use in the City of Lake Mary will be held on March 2, 1988, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Commission Chambers, 100 N. Country Club Road, Lake Mary, Florida. At this time, the Commission will consider an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 748
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OR ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS; IDENTIFYING OR DEFINING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the Ordinance in full are available in the City Clerk's Office for review. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to proposed Ordinance No. 748.



A TAPED RECORD OF THIS MEETING IS MADE BY THE CITY FOR ITS CONVENIENCE. THIS RECORD MAY NOT CONSTITUTE AN ADEQUATE RECORD FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL FROM A DECISION MADE BY THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING MATTER. ANY PERSON WISHING TO ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MAINTAINED FOR APPELLATE PURPOSES IS ADVISED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AT HIS OR HER OWN EXPENSE. 286.0106 FLORIDA STATUTES.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY ADA COORDINATOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (407) 324-3084.

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School

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Important than school performance, he said.

Of 11 criteria considered important to hiring decisions, attitude and communication skills topped the list released Tuesday.

Years of completed schooling ranked seventh and grades ninth. Teacher recommendations were least important to the 3,173 plant managers surveyed.

"Manufacturers, especially, want employees who can perform highly technical jobs," Strickler explained.

"A year or so ago, a task force, made up of representatives of the educational and manufacturing communities, was formed to try to find the answer to the problems as students made the transition from school to work."

While Strickler said that "not much" came of the task force, it emphasized an important point: students must be better prepared for work with upper level classes for manufacturing jobs.

The Academy of Health Careers, the Tech-Prep programs and the Apprenticeship Program with Siemens Stromberg-

Carlson are examples of things the district is doing right, Strickler said.

One of the biggest obstacles that must be overcome is the attitude long held by parents and students that "there is college and there are blue collar jobs with nothing in between," Strickler said.

"Employers do not value the schools as an evaluator of a graduate's skills," said Robert Zensky, director of the Institute for Research on Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania and co-director of the survey project.

Academics are so busy talking to each other about education for education's sake that businesses perceive schools as disconnected from the workplace and uninterested in employers' needs, Zensky said.

Strickler said that, unfortunately, he agrees with that assessment.

"If public education were a market-driven, customer focused endeavor, it would have been out of business long ago," he said.

Briefs

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Phyllis Thompson, 52, Winter Park was a passenger at the time of the Aug. 8 accident and has suffered severe headaches since the crash.

Correction

SANFORD — The announcement of a Seminole County Expressway Authority meeting this afternoon, in Tuesday's Sanford Herald, omitted the time of the meeting.

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Sports

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IN BRIEF
LOCALLY

Tribe, Hawk netters split
CASSELBERRY — Blanca Stevenson and Alison Semsar each won their singles matches...

Kapsak tosses one-hitter
APOPKA — Michael Kapsak threw a one-hit shutout Tuesday night as the Lake Mary High School junior varsity baseball team blanked the Apopka Blue Darters 10-0 in six innings...

Florida Tech dumps Rollins
WINTER PARK — Peter Walcott scored a game-high 28 points, including 15 in the last 7:27, to lead Florida Tech to a 66-49 win over Rollins on Tuesday...

AROUND THE STATE

Rangers top Panthers
MIAMI — The Stanley Cup champion New York Rangers climbed above .500 for the first time this season, scoring twice on deflections off an opposing player to edge the Florida Panthers 5-3 Tuesday night...

Jones, Milton lead UF women
GAINESVILLE — Merlakia Jones set a school scoring record and DeLasha Milton led all scorers with 24 points as No. 17 Florida defeated Florida State 81-62 Tuesday...

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- JUCO Baseball
Miami-Dade CC Kendall Acres at Seminole CC, 1 p.m.
Prep Baseball
Lyman Invitational: Winter Park vs. Spruce Creek, 4:30 p.m.; Oviedo vs. Lyman, 7 p.m.
Prep Softball
Kissimmee-Gateway at Seminole, V, 4 p.m.; JV to follow.
Weightlifting
Lyman at Oviedo, 4 p.m.

BEST BETS ON TV
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
9 p.m. — ESPN, Florida State at Duke, (L)
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Arrow Force blitzkrieg



Senior Brad Traina (No. 24) did something of everything for Seminole's Arrow Force III last night...

Senior Brad Traina (No. 24) did something of everything for Seminole's Arrow Force III last night, collecting a game-high 23 points and a game-high nine rebounds to go with five assists, three blocked shots, and a steal.

SHS quick-strike attack demolishes Eau Gallie

By TONY DeSORMIER
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — It's amazing what you can accomplish if you just follow the directions. Leading the visiting Eau Gallie Commodores by just two points, 22-20, late in the second quarter of their Class 5A boys' basketball subregional playoff game Tuesday night...

ARROW FORCE III vs. COMMODORES III
Eau Gallie: Harris 5, Brown 3, Jenkins 0, Fulleberg 1, Williams 2, Geckler 0, Walters 1, Totals: 19-47, 20-33.
Seminole: Gipson 20, Leflew 12, Roberts 5, Beasley 1, Holloway 1, Merthie 3, McCloud 0, Smith 1, Totals: 30-40, 18-31.

OCS Rams advance

MATTLAND — Orangewood Christian School turned up the defensive pressure in the fourth quarter to take control of a close game and went on to post its 17th straight win, defeating Luther 61-51 in a Class A boys' basketball subregional contest at Orangewood Christian Tuesday night...

RAMS vs. CRUSADERS I
Luther: Souler 30, Gosselin 12, Tulip 11, Layin 4, Love 2, Jakubcin 0, Totals: 37-72.
Orangewood Christian: Mitchell 24, Miller 7, Parke 4, Hardrick 2, Houe 1, Moore 1, Meier 2, Maffet 3, Totals: 37-72.

Townsend's rips to seventh win

SANFORD — Undefeated Townsend's wasted no time in matching its seventh win Tuesday night, blasting Vause Lawn and Landscaping 20-0 in Sanford Recreation Women's Polar Bear Softball League play at Pinehurst Park...

Scoreboard for Pinehurst Park and Chase Park games.



Diane Callangelo drew a pair of walks and scored one of Cheers' two runs in a 5-2 loss to Vause Tuesday night at Pinehurst Park.

Lions, 'Hounds led by pitchers

LONGWOOD — Oviedo and Lyman rode strong pitching performances by Jamie Teel and Robbie Bruce, respectively, to advance to the winners' bracket of the Lyman Invitational at Lyman High School...

Scoreboard for Lyman Invitational and Greyhounds vs. Hawks games.

Raiders register impressive diamond wins

SCC women sweep CFCC

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College softball team got the Mid-Florida Conference season off to a superb start at home Tuesday afternoon, sweeping a doubleheader from the Central Florida Community College Patriots from Ocala 13-5 and 5-0...

Raider men get by MDCC

SANFORD — Tony Von Dolteren and Paul Gambalvo combined on a five-hitter while Scott Ferguson scored twice as the Seminole Community College baseball team edged Miami Dade Community College, Kendall 3-2 at Rader Field Tuesday afternoon...

Raiders 3, Jaguars 2

Ferguson, a Seminole High grad, served as the designated runner and got his opportunity to score the two runs for another former Fighting Seminole, catcher Corey Gooche, who was 1-for-1 with two walks...

BLONDIE by Chic Young

Panel 1: A character is cooking in a kitchen. Panel 2: A character says "BRRRR-R". Panel 3: A character says "IT'S FREEZING OUT THERE!". Panel 4: A character says "I WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TO GET THIS!".

BETLE BAILEY by Murt Walker

Panel 1: A character asks "WHEN YOU APPLIED FOR THIS JOB, DID THE GENERAL ASK YOU A LOT OF TOUGH QUESTIONS?". Panel 2: A character says "ONLY ONE". Panel 3: A character asks "'WHEN CAN YOU START?'".

THE BORN LOSER by Art Scaenen

Panel 1: A character is on a scale. Panel 2: A character says "LIFE ISN'T FAIR...". Panel 3: A character asks "HOW ELSE DO YOU EXPLAIN WHY EATING A QUARTER-POUND HAMBURGER CAUSES YOU TO GAIN TWO POUNDS?".

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: A character says "MY GRAMMA SAYS SHE ALWAYS BROUGHT AN APPLE TO SCHOOL FOR HER TEACHER...". Panel 2: A character says "I'M WONDERING IF MAYBE I SHOULD DO THAT...". Panel 3: A character says "BRING HER SIX OR SEVEN, MARCIE, AND SHE CAN MAKE A PIE!". Panel 4: A character says "HA HA HA HA HA!". Panel 5: A character says "NOTHING, MAAM...JUST IDLE CHATTER...".

BEK & MEEK by Howie Schneider

Panel 1: Two characters are talking. Panel 2: One character is jumping. Panel 3: One character says "A BIT OF MID-WINTER EXUBERANCE". Panel 4: The other character says "WELL, KNOCK IT OFF".

TUMBLEWEEDS by T.K. Ryan

Panel 1: A character says "GRIBBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING TONIGHT!". Panel 2: A character says "WE HAVE A SOCIETY!". Panel 3: A character says "MEETING STARTS AT 8 P.M.". Panel 4: A character says "NEEDBUSH, HARRY AND POKER AT 8 P.M.". Panel 5: A character says "I'M NOT GOING!".

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

Panel 1: A character says "FACTS ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON, HUM?". Panel 2: A character says "WELL, HE WAS THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT, OF COURSE...". Panel 3: A character says "AND THE ONLY ONE EVER ELECTED WITH NO OPPOSITION!". Panel 4: A character asks "WHICH MAY EXPLAIN WHY HE NEVER TOLD A LIE?".

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

Panel 1: A character is at a computer. Text says "BANK STATEMENTS AND BOOKKEEPING DEPT." and "MONEY CERTAINLY GOES FAST THESE DAYS... I SEEM TO BE SACRIFICING DISTANCE FOR SPEED!".

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

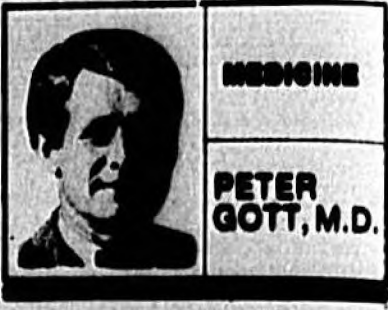
Panel 1: A character says "YOU HAVE A BAD ATTITUDE ABOUT THIS DIET, GARFIELD". Panel 2: A character says "TO SUCCESSFULLY DIET, YOU HAVE TO WANT TO DIET". Panel 3: A character says "IT'S HARD TO FIND A REASON TO DIET WHEN YOUR WARDROBE ALWAYS FITS".

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

Panel 1: A character says "WE'VE GOT TO FILL UP TO GET TO THE FUTURE!". Panel 2: A character says "NEXT TIME WE USE THE TIME MACHINE, WE'VE GOT TO BE THERE WITH THE FUTURE!". Panel 3: A character says "THE STRONGER GIBBON...". Panel 4: A character says "THE STRONGER GIBBON...". Panel 5: A character says "DON'T LET US BEGIN OUR CREMATIC, WAGON FERTILE FERTILE AFTER FERTILITY!".

Son needs testing for his weakness

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son is in his early 40s. He's gradually losing the use of his arms and legs and suffers from general weakness. Tests for Lyme disease and MS have come back negative. His doctors are unable to slow down or stop the progressive weakness. Can you advise us?
DEAR READER: Your son appears to have a progressive neurological affliction that defies diagnosis. In my opinion, he should be examined and tested by super-specialist neurologists, because there is no definitive test for MS in its early stages. Ask your doctor to refer him to a university hospital or teaching center. In such a setting, specialists are particularly trained to diagnose puzzling ailments and should be able to clarify what's going on.



DEAR DR. GOTT: In there a diet for people with chronic pancreatitis? My husband underwent gallbladder surgery two years ago and suffers a great deal of pain. He's had a CT scan and biopsy to rule out cancer, and is presently on a complete liquid diet. Even rice cereal is no longer tolerated. His weight has dropped and he's weak and despondent.
DEAR READER: Chronic inflammation of the pancreas (chronic pancreatitis) has many causes, ranging from alcohol abuse to gallstones. Regardless of cause, however, the symptoms are the same: abdominal pain, poor digestion, diarrhea, and -- eventually -- diabetes.

The diagnosis is made by blood tests and other special examinations. In general, patients with chronic pancreatitis are helped by diets low in fat and protein that are given in small, multiple feedings. Alcohol is prohibited. Enzyme supplements (to aid digestion) are often useful. Drugs, such as Tagamet, which reduce the formation of gastric acid, are also appropriate. Vitamin supplements are necessary. If diabetes is present, pills to lower blood sugar are indicated. Because your husband continues to have serious complications of pancreatitis, he should be under the care of a gastroenterologist. Such a specialist will test your husband to determine if a treatable cause is present; for example, perhaps one or two gallstones were inadvertently missed at the time of surgery. Also, the doctor can suggest a suitable diet that your husband will tolerate without becoming malnourished.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

STAMPEDES Call by August 6 to 100-9000

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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

Last week I gave the real name of Joan Crawford -- Lucille Le Sueur. Since then, my attention has been drawn to today's deal, on which Crawford was sitting East. It first appeared some 20 years ago in the syndicated column produced by the Aces, which is now my sister column written by Bobby Wolf.

South's five-spade rebid appears ebullient. A pass or double seems preferable. But perhaps South's bid is reasonable. After all, five hearts doubled nets North-South only 500 points, which is less than the value of a vulnerable game. And since the clubs are breaking 3-2 and neither defender is apparently able to lead diamonds safely, the slam looks impregnable.

South won the heart lead with his ace and played a trump. Joan Crawford wasn't tempted to duck her ace for two rounds. She knew that, as West had to have a seven-card heart suit for his four-heart bid, there was no heart trick available to the defense.

Instead, Crawford won the second round of trumps and led the diamond king.

This seemed to sacrifice a diamond trick but really reaped far more in return. Suddenly declarer couldn't draw trumps. After winning with the diamond ace, South had no option but to play a spade to dummy's queen. He cashed the diamond queen, hoping West had begun with a doubleton jack, before turning to the clubs. But his luck was out. Crawford ruffed the third round and played a diamond to West's jack: two down.

This is a classic Merrimac Coup, leading a high honor to remove a vital entry from an opponent's hand. If only Joan Crawford hadn't wasted her time making movies...

NORTH 2-2-6-4			
♠ Q J 10			
♥ 6			
♦ Q 8 4 2			
♣ A K Q 10 8			
WEST EAST			
♠ . . .	♠ A 9 4 3		
♥ K Q J 10 9 7 3	♥ 8 5 4 2		
♦ J 9 8	♦ K 7 5		
♣ 9 7 5	♣ J 6		
SOUTH			
♠ K 7 6 5 2			
♥ A			
♦ A 10 3			
♣ 4 3 2			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

HOROSCOPE

By Bonnie Bode Deal YOUR BIRTHDAY Feb. 22, 1988

Developments in the year ahead might stir your leadership qualities. Once you commit yourself to a forward position, though, you're not apt to abdicate your authority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions continue in your favor as you strive to achieve an important material objective. Keep your eyes on the target. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.50 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be a good day to put a bold plan into action. You mustn't procrastinate if you're ready to make your move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your greatest opportunities for success today could come from situations in which you share a vested interest with another. You must each contribute equally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Authorship isn't the critical factor today, so don't hesitate to use a companion's ideas or suggestions if you think they're better than yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Industriousness and productivity could pay unusually large dividends today. Put all your effort into what you do, especially if trying to generate income.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Contacts made today could prove extremely helpful in the long run. Conduct yourself in a manner that will leave a positive, lasting impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will have the tenacity and dedication to finish problematic tasks or assignments today. You have what it takes to finish what you start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your newest project might be quite lucky for you, especially if it involves working with people you know and like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are still in a favorable cycle for material affairs. Give priority to improving your financial situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Companions will find you delightful today. When you feel enthusiastic, it'll be contagious and lighten the spirits of all within earshot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something you've been waiting for, hoping it might come through the good auspices of another, might break loose today. Be expectant and positive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your best asset today will be your ability to make others feel special and significant. This is something you can do with sincerity.

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ANNIE by Leonard Starr

Panel 1: A character says "THE MESSAGE AND PHOTO YES...". Panel 2: A character says "I'M GOING TO BE A MOTHER!". Panel 3: A character says "I'M GOING TO BE A MOTHER!". Panel 4: A character says "I'M GOING TO BE A MOTHER!". Panel 5: A character says "I'M GOING TO BE A MOTHER!".