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## Giving Moore of himself



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

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The empires of the future are empires of the mind.

-Winston Churchill

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# FLORIDA BRIEFS



## Julia Bryant dies

JACKSONVILLE — Julia Burnett Bryant, wife of former Florida Gov. Cecil Farris Bryant, has died. She was 78. She died at Baptist Medical Center Sunday from complications of lung cancer.

From 1961 to 1966, she represented Florida as its first lady, presiding as hostess over many occasions, including the Southern Governors Conference and the National Governors Conference.

After moving to Jacksonville in 1966, she served on the boards of the Visiting Nurses Association, the Home for the Aged and was a member of the Colonial Dames.

Mrs. Bryant is survived by her husband of 56 years; three daughters: Julie Bryant Felker, Cecelia Bryant Lipsey, and Astar Bryant Simon; and two granddaughters.

The daughter of Daniel Felix Burnett Jr. and Eunice Lovett Burnett, Mrs. Bryant was born April 26, 1918, in Madison, Fla. She graduated from Florida State College for Women. Prior to her marriage in 1940, she taught English at Leon High School in Tallahassee.

Burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Madison under the direction of Herdaga-Oldenza Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Ortega United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

## Itinerant preacher is shot

ST. PETERSBURG — A Miami pastor who traveled the state to preach the gospel was shot in the head during a visit to St. Petersburg.

The body of Rev. Arthur Richardson, 58, was found Sunday morning on the floor of his room at the Budget Inn. His trousers were open, and his front pockets were inside out, as if someone had rifled through them, according to motel manager Lisa Keough. But the room hadn't been ransacked, she said.

Keough said she saw Richardson leave his room with a young man at about 5:30 a.m. the day of the killing. They returned about an hour later, she said.

At about 8 p.m. Sunday, a young man approached Keough to ask for a wallet he had left in Richardson's room. She alerted police and they took the man away.

Police questioned the man Sunday and Monday. It wasn't clear if he was the same man who was with Richardson early Sunday.

Keough found the minister's body while doing rounds Sunday morning. Richardson's car was missing from outside the motel.

On Monday, police found the car, abandoned a few blocks from the motel. They said nothing had been taken from the vehicle.

Richardson was in St. Petersburg to preach at the Church of God in Unity. He also preached at New Hope Church of God in Unity in Miami.

## Former aid pleads guilty on fraud

TAMPA — A former staff assistant to U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons has pleaded guilty to defrauding illegal immigrants of \$400,000 in their quest for green cards and permanent residence in the United States.

A U.S. Attorney's Office statement says Edna T. Taylor, a 19-year aide to the congressman, admitted Monday to defrauding more than 1,000 aliens. She claimed that membership in the Seventh-Day Adventist church would make them eligible for permanent residence.

Taylor said she accepted the immigrants' money knowing that few, if any, were eligible under U.S. law.

She also admitted to receiving \$1,000 to help obtain legal residence for two people who wanted to serve as pastors for Seventh-Day Adventists churches in Florida.

Taylor could face up to 10 years in prison, the statement said.

The investigation began in 1986 after more than a dozen Florida pastors and church elders said Taylor collected fees from churchgoers in exchange for promises to speed their applications for legal residence.

Gibbons, a Florida Democrat, notified the FBI of the allegations and placed Taylor on unpaid leave starting July 1, 1986.

## Second pleads guilty in parts scam

NEWARK, N.J. — A parts seller admitted he forged certifications for military parts destined for South Korea. He became the second person to plead guilty in connection with the \$1 billion sale of useless equipment.

In April, exporter Y.S. "Sam" Yoon admitted he lied to U.S. Customs officials about the source of the used military parts that he sold to South Korea.

Yoon, president of now-defunct Samsco Technology of Norwood, got the parts from Anthony Pinto, president of AP Consultants Ltd., Pinto said at his plea Monday.

From Associated Press reports

# NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

## Waldo and Lawtey still on AAA list of 'speed trap' locations

By The Associated Press

LAWTEY — Police Chief M. M. Jordan will not surrender to the American Automobile Association and vows to continue his tough enforcement of speed laws in this North Florida town.

"Triple A is not running this show," Jordan said Monday.

Lawtey and Waldo are listed as the nation's only "speed traps" by AAA. The towns lie about 50 miles apart on four-lane U.S. 901, which runs from

the western edge of Jacksonville to Ocala in North-Central Florida.

The auto club marks towns as speed traps for three reasons: Traffic regulations are concentrated in a single location without any apparent justification; most of the people ticketed are non-residents; and the towns set a large part of their city budgets from motorist fines.

Jordan, who has been Lawtey's police chief for 35 years, says he sees nothing

wrong with the town enforcing its 55 mph speed zone and says the speed limits are needed to protect the citizens of his community.

AAA should mind its own business, he says.

"I don't know why it is so down on Lawtey," Jordan said. "They want us to issue warning tickets. Is that fair to people who have gotten (speed) tickets in the past?"

Lawtey has issued an average of 517 tickets a month in the

past year. In the past 12 months, Lawtey officers have issued 3,354 citations worth an estimated \$164,470 to the city.

Jordan expects to issue even more tickets when the state Department of Transportation raises the speed limit to 65 mph on U.S. 901 and motorists will still have to slow down to 55 mph in town.

"We've agreed to disagree," said Kevin Bakswell, vice president of AAA Club South in Tampa.

## Vintage view

Jimmy Cowan and L.S. Hodgins Sr. posed in front of Hodgins' radiator shop in 1921. The sign on the roof reads "L.S. Hodgins Auto Radiator and Sheet Metal Works." The shop was located behind his home at 207 French Ave. An interesting fact about Hodgins is that he helped construct the original clock that was located at the intersection of First Street and Park Avenue. Hodgins was the father of Alice Hodgins Dunn and Paul Hodgins, Sr., who continue to live in Sanford.



## Paynes Prairie Preserve is the state's road-kill alley

By The Associated Press

PAYNES PRAIRIE STATE PRESERVE — This state park south of Gainesville may rank as the state's road-kill capital.

The killers: cars, trucks, campers and semis barreling along two major highways — six-lane Interstate 75 and four-lane U.S. 441 — that connect Gainesville and

the highway are killing machines," state park ranger Jim Weimer said.

"You can go out on a Sunday and find hundreds of animals dead along U.S. 441," laments Les O'Neill, who with husband, Dave, heads the Paynes Prairie Wildlife Coalition, formed in May to push for a solution.

From mid-1989 through 1996, 34,354 vertebrate have been killed on U.S. 441. Those are just the ones park service officials counted on their regular trips along this north-south highway.

Victims during the 5 years also included 474 opossums, 297 raccoons, 294 armadillos, 38 whitetail deer, 33 alligators, and various numbers of just about every other species that frequents the 21,000-acre preserve.

The counts are by no means scientific; actual numbers

likely are substantially higher. No count has been taken on I-75.

For the record, 31,794 of the dead counted in the 5-year survey were frogs of assorted species. Another 1,061 were snakes.

"A study from 1971 to 1973 said something like only one in 18 snakes makes it across 441, and what happens when that survivor comes back the other way?" Adams says.

But frogs and snakes aren't the only victims.

"Alligators, eagles, otters — everything gets nailed," he adds. The preserve is a vast expanse of prairie, marshes, swamps and ponds, pine forests and hammocks. It was a cattle ranch during Spanish rule and as recent as 1970 when the state acquired it from a rancher.

As Gainesville and Micanopy grew, and traffic with them, so did the kills. Studies in the early 1970s documented a problem that continues to worsen. Some believe a retaining wall could help stop the slaughter.

"The wildlife population in Paynes Prairie is mainly small and could go through fencing," says Gina Buscher, a state Department of Transportation spokeswoman in Lake City.

## Something 'fowl' about church emu controversy

By PAULEY BOSS Associate Press Writer

MIAMI — Animal rights groups and a preacher are at odds over what place 250 lanky emus have in the spiritual realm.

The emu were donated by farmers in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma to the First Baptist Church of Southwest Broward. Since April, Rev. Mitchie Proctor has been caring for the ostrich-like creatures on 32 acres of property in Pembroke Pines, north of Miami.

"A spiritual life has to evolve out of realizing the importance of all types of life, not just humans," said Karen Davis, president of the United Poultry Concerns of Maryland, a 7,000-member activist organization.

Proctor is planning to ship the emus starting in July to poor families in the Caribbean and Central America. Eventually he hopes to donate them to families more than 30 countries. In turn he hopes the families start breeding them to market the meat and by-products.

Animal rights activists say the church should free the emus and find a way to help the poor that "doesn't hurt the birds, native to Australia and said to trace back more than 90 million years. "I don't consider this an abuse any more than I would consider

going to Burger King an abuse," Proctor said. "It really seems like people care about animals more than they do about poor people."

The birds eat less and take up less land for grazing than cows. They can yield more than 30 pounds of meat, almost all of it lean and red, and most parts of their bodies can be used or sold.

Emu feathers are used for pillows and dusters. Emu oil is being researched as a pharmaceutical agent. And the emu's black toenails and beaks are ground up and sold as a Chinese cure for skin ulcers.

"Two of these birds would take care of a family for a year not to mention all of their other uses," Proctor said.

Still, the birds' benefits haven't swayed animal rights groups.

"I think it's ridiculous that a church who preaches compassion promotes cruelty," said Nanci Alexander, president of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida. "They're undermining their own intentions."

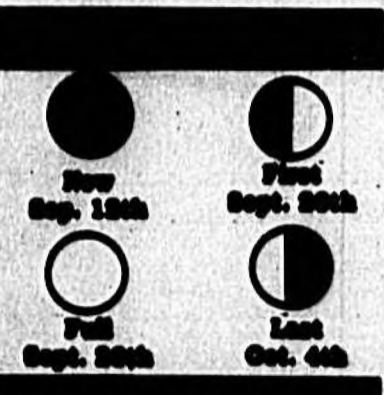
Emus can be up to six feet tall, extending their necks like their African cousin, the ostrich. Activists say they need plenty of space to roam and if they don't have it, they become sedentary.

# THE WEATHER

Today: Highs in the upper 80s to near 90. Wind south 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent. Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms until late. Low in the low to mid 70s. Wind south 5 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Wednesday, variable cloudiness with showers and thunderstorms likely. High in the upper 80s to near 90. Wind southwest 5 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent. Thursday through Saturday: Partly cloudy with a chance of mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows in the lower to mid 70s. Highs near 80.

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists various Florida cities and their weather forecasts.

Table with 5 columns: Day, Weather, High/Low. Forecast for Tuesday through Saturday.



WEDNESDAY: SOLAR TABLE: min., 1:45 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; maj., 7:50 a.m., 8:15 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: high, 4:19 a.m., 4:54 p.m.; low, 10:33 a.m., 11:17 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 4:24 a.m., 4:59 p.m.; low, 10:38 a.m., 11:22 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 4:39 a.m., 5:14 p.m.; low, 10:53 a.m., 11:37 p.m.

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet — Tuesday: Wind south 10 to 15 knots. Sea 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Tuesday night: Wind south 15 knots. Sea 1 foot near shore and 3 feet outer waters. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Scattered showers and thunderstorms.

The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 85 degrees and the overnight low was 70 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Calery Avenue. Recorded rainfall for the period, ending at 9 a.m. Tuesday, totaled .02 inches. Sunset.....7:42 p.m. Sunrise.....6:08 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 10. Better wear hat and sunscreen. The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as follows:

- 0, 1, 2 minimal
3, 4 low
5, 6 moderate
7, 8 high
9, 10 very high

Table with 5 columns: City, High, Low, Precip, Wind. National weather forecast table for various cities.

MIAMI Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery. Fantasy 5 12-8-21-23-14 Cash 3 2-8-1 Play 4 6-2-2-2

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### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Retail theft

Mary Catherine Theisen, 66, of 489 Hampton Crest Circle, Heathrow, was arrested by Sanford police at the Seminole Towne Center Wednesday. Officers said she attempted to take three necklaces, valued at \$185 from a store without paying. She was charged with retail theft.

#### Sanford police reports

●A VCR, said to be valued at \$75, was reported stolen Thursday from a residence in the 2900 block of Georgia Avenue.

●A white 1981 Buick was reported stolen early Friday from a parking lot in the 1800 block of W. 25th Street in Sanford.

#### Stolen/recovered vehicles

●A 1988 Cadillac, listed as stolen in the 700 block of Magnolia Avenue, was recovered by Sanford police Monday parked in the 1100 block of W. 10th Street.

●A 1988 Chevrolet pickup truck, reported stolen from a Deltona man, was located by Sanford police Sunday in Mayfair Meadows.

●A 1986 Oldsmobile, reported stolen in Lake Mary Saturday, was recovered on the same day by Sanford police. The vehicle was located in Redding Gardens.

●A 1981 Buick, reported stolen in Sanford, was located Friday near the intersection of Burrows Lane near First Drive in Sanford. Three and several parts were reportedly missing.

●A 1981 Oldsmobile, reported stolen Friday in the 2400 block of Key Avenue in Sanford was located by police in the 900 block of W. 30th Street.

●A Chevrolet pickup, reported stolen from a Sanford man, was located in a field Friday near the intersection of 12th Street and Cleander Avenue in Sanford.

#### Theft arrest

Juanita Miller, 35, of 104 Anderson Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. The arrest report said she had taken her father-in-law's 1980 Ford pickup without his permission. It was located in Monroe Terrace. Miller was charged with auto theft.

#### Drug arrest

Wille James Bailey III, 30, of 2501 Frog Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in a parking lot near El Capitan and Santa Barbara. Officers said they had received several complaints about drug activities in that area. Bailey was reportedly seen with other individuals involved in possible drug related activities. He was charged with possession of cannabis with intent to distribute.

#### Traffic stops

●Paul A. Jackson, 63, of Daytona Beach, was stopped by Sanford police at U.S. Highway 17-92 and Americana Blvd. Saturday. He was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

●Warren L. Oliver, 20, of 1911 Chase Avenue was arrested by Sanford police Saturday. Officers said he had reportedly been involved in an accident at 20th Street and Lake Avenue, but is said to have left the area. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

#### Retail theft

Leah K. Royals, 18, of 618 Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at a store in the 1500 block of French Avenue. Officers said she attempted to take \$12.97 in merchandise from the store without paying. She was charged with retail theft.

#### Domestic case

Tarrus L. Davis, 30, of 633 Valencia Court, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence as the result of a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

#### Sanford police reports

●A 22 caliber handgun and holster were reported stolen Sunday from a residence in the 800 block of E. Second Street.

●A VCR, two TV sets and assorted food products with a total value of \$478.65 were reported stolen Sunday from a residence in William Clark Court.

●An estimated \$83 in cash was said to have been taken Saturday from the cash register of a closed business at Seminole Towne Center.

## 12 people nabbed at adult nightclub

### From staff reports

Members of the sheriff's department City/County Investigative Bureau conducted an undercover operation at approximately 6:30 Friday night at the House of Babes, an adult entertainment nightclub at 8400 S. U.S. Highway 17-92 in Fern Park.

Twelve persons, six employees and six customers, were arrested and booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. All were subsequently released after posting \$115 bond each.

The six customers were identified as follows:  
 ●Leonardo F. McCray, 31, of Orlando.  
 ●Charles Edward Hill, 28, of Orlando.  
 ●Henry William Flingsag, 48, of Maitland.  
 ●Maham Shah, 53, of Deltona.  
 ●Thomas F. Forsyth, 38, of Maitland.  
 ●Norman Alan Monroe, 42, of Winter Park.  
 The six employees were

identified as follows:  
 ●Susan Baker, 36, of Altamonte Springs.  
 ●Lisa Ann Wetmore, 34, of Orlando.  
 ●Crystal Dawn Thurmond, 26, of Caseberry.  
 ●Angie Marie Arndt, 21, of Caseberry.

●Barbara H. Renfro, 37, of Caseberry.  
 ●Heather R. Tennant, 23, of Orlando.  
 Each of the 12 was charged for violation of a county ordinance against straddle dancing.

## Wheelchairs fate of hundreds of gang members

### By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Robert "Bird" Ramos knew there was no future being a gang member and had expected to be in prison or dead by his mid-20s. He never suspected, however, that he would end up paralyzed by a bullet fired during a gang fight. "It never crossed my mind," the 32-year-old Ramos said. "When I was a kid, you'd hardly ever see anybody in a wheelchair. Now there are so many."

Southern California police agree: Paralysis has become the fate of hundreds of gang members.

"These guys are at war; they're just as serious about their war as we were about ours in Vietnam," said Sgt. Wes McBride of the Los Angeles County sheriff's gang unit.

Some gang members become outcasts after becoming paralyzed.

Enrique "Kiki" Lopez, 24, was paralyzed by a bullet five years ago. Today, he lives in his aunt's back yard in a 5-foot square aluminum shed.

"I feel good in this room," Lopez said inside the shed. "This is my house. Right here, I'm independent. I don't like asking for help."

Lopez used to be a foot soldier with the State Street Gang, earning about \$200 a week dealing drugs.

"I was in court three times when I was just trying to fit in," said John Tucherl, Lopez's former probation officer. "This is a sad kid who's chosen his destiny."

Lopez clings to the hope that he'll one day leave his wheelchair.

"I know I'm going to walk," he said. "God has a plan for everyone and whenever he decides I'll get out of this chair, I'll get up. Actually, I'll leap up."

Ramos doesn't entertain such dreams. When he was released from the hospital five years ago, he prayed he would walk one

day. Now he doesn't bother.

"God put me in this wheelchair to slow me down," said Ramos, the father of a 15-year-old son nicknamed Baby Bird. Baby Bird is a member of a gang, too. So are Ramos' two younger brothers — both in jail.

Unlike Lopez, Ramos still gets respect as he wheels into the Aliso Pico housing project. Teen-agers, their arms sporting gang tattoos, greet him with cries of "What's up?"

Ramos remains active in the gang; Rival gang members shot him in his wheelchair two years ago, shattering the upper bone of his left leg.

Friends usually shove him out of the way when bullets fly. Ramos himself won't try to dodge the gunfire.

"I wouldn't push myself. I don't feel like I have to. I sit there and try to see who is doing the shooting," Ramos said. "To me, it's like it ain't nothing really changed — just the part about being in a wheelchair."

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**322-9411**

## 'Cheerleader mom' gets 10-year jail term

By VERN LANGFORD  
 Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The woman facing retrial on charges she tried to hire a hitman to kill the mother of her daughter's cheerleading rival agreed today to a plea bargain that calls for a 10-year prison term.

It was likely, however, Wanda Webb Holloway could be out of prison in six months and serve the rest of her sentence on probation, attorney Jack Zimmerman said.

Mrs. Holloway, whose case was widely publicized and inspired two TV movies, was convicted in September 1991 of solicitation of murder and sentenced to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

A new trial was ordered, however, when it was learned shortly afterward that one of her jurors was on probation and should have been disqualified from the panel.

The new trial had been set for

Oct. 7. Mrs. Holloway, 42, pleaded no contest today before State District Judge George Godwin to a murder solicitation charge. She then was taken into custody for transfer to a state prison.

"She felt this morning that this is the proper resolution," Zimmerman said. "She never wanted anyone harmed."

Mrs. Holloway became the butt of jokes across the nation when police said she tried to pay a hitman to kill Verna Heath.

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### EDITORIAL

## No news day

Each year at this time, an organization in Lebanon, Pennsylvania promotes Sept. 11 as "No News is Good News Day." The organization is called the "Wellness Permission League."

The motto for tomorrow, according to the league, is... "Don't read, listen to or watch the news today and you'll feel better tonight."

Unfortunately, we have many people who do that almost every day. They are like the proverbial ostrich who is said to put his head underground so he won't see or hear anything which may be disturbing. (Not true, but that's the way legend has it).

While they won't admit it, they generally believe if you ignore something, it will go away. Some people just scan their daily newspaper and read stories only following headlines which may appeal to them. (That's why people who write headlines word them to attract a reader's attention).

But look at what is in a newspaper, the Sanford Herald for example. People see the headline "POLICE BRIEFS." They move on to something else, not wanting to read about who was arrested or committed crimes. But being aware of what is going on, and especially where it is going on, may give you reason to be more cautious.

This past weekend for example, Sanford had a larger-than-usual number of vehicular thefts. Reading about this may give you extra incentive to be certain your vehicle is locked and the windows rolled up.

How about the BRIEFS, which generally appear on the left side of page 1. An organization in which you are involved may be getting together for an important meeting or there may be some unusual event or occurrence in the community. You ignore it, then complain that you weren't informed in advance.

The same holds true for the FLORIDA BRIEFS on page 2. These are short items pertaining to what is going on across the entire state. While every one of them may not pertain to you or your lifestyle, there is occasionally one which should attract your interest. If you ignore it, you are missing something.

These Sanford Herald Editorials are not intended to tell you what to do or how to live. They are aimed at getting you to think about a particular situation which may have escaped you.

Even the legal notices are often interesting. Taking a look at them will often give you advance information regarding actions which are upcoming. If, for example, someone has requested approval to build a tire-burning facility right next to your residence, you certainly want to know about it in advance, rather than after the matter has been approved because no one voiced any objection.

Classified ads, display ads and inserts often tell you where to go to make some money-saving purchases or obtain goods. By reading them, you may know where to go for a deal, rather than spending time driving around all over town comparing prices.

Yes, reading a newspaper is valuable. The more you read, the more you will be informed, and the better your judgment will be.

As for that "No News is Good News" day, if you truly believe that, then you would also believe, what you don't know won't hurt you.

## Berry's World



### WILLIAM A. RUSHER

## Let's see Clinton's medical records

The Wall Street Journal has performed a signal public service by calling renewed attention to President Clinton's curious reluctance to release his medical records.

It has been traditional, at least since the days of Lyndon Johnson, for presidents to be scrupulously open about their medical problems, and to make their medical records, and indeed their doctors, available to the probing members of the media. There is sound reason for this: The health of an American president is of legitimate worldwide concern. Any disability that might incapacitate him mentally or physically, let alone kill him, is a fact of critical importance in both domestic and international affairs.

We can see a spectacular analogy in the current global concern over the health of Russian President Boris Yeltsin. In Russia the tradition is very different: Successive Soviet bosses lied wholesale about their physical condition, right up to the minute they died. Yeltsin, who is seriously ill with heart trouble (and in fact had two heart attacks last year, apparently first intended to follow that precedent. But he seems to have realized at last that in a democracy things are different, and has now announced that he will have heart surgery (presumably bypass surgery) before the end of September.

Whether Yeltsin survives is of enormous importance to the immediate future of Russia, as well as the long-range prospects for international stability.

ty. If he dies, he will have to be replaced -- but by whom? And what will be that new leader's policies on a whole host of pressing problems, both foreign and domestic?

In the case of Mr. Clinton, he has undergone annual medical checkups, and his physicians have invariably announced afterward that he is in fine condition. But requests to see his past and present medical records, and to interview his physicians, have been met by a stone wall. When President Bush's doctor, who had been held over in the transition, asked to see Mr. Clinton's past medical records before authorizing an allergy shot, he was dismissed and replaced within hours.

So there is something there. The only question is: What?

There are three possibilities: (1) It may be potentially fatal (like Paul Tsongas' cancer), or (2) it may be in some way incapacitating or at least distracting (like John Kennedy's Addison's



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disease), or (3) it may be mostly just embarrassing (e.g., a case of herpes, or of some chronic venereal disease).

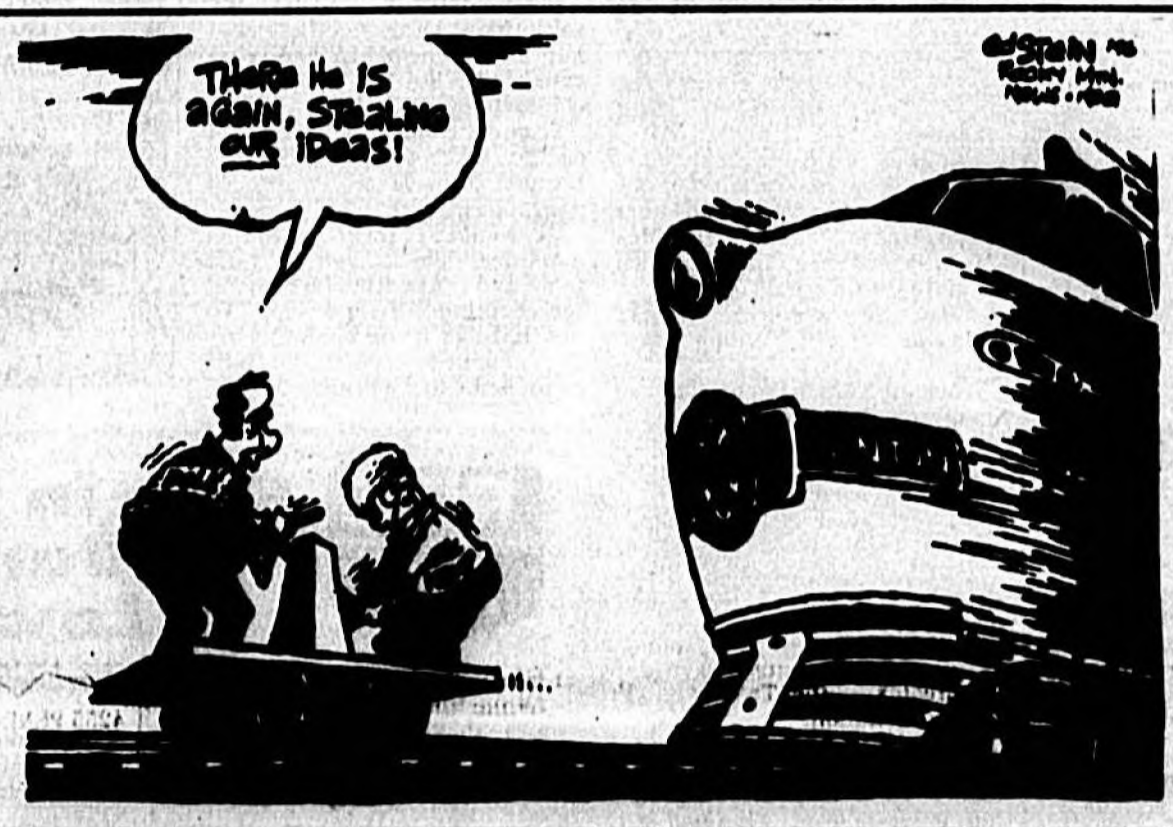
Assuming that Mr. Clinton's doctors would be reluctant to pronounce him hale if he were harboring a cancer, even in remission, we are probably safe in assuming it's (2) or (3). If it's (3) it could be argued that it's nobody else's business. But if it's (2) it is a matter of legitimate national concern.

It is the job of the media to find out if it's (2), and the real scandal (thus far) is how utterly they have failed to discharge that obligation.

You can be quite sure that if any other president since JFK had tried to conceal his medical records, the hue and cry of the media would have been deafening. But they have given Mr. Clinton a free pass on this issue -- just as they did in the Gennifer Flowers case, when that exploded in the midst of the 1992 primary campaign.

It is this sort of double standard that makes the media's pro-Clinton bias so obvious, even if a poll hadn't revealed that 90 percent of them voted for him.

It is altogether proper for the Dole campaign (which has been refreshingly forthcoming about the senator's medical history) to make an issue of Mr. Clinton's secrecy in this regard. The more the president resists full disclosure, the surer we can be that there is something there that the American people deserve to know.



### JACK ANDERSON

## Buying time for Mideast peace

WASHINGTON -- A day before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shook hands with Yasser Arafat, a group of Palestinian Americans were given advance word of the scripted event during a closed-door meeting with National Security Council and State Department officials.

The secret White House meeting was one of four that have taken place on a biweekly basis at the White House between Arab Americans and White House officials. They were organized earlier this summer as a way to exchange information and ideas on how to revive the derailed Mideast peace process. President Clinton lent credibility to the back-channel diplomacy by attending the first session.

Although some of the participants vary, the agenda remains the same: how to rescue the Palestinian economy, where unemployment has soared to 80 percent, and revive the faltering peace process.

One of the main topics in these meetings has been the release of \$10 million in American aid to Arafat's Palestinian Authority. The funds have been blocked for months by Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., the head of the House International Relations Committee whose congressional district includes many ultra-orthodox Jews opposed to the peace process.

Administration officials have approached the impasse with Gilman gingerly, fearing he might seek reprisals in other areas of foreign policy. Gilman says he's opposing the aid because of Arafat's refusal to open up his financial records for congressional investigators.

At least privately, Clinton administration officials view the \$10 million as a way of buying time. A permanent solution is pegged to the success of the peace process and the full integration of the Israeli and Palestinian economies. But that can't proceed until after the American election and after the new Netanyahu government gets its sea legs.

One source estimates that it will take many months just for the new Likud negotiators to forge the kind of personal relationships with their Palestinian counterparts that are a prerequisite to successful talks.

American officials are wary about attaching too much significance to the \$10 million for tactical reasons. Specifically, it could divert attention from convincing Israel to unseat the West Bank and Gaza Strip borders, which were closed for security reasons. When open, the borders were crossed daily by up to 100,000 Palestinian workers, who earned a collective \$6 million a day in Israel before travel restrictions were imposed.

"The current Israeli government wants the Palestinians to succeed economically because they don't want to see them go into exile," one

close observer of the peace process negotiations told us.

President Clinton has shown public and private sign of feeling Palestinian pain. In July, Clinton noted their "desperate economic problems" and declared that the United States had an "obligation" to Arabs who had "stuck their necks out" for peace.

CLINTON VS. DOLE -- Recent Republican polling data contains some good news and some bad news for GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole.

First, the good news: President Clinton is considered "unethical" and "shifty" by a key group of female swing voters likely to vote this year. Now the bad news: Dole is regarded as "Gingrich's stud" and "too rigid."

GOP pollster Frank Luntz's confidential findings came under the heading of "what women privately say about ..." According to the data, all the respondents reject partisan politics and none intend to vote a straight-ticket, though the women consider themselves conservatives or moderates. No liberals were included in the poll.

"In short, this is our target audience," Luntz wrote in a recent report. What follows are among the words various women used to describe the main players this election.

Bill Clinton: "President, indecisive, experienced, vigorous, unethical, unprivileged, womanizer, liberal, narcissistic, dishonest, poor, fair, untrustworthy, sneaky, liar, learning, unscrupulous, wicky-wacky, caring, wily-nilly, waffle, untrustworthy, double-talker, good, easy, changeable, politician, slick, improvement, bumbling, shifty, ambitious, competitive, immoral."

Bob Dole: "Uneducated, stupid, too rigid, sufficient, friendly, old, sincere, too old, motivated, weak, insecure, conservative, probing, archaic, emphatic, knowledgeable, Gingrich's stud, arrogant, arrogant, trustworthy, aged, very good, over-the-hill, salesman, strong leader, uneducated, still, etc."

Perhaps not surprisingly, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton produced some of the most polarized reactions.



Although some of the participants vary, the agenda remains the same.

### JOSEPH SPEAR

## Spam gourmets' bright future

You would think just from appearances and overt evidence that curmudgeons would be lousy trend spotters because they despise fads, crazes and rage. The truth is just the opposite.

It is precisely because they would be mortified to be caught doing anything trendy that they can detect trends months before anyone else. They need to know what to eschew.

It wouldn't take much real expertise, in any case, to put your average trend wizard to shame. On the official Charlatans and Praterdars Chart (sorry, it is available only to professional curmudgeons), trend spotters fall between palm readers and Near Eastern spiritual gurus. Which is to say, they make a pretty good living with limited skills.

Up to this point, you probably thought I was joking, didn't you? No, it's true. There are sick folks out there who pull down sizable fees for reading newspapers and magazines, scanning obscure academic studies, watching TV and movies, surfing through the internet, and interviewing people in airports and bars. From these sources of information, they predict fashions and styles, consumer tastes, economic turns and so on. Then they put their forecasts into reports, newsletters and books and sell them, mainly to people who want to peddle products to the trendies the trend spotters have spotted.

Some are no doubt very good. Whoever alerted the helmet and knee-pad industries about the coming popularity of in-line skates, for example, earned every dime he was paid. On the other hand, some alleged experts did foresee boom markets for clear beer. These people probably quit and went into journalism.

You are probably wondering when I am going to get back to my main point, which is that curmudgeons make the best trend trackers. The reason is, we keep it simple. We have only two rules: (1) Trust your instincts, and (2) by the time it makes the cover of Time or Newsweek, it's already yesterday's trend.

Instincts tell me, for example, that: -- Candle makers should be stocking up because burned hair is going to be a big thing. This is a technique in which the hair is singed with flaming candles. It originated in Sicily, and it's been around for years. I'm guessing that flame outs will catch on with young people who have pierced every appendage they've got and are looking for other body parts to abuse.

-- The popularity of Political Men will continue to grow. The Democrats created a Butt Man (to remind us of Bob Dole's tobacco tie). The Republicans countered with a Rooter Man (to remind us that Bill Clinton didn't inhale), a Filz Man (to remind us that Clinton misused FBI files) and Baloney Man (to suggest what Clinton is full of). What's to come? Well, there is already a Condom Man following Dole around (to promote AIDS awareness, the C-Man says), so use your imagination.

-- Spam continues to ride the comeback trail. You think McDonald's puts a dent in the cow population? Well, Hormel sure helps to keep the pig count down. A can of the famous porked pork product is consumed every four seconds, around the clock, in the United States. Spam cooking contests are also a big deal.



The truth is just the opposite.



# People

## IN BRIEF

### Senior activities listed

SANFORD — The Sanford Senior Center announces the following activities: Over-60 softball playing, Sept. 20; Golf at Cypress Point Golf Course, beginning Sept. 26; and card games. For information, call 330-8699.

### Welcome Wagon coffee set

Seminole Spokes-Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County "Coffee" for newcomers will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. For information and address, call Ariene, 698-2601; or Carole, 868-1579.

## CALENDAR

### Al-Anon group meets in Sanford

If you are troubled by the alcoholism of a friend or relative, there is help. Serenity Won, an Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics, will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Sahara Club, 2557 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 332-4122.

### Overeaters to gather

A regular meeting of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, corner of Park and 5th, Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 322-0857.

### Nar-Anon to offer help

Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 868-6364.

### Take off pounds sensibly

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

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

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

For more information about the club, call 323-1768 or 323-1864.

### Toastmasters meet

Seminole Community College (SCC) Toastmasters Club #6581 will meet every Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at the old Lake Mary City Hall on Country Club Road. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-9284 for more information.

### Disabled veterans meet

Seminole County Chapter #30 of the Disabled American Veterans meet the second Tuesday of each month at their chapter home at 3512 Orlando Ave., in Sanford. The service office is open from 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday for more information, 323-2710.

### Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is seeking donors of all types blood — especially O-type donors — to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

### Optimist Club meets weekly

The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Colonial Room in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome. Call 323-2194 or 322-0296.

### Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday

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

### Dancing for seniors

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

### Widowed persons meet

All widowed persons are invited to meet at 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Caseberry Senior Center, 200 Lake Triplet Drive, Caseberry.

## Volunteer of the Week

# She's happiest doing for others

By SUSAN WENNER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Shyly and modestly, Cindy Brumley reluctantly spoke of the many volunteer efforts in which she is involved. Reiterating frequently she noted that "everyone has something they can give to others" and her hope is that everyone can find that something even if it's just "a smile."

Brumley and her family are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She presently serves as an adult Sunday school teacher and assists in any capacity wherever she's needed.

Formerly, Brumley held the position of relief society president and according to her this is "the largest women's organization in the world." She was also the young women's president. "I taught and directed over 100 women," she said. "I coordinated visiting and homemaking skills. We taught lessons on how to be better wives and mothers. I also taught in the primary classes."

Brumley served as last year's president for Hamilton Elementary's PTA and is presently a class mom there. "I helped organize to go," she said. "The PTA had gone by the wayside. I found people that would be interested in beginning the PTA again. Our sole purpose was for the betterment of the kids."

Among her other efforts, Brumley works with her neighborhood watch group and provides clothes, toys and other items to needy families. "I'm kind of a drop-off for people," she said. "A lot of people bring clothes and other items to me. I always know someone who can use them and I get it to them."

Assisting her son's den leader in his scout troop is but another job to her list of volunteering. She made the banner for Lakeview Middle School that is now carried during parades. Yet, when her child began attending Sanford Middle School her loyalties transferred there along with her helpful ways.

She shared a story she was taught at church about "random acts" performed in a positive way by people and the effect they have. "We heard a story about a man that pulled up to a toll booth and paid his toll and the toll of several others in line behind him," she said. "When the others pulled up in line they were prepared to pay and were told that the man ahead paid theirs too. It had changed their attitudes for the better."

That "ripple effect," as Brumley put it is what her church tried. "An 'x' riment and it worked. Those random acts of kindness can go a long way and can make for a better attitude through the whole day. I really prefer quiet service to others. I want to help someone in little ways. I'm happiest when I'm helping others."



Cindy Brumley at the church where she volunteers and works.

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She continued by saying, "Even a smile can go a long way when you're giving to others. I think everybody wants to be happy. When you look beyond

yourself you can be such a help to others." Brumley and her husband, Stanley, have been married for 19 years. They have four

children, Brad, Brandy, Brady and Brent. "They're my busy bees," said Brumley. She is employed in a maintenance capacity with her church.

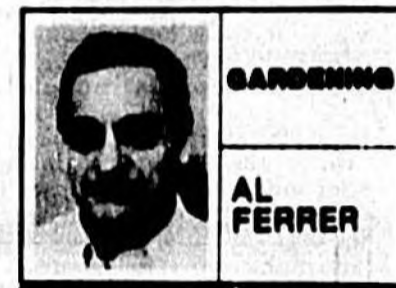
# Pineapples grow well in Central Florida's climate

The pineapple belongs to the Bromeliaceae plant family and is native to tropical America. Spanish moss and other epiphytes (air plants) also belong to this family. The plants are perennial, with long, sword-like leaves, arranged in a spiral around a short stem. The leaves usually have marginal spines. The fruit is formed by many seedless fruits fused together into a large fruit, borne at the end of the stem, surrounded by the leaves.

Climate: Pineapples grow best where temperatures do not go below 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above 90 degrees F. In general, warm, uniform temperatures throughout the year are necessary to grow this plant successfully. Temperatures below 28 degrees will seriously injure the plants.

Soils: Pineapples tolerate a wide range of soil types, but require well drained soils. Plants tolerate drought but need good soil moisture during fruit formation. Mildly acid soils with medium to low fertility are often used to grow commercial crops.

Propagation: Different parts of the plant can be used for propagation. Shoots which develop from buds in the leaf axils are called "suckers". A sucker born from below the soil level is called a "ratoon". Shoots which develop from the fruit stalk are called "alpa". There are basal and crown alpa, depending if they are borne near the base of



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the fruit or the leafy shoot above the fruit. The shoot above the fruit is called the "crown". Slips and suckers are the preferred planting materials. The easiest way to start a pineapple is to cut half an inch below the top leafy part of the fruit and let it dry for about two days before planting, then set it deep enough to keep it upright.

Planting: Pineapples are usually planted during the summer months. If slips are used, plants set in August will produce the first fruits in June or July of the second year. Large suckers will produce fruits one year after planting. Mulching is beneficial to control weeds, reduce evaporation of soil moisture and to provide nutrients to the plants.

Fertilization: Pineapples respond very well to nitrogen. Phosphorus is needed only in soils deficient in this element. Plants also respond well to potassium fertilization. Pineapples in Florida respond to applications of magnesium and iron. A general formula of 7-3-7-3 (N-

P-K-Mg) is recommended to fertilize pineapples. Fertilizers may be applied on the ground or in the axils of the older leaves. When pineapples are grown in containers, fertilize with a houseplant-type fertilizer according to label. Liquid fertilizers are often used because they are absorbed by the plants more quickly than dry fertilizers. Fertilize every 1 to 2 months.

Forced fruiting: There are some chemicals that will induce early flowering in pineapples. Commercially, B-hydroxyethyl hydrazine or BOH has been used in pineapples to reduce the time from planting to harvest. For homeowners, flowering can be induced by placing a ripening fruit next to the pineapple and covering the plant with an airtight plastic for 2-3 days. The ethylene produced by the ripening fruit will induce the plant to start the flowering process. Make sure that the plant will not be subjected to excessive high temperatures by placing the plant in the shade or indoors during the period that the plant is covered with the plastic.

(Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 280 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 323-2888, Ext. 6688.

# Godparent's role is minor

DEAR ABBY: I need to know what is required of godparents. I have two godchildren. My problem is, even though I make myself available at all times (birthdays, school illnesses, any time the parents need a break, etc.), I am not being utilized.

In both cases we stood before God in a church service and made vows to be accessible to the children, and I have been. I have spoken to both sets of parents and made it perfectly clear that I want to be in each child's life, yet whenever the parents need any assistance with their children, they turn to grandma and grandpa. I have gifts of toys and clothing that my godchildren have outgrown by now, so after many calls went unreturned, I've given up trying.

I am concerned that years from now, when the kids are in their late teens, the parents will seek me out for help with money for college and cars. Please help.

AN M.D. IN D.C.

DEAR M.D.: While in theory a godparent is responsible for the spiritual guidance of a child in accordance with his or her family's religion, in practice the obligation may be no more than that of any close friend of the family.

Contrary to what some might assume, there is no



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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

requirement to provide financial assistance. However, a godparent does customarily give a birthday and possibly a Christmas gift until the godchild is grown. You need not worry about future financial obligations to the children, but you should ask the parents what their expectations were when they asked you to assume this solemn and significant role.

DEAR ABBY: Please inform potential employers and the general public that not all ex-convicts are lifelong criminals who should never again be trusted.

I would like to hear from your millions of readers how they would answer my question: By taking away most of my constitutional rights and severely limiting my employment opportunities for the rest of my life, how is that going to protect society or give me an incen-

tive to go straight? My debt (for armed robbery) was paid 23 years ago.

BOYS, SPARKS, NEV.

DEAR MR. S: My experts tell me that convicted felons receive due process under the law, and all their rights are returned to them when their sentences have been served and parole is complete.

However, two privileges are withheld: the privilege of owning a gun and the privilege of voting.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter about the child who was referred to by the nurse as "the little boy in the wheelchair." That reminded me of the time I was in the hospital for a liver biopsy. Over my head, the nurses kept referring to me as "the liver." They referred to the next patient as "the knee." I heard a nurse say, "We'll do the knee after the liver."

I asked them, out of curiosity, why they refer to people like that, and they explained, "We see so many people in one day it would be confusing to refer to people by their names. It helps keep things straight by naming the part of the body scheduled to be worked on." I looked up at them and said, "It's a good thing I'm not in here for hemorrhoids!"

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Sports

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Hackers open with win
WINTER SPRINGS — Christie Kessinger went three-for-three...

Chrissy's Softball Tournament
SANFORD — Sanford will be the site for Chrissy's Dream Trip Women's Softball Tournament on Saturday...

Flag coaches, players needed
SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is looking for coaches and players for its Youth Flag Football League...

Sanford adult flag football
SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is now offering Adult Flag Football. The league is scheduled to begin on Saturday...

Men's, Church, Co-Ed softball
SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is now offering Adult Fall Softball Leagues starting in September...

AROUND THE STATE

Jacksonville 5, Carolina 1
JACKSONVILLE — Suna starter Brian Moehler allowed one run on four hits in eight and a third inning Monday...

ELSEWHERE

Mets 6, Marlins 1
NEW YORK — Jason Hardtke drove in three runs with a pair of singles that led the New York Mets over the Florida Marlins 6-1...

BEST BETS ON TV

BASEBALL
7:30 p.m. — SUN, Marlins at Mets, (L)
9 p.m. — TBS, Braves at Rockies, (L)

Slow start, fast finish
Seminole boys win first SAC volleyball match

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor
SANFORD — The Seminole High School boys' volleyball team continued its strong early season play Monday...

The Fighting Seminoles (3-1 overall, 1-1 in the SAC) led just 8-5 in the first game when Erick Ho served four straight points...

having good night's for Seminole were Greg Pegram with 10 kills and three blocks, Sean Whitman with nine kills and one block...

A 'GRAND' START



A large group of players line up during introductions during the newly formed Sanford Little League's initial fall baseball season Grand Opening ceremonies Saturday morning at Sanford Memorial Stadium...

Seminole second at LM Invite

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor
LAKE MARY — The Seminole High School girls' volleyball team stamped itself as a threat for state honors this past weekend with an impressive second place finish...

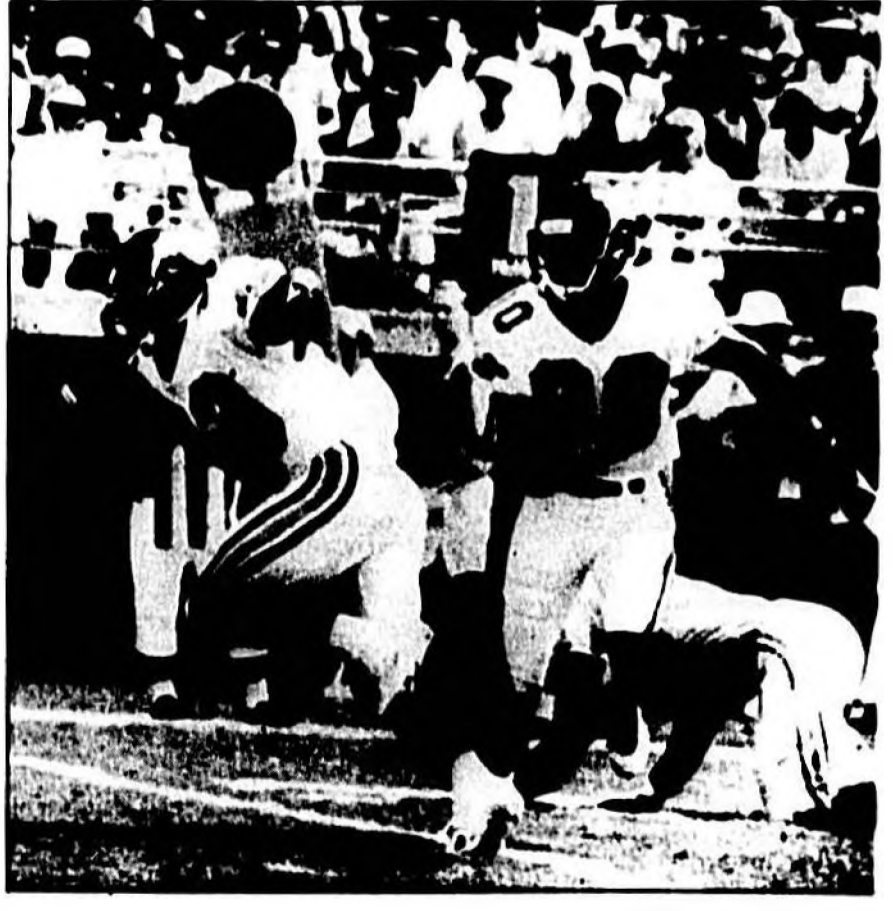
Team #1 back on top in AT&T

From Staff Reports
LAKE MARY — Team #1 continued its rebound from a mid-season slump, winning two games to break the logjam atop the AT & T Men's Summer Slowpitch Softball League...

Chandler stars as Jags' comeback attempt fails

By JEFF BERLINCKE
Lake Mary Life Sports Editor
JACKSONVILLE — Look in almost any dictionary and, under the word "journeyman" there is a photo of Houston quarterback Chris Chandler...

James Stewart (with ball) led the Jacksonville Jaguars rushing on 17 carries, including a five-yard touchdown run, but it was not enough as the Houston Oilers held off the Jags 34-27.



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LAKE MARY INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT POOL A, POOL B, THIRD PLACE







**BLONDIE**

by Chis Young



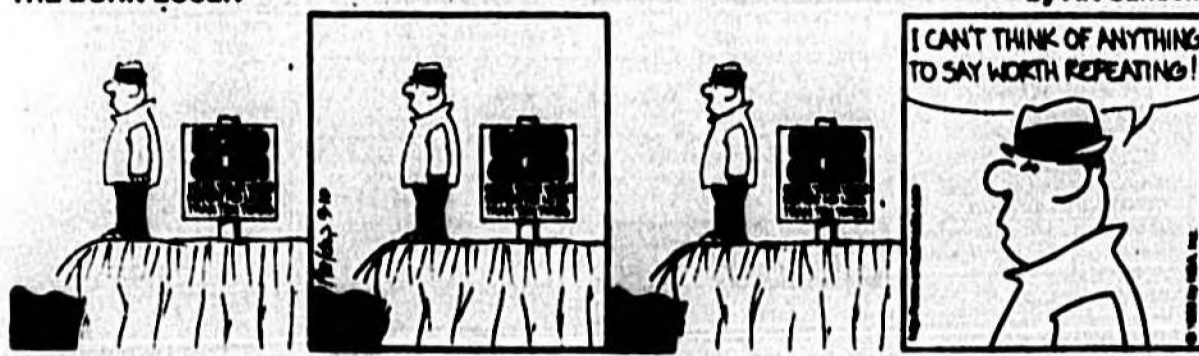
**BETLE BAILEY**

by Mort Walker



**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art Sansom



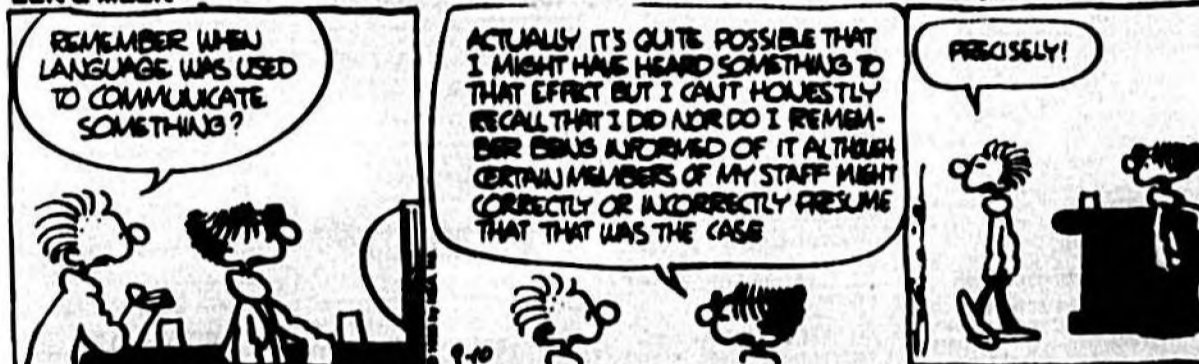
**PEANUTS**

by Charles M. Schulz



**EEK & MEEK**

by Howie Schneider



**TUMBLEWEEDS**

by T.H. Ryan



**ARLO AND JANIS**

by Jimmy Johnson



**FRANK AND ERNEST**

by Bob Thaves



**GARFIELD**

by Jim Davis



**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



**Drug therapy eliminates tapeworms**

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read about tapeworms in medical books, yet have never discovered a way to get rid of them. Can you advise me?

DEAR READER: Parasites, such as tapeworms and roundworms, enter the human intestine through the mouth from soil or food that is contaminated with their eggs. The worms are easily eradicated from the body, once the type has been identified by appropriate stool-testing. Patients may not be aware that they have worms until they pass a mature worm in the stool.

Two common anti-worm drugs are Vermox and Mintoxol; both are available by prescription.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm confused about how often the average patient should undergo flexible sigmoidoscopy.

DEAR READER: The flex sig (in medical shorthand) has, by and large, supplanted the older technique, called proctoscopy, which depended on a lighted, rigid instrument, introduced through the rectum, to identify colonic polyps. The flex sig is far less uncomfortable — and less dangerous — because doctors use a flexible fiber-optic device.

During the office procedure, for which minimal preparation is required, physicians examine the lower colon for growths. This is basically a screening test for pre-malignant lesions.

Ordinarily, the colon is found to be free of polyps. Such benign growths are like warts that grow from the lining of the colon. However, these growths do not cause symptoms and may be a surprise to both patient and doctor.

If discovered, the polyps are biopsied during the flex sig. Then, depending on the pathology report, further investigation may be mandated: A full colonoscopy, again using a fiber-optic tube, should be performed.

In general, benign polyps discovered during routine flex-sig exams can be ignored (after their removal). Because this is such an effective way to diagnose pre-cancerous polyps, most authorities recommend flex-sig exams every three or four years for both men and women over 50.

Obviously, if an excised polyp is pre-malignant — meaning that over time it could turn into a cancer — more frequent colon examinations are necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My MS was diagnosed in 1989 after a bad fall. Six months later my need for sleep had gone from seven hours per night to 10, plus an afternoon nap. After mentioning this to my neurologist, she prescribed 18.75 mg of Cylert per day. In about a month my fatigue was less and my night's sleep was down to



**MEDICINE**

**PETER GOTT, M.D.**

sclerosis. The drug can cause many side effects, the most serious being liver inflammation, convulsions, hallucinations, nausea and anemia.

In some cases, patients have experienced Tourette's syndrome, the uncontrollable urge to utter obscenities. The drug has a real potential for abuse and addiction. Therefore, Cylert should be prescribed and supervised only by a health professional familiar with its use.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Tourette's Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 9017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10116. Be sure to mention the title.

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about eight hours. Please check on Cylert for your own information the next time you write about MS.

DEAR READER: Cylert is a prescription stimulant that has been used to treat children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. I was not aware that it can be used to overcome fatigue associated with multiple

**ACROSS**

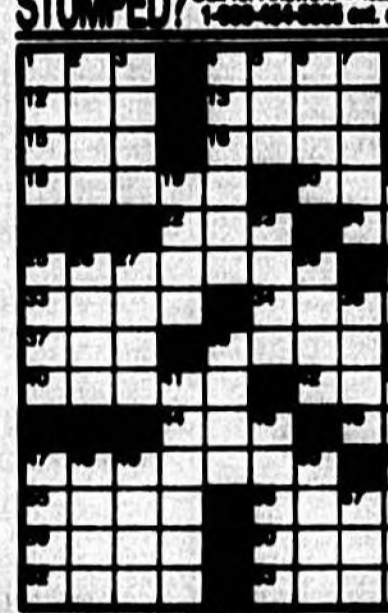
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- 15 City in Nevada
- 18 Old horse
- 19 Game of chance
- 17 Author Jean
- 18 Movie term
- 20 British
- 22 Spain's Coast
- 24 —
- 25 Paper network
- 26 Coat
- 28 Word
- 29 Cash
- 34 Day — (adverb)
- 36 (action)
- 38 Commander
- 37 Actor Marco
- 38 Portico
- 39 Actor Montand
- 40 Short sword

**DOWN**

- 1 An O'Hair
- 2 Place
- 3 Currency unit
- 4 Spring or fall
- 5 New East prop.
- 6 Tropical fruit
- 7 Post
- 8 Spiritual
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**STUMPED?**

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



**Looking to the future**

By Phillip Alder

Did you see that piece in the paper last June mentioning that scientists think a massive meteor might collide with the Earth in 50,000 years? The article's next sentence was: There's no cause for immediate alarm.

At the bridge table, although the time period for 15 tricks is slightly less than 50,000 years (even for certain players I could name), often success in a deal requires looking into the future.

How would you plan the play in this four-heart contract after West leads the club king and East follows with the 10? South saw that he had 10 tricks: three spades, four hearts, one diamond, one club and one diamond ruff

in the dummy. However, there was a danger that he might first lose four tricks (one spade, one heart and two clubs) before he could ruff in those 10 winners. Of course, all this supposed that both major-suit finesses were going to lose. But South half expected that.

Still, trying to reduce the risk of losing two club tricks, declarer ducked the first trick. Disaster! When West continued with the club jack, East ruffed. And a few moments later East took two more tricks with his major-suit kings, South taking both finesses.

After losing his fourth trick, South said, "How unlucky can I get! The clubs were 2-1 and both finesses wrong. If I just win the first trick, I got home, but that is wrong if the clubs are 4-3, which is at least three times more likely."

Much to South's surprise, North said, "You are quite right. I think you played correctly and were unlucky."

North 60-10-20  
 ♠A Q 8 8  
 ♥A 10 8 7  
 ♦5  
 ♣8 7 5 4

West East  
 ♠7 6 3 ♠K 5 4  
 ♥4 ♥K 3 2  
 ♦J 8 2 ♦K 10 7 6 4 3  
 ♣K Q J 9 8 ♣10

South  
 ♠J 10 2  
 ♥Q J 6 5  
 ♦A Q  
 ♣A 6 2

Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: South

South West North East  
 10 Pass 30 Pass  
 40 Pass Pass Pass  
 Opening lead: ♠K

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**Clear Birthday**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1996

In the year ahead, you could be more fortunate with friendships than you have been for some time. The associations you initiate will be permanent and enduring.

**VRSD** (Aug. 29-Sept. 28) More can be accomplished in a just endeavor today if you work from behind the scenes. People who are uninvolved do not have to know your motives. Vow, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and \$48 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1759, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10116. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LEBA** (Sept. 29-Oct. 28) Today, even when dealing with people whose intentions you suspect, make decisions for yourself. They will not be that much brighter than you are.

**SCRPD** (Oct. 29-Nov. 28) Personal ambitions can be achieved today if you work with procedures that have been successful. This will not be a good day to experiment.

**SABTARUS** (Nov. 29-Dec. 21) You can mix business with pleasure today. Associate with people whose cooperation is essential to your success. Something good could be the result.

**SAPRSD** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might be subject to several charges. If you go with the flow, you will profit. However, if you try to resist you might be disappointed.

**ADARUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A meeting of the minds will be possible today with a person who has been inconsiderate until now. Take advantage of this opportunity.

**FRSD** (Feb. 19-March 20) Today, the best way to achieve personal goals will be to put your talent and experience at the disposal of others.

**ANRS** (March 21-April 18) If you follow the advice of a concerned friend today, you can reach a problem you've been unable to resolve. It will do so as efficiently as you thought.

**TARUS** (April 19-May 18) Today, your concern for those you love will exceed your personal interest. Only after you've taken care of their needs will you think about your own desires.

**GENUS** (May 19-June 18) A departure from your regular routine will help to rejuvenate your attitude today. Do something fun and different and make sure to include an old friend.

**GANER** (June 19-July 18) At work today, your rewards will be commensurate with your efforts. Whether your assignment is large or small, strive to do your best.

**LESD** (July 19-Aug. 18) Your intelligence, as well as your dependability, will be obvious to friends who need your assistance today. You will help them solve problems.

by Leonard Starr

