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Plants must have right spot

In his gardening column today, Al Ferrer, urban horticulturist, tells readers in order for a plant to thrive and do well, it must be in the right place.

BRIEFS

Business After Hours

SANFORD — The Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours gathering this Thursday from 5 until 7 p.m., at 102 E. First Street in Downtown Sanford. Second Image is presenting what is called a "Spooktacular" event, with a preview of costumes to be offered for Halloween season.

Special appearances are promised by such spooktacular personalities as Lurth, Morticia and Magda the gypsy fortune teller.

For information, contact the chamber at 322-2212.

Oviedo Chamber to meet

OVIDEO — The Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce will meet this Thursday at noon, at Toucan Willie's Restaurant. Guest speaker for the meeting will be Seminole County Commissioner Pat Warren, who is scheduled to discuss various matters pertaining to the Oviedo community.

For information or reservations, contact the chamber office at 365-6500.

Bank robberies

SANFORD — Banks in both Longwood and Casselberry were reportedly robbed yesterday. No amount of cash taken was revealed.

Sheriff's deputies believe the robber is the same man who robbed a Barnett Bank in Longwood last week.

Sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough said the Altamonte Springs police found a white 1985 Chevrolet pickup truck yesterday, which had reportedly been used in at least one of the robberies. It was located in the parking lot of the Altamonte Mall. The truck had reportedly been stolen from the parking lot of the Sanford Towne Center about an hour after the robbery.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 years of age, five feet ten inches tall, with a thin build and blue eyes. McDonough said in each of the robberies he wore a big wig but never actually displayed a gun.

No one has been injured in any of the robberies.

District meeting set

The Recreation Advisory Council of the St. Johns River Water Management District will meet Wednesday from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Orlando District Service Center, 618 E. South Street.

Scheduled is an orientation for the council members on various aspects of the SJRWMD including the five year plan and an overview of the recreation guide. Also listed on the agenda is a discussion of the conceptual management plans and a presentation on land management activities.

The meeting for the Central area Recreation Advisory Council, which includes the Seminole County area.

For additional information, contact the district office at 897-4300.

Compiled from staff reports

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What is history but a fable agreed upon?
-Napoleon Bonaparte



Today: Mostly sunny. High around 90. Wind northeast 5 to 10 mph.

For more weather, see Page 2A

Hook, line and sinker



The amphitheater in Lake Mary's Centennial Park is under water.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Heavy rains make Lake Mary amphitheater a fishin' hole

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Water, water everywhere... Unlike Coleridge's ancient mariner, the City of Lake Mary's albatross is the water itself. Centennial Park, on the south lawn of the Lake Mary City Hall, was designed with a concert stage set on a watery background. A grassy knoll, bisected by a series of steps and landings perfect for picnic blankets, slopes upward toward the building.

A sidewalk snakes it way through the park.

Benches dot the perimeter of the park. For now, however, the only ones sitting on the grass are those piercing worms on hooks and checking their lines. Those who want to sit on the benches had better bring their scuba gear; the benches are almost completely underwater.

"We knew the area would flood on occasion," said City Manager John Litton. "But, we've had a couple of record years in a row and it's just backing up more and more."

Holland said the expanding pond is filled. See Fish, Page 5A

Budget passes; road money back in reserve

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — The long discussed construction on Rangeline Road received a severe blow when three city commissioners voted to excise money allocated for the city's portion of the road work and place the money in the reserves and contingencies fund before approving the 1996 budget.

Mayor Bill Winston said the city is

committed to the work on Rangeline Road.

"We haven't changed that commitment," he added.

Winston, along with commissioners Annamaria Vacca and Ron Sargent voted to pass the 1996 budget after returning \$200,000 the city had earmarked for Rangeline Road to the reserve funds. Over \$158,000 in the public works budget for road resurfacing and \$42,000 for sidewalks and bike

paths were amounts allocated for the Rangeline Road project.

The commission approved a millage rate of 5.0601 mills and general fund budget of \$4,468,892. Although the line items for Rangeline Road were cut out, the money went into reserves and contingencies so the overall budget bottom line did not change. The total of all funds (general plus enterprise) for Longwood is \$11,951,216.

A dozen residents of Seminole Avenue appeared at the meeting to request the city pave the dirt portion of their street, kicking off a discussion of why a major chunk of the city's street resurfacing money was going to Rangeline Road in 1996. Sargent noted it is important to address the nine miles of dirt streets within the city rather than focus all the available money on one

See Longwood, Page 5A

Mail delivery dispute

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Is it coercion and veiled threats or is it simply a misunderstanding?

Some residents of the Sanford Downtown Historic District believe the U.S. Postal Service is using intimidation to force them to accept curbside delivery service rather than door-to-door delivery.

Joe Breckenridge, a spokesman for the southeast region of the U.S. Postal Service, apologized for the "misunderstanding" and hoped that the residents of the historic district would understand they are not being forced to do anything they do not want to do.

"I want to stress to those who have not elected to do this that there is no compulsion to do so," Breckenridge said. "No one will dislike you and you will still get your mail."

Residents of the historic district, most recently those along Palmetto Avenue, have received letters from the postal services informing them that if they wish to "take advantage of the opportunity" they may



Historic district residents say rural mailboxes don't belong at city curbs.

Sanford postmaster

SANFORD — For now, Rod Carlton is the officer in charge. Sanford's Postmaster, Patrick See Post, Page 5A

See Mail, Page 5A

Crime crackdown continues

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — For the third time in a week, members of the Sanford police Special Investigative Unit (SIU) and the Seminole County sheriff's City County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) conducted drug and prostitution stings in the same general locations.

Both Third Street and Olive Avenue in Sanford, and CR-427 in Altamonte Springs were targeted Friday night. The SIU had made numerous arrests at that location in Sanford, as well as at First Street and Holly Avenue on several occasions.

Members of the SIU listed the following as the result of efforts at Third and Olive:

- Klaus Sassmannshausen, 40, of Lake Monroe RV Resort, Sanford, was charged with purchase of cannabis.
- Bobby Joe Richards, 18, of DeLand, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.
- Kyle G. Reynolds, 22, with no local address, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.
- Brad Paul Jackson, 28, 1635 Oak Valley Drive, Longwood, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.
- Santos Pacheco, 21, of Deltona, charged with purchase of marijuana.
- Ray Velazquez, 18, of Oviedo, charged with purchase of marijuana.
- Stewart Ray Flynn, 19, of Winter Park, charged with purchase of a controlled substance.
- David Ross Kelly, 18, of 321 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, charged with purchase of marijuana.
- David William Hoover, 31, 401 Seminole Blvd., Sanford, charged with purchase of cannabis.

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Young business owners



Herald Photo by Roger Harnack

Shaina Legg (left) and Karen Hinckley, show off their entrepreneurial skills this past weekend by setting up a bake sale on Palmetto Avenue. Passing motorists and

neighbors could stop by for a cookie or a snack. The girls, both 10 years-old, say business is good.

POLICE

Stolen/recovered vehicles

● A blue 1988 Oldsmobile was reportedly stolen Saturday in the 2500 block of S. French Avenue in Sanford. Police located the vehicle in the 2400 block of Lake Avenue.

● A 1985 Honda was reported stolen early Monday from a business in the 1800 block of W. 13th Street in Sanford. It was later recovered near 11th Street and Mangoustine Avenue.

● A white 1986 Ford with temporary tag, was reported stolen early Monday from the 1000 block of Cypress Avenue in Sanford.

● A white 1986 Freightliner semi, license number A3214C, was reported stolen Saturday from a business in the 1900 block of W. First Street in Sanford. Police said the vehicle's cab has the letters MCS on both doors.

● A gold 1981 Pontiac, license number TRJ-00N was reported stolen Sunday in the 2500 block of Mohawk Avenue in Sanford.

● A blue Indy Go-Cart, valued at \$1,300 was reported stolen Saturday in the 100 block of McKay Blvd. in Sanford.

● A blue 1984 Ford pickup, license number TRJ-06R was reported stolen Saturday in the 100 block of Country Club Drive in Sanford.

Long-term case

Members of the sheriff's office City/County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) have been following leads since July 22, in connection with what was reported to be an undercover large scale drug deal. According to the arrest reports, most of the undercover contacts regarding a drug purchase, had been made in the parking lots of various bars in Longwood, Lake Mary, and Sanford.

Finally, on Friday, the drug deal was reportedly consummated, and two persons were subsequently arrested. William B. Call Jr., 34, of Orlando, and Debra Jean Dobson, 34, of 317 Ruth Blvd., Longwood, were arrested at a lounge on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Longwood. Each was charged with conspiracy to traffic in cocaine. The total amount indicated was 86 grams.

Call was additionally charged with sale of a controlled substance (cocaine), sale/delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), and possession of marijuana.

Trespass case

Brenda Joyce Patterson, 36, 2651 W. 22nd Street, Sanford, was arrested by deputies in the 2400 block of W. 18th Street Sunday, in response to a call regarding a trespasser. Patterson was arrested on charges of disorderly intoxication, and possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

QUAD Squad

Members of the Sanford police QUAD Squad arrested James L. Pritchard, 31, of 148 Academy Avenue, in a vacant area in Lincoln Court Saturday. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and trespassing after warning.

Home address?

George Robert Smith, 24, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in the 1400 block of Elm Avenue. Police said he was reported to have taken eight 12-packs of beer valued at \$119.84 from a retail store near 15th Street and French Avenue, and was pushing them down a street in a cart. When police arrived they said he attempted to run from the area, but was apprehended. Smith was charged with retail theft, and resisting an officer without violence. According to the arrest report, when police asked his place of residence, he responded, "hell."

Theft warrant

Petrina Denise Hooks, 22, 2470 Randall Street, Sanford, was located by Altamonte Springs police Saturday at a retail store on E. Altamonte Drive. She was accused of attempting to take clothing valued at \$477.92 from a store without paying. She was charged with grand theft. Police later found she was wanted on an active Seminole County warrant for failing to appear to pay a fine on a conviction of driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Traffic stops

● Christopher Donaldson, 19, 1311 Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, was stopped by Lake Mary Police on Palmetto Avenue in Lake Mary Saturday. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, and having no motorcycle helmet.

● Carl Bostic Jr., 37, 610 W. Ninth Street, Sanford, was stopped by deputies in the 2300 block of 18th Street Sunday. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a cancelled/suspended/revoked drivers license.

● Linda C. Dillon, 45 265 Third Street, Lake Mary, was stopped by Lake Mary police on Third Street Saturday. She was charged with driving with a suspended license, having an expired tag, attached license tag not assigned, and driving under the influence.

● William James White, 36, 1602 W. 15th Street, Sanford, was stopped by deputies at 11th Street and Cypress Avenue Saturday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license (habitual), and was found to be wanted on a warrant for failing to appear to pay a fine.

● Andreas N. Kiah, 31, 181 Twin Coach Court, Sanford, was reportedly involved in an accident on CR-427 in Longwood Saturday. Longwood police located him at his residence and charged him with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries, careless driving, and no proof of insurance.

● Leali Ann Daniels, 30, 323 Springview Drive, Sanford, was stopped on SR-436 in Altamonte Springs by sheriff's deputies Saturday. She was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Domestic cases

● Paulette White, 43, 2402 Key Avenue, Sanford, was located at her residence Saturday by Sanford police. She was charged with battery, domestic violence, as the result of a dispute with a male.

● Bryon Lee Cogswell, 43, 6895 Sandy Lane, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at his residence Sunday following a reported altercation with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

● Stephanie Lynn Morgan, 26, 2200 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on Exeter Court Sunday following a reported incident with a male. She was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Sanford police reports

● A \$300 clothes dryer was reported stolen Sunday from an apartment in the 2500 block of S. Oak Avenue.

● A residential burglary was reported Sunday at an apartment in Georgia Arms. According to the incident report, \$300 was taken from an envelope which contained a reported \$4,300 in cash.

● An air conditioner and pieces of carpeting with a total value of \$830 were reportedly stolen Saturday from a residence in the 1300 block of Palmetto Avenue.

● An estimated \$1,043 in tools were reported stolen Friday from a residence in the 100 block of Wildwood Drive.

● A \$100 microwave oven was reportedly stolen Saturday from a business in the 100 block of Commerce Way.

● A \$750 TV set was reported stolen Friday from a residence in the 100 block of Groveview Drive.

● An FM radio and other items valued at \$330 were reportedly taken from a vehicle Friday in the Seminole Community College parking lot.

● An amplifier, speakers and other items valued at \$491.70 were reported stolen Friday from an apartment in the 500 block of W. Airport Blvd.



Remembering acts of war, and bravery

Veterans gathered this past Sunday (MIA/POW Day), at the DAV Chapter 30 home in Sanford, for flag raising and other ceremonies in remembrance of persons missing in action or prisoners of war. Left to right, 1944 B-17 bomber crewman Junior Raines; 1942 soldier on Corregidor, Sam Castrianni; Viet Nam POW Walter Moss; and 1944 B-17 crewman Styles Westbrook, Jr. Raines and Westbrook were fellow crewmen on a B-17 which was shot down over Austria in 1944 during World War II.

Harold Photo by Phil Keston

Storing umbilical-cord blood

By The Associated Press

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — A half century ago it would have been science fiction, but today the storing of umbilical-cord blood is a commercial enterprise because the blood might someday offer hope for today's incurable diseases.

United States Cryobanks of Florida in Altamonte Springs is one of a half dozen commercial cryo-preservation storage sites around the country and the only such laboratory in the state.

The storage centers charge initial fees of \$250 to \$1,500 to retrieve and store the blood, and \$75 to \$150 a year to maintain it.

The umbilical cord blood, once discarded as medical waste, is held at minus 305.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

Researchers at the University

of Florida, Harvard, Duke University and the University of California, San Francisco, say cord blood could be important in the future.

The handful of studies suggest that blood from umbilical cords could provide an alternative to bone-marrow transplants.

Umbilical blood has been used as a last resort for the past seven years to help desperately ill children fight leukemia, immune diseases and other blood disorders.

Researchers say it is too soon to know whether the procedure is better than bone-marrow transplants for children with leukemia because it is left to be seen how long the children involved in the new procedures will live.

One study raises hope of umbilical blood being useful in treating AIDS.

At the 10th International Con-

ference on AIDS last month in Japan, researchers said they would start testing a new approach on babies infected with AIDS from their mothers.

The technique involves genetic manipulation that arms blood cells with a virus-killing protein.

The umbilical cord blood contains stem cells, which ordinarily live in bone marrow and make new blood cells. Doctors remove the blood from the cord and give the stem cells a new gene, one isolated from a virus that infects tobacco plants. This gene produces an enzyme called a hairpin ribozyme. It destroys the RNA that HIV uses for its own genes.

The gene-altered stem cells are injected into the baby, where they continue to make white blood cells containing the ribozyme gene. If one of these new cells is attack by the AIDS

virus, the gene would prevent it from becoming established, making new copies of itself and eventually killing the cell.

Scientists are waiting on approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health to start testing.

Paltry amounts of stem cells are found in the blood of children and adults. And while a hearty supply exists in bone marrow, the concentration of stem cells in cord blood is far greater.

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EDITORIAL

See the world

It's not science fiction. It's true. You can actually go to different countries and planets in minutes, go back in time, and take a look ahead.

You can be on hand as inventors of old created what we consider commonplace today. You can travel with Robert E. Peary, or Richard E. Byrd to the north and south poles of our globe.

How? By spending some time at the public library.

After a Friday *Sanford Herald* story about a group of fourth grade students going to the library, some people were surprised that several of the youngsters admitted it was their first trip to this world of books.

We have little doubt that there are also many, perhaps too many adults in our area, who have also never been to a public library, or explored the adventure and obtained the knowledge available in books.

Yes, you need a library card in order to take a book home for any length of time. There is a small fee, and residency is required. But it costs absolutely nothing to go to the library. You can browse through shelf after shelf of materials. Look at fiction, non-fiction, historical, sci-fi, adventure, informational, even books about health and fitness.

Take the ones you prefer. Sit down, and do your reading in the quiet and relaxing atmosphere which is provided in the library system.

Orson Wells is credited with originally having described radio as "the theater of the mind." We believe books are even more so. Getting lost in reading can take one's mind out of the library and into a world which may never before have been seen.

Depending on the way a person's brain perceives a situation, almost any feeling or situation can be brought into the imagination.

Our public library system contains every level of books, from picture stories for the very young, to advanced technological writings for those who wish to expand their world of knowledge.

Yes. We were surprised that a few youngsters had not been to a library before. But we believe the real problem is with older children and adults who, for one reason or another, ignore the offerings of a public library and do not encourage younger children to use it.

We have some outstanding libraries in Seminole County, including the facility on N. Palmetto Avenue in downtown Sanford.

It's a real trip, a trip to practically anywhere and any time period a person may wish.

Visit the public library and take advantage of its offerings. You'll be glad you did.

LETTER

Shame, shame

Sen. Bob Dole should be ashamed of himself — inviting the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay group, to his \$1,000-a-person fund-raiser, soliciting a contribution, then returning it when he tied with Sen. Phil Gramm in Iowa. Apparently, Sen. Gramm's anti-gay literature distributed prior to the straw ballot scared Sen. Dole. Shame on Gramm, shame on Dole for placing gay and lesbian Americans in the scapegoat position once again.

Lisa Talmadge
Orlando

Berry's World



ELLEN GOODMAN

Saying no: There's no 'just' about it

BOSTON — In America, it's become the sound-bite lecture, the bumper-sticker sermon, the generic sexual advice offered to young girls everywhere. Just say no, they are told, just say no. It sounds like the easiest thing in the world.

But sometimes, if you back up and widen the lens, you can get a better look at that world. You can see just how easy it isn't.

This is what happened in Beijing. The international community assembled for the women's conference finally agreed that a woman's human rights included her right to be free of sexual "coercion, discrimination, and violence."

In the most controversial provision to come out of the health committee for conference approval, the nations declared that equal sexual relationships between men and women required "mutual respect, consent and shared responsibility." For the very first time, they asserted that women across this world have the right to say no.

To imagine how radical this proposition is in parts of the globe, think about posting it on a tree in a village where wives are infected with AIDS because they cannot even say the word "condom" to a husband. Think about reading it at the wedding ceremony of a child bride. Think about

telling it to a woman sold into the sex trade or told by a boss how to keep her job.

Such ringing U.N. declarations don't bring about swift cultural change. The millennium-old belief in "marital rights" can't easily overwhelm the first tenuous idea of a newangled "woman's right." As Lori Heise, a health policy analyst just back from Beijing says, "The concept of consent has a different meaning in a culture where a woman has no choice but to concede."

Women do not always have the language to describe their own experience, let alone the support to change them. When a researcher interviewed Iranian women

who had been married as children she heard the same wedding night stories of violence. But only the women who had subsequently moved to America used the word "rape."

Still, the U.N. words are not just directed at the most traditional pockets of the world. A continuum of sexual coercion stretches across the globe, across time as well as space, evolving at different rates of speed out of the same traditions.

In America, the very definition of sexual coercion is still being debated. It's not even 20 years since Oregon changed the common law that said a woman could not be raped by her husband. AIDS counselors tell us too how many American women feel powerless to protect themselves.

Today, we are more likely to believe that "if she said no, it's rape." But it is still easier to convict a stranger. The creation of new phrases like "date rape" describe a changing norm. But they also circumscribe the "gray area," between consent and force, between "she asked for it" and "she said no."

In China, the women of the world began to rewrite the sexual script. They asked what sexual relations would look like if women had the permission and felt the power to say yes and no.



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DONNA BRITT

Smoking as form of rebellion

WASHINGTON — Recently, I was out with my son, 13, when we saw one of his middle school classmates, a slightly gawky blonde who waved merrily at us as she passed.

"She's cute," I whispered.
Mami shrugged, put two fingers to his lips and pretended to draw on an invisible cigarette.

"She smokes?" I blurted. He nodded, explaining that mutual friends had occasionally spied her sharing a cigarette with pals after school. Asked why he thought she did it, he again shrugged.

"They think smoking's cool," he said. Thanks to a recent University of Michigan study, I knew whom he meant by "they": the surprisingly high number of young smokers who — like my son's cute classmate — are white although the percentage of black teenage cigarette smokers has plummeted — last year, only 5 percent of black U.S. high school seniors reported smoking daily — some 23 percent of white seniors smoke daily, according to the survey. And a 1994 survey, also by the University of Michigan, suggests that black teen-agers are at least 20 percent less likely to use cocaine or marijuana than their white or Latino peers.

I for one am fascinated when black kids — disparaged and stereotyped in so many ways — are revealed to be doing the safe, smart thing. Racial disparities in cigarette use can't be explained away by disposable income, dropout rates, religiosity or parents' education, researchers say.

And I for one wonder: Why would so large a percentage of white youngsters smoke, when the addiction's detrimental effects have never been better known? Parents — including President Clinton, who has announced his intention to reduce youthful smoking by limiting cigarette marketing to kids — would love to know.

Theories abound. Some cite the many sexy, white stars — Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, Drew Barrymore and an array of rockers — who've been photographed smoking cigarettes. Others say some black teens' fascination with sports discourages smoking — though white teens are sports-minded, too.

Clearly, different communities have different notions of what's cool. For some reason, smoking's cool quotient has dropped among African Americans.

During a recent lunchtime visit to Silver Spring, Md., Montgomery Blair High School, one of suburban Washington's most multicultural schools, I surveyed a throng of baggy-shirted teens of every shade. Quickly I found a smoker — a tall, blond youth laughing

with four friends, one of them black, as he puffed a Newport.

Joe, 16 — who like the others asked that his last name not be used — is a junior who says his mom knows about his two-year habit, but whose dad is unaware because "he's just never around."

Joe started smoking because "a lot of my friends did," he said. Though he'd like to stop — and actually ceased smoking for six days last year — he hasn't been able to quit. The problem: "All my friends would still smoke."

Friends such as "Droop," 16, a pale brunette who says he started smoking because he enjoyed the nicotine "buzz," or slight high today, the buzz is gone and smoking is "just a habit. ... I could stop, but I see no reason to."

"Except that you'll die — with some pain," interjected his friend, Jake, a nonsmoker who's also white. Droop shrugged.

The black youth, A.J., 16, doesn't smoke because he's an athlete and because "it's a bad habit. ... Plus, my mom would throw me out of the house."

The 34 students in teacher John Mathwin's newspaper journalism class, ages 15 to 17, all said they're nonsmokers; virtually all agreed with the survey's findings. White student Carolyn Harris, 15, said smoking among black students is so rare. "I really notice it."

Jessica Skolnik, 16, attended a summer drama camp where, "a lot of the other white girls smoked, even singers. ... They associated smoking with glamour. One carried a huge cigarette holder and told me, 'I look like a star from the '40s.'"

Rehana Mwalimu, 16, a Zambia-born black student, says cigarette smoking at Blair is so linked to whites that "if a black person does smoke, other blacks ask, 'Why are you smoking that white-boy stuff?'" While Erica Levi feels whites' smoking "has a lot to do with group role models ... the Johnny Depp versus Will Smith thing," Jeanne Arnold thinks the habit can be traced "to who you hang out with. ... Maybe smoking is just a white thing."



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JACK ANDERSON

Clinton may veto drilling proposal

WASHINGTON — After spending a relaxing evening watching a movie in the White House theater last month, several members of the Clinton Cabinet lingered to pan the performance of the Republican-controlled Congress.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt bemoaned a recent House vote that gutted the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to enforce clean air and water regulations. That's when U.S. trade representative and Clinton confidant Mickey Kantor jumped in with a political observation:

"Bruce, you've got it all wrong. That's the best thing that ever happened to us. We've got to keep losing ones like that so we can use it (in next year's election)." Kantor, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Clinton himself are unique for their ability to see a seamless web between politics and policy. In that sense, the effort now under way by Republicans to open up Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling could be a political geyser for Democrats.

Until recently, there's been a bipartisan consensus that some wildlife and natural beauties cannot be assigned a dollar value. In 1959, the Eisenhower administration called the refuge area "One of the most magnificent wildlife and wilderness areas in North America... a wilderness experience not duplicated elsewhere." Now some Republicans want to transform this part of our national heritage and even rename it from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the "Arctic Oil Reserve."

Although this is a GOP payoff to the oil industry, White House officials are strategizing over how to reap political dividends. The handling of the issue is one of the subplots behind the looming train wreck — the shutting down of government — if the president and Congress can't pass a budget before the Oct. 1 start of the fiscal year.

The government has shut down nine times in the past 14 years because Congress and the president were stalemated over spending plans. Clinton administration officials note that the first time was in 1981, when President Reagan stood his ground, defined his presidency and soared in the polls.

Congressional Republicans threw down the gauntlet earlier this year by counting an assumed \$1.4 billion in revenue from projected refuge oil lease sales as part of their balanced budget plan. As a result, Congress is faced with the fait accompli of drilling as part of the budget reconciliation process or with finding the money elsewhere.

The question being hotly debated at the White House is whether the refuge issue might resonate enough with the electorate to justify a presidential veto, even if it risks a train wreck. Some of Clinton's political advisers, who have awakened belatedly to the grassroots appeal of environmentalism, believe it could be a big political plus. They are pitted against other advisers, who argue that Clinton should save his fire for a showdown over Medicaid and Medicare.

"The usual ranks are shattered all over the place (on the Arctic refuge)," one senior administration official told us. "During the past two years, when there's been an environmental issue, Babbitt loses with the political people in the White House. Now they don't see (Babbitt) as typhoid Mary every time he walks into the place."



Until recently, there's been a bipartisan consensus that some wildlife and natural beauties cannot be assigned a dollar value.

WORLD BRIEFS



Unabomber's manifesto published

WASHINGTON — The Washington Post and The New York Times cited "public safety reasons" in their extraordinary agreement to publish in today's editions of the Post the so-called Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto.

The bomber had said in June he would kill again unless the Post or the Times printed his densely written treatise within three months. The deadline is Sunday.

The Justice Department hopes the publication finally will lead investigators to the man whose 16 mail bombs have killed three and injured 23 others since 1978.

The newspapers said their decision to print the manifesto, which calls for worldwide revolution against modern industrial society, followed a meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno.

A Justice Department spokeswoman said Reno and FBI officials recommended publishing the full manuscript because investigators were encouraged by the leads generated from earlier-published excerpts.

Swift gains against Serbs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — With help from Croatia, Bosnian government forces have made swift gains against rebel Serbs. Now Bosnia's leaders have to make sure their ally doesn't become an adversary.

Large advances by the allies in western Bosnia have left the Serbs with only about half of Bosnia, compared to the two-thirds they held just weeks ago. But the progress is straining the federation of Croats and the Muslim-led Bosnian government, which has always been shaky.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic are to meet today in Zagreb, Croatia, at the end of another shuttle mission by Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke.

Tudjman seems in a strong position to lay claim to large pieces of western Bosnia.

Key witness

WASHINGTON — A key witness in Senate hearings on the government's confrontation with Randy Weaver is a senior FBI official who alleged his bosses covered up the approval of "shoot-on-sight" rules against the white separatist.

Eugene Glenn was the FBI field commander during the 11-day siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, which ended in the shooting deaths of Weaver's wife, his 14-year-old son and a deputy U.S. marshal.

Glenn's charges spurred the Justice Department to take a new look at the approval of the special shooting rules used at Ruby Ridge. Five of his bosses were suspended with pay this summer and are under the cloud of a federal criminal investigation to determine whether they obstructed justice.

From Associated Press reports

Search for the sensible center
Awkward allies: Three men and a welfare debate

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — Perhaps down the road they will be rivals in a presidential race of historic proportions. But, for the moment, Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and former Gen. Colin Powell are awkward allies of sorts, searching for what the soldier-turned-author calls the sensible center of American politics.

The tie binding them together, perhaps reluctantly, is the debate over welfare reform and its always thorny, often fractious, subplots. These range from how to treat unwed mothers who have more babies to whether immigrants welcomed legally into the United States should be denied its social safety net.

In his new role as political commentator and perhaps candidate in waiting, Powell takes issue with both the substance and the tone of today's debates over welfare, immigration and other emotional social issues. In his view, politicians who are quick to defend subsidies to farmers and corporations are in a calculated rush to criticize unwed mothers and their children.

"There is such an edge to some of the rhetoric associated with these positions that very often a meanness creeps into the dialogue and an intolerance creeps in," he said in an interview Monday. "I think we have to stop demonizing each other."

Easy for him to say, he readily admits, because his goal these days is selling books — not trying to set policy or secure votes.

That's where Dole and Clinton come into the debate, each vying for a victory on an issue with proven voter appeal.

Posturing aside, Clinton and Dole aren't terribly far apart on the issue, or that far from Powell

for that matter. But they don't have Powell's political freedom.

In addition to worrying about a presidential campaign, Dole is the Senate leader, charged with navigating a welfare overhaul bill through a chamber where he has a narrow Republican majority, and many internal GOP differences.

The strains of his search for common ground on welfare have been quite public.

For most of the summer, he spoke out against a proposal to deny additional benefits to mothers who have more children while on welfare. But he had to give ground and support such a "family cap" to quiet conservative critics, and even spoke in favor of the idea during last week's Senate debate.

Nevertheless, an alliance of GOP moderates and Democrats stripped the family cap from the Senate bill, guaranteeing contentious negotiations with the more conservative House.

Dole also was an early critic of denying welfare benefits to legal immigrants, but signed off on the idea as part of his compromise with conservatives. Yet while campaigning over the weekend in Florida, where Cuban-American votes are critical to GOP campaigns, Dole appeared to retreat, saying legal immigrants should be eligible for some benefits.

Those remarks brought immediate criticism from Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, the presidential rival who has been tugging Dole to the right throughout the campaign.

"I don't think we ought to be asking people to come to America to go on welfare," Gramm said Monday.

For Clinton, the tugging has come from the left.

Heading into the 1996 campaign, Clinton is determined to finally deliver on his 1992 campaign pledge to "end welfare as we know it" — even if he has

to sign a Republican-authored bill with some objectionable provisions. The current Senate bill, he says, "is within striking distance."

Indeed, Clinton is so determined that he is prepared to sign a measure that would end the federal government's guarantee of welfare benefits to every American in need — a major break from Democratic Party orthodoxy.

"I cannot understand how this could be happening," said New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, one of liberalism's unflinching, but currently outnumbered, voices.

It is happening because the center of American politics has shifted, away from the New Deal approach that Moynihan laments is being dismantled before his eyes, but probably not as far to the conservative side as many in the Republican Party would like.

Powell suggests this "sensible center" is made up of common sense folks who reject the "very,

very harsh rhetoric on the right" but also the "patronizing liberals who say let's just throw government money and government programs at these problems, which has never solved them before."

Clinton had this same group in mind over the weekend as he sounded a hopeful note, despite the difficult debates ahead. "If we can find common ground on the issue of welfare reform, surely we can find it in our efforts to solve our other problems — especially in our effort to balance the budget," Clinton said.

Dole, not ready to cede the center even as he tries to please the right, took much the same tone.

"I think people want to see us get things done," he said. "They don't want us bickering about who did this or who did that. Get it done."

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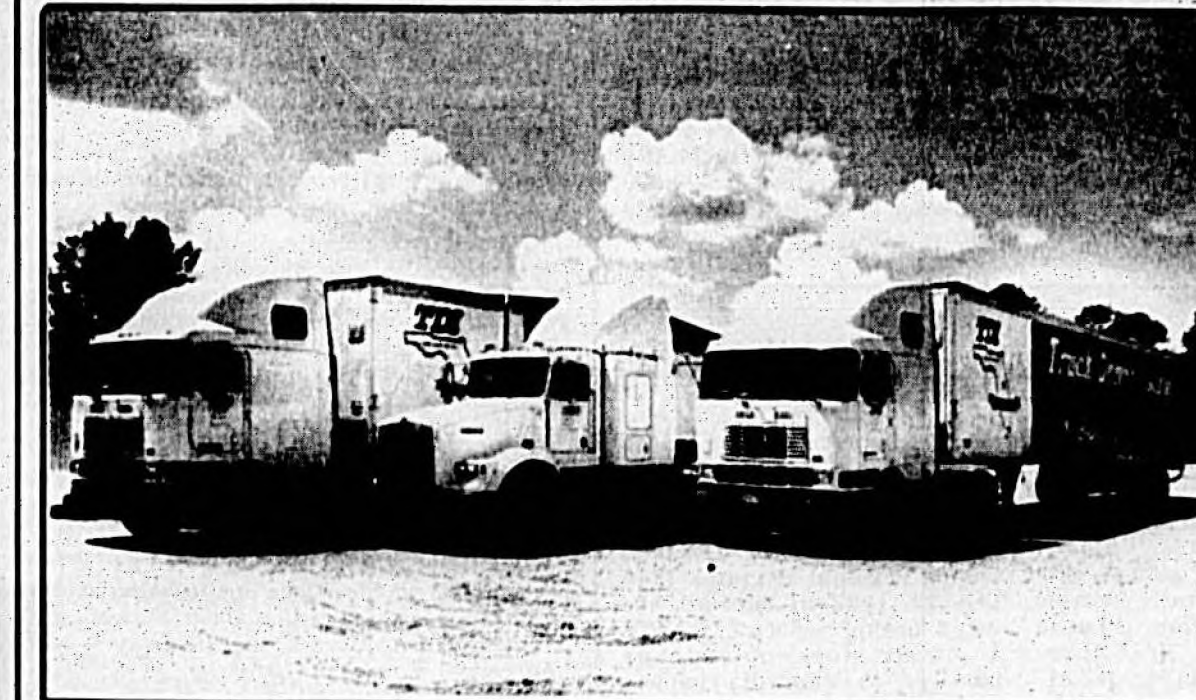
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"If the candidates are qualified and experienced," Fitzgerald said, "they will be considered for hire. If they are not qualified, we offer driver training programs here at TDI.

Among qualifications sought in the prospective drivers, he said people must have a good driving record, with no DUI (driving under the influence) convictions for at least three years. They must also pass a Department of Transportation physical, which is required of all drivers every two years.

"This will be a good opportunity for people who want to start their careers or switch to a new one,

he said. "People will be able to meet with a number of different carrier companies and find out about the advantages of becoming a driver.

He said different types of jobs will be available. "Some will be for people who want to be home every night, others will be short haul jobs where they will be gone for a few days at a time, and still others will be for long distance hauling," he said.

All of the jobs will be for semi tractor/trailer drivers.

Although TDI has only been located on Aero Lane in Sanford for about a year, with drivers' classes operating since April, it has been in business since 1973.

The job fair for prospective drivers will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the TDI facility, 610 Aero Lane in Sanford. Take I-4 to exit #51, go 1.8 miles east on SR 46, then right on Aero Lane.

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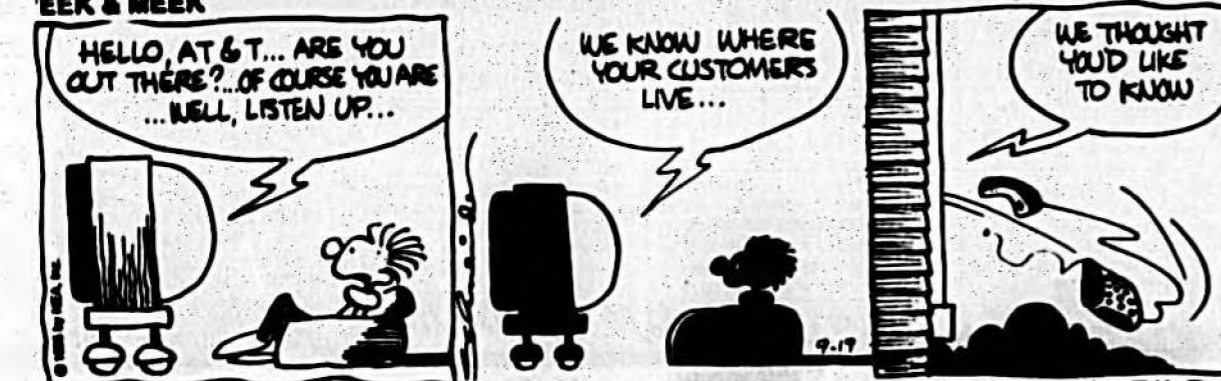
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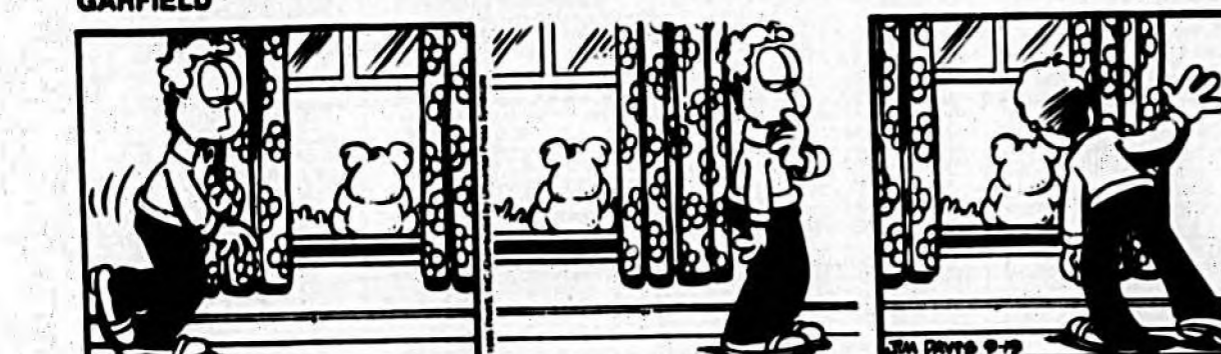


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Is stress to blame for stomach pain?

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can I do about stomach spasms? I've had them for years. They come without warning, the pain is intense and violent and within moments, I'm screaming in agony. I hear they might be caused by stress.

DEAR READER: The intestinal tract is lined by muscles that contract in waves to propel digested food through the gut. Sometimes these waves become irregular and violent; often they may cease entirely, allowing gas and air to form pockets that distend the intestinal wall, causing cramps and pain.

Such abnormal muscular contractions can be caused by a host of physical ailments, ranging from cancer and colon blockage to minor infections and changes in diet. In some people, stress can certainly play a role. In my opinion, you should be examined by a gastroenterologist, who should be able to diagnose your problem by X-rays and other tests. Then therapy can be individualized to your needs.

For example, if you suffer from gallstones or an ulcer, the treatment would be different than that for diverticulitis or trapped gas. If all the test results are normal, the doctor may suggest that you have a condition called "irritable bowel syndrome," an unpleasant but harmless hypersensitivity of the colon, causing attacks of pain, bloating and diarrhea/constipation. This affliction often responds to a change in diet (less roughage), stress counseling and an intestinal tranquilizer (such as Donnatal).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told by my doctor following blood tests that I have hepatitis B and C. Can I live with this condition? Is there treatment for management? Please enlighten me so I can take whatever action is necessary.

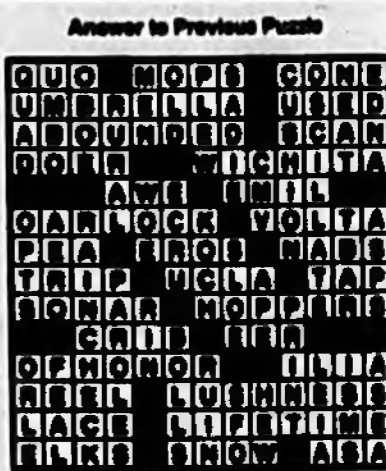
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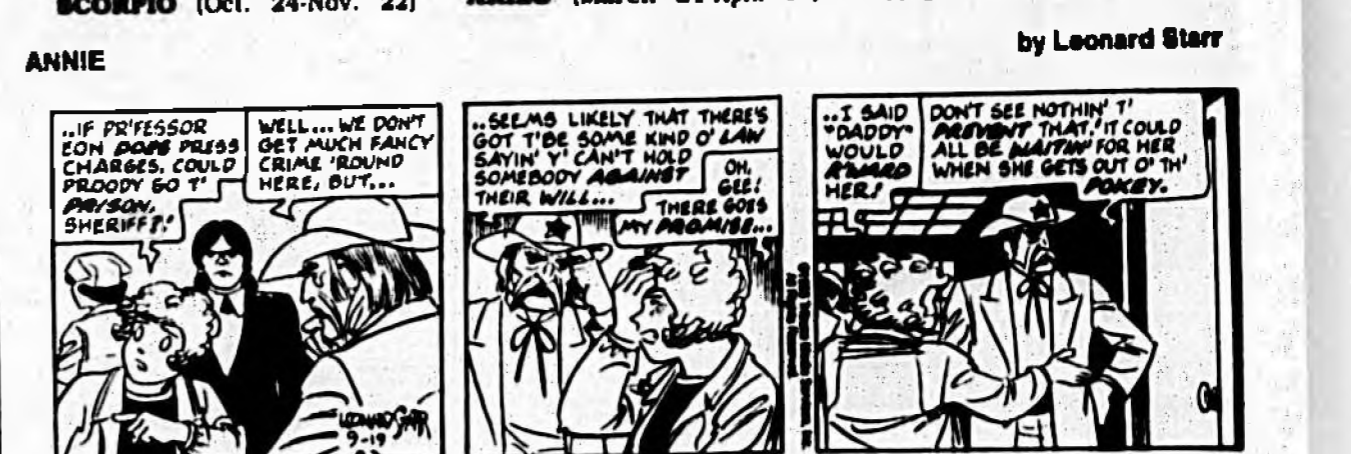


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