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Sports

Liquor Store triumphant

SANFORD — In the playoff game for the championship of the Sanford Recreation Department Wednesday Night Polar Bear League at Chase Park, the Liquor Store capped a season-long comeback effort with a 4-2 triumph over Captain Nemo's.
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Florida

Student charged with extortion

SEFFNER — When a mother discovered money missing from her wallet Friday, she questioned her son. He told her he had been bullied and threatened for about two months by a sixth-grader. The student was charged with extorting \$50 in breakfast and lunch money to treat a friend to movies and roller skating.
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Nation

Low income taxpayers audited

WASHINGTON — The Office of Management and Budget contended that stepping up simple mail audits — which affect mainly those with lower incomes — was the easiest way to boost tax collections quickly.
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Walesa visits America

WASHINGTON — As the beleaguered Polish President Lech Walesa begins a week-long American visit, the United States is expected to lend a helping hand to the leader by forgiving an increased share of his country's debt.
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Crusade against gobbledegook

WASHINGTON — Carolyn Boccia Bagin is a lonely crusader. Her enemy is the growing avalanche of badly written forms, unintelligible letters and confusing documents that drive millions of Americans nearly bonkers every day.
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BRIEFS

Home, at last

SANFORD — Sgt. Robert E. Hosford Jr., son of Lou and Bob Hosford of Sanford, returned home from the Persian Gulf March 10.

Hosford is stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

Hosford is an operating room technician at Maxwell Hospital.

Hosford was sent to Saudi Arabia in January.

Anyone in the Sanford-Lake Mary area with family returning from the Persian Gulf may call The Sanford Herald at 322-2611.

Lake Mary officer suspended

LAKE MARY — Though cleared once of the charges that he acted improperly during an arrest last summer, Lake Mary Police Cpl. Tom Dale was suspended for three days on Tuesday.

Dale will not fight the suspension or continue to seek a hearing with the police review board, which he had requested at the conclusion of last summer's investigation, according to Lake Mary police officials.

Capt. Sam Belfiore said a copy of the investigation into the incident will be sent to the Department of Justice to determine if criminal charges against Dale are warranted.

In the course of a July 26 arrest, an internal investigation by the Lake Mary Police Department revealed, Dale allegedly put his foot on the neck and back of Anton Lamar Sanders, who lived at 1814 Knox Ave. in Sanford.

Sanders, with support from the local chapter of the NAACP, had filed the complaint against Dale after his arrest last year.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

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Spring temps on the rise



Mostly sunny with a high in the low 80s. Wind northeast 10-15 mph

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Scholarship fund lags

Sanford chamber annual drive near end; official optimistic about 11th-hour gifts

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Dave Farr, director of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, said he isn't worried that less than 40 percent of the chamber's goal of \$20,000 has been met with about a month to go in the annual scholarship campaign drive.

"It always comes in a rush at the end," said Farr who said he is sensitive to the fact that hard

economic times are making it difficult for many members to donate as much as they did last year.

To date, \$7,500 has been received by the chamber for the fund.

Last year the chamber raised \$20,500. Most of that, Farr said, was raised in the last few weeks of the fundraising drive.

"I've tried to be sensitive about not hounding them," Farr said.

Often, he noted, the money has come in without warning and from unexpected sources.

"It'll come from left field all of a sudden," Farr said.

On Friday, he said, the chamber got a call from William Howard Jewelers of Sanford with a donation of \$500. According to Farr, the business had just decided to contribute that morning.

"A lot of places just haven't made their final decisions yet," he said.

Southeast Bank of Sanford has pledged to contribute \$50 to the cause for each home improvement loan closed between now and the end of May.

They will also contribute \$25 for every new InvestSmart account opened at the Sanford office.

"That is an incredible commitment," Farr said.
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In their Easter bonnets



Sanford Senior Citizens Club sponsored an Easter bonnet contest yesterday. Florence Gilmartin, left, who won for the biggest hat, hands an Easter egg to Avis Ray, right, judge for the contest with Susie Davis. Other winners

in the contest were: Laura Bogin, oddest hat; Gloria Jones, smallest; Mary Schmitt, tackiest; Wanda Lee Mahan, funniest; Anna Clements, Rebecca Henderson and Elsie Farley, prettiest hats.

Herald Photo by Kelly Jordan

Airport eyes tourists from foreign lands

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford Airport Authority members had a look into the future Tuesday, to a time when tourist flights from overseas would be using Sanford as a destination point.

Bonnie Manjura, who had recently represented the Central Florida Regional Airport at the ITB Trade Show in Berlin, Germany, addressed the members about the reaction she had received regarding what Sanford has to offer, during the Berlin showing which is the largest trade show in the world.

Steve Cooke, Sanford's Director of Aviation who was also at the showing, said every nation was represented. "It was so large," he said, "you couldn't see all if it in four days of walking around."

Manjura said the many foreigners were especially interested in the Sanford area for use as a destination landing sites for tourism flights. She said she had received inquiries from a number of airlines that carry tourists to Florida from Canada, Central Europe and several islands. She added, "Florida is the number one destination point for tourist flights from Germany."

She would not discuss specific airlines with which she had discussed the use of the Sanford facility, but said they were highly prominent.

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Affordable homes goal of 'brainstorm'

By LAURAL SULLIVAN
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — Social workers, developers, affordable housing advocates, government officials and business people came together yesterday to brainstorm on ways to keep the working poor from homelessness.

Seminole Housing Advocacy Coalition (SHAC) formed last year as the Homeless and Hungry Committee, a network of social service agencies serving the county. Yesterday the group held its first open public forum on affordable housing in Seminole County.

"Social workers see the problem, but we don't always have the clout to solve the problem," said Angie Romagosa, SHAC president and South Seminole Christian Center director.

The average rent for a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment in Seminole County is \$516 a month.

"We would like to see more housing being built so that we don't have to build more shelters in Seminole County."

—Angi Romagosa, coalition president

Romagosa said.

"Most people (social workers) see every day can't afford \$500 a month and still eat," she said. "We would like to see more housing being built in Seminole County so that we don't have to build more shelters in Seminole County."

The wide-ranging definitions of "affordable housing" allow low-income families in need to fall through the cracks of studies addressing local housing needs, Seminole County Commissioner

Larry Furlong said. While the term might mean \$200-a-month rent to some, he said, the same buzzword means a \$100,000 home to others.

"They relate, but it's still two different issues," said A.A. "Mac" McClanahan, Sanford city commissioner and executive director of Seminole Self-Reliant Housing Inc. "There is a need among people in the \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year category. That sounds like a lot of money, but try to go out and buy a house with it."

Amelika Genka, who has been working to build an affordable housing development in east Sanford for five years, said few developers are motivated to build low-cost housing because it bears low profits. For that reason, he said, governments should offer incentives in the form of public-private partnerships.

Furlong encouraged the group to take inventory of empty retail and government buildings that could be used as shelters or apartments.

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Chamber finally gets a home of its own

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald staff writer

LONGWOOD — Home at last.

More than 150 business leaders and local officials officially opened the doors on the offices of the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce at 1939 Boothe Circle Tuesday, ending 17 years of reliance on cities for workspace.

"The biggest significance of the grand opening is that we are not beholden to any special interest or city government," said Bob Lewis, the chamber's executive vice president. "We are now completely independent. We're a free agent."

The \$408,000 offices, located in the Cambridge Square office park next to Interstate 4, was made possible by the fundraising efforts of Mack McReynolds, Barnett Bank senior vice president, who raised \$250,000 from 55 contributors, said Lewis. Another \$125,000 was raised through the sale of the chamber's lease of offices in the Altamonte Springs City Library back to the city Tuesday.

The remaining balance will be paid during the next five years through chamber annual revenues, Lewis said.

The chamber was first housed in the Altamonte Springs Community House, actually an 80-year-old building.
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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

George Foster, the first president of the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, snips the ribbon to the chamber's permanent offices in Longwood Tuesday, while current president Carmen Fugent, holds

the ribbon. Participating from left to right, are past president Sharyn Dickerson, director Mack McReynolds, Foster, past president Maryanne Morse, Fogerty, and past president Jim Stelling and Dick Fess.

FLORIDA BRIEFS



Lotto winners make plans

TALLAHASSEE - A Fort Lauderdale man who won more than \$2.2 million in last weekend's lotto jackpot has decided it's time to cut back on his hours at work.

Vacant Biltmore Hotel purchased

CORAL GABLES - The regal, yet vacant Biltmore Hotel has been given new life as a European investment group takes steps to reopen it.

Man sentenced for assaulting children

WEST PALM BEACH - A man was sentenced to 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to six charges of assaulting children while he was on probation for molesting a child.

Chief recommends officer's suspension

DELAND - The police chief has recommended a 10-day suspension for an officer who broke the leg of a suspect with a police baton as the man lay face down on the ground.

Dillingham was one of six officers participating in an undercover narcotics operation when Hill approached a pickup truck that the officers were hiding in and offered to sell some crack cocaine, according to an internal affairs investigation.

Sailor shown mercy after DUI death

CLEARWATER - A police officer asked a judge for mercy in sentencing a sailor in a drunken driving accident that killed his son.

NEWS FROM THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE

Student charged with extortion

Associated Press

SEFFNER - A sixth-grader charged with extorting \$30 in breakfast and lunch money from another student told authorities he used it to treat a friend to movies and roller skating, police said.

If the child had done the socially responsible thing as a good citizen and reported it, it never would have gone so far.

-Harris Carter, principal

Portion of pornography law amended

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE - It no longer would be a crime in Florida to possess a photograph of a mother breast feeding her baby under a bill passed Tuesday by the Senate.

Hospital staff members take poison prevention to schools

By NICK PFEIFAU, Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD - Staff members of the South Seminole Community Hospital started visiting ten elementary schools throughout Seminole County this week, giving presentations on poison prevention.



Cary Alberts, director of pharmacy at South Seminole Community Hospital, instructs Sterling Park Elementary School students on avoiding poisonous household products.

Navy seeks a few good dolphins

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE - The Navy is contacting marine theme parks about offering its dolphins for breeding stock in a captive-breeding program, a newspaper reports.

Contact has been made through a national marine-park association, and the parks and military would split the off-spring, the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale reported Tuesday.

Explosion may have been sabotage

Associated Press

MIAMI - A late night explosion that ripped apart a building housing a Haitian activist group, a Haitian restaurant and a furniture outlet could have been caused by a bomb, police said.

It's a design warehouse that has some furniture and some decorating-type things for homes, houses," he said.

He identified the Haitian firm as Cayard & Associates, Inc. The company's card describes the firm as a Community Government Affairs Consultants.

blocklong building at 3800 N.E. 1st Ave. The force of the blast flung sections of roof onto the street and scattered smaller debris in a two-block radius.

Transmission at nearby television station, WFLG-TV, was interrupted shortly by the force of the explosion, while debris littered State Road 112, which runs along the south side of the building.

outside a popular Haitian-American night spot in the same neighborhood Feb. 18.

Earlier, Cepeda said it was too soon to tell what caused the explosion.

"We don't have any indication that it was a bomb," he told the Associated Press at 1 a.m.

"We got calls from as far as a couple of miles away from people who said they either heard it or felt their building shake," Cepeda said. "And we've got debris as far as two blocks away from the building."

Cepeda said at least 15 fire vehicles and more than 60 firefighters brought the fire touched off by the blast under control. He said firefighters couldn't immediately enter the warehouse because it was structurally unsafe.

LOTTERY

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Florida Lottery Cash 3: 7-1-4



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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny with a high in the lower 80s. Wind northeast 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Fair with a low near 60. Wind east to 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High in the low to mid 80s. Wind southeast 10 to 15 mph.

Extended forecast: Partly cloudy and warm Friday through Sunday. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Highs in the mid to upper 80s.

FLORIDA TEMPS

Table with Florida temperatures for various cities like Apalachicola, Daytona Beach, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Key West, Lakeland, Miami, Pensacola, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, Vero Beach, W Palm Beach.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

Table with weather outlook for THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY.

MOON PHASES

Table with moon phases: LAST March 8, NEW March 16, FIRST March 23, FULL March 30.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 feet and semi glassy. Current is slightly to the south with a water temperature of 64 degrees.

TIDES

THURSDAY: SOLUNAR TABLE: Min. 9:20 a.m., 9:55 p.m., Maj. 3:10 a.m., 3:40 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: highs, 11:24 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: highs, 11:29 a.m., 5:35 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: highs, 11:44 a.m., 5:54 p.m.

BOATING

St. Augustine to Jupiter Inlet Tonight: Wind southeast 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 75 degrees and the overnight low was 47 as reported by the University of Florida Agricultural Research and Education Center, Celery Avenue.

NATIONAL TEMPS

Table with national temperatures for various cities like Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Bismarck, Boise, Boston, Burlington Vt, Charleston S.C., Charlotte N.C., Chicago, Cleveland, Concord N.H., Dallas Ft Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Hartford, Honolulu, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Mpls St Paul, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland Ore, Providence, St Louis, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Springfield, Washington D.C., Wilkes Barre.

POLICE BRIEFS

DUI charged

Terry Lee Seyk, 35, of 641 E. Palmetto in Sanford, was arrested on Monday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sanford Police made a traffic stop on Seyk after he allegedly was seen driving erratically in the area of Persimmon and McCracken.

When he was stopped, he was given a field sobriety test, which he failed on several counts, police reported.

He was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held on \$500 bond.

Warrant arrest made

Raymond Russell Ragsdale, 32, of 2616 El Portal in Sanford, was arrested on Monday.

He was charged with failing to appear in court on charges of failing to pay fines.

He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held in lieu of \$500 bond.

Retail theft charged

David Edwards, 31, of 2081 W. 18th St. in Sanford, was arrested on Monday and charged with retail theft.

According to the arrest report, store security personnel at the Winn-Dixie store at 1514 French Ave. in Sanford, allegedly saw Edwards put a package of cigarettes in his pocket before going through the checkout line where he allegedly paid for a candy bar but not the cigarettes.

When he was stopped by security personnel as he attempted to leave the store, he allegedly had two packages of cigarettes and a bottle of wine in his shirt for which he allegedly had not paid, police reported.

Edwards was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was held in lieu of \$100 bond.

Man in jail arrested on warrant

Charles Wayne Hester, 50, of 2301 River Tree Circle in Sanford, who is currently in the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, was arrested there on Monday on an outstanding warrant.

The warrant was on grand theft charges. Bond on the grand theft charges was set at \$1,000.

Garden Club burglarized

An incident report filed with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on Monday said that someone broke into the back door of the Sanford Garden Club at 200 Fairmont Dr. in Sanford.

The report said that a microphone and a telephone cable were stolen from a file cabinet in the Club's office.

The report noted that latent finger prints had been found at the scene.

Tow truck stolen

An incident report filed with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on Monday said that someone stole a tow truck from Robertson Tire and Service at 4239 U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford.

The report noted that the truck had been on the premises when the owner left at 5 p.m. on Friday, but was not there when he returned at 4 a.m. Monday.

Family sets fundraiser

SANFORD — A Sanford family will spend a day in the park trying to raise money for a heart plant needed by their mother.

feature children's activities, live music and concessions.

Nancy Dukes, mother of 10 children, needs a heart transplant to survive. Her daughter-in-law Gina Dukes said. In order to be put on a waiting list for the transplant, Gina Dukes said, the family must raise \$75,000.

Gina Dukes said the family has placed donation cans at several businesses in the Sanford area, but those cans have produced few donations. The family has also established an account for donations at Sun Bank in Sanford. Donations may be made to Sun Bank account number 0538000179272.

The family will hold a fundraiser April 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Fort Mellon Park in Sanford. The fundraiser will

Nancy Dukes has 10 children between the ages of 18 and 29, and six grandchildren.

Correction

A headline on page 6A of the March 19 edition incorrectly named as the city's new identified Don Terry as new clerk.

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EDITORIALS

Hospital waste

Hospitals in the United States will dispose of more than 3 million tons of infectious waste this year. Most of it will be disposed of properly. But some will be mishandled, subjecting the public to an unnecessary health hazard.

A new study by the congressional Office of Technology Assessment recommends the federal government develop a comprehensive policy for disposing of medical waste. At present, federal rules for handling medical waste are issued on an ad hoc basis by various agencies.

The Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration share responsibility for regulating medical waste disposal. The OTA study suggests that one of these three agencies should take the lead role in monitoring the practices of hospitals and other medical facilities.

Medical waste disposal problems have been documented for a long time. But the situation gained national attention three years ago when used hypodermic needles, vials of contaminated blood and tissue, and other medical debris washed ashore at beaches in California, New Jersey, New York and elsewhere. On the East Coast, the problem was so bad that several miles of beaches were closed temporarily.

Some 40 separate incidents were reported in Southern California. The exact source of this debris was never determined positively. But at least some of the times were traced to Navy ships and other military sources.

In response, the California Legislature passed a measure last year that tightened state regulations. The new law imposes detailed restrictions on the transfer, treatment and disposal of wastes. It also extends the regulations not only to hospitals and physicians but also dental offices, laboratories, veterinarians and funeral homes.

The only generator of medical waste that is excluded from coverage under the new California law is the military, which is exempt from most state regulations. Consequently, the only way to ensure that the military conforms to proper standards of waste disposal is to insist that it be covered by whatever policy is developed at the federal level.

Considering the dangers posed by improper medical waste disposal, one federal agency should be given a lead role in setting down uniform guidelines and enforcing compliance. And the military services should be covered by the uniform rules. There should be no repeat of the summer of 1988, with used hypodermics and vials of contaminated blood on beaches, before the federal government is spurred to action.

LETTERS

Editorial missed amendment

It is interesting to note that in your editorial appearing in the 10 March issue of the Sanford Herald, you chose to leave out one of the most important amendments of the "Bill of Rights." This is the Second Amendment which gives the people the ultimate means to protect all the rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

The second amendment states: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

While arguments are made by some that this refers only to the organized reserves and the National Guard, court decisions and federal law state otherwise.

Last February, the court commented... that "the people" referred to in the Second Amendment are the same "people" guaranteed the freedom of peaceable assembly and protected from unreasonable searches in the First and Fourth Amendments.

From 1792 to present law...nearly everyone who is not a member of the National Guard or organized state guard, is a member of the unorganized militia.

Further, the framers of our Constitution knew that words on parchment alone could not guarantee the freedoms spelled out in this Constitution and therefore insisted, that before ratification, that the Second Amendment be included.

When you refer to the "Bill of Rights" in your editorials, please don't skip amendments as important as this. They exist whether you agree with them or not.

H.D. Hood
Sanford

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. Letters are subject to editing.

BEN WATTENBERG

Democratic presidential dumbkopfery

Rarely has it been easier to describe, and harder to find, what the Democrats need for a presidential candidate. The oversimplified litmus labels are these: "non-liberal" and "pro-force."

Potential candidates who can't clearly claim those words in 1992 will be swimming upstream against powerful currents of American opinion. They would, deservedly, be forced to spend a general election campaign explaining what they really meant.

Until Jan. 12, four prominent and tough-minded Democratic senators would have fit the bill. On that day Congress voted Yea or Nay on the president's position regarding use of force in the Gulf. One of the four, Sen. Sam Nunn, led the Nay fight. Two others, Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and David Boren, followed suit.

It is now said that, "Then There Were Nunn." Not so. A fourth prominent non-liberal/pro-force horse remains unsullied: Sen. Charles Robb voted Yea. For years, Robb had an all-purpose deflector when asked to run for president. "Let's support Sam," he said. But Nunn says he won't run this time.

There are those who believe that Robb now has not only an opportunity, but a duty, to make the race and make a fight. For salvation, the Democratic Party needs a public intramural

struggle. Robb says he's ready to fight, but will not run. Absolutely not. He says he would disown and disavow a draft.

Who else passes the litmus tests? Sen. Al Gore wisely voted Yea on the Gulf, but he has a liberal voting record on all but foreign policy issues. Rep. Steve Solarz is in the same boat.

As governor, Bill Clinton of Arkansas didn't have to vote, wavered and came out Yea after the vote, but before the war.

As for the rest, forget it. Mario Cuomo, Jesse Jackson, George McGovern, Bob Kerrey, Bill Bradley, Doug Wilder and Dick Gephardt all



The Democratic Party needs a public intramural struggle.

flunk at least one litmi, and typically two. It gets worse. Democrats are shaping the 1992 electoral battlefield like dumbkopf, not Schwarkopf. Having destroyed their credibility on foreign affairs, they seem eager to achieve a total self-inflicted rout.

This is a national party that hasn't smiled in 25 years. Overarching their unpopular politics, and shaping those politics, has been a pall of pessimism. Now, tone-deaf, they say, hey, here's a fresh idea, let's move the debate back to America's terrible domestic problems, let's peddle a little more doom and decline.

On the other hand, John Kennedy in 1960 had perfect political pitch for an opposition candidate in a successful country. "Let's get America moving again," he said, and "We can do better." Could the Democrats do anything else wrong? Don't ask. They could push legislation that the most popular president in polling history calls "a quota bill." And that's what they're doing. (Why isn't there a political suicide prevention hotline?)

Has there ever before been a political party, whose only valid proposition is that the election is 20 months away and anything can happen?

And so, if one should be interested in the future of the Democratic Party (why?), one most look to less well-known Democrats.



ROBERT WALTERS

Fate of the terminally ill

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. — When Washington voters go to the polls this autumn, they will be confronted by an extraordinary ballot measure. Initiative 119 would give physicians the authority to assist in ending the lives of their terminally ill patients.

Specifically, the ballot proposition establishes a procedure under which a conscious, mentally competent individual would be allowed to request in writing a doctor's assistance in ending his or her life through suicide.

Two physicians would have to independently certify that the patient had no more than six months to live. Then, a doctor could administer a lethal dose of morphine or use another humane method to cause the patient's death.

Physician-assisted suicide is legal nowhere in the nation — or in the world, with the exception of the Netherlands. But consideration of Initiative 119 is a logical next step in a countrywide debate that has grown in intensity in recent years yet remains far from resolution.

Although it is an especially complex and contentious issue, euthanasia unfortunately has been the subject of a limited public dialogue focused on individual cases instead of the broad philosophical, religious, medical, legal, ethical and moral considerations involved.

Thus, we were privy to more information than outsiders should have been given about the private anguish of the families of Karen Ann Quinlan and Nancy Cruzan. We were regaled with self-promotional claims from Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the proud inventor of a suicide device used to end the life of Janet Adkins.

We lived through the terrible episode in which a distraught Chicago father, Rudy Linares, held off hospital workers with a handgun while he unplugged a respirator to perform a mercy killing on his own 15-month-old, hopelessly afflicted baby son.

We were regaled with truncated versions of "It's Over, Debbie," a 1988 contribution to the Journal of the American Medical Association written by a anonymous doctor who described giving a lethal injection of morphine to an incurably ill cancer victim.

More recently, we indirectly shared the account in the New England Journal of Medicine written by a New York physician who says he prescribed sufficient barbiturates to allow a suffering cancer patient named Diane to take her own life.

We have not, however, seriously considered

and resolved most of the questions spawned by advances in medicine that prolong but do not necessarily enhance life. Among them:

What distinctions, if any, do we want to make between active and passive euthanasia? If one or both are appropriate when death is imminent or the affliction is incurable, how do we define those terms to take into account both the vast majority of cases and the one-in-a-million instance of miraculous recovery?

Can we sanction a physician prescribing medication in quantities both the doctor and patient presumably know are suitable for suicide? Is a physician who feigns ignorance of what is likely to occur in a different position than one who offers advice?

Is removing the surgically implanted tubes that pump fluids and nutrients into comatose patients to keep them alive the same as withdrawing respirators and other artificial life-supporting equipment? If the patient cannot make those decisions, who should choose? Parents? Children? Spouses? Judges? Others?

Is life sacred in any form? Do some measures prolong death rather than prolong life? What should we do about patients in the final stages of dreadful ailments whose ravaged bodies are racked with pain? How do they differ from patients in what the medical profession euphemistically calls PVS — a persistent vegetative state — who are incapable of expressing their wishes?

Finally, there are the most difficult questions — those dealing with economics. How much, for example, should a couple take from the family's savings, earmarked for their children's college education, to keep alive an elderly, incurable parent?

At a time when medical care is rationed among people whose ailments are curable, what limits — if any — should be placed on treatment of the terminally ill?



Physician assisted suicide is legal nowhere in the world except the Netherlands.

JACK ANDERSON

VA scrambles to cope with vets'

WASHINGTON — When more than a half-million American soldiers were facing the Iraqi army, the Department of Veterans Affairs was facing problems of its own. If Saddam Hussein's network of booby traps in the desert had proved as daunting as it was advertised to be, the VA medical system would not have been able to cope with the results.

Wheelchairs, braces, artificial limbs and other devices known as prosthetics are in short supply at the VA, and the injured men and women of prior wars are already on waiting lists to get what they need.

"Jim" is a Korean War veteran with a spinal cord injury. He depends on the VA to supply him with wheelchairs. A year and a half ago, he asked the VA to replace his worn-out chair. They put him on a list and told him he could expect to wait at least 15 months. He didn't have 15 months, so he bought his chair through Medicaid and had to spend \$300 of his own money.

Investigators for the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs have uncovered a host of problems in the VA's prosthetic services including discrepancies in how the money is allocated to each hospital, differences in the quality and cost of prosthetic devices and a general lack of oversight by the VA.

Veterans are being forced to wait for everything from wheelchairs to artificial arms. One regional manager in the VA's prosthetic services estimates that as many as 10,000 vets may be on waiting lists.

Until last October, the VA hospital system was not centrally funded. Money was allocated to individual hospitals, and their administrators spent it as they pleased. One prosthetic manager explained the situation this way: "Individual hospitals say, 'I can get more wheelchairs for my dollars than artificial legs, so I'll order more wheelchairs and let him use that old leg.'" The same manager reported cases of hospitals that spent their money for prosthetics on organ transplants and then came begging for more money for prosthetics.

The VA isn't sure how widespread the problem is because it doesn't inspect its own hospitals often enough. In the past three years, on the average, only three of the 172 VA hospitals in the country got a thorough shakedown from VA officials each year. The reports from those few visits documented serious problems with the distribution of needed prosthetic devices.

The VA Inspector General's Office audited the prosthetics program and found plenty of room for improvement. In one region alone, the hospitals could save \$300,000 simply by coordinating with each other on the purchase of only 12 items.

The VA has tried to solve the funding problem by earmarking \$130 million more to be spent just on prosthetic treatment and devices, and the VA has tried to solve the bigger picture by centralizing its funding of the hospitals. The number of inspections has increased too since Congress began nosing around.

More improvements have been promised to the Senate committee, but the time frame for change will keep many vets on the waiting list without wheelchairs and artificial limbs. The VA's master plan for cleaning up its prosthetics program stretches into 1993. "It sounds good," one source told our reporter Cindy Gerner, but much of the planning is "process stuff that doesn't change the real world or help a vet waiting to get a replacement leg."



Injured men and women of prior wars are already on waiting lists.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Another lawmaker resigns in scandal

PHOENIX — Sen. Jesus "Chuy" Higuera became the fifth state lawmaker charged in a vote-selling scandal to resign, and the Senate Ethics Committee unanimously recommended expulsion of a sixth legislator, Sen. Carolyn Walker.

Meanwhile, a lobbyist pleaded guilty Tuesday in the scandal and signed a statement implicating former Rep. Bill English, another of those charged.

In all, 16 people, including seven lawmakers, have been indicted in the case. Four of the lawmakers have pleaded guilty.

More officers were at L.A. beating

BEVERLY HILLS — Twenty-one Los Angeles police officers — six more than authorities first admitted — were present when a black motorist was beaten in an attack captured on videotape, the Police Department said.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Times said today that arresting officers vastly understated Rodney G. King's injuries after the beating, describing them as minor cuts and bruises. The officers also reported they believed — contrary to medical evidence — that he was high on drugs or alcohol, the newspaper said.

Four officers, including a supervising sergeant, have been charged with assault in the March 3 beating. The 25-year-old Altadena man was beaten with nightsticks, kicked and shocked with a stun gun in an attack videotaped by an onlooker.

King's attorney, Steven Lerman, announced plans to sue for \$56 million — \$1 million for each blow inflicted. Lerman said at least 25 officers were present.

Woman, daughter charged with murder

NEW YORK — A woman who wanted to present her boyfriend with a baby despite a stillbirth invited a friend over and with the help of her 13-year-old daughter killed the woman and kept the victim's infant son, police said.

Pamela Andrews, 37, and her daughter Shakota Andrews, both of Brooklyn, were arrested Tuesday and charged with murder and kidnapping.

Ms. Andrews, the mother of two children and two foster children, was eight months pregnant when her baby was stillborn in mid-February, Inspector Edward Capello said.

"Her boyfriend was out of town, her boyfriend knew that she was pregnant. She lost the baby, she didn't want to disappoint her boyfriend. Hence, she was looking around for a child," he said.

From Associated Press reports

Lower income taxpayers focus of audit

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — White House officials proposed earlier this year to force the Internal Revenue Service to audit more low- and middle-income taxpayers but target fewer large corporations, documents obtained by House investigators show.

The Office of Management and Budget contended that stepping up simple mail audits — which affect mainly those with lower incomes — was the easiest way to boost tax collections quickly.

IRS Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg Jr. argued vehemently against that approach.

"IRS would not direct any additional effort into low-income, individual income tax audits as proposed by OMB," IRS officials wrote. "All resources provided for the examination (audit) program should be directed toward the high-asset business and corporate areas consistent with the service's overall compliance strategy."

The dispute came in late December and January as OMB was putting together President Bush's budget for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

Papers relating to the discussions were obtained by the House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee in preparation for a hearing today on the \$6.7 billion IRS budget, which is up 10.2 percent from this year.

OMB officials refused to comment on the papers because they were internal documents. The budget office was invited to send a witness to the hearing but declined.

According to the documents, OMB proposed that part of the IRS enforcement budget for the current year be shifted "into individual income tax correspondence audits in order to realize the quick revenue payback of this investment."

The Treasury Department, parent of the IRS, eventually asked that an extra \$77 million be earmarked in this year's budget for auditing upper-income individuals and big corporations. OMB cut that back to \$58.7 million. An additional \$35 million requested for 1992 was slashed to \$6 million.

"The commissioner won a good part of the round but was unable to get all he wanted for high-income audits," said a Ways and Means Committee aide who follows the IRS budget and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"One immediate effect will be to reduce direct enforcement revenue (increased tax collections caused by higher audits) over the fiscal year 1992-1996 period by about \$1 billion," an IRS document said.

"Unless the government as a whole makes a long-term commitment to improve the tax system, a substantial risk is erosion in voluntary compliance, which could cost billions of dollars in lost revenue."

Although the IRS collects 90 percent of the revenues on which the government operates, it was required to take spending cuts with all other agencies as the government tried to contract during the Reagan years.

The battle over the new IRS budget comes at a time when the agency acknowledges a long-term decline in the percentage of returns being audited. Only about nine of every 1,000 returns will be audited this year.

From 1981 through 1990, there was a more dramatic decline in audit coverage of big corporations, Goldberg told a House Appropriations subcommittee earlier this month.

However, he added, "Thanks to wage withholding and the development of our information reporting programs (computer matching of income-earned forms against tax returns) during the past decade, the plain fact is that working men and women of this country are substantially compliant with our nation's tax laws. To an overwhelming extent, they do indeed pay their fair share."

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Gobbledygook

Woman launches campaign against awful use of language

By **ROBERT H. ANDREWS**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Carolyn Boccia Bagin is a lonely crusader for plain English in a world that speaks gobbledygook.

Her enemy is the growing avalanche of badly written forms, unintelligible letters and confusing documents that drive millions of Americans nearly bonkers every day. The enemy, she says, is everywhere.

College students can't understand the loan applications they're supposed to fill out. The elderly are stumped by insurance claims. Telephone bills are a puzzle.

Sweepstakes entries are verbal jungles of legal jargon.

Think those Form 1040s from the tax people are a headache? Try tackling Form 171, the accordion-like federal job application that's a bureaucratic nightmare in small, green type.

"If you have the persistence to fill out this form, you ought to get the job anyway," Ms. Bagin says.

A former high school English teacher from suburban Philadelphia, Ms. Bagin is director of the Document Design Center at the private American Institutes of Research.

Her job is to transform the unintelligible

paperwork of government and corporate clients into user-friendly models of simplicity and clarity.

"What's wrong with being direct and clear?" she asks. "Why isn't simplicity the goal?"

The center has redesigned Pennsylvania Electric's customer bills and Citicorp's collection letters. One of its biggest projects was a top-to-bottom rewrite of the owner's manual for Ford Taurus automobiles.

That job was commissioned after a senior Ford executive couldn't understand the old manual's instructions for setting the digital clock in his new car.

Declining competition threatening

By **MARTIN CRUFTINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The United States is losing badly to foreign competition in numerous high-technology fields considered crucial to the country's economic future and national security, said a study released today.

The Council on Competitiveness found that in areas from silicon production to robotics, U.S. industry is not expected to be a factor over the next five years.

"America's once-commanding lead in the critical technologies driving economic growth and national security is being seriously challenged by foreign competitors," the council, an organization composed of industry, labor and education executives, concluded in its two-year study.

The report surveyed nine technology-intensive industries, ranging from aerospace to telecommunications, and came up with a list of 94 technologies considered crucial for U.S. economic prosperity in this decade.

In a sobering assessment, it found that in 15 of the 94 critical technologies, the United States is so far behind that it is not likely to have a presence in the world market through the mid-1990s.

Among these technologies judged lost are two — display materials and computer memory chips — considered vital for development of high definition television sets, the next generation of TV receivers in which the United States is trying to catch up to the Japanese.

Other technologies listed in the lost column were computer circuit board technology and robotics and other automated equipment.

In 18 other areas, the U.S. position was listed as weak, with American industries behind in technology developments or likely to fall behind in the next five years.

In this category were included such critical fields as advanced metals development, precision bearings and lasers.

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IN BRIEF

J.V. BASEBALL

Lake Mary holds off Lyman

LONGWOOD — Brian Marotta struck out 10 and walked just one in a three-hit complete game performance that improved his personal record to 4-0 as Lake Mary (11-2) defeated Lyman 6-3 on Tuesday night.

Ben Rovito tripled and singled in three at bats to pace the Rams' six-hit attack. He also scored a run and drove in a run.

Matt Diemer and Chad Kesaler each had a single, one run scored and one RBI while Mike Werner scored two runs and Brian Milner scored one run. Eric Leister contributed a single and RBI. Jason Crain also hit single.

For Lyman, 5-7, Chad Beland singled and scored a run. Charlie Chapman singled while Brian Saunders added a double and two RBI.

Scoreboard for Lake Mary vs Lyman: Lake Mary 302 000 1-6 6 3, Lyman 200 000 1-3 3 4.

PREP GOLF

Berzovich leads Patriots

SANFORD — Mike Berzovich shot an even par 36 Tuesday over the front nine holes at Mayfair Country Club to lead Lake Brantley to a 156-185 victory Seminole in a Seminole Athletic Conference dual match.

Also figuring in the scoring for Lake Brantley were Jason Opal (39), Ryan Stead (40) and Brian Hunicke (41).

Seminole was led by John Musick's 42. Royal also carded a 42 while Arcangeli came in with a 49 and Barrett shot a 52.

Lake Brantley, now 8-0 overall and 8-0 in the SAC, will play again next Monday against Oviedo at Sable Point Country Club. Seminole, 0-8 and 0-8 SAC in the conference, will play Thursday against DeLand at Village Green Country Club.

Orangewood tops Trinity

ORLANDO — Orangewood Christian improved its record to 6-1 with a 172-176 decision over Trinity Prep (4-4) on Tuesday afternoon at Rosemont Country Club.

Scott Armstrong guided the OCS Rams by shooting a three-over par 39 over the par 36 from nine at Rosemont. Billy West came in with a 41, Andy Braddock carded a 45 and Matt Kuchor shot a 47.

For Trinity Prep, Doug Smith finished with a 40, Mike Vallillo had a 41, Matt Brown shot a 47 and Bill Tenrey finished with a 48.

Orangewood's next match will be Thursday against Eustis at DeBary Plantation.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Knights extend win streak

ORLANDO — The University of Central Florida stretched its win streak to nine games here Tuesday with a 9-5 win over Princeton, 1-2, in the nightcap of the opening day of the Dr. Pepper UCF Classic.

Left fielder Eric Martinez and second baseman Ty Lynch each had two hits for the Knights while right fielder Chad Motola hit his fifth home run of the season in the second inning.

Starting pitcher Todd Africano, 2-0, scattered six hits over six innings while left-hander Brian Huie collected his fifth save after pitching the final three frames.

In the opening game of the Classic, Missouri's John Detmer pitched a complete game to lift the Tigers past Bradley, 4-2.

On Tuesday morning, the Knights swept their American South Conference series with Arkansas State, defeating the visiting Indians 8-4. Martinez hit a two-run homer, his seventh of the season, in the third inning.

The Knights continue tournament action this evening at 7 p.m. game against Missouri at the UCF Baseball Complex. Bradley and Princeton will play at 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Heat lose fifth straight

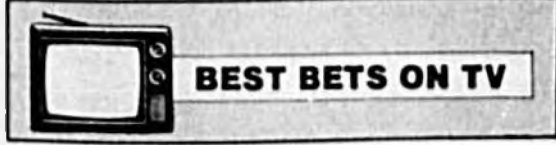
MILWAUKEE — Dale Ellis scored 17 of his 29 points in the first half as the Milwaukee Bucks beat Miami 101-88 Tuesday night to sweep the season series and hand the Heat its fifth straight loss.

Ellis scored six points in an 8-0 run at the start of the second quarter as the Bucks, 4-0 against the Heat, took control. They led 48-43 at halftime.

Willie Burton had 24 points and Glen Rice 19 for Miami, which lost its fourth consecutive road game. Rony Seikaly had 17 rebounds and 14 points for the Heat.

Burton had 16 first-half points, but the Heat shot 38.1 percent and committed 13 turnovers.

Compiled from wire and staff reports.



BASKETBALL 10 p.m. — TNT, NBA, Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers. (L)

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'Polar Bears' end season

Liquor Store cops crown

From staff reports

SANFORD — The Liquor Store capped a season-long comeback effort with a 4-2 triumph over Captain Nemo's in the playoff game for the championship of the Sanford Recreation Department Wednesday Night Polar Bear League at Chase Park.

The Liquor Store lost three of its first five games of the season at Pinehurst Park but fought back to finish the regular season tied with Captain Nemo's at 8-4. Included in the streak were two wins in three games with Nemo's.

The champs opened the scoring in the bottom of the second inning when Brian Jones reached on an error, advanced to second on a Robert Burgess single and scored on a single by Dennis Carroll.

They upped the lead to 3-0 in the third when Shawn Wyman and James Cox singled and scored on a triple by Tom Shanley.

The score remained 3-0 until the top of the sixth inning when Captain Nemo's scored its only runs. With one out, Craig Split reached on an error, advanced to second on a single by Chris Colon and scored on a single by Rocky Morris. After a pop up, Bubba Split cut the lead to one when he singled in Colon.

The Liquor Store added an insurance in the bottom of the sixth inning when Tim Waddles singled, went to second on a ground out by Jones and scored on a single by Robert Burgess.

Winning pitcher Glen Burgess and the defense did an excellent job holding the usually hard-hitting Captain Nemo's offense to seven singles and no earned runs.

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Scoreboard for Liquor Store vs Captain Nemo's: Liquor Store 000 002 0-2 7 2, Captain Nemo's 012 001 2-4 11 2



After playing well enough to win 10 games during their 12-game regular season, third baseman Glenn Coleman (left), left fielder Pete Mueller (right) and



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their McClanahan Law Offices A's teammates struggled in their playoff game with Sanford Landing Apartments on Tuesday night at Chase Park.

Sanford Landing Apartments takes title

From staff reports

SANFORD — Sanford Landing Apartments scored five runs in the top of the fourth inning to erase a 5-3 deficit and went on to post a 12-5 triumph over the McClanahan Law Offices A's in the playoff game of the Sanford Recreation Department Tuesday Night Polar Bear League at Chase Park.

The win capped a late season comeback effort by the Sanford Landing Apartments team. They trailed the A's by a game and a half going into the last week of the regular season and responded by sweeping a doubleheader to tie for the championship with a 10-2 mark.

The victory was Sanford Landing's third in four games with the A's this season and erased the memory of losing in a playoff for the Fall League Tuesday Night title.

Scoreboard for Sanford Landing Apartments vs McClanahan Law Offices A's: Sanford Landing Apartments 300 301 3-12 17 3, McClanahan Law Offices A's 202 000 4-5 11 2

The Sanford Landing Apartments team got off to a fast start with three runs in the top of the first inning. Bill Gracey walked and went to second on a single by Don Anderson. Winning pitcher Tom Gracey followed with a double to score his brother and Jim Smith singled to score Anderson and Tom Gracey.

But the A's came back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the first. Jeff Madsen and Kevin Baker singled before Pete Mueller doubled to score Madsen. Tony Madsen followed with a grounder to score Baker and Mueller scored the tying run on a sacrifice fly by Nick Brady.

The A's took the lead in the third with a pair of See Tuesday, Page 3B

Lost inning costs Raiders vs. Patriots

By PHIL SMITH Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Baseball is a nine-inning game. When you play for only eight of the nine innings, the results can be disastrous.

Such was the case Tuesday afternoon when the Seminole Community College Raiders dropped an 8-3 decision to the Central Florida Community College Patriots at Raider Field.

Already trailing 1-0 in the top of the fifth inning, the Raiders (6-14 overall and 3-7 in the North Central Conference) committed a pair of errors during a six-run outburst that gave the Patriots (18-10 overall, 10-2 in the conference) a 7-0 lead.

SCC came back with two runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh.

In the sixth, Jason Sandberg led off with a walk and Jack Niles followed with a single. Sandberg See Baseball, Page 2B

Scoreboard for Central Florida CC vs Seminole CC: Central Florida CC 000 /40 010-8 8 1, Seminole CC 000 002 100-3 9 4



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Freshman first baseman Chad Epperson and the Seminole Community College Raiders will try to bounce back from yesterday's loss to Central Florida when they play the Lake City Timberwolves this afternoon at 3 p.m.

SCC women split with DBCC Scots

By PHIL SMITH Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Julie Barton went 5-for-8 with four runs scored and Marie Peters and Denise Howell each went 4-for-7 to lead the Seminole Community College Raiders to a split of their doubleheader with the Daytona Beach Community College Scots.

Daytona Beach won the opener 4-2 and Seminole won the nightcap 14-3.

The Raiders, now 12-5 overall and 11-5 in the North Central Conference, had a hard time getting out of the blocks in the first game, col-

See Softball, Page 2B

Scoreboard for Daytona Beach CC vs Seminole CC: Daytona Beach CC 130 000 0-4 12 1, Seminole CC 000 100 1-2 11 0

Scoreboard for Daytona Beach CC vs Seminole CC: Daytona Beach CC 000 030 0-3 7 4, Seminole CC 225 230 2-14 20 2

Rams claim 'revenge win' over visiting Silver Hawks

From staff reports

LAKE MARY — Lisa Mastilunis singled home Marti Citarella with the eventual game-winning run Tuesday afternoon to give Lake Mary a 5-3 win over Lake Howell in a Seminole Athletic Conference slowpitch softball game.

With the score tied 3-3 going into the bottom of the third, Citarella reached on a one-out Lake Howell error. After Diane Duber drew a walk, Mastilunis singled in to score Citarella. Duber ending up at third. Pam Davis then hit a sacrifice fly to score Duber.

"This is a revenge win for us," said first-year Lake Mary Coach Jeannie Fisher. "We lost to them in extra innings earlier in the season."

Today, we were able get people on and get runners in. See Rams, Page 3B

Scoreboard for Lake Howell vs Lake Mary: Lake Howell 201 000 0-3 7 3, Lake Mary 212 000 2-5 12 3

Pats escape Fort Mellon with sweep of Seminoles

By BILL KERNS Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Lake Brantley defeated Seminole 9-3 and 3-2 in nine innings for a sweep of a Seminole Athletic Conference girls' softball doubleheader Tuesday evening at Fort Mellon Park.

Lake Brantley, 14-2, is ranked fourth in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's Class 4A state poll. Seminole, 3-7, had won two straight games.

In the opening game of the season Lake Brantley crushed Seminole 13-1. But, as Lake Brantley Coach Renny Betris pointed out, Seminole has improved since then.

"Seminole is much improved," said Betris. "With every game, they get better and better. Coach Register and his assistants are doing an excellent job. I told the girls before the game not to expect to blow Seminole out again 13-1."

Scoreboard for Lake Brantley vs Seminole: Lake Brantley 430 002 0-9 12 2, Seminole 200 000 0-3 6 7

Scoreboard for Lake Brantley vs Seminole: Lake Brantley 000 200 001-3 9 1, Seminole 200 000 000-2 7 5

Betris' point was underscored by the second game, when Seminole took Lake Brantley into extra innings before losing. "Those were two excellent games," said Seminole head coach Greg Register. "Any time we take Lake Brantley nine innings, we've played a great game. The girls did a See Sweep, Page 3B



Dress up traditional brunch for Easter with Salmon Benedict, Poppyseed Muffins and fresh fruit.

Traditional Easter brunch served with elegant flair

GLEN ELLEN, Calif. — In California's wine country, Easter Sunday usually brings warm, Spring weather for the family to enjoy outdoors. Unlike many holidays, the family meal may be lighter fare, or served earlier to coincide with activities of the day.

"Good cooks usually enjoy the challenge of adjusting menus to suit the occasion," said Stella Fleming, chief chef for an area winery. "At the winery, we're often asked to develop creative variations for guests who visit throughout the year." For example, the following Easter Brunch menu offers variety to a traditional dish and can be served before or after an Easter egg hunt.

Smoked salmon adds a new look to traditional Eggs Benedict, while the Beurre Blanc replaces a more difficult hollandaise sauce. In busy weeks can also enjoy the day, Fleming said.

A light Chardonnay Spritzer provides added zest to the early occasion, and blends well with the recipes that follow.

SMOKED SALMON AND AVOCADO BENEDICT (serves 4)

- 12 oz. smoked salmon
- 2 avocados, pitted, peeled and sliced
- 8 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp. vinegar
- 4 English muffins, lightly toasted
- 1 bunch of dill
- Beurre Blanc:**
 - 1 c. Glen Ellen Proprietor's Reserve Chardonnay
 - ¼ c. lemon juice
 - 1 stick chilled unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces

Place wine and lemon juice in small non-reactive skillet and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce liquid by ¾. Remove pan from heat and whisk in 4 Tbsp. of butter. Over low heat, whisk in remaining butter one piece at a time. Remove from heat and keep warm.

Bring 2 inches of water (in a non-aluminum skillet), a dash of salt and the vinegar to a boil. Add the eggs one at a time and reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook for approximately 3 minutes until whites are set.

Place 2 English muffin halves on each plate. Top with avocado

slices, smoked salmon and poached eggs. Spoon Beurre Blanc evenly over each egg and garnish with dill.

CHARDONNAY SPRITZER

Add 2 oz. of sparkling mineral water to 4-8 oz. of Glen Ellen Proprietor's Reserve Chardonnay. Garnish with a lemon twist.

ORANGE POPPY MUFFINS (yield: 12 muffins)

- ½ c. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp. poppyseeds
- Grated zest of 2 oranges
- ½ c. orange juice
- ½ c. brown sugar

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat until well mixed. Dissolve baking soda in buttermilk and add to mixture. Add flour, poppyseeds and zest. Fill buttered muffin tins ¾ full and bake for 15-20 minutes.

In small bowl, mix juice and brown sugar. Pour 1 tsp. over each hot muffin.

Sweet potato isn't just for holidays

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

Many families serve sweet potatoes only as part of a traditional holiday meal, especially Thanksgiving dinner.

However, this relative of the morning glory is a year-round staple. It is especially important in the diets of those in warmer climates, where it grows the best. For that reason, it is not surprising that the largest producers in this country are North Carolina, Louisiana and California. It is also a valued crop in other Southern states, as well as Texas.

The flesh of the sweet potato lends itself to such treats as puddings and pies — even ice cream.

GOLDEN SWEET POTATO SOUP
2 cups orange juice
2 cups chicken broth

1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and diced

- ½ cup celery, diced
- ¼ cup instant minced onion
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup half-and-half cream or milk
- ½ cup pecans, chopped (optional)

In a large saucepan, bring orange juice and chicken broth to a boil. Add sweet potatoes, celery, instant minced onion, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes.

Place one-half of the liquid and vegetable mixture into the container of an electric blender. Blend until smooth. Repeat with remaining liquid and vegetables. Return all soup to saucepan. Add cream or milk; heat until hot. Serve sprinkled with pecans, if desired. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 servings.

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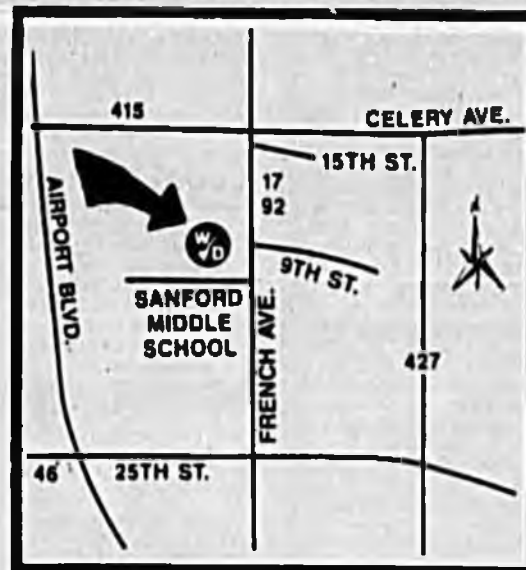


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WEDNESDAY'S PRIME TIME

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	News	NBC News	Current Affairs	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries (in Stereo)	Night Court	Dear John	Quantum Leap - Private Dancer: October 6, 1979	News	Tonight Show		
6	News	News	CBS News	Made in Heaven (in Stereo)	48 Hours: Back on the Streets (in Stereo)	Jake and the Fatman	and 'Thal's Life'	WIDU: Three Women and a Baby (in Stereo)	News	America Tonight		
9	News	ABC News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wander	Designing Women	Anything but Love	Equal Justice: Who Speaks for the Children?	News	Nightline		
24	Sesame Street	Wild America	Machos/Let's Hear Now	NewsHour	American Playhouse: Into the Woods (Season Premier)	(in Stereo)				Today in the Legislature		
35	Growing Pains	NewsHour	Cherry	Night Court (Part 1 of 2)	A Breed Apart (1984, Drama)	Ruiger Haer.	Hunter			Armed and Single: Rick Astley (in Stereo)		
52	Herman's Head	Believers	Lifestyles	Zola Levitt	Frederick K. Price	Good Life	700 Club			Solo Act		
55	News	Robert Triffin		Key Arthur	Native	Message	700 Club			Praise the Lord (Live)		
56	News	"A Stranger Passed This Way"	Sports Legends	Elmer and Franklin (1976, Drama)	Edwards (Part 2)	Republic Theater: The Arizona Cowboy (1950)	News	NewsHour				
58	We Love Lucy	Charles in Charge	Love Connection	Love Connection	Contract, Buddy Ebsen		Love Lucy: Honey-moons	All in the Family		Sony Hill		
ALB	Avengers	Survival	Air Power	20th Cent.	Battle Line	Our Century: P.O.W. - Americans in Enemy Hands		Robert Culp				
ALM	1:30 Meet John Doe	Shoe Business (1984, Musical)	Edgar Allan Poe	Cockeyed Cavaliers (1934)		The Yagobad: A Lover (1939)						
BET	Video LP	Soft Notes	Our Voices: From L.A.	Oranmads	Screen Sc.	Video Star (R)		Oranmads	Screen Sc.			
FAM	Our House	Scarecrow and Mrs. King	Rhubarb (1981, Comedy)	Ray Milland			700 Club	Scarecrow and Mrs. King				
CNN	World Today	Moneyline	Crossings	PrimoNews		Larry King Live	Evening News	Moneyline	Sports			
DSC	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush		Superburgers		Beat, Home				
DISC	Reynold 3000	Hendrixx	Manhole	Whores	Sport	Wings	Nature	Tidbits	Tomorrow	Invasion		
DIS	Disney's Totally Minnie	Eyepers	Danger Bay	Monkeys, Go Home! (1987)		Migamba (1953)	Clark Gable (in Stereo)					
ESP	Inside PGA: Up Close	SportsCenter	Final Four	College Basketball: NY - Third Round			Leg. of Basket.	SportsCenter				
FNN	High Tech	Real Estate	Entrepr.	Profiles	Money Talk	Focus	Business Leaders	Entrepr.	Profiles	Ltd. Edit.	Focus	
HNO	Seems Like Old Times	(1980, Comedy)	Golden	Men Don't Leave (1990, Comedy-Drama)	Jessica Lange, Anis Howard (in Stereo)	PG-13		One Night Stand (R)	Greenwood, Vanessa Angel (in Stereo)			
LIFE	Suggest	TV Post	L.R.	Dust	Armed and Dangerous (1986)	John Accidents (1988)	Suspense	Cutting Class (1989)				
MAX	Not as a Stranger	News on the Run	(1990, Eric Idle, Robbie Coltrane (in Stereo))	PG-13	Candy, Eugene Levy (in Stereo)			Edward Albert, R				
MTV	Pauly	M. Crosses	Comedy	Alex Winter	MTV Prime					Comedy	Booby	
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NOST	Our Group	Rackel	Dick Powell Theatre	Burke's Law	D.O.A. (1949)	Edmond O'Brien	Variety	Family				
SHOW	Tells	Arnold Schwarzenegger (in Stereo)	PG	Cry-Baby (1990)	(in Stereo)		Comedy	Jan. Winters	(11:15)	Lover Girls	R	
SUN	College Baseball	Wichita State at Oklahoma State (Live)		Gryphons	Coaches	March Madness	College Basketball	Learning Matters				
TLC	Appetite	Cosmo	Cooking	Good Signat	Learning Matters	Builders	Tradition	Cooking	Tridage			
WGN	Charles	(Aldred)	Jeanine	Night Court	Where the Buffalo Roam (1980)	Bill Murray	News	Madonna	B. McFarlane	Encycl.		
WHR	Costy	Best?	Best?	Comedy	Quincy	Kojak	News	News	It Takes a Thief			
WTBS	B. Higbee	Griffith	Happy Days	Sanford	(8:05)	Master of the Game (Part 1 of 3)		(11:05)	Cool Hand Luke			

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BLONDIE

by Chic Young



BEETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



THE BORN LOSER

by Art Sanson



PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schulz



ECK & MECK

by Howie Schneider



TUMBLEWEEDS

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by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN*

by Jim Meddick



Surgery may relieve this knee condition



MEDICINE
PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife has been diagnosed with chronic chondromalacia patellae and has been told by her doctor she is headed for life in a wheelchair. Can you enlighten us and recommend appropriate treatment for this condition?

cannot be repaired or treated with anti-arthritis medicine, she may be a candidate for more complicated surgery to replace the knee with an artificial joint. Such an operation will enable her to walk and exercise normally.

DEAR READER: I think you misunderstood your wife's doctor. Chondromalacia patellae, softening of the cartilage in the kneecaps, is a temporary disorder that affects young people. It causes pain and stiffness of the knees. These symptoms are worsened by repetitive exercise, such as running and climbing stairs.

Treatment consists of rest, anti-inflammatory analgesics (such as aspirin and ibuprofen) and special leg-strengthening exercises. In my experience, the condition seems to be related to the rapid growth phase of adolescence, and I cannot remember a single patient who suffered any degree of long-term disability from it. In short, healthy kids outgrow it.

This is why I doubt chondromalacia is your wife's diagnosis, unless she is an active girl in her teens. In any case, chondromalacia patellae will not cause her to end up in a wheelchair.

On the other hand, your wife could have another disease, such as osteoarthritis, that affects her knees. This could progress to the point where she becomes handicapped.

I believe she needs an orthopedic surgeon to make a diagnosis. She may require arthroscopy, a procedure during which the specialist introduces a lighted tube into the joint and examines the lining to detect flaws and imperfections. Some cartilage damage can even be repaired through an arthroscope.

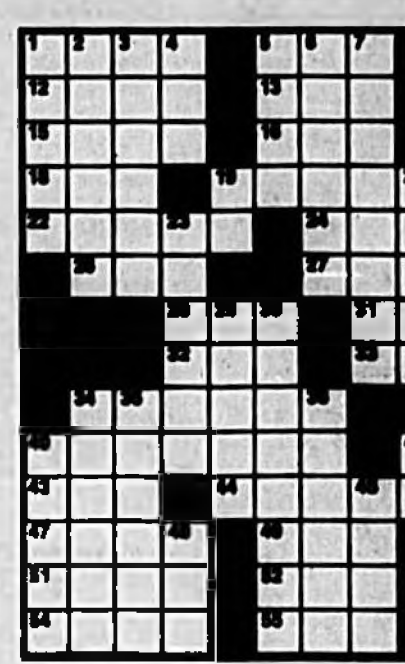
If, as I suspect, your wife has advanced osteoarthritis that

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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby
Everyone is told not to play immediately after the dummy is tabled. But even experts do not always take this excellent advice.

Place your thumbs over the East-West cards and decide how you would play in five clubs when the spade king is led. West having opened with a weak two-bid in spades.

This hand was played during the Cap Gemini Pandata World Top Tournament in the Netherlands last January. One East-West pair scored plus 790 in four spades doubled. Two North-South pairs tried six clubs, which was too high.

The other five North-South pairs were in five clubs. When West was on lead, a diamond would have defeated the contract immediately, but every West led a top spade.

Now you have to be careful as declarer. If you make the rea-

sonable assumption that you will lose two diamonds, your 11 tricks must come by way of five trumps, two top hearts, two established diamonds and two spade ruffs in dummy. But you have to watch out for your entries.

The correct play is to ruff the spade lead high in the dummy. Next cross to hand with a trump, ruff another spade high, east the A-K of hearts, discarding the last spade, and draw trumps. Finally lead a diamond to dummy's 10. You lose two diamond tricks, but that is all.

The same play works if North is the declarer and East leads the queen of spades.

One anonymous expert ended with egg on his face. As soon as the dummy appeared, he ruffed the spade lead low without further thought. He couldn't recover.

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NORTH 3-2-11

- ♦ 5 2
- ♥ K 7 5 4 2
- ♠ 10
- ♣ 8 7 5 4

WEST

- ♦ J 9 7 4
- ♥ 8 6
- ♠ Q 9 8 5 3
- ♣ A Q

EAST

- ♦ K Q 10 6
- ♥ J 10 9 3
- ♠ 7 4
- ♣ 9 6 3

SOUTH

- ♦ A 3
- ♥ A Q
- ♠ A K J 6 2
- ♣ K J 10 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All pass		

*Jacoby transfer

Opening lead: ♦ 3

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osol
YOUR BIRTHDAY
March 21, 1991

More opportunities than usual may come your way in the year ahead; put them to good use. And, don't make the mistake of thinking this trend is inexhaustible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're buying something expensive today, it might be wise to bring along a value-conscious advisor. There's a possibility that you may not recognize a bum deal. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to be more effective today, it's best to understate things rather than overstate them. Ostentatiousness or displaying poor taste could severely damage your image.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually, you strive to be realis-

tic, but today you might feel that the world owes you a living. Unfortunately, the world may not agree and disappointments are likely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you get involved in a pleasurable pursuit today, make certain you can afford what you choose to do. Make doubly certain that your cohorts are willing to pay their fair share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is not a good day to take important things for granted, especially where your career is concerned. If you get too complacent, it could lead to your downfall.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of assessing developments from a practical perspective, you might see things today as you would like them to be, instead of as they actually are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) For some strange reason today, you might feel obligated to someone to whom you owe nothing. This will be readily apparent to others, yet you'll be hard to convince.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If

you join forces with someone who treats an issue you take seriously rather lightly today, the results aren't apt to be notable. Be selective where allies are concerned.

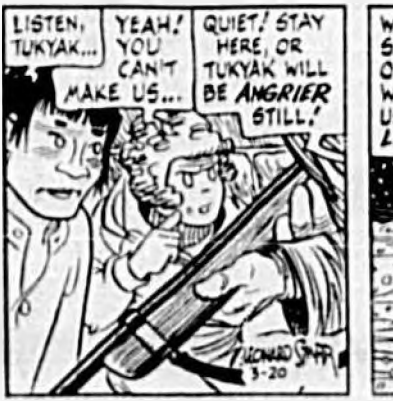
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You won't be plagued with a lack of imagination today, but what you conceive might count for nothing; you may be too lazy to translate ideas into action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be tempted to get involved with someone whom your better judgment says is best to avoid today. If you ignore your advisor, you may regret it later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to be successful today, you must manage your own endeavors through to finalization. Things you do not personally supervise could run amok.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This might not be a good time to start a program requiring self-discipline, such as dieting or a regular exercise routine. Wait until your resolve is stronger.

ANNIE



BLAM!

