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Today, partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. Wind southwest 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

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TODAY

BRIEFS

Planetarium plans

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College has announced the current season for its planetarium.
"Tonight's Sky" a guided tour of the constellations and planets is presented on the first, third and fifth Fridays of each month at 8:30 p.m.
"Myths in the Sky," identifying constellations in the current night sky and a discussion of the myths from around the world regarding the constellations is presented on the second and fourth Fridays at 8:30 p.m.
"More than Meets the Eye," takes you on a guided tour of the night skies. Presented Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.
All evening shows will be followed by telescope viewing sessions as weather permits. Doors open at 8 p.m., with no one admitted after the beginning of the show.
Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students from other schools. Free to SCC faculty, staff and students. Tickets are available at the door.
For information, phone 328-2360.

New Hope

MAITLAND — New Hope, Inc., a not for profit resource for grief and loss of children and adults, serving Seminole, Orange and Ocala counties, is looking for daytime volunteers for general office duties, telephone reception and hospitality teams to solicit food donations from the community.
New Hope is located in Maitland. For information, phone Vernice or Rosie Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 629-8920.

Jewels of Thailand

SANFORD — Jewels of Thailand is a new show being presented at Sears, at the Seminole Towne Center in Sanford. Gemstones and craftsmanship of Thai artisans are now on display and will be seen for the next two weeks. Persons visiting the exhibit can also register for an all expense paid trip for two to Thailand.

River workshop

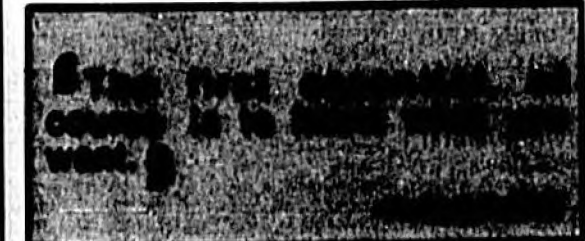
LONGWOOD — The St. Johns/Little Wekiva River Technical Workshop meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. this Wednesday at the Springs Club House, 400 Woodbridge Road, Longwood. Members of the Seminole County Commission are expected to be on hand. The meeting is open to the public.

Crossing guards wanted

SANFORD — The Seminole County sheriff's office is now accepting applications for school crossing guards through Oct. 18. Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma, and be available to work Monday through Friday, mornings and afternoons. All applicants will be fingerprinted and will undergo a criminal history check.
The position pays \$8 per hour for two to four hours a day, five days a week.
Applicants must apply in person at the sheriff's office, 1345 28th Street at the Orlando-Sanford Airport.

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Convicts escape from jail

Killer, arsonist remain at large after night flight

By VICKI BESCHNER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — It took a lot of guts, a lot of brains and, probably, just a little bit of luck, but a pair of career criminals walked undetected out the front door of the John E. Polk Correctional Facility some time overnight.
Today, Zoltan Dobi, 26, and Torrence Thompson, 24, remain at large and Sheriff Don Eslinger and his staff are scratching their heads trying to figure out how it could have happened while making policy and construction changes to see that it doesn't happen again.
Thompson was convicted of second degree murder on Aug. 24 for the shooting of another man during a 1995 card game in Sanford. Dobi was convicted of arson and grand theft auto.
The two were in a special management unit, the sheriff said, because they had behavioral problems and they presented an escape risk. The unit, which housed four inmates in separate cells, was located adjacent to the Central Control area near the front of the facility.
Standing in one of the empty cells, the sheriff shook his head as he explained how the inmates, across the hall from one another each broke through four bolts covering a panel to a utility crawl space and then cut through live wires of more than 200 volts to get inside.
Each then kicked out panels to the outside hall and made their way to another room where they put a small hole in the drywall ceiling, crawled over a wall, dropped into an interview room where bondsmen speak to inmates, exited



Deputies in the area around the Seminole County jail in search of two escaped convicts.

Miss Holland's Opus

Lake Mary grad is new Miss America

By RUSS WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The halls at Lake Mary High School are alive this week with the sounds of music...and the song goes like this...*"There She is Miss America."*
Tara Dawn Holland, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lake Mary in 1990, was coronated as the new Miss America Saturday night in Atlantic City much to the delight of 2,500 current Lake Mary students and their teachers.
Fifty LMHS choir members staged a Miss America party Saturday at the home of junior Marcia Garcia. For nearly three hours, they clapped hands and cheered for their favorite contestant, Tara Dawn Holland.



Tara Holland, crowned Miss Kansas and now Miss America.

It mattered not that Holland, 23, competed as Miss Kansas, having moved to that state last year to continue post graduate work in choral music education. Tara's parents - James and Diane - live in Longwood as do many of her best friends and ex-classmates.
Holland, herself, has been a substitute teacher at LMHS and at other schools in Seminole County. "Tara has never been very far from us or us from her," said Principal Raymond Gaines.



who called her triumph a "tremendous uplifting" for the school.
Choir Director Alice Ann Nilsen said her memory danced back to the day Tara came into her classroom, a tall, high-spirited freshman eager to make new friends and be an integral part of the music program in her new school. By age 13, Tara had lived

Will Sailfest stay in Sanford?

By MIKE PFEIFFER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Nothing has yet been determined regarding keeping the Sailfest sailing regatta in Sanford. The Sanford City Commission however, certainly heard a great deal about the event Monday.
The event has been held along the Sanford shore of Lake Monroe for the past 17 years, generally the first weekend in December, with as many as 600 sailboats and crews participating.
According to Sailfest Executive Director Bob Roth, time is running out. "It's too late to move it to another location this year," he said. "We either have to have it in Sanford or cancel it for this year."
The problem is the condition of the Sanford lakefront. The city, in an effort to prevent beach erosion,

County road project: Residents outraged

By VICKI BESCHNER
Herald Staff Writer

WINTER PARK — Of course, they say, progress is inevitable in a place like Seminole County where exponential population growth is gobbling up every available space.
But when growth becomes a hazard, a danger to the public and simply a waste of tax dollars, it is necessary to the population to stand up and cry "foul."
That is exactly what several thousand residents of the southeastern part of the county are doing at 7 Wednesday evening, Sept. 18 at the First Covenant Church of Winter Park, 1730 Howell Branch Road.
"It is an outrage," said Danielle Dobbs, one of the organizers of the meeting. "We have to make people aware of what is happening and bring it to a stop."
Dobbs and her husband Charles discovered only by accident that Howell Branch Road was being widened from the present four lanes plus a

Shuttle Atlantis zooms toward Mir



Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off Monday morning, seen here just before 5 a.m. passing over Lake Monroe in Sanford. The planet Venus is the bright light in the sky.

POLICE BRIEFS

Multiple charges

Raydon L. Byrd, 19, of 2011 Hartwell Avenue, was arrested by members of the Sanford police QUAD-Squad Saturday. Officers said they saw what appeared to be drug activities under way on 13th Street, and they said a man drove off in a yellow Buick. They followed him onto 13th Place where the vehicle stopped at a dead end, and the driver fled on foot. After calling in a K-9 unit, the man was apprehended.

Byrd was charged with possession of over 30 grams of marijuana, resisting an officer without violence, fleeing and eluding, and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Following a check of the vehicle, police said it had been reported as stolen from the parking lot of a convenience store in the 1500 block of W. 13th Street. Byrd was also charged with grand theft auto.

At the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, it was determined that there were two warrants against Byrd, for possession of over 30 grams of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance.

QUAD arrest

Mike Mathis, 24, of 1700 Bell Avenue, was arrested by QUAD officers Saturday in the 1300 block of Mangouatine. Officers arrested him after seeing what appeared to be a drug sale under way on 13th Street. He was charged with sale/delivery of crack cocaine, possession with intent to sell cocaine, and resisting an officer with violence.

Traffic stops

James Keith Watkins, 25, of 2250 Deepwater Street, Sanford, was stopped by sheriff's deputies on Sipes Avenue near 20th Street Friday. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license (habitual) and possession of two grams of marijuana. Deputies said he was also wanted on a warrant for violation of probation on a conviction of gambling.

Stephen John Krob, 26, of Sorrento, was stopped by Sanford police on Coastline Road at Upala Road Friday. He was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Blair Alan Coraello, 28, of 401 W. Seminole Blvd. was stopped by deputies Sunday. He was charged with driving under the influence.

William F. Douglas, 30, 129 E. Crystal Lake Avenue, Lake Mary, was stopped by deputies Saturday. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a cancelled/suspended/restricted driver's license.

Scott M. Arent, 35, 5080 Ohio Avenue, Lake Monroe, was stopped by deputies Friday on SR-46. He was charged with possession of 30 grams of cannabis, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Retail thefts

Digna D. Esteves, 20, of Deltona, was arrested by Florida Highway Patrol troopers at the Seminole Towne Center Sunday. Officers said she was seen placing \$182 in clothing in a baby stroller. She was charged with petit theft and retail theft.

Leonta E. Brandon, 20, of Jacksonville, was arrested at the Seminole Towne Center Saturday. Officers said he attempted to take a shirt from a store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

Jimmy Jay Butts, 74, 200 Terry Lane, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a retail store in the 1500 block of S. French Avenue. Officers said he attempted to take a \$1.74 deodorant stick from the store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

Domestic cases

Robert S. Smith, 24, 1231 Strawberry Avenue, was arrested at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford on Sunday as the result of a reported dispute with a female at William Clark Court. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Oscar Watkins, 61, 2808 Clairmont Avenue, was arrested at his residence Friday by Sanford police as the result of a reported dispute with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Drug arrest

Demetrius L. Turner, 19, of 5 Cowan Moughton Terrace, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in the 300 block of Avacado. He was charged with possession of cannabis.

Stolen/recovered vehicles

A 1998 Honda, reported stolen from a dealership in Longwood, was located by Sanford police Friday in the 800 block of E. 10th Street in Sanford.

A 1988 Mercury was reported stolen Sunday in the 2500 block of Ridgewood Avenue in Sanford. The vehicle has reportedly been located by its owner.

A maroon 1992 Nissan, license number HS212L was reported stolen Saturday from a parking lot at Sanford Landings Apartments.

Sanford police reports

A radar detector and mountain bike with a total value of \$230, were reported stolen Friday from a vehicle in the 2400 block of Adams Court.

A refrigerator, stove and copper pipe with a total value of \$600 were reported stolen Friday from a vacant apartment in the 1100 block of Myrtle Avenue in Sanford.

An attempt to steal a \$300 fax machine was reported Saturday at a business in the 2500 block of French Avenue. Sanford police said the machine was damaged during the burglary, and was not taken.

A \$100 VCR was reported missing Saturday from an apartment in Lake Monroe Terrace.

The passenger door of a 1991 Ford, valued at \$700, was said to have been stolen Saturday from a business in the 3400 block of S. Orlando Drive.

An estimated \$2,475 in jewelry was reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 100 block of Wildwood Drive.

An estimated \$400 in items were said to have been taken Saturday from a shed in the 3500 block of Georgia Avenue.

A radio and other items with a total value of \$3,078 were reported stolen Sunday from a 1987 Ford in the 3200 block of S. Sanford Avenue.

A TV, VCR and other items with a total value of \$430 were reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 1400 block of W. 12th Street.

Five cassette recorders with a total value of \$235 were reported stolen Friday from a room at Sanford Middle School on S. French Avenue.

A radio was stolen and a vehicle damaged Sunday in the 100 block of Commerce Way in Sanford. The overall loss was estimated at \$1,080.

Longwood candidates square off

By MICK SPANAU
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — While all three incumbents are seeking reelection this year in the Longwood City Commission race, no one will be without opposition. When the official qualifying time concluded at 5 p.m. this past Friday, a total of eight candidates had filed papers to seek one of the three seats.

For Commission District 1,

incumbent Iris Benson will be facing Rusty Miles, and Nadine Tolos. Tolos has sought election on the commission in the past.

For Commission Seat 2, incumbent Ron Sargent will be facing Craig Bush. Bush has also run for the District 2 commission seat in Longwood in the past.

The District 4 commission race will have three candidates. Incumbent Annamarie Vacca will be facing former Commis-

sioner Rex Anderson and Sandy Shemoaki.

The city election will be held in conjunction with the general election on November 5. For the Longwood election, no runoff is held. The person receiving the greatest number of votes is determined the winner.

The next mayor and deputy mayor position will also be determined as the result of this election, but the citizens do not vote for those positions.

The mayor is selected by members of the commission following each election. The position of deputy mayor is normally on a rotational basis. The next deputy mayor is scheduled to be the representative from District 5, but if the District 5 commissioner is elected as mayor, then the rotation will continue forward and the person elected to the District 1 seat would become deputy mayor.



Constitution Week

An official proclamation was issued by Sanford Mayor Betty Smith Monday in honor of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Constitution week is observed Sept. 18th through 21st. Left to right: Vanra Decker, public relations officer and historian for the Sante Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Drew Durham, recording secretary for the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), Abby Durham, president of the Fort Mellon Society of CAR, and Mayor Smith.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Clinton briefs congressional leaders on Iraq

By BARRY SCHWAB
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — President Clinton met today with congressional leaders to explain the administration's actions in Iraq amid signs tensions with Saddam Hussein are easing. A GOP senator scolded Clinton for not matching tough words with deeds.

"Saddam Hussein is far better off than he was two weeks ago," said Sen. John McCain. The Arizona senator said Saddam now controls parts of northern Iraq that he previously did not and the Iraqi leader has split the Gulf War allies as well.

"If you say that you're going to respond disproportionately and don't, then there's a price to pay. When your allies become very uneasy and in fact non-supportive, except for the British, then you have a very serious challenge," said McCain, who is a close friend of Clinton's presidential rival, Bob Dole.

Clinton offered assurances he is not trying to force a showdown and Iraq is beginning to meet American demands for avoiding further confrontation in the Persian Gulf. But the real test, U.S. officials say, is whether the Iraqi leader threatens his neighbors or allied forces.

With 3,000 U.S. soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, waiting to see whether they will be ordered to Kuwait for a new round of desert exercises, the officials said the United States' resolve was not weakening because some allies opposed further military action.

Allied support is stronger today than it was when U.S. cruise missiles were launched against Iraqi military targets two weeks ago, said the officials, speaking on condition they not be named.

Defense Secretary William Perry and Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau "found support for more action" on a trip to the Persian Gulf over the weekend, a senior U.S. policy-maker said Monday. "Everybody says they would support us in defending our forces," the official said.

Administration officials briefed congressional leaders today on U.S. actions regarding Iraq, which have included the missile attacks on Iraqi air defense systems and an expanded "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq. "The president wanted to make sure we brought congressional leaders and others in for more extensive briefing," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Republicans have complained they have not been consulted on Iraq and charged that Clinton has not held together the international alliance that ousted Saddam's troops from Kuwait in 1991. They also have said Clinton has been unable to build a consensus among the allies for dealing with Saddam, including his treatment of Kurdish minorities in northern Iraq.

Kuwait agreed Monday to permit several thousand U.S. troops to deploy near the Iraqi border, and Bahrain told Perry it was willing to serve as a base for American forces and weaponry. Saudi Arabia, however, has

not permitted the United States to launch air strikes against Iraq from Saudi territory. And Arab League foreign ministers meeting over the weekend endorsed Iraq's "territorial integrity" and condemned "foreign interference" in Iraq — an apparent criticism of the American attacks.

Clinton, drawing back from two weeks of bellicose U.S. statements, said Monday the U.S. military buildup in the Gulf did not mean the United States was seeking a clash with Iraq.

"We have sought no confrontation with Saddam Hussein. We never did and we don't now," he said. "My concern is that we limit Saddam Hussein's ability to threaten his neighbors, that we do it with the no-fly zone and, in so doing, we keep our pilots safe."

U.S. officials, acknowledging the temperature was being lowered, insisted the reason was not the mixed views of the allies, though they were taken into account.

Rather, the officials said, Saddam's actions on the ground were the key. In this respect, they said Iraq had stopped threatening American and allied warplanes flying over northern and southern Iraq, and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had concluded Iraq was not improving its anti-missile defenses.

These were two of the demands the State Department made of Baghdad last week. "There are some signs he is doing things," the senior U.S. official said Monday, "but we are not fully satisfied. We need to make sure he doesn't pose a threat to our troops. We are going to stay in a very alert posture."

Saddam's response was less clear to demands that he not threaten his neighbors, especially Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and that he comply with U.N.

resolutions. "That is the central question," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said of Saddam's behavior toward the two oil-rich neighbors, which the United States fought to defend against Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War.

"We have to be realistic about Saddam Hussein," Burns said. "He has invaded his neighbors before and he has threatened them since, and we have got to assume that he is capable of doing both again."

On Friday, Saddam said he would no longer shoot at coalition planes patrolling the two no-fly zones over Iraq soil. The same day, however, U.S. Army officials said 3,000 members of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood had been ordered to deploy to Kuwait to take part in an ongoing exercise.

By Monday, officials said they expected no more than 3,000 to be going — but kept insisting no final order to move the troops had been issued.

"We have not gotten an execution order, and when it comes — if it comes — it might

even be something less" than the 3,000, said III Corps spokesman Army Lt. Col. Randy Schoel.

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EDITORIAL

Successful crime watch convention

It might be compared to someone giving you a free cook book. Everything might look delicious at first glance, but unless you actually try something yourself, the book is of no use.

This past Friday night's Community Crime Watch Convention at Sanford's Civic Center provided much free information which was helpful regarding the fight against crime. Many people said they would take the information back to their neighbors and see what could be done. But once they hear these suggestions, unless they actually try something, the meeting will have been useless.

We hope such is not the case. In fact, the estimated 200 people who did attend apparently showed such enthusiasm over how they can personally help in the fight against neighborhood crime, that similar meetings are now being planned possibly every three or four months.

This first meeting produced many ideas and suggestions. Unfortunately, many people thought it was only for a person representing their neighborhood or their Neighborhood Watch group. Actually, it was for everyone.

People on hand heard suggestions on how to help prevent more vehicle thefts, what to look for regarding suspicious persons, how to report problems, what information to obtain for law enforcement use, and many other ideas.

Had more people been on hand, not just 200 but perhaps 2,000 or more, that many more minds may have been better trained and made more alert.

We commend City Commissioner Kerry Lyons for bringing this concept to reality. We extend sincere appreciation to law enforcement officers and city officials who were on hand to address the people, especially to the city for offering the Civic Center as the meeting place.

People who keep informed of crime statistics, especially locations, will be quick to tell you that it doesn't matter in what neighborhood you live, how brightly lit your streets are, or how active a Neighborhood Watch may be, there will still be criminal activities going on.

It behooves everyone to get concerned, get involved, and get working on this problem. You aren't going to eliminate street crime, but by working together and taking heed to the valuable information which was given this past Friday evening, people can certainly make a dent in crime.

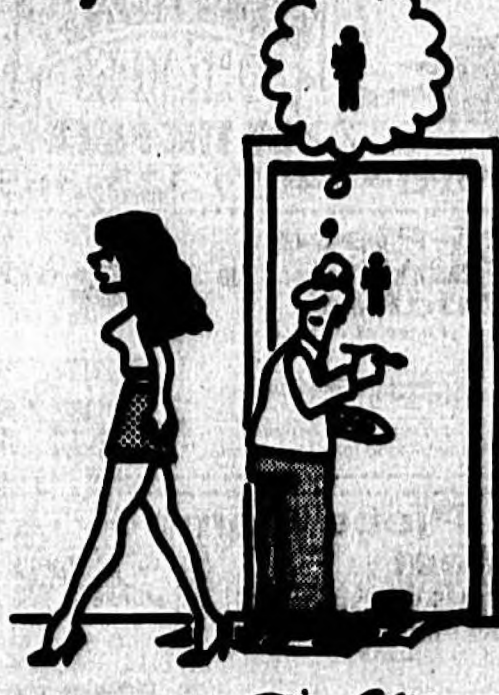
Don't just hear about it or read about it. Do something about it.

And whenever the next neighborhood crime meeting is held, invite everyone in the neighborhood and be there yourself. This must be a joint effort. Everyone must work together or it can't succeed.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed. Include daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

Berry's World



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JOSEPH PERKINS

Bracing for the retirement boom

By 2025, right about the time that thirtysomethings like yours truly start to join the retirement rolls, one in five Americans will be over the age of 65. "America, in effect, will become a nation of Floridas," writes Peter G. Peterson, in his just-published book, "Will America Grow Up Before It Grows Old?"

Perhaps the most frightening thing, as the Baby Boom generation slouches to retirement age, is that the Social Security trust fund -- now flush with cash -- will run out of money by 2013. So by 2025, all of us sixtysomethings will be cooing the federal treasury a staggering \$482 billion a year.

"The question is this," writes Peterson, founding president of the Concord Coalition, "How will America prepare and pay for the growing dependency of our rapidly aging population? What collective steps must we take now to assure that our obligations to aging Americans do not undermine our national prosperity?"

Peterson offers a number of prescriptions. Long-term budget balance for 2003 and beyond. Reform of all entitlement programs (not just those benefiting the elderly, but also farmers, veterans, federal pensioners, etc.). Raise the retirement age. Shift from income taxes to consumption taxes. Mount a "savings crusade" to promote thrift.

But the very best idea the author puts forward is to "institute a system of mandatory, fully funded, personally owned, privately managed, and portable pension accounts for future

retirees." Or, to put it in lay terms, to transform Social Security from the present government-run, government-financed system to a more "privatized" retirement system for the nation's seniors.

Perhaps the biggest sticking point of the system that Peterson envisions -- at least so far as conservatives and libertarians are concerned -- is that it would be mandatory. This conjures up bad memories of the Clinton health care plan, which failed mainly because most Americans don't want the government to mandate the kind of health coverage they may receive.

But the mandatory pension account that Peterson is talking about is different. He notes that "million of Americans whose earnings permit them to save choose not to." So, he continues, "to prevent large numbers of retirees



America, in effect, will become a nation of Floridas.

from becoming free riders on the public safety net, a national pension plan must be mandatory."

The virtue of a fully funded system, Peterson writes, is that it "prevents one generation from burdening the next." As it is, the typical one-earner couple retiring in 1995 will get about \$125,000 more from Social Security than the average earner and his or her employers ever paid into it, plus interest.

Under a fully funded system, retirement benefits would be determined by the resources an individual has personally accumulated over his or her work life through the combination of employer contributions and their own savings. People would get out of the retirement system what they put into it (though Peterson would maintain a "minimum safety net").

The reason that Peterson believes that retirement accounts should be personally owned, rather than government-administered, is that most young Americans don't trust the government to guarantee their retirement income. Indeed, a 1994 poll by Third Millennium, a twentysomething advocacy group, revealed that more members of that generation believe in UFOs than believe that Social Security will be around by the time they reach retirement age.

It is not too early for thirtysomethings, like me, and twentysomethings to worry about the collapse of the Social Security system. It will only be around by the time we reach retirement age if lawmakers in Washington start now.



MORTON KONDRACK

Clinton's bungled Iraq moves

President Clinton is likely to benefit politically from his clash with Saddam Hussein -- particularly if he orders a heavy, new U.S. strike on Iraq -- but Clinton's critics are right in saying he doesn't deserve it.

White House claims to the contrary, Saddam so far is the strategic winner in his dustup with the United States. And this is only the latest foreign policy setback for Clinton.

In Bosnia, the United States insisted on going forward with elections that are plainly a sham and may well lead to renewed civil war. The U.S.-brokered peace in Northern Ireland has fallen apart. Peace between Israel and the Arabs is in jeopardy. And it seems only a matter of time before Haiti reverts to anarchy.

Even so, the public gives Clinton high marks on foreign policy, with 53 percent approving and 39 percent disapproving, according to the CBS/New York Times poll. His approval rating on foreign policy is up 6 points since last month and stands at the highest level of Clinton's presidency.

The poll indicated that 69 percent approved of his early September cruise missile attack on Iraqi radar sites and 63 percent approved of his overall handling of Iraq.

The chances are that more rallying-around the president will occur as Clinton escalates military pressure on Saddam. He'll also gain because the news media focus on Clinton's actions in Iraq draws attention away from Bob Dole's efforts to break through with any other campaign message.

Dole has not made it clear why he disagrees with Clinton policy, leaving criticism to surrogates like Jack Kemp, Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ok., James Baker and various members of Congress.

But their points are well taken: The administration failed to give adequate high-level attention to Saddam's moves to regain control of northern Iraq. It failed to administer sufficiently forceful punishment to him in response to his incursion into Kurdish territory, and then the president prematurely declared victory when Iraqi forces pulled out.

But Republicans are disingenuous when they attack Clinton for allowing the Gulf War coalition to fragment over Iraq. Republicans customarily criticize Clinton for running a "multilateralist" foreign policy and yielding to allies, rather than taking the lead in international affairs and acting unilaterally.

Moreover, had Clinton hit Saddam harder after his initial move into northern Iraq -- as Republicans demand -- U.S. allies would have been even more critical than they were. The Republicans can't have it both ways on this point.

Then again, the Republicans have it right about their in terms that count in the Middle

East -- perception of power -- Saddam so far is the winner in his confrontation with Clinton.

He cleverly formed an alliance with the Barzani faction of the Kurds, assisted Barzani in destroying the rival Talabani faction, and restored Iraqi government influence in the north, which the United States had denied him after the 1991 Gulf War.

Also, Saddam succeeded in destroying CIA-backed efforts to topple him through dissident groups stationed in the north, executing hundreds of plotters and embarrassing the United States.

Perhaps Saddam's greatest victory in Middle East maneuvering, however, is the loss of Turkey as a dependable U.S. ally in the region. Failure of the West to integrate Turkey into Europe has led to the election of an Islamic government hostile to the United States and inclined to make deals with Saddam, especially to break international economic sanctions.

If the Dole campaign knew how to take advantage of the Iraq crisis, it might begin asking, "Who lost Turkey?" The answer is complicated, of course, and Europe is heavily to blame, but the Clinton administration surely should have done more to help previous modernist governments there deliver economic and status benefits to the population.

The administration disputes the GOP strategic analysis, claiming that expansion of the southern Iraq no-fly zone to the outskirts of Baghdad is the most significant move in the confrontation with Saddam.

"The Republicans want us to play checkers with Saddam, but we're playing chess," said one White House aide, claiming that Saddam's gains in the North, while tragic for the Kurds, are insignificant compared with his losses in the South.

Clinton aides contend that further limitation of Saddam's ability to control the sites helps the United States defend oil-rich Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, representing a strategic gain for the United States.

The problem with this analysis is that there wasn't ever much question about U.S. ability to do that. Meantime, Saddam has gained what he didn't have before: control of a significant part of his own country, and of U.S. expenses.



Clinton's critics are right in saying he doesn't deserve it.

JOSEPH SPEAR

Nothing can redeem Louis Farrakhan

Somewhere in Jack Kemp's chromosomes, there is a Democratic gene. I know this because he sometimes lets compassion get in the way of good sense.

He has a long history, for example, of empathizing with the downtrodden, with the poor, with minorities. Indeed, many thousands of doctrinaire conservatives consider him a bit of an apostate for that reason. Personally, I think it is good to have a big heart -- until it induces you to say something like what he recently said to the Boston Globe about Louis Farrakhan.

Of course, Kemp said, he disagrees with many of the sentiments the Nation of Islam leader extols. But, he continued, "that Million Man March was a celebration of responsible fatherhood, individual initiative, of not asking the government to do everything for you, and getting an opportunity to be the man that God meant you to be." In fact, Kemp added, he wished he had been invited to speak at the event.

In other words, Kemp feels that despite Farrakhan's odious views on many things, the Black Muslim minister has a wonderful self-help message for the black community.

I personally regard that comment as one of the most ill-considered things Jack Kemp has ever said. Louis Farrakhan's persona has rendered Louis Farrakhan's message irrelevant. He has become such a racist, such a vile hate-monger, that nothing he says or does -- no sermons about initiative, no marches promoting responsibility, no nothing -- can redeem him. And it rolls my stomach to hear a reputable political leader like Jack Kemp accord him credibility and invest him with respect.

Let's relive a few moments with Louis Farrakhan:

-- In 1984, he described Judaism as a "gutter religion."

-- In 1989, he allowed that the White House and the National Security Council were pursuing a "covert policy" to wipe out the black community with the AIDS virus and crack cocaine.

-- In 1990, while speaking about slavery, he declared that "all white America could be asked to die to even the score."

-- In 1992, he informed readers of his own newspaper, the Final Call, that "the God who taught me calls the white man the skunk of the planet Earth. He is so wicked and so filthy that God calls him the skunk of the planet."

-- In January 1994, a senior Farrakhan associate, Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad, told a Kean College audience that Jews were "hook-nosed, bagel-eating, tox-eating" frauds. The reason they have names like Rubenstein, Goldstein and Silverstein, Khalid said, is because they have been "stealing rubies and gold and silver all over the Earth." Khalid also attacked Catholics, referring to "that old, no-good pope." He added: "Somebody ought to raise that dress up and see what's really under there."

-- In February 1994, Farrakhan "rebuked" Khalid but defended the "truths that he spoke." In a TV interview, he said: "In the Jewish manipulation of the media?" He went on: "I see a conspiracy. I don't know what others see, but the conspiracy is to destroy Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam."



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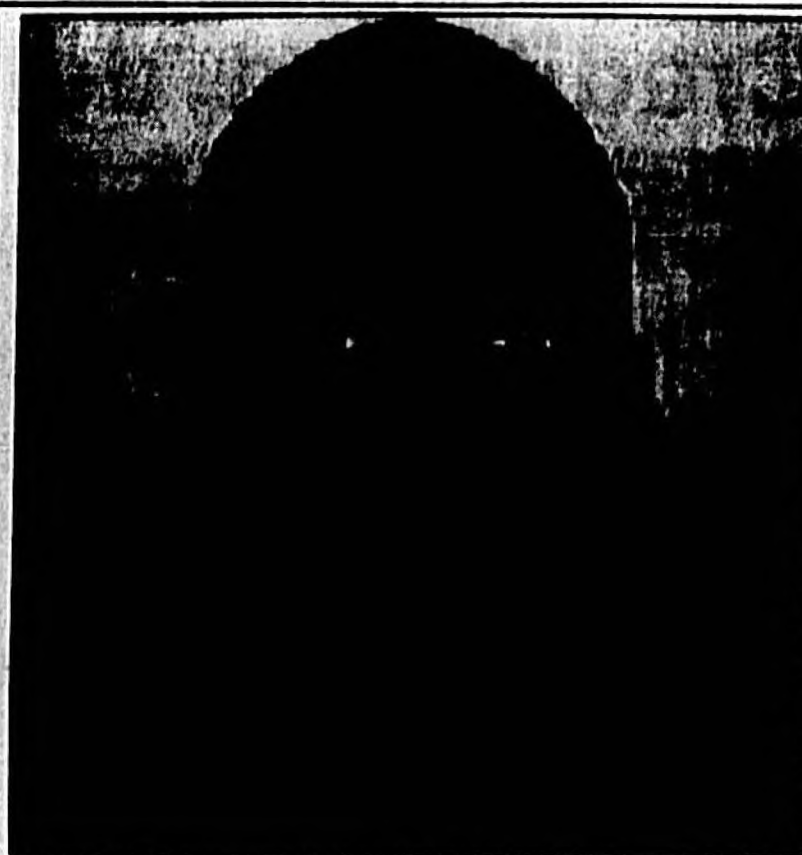
Escape

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 through an unlocked door and out the front door of the facility.
 Dobi and Thompson were last seen on Monday evening at about 8 p.m. They were discovered missing at 4 this morning. Corrections officers doing hourly checks believed the men to still be in their beds because they had rolled newspapers under the sheets to simulate their forms.
 "They (corrections officers) should have seen flesh or made auditory contact and not just looked for forms in the beds," Ealinger said.
 One corrections officer is on administrative leave at this time while the investigation is completed.
 Ealinger said several units, including patrol and CCIB, are involved in the search for Dobi and Thompson. Dobi has the dubious distinction of having been the last person to escape from the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. He was caught

shortly after that 1991 break.
 The corrections facility staff is looking into what changes need to be made in policy and to the structure itself, Ealinger said, in order to prevent further escapes from occurring.
 The sheriff denies that escapes are a common occurrence in the facility and said he supports his staff, including facility director Maj. David Ertenton. He said the staff is the "best in the country," and they are doing all they can to make the facility more secure than ever.
 "Our first priority is to recapture these two men and then to ensure this does not happen again," Ealinger said.
 Meanwhile, Dobi and Thompson remain at large. Thompson is described as a black male, 6 foot 2, 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Dobi is described as a white male, 5 foot 10, 150 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. It is believed they have shed their prison garb and are wearing civilian clothes.



Zellen David Dobi



Terrence Keeshaun Thompson

Regatta

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 had placed large hunks of concrete along the edge of Marina Isle. The condition of the area however, is a critical to the launching of the sailboats.
 The matter was discussed during the commission work session Monday afternoon, as well as during citizen participation at the regular commission meeting Monday night.
 During the work session, City Manager Bill Simmons explained that the concrete pieces were put in place to prevent hurricanes or severe storms from destroying the marina. "What we could do," he explained, "is have the pieces broken down into small pieces in selected areas and install granular materials which should make it much smoother."
 Simmons admitted that the city would, "never have the means to fund a complete restoration of the lakefront."
 "Historically," he said, "we've done some shore work a week or two before each Sailfest race."
 During the workshop discussion, Commissioner Whitey Eckstein observed that the city should make some type of commitment regarding the improvements in order to keep the races in Sanford.
 Commissioner Kerry Lyons however, said the commitment should come from the race organizers who should be willing to agree not to leave Sanford if improvements were made.
 Following the workshop discussion, Mayor Bettye Smith summed up the matter. "Then everyone agrees," she said. "We'll do whatever we can this year and express a commitment to doing more work next year."
 The regular commission meeting which followed however, was packed with supporters of the Sailfest. Because the matter was not on the meeting agenda, it could not be brought up until near the conclusion of the meeting.
 Bob Roth served as spokesman on the matter. He introduced others in the audience who had turned out to support, including Seminole County Commissioner Win Adams, Seminole County

Tourist Development Director Jack Wert, and members of the Lake Monroe Sailing Association and Orlando Sports Commission.
 "They are all here to show you how important these races are to your community," Roth said.
 Wert explained that the Sailfest is considered a "truly signature event for not only Seminole County but the City of Sanford." He said he had been keeping figures on the economic impact of the races for the past four of the 17 years and found it produces an average income of \$675,000 per year for the local area.
 In addition he said the races also produce an average of \$13,750 in sales taxes and hotel and gasoline taxes. "They bring in over 2,000 visitors," he said.
 "The Tourist Development Commission supports it and we have contributed \$25,000 to \$35,000 per year to help in its promotion. We want this event to continue to be held in Sanford for years to come."
 Roth said more and more people involved in sailing have approached him during the past two years during which the lakefront has had problems. "Right now it's the worst in the two years," he said. "The bottom line is other areas are anxious for us to bring the races into their community and are ready to supply us with assistance. We have to find out now if the city of Sanford is really interested."
 He added, "I brought this up with Mr. Simmons back in May, and I don't see why he waited until just two weeks ago before bringing it to the commission. I don't know why he is holding back on this. Now we are at the critical stage and we can't wait another few weeks. We have to begin advertising right away, but we can't do it until we are assured you will do something toward eliminating our launching difficulties."
 Mayor Bettye Smith responded, "I want you to know we have the greatest confidence in Mr. Simmons and what you are saying is distressing to me. We all believe strongly in the sailing regatta and will do what we can afford to do. We will also look into the future to see what

else we can do. But this would cost thousands and thousands of dollars and we need assurance from you that you won't be coming back every year wanting more development along the lakefront."
 "We need to know what you would want us to do, and how much this would cost," said Commissioner Whitey Eckstein. "I assure you we want to develop this over probably the next two years."
 Mayor Smith suggested Simmons be allowed to respond to Roth's allegations that he was stalling.
 "I have no written speech for this," Simmons said. "I thought in our discussions that I had made it clear we would use city forces to make the lakefront a smoother area, specifically in the boat launching area. We will have some of those larger pieces of riff-raff removed and make it a more gentle slope. But this is something we would normally do within two weeks before the event."
 Simmons added, "If we did this type of work earlier in the year, we may possibly find we would need to do it again before the race."
 Roth questioned how anything could be done without any money in the city's budget for this work. "We would take it from the Public Works budget," Simmons responded.
 "What I would want," Roth added, "is a letter from your attorney that Sailfest will not be held liable for any injuries if someone falls and breaks a leg or something on those rocks. This is a liability problem for us."
 "Indemnification," said Simmons. "This is a whole new matter."
 "We deserve a chance to talk about this," added Mayor Smith.
 Following a continuing discussion, Mayor Smith said with another commission meeting scheduled for next week, the matter should be brought back for further discussion and possible consideration.
 Roth concluded, "It's just a matter of this," he said. "It's too late to move the race. If we can't have lakefront improvements, we'll just have to cancel."

Road

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 center lane to seven and eight lanes. When they approached neighbors and then strangers, they found they weren't the only ones who were unaware.
 Angry at the apparent lack of communication with the community and at what they perceived as an unwise use of their tax dollars, they gathered as many supporters to their side as they could and began contacting county officials.
 The following, they said, are the "uncontestable facts":
 • The road is residential with a large number of residents in the area.
 • The road does not need widening because it is a residential road and because the traffic count has gone down.
 • The people do not want it widened.
 • The people do not want their money wasted on useless projects.
 "The county has already spent \$4 million of taxpayers money on acquiring the right-of-way for a road widening project that the county knew was not needed according to their own traffic counts," Charles Dobbs said. "And, furthermore, the county is still pushing to spend another \$1.7 million to widen a road with a low traffic count."
 The Dobbses obtained more than a thousand signatures on a statement opposing the widening project.
 They have invited U.S. Congressmen John Mica and Bill McCollum, State Representative Bob Starks, Deputy County Attorney Lonnie Groot, County Manager Ron Rabun, Deputy County Manager Kevin Grace, all the members of the County Commission and county engineers, project managers and representatives of the office of management and budget to Wednesday's meeting.
 "We want to make sure everyone knows how

we feel," Danielle Dobbs said. "We are very, very serious about stopping this monster project."
 Dobbs said there are five major reasons the project must be stopped.
 First, she said, is a matter of safety; five apartment/condominium complexes in the affected area will lose ingress and egress areas forcing residents to make U-turns "wherever they can." Retirees in the complexes, she said, will also not be able to safely cross the seven lane highway.
 Secondly, she said, the county is wasting money now which will ensure the voters will not support future, possibly necessary road projects.
 Third, she noted, people were "denied due process of the law." She explained that the county claimed to have hired BHA (a consulting firm) to send notices to residents living within 300 feet of the road. Dobbs said her random survey of 50 homes found only one which had been contacted.
 Public notification was published in the Orlando Sentinel on June 18, 1992, she said, but the ad was placed in the "Religion Datebook" and the accompanying map did not show the full extent of the project. A second public meeting was never advertised, she said. Future public hearings, she claims, were advertised as legal ads and seen by very few residents.
 Fourth, she said, a coordinated effort has not been made with Orange County to ensure that once traffic crosses the county line it continues to flow smoothly.
 "As it is right now, traffic will go from seven lanes to four when it crosses the county line," Dobbs said.
 Finally, she noted, county officials need to be reminded that "government is at the service of the people and that they have the obligation and the duty to listen to the people."

ELOISE MILLER EAST
 Eloise Miller East, 71, Mayflower Court, Winter Park, died Friday, Sept. 13, 1996 at Florida Hospital, Orlando. Born Dec. 19, 1924 in Reading, Ohio, she moved to Central Florida in 1955. She was a homemaker and a Presbyterian.
 Survivors include sons, Ronald E., Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Robert D., Winter Park; daughter, Dr. Diane Alexander, Lake Mary; sister, Miriam Sortor, Cincinnati; five grandchildren.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES BRUNELL FLANDERS
 Charles Brunell Flanders, 67, Riverfront Trail, Geneva, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 1996 at National Healthcare Center, Merritt Island. Born Sept. 24, 1928 in Peason, Ga., he moved to Central Florida in 1959. He was a Seaboard Coastline Railroad engineer. He was Baptist, and a World War II Navy veteran.
 Survivors include daughter, Cynthia Flanders Smith, Ocala; sons, Charles, Geneva, David Cook, Ocala; grandsons, Danny Cook, Sanford; sister, Pauline Morgan, Casselberry; brother, Jack, Seaside City; seven grandchildren.
 Greenlaw Funeral Home,

Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

KEITH A. MILLER
 Keith A. Miller, 66, Woodland Court, Lake Mary, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 1996 at his residence. Born Nov. 15, 1930 in Madison, Wis., he moved to Central Florida in 1960. He was a retired chiropractor and a member of Markham Woods Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.
 Survivors include wife, Erlinda C.; son, Scott A., Orlando; daughters, Barbara D. Lankford, Sebring, Janet A. James, Clermont; brother, Carveth, Plantation; three grandchildren.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Semoran-Forest City Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

TERESA M. PERCIELLO
 Theresa M. Percello, 93, Country Wood Circle, Lake Mary, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 1996 at her residence. Born Nov. 20, 1902 in Italy, she moved to Central Florida in 1959. She was a homemaker and a member of Church of the Nativity Catholic Church.
 Survivors include daughter, Wanda Felice, Lake Mary; sister, Gina, France; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

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GRACIE G. SMITH
 Gracie G. Smith, 71, Brown Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 1996 at Columbia Medical Center, Sanford. Born Aug. 10, 1925 in Darlington, Florida, she moved to Central Florida in 1950. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.
 Survivors include husband, Lester; sons, Willie F., Deltona, Larry, DeLand, Wilson, Cassadaga; daughters, Jean Lawson, Sanford, Leaurtha Stilwell, Orlando; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.
 Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

FLANDERS, CHARLES BRUNELL
 Funeral services for Mr. Charles Brunell Flanders, 67 of Geneva, who died Saturday, September 14th will be 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Sept. 21, at Greenlaw Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Marty Fink officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.
 Arrangements by Greenlaw Funeral Home, 555 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, FL 32778 (407) 329-9333.

Holland

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 in seven states. A future Miss America who knew America.
 "Tara was a new student and didn't yet know anyone," Nilson said. "I recall how we thrilled when she started joyfully humming along with one of our numbers. A teacher thrills at moments like this. Thrills and realizes one day...well, that one day has arrived."
 Nilson could not hold back her joy Monday when she arrived at the school. Quickly, she prepared a tribute to Tara that was aired on WRAM News, the morning TV monitor news program of the TV production class.
 As the WRAM newscast was aired, Nilson snuck off to watch a segment of the Regis and Kathy Lee Show on national television. Tara was their guest and according to Nilson "just overwhelming Regis and Kathy Lee, like she did the judges and the whole country Saturday night."
 Just a few weeks after LMHS had itself a Brad Bridgewater Day to honor a grad who had won an Olympic gold medal for swimming in Atlanta, the students and staff are overjoyed at the prospects for a Tara Dawn Holland Day. Principal Gaines sent her flowers and good wishes and asked that she come home soon as she can.
 Perhaps, there's a movie here.

Miss Holland's Opus.
 On her way to becoming Miss America, Tara Dawn Holland has had 10 years of private piano lessons, five years private vocal training, a year of dance, classes at Lake Mary and Florida State and instruction in guitar, violin, bass violin, saxophone, clarinet, french horn, flute, trumpet, trombone and snare drum. She sang an operatic number in the talent contest for Miss America.
 "From the start, Tara wanted to absorb everything and was mature enough to listen to her teachers," Nilson said. "She never whined or complained or gave up her goals. She always has been a loving, kind spirit. I've taught for 31 years - 14 of them here. I was rewarded the day I met Tara. And rewarded even more today."
 Before the summer of her greatest victory, Tara Dawn Holland spent quality time at home with her parents and with Nilson and others she dearsly loves.
 "I have been blessed to have wonderful parents, teachers and friends," Holland said in an interview with the Herald in July.
 Holland said she wants to teach - especially with those who need help the most. Her Miss America

platform is to spearhead a national campaign for the eradication of illiteracy.
 "The Miss America contest," Holland said, "is the only organization that can take me, the 'girl next door,' and facilitate my mission. I'll be blessed with a rhinestone crown. A crown that will open doors. A crown that will help me take my message to the whole nation."
 Holland was first runner-up in the Miss Florida Pageant in 1990 and 1995 and was fourth runner up in 1994. As a resident the past year of Overland Park, Kansas (or is it Os) she qualified for the Miss Kansas Pageant. She won it and came on like a tornado at Atlantic City.
 Now, the students at Lake Mary High School await her homecoming.
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Credit card delinquency rate reaches record

By JOHN B. McGLANE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — American consumers, who have been piling up mountains of debt for the past three years, now have the highest credit card delinquency rate on record.

The American Bankers Association said today that

delinquencies — payments 30 days or more overdue — rose to a seasonally adjusted 9.68 percent in the April-June quarter from 8.58 percent during the previous three months.

The ABA said the rate was the highest since it began collecting data on overdue loans in 1974, despite banks' attempts to tighten lending standards in

recent months.

"The delinquencies being seen today are the result of lending decisions made by banks 18 to 24 months ago," explained James Cheesen, the ABA's chief economist. "Since the beginning of the year, banks have been charging off bad loans and stepping up educational programs for their customers."

"Issuers are cutting back on riskier credit card lending programs, lowering credit limits, lengthening the time between automatic credit limit increases and aggressively pursuing delinquent accounts in an effort to restructure debt obligations."

The Federal Reserve reported last week that consumer credit grew at an 8 percent annual rate in July, including a 19.4 percent jump in revolving credit, which includes credit cards, the

steepest since a 30 percent increase in April.

Consumer credit includes all household debt not secured by real estate.

At the same time, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. reported that banks suffered \$3.8 billion in losses on credit card and consumer loans in the second quarter, up 38 percent from the same period last year.

The ABA said the rising debt burden is of concern because it makes consumers vulnerable to economic downturns.

Many analysts believe the economy will slow to a more sustainable pace during the second half of 1990 from its torrid growth during the first six months of the year.

If not, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan has said the central bank stands ready to raise in-

terest rates to curb growth and prevent an escalation of inflation.

Nevertheless, the ABA said the outlook for the household sector remains positive, noting healthy job creation and rising incomes at the same time inflation appears to remain under wraps.

And it predicted that consumer borrowing would slow, partly because of higher interest rates, even without Fed intervention and banks' stricter lending standards.

Fed Gov. Lawrence Lindsey told Congress last week that the central bank was monitoring the situation closely but assured Congress that credit card debt and soaring personal bankruptcies so far are not threatening the economy or the banks.

The ABA's Cheesen said banks

are well positioned to handle any losses. "If the industry wrote off every dollar of every noncurrent loan, there would still be \$63 billion in reserves left over," he said.

In addition to credit card delinquencies, the ABA survey found 8.53 percent of eight types of closed-end installment loans were past due in the second quarter, up from 8.14 percent in the January-March quarter.

A year earlier, these loans, which include auto loans, had a 1.56 delinquency rate.

The lowest delinquency rate was reported on open-end home equity lines of credit, which stood at 0.84 percent, up slightly from 0.82 percent three months earlier. Closed-end home equity late payments declined from 1.44 percent to 1.25 percent.



Dangerous mix

WASHINGTON — A potentially deadly drama is played out thousands of times a day in America — driving children to school and playground and home.

The combination of kids, cars, airbags and improperly installed child seats is a dangerous mix that worries the National Transportation Safety Board.

"What we're finding is a majority of children are in the wrong restraint for their age, height and weight — and the majority of restraints are being used improperly," said Elaine Weinstein of safety board staff, which reports to the board today on the findings of its study of 130 accidents involving 207 children.

The board, which has no enforcement authority, is expected to recommend ways to improve child passenger safety. Among the recommendations from the staff will be that passenger-side airbags be designed to deploy at a slower speed. The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

Although child restraints can cut the chance of injury by 70 percent in an accident, "It is extremely difficult to use a car seat," Weinstein said, with as many as 50 different types available.

Industry first negotiated

DEARBORN, Mich. — The United Auto Workers negotiated an industry-first jobs guarantee in its tentative contract with Ford Motor Co. — a deal the automaker's 108,025 union members are expected to ratify, sources said.

The plan includes a requirement that Ford maintain at least 95 percent of its current union jobs at U.S. plants during the three-year term, said sources close to the union, speaking on condition of anonymity.

While the provision is notable, it is not necessarily risky for the world's second-biggest automaker, which has been adding workers and will probably hire more if U.S. car and truck sales continue to grow moderately.

The deal came after three months of negotiations and a final weekend of nearly nonstop talks. It was announced Monday, 42 hours after the current three-year pact expired at midnight Saturday.

Workers are expected to ratify the contract by Sept. 29.

Dole goes directly to jail

WASHINGTON — Bob Dole is going to jail.

One day after President Clinton secured a key police union endorsement, Dole was promoting his newly minted tough-on-crime package by touring a jail in Arizona that uses chain gangs and houses inmates in a "tent city."

Tajny's jail visit opens a week of law and order events designed to chip away at the president's lead, which has slipped a bit recently.

"The cause of crime can be explained with one simple word: Criminals. Criminals. Criminals," Dole said Monday in Pennsylvania.

The GOP presidential nominee's package, a mixture of old and new Dole initiatives, would double federal prison spending, require work from prison inmates and treat violent juveniles as adults.

Hoping to overshadow Dole, the president gleefully accepted the endorsement Monday of the nation's largest law enforcement group, the 270,000-strong National Fraternal Order of Police.

"We've made a good start in fighting violent crime and gangs," Clinton said in Ohio. "But we must keep going."

Protection wasn't enough

NEW YORK — Police tried to protect 17-year-old Danielle Dimedici from her boyfriend, who was accused of beating her with a baseball bat, abducting her at gunpoint and threatening to kill her family.

But in the end, the protection wasn't enough. Dimedici, who was about six months pregnant, was given a beeper to wear around her neck to alert authorities in case of more trouble, and patrols were posted around-the-clock outside her Brooklyn home. But when she was abducted last month, she never activated the alarm.

By Monday, the patrols had been cut down to hourly checks, and James Parker — a small-time drug dealer with a lengthy rap sheet — was able to force his way inside the two-story brick row house where Dimedici lived with her grandmother.

Parker took Dimedici and her family hostage for two hours before shooting the teen-ager to death, wounding three other people and killing himself, authorities said. The fetus did not survive. Police identified Parker as the father.

"This is a tragedy that never should have happened," said Eda McNally, a family friend. She said that police knew that Parker had vowed: "I'll be back and kill the whole family."

American Cancer Society warning

NEW YORK — People should not eat any red meat or drink even moderate amounts of alcohol because of the risk of cancer, the American Cancer Society warned.

In all the society issued four recommendations Monday: to consume a diet high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and low in high-fat foods; to maintain a healthy weight; to do moderate physical activity for 30 minutes or more on most days; and to limit alcohol intake.

The guidelines are different than those issued by the federal government, which recommends eating lean meat and limiting consumption of high fat processed meats like sausage and salami.

The society recommends curtailing all red meat, linking its consumption to colon and prostate cancer.

On alcohol, the society disagreed with federal dietary guidelines that say one or two drinks a day appear to cause no harm to adults. The society said the risk of cancer increases with the amount of alcohol consumed, and may start to rise with as few as two drinks a day.

Dr. Meir Stampfer, a Harvard professor of epidemiology and nutrition, told The New York Times that, unlike the government the society is in a position to make guidelines "based strictly on science."

Stampfer said the government is subject to pressure from interest groups when making recommendations.

Representatives of the meat and wine industries balked at the cancer society warnings.

"It is inappropriate to indict meat," said Dr. Janet Williams, vice president of scientific and technical affairs for the American Meat Institute. "The document is not consistent with U.S. Dietary Guidelines."

From Associated Press reports.

Anti-smoking rule urges use of minors in stings

By JOHN McGLANE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In the Chicago suburb of Woodridge, Ill., police recruit undercover operatives at the junior high school. Their mission? Catch stores illegally selling tobacco products to underage kids.

"It can be kind of exciting for them to go out with a police officer on an undercover thing," Deputy Police Chief Geoff Korous said, adding the youths are trained beforehand about thorny issues like entrapment.

"They don't misrepresent themselves. They walk in and ask for a pack of cigarettes. If they are not served, the officer goes in and congratulates the clerk," he explained.

Korous said the impact has been stunning: Tobacco sales to underage buyers has dropped from a high in the late 1980s of more than 80 percent at the city's three dozen stores to less than 11 percent now.

If the federal government has

its way, the stings will become more commonplace.

A provision of President Clinton's crackdown on youth smoking — implemented with little fanfare — encourages states to use teen-agers in tobacco sting operations, or risk losing federal aid.

The government acknowledges its new rule generated a healthy dose of responses from citizens about the physical and psychological safety of undercover children and their ability to understand legal issues like entrapment.

But federal officials say they're confident such problems can be solved with proper adult supervision.

"We took into consideration the impact on youth in any of these sting operations," said Mark Weber, spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services agency that implemented the rule. "We are working with the states to do it in a way that is acceptable to us and that is acceptable to them."

The rule was issued in January by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which distributes \$1.2 billion a year in drug treatment and prevention funds.

It requires that all states have mandatory inspection programs by next year to catch businesses that illegally sell cigarettes and other tobacco products to children. States that don't comply risk losing federal drug prevention money.

The rule leaves it to the states to determine how to catch illegal tobacco sales, but strongly urges the use of undercover stings with children at least two to three years younger than the state's legal smoking age, which is 18 nearly everywhere.

"The department believes that the use of minors in inspections is very effective," the rule says.

For states where officials are considering alternatives, the government warns, "The department has not identified evidence of any other workable

or valid method" and the department's system to determine whether states are meeting expectations "is based on the 'sting' method."

States begin submitting their enforcement plans for federal approval this month.

Critics are concerned the government's push might expose undercover kids unnecessarily totribution from an angry store owner or grueling cross-examinations in court — or set a precedent that drags them into other types of stings.

"What's next? If this seems to be successful, how do we know we won't get kids to do hard-core drug stings," said Joyce Johnson, spokeswoman for the Child Welfare League of America.

The tobacco industry's trade group says it supports crackdowns on illegal sales but has reservations about using minors.

Experts say most communities that do stings use students ages 12 to 15.

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Recreation Volleyball starts

SANFORD — Results from the Sanford Recreation Department Fall Recreational Volleyball League at Sanford Middle School Monday night.

A League — Kathy's Baby Shop (4-0), Westview Baptist I, Cactus Bob's and Sanford Church of God (all 3-2) and Park Air (0-4).

B League — Hopkins Meats (5-0), C.J.'s, Why Knots and Westview Baptist II (all 3-2) and Lighthouse and C.S.I. (both 0-5).

Co-Ed softball players needed

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is looking for players for the Fall Co-Ed Softball League that plays on Mondays. Call 330-5697 for information.

Inner City Games in Sanford

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will host the Seminole County Baseball Championships for the Inner City Games at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

The winners here will advance to the finals of the Inner City Games in Orlando.

On Saturday, September 21st at Sanford Memorial Stadium Station University head baseball coach Pete Dunn will hold a FREE clinic for players ages nine to 16.

The clinic will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and each participant will receive a T-shirt, an Inner City Games medal and free food.

The Sanford Recreation Department is taking registrations for teams to play in the tournament, which will be held on the weekend of October 5-6. Divisions are for players ages 9-10; 11-12; 13-15 and 16-18. There is no entry fee. Call 330-5697 for more information.

Flag coaches, players needed

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

Players are needed in three leagues: ages 7 to 9; ages 10 to 12; and ages 13 to 15.

Cost is \$10 and the age cutoff date is Dec. 1. A coach is also needed for the 13-15 league. For more information please call 330-5696.

Sanford needs football officials

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department needs officials for its Adult Flag Football League that will begin on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Chase Park (games will later move to Sanford Memorial Stadium).

For more information please call 330-5696.

Magic Sign Second-Round Pick

ORLANDO — Amal McCaskill, a second-round draft pick, signed with Orlando.

The 6-foot-11 forward-center averaged 10.3 points and 8.9 rebounds per game as a senior at Marquette. He played for the Magic in the summer league in July, averaging nearly six points and four rebounds per game.

Molitor reaches milestone

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It figured that Paul Molitor would make headlines in history.

One of the most aggressive players in modern times, Molitor got his 3,000th career hit Monday night, becoming the 31st major leaguer to reach the mark and the first to do it with a triple.

Molitor's historic hit came exactly three years to the day that Dave Winfield got No. 3,000. Like Molitor, Winfield was born in St. Paul, Minn., and was playing for the hometown Twins when he made it to the milestone.

Molitor singled in the first inning for No. 2,999 and fled out in the third.

With one out in the fifth, Molitor hit an opposite-field fly ball to the alley off Kansas City rookie Jose Roando. Center fielder Rod Myers and right fielder Jon Nunnally both tried to run it down but slipped up as they came together, and the ball dropped just behind them.

Molitor, 40, has a major league-leading 213 hits this season, and 106 triples in a career that started in 1978 with Milwaukee.

Jacksonville 4, Chattanooga 0

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Scott Makarewicz' home run in the second inning helped Jacksonville beat Chattanooga 4-0 and clinch the Southern League Championship.

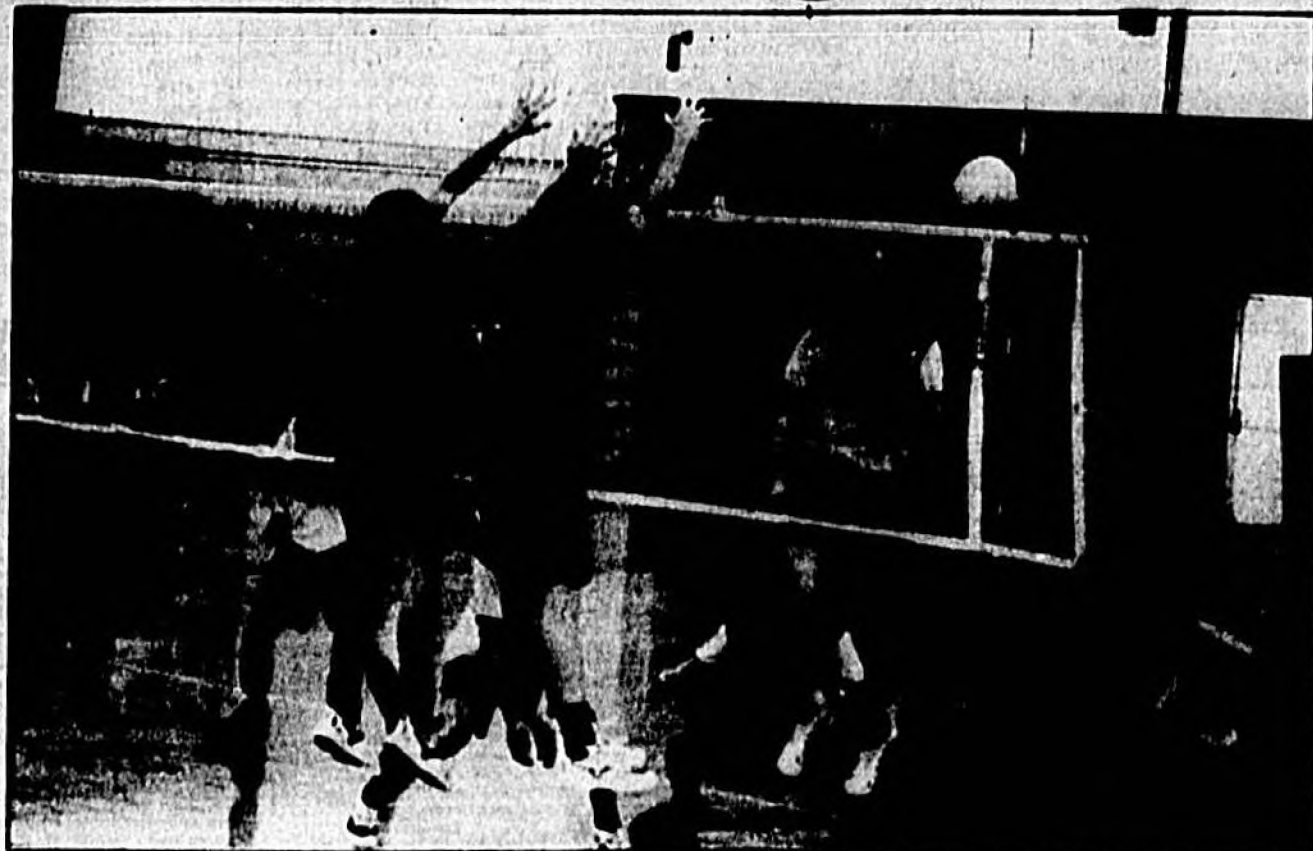
Terrel Hanzon's RBI single in the first scored Frank Catalanotte and Makarewicz followed with his second homer of the playoffs.

Jacksonville's final two runs came in the ninth on Tom Schmidt's RBI single, which scored Sean Freeman and John Cotton.



BASEBALL
 7:35 p.m. — TB, Astros at Braves (L)
 8 p.m. — WGN, Cubs at Cardinals (L)

A top-flight battle



Rams rally to edge Seminole in boys' volleyball

By SEAN SMITH
 Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — It doesn't get much better than this.

The Seminole High School boys continued to show added improvement, but the veteran Lake Mary squad rose to the occasion just in time to win the Seminole Athletic Conference volleyball match in three games at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium Monday night.

The Rams (9-1 overall, 3-1 in SAC) dropped the first game to the Fighting Seminoles (3-4 overall, 1-3 in SAC) 17-15, then rallied to win the last two games 15-5 and 15-10 in the match that lasted over an hour-and-a-half before a large and boisterous crowd.

The junior varsity match also went to Lake Mary in three games, 12-15, 15-10, 15-4.

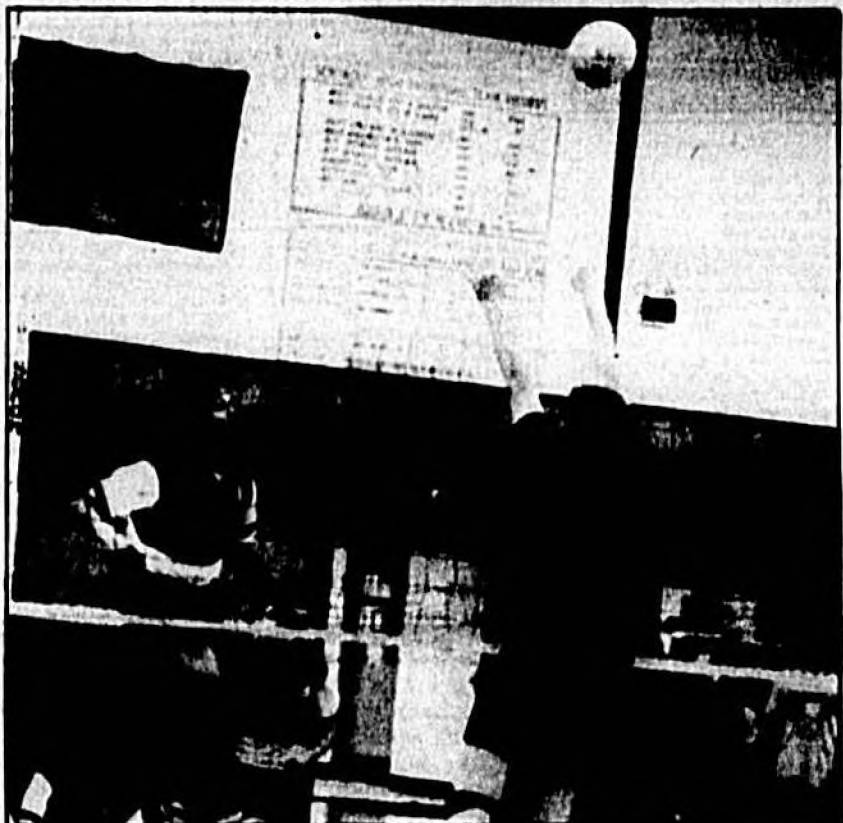
On Wednesday, the Rams will host Lake Howell and Seminole will be at Lyman. Both matches open with junior varsity action at 6 p.m. with the varsity set for a 7 p.m. start.

"We've been very concerned with our passing," said Lake Mary head coach Jeannie Fischer. "It's been a problem since the season began and it's been affecting our offense. But we passed the ball much better tonight."

"We knew Bill's (Seminole coach Bill Whalen) kids would be fired up for this game and I thought we were too. But I think we played a little flat in that first game. At least we woke up in time."

The Tribe's biggest lead in the first game was only two points (9-7 and 17-15), but they showed they were ready to play as they over-

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A meeting at the net

There was some serious pounding of the ball going on at the net during Lake Mary's long three-game win over Seminole at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium Monday night.

In the top photo, Fighting Seminole David Fritts has his spike attempt blocked by the Rams combination of Chris Spencer (left) and Adam Sewell, while (in the photo at left) Seminole's Erick Ho knocks the ball over Lake Mary's Jeremy Dimers.

Photo by Michael Lopez/HS

Nail biters open flag football play

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The 1996 Sanford Recreation Department Flag Football League season opened with several close games Saturday that included two overtime and a one-point decision on the field across from Sanford Middle School.

In the Minors, the Bulldogs won in overtime over the Rattlers and the Bengals edged the Golden Knights 12-8.

In the Majors, the tie for the biggest blowout of the day found the Raiders blank the Jaguars 19-0. In other games, the Steelers trimmed the Cowboys 12-8, the 48ers came from behind to nip the Dolphins 20-19 and the Falcons won in

overtime over the Cardinals.

The other 19-0 'blowout' came in the Seniors, with the Cowboys topping the Bears. In the other game, which was also a shutout, the Hurricanes whitewashed the Giants 9-0.

Next week's schedule is, Minors: 9 a.m. — Bengals vs. Bulldogs; 10 a.m. — Rattlers vs. Golden Knights; Majors: 11 a.m. — 48ers vs. Steelers; noon — Cowboys vs. Jaguars; 1 p.m. — Dolphins vs. Falcons; 2 p.m. — Cardinals vs. Raiders; Seniors: 3 p.m. — Cowboys vs. Giants; 4 p.m. — Bears vs. Hurricanes.

MINORS
RATTLERS 19, BULLDOGS 19, O.T.
 Calvin Riggins' interception won the game for

the Rattlers in overtime.

Facing the Rattlers' attack were: Calvin Riggins 12 yard pass from Maurice Thomas; Calvin Riggins 60-yard kickoff return for touchdown; Calvin Riggins one point extra point run; and Donald Campbell an interception.

Doing the damage for the Bulldogs were: George Easley a 43-yard kick-off return; Treo Holt an extra point run; and Raven Lawson a 32-yard interception return.

SENIORS 19, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 0
 Donovan Byrd, who also had a six-yard touchdown run, saved the game for the Bengals as he ended the game on a good stop as the

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Koncak's year over

Associated Press

ORLANDO — First they lose Shaq. Now, the Orlando Magic will have to do without Jon Koncak, too.

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Ice 'cools' foes in tourney

Special to the Herald

NEW PORT RICHEY — The Seminole Ice, an Under-19 Boys Premier Travel soccer team from the Seminole Soccer Club, iced four opponents on their way to victory in its division when they took first place in the West Pasco Labor Day Soccer Tournament in New Port Richey.

The ice advanced to the finals with shutouts over the West Pasco Thunder (6-0), the Central Pasco Spartans (2-0) and the Northdale Rangers (9-0).

The Championship Game took place on Monday,

September 2, against the Carrollwood Lightning, a team from the Tampa area, and again the ice prevailed, this time by the score of 3-2.

The ice are coached by Sanford resident Tim Roberts, who has coached many Seminole County soccer teams to victories over the years.

Members of the ice are: Sean Callahan, Brendan Donahue, John Dreshoff, Kevin Elliott, Ryan Froman, Ron Fulmore, Doug Gagnon, Matt Greaver, J.W. Mercer, Roger Morschauer, Fernando Patisno, Travis Roberts, Brian Sampson, Brendan Schwab, Tim Schwalle and Jeff Vaccariello.

Raines celebrates birthday in style

Associated Press

TORONTO — When it pours, it's Raines.

Tim Raines celebrated his 37th birthday with a pair of three-run home runs Monday to lead the New York Yankees to their sixth win in the last seven games with a 10-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I really feel like a part of this team now," said Sanford's Raines. "I missed a lot of time this year and never really felt comfortable. But lately, I've felt right at home."

The Yankees increased their AL East lead to three games over Baltimore, which begins a three-game series tonight in New York.

Raines, who celebrated with a post-game chocolate cake in the

clubhouse, broke an 0-for-12 slump when he homered off Paul Quantrill for a 3-0 lead in the third.

Then, as the rain sent many of the 31,400 fans scurrying for shelter until the SkyDome roof could close, he homered off the glass of Windows Restaurant in center for a 7-0 lead with his fifth homer in the fifth.

"I'm not what you'd call a home run hitter," Raines said after the sixth multi-homer game of his career. "I didn't go up there looking to hit one until my next at bat."

Jimmy Key (13-10) started off with 5 2-3 perfect innings and wound up allowing two hits in eight innings. He was helped by two spectacular defensive plays in the fifth — an over-the-shoulder catch by shortstop Derek Jeter on Joe Carter's popup and a running catch

by Raines in the left-field corner to rob Ed Sprague of an extra-base hit.

Tommas Feres fared a single to right just beyond the reach of second baseman Mariano Duncan in the sixth for Toronto's first hit. Toronto's other hit was a single by Charlie O'Brien in the eighth.

New York's other runs came on Darryl Strawberry's sacrifice fly in the fourth, Ruben Rivera's leadoff homer in the seventh and Andy Fox's RBI single in the eighth.

The Yankees are looking forward to playing the Orioles.

"Now we've got Baltimore," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "This certainly looks well for that series. We got great pitching, hitting and defense. Let's hope we can carry it through."



Tim Raines (now with the Yankees) drove in six runs with a pair of two-run homers on his 37th birthday.

STATS & STANDINGS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Prep Freshman Football

- Lake Howell at Seminole, 7 p.m.
- Lake Mary at Oviedo, 7 p.m.

College Volleyball

- Flagler at Rollins, 7:30 p.m.

Prep Girls' Volleyball

- Lake Mary at Seminole, Freshman, 4:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 8:30 p.m.; varsity, 8:30 p.m.

Recreation Softball

- Women, at Chase and Pinhurst parks, Sanford. Games start at 8:30 p.m.

Prep Swimming

- Lake Mary vs. Spruce Creek at Fort Orange YMCA, 3:30 p.m.

Team	W	L	T
10 Tampa Bay	4-0	0-0	0-0
11 St. Petersburg	3-0	0-0	0-0
12 Clearwater	2-0	0-0	0-0
13 Dunedin	1-0	0-0	0-0
14 Palm Bay	0-0	0-0	0-0
15 Titusville	0-0	0-0	0-0
16 Orlando	0-0	0-0	0-0
17 Kissimmee	0-0	0-0	0-0
18 Lake Wales	0-0	0-0	0-0
19 DeLand	0-0	0-0	0-0
20 Sanford	0-0	0-0	0-0

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11 Panama City	3-0	0-0	0-0
12 Marianna	2-0	0-0	0-0
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People

IN BRIEF

Lions plan annual spaghetti dinner

Sanford Lions Club will hold its annual spaghetti dinner and bingo on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Sanford Civic Center. Carry out service will also be available.

The menu includes savory spaghetti with meat sauce, crisp garden salad, toasted garlic bread and choice of beverages. The donation is \$5 per person. Homemade desserts will be sold extra.

Proceeds will go to the Lions Sight Program.

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, 2567 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information, call 333-4123.

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 9th, Sanford. For more information, call Carol at 323-0867.

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 333-1768 or 323-1664.

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.

Kennel Club to meet

The Central Florida Kennel Club meets the third Tuesday of every month, at 8 p.m., at the Lake Island Recreation Center, 450 Harper, Winter Park.

Anyone interested in the betterment and protection of pre-bred dogs or in breeding or showing dogs is welcome to attend meetings and apply for membership. Call 671-7440.

Blood Bank seeks donors

Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types blood - especially O-type donors - to donate at its Sanford branch, 1502 E. Second St. For information, call 323-0822.

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 322-0298.

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 Deltonians 11-piece band. Donation \$2.00.

Welcome Wagon monthly luncheon

Seminole Spokes Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County holds the regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. Those wishing to attend, call Betty, 698-0144, or Lucy, 323-7877.

Volunteer of the Week

Girl Scout grows up a leader

By SUSAN WENNER
Herald Staff Writer

DeBARY — Sherry Staab has enjoyed Girl Scouting since she was a child and as an adult she volunteers her time and energy to make that same experience available to other young girls.

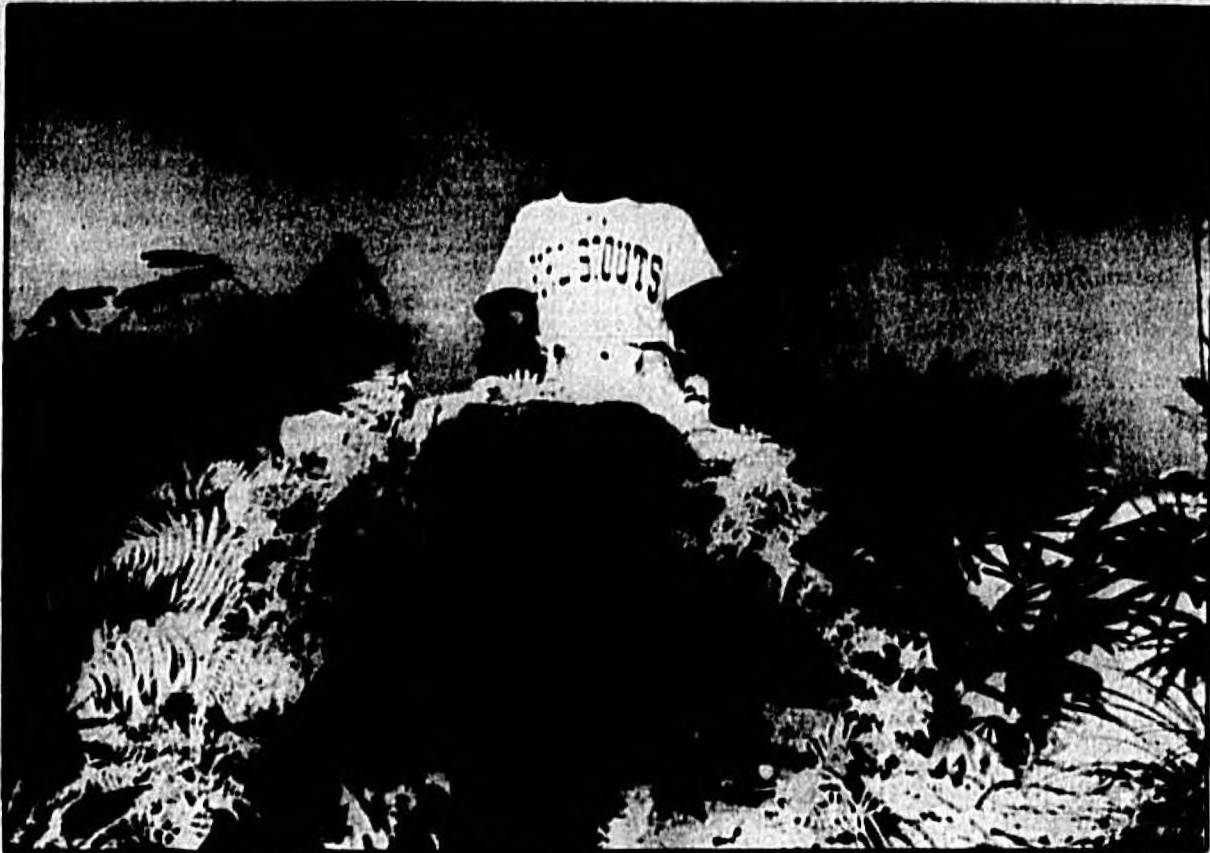
"I had a lot of good memories from when I was a Girl Scout," she said. "I got involved because the troop leader was leaving and I didn't want the troop to close down so I took over. I really enjoyed helping."

Now as Staab begins her third year as a leader she is looking forward to many more opportunities to serve. "I enjoy seeing the girls being proud of their accomplishments."

Staab has been able to share a lot of fires with her group too. "I took some of the girls camping for their first time," she said. "It was a lot of fun."

Going from a group of six, then 12 and now 16 she has shared many moments with the youth. "We've been to Discovery Island," she said. "We volunteer one Saturday a month to help package food for the SHARE program in Sanford. They just love to earn patches and badges. We plan to earn the first aid patch."

She continued by saying, "I enjoy seeing the girls having a good time and enjoying the



Sherry Staab is proud to wear her Girl Scouts T-shirt.

Herald Photo by Susan Wenner

projects that they do. Leaders are always needed. There's always plenty of girls. It's very rewarding and the Citrus Council will train you."

Staab has two daughters,

Sarah and Emily. The family has attended All Souls Catholic Church in Sanford for four years.

She is employed with an auto sales and leasing company. She

has been a DeBary resident since 1988.

For more information about girl scouting or to volunteer call the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts at 898-GIRL.

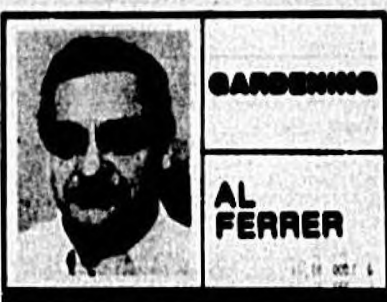
Staghorn ferns adapt well to Florida

Staghorn ferns belong to the genus Platycerium in the fern family. They are tropical plants native to the tropical regions of Asia, Australia, Africa, and South America. They grow as epiphytes on tree trunks or branches which provide them with support, light moisture and nutrients.

The plants produce two different kinds of fronds: those called sterile or basal fronds, which grow in the shape of a nest at the base of the plant and the others called fertile fronds which grow forked like stag's antlers. The basal fronds help to anchor the plant to the substrate and provide the means of collecting water, fallen leaves, and other humus-producing organic materials.

The fertile fronds have a reproductive function and bear enormous rust colored sporangia, formed on the underside of the leaves, which contain the spores. The fronds are covered with small, star-shaped hairs which give them a silvery cast. These hairs provide some protection from insects and help preserve moisture.

Care and culture: Staghorn ferns require organic matter such as a loose, well-drained potting medium for proper growth. Sphagnum moss, alone or mixed with other substrates such as cow manure, or oemunda fiber. Due to their growth habit, they can be



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mounted on cypress wood, tree fern fiber plaques or wire baskets.

Because of their large size, they are not grown in pots except when small specimens are purchased. Re-mounting to larger containers will be needed as the fern grows larger. To mount a fern on a slab of wood, place a few handfuls of growing medium on the wood slightly below center, shaping it in a circular mound. Place the fern on the medium so the bud is slightly below center of the mound and basal fronds are in contact with the medium. Using wire or plastic stripping, secure the fern tightly to its mount.

Propagation: Almost all

species of staghorn ferns develop offsets, which can be easily removed and potted separately. The offsets will root promptly under glass. All species can be propagated from spores under glass, in sterile compost. The optimum temperature for growth is around 77 degrees (F).

Watering: The frequency of watering depends on the size of the fern compared to its mount. A general rule is to water the plants one to two times per week during the warm weather and reduce the frequency during cloudy or cool weather. Large overgrown ferns require less watering.

Light: Staghorn ferns thrive best under shaded or partial shaded conditions. Under very low light conditions, growth is slow and may predispose the plant to insect and disease problems.

Temperature: Most staghorn ferns will not tolerate temperatures below 55 degrees. An exception to this rule is Platycerium bifurcatum which can withstand temperatures as low as 50 degrees.

Fertilization: Water soluble

fertilizers with a 1:1:1 ratio produce excellent results. Fertilize monthly during the warm months and every other month during the cooler months. Slow release fertilizers, fish emulsion or blood meal can also be used to fertilize staghorn ferns.

Pests and diseases: Mealy bugs and scale insects are occasional pests of the staghorn ferns. Generally, non-oil-based insecticides are safer to use on staghorn ferns than oil-based insecticides. Some fungi can infect the plants and may kill the growing point. Disease problems are related to overwatering and usually withholding the water will reduce the spread of the disease. Fungicide controls are usually effective if humidity is controlled. Snail or slug can also damage staghorn ferns.

(Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 288 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 323-2888, Ext. 6888.

Open window invites danger

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired police detective. Recently I saw a letter in your column from a woman whose husband insisted on sleeping with their bedroom window open.

Your response to her was to recommend that she wear warmer night clothes and accommodate her spouse by allowing the window to remain open.

The overwhelming majority (and by that I mean in excess of 90 percent) of home burglaries, robberies, assaults, rapes and murders are the result of insecure premises allowing the criminal(s) entry.

I don't know where that woman lives, but it doesn't matter. An open window is an invitation for a criminal to enter. Open windows, while occupants are sleeping and helpless, are an invitation to disaster.

This woman's husband is incredibly ignorant, selfish or uncaring. No responsible man would expose his loved ones to danger in this manner. If the woman can't depend upon her husband to protect her, and if he doesn't care enough about himself, she should dump him.

O.M. MARTIN,
POLICE LIEUTENANT
(RETIRED), BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR LT. MARTIN: Thank you for reminding my readers that an open window can be an open invitation to danger.

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DEAR ABBY: Ms. Autumn R. Vogel of Dallas wrote you that she was "teed off" and "frightened" enough to return home because while she was jogging, she received some "uninvited, crude attention" from some men.

Ms. Vogel, I have observed many females jogging in my community, and have also noted what their jogging attire consists of. It leaves very little to the imagination, and in my opinion, 80 percent of these females are seeking the attention that these outfits bring.



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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Therefore, as a man, I will look at them. I can only surmise that your jogging attire is skin-tight as well. If you do not want the attention that comes with these skin-tight outfits, don't jog in them.

Ms. Vogel went on to state, "... mothers, please teach your sons that sexual harassment of any kind is wrong." Ms. Vogel, if you truly believe this, why limit the plea to just sons? Are you saying it's acceptable for females to sexually harass men? Remember, many of you "ladies" have demanded total equality. This equality should go both ways!

ROGER FROM
WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

DEAR ROGER: I'm sure Ms. Vogel would agree that there is nothing wrong with a man's looking — what disturbed her were the whistles, catcalls and comments she received from a group of strange men whom she perceived as threatening.

Although many women (and men) sometimes dress to attract attention, vulgar comments are unacceptable under any circumstances.

DEAR ABBY: I am very happily married to a wonderful man whom I trust completely. This is the second marriage for both of us, so we want it to last.

Our problem is not with our

spouse, but with his ex-girlfriend. Since we have been married, she drops by while I am at work and cries all her troubles to him. He has tried everything from stopping her he doesn't want her telling by to not answering the door, but she still continues to come by.

My question: What can I do to stop this unwelcome company? PUZZLED IN TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR PUZZLED: Your husband should continue not answering the door when she drops by, and should be "too busy to talk" when she calls.

If the woman doesn't stop making a pest of herself, the logical next step would be to have your attorney write her a letter informing her that she is guilty of harassment — the legal term for persistently annoying another person.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I just returned from our first vacation without our kids. We've been married for 13 years, have four kids, and it was a real treat.

My wife's parents saw us off at the airport, and just as we were taking off, my mother-in-law asked, "Did you make a will in case something happens to both of you at the same time?" Then she laughed as though it was some kind of joke.

Of course we hadn't made a will. I realize there's always a one-in-a-million chance that our plane would crash and we'd both be killed, but her question stayed on my mind during our whole vacation, and I have to tell you, it sort of spoiled it for me.

Wasn't that a lousy thing for her to say?

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DEAR UPSET: How timing was lousy. But the idea was a good one.

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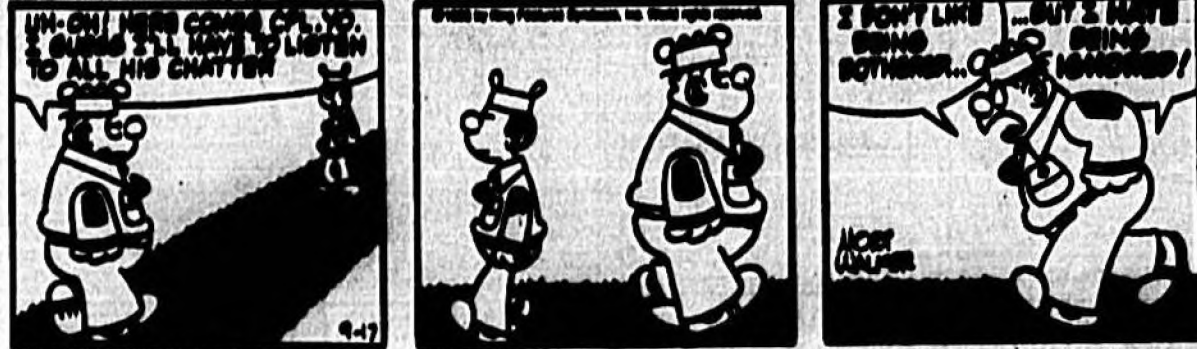
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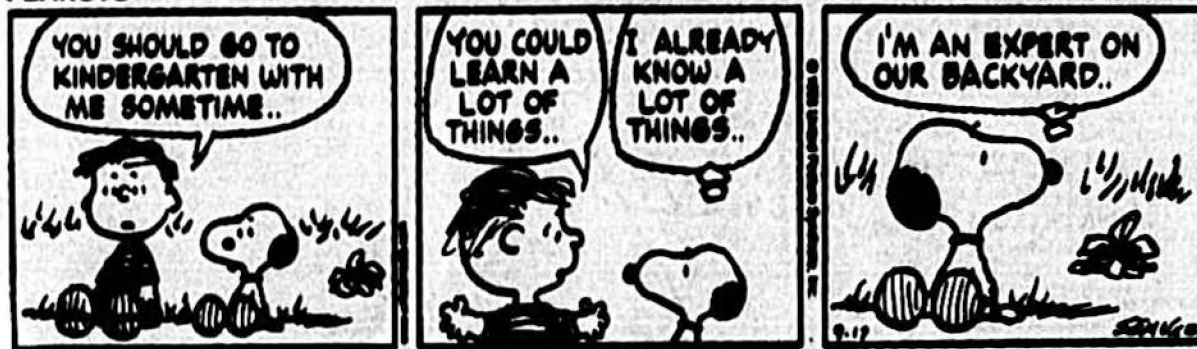
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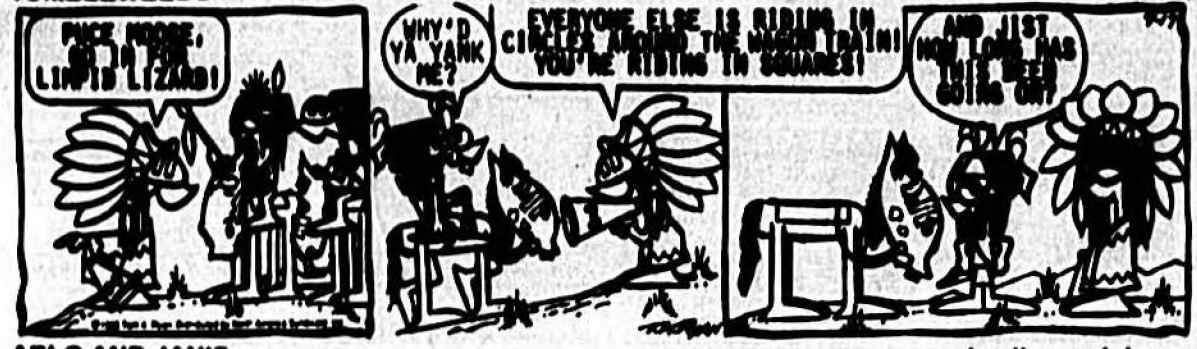
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What's the prognosis for emphysema?

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the average time for emphysema to proceed from mild and getting out-of-breath to needing an oxygen tank? There are several projects I want to complete and need a time frame to pace myself. My doctor, who is involved with an HMO, isn't answering my questions and seems to think that dying is a taboo subject. I'm 66, live alone, and have not spoken to my children about this. I'm not concerned about dying — it's the quality of living that is important.



actually worsen the ocular problems of Graves' disease by removing the excess skin of the eyelids. The additional skin is actually needed in this instance.

Your situation is entirely different. Lacking a thyroid gland, you must now take pills to supply the needed hormone. Although the amount you require should be monitored by periodic blood tests, you are in no danger of developing Graves' disease. Therefore, you are free to explore the possibility that plastic surgery could cure your condition, without worrying that your (absent) thyroid gland might play a role.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2617, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR READER: Emphysema is a chronic lung disease, often the consequence of smoking cigarettes, that is worsened by age. The affliction is progressive but the rate of progression varies widely.

For example, if you have mild emphysema and have stopped smoking, take pains to avoid air pollution, and use the medicine your doctor has prescribed, you should be able to arrest the disease and live out a normal life span.

On the other hand, if your emphysema is already advanced and you experience severe shortness-of-breath with even mild exertion (or, worse, at rest), there may be little you can do to retain your independence. The damage to your lungs may already be severe and you may relatively rapidly (within a few years) become handicapped and dependent on an oxygen tank.

Thus, you need to know where you stand on the spectrum of lung efficiency.

In my view, you should be examined by a pulmonologist, who will obtain special blood tests (arterial blood gases) and breathing tests (pulmonary function studies) to assess both the degree of damage and your reaction to medication, such as inhaled bronchodilators. Then, with the lab data in hand, the specialist can give you a firmer prognosis.

From the sound of your question, I believe that you probably have many years of independent living in which to complete your "projects."

Nonetheless, the pulmonologist can, after testing you, administer medicine (if necessary) and give you further advice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a white female, 47 years old. I'm interested in having cosmetic surgery for drooping eyelids, a problem of aging and, I believe, heredity. However, I've read that people with thyroid conditions cannot have eyelid surgery. I had thyroid cancer 20 years ago and my thyroid was removed. I'm currently on daily L-thyroxine. Does this rule me out for surgery?

DEAR READER: If you have baggy eyelids, which can interfere with vision and look unattractive, you are certainly a candidate for eyelid surgery, a simple and safe procedure during which a plastic surgeon simply removes the excess, wrinkled skin. The fact that you are taking thyroid replacement hormones is unimportant.

The reason that blepharoplasty (the operation in question) is not recommended for patients with over-active thyroid glands is that hyperthyroidism may be associated with an increase in tissue behind the eyeballs (Graves' disease), which causes the eyes to protrude.

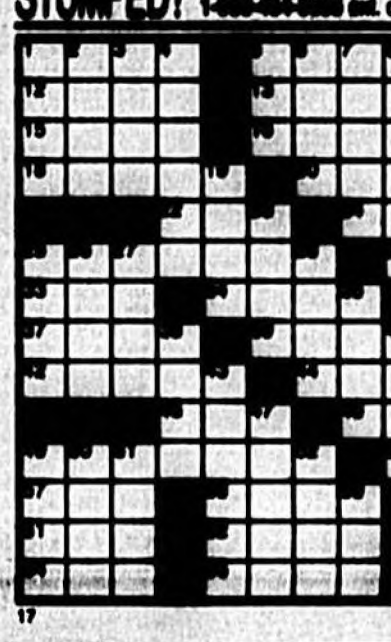
In this situation, in order for the eyes to remain moist, the lids are stretched. Thus, blepharoplasty could

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 3. One summer
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 5. Art builder
 6. Before long
 7. Downy mason
 8. Let — (Shakespeare's lines)
 9. Type of each of top
 10. Hyphen of joy
 11. Person (last name)
 12. Conventional center
 13. Language out.
 14. Head cold
 15. City in Alabama
 16. Procrastinator fish
 17. Curious
 18. Journey
 19. Musical sound
 20. Cheap —
 21. Compass pt.
- DOWN**
1. Important one
 2. Very small quantity
 3. Local movie theater (sl.)
 4. Cutting tools
 5. Adjective
 6. High-headed
 7. Kind of rock
 8. — and proper
 9. Astronaut
 10. Overcast
 11. Adverb's state
 12. Impulsive
 13. (sl.)
 14. Person
 15. Dr. Foster
 16. Speech
 17. Propagation
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 19. From building no longer in the work force (sl.)
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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With or without saying

By Phillip Alder

Some signs are so unnecessary that they are funny. For example, one seen in London: "Kara Pierced While You Wait." Others aren't so obvious. In Ubud on the island of Bali, there was this sign: "Antiques — Made to Order."

At the bridge table, it is similar. Some plays are so obvious that everyone would make them. But others aren't so clear-cut. Into which category does today's deal fit? How should the play go in four spades? West leads the heart ace, playing ace from ace-king.

After South opened with one no-trump, showing 15-17 in the modern style, North transferred into spades at the four-level. (To transfer at the two-level and then jump to game is a mild

slam-try. Here, North just wanted to play in game.)

Four spades seems to be an easy make, doesn't it? But sitting East was Julian Klurowski, who was part of the Polish teams that won the European Championship in 1981 and 1989. He could see that if West had the ace and king of hearts, South had to have both the ace and queen of clubs. So, there appeared to be only three defensive tricks: two hearts and one diamond.

However, rather than throw in the towel immediately, Klurowski found a resourceful play. He encouraged in hearts, which both West and South took to show a doubton. Therefore, when West continued with the king and another heart, South ruffed with dummy's spade king. However, now West had a trump trick and the contract finished one down.

Would you have thought of that legal lie in hearts?

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 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ 4 3

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

South
 ♠ Q J
 ♥ Q 10 9 7
 ♦ K J 10 8
 ♣ A Q 9

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

South West North East
 1 NT Pass 4♥ Pass
 4♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A



Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1988

More expansive material opportunities than you've had in the past could be in store for you in the year ahead. However, it will be your responsibility to make the most of them.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change you've been stubbornly resisting could actually be beneficial. Try not to impede your own progress. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and \$ABE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Try to be a good listener today, and carefully weigh

the suggestions of a wise, kindly counselor who has always had your best interest at heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may have an opportunity to augment your finances today. This could stem from something that seems inconsequential at first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your popularity will increase today, so don't despair if your social life has been a bit dull lately. This condition is subject to change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Several important matters you've been eager to finish can be concluded to your satisfaction. Try not to lose faith.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This will be a good time to check things out if you've contemplated joining a new organization or social club.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will be at the beginning of a new cycle that could help to stabilize your financial situation.

You can eliminate an old obligation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A current endeavor can be expanded considerably. Study it today in order to find ways to achieve better results.

TAUROS (April 20-May 20) Your intuition will provide you with several constructive insights, especially in regard to your financial affairs. Do not dismiss them lightly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you can't accomplish independently today can be achieved with the assistance of a competent ally. Several close friends will be the bill.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions will be conducive to advancing your ambitions today. You must also be motivated and determined to succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Involvement with close friends could be mutually beneficial. Start the ball rolling by trying to do something for them. Your turn will come.

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by Leonard Starr

