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## Cable TV Firm Accepts County Deregulation Plan

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A representative of Seminole County's largest television cable company today endorsed the county's proposed deregulation of cable rates.

Stephen T. McMahon of Orange-Seminole Cablevision, which provides 23,000 Seminole County homes with cable service, said he supports the proposal to deregulate rates. But he hopes some action is taken to set a base from which all the companies operating within the county can work from.

County commissioners gave the go-ahead to Administrator Roger Neiswender's plan to link the allowable ceiling for rate hikes to the consumer price index. Only when a company increases rates above that level would a public hearing be necessary.

But McMahon said that formula could be unfair if the companies begin from different levels.

"It depends on where they are when you institute the rule," he said.

He said if one firm is charging \$11 for service and another is charging \$7.50, then the higher priced firm will be able to get larger increases.

McMahon offered support of the plan to tie increases to the consumer price index. "We would like some fair standard to go by."

The plan does seem to be a fair alternative to the unpopular system of public hearings, he said.

The result of the hearings, according to McMahon, is that rate hikes are spread out over several months.

He defended Orange-Seminole's application for a rate in-

crease. The firm's proposed 50-cent increase is a 6.5 percent increase over the \$7.50 rate that was set three years ago. The yardstick the county wants to use, the consumer price index, has gone up 34 percent in that time.

Neiswender said the idea behind the proposed ordinance is to get the county out of the business of regulating the cable industry.

The county's existing cable ordinance requires the commissioners to approve all rate hikes after public hearings. That plan, approved in 1973 during what Neiswender labeled "cable's infancy," also includes a franchise fee clause which has been contested by the cable firms.

County officials have claimed the current ordinance covers all revenues from pay television, advertising and other revenue, while the cable firms have said the 3 percent tax is

applicable only to their base revenues.

In the new ordinance, the county would apply the 3 percent tax to all revenues of the cable firms.

The designed effect of the new plan, Neiswender said, is to spur competition between Orange-Seminole, Storer Cable Co. and Evans Cable Co., the three firms which operate in Seminole County.

Neiswender's plan would allow at least portions of rate increases applied for by Orange-Seminole and Evans to go into effect uncontested.

Storer is seeking a \$2 increase in its monthly base rate for 12-channel service from \$5.50 to \$7.50 and from \$6.95 to \$9 for 28-channel service. The firm also wants to double the current monthly \$1.50 charge for additional outlets.

## Altamonte-Storer Squabble Settled

Like jilted lovers, members of the Altamonte City Commission felt they were the last to know about a rate hike by Storer Cable Communications.

But commissioners and Storer representatives "kissed and made up" at Tuesday night's commission meeting once the air was cleared about what role the commission would play, if any, on future cable television rate hikes.

"We had no intentions of trying to come in the back door with a rate hike," Storer's Pete Freeauf explained to the commission. "But we were under the impression the City Commission preferred not to get involved in rate changes."

Freeauf, Storer's central Florida area manager, said that the company thought it was going about a rate hike in the proper manner when it notified the commission June 28 of a rate hike scheduled to take effect Aug. 1. But commissioners were caught off guard and were unable to field questions from city residents when they read about the planned rate hike in news reports before receiving official notification from Storer.

"It caught me off balance," Commissioner Cheney Colorado told Freeauf. "It was difficult to get up in the morning and read about an increase. I wasn't informed and didn't know what to tell people when they called about it."

Freeauf apologized for the lack of communication and graciously accepted polite, but firm, remarks about the quality of Storer's service and future rate hikes.

Each commissioner lauded Freeauf for the quality of service provided by Storer, but asked to be kept better informed about any future rate hikes.

Storer began service in Altamonte Springs in March of 1979 and has not had a rate increase since striking the original franchise agreement with the city.

Beginning August 1, Storer's 5,600 Altamonte customers will see a monthly increase on basic billing of \$2.05. The present \$6.95 monthly fee will increase to \$9. Additional channel fees will increase from \$8 to \$9.50 monthly. Storer's initial hookup charge will go up from \$9.95 to \$15. The cost of adding cable to a second television set will increase from \$5 to \$10.

Several commissioners expressed surprise at the size of the increases, but Freeauf pointed out that Storer has not had an increase in over three years.

"Rate changes are never popular," Freeauf said. "If rates are too high you lose subscribers, if they're too low you lose revenues."

City ordinances prohibit Storer from raising its rates more than once every two years.

—JOE DeSANTIS



Herald Photo By Toni Yarborough

### FAKING IT

Employees and visitors at the Seminole County Courthouse watch as Sanford and county firefighters battle an invisible blaze at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday. It was all a training exercise to test the effectiveness of the city-county mutual emergency aid pact. Sanford pulled up to the courthouse with two fire engines, a ladder truck and police cars for traffic control. The county offered its tanker as a standby to supply additional water, if needed, while Herndon Ambulance workers also responded to the scene. Officials said the test "went real well."

## Murder

### Altamonte Man Killed, Suspect Jailed In Miami

By TENI YARBOROUGH  
Herald Staff Writer

An Altamonte Springs man is being held in the Dade County jail today on a charge of first-degree murder following the shooting death of another Altamonte Springs man in Homestead, Fla. Tuesday night.

Thomas J. Farragher, 49, street address unknown, is being held without bond following his arrest in connection with the death of David Gene Buckles, 39, of 625 Little Wekiva Road, according to Metro-Dade police Sgt. Jim Retcliff.

"The victim was shot in the chest and then allegedly driven by Farragher to a convenience store in Homestead where Farragher told the store manager to call the police," Retcliff said. "The manager called police and Farragher surrendered himself and the weapon. He's in jail now for Buckle's murder."

Retcliff said investigators have not determined a motive for the shooting adding that their investigation is continuing.

Buckles, who is survived by his wife, Alleen, and their three children, was reportedly a buyer of gold and jewelry.

## Lake Mary, Seminole Can't Decide Who'll Fight Fire

By DONNA ESTES  
Herald Staff Writer

The fire departments from the city of Lake Mary and Seminole County clashed over the weekend over which should fight a brush fire on the 2,500-acre Overstreet development property at Lake Mary Boulevard and Markham Woods Road.

And the problem may arise again in the future because Lake Mary Fire Chief Jim Orioles today said his department will continue to respond to fires on the Overstreet property because the owner has asked him to.

While the woody area was still ablaze Saturday evening, county fire personnel looked over the situation, then turned the job over to Lake Mary volunteers.

The fire was ultimately put out, but not until a brush truck owned by Lake Mary was damaged and a neighbor put his

bulldozers to work.

The property involved is not within the Lake Mary city limits, Orioles said today. Several months ago, however, the property owner gave the department a generous donation and asked that volunteers protect his property from fire.

Neighboring property owners Frank and Lillian Griffin watch over the property at the owners request, and when they saw the Saturday woods fire immediately called the Lake Mary Department.

Mrs. Griffin is a former Lake Mary City Council member. Seminole Fire Department Battalion Chief Bill Kinley said a county fire engine was dispatched to investigate a report of smoke in the general area and discovered the fire.

In the meantime, Kinley said, the county dispatcher "canceled" the Lake Mary call, saying the property was in the

county's jurisdiction.

The Lake Mary department responded to the scene anyway with five volunteers. Another nine firefighters stayed at the fire station to respond if needed.

Orioles said when the volunteers arrived at the fire, the county fire truck was blocking the entrance to the property and his men could not get their equipment to the fire.

At this point, Griffin showed up with his bulldozer and told the county firefighters that he wished Lake Mary to fight the fire. County personnel agreed, noting that their fire truck was not normally used to battle woods fires.

Orioles said his men controlled the windward side of the fire while Griffin bulldozed the blaze on the other side.

As the flames died, the Lake Mary truck broke down and Griffin finished putting out the fire.

## Road Work Slated For Seminole

Nearly \$1 million worth of road repairs and improvements are scheduled for Sanford and Seminole County within the next month and a half.

However, according to state Department of Transportation officials, the work should not interrupt normal traffic flow in the affected areas.

In Sanford, MNJ Paving Division, Inc. of Jacksonville, will be widening and resurfacing portions of State Road 15 and U.S. Highway 17-92 to the tune of \$365,938.73.

Work will consist of the construction of storm sewers, small drainage structures, concrete curbing and gutters, sidewalks, road signs, traffic signals and lighting. Crews will be working in the area of Zayre's Department Store, State Street, Florida Avenue and 17-92 and Park Avenue.

The contract will be awarded within 45 days and work completed within 170 days.

Larry Flemming, engineer for the district office in DeLand, said no detours

will be needed during the work.

The low bidder for a 5.3-mile resurfacing project of State Road 46 in Seminole and Volusia Counties is Basic Asphalt and Construction Corporation of Orlando at \$545,428.93.

The project will include resurfacing State Road 46 from the Brevard County Line to one-tenth mile west of the Volusia

County line.

Included in the project will be the resetting of guardrails, installation of concrete handrails and reflective pavement marking.

The contract will be awarded within 45 days and work should be finished within 130 days.

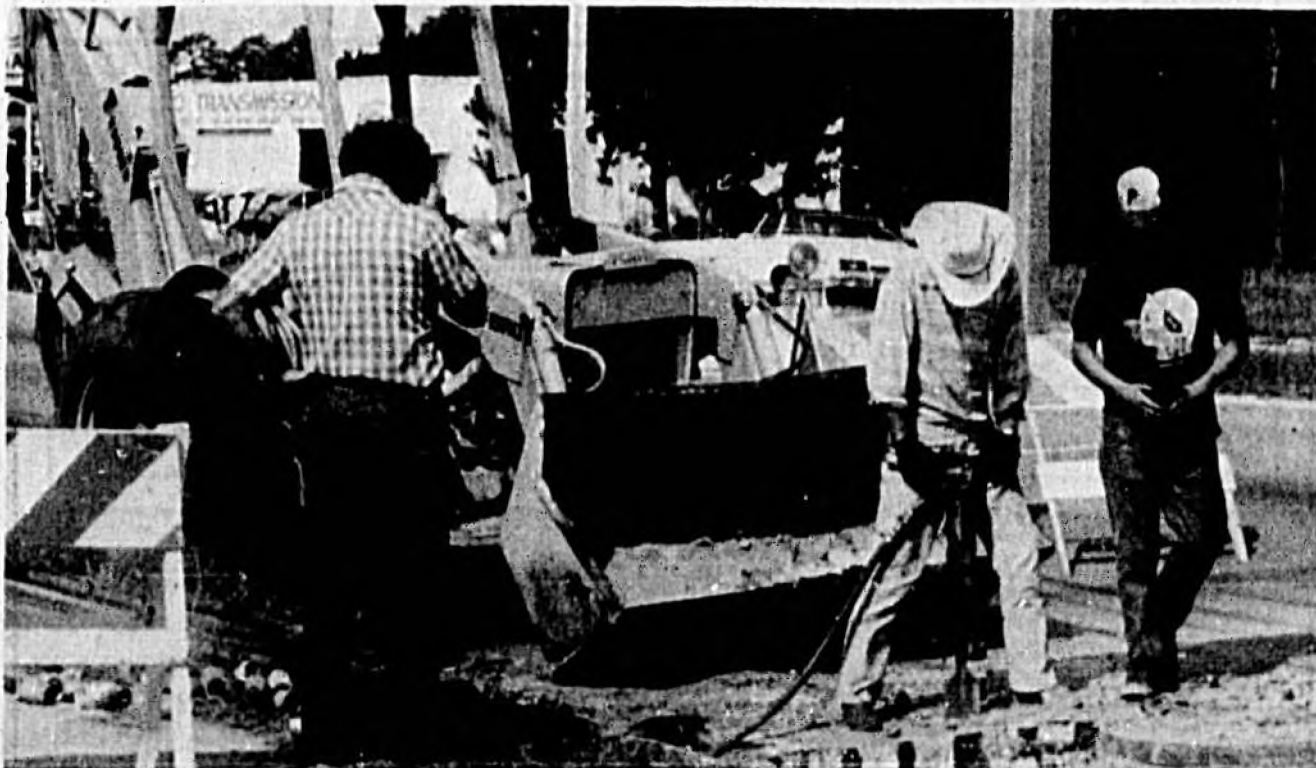
Flemming said no detours would be necessary on this project, either.

### TODAY

Bridge ..... 4B  
Calendar ..... 5A  
Classified Ads ..... 2-3B  
Comics ..... 4B  
Crossword ..... 4B  
Dear Abby ..... 1B  
Deaths ..... 2A  
Dr. Lamb ..... 4B  
Editorial ..... 4A  
Florida ..... 3A  
Horoscope ..... 4B  
Sports ..... 6-8A

Television ..... 1B

It's summertime and the living is easy. But deciding where to go on your vacation isn't. If you're like most Seminole County travelers, you'll go on a cruise, probably to the Caribbean. And you'll let a travel agent make all the arrangements for you. Make your plans after reading Herald Staff Writer Teni Yarborough's story in Friday's Leisure magazine.



Herald Photo by Tom Vincent

Road repair work like this will be a familiar sight around Sanford later this summer when the Florida Department of Transportation begins two

resurfacing projects along State Road 15 and U.S. Highway 17-92 and State Road 46.













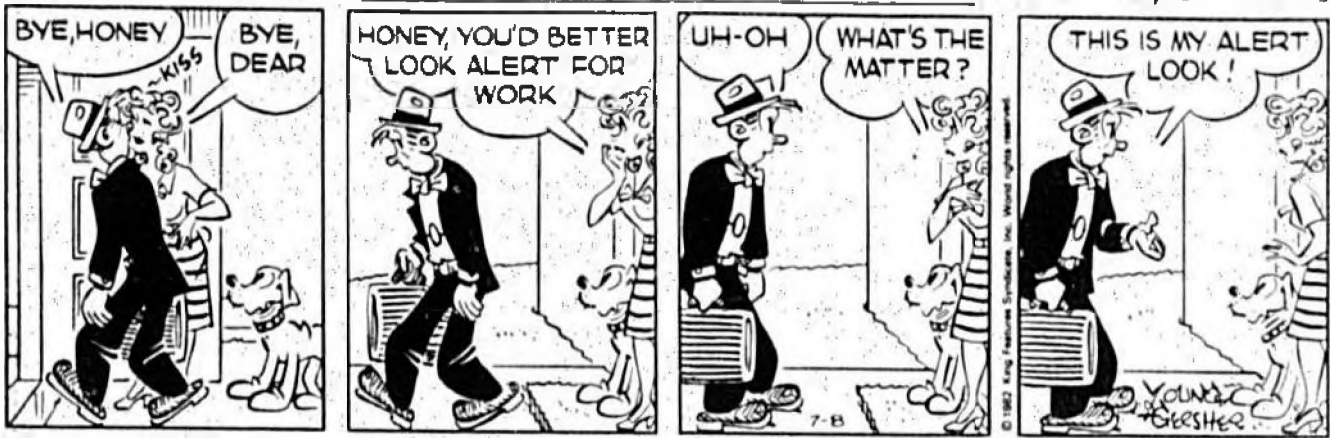






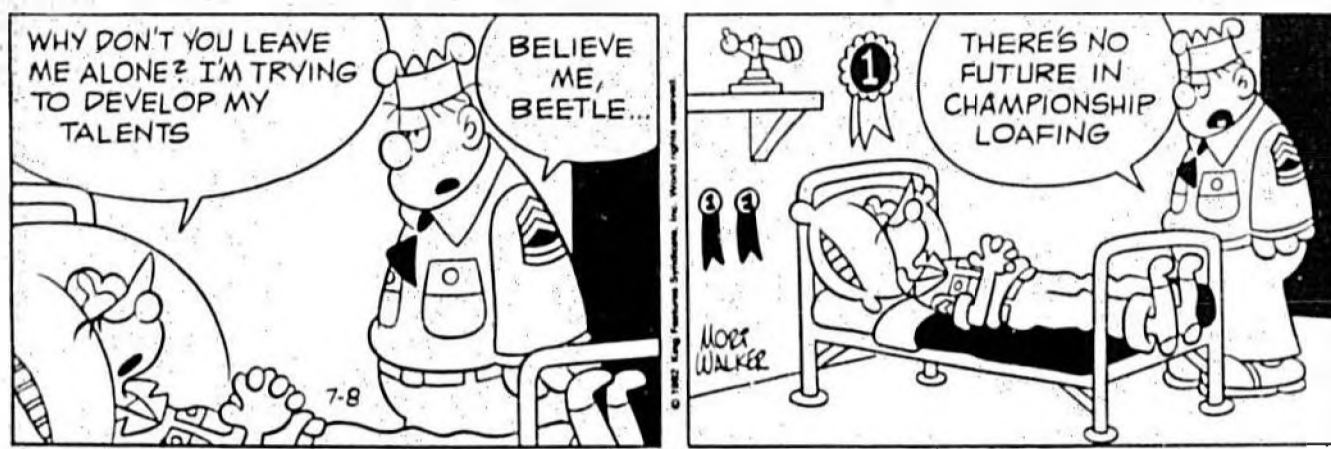






BEETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



THE BORN LOSER

by Art Sansom



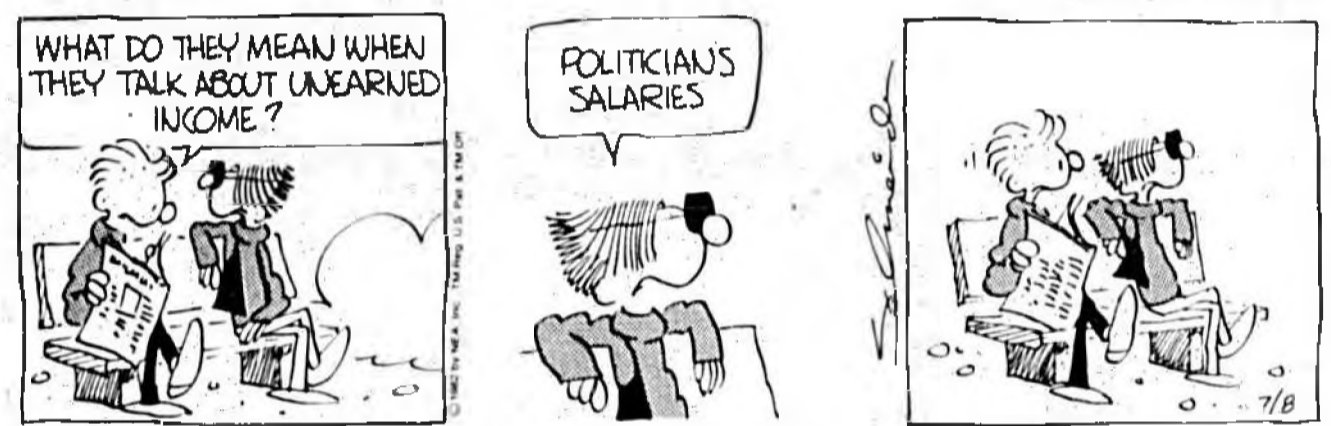
ARCHIE

by Bob Montana



ECK & MECK

by Howie Schneider



PRISCILLA'S POP

by Ed Sullivan



BUGS BUNNY

by Stoffel & Heimdahl



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



TUMBLEWEEDS

by T. K. Ryan



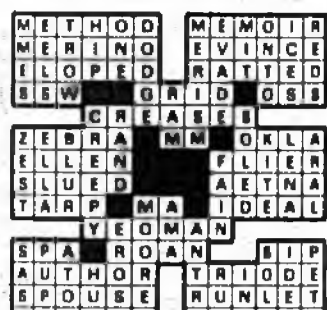
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13 Nevada city
14 Kind of bread
15 Surface
16 Entity
17 Jackie's 2nd husband
18 Affirmed
20 Pertaining to Lent
22 Work unit
23 Superlative suffix
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32 Disorderly crowd
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34 Pianist
35 Pay dirt
36 Ate prey
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40 Microorganism
42 Dictatorship

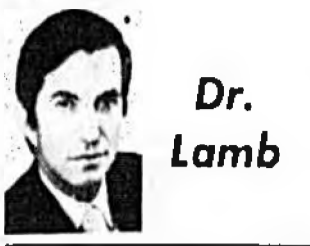
DOWN

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2 Past time
3 Words of denial
4 Destroyed
5 Menials
6 Hunker
7 Old-womanish
8 Is overfond
9 College group
10 Journey
11 German negative
19 Energy unit (pl)
21 Indefinite in order
24 Air pollution
25 Additional
26 Over (Ger)
27 Ousterous
29 English river
30 Greensward
31 Mere
37 Eye coverings
38 Strong cart

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Reader's Infant Son Allergic To Milk

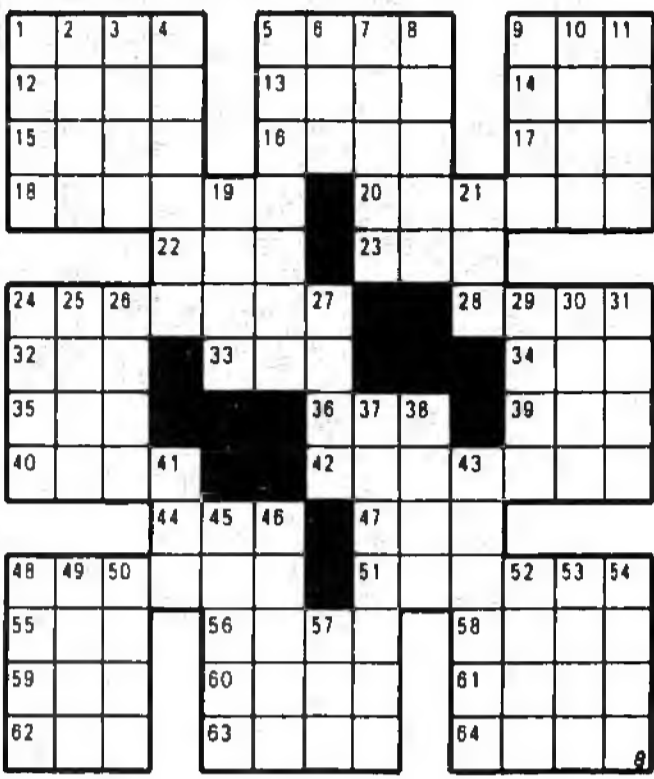


DEAR DR. LAMB—I have an 18-month-old boy who cannot tolerate milk or anything made from milk. It is a terrible problem since so many foods contain milk products.

DEAR READER—I usually write about lactose intolerance because it is widespread among adults and more people ask about it.

The other problem is a true allergy. The allergic reaction is to milk protein. This is most likely to occur in infants.

The best way to manage any allergy is to avoid the substance you are allergic to. In this case that means milk and all milk products.



HOROSCOPE

By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

For Friday, July 9, 1982

YOUR BIRTHDAY July 9, 1982. This coming year you'll greatly expand your range of interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Early in the day you may take things a trifle too seriously, but by mid-afternoon your attitude will be more relaxed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're very ingenious today in overcoming obstacles and turning negative situations into positive ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Regardless of what others may say, don't be afraid to think in grandiose terms today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Any ideas you get today which you feel could better your lot materially or enhance your career should be promptly acted upon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It wouldn't be advisable to gamble today in areas where you have to depend upon others, but you could do well

with a calculated risk which you personally control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be exceptionally lucky today from situations where your first concerns are for others, rather than for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You know how well you've been performing lately, so if you feel your work justifies it this is a good day to approach the boss for a raise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The type of friends with whom you'll be most comfortable socially today will be those who prefer conversation over physical activity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Assess situations logically today, but don't discount the way you feel about things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to divide your day between work and play. Schedule mundane matters first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are putting an important deal together today, don't rush it.

Now, growing children must have an adequate intake of calcium and the main source of it is milk.

DEAR DR. LAMB—My son is 14 and will start his first year of high school this fall. He has a speech defect and takes speech in school but this last summer his speech has really bothered him.

DEAR READER—He should be examined by an ear, nose and throat specialist for any possible anatomical problems.

WIN AT BRIDGE

cards, but the proper final contract is five diamonds.

WEST: 10 2 4 3 SOUTH: A 8 3 Q J K 7 5 4 2 K 10 8

Opening lead: 10

By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

Every issue of the ABTA quarterly includes an article by Gordon Knight. This one is a real gem.

GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

