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Today: Variably cloudy with a 60 percent chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the 90s.

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TODAY

Lottery winners

Winners from Saturday night's Florida Lottery purchased their tickets in Largo and Miami last week. There were three winning tickets matching all six numbers, scheduled to share the jackpot prize estimated at \$16 million. The winning numbers were 8 - 11 - 14 - 27 - 44 and 47.

There were 263 winners matching five out of six, each to win \$1,379.50. In addition, 14,664 persons selected four out of six for \$59 each, and 268,321 persons selected three of the winning numbers for \$4 each.

A new program starts this week called the Perfect Summer. Players who purchase at least \$5 worth of Florida Loto Tickets will receive a mail-in coupon to qualify for a Caribbean cruise.

Altamonte fatality

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — A traffic accident Sunday near the intersection of Wymore Road and Lake Destiny Drive in Altamonte Springs resulted in the death of Cass Timothy Pennington, 19. A front-seat passenger, Spencer Nield, 18, was listed in critical condition Monday at Orlando Medical Center.

A rear-seat passenger, Eric Nield, 27, was also hospitalized and listed in stable condition. All three were from Orlando.

According to Altamonte Springs police, Pennington's 1985 Chevrolet Camaro crashed into a tree and caught on fire.

The case is still under investigation by traffic homicide investigator Willett. The cause remains undetermined.

Theft of time

WINTER SPRINGS — Marjorie Noel Bartlett, 33, of Winter Springs, has been arrested on charges of grand theft. Bartlett was office manager for Key Sports in Winter Springs.

The business owner, John Katker, was supposed to have 30 Free Style watches delivered to his business in April. In June, he reportedly received a call to verify delivery of the watches. Winter Springs police said he had no knowledge and traced the matter, eventually finding Bartlett's signature on the receipt for the watches, which had been delivered.

Katker notified police who launched an investigation.

Bartlett has now been arrested and police managed to recover the watches which will be placed into evidence.

Lake Mary P&Z

LAKE MARY — The City of Lake Mary Planning and Zoning Board meets tonight, July 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda include consideration of an amendment to the city's sign ordinance regarding real estate/leasing signs. Also, a site plan review for a parking lot extension for the 600 building at Business Center Drive.

There will also be an accessory users ordinance and various reports.

Lake Mary's P&Z meeting will be held in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.

The wild side

SANFORD — The Central Florida Zoological Park is fast approaching one of its top events of the year. Black Tie on the Wild Side VIII will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Omni Rosen Hotel, 9840 International Drive, in Orlando.

The evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m., includes a reception, silent auction, gifts, trips, animal-themed art, and many other activities.

Individual tickets are \$125 per person with corporate tables for ten at \$1,750.

For reservations or additional information, phone 323-4450, ext. 112.

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Life is short, art long, opportunity fleeting, experience treacherous, judgement difficult. — HIPPOCRATES

From school to work



Students from Excel tour downtown Sanford this past week.

Students excel at combining academic, business skills before facing world of work

By MARIA OREM
Herald Staff Writer

Dressed in suits and ties, students interested in learning about business visited the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

About 47 students enrolled in the summer Excel Program at Seminole High School were treated to a glimpse of life in the business world during an orientation at the chamber.

Jo Talsey, office assistant at the chamber, spoke to the young people about self esteem and the importance of professionalism on the job.

"My motto is that you don't wait for your employer to tell you you are doing a good job, you need to pat yourselves on the back because you

know when you are doing a good job," Talsey said. "It has to come from within."

Talsey gave an outline of the functions of the chamber and offered an overview of some of the local businesses. At the end of the orientation, she had six students introduce themselves and discuss their future goals. Talsey gave the participants each a T-shirt and a poster from the most recent St. Johns River Art Festival.

"The kids were fantastic," she said. "They were attractive and well behaved and very professional."

After the chamber visit, the students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, visited local businesses in historic downtown Sanford and had a "Power Lunch" at the Marina Hotel.

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Load 'em up, move 'em out for Soap Box Derby nationals

By NICK PFENPAUF
Staff writer Emeritus

SANFORD — Winners of the June 7th Soap Box Derby in Sanford are preparing for the big event, the 60th annual All-American Soap Box Derby nationals, in Akron, Ohio, less than three weeks away.

In Sanford's 9th annual derby races, Joshua Welch of Mims won the Stock division, Billy Daly of Mount Dora took the flag in the Super Stock division, and the Masters division was won by Veronica Herman of DeLand.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Kirby said all three will be making the trip. Veronica Herman had participated previously in the 1995 races in Akron but was entered in the Super Stock division.

With their derby racers being shipped in advance, all three of the youngsters will be in Akron by August 2 to begin the week of activities which will include a variety of sports and nature-related activities.

According to plans, contestants will stay at Camp Christopher, known as Derbytown.

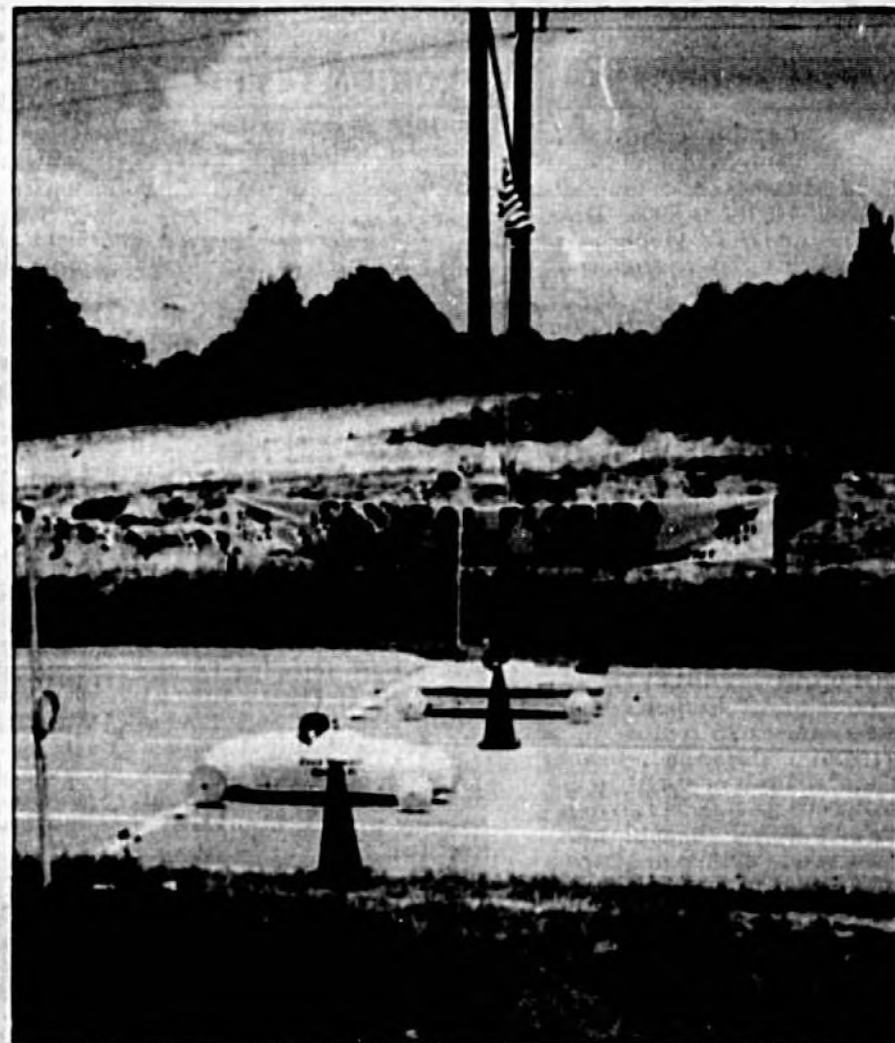
From the camp, they will be participating in the full week of derby camp activities. They will be joined by over 300 winners from derbies similar to that held in Sanford, across the nation and from various foreign countries. They will also participate in the Parade of Champions.

Following the camp, drivers and their cars will be going through a series of checks to determine the safety, weight, car construction and other needs.

They will also have the opportunity to make test runs on the world-famous 954-foot Derby Hill.

Winner of the Masters Division at the nationals will receive a \$5,000 scholarship while the Stock and Super Stock champions will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

To date, Sanford's winners have not taken top honors in the nationals, but Gary Olutch, a stock winner in Sanford's 1996 races, finished fifth. Actually, according to Kirby, everyone who is entered will have the glory of being in the "greatest competitive, international, racing event available to youth today."



Action was fast and fun as the 9th annual Soap Box Derby Race was held in Sanford last month. Now, local winners of the three racing divisions will be heading for the nationals at the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio.

I-4 corridor targeted for drug trafficking

From Staff Reports

WASHINGTON—After years of concentrating their illegalities in Dade, Broward and Monroe counties, drug traffickers are rapidly expanding operations to include other areas of the Sunshine State, including the Interstate 4 corridor, U. S. Senator Bob Graham said. He said he is determined to curtail drug activities in South Florida and shut lawbreakers down elsewhere

before they can make all of Florida their place of business.

Graham, a member of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, introduced legislation that would expand South Florida's High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) to include communities such as Sanford along the "I-4 corridor," an area that stretches from Daytona Beach on the Atlantic Coast to the Tampa/St. Petersburg area on the Gulf of Mexico. "Drug trafficking is no longer just

a South Florida problem," said Graham. "Families throughout our entire state, but especially in Central Florida, are being increasingly victimized by the scourge of illegal drugs. It is time to fight back with a massive, coordinated drug interdiction effort by the federal government, state of Florida, and local communities."

Many of the drug use and trafficking statistics from Central Florida are startling. In 1995, Orlando ranked fifth in the nation for

cocaine deaths per capita, and more than 1,500 teens between the ages of 12 and 17 years old. The following year, Orange and Ocala counties led the state in heroin deaths per capita. And in the first five months of this year, Polk County reported 701 police seizures of methamphetamines.

"Law enforcement personnel in Central Florida have repeatedly told me that they are being overwhelmed by the explosion of drug

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Nude news

Uncovering facts about county's nudity laws

By RUSS WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

Tonight, the confusion and misinformation should end when everyone finally will grasp all there is to know about public nudity and its relationship with the adult entertainment industry.

Definitive statements on the public nudity issue are expected from the county attorneys and the sheriff's department at tonight's (7 p.m.) public hearing by the Board of Seminole County Commissioners.

Commission Chairman Randy Morris said he eagerly awaits the conclusion of what he calls a "bizarre" episode in county government. Morris contends that much has been learned, and is still being learned by all the key players.

"There's been some very, very misleading information," Morris said. "We should know all the facts by the time we get through tonight. Our attorneys have learned a great deal and so has the sheriff's office."

The DCC began its activities with a 9:30 a.m. agenda review session, a 1:30 p.m. public hearing and finally, the 7 p.m. public hearing. The public nudity issue at the evening meeting is carried over from the June 24 adult entertainment hearing that did not end until 2:30 a.m.

More than 500 people came to See County, Page 5A

POLICE BRIEFS

Traffic stops

●Rickey D. Goettch, 43, of 816 W. Third Street in Sanford, was stopped in the driveway of his home by sheriff's deputies early Friday. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of cannabis.

●Patricia Perry, 40, of Deltona, was stopped by deputies Thursday at U.S. Highway 17-92 and Ninth Street in Sanford. She was charged with driving under the influence and failure to sign/accept a summons.

●Kimberly C. Agee, 31, of 2464 Markingham Road near Sanford, was stopped by deputies on E. Lake Mary Road near U.S. Highway 17-92 early Friday. She was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended Florida license, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended South Carolina license and obstructing an officer without violence.

●Richard William Miller, 33, of 1006 Gwyn Circle, Oviedo, was stopped on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford by deputies Friday. He was charged with driving under the influence.

●Christopher J. Nears, 35, of 1100 Cedar Creek Apartments, Sanford, was stopped by Lake Mary police on Rinehart Road Friday. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, no motor vehicle registration, unlawful use of a temporary tag, and failure to sign/accept a summons. After being taken to jail, it was determined he was also wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Domestic case

James B. Pope, 22, of 545 Orange Blvd., Sanford, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Thursday following a reported dispute with his wife on Wekiva Park Drive. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Passenger charged

Lonnie Pasacic, 26, of 810 Kangaroo Ct., Deltona, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. Pasacic was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and arrested at 5th St. and Pine Ave. Report said that Pasacic was a passenger in a car that was pulled over for improperly displayed tag.

Multiple charges

John Rouse, 26, of 100 Hughes Ave., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. Rouse was charged with burglary to an occupied dwelling, petit theft and resisting without violence. He was arrested at Dunbar Ave.

Domestic violence charged

Zakaria Eitayebi, 26, of 1816 Wintergreen Blvd., Winter Park, was arrested Saturday by Casselberry Police. Eitayebi was charged with battery (domestic violence) and arrested at his residence. Report said that he bit his wife on the finger and face.

Fraud to pawnbroker charged

Rubin Rivera, 40, of 277 Courtland Blvd., Deltona, was arrested Friday by Seminole County deputies. Rivera was charged with dealing in stolen property and felony fraud to pawnbroker. He was arrested in the 1000 block of Emmauska Trail. His arrest was part of an on-going investigation.

Drug paraphernalia found

Lucratia McIntosh, 38, of 1010 S. Holly Ave., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. McIntosh was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Police stopped a car that McIntosh was a passenger in for an improperly displayed tag.

Retail theft charged

Shawn Kane, 31, of 400 Commerce Way, Longwood, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Kane was charged with retail theft and arrested in the 300 block of Towne Center Cir. Report said that Kane took a cord from a tool and exited store.

Woman punched

Richard Hudson, 20, of 1905 S. Adams Ave., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Hudson was charged with battery (domestic violence) and arrested at his residence. Report said that he attacked and punched a woman for no reason.

Aggravated assault

Jose Rodriguez, 18, of 546 W. Clemson Dr., Altamonte Springs, was arrested Friday by Altamonte Springs Police. Rodriguez was charged with aggravated assault and arrested in the 200 block of W.S.R. 436. Report said that Rodriguez was an accomplice in an attack on some individuals.

Shirt concealed in a plastic bag

Matthew Martin, 18, of 114 W. St. Louis Ave., Eustis, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Martin was charged with retail theft and arrested in the 300 block of Towne Center Cir. Report said that he concealed a shirt in a plastic bag.

DUI on bicycle

Arthur Lipshire, 48, of 1817 Landing Dr., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. Lipshire was charged with DUI. Officer noticed Lipshire's car was riding a bike on the wrong side of the road and drunk as well.

Traffic stop leads to arrest

James Broccolo, 23, of 327 East 9th St., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Winter Springs Police. Broccolo was charged with possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia and arrested on S.R. 434. Report said that he was traveling 60 in a 45 mph zone. Items were found upon a search.

Man robbed while talking on pay phone

Miller Brown, 36, of 1003 Cypress Ave., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Sanford Police. Brown was charged with attempted robbery (strong arm). Report said that Brown grabbed a man on a pay phone and took his money.

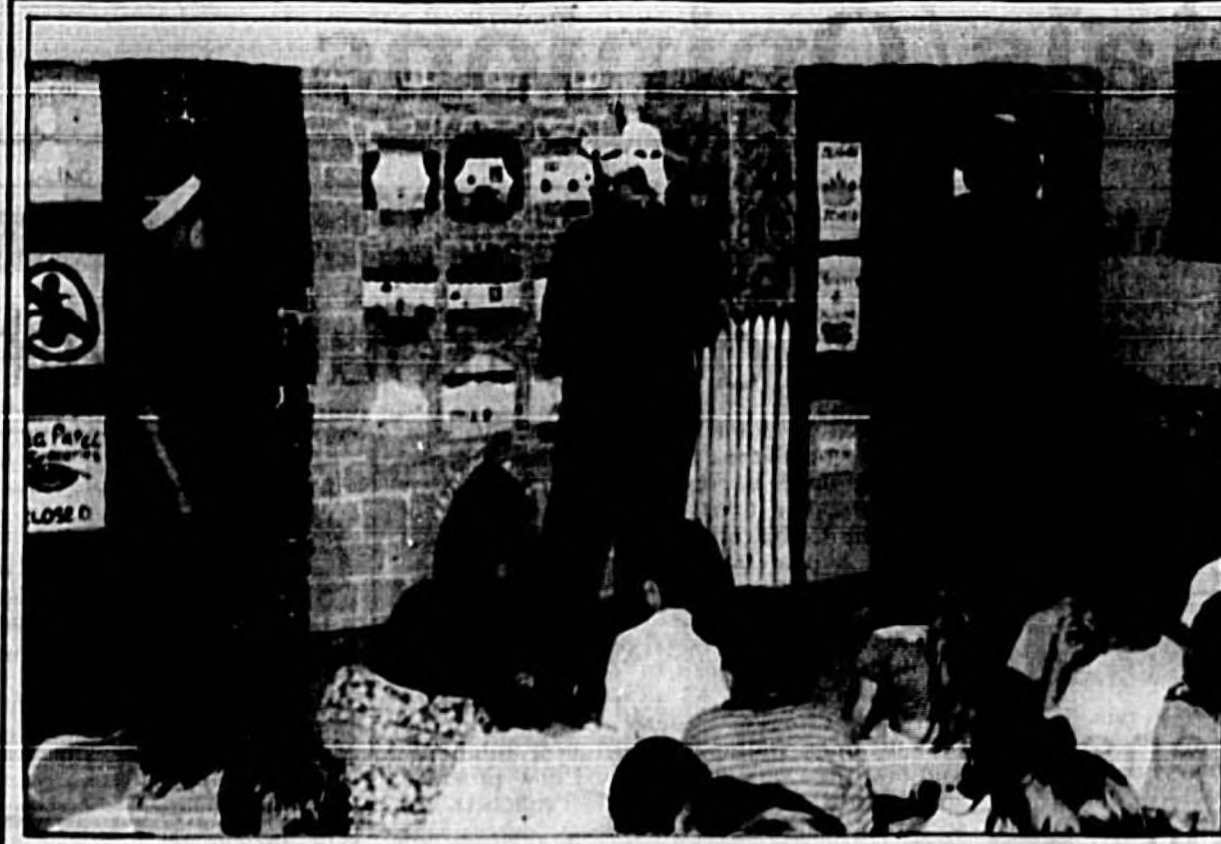
Cannabis found

Michael Bogard, 23, of 306 Rechelle Ave., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. Bogard was charged with possession of under 20 grams cannabis and arrested at Wayside Park. Report said that the area Bogard was arrested in is known for problems with prostitution, drug use and criminal mischief.

Johnny Daniels, 38, of 1705 W. 14th, Sanford, was arrested Friday by Sanford Police. Daniels was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and arrested in the 1400 block of W. 14th St. Report said that officers saw Daniels engaged in a drug taking technique called "shotgunning".

John Collins, 20, of 1705 W. 14th, Sanford, was arrested Friday by Sanford Police. Collins was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and arrested in the 1400 block of W. 14th St.

Michael Zambrano, 34, of 3119 Pickfair St., Orlando, was arrested Sunday by Seminole County deputies. Zambrano was charged with possession of under 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia and arrested on Airport Blvd. Officer pulled Zambrano over for an expired tag.



Flip Flop Follies

The Flip Flop Squad performed the Flip Flop Follies at the North Branch Library this past Thursday. The performance included songs, skits and stories. The troupe was comprised of four children's librarians from the Seminole County Public Library System. Members include Carol Melicher (East Branch), Holly Heldt (North Branch), Kay Watts (Northwest Branch) and Kay Hazzard (Central Branch).

World Photo by Tommy Vassell

Pay the Pied Piper, get down and funky

Almost anything - and every-thing - goes today.

Hard to imagine that it's Bob Dole's birthday. Rat Catcher's Day, the anniversary of John Dillinger's Death and Funk Awareness Day.

Let's begin with Bob Dole. The man who wouldn't be president is 74. They'll be celebrating in Russell, Kan., where former Senator Dole was born this day in 1923.

He is one year older than singer Margaret Whiting, who was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1924.

Other birthday parties today will be celebrated by actor Orson Bean (89), fashion designer Oscar De La Renta (88), actor Danny Glover (80), actor Albert Brooks (50), musician Don Mesley (80) and actor John Leguizamo (32).

Legend is that today is the day in 1376, when the Pied Piper of Hamelin answered the cry of the citizens of the German town which was plagued by rats. The Pied Piper is said to have pried the rats out of town and into the Weser River.

That's why today is called Rat-Catchers Day, a day to remember the rat catchers who labor to exterminate members of the genus *Rattus*, disease carrying rodents that infest most of the civilized world.

Funk Awareness Day recognizes the contributions that the primal, tribal, rhythmically radical sounds of funk have infused on the musical landscape.

It is celebrated on the birth of funk master George Clinton (Funkadelic/Parliament P-Funk All Stars. Clinton was born at Kannapolis, N.C., in 1941. May the groove be with all funk masters, people named Clinton and all the good funky folks in Kannapolis and Seminole County.

John Dillinger was killed on July 22, 1934 by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had watched *Manhattan Melodrama*, starring Clark Gable and Myrna Loy.

Dillinger was a bank robber, murderer and prison escapee and the first person to receive the FBI's appellation, "Public Enemy No. 1." After nine years in prison (1924-1933) Dillinger traveled through Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, leaving a path of blood and violent crimes.

Story is he was betrayed by "The Lady in Red" the day he was tracked down by the FBI.

Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (Fast of Tammuz) begins at the first light of day and commemorates the 1st-century Roman siege that breached the walls of Jerusalem. It's a Jewish holiday. Hebrew calendar date: Tammuz 17, 5757.

American psychiatrist Karl Menninger was born on July 22, 1893. Along with his father

and brother, he founded the Menninger Clinic and Foundation in Topeka, Kansas in the 1920's. The clinic provided a caring environment to ease emotional troubles. Menninger died on July 16, 1990.

Today's also Spooner's Day - the birth anniversary of the Rev. William Archibald Spooner, who was born in London in 1844 and died on Aug. 29, 1930 in

Oxford, England. Spooner was the warden at Oxford College and was known for his frequent slips of the tongue. These led to the coinage of the term spoonerism to describe them.

Many will try to emulate the scholarly man whose accidental transpositions gave us blushing cow (for crushing blow), tons of soil (for sons of toil), queer old dean (for dear old queen), swell food (for fell swoop) and half-warned fish (half-formed wish).



Today is...

BOB DOLE

How odd, Bob Dole was born on Spooner's Day.



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EDITORIAL

Common sense and decency

Seminole County Commissioners in a meeting this evening (7 p.m.) will tackle the possibility of a nudity ordinance. Many people are expected to be on hand with many hoping to voice their opinions.

We believe Commissioner Grant Maloy probably looked at the matter in the best light when he said it should be based on "common sense and decency."

Unfortunately, we believe common sense and decency are completely ignored when it comes to some of the people who may try to urge the commission to see it their way. Some business owners and/or managers believe that nudity, full or partial, helps them make money. They will want either no restrictions, or to have their establishments excluded from the ordinance.

Anyone who has driven northward on Interstate-95 (near St. Augustine) or on Interstate-75, has seen the full-sized billboards with generally four beautiful young girls' faces. In lettering two feet high or beyond, they advertise "Girls, girls, girls. Fully nude. X miles ahead. Open 24 hours."

It really gives people an impression of what may await them at the next exit. It certainly doesn't help improve anyone's image of the area they are approaching.

Do we want those billboards on Interstate-4 in Seminole County? Do we want people heading for the attractions to get that type of opinion about Seminole County? We think not.

On the other hand, we believe an individual should have some rights. If a person has an enclosed pool or back yard, and wants to sun bathe, that should be up to them, so long as it isn't within view of others.

In the same manner, what a person wears or doesn't wear in the privacy of an enclosed room, again, so long as others can't see in, should be their business, not government business.

Likewise, there are some who consider themselves nudists, and occasionally drive for hundreds of miles to have a weekend of relaxation at nudist colonies. If that's their lifestyle, we don't believe they should be restricted.

If nudity however, leads to clubs where the ultimate goal is of a sexual nature, it's something else, and should be carefully regulated.

We don't envy our county commission. Drafting an ordinance pertaining to nudity is going to be extremely difficult. Even if they believe they have all their T's crossed and I's dotted, the ordinance can be taken to court by almost anyone who didn't get their way.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. tonight in the Board of County Commission chambers.

At this point in time, the ordinance is still in the initial preparation stage. This may be difficult to do, but we strongly urge that whatever eventually is enacted, be as Maloy suggests, formulated with "common sense and decency."

Berry's World



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"Would not buying me what I want be considered a form of CHILD ABUSE?"

NAT HENTOFF

The deep trouble with school vouchers

Advocates of publicly financed vouchers for religious schools took heart when the Supreme Court on June 23 reversed one of its own precedents. The Court ruled that it does not violate the Constitution to send public school teachers -- paid by taxpayers' money -- into parochial schools to teach remedial classes to disadvantaged children.

In dissent, Justice David Souter warned that the decision would lead to "direct state aid to religious institutions on an unparalleled scale." But Mark Chopko, general counsel for the United States Catholic Conference, jubilantly said that the Court majority had now provided states with a "blueprint" for vouchers to sectarian schools.

His celebration, however, is decidedly premature, as is particularly illustrated by the arduous journey of school vouchers in Wisconsin.

With greater education and poverty problems than any other school district in Wisconsin, Milwaukee, starting in 1990, permitted any public school student to attend any non-sectarian school in the city at public expense.

Then in 1995, the state legislature and governor Tommy Thompson expanded the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program to include the use of state vouchers in religious schools. But any pupil can be exempt from a school's religious activity if the parent requests it.

Law suits were brought challenging the constitutionality of using public funds for sectarian schools. Among the plaintiffs were the American Civil Liberties Union, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the



His celebration, however, is decidedly premature.

Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association and the NAACP.

The consolidated case has been up and down the Wisconsin courts (the state Supreme Court tied 3-3), and so far the most influential decision has been made by Judge Paul Higginbotham of the Dane County Circuit Court in Madison. Higginbotham had based his decision on the state Constitution, but his findings have considerable relevance for the Establishment Clause in the federal Constitution. (No state or federal government can aid one or all religions, or prefer one religion over another.)

In his decision, the judge noted that the participating religious schools in the Milwaukee voucher plan "announced forthrightly that their mission is religious and that religious doctrine will be instilled in their students' (except for those opting out of

religious instruction -- but religion still permeates all the classrooms in those schools).

The judge presented a long list of these participating schools -- with direct quotes from them. For example, "The continuing purpose of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church and School is to go and tell the pure gospel of Jesus Christ for the conversion of unbelievers."

Said Christ Lutheran Church: "A prospective student whose parents are not members of a church will be considered a mission project." And so it went down the line of schools eager to share their saving grace with voucher students.

Judge Higginbotham declared that this voucher program violates the section of the state Constitution that prohibits "compelled support of religion." Furthermore, he said, the Wisconsin Constitution makes clear that no funds can be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of religious societies. ...

Higginbotham went on to emphasize that "perhaps the most offensive part of this voucher plan is that it compels Wisconsin citizens of varying faiths to support schools with their tax dollars that proselytize students and attempt to inculcate them with beliefs contrary to their own. We do not object to the existence of parochial schools or their attempts to spread their beliefs through their schools. They just cannot do it with state tax dollars."

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SARA ECKEL



Oh, I'm sorry. Did you say you wanted to see something that wasn't a guy buddy movie?

I am woman, hear me snore

Feel like seeing a movie? Let's check out your options.

There's "Men in Black," a movie about two guys who run around in black suits and fight aliens.

There's "Batman and Robin," a movie about two guys who run around in tights and fight criminals.

There's "Face/Off," a movie about two guys who trade faces.

There's "Nothing to Lose," a movie about two guys on a bad road trip.

There's "Con Air," a movie about a bunch of guys on a bad plane trip.

There's "Wild America," a movie about three guys on a bad camping trip. ...

Oh, I'm sorry. Did you say you wanted to see something that wasn't an action movie or a guy buddy movie? You say you want to see a movie that has more than one major female character? You say you want to see something that doesn't end with a tedious 25-minute chase? Well, then I hope you haven't seen "My Best Friend's Wedding" yet.

But chances are, if you have the aforementioned requirements, you HAVE seen "My Best Friend's Wedding." Chances are, you were one of the people who made this romantic comedy one of the most profitable movies of the summer. After all, what choice did you have?

Here's the good news for those of us who are weary of the annual summer testosterone rush: The blow-'em-up movies haven't done so well this season. Though there were definite hits like "Men in Black," there was a lot more bad news for studio executives. There were total disasters like "Volcano," "Speed 2" and "Batman and Robin." And then there were disappointments like "The Lost World" -- which started out strong but then suffered a very sharp decline in the weeks after it opened.

It all makes for nervous studio executives. "This summer's slate is shaping up, as possibly one of the most unprofitable in recent history," Michael Yocco of the media-research firm Kagun Associates told the New York Daily News late last month.

Hollywood producers made a couple of miscalculations this summer. First, they spent too much money. According to David Davis, vice president of the investment bank Houlahan, Howard and Zukin, several hundred million dollars more were spent on this summer's movies than on last year's. So even if box office sales end up equaling last year's, Hollywood is still in trouble. "It is possible that the return on the investment for this summer could be a debit," Davis told the Hollywood Reporter.

Second, they all made the same damn movie. And thus split their vote. Feel like seeing Nicholas Cage play a misunderstood convict? Then the world is your oyster. Feel like seeing a movie where two people have a conversation about something other than magnetic force fields or home-brewed explosives? Then you've got problems.

OK, I said the good news was that many Hollywood producers have realized that there was a slight glut in boy movies this

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ELLEN GOODMAN

Lives never as simple as sermons

BOSTON--My friend drops the newspaper story on my desk with a crisp announcement. "Well, here's another one for you."

"Another what?" I ask without looking up. "Another 'prom mom,'" he says grimly, in the generic language usually reserved for headline writers.

I pick up the paper and see another New Jersey dateline, another teen-age mother, another infant born and gruesomely disposed of in a bathroom.

This time the 16-year-old is not at a prom but at a bus terminal on an Atlantic City tour of casinos. What shall we call her: Casino Mom? This time the girl is not a local high school student but a Dominican sent to New York to stay with family friends. This time, most importantly, the 6-pound, 10-ounce baby delivered and abandoned in a toilet bowl is not yet dead and the charges are not yet murder.

My friend knows that I have been collecting these stories--some eight of them over the past year and a half. Not out of morbid tabloid curiosity, but with the hope that some sense will emerge from this senselessness.

A college freshman gives birth secretly with her boyfriend. The baby of a teen-age girl is found in her grandfather's garage. A 17-year-old's newborn is discovered in her gym bag. And of course, there is the New Jersey "prom mom," who left the dance floor to go into labor, dropped the baby in the trash and returned.

These are pregnancies that went unnoticed and unacknowledged even in their last months, even in prom gowns. These are girls who went through labor and delivery on their own. These are newborns, dead or alive, but all abandoned. And there are charges--murder, manslaughter, abandonment--all duly filed.

My friend has a cryptic explanation for these stories: evil. He offers it to me again, in a pre-emptive strike against my attempt to understand these mothers and accused murderers.

He is among the outraged who count the horror tales as proof of a throwaway society. The op-ed pages are replete with those who describe the "prom moms" as "logical" extensions of a sexually educated and liberated, pro-choice and planned parenthood shamelessness.

But I have been a journalist too long to believe that eight stories make a trend. I've been at it too long to think that something is new because it has happened now in a suburb. Glorinda Feldt, the president of Planned



Another prom mom, he says grimly, in the generic language usually reserved for headline writers.

Parenthood who has become fodder for the "prom mom" media mill, finds it "bewildering that people think this is a new issue." Or that they treat it as a libertine consequence.

Three hundred years ago, at the height of Puritan rule in Massachusetts, the elders feared a rash of infanticides. In 1692 they passed a law making it a capital crime for any "lewd woman" to conceal "the death of a bastard child."

Perhaps the real wonder isn't that we have strayed so far from our roots, but that we haven't in today's era of presumed access to sex education, to birth control and abortion, when pregnant teenagers go to school and single mothers raise children in the limelight, shame survives. Indeed, it's making a much applauded comeback.

It isn't shamelessness, but shame and its cousin guilt, dread and desperation that run beneath the refusal of some girls to acknowledge their pregnancy, their labor, their newborn. It is the psyche's ability to block out reality--what we call "denial."

One of the few who have actually studied "prom moms" accused of infanticide, Dr. Margaret Spinelli of Columbia Medical School, describes them as "very cut off." So cut off, so isolated, so emotionally disconnected that when they went into labor, they thought it was something they ate.

My friend does not want to hear me say that there is a difference between evil and illness, that understanding is not forgiving. I too believe that there are evil acts, people who just kill. But my "prom mom" file doesn't read like that.

It's filled with young life stories, each painful, tragic, different. Today I add another with a New Jersey dateline. I wait for the details with the absolute certainty that lives are never as simple as sermons.

County

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the June hearing and several hundred are expected tonight. County Manager Gary Kaiser had this morning authorized three canvas tents be staked outside the chambers. In anticipation of rain and an overflow crowd.

Adult entertainment proprietors and their attorneys want the county to back off and let them continue to operate as they have been.

Here's where much of the confusion begins - especially in regard to a First Amendment right that defines nude dancing as a form of protected expression. How can Seminole

County expect to regulate what is considered constitutionally allowable?

There are already several court cases involving the county and the adult entertainment industry and the costs are of major concern to many.

At this afternoon's hearing, the commissioners were expected to enact an emergency ordinance with a revised title necessitated by an adverse ruling by Circuit Court Judge Alan Dickey in regard to a new adult club that opened as the county was trying to write its new adult entertainment laws.

This ordinance pertains to the sale of alcoholic beverages

at unlicensed establishments providing adult entertainment.

This ordinance - as the public nudity ordinance - must be enforced by the Sheriff's Office. Officers would need to increase enforcement activities to ensure that the ordinance is not violated.

What Sheriff Don Eslinger - and the attorney from his department - have to offer at tonight's hearing is vital to the eventual decisions that will be made by the BCC.

Much new information has been gathered since the June hearing, information that will weigh heavily in the enactment of a public nudity ordinance.

Eckel

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year. The bad news is, that trend doesn't seem likely to change anytime soon. Though there have been a few women appointed to high-level positions in Hollywood in recent years, overall this is still an overwhelmingly male preserve. Consider a recent Director's Guild study, which revealed that 91 percent of all the directors hired in the United States last year were men (and, incidentally, 93 percent were white). So even if things improve next year -- let's be crazy dreamers and say women get 15 percent of all directing jobs --

it still looks pretty bleak.

Come on, guys, we're not asking you to do us any favors. We're not asking you to hire women directors and tell women's stories to be politically correct. We're asking because women have money and we like movies and if you make the right movies we will dig deep down into our little Kate Spade handbags and give that money to you. Now why is that so hard to understand? Send comments to the author in care of this newspaper or send her e-mail at aaraum@aol.com.

Hentoff

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Voucher supporters often make the point, however, that it is the parents who receive the public voucher money and then decide to give it to the school. Therefore, they say, there is no direct public aid to a religious institution.

But in 1973, the Supreme Court, in Sloan vs. Lemon, said that no matter how these state arrangements to religious schools are designed, "the State has singled out a class of

its citizens for a special economic benefit ... At bottom, its intended consequence is to serve and support religious institutions." That "violates the constitutional mandate against the 'sponsorship' or 'financial support' of religion or religious institutions."

Unless the Supreme Court has decided to entirely discard the Establishment Clause, the time has not yet come for the state to support religious schools. Nor should it.

Drugs

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trafficking in the I-4 corridor," said Graham. "We should not underestimate this threat. Drug pushers have an extensive communications network, almost unlimited funds with which to pursue illegal activities, and use high-tech equipment to avoid detection. Only by combining our efforts do we have any hope of stopping them in their tracks."

Nearly 10 HIDTAs have been designated nationwide to enhance the effectiveness of anti-drug efforts by bringing federal, state and local law enforcement agencies together as partners. Only those regions with the most critical drug trafficking problems are eligible. Graham's legislation would provide an additional \$5 million for the inclusion of Central Florida in the South Florida HIDTA.

trying to better equip the United States Coast Guard in its mission to interdict drugs at sea. He is a strong proponent of installing forward-looking, infra-red radar -- which can detect the small, quiet boats frequently used for drug running -- in Coast Guard aircraft on patrol in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico.

"Far too many drug traffickers escape capture because the Coast Guard doesn't have the tools it needs to locate them," said Graham. "That's unacceptable. If we ask Coast Guard personnel to take on the challenging and often dangerous task of corralling drug dealers, we owe them the equipment needed to do the job. They shouldn't be sent unprepared into the skies over the Florida Straits, Caribbean Sea, or Gulf of Mexico."

And Graham has been involved in efforts to make sure that American officials charged with the task of preventing drug importation aren't on the take from the traffickers. He has worked closely with Treasury Undersecretary for Enforcement Raymond Kelly -- a former New York Police Chief -- to improve the Customs Service's efforts in ferreting out drug corruption.

During a May 1997 International Narcotics Control hearing, Graham, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, suggested that drug enforcement agencies use measures currently employed in the intelligence community -- such as more stringent financial disclosure rules and more comprehensive reports of contacts with foreign nationals -- to discourage official corruption.

"We won't emerge victorious in the war on drugs if soldiers on the front lines are fraternizing with the enemy," said Graham. "It is vital that we send a strong message to those individuals who would violate their sworn duty and collaborate with drug dealers."

"Our children and grandchildren deserve the opportunity to grow up in neighborhoods free from drug pushers and the threat of violent, drug-related crime," said Graham. "The expansion of HIDTA won't eliminate the drug trade, but it will enhance our efforts to find and punish those criminals who are responsible for bringing drugs into our communities."



Kimberley Rauech, program manager for Excel Alternatives, Inc., and Terri Leisten, vice president of Excel review Sanford business directories with Excel students at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce.

Excel

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The recent tour was part of the Excel Alternatives summer program which offers students business simulation experiences. The summer division of Excel is headed by the Joint Educational Partnership Board and is charged with providing students ages 14-21 with business training.

The Excel program originally started three and a half years ago as a partnership between Seminole County Schools and the Private Industry Council of Seminole County for at risk students and has since evolved to include all those interested

in learning about business. About 375 students, from Seminole, Orange, Lake and Sumpter counties, are enrolled in the program.

Areas of concentration for the four-week summer session include academics, occupational experience, professional behavior management, and training on 21st century technology. As an incentive, the students earn a small income for the training, said Terri Leisten, vice president at Excel.

Leisten, who also accompanied the youths during their recent trip to Sanford, said the students also tour businesses, do "job shadowing," and those

over age 16 gain work experience.

Kids are assessed for their particular areas of interest which include community and human services, business and information management, engineering and technology and communication and fine arts, Leisten said.

Leisten said the program has a strict code and students are expected to act and dress professionally each day they attend. She called the trip to Sanford very successful and informative.

"The kids behavior was incredible," she said. "Put a kid in a suit and it's amazing."

DEATHS

EVA M. ABBY
Eva M. Abby, 67, Tucker Drive, Sanford, died July 21, 1997 at her residence. Born Jan. 22, 1930 in White Cloud, MI, she moved to Central Florida in 1965. She was a clerical worker and a member of Christ United Methodist Church.

Survivors include sons, Steve, Fruitland Park, Dennis, Hinesville, Ga., Richard, Sanford; daughter, Michelle Chaluc, Sanford; sister, Cindy Craigmyle, DeBary; eight grandchildren.

JOAN H. BETTS
Joan H. Betts, 61, Red Wing Drive, Lake Mary, died July 19, 1997. Born in Tishomingo, Miss., she moved to Central Florida in 1988. She was a homemaker and a Methodist. She was a member of the auxiliary American Legion.

Survivors include husband, Robert; daughter, Kelly Joan Crammer, New Jersey; mother, Carolyn Geer; one granddaughter.

Arrangements by Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary.

KATHLEEN M. DONOVAN
Kathleen M. Donovan, 89, Groveview Villas, Lake Mary, died July 21, 1997 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. Born Oct. 13, 1907 in Brooklyn, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1997 from North Carolina. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church, Brooklynn.

Survivors include sons, Frank, Lake Mary, Timothy J., Smithfield, N.C.; sisters, Julie Edler, Brooklynn, Josephine Couger, Long Island, N.Y., Ellen Cochran, Hilton Head, S.C.; four grandchildren; one step-grandchild; two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Gaines Carey Hand Garden Chapel

Funeral Home, Longwood.

JAMES H. HENRY SR.
James H. Henry Sr., 70, Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, died July 21, 1997. Born in Franklin, Ill., he moved to Central Florida in 1966. He was a manager for Brad Ragan tire recapping in Orlando and a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Helen, son, James H. Jr., Kissimmee; daughter, Sharon Henry Weaver, Winter Springs; sister, Emma Summers, Jacksonville, Ill.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Brinson Funeral Home, Sanford.

JOHN KOWULICH
John Kowulich, 71, East First Street, Sanford, died July 19, 1997 at Columbia Medical Center, Daytona. Born Oct. 15, 1925 in Elmira Heights, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1974. He was a carpenter and a Baptist.

Survivors include sisters, Mary Silwa, Helen Witherill, Irene Bump, all of Elmira Heights.

Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford.

JAMES LONG
James Long, 87, Elportal Avenue, Sanford, died July 18, 1997 at Columbia Medical Center, Sanford. Born Jan. 11, 1910 in Brownsville, Ga., he moved to Central Florida in 1992 from Rochester, N.Y. He was a construction laborer and a Baptist.

Survivors include wife, Aldine, Deltona; daughter, Emily Brinson, Sanford; four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford.

OPAL M. MAGGARD
Opal M. Maggard, 67, Sattsuma Drive, Sanford, died July 19, 1997. Born Dec. 1, 1929 in Easton, Maine, she moved to

Central Florida in 1954. She was a nurses aid and a Protestant.

Survivors include daughters, Katherine Dickerson, Lake Mary, Susan E. Bowte, Largo, sons, Tommy M., Lake Mary, seven grandchildren.

Arrangements by Beacon's National Cremation Society, Winter Park.

LEWIS SNELL
Lewis Snell, 85, Park Avenue, Sanford, died July 18, 1997 at Columbia Medical Center, Sanford. Born April 22, 1912 in Palman, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1952. He was a machinist for the United States Navy.

Survivors include daughter, Jacqueline Francis Nellis, Austell, Ga.; son, Robert, Lyons, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford.

FUNERALS

ABBY, EVA M.
Funeral Services for Mrs. Eva M. Abby, 67, of Sanford, who died Monday will be 10 O'clock Thursday morning at Christ United Methodist Church with Rev. Frank McKown officiating. Interment will be in Oaklawn Park Cemetery. Friends may call at Gramkow Funeral Home Wednesday from 5 until 8 p.m. Mrs. Abby is also survived by a beloved friend Arnold Murphy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, 408 Tucker Drive, Sanford, FL 32773. Arrangements by Gramkow Funeral Home, 500 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773 (407) 323-3213.

HENRY, JAMES H. SR.
Funeral services for James H. Henry Sr. of Sanford will be held on Wednesday July 23, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at the Brinson Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Waller officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Burial will take place in Waverly, Ill. Brinson Funeral Home, 905 Laurel Ave., Sanford, FL 32731.

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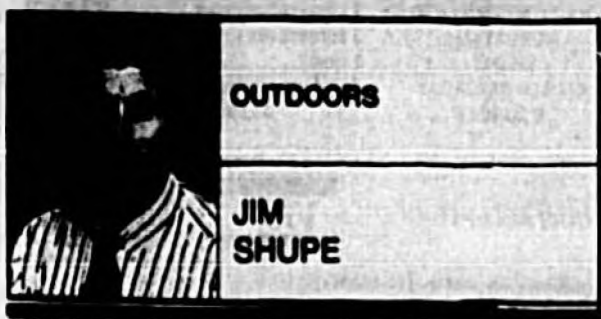
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Sports

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OUTDOORS
JIM SHUPE

Record flathead catfish caught

SANFORD — A Gadaden County angler has become the latest fisherman to catch a state record flathead catfish.

Jason Lee Brown, 24, of Chattahoochee, caught a 43.5-pound flathead May 23rd from the Apalachicola River. Brown caught the fish at 11 p.m. at the tailrace of the Jim Woodruff Dam.

The previous record flathead weighed 42 pounds and was caught by an Escambia County angler from the Escambia River in 1995.

Brown's flathead measured 41 inches in length, 28.5 inches in girth and was caught on a live bluegill. His fish becomes one of 33 freshwater species recognized in the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's Record Fish Program.

Four categories in the Record Fish Program remain open. They include skipjack herring, common carp, yellow bullhead and brown bullhead.

Brown's flathead was certified by Wildlife Officer Curt Perry on May 24 in Marianna.

SHUPE'S SCOOP

DIG CATFISH LIKE A BIG MEAL, AND A LARGE LIVE BAIT IS A TEMPTING OFFERING FOR A LUNKER CATFISH. I HAVE CAUGHT SEVERAL HUGE CATFISH ON WILD SHINERS INTENDED FOR BASS. ONE TIME IN PUZZLE LAKE I HAD HOOKED WHAT I THOUGHT TO BE A BASS OF RECORD PROPORTIONS, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE A 27-POUND BLUE CATFISH.

FISHING FORECAST

Bass action is fair early and late in the day. Fish slough mouths, sandbars, and other ambush points. Watch wading birds, such as blue herons, because they know where the bait is at. I have found many excellent bass feeding areas by fishing near the birds.

Sebastian Inlet is still featuring good catch-and-release snook action with fish in the 8-15 pound range. Large live shrimp and finger mullet are the top baits. Also expect flounder, redfish, small snapper, bluefish, jack crevalle, and a few tarpon.

Captain Jack at Port Canaveral reports that dolphin and wahoo are scattered offshore. King mackerel are active on BA Reef and Pelican Flats. Tripletail are biting live shrimp in the buoy line, and flounder and sheepshead are providing good action in the Port. Trout and redfish are rated as good in Mosquito Lagoon.

Sanford Gymnastics

Special to the Herald

SANFORD — Sanford Gymnastics (aka Broadway Gymnastics/Sanford) is back and kicking in a new way.

Not too long ago it looked like the local school was going to go out of business, but what a

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'Unknown' no more

Unknowns, Kathy's Baby Shop win V-ball titles

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — They may be called the "Unknowns", but they are hardly unknown to the rest of the Sanford Recreation Department Spring Recreational Volleyball League as they joined Kathy's Baby Shop as regular season champions Monday night at Sanford Middle School's Dan Pelham Gymnasium.

Kathy's Baby Shop (42-1) had the only undefeated record for the night's action as it moved over to the B/A League and went 4-0, including a 15-6 win over the Unknowns.

But that was only setback suffered by the Unknowns (26-10) as they went 3-1 on the evening and finished as the B/A League champions by 12 games over Family Matters (14-22).

The league's will play a post-season tournament next Monday night starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Gymnasium.

The Organizational Meeting for the Fall Co-Ed Recreational and Power Volleyball Leagues will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6th at the Sanford Recreation Department's Downtown Youth Center, located on the first floor of Sanford City Hall on the corner of Park Avenue and Seminole Boulevard on the lakefront.

In addition to its win over the Unknowns, Kathy's Baby Shop had little trouble in it other three wins, disposing of Westview Baptist Church #2 15-5, Family Matters 15-4 and C.E.S. 15-0.

The Unknowns did not have an easy time of it, but were right behind Kathy's Baby Shop with victories over Westview Baptist Church #2 16-14, C.E.S. 15-8 and Family Matters and 15-10.

Westview Baptist Church #2 also had a .500 night, beating Family Matters 15-6 and C.E.S. 15-8.

The other B/A League win on the night was posted by Family Matters 15-11 over C.E.S.

Ladies of the Court, Plus 2 and Beer:30 had the best night's in the A League as they both went 4-1. It was especially important for Ladies of the Court, Plus 2 as their evening's work earned them a second place finish in the A League behind Kathy's Baby Shop. LoC trailed the YKnots entering this week, but the YKnots struggled through a winless night.

Ladies of the Court, Plus 2 came up with wins over Sanford Church of God 11-3, Westview Baptist Church #1 11-6, Hopkins Meats A-Team 11-6 and the YKnots 11-4.

Beer:30 earned its big night with victories over Ladies of the Court, Plus 2 11-3, Sanford Church of God 11-7, Hopkins Meats A-Team 11-5 and the YKnots 11-0.

The Hopkins Meats-A Team and Westview Baptist Church #1 were right behind the top two A League teams last night as they both went 3-2.

Hopkins Meats A-Team claimed wins over the YKnots 11-4, Sanford Church of God 11-7 and Westview Baptist Church #1 11-1.

Westview Baptist Church #1 collected wins over the YKnots 11-2, Sanford Church of God 11-9 and Beer:30 11-7.

The other victory was an 11-9 nail-biter by Sanford Church of God over the YKnots.

The final records from Monday's games were:
A League — Ladies of the Court, plus 2 and Beer:30 (both 4-1), Hopkins Meats-A Team and Westview Baptist Church 1 (both 2-3), Sanford Church of God (1-4) and YKnots (0-5).

B/A League — Kathy's Baby Shop (4-0), Unknowns (3-1), Westview Baptist Church II (2-2), Family Matters (1-3) and C.E.S. (0-4).

The final regular season standings after nine weeks are:

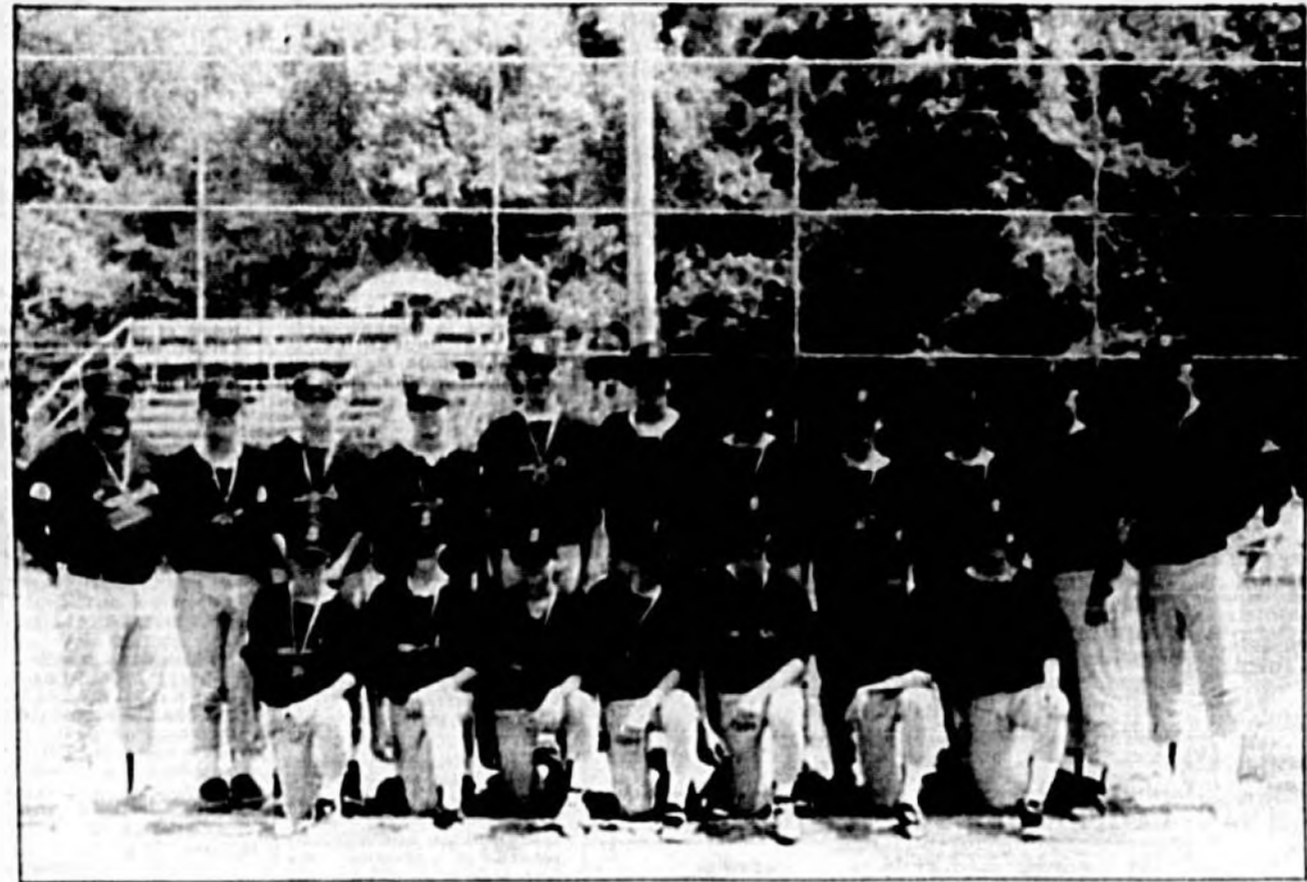
A League — League Champions: Kathy's Baby Shop (42-1), Ladies of the Court, plus 2 (30-14), YKnots (27-17), Hopkins Meats-A Team (25-18), Westview Baptist Church I (21-23), Beer:30 (18-26) and Sanford Church of God (7-37).

B/A League — League Champions: Unknowns (26-10), Family Matters (14-22), Westview Baptist Church II (10-26) and C.E.S. (7-29).

A LEAGUE
Hopkins Meats 11, Westview Baptist Church #1 11
Beer:30 11, Sanford Church of God 7
Westview Baptist Church #1 11, YKnots 1
Ladies of the Court, Plus 11, Sanford Church of God 1
Sanford Church of God 11, YKnots 7
Beer:30 11, Ladies of the Court, Plus 11
Hopkins Meats 11, Sanford Church of God 7
Ladies of the Court, Plus 11, Westview Baptist Church #1 8
Ladies of the Court, Plus 11, YKnots 8
Beer:30 11, Hopkins Meats 8
Westview Baptist Church #1 11, Beer:30 7
Hopkins Meats 11, YKnots 4
Westview Baptist #1 11, Sanford Church of God 9
Beer:30 11, YKnots 8

B/A LEAGUE
Unknowns 16, Westview Baptist Church #1 16
Kathy's Baby Shop 16, Unknowns 8
Kathy's Baby Shop 16, C.E.S. 4
Westview Baptist Church #1 16, I.E.S. 8
Unknowns 16, C.E.S. 9
Family Matters 16, C.E.S. 11
Westview Baptist Church #1 16, Family Matters 8
Unknowns 16, Family Matters 16
Kathy's Baby Shop 16, Family Matters 8
Kathy's Baby Shop 16, Westview Baptist Church #1 11

LOOKING FOR A STATE TITLE



Members of the Seminole PONY All-Stars are (left to right): Top row—Coach Butch Petraccia, Angelo Petraccia, Anthony Razzani, Scott Lehman, Chase Rozell, Uriah Kimmig, Robert Yero, Jason Wolf, Kyle Summerville, assistant coach Louis Yero, and assistant coach Bob Summerville; Bottom row—Matt Duxbury, Chris Krall, D.J. Sekley, Dominic Petraccia, Billy Zane, Matt Fraysier, and Ben Zaltsberg.

Seminole Pony's take hopes to Miami for state championships

Special to the Herald

FIVE POINTS — The Seminole PONY (Protect Our Nation's Youth) Baseball Pony Division (13-14 year-olds) All-Stars hope that a three-week layoff will not affect them as they take part in the Florida PONY Baseball State Tournament in Miami this week.

The Seminole PONY All-Stars coasted to the District 4 Tournament championship with three relatively easy victories in the tournament that was held at the Seminole PONY Baseball Complex back on June 24-28.

In that tournament, the Seminole PONY All-Stars defeated the West Volusia PONY All-Stars 5-3, the Bear Creek PONY All-Stars 11-1 and the Orlando PONY SAY "A" All-Stars 8-1 to collect the title.

The Seminole PONY All-Stars are led by head coach Butch Petraccia and assistant coaches Bob Summerville and Louis Yero and the team is made up of Angelo Petraccia, Anthony Razzani, Scott Lehman, Chase Rozell, Uriah Kimmig, Robert Yero, Jason Wolf, Kyle Summerville, Matt Duxbury, Chris Krall, D.J. Sekley, Dominic Petraccia, Billy Zane, Matt Fraysier, and Ben Zaltsberg.

SRD to conduct several coaches meetings

By DEAN SMITH Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department will host a pair of coaches meetings over the next week to discuss important improvements to the youth basketball and softball league's.

Tomorrow night, Wednesday, July 23rd, the SRD will hold a meeting for anyone interested in coaching in the youth basketball league. Among the items on the agenda will be the introduction of Barry Mistel as a collaborator with the league.

Mistel, who has been associated with the Altamonte Springs Basketball Academy, will be starting the Sanford Basketball Academy in cooperation with the Sanford Recreation Department.

The recreation league's will still be run under the direction of SRD employees Jim Schaefer and Tom Kelly, but Mistel will be here to help improve the league in different ways.

Next Monday night (July 28), Kelly will host a meeting for those interested in coaching in the Girls' Fastpitch Softball League that will be starting up this fall. This will be an important addition to the SRD offerings as all high school and college softball teams now play fastpitch softball and it is important for the girls to get as early a start as possible.

The Sanford Recreation Department has not forgotten the adults as it will also host organizational meetings for its Fall Co-Ed Recreational and Power Volleyball Leagues and Fall Softball League's (Men's, Co-Ed, Women's and Church) on Wednesday, August 6th.

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Florida Sports Hall of Fame Fantasy Auction tonight

Special to the Herald

LAKE CITY — Christmas will come early this year for Florida sports fans as they will get a chance to bid on items from football memorabilia to water-skiing trips at tonight's Florida Sports Hall of Fame's 1997 Fantasy Auction.

The auction, to be televised on the Sunshine Networks, is truly a sports fan's fantasy.

Memorabilia such as 3D art of football great Joe Montana, Michael Jordan's game-worn and autographed jersey and a Florida Gators National Championship signed football are expected to delight bidders.

A variety of tickets are also available, from the NASCAR Winston Cup Sears DieHard 500 at Talladega Motor Speedway to the Super Bowl.

Even if you're not a sports fan, you won't want to miss your

chance to bid on a 1997 Toyota Camry. Bidders could also try for a three-day stay at the PGA National Resort and Spa or vacations in Orlando, Daytona Beach or Maine.

The real fantasy, however, is in a series of specialized packages. Participants may shoot a game of HORSE and have lunch with Dick Vitale; play a round of golf with PGA legend Tommy Bolt at the exclusive Black Diamond Ranch;

or watch a Jacksonville Jaguars home game from the broadcast booth, with a pre-game visit to the warm-up field.

"We've definitely got something for everyone," said Laurel Ring, the Fantasy Auction director. "There are many times you just can't find anywhere else."

The Fantasy Auction is an annual fundraiser for the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame, located in Lake City, is

dedicated to acknowledging excellence in Florida sports and preserving items of historical interest. Members of the Hall of Fame include baseball great Ted Williams, pro football player David "Deacon" Jones, golf master Arnold Palmer, and tennis champ Chris Evert.

The auction will be held from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. with Mick Hubert, voice of the Florida Gators; Scott Atwell, from the Florida State University broad-

cast team; Barry Milligan, from the Sunshine Network; and David LaMont, Florida Marlins analyst, doing the announcing. The sponsor for the past four years, Dairy Farmers Inc., will be joined this year by Southeast Toyota.

Viewers are encouraged to call in and bid for items. The number to call for bidding is 1-800-828-1813. Payments may be made by check, money order, or credit card.

BLONDIE by Chic Young

DAGWOOD: I'M SORRY ABOUT THE WAY I'VE BEEN TREATING YOU, AND I'M GOING TO START BEING NICE. WHEN?

WITHIN A FEW MONTHS I DON'T LIKE TO JUMP INTO THINGS.

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

BEETLE! HOLD IT, SARGE... AS ANONYMOUS SAID, "IT OFTEN SHOWS A FINE COMMAND OF LANGUAGE TO SAY NOTHING."

YOU CAN TELL ANONYMOUS TO STAY ANONYMOUS!!

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

WHAT'S YOUR SOUP OF THE DAY? CLAM CHOWDER.

MANHATTAN OR NEW ENGLAND? MANHATTAN, WANT A CUP?

NO THANKS... I NEVER EAT CLAMS!

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

I HEARD YOU! YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL AT ME!

I WASN'T YELLING... I WAS EXPRESSING MYSELF FORCEFULLY!

LET'S TRY GOING BACK TO YELLING.

EEK & MEK by Howie Schneider

HEH... I JUST GOT A GOVERNMENT JOB. YOU DO?

DOING WHAT? I'M AN ECONOMIC-INDICATOR INFORMANT.

IS THAT A FULL PINT YOU'RE HAVING OR THE 10 OUNCE GLASS?

TUMBLEWEEDS by T.K. Ryan

POOHANK CHIEF SPEAK WITH FORKED TONGUE!

I DO NOT!

SEE?

I'LL GIVE YOU A DOLLAR FOR EVERY FORK HOLE YOU FIND IN IT!

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

DOES HE WANT SOME HAM? I BELIEVE HE DOES! YES, I DO!

COME ON! HERE IT IS!

NOT ONLY ARE YOU CRUEL, YOU'RE A SORRY LOSER.

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

WITH ALL THE DISASTER MOVIES COMING OUT, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO PITCH MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

OPIE AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE A WALK. BYE!

AND DON'T CHANGE THE LOCKS AGAIN. SURE, BLAME THE CAT!

ROBOTMAN by Jim Meddick

OLGA SAYS I'M NOT ROMANTIC ENOUGH, SO I'M WORKING ON A FORMULA THAT WILL BRING OUT THE CRAZY, IRRATIONAL, TOUCH-FEELY PART OF THE BRAIN! BUT HOW?

IT'S A DRUG THAT SIMULATES THE COMBINED HORMONES OF AN ENTIRE JUNIOR WARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD. BLUE EYE GUG.

MONTY? MONTY, ARE YOU OK? GOOD LORD!... GET ME SOME OXY-10 AND BY ALL MEANS CRANK UP THE MTV!

Does home remedy for arthritis work?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been eating gin-soaked raisins for four years and have no arthritis pain. I believe that this works, and I object to your saying that it doesn't.

DEAR READER: Enough of this gin-and-raisins obsession. While I appreciate the testimonials I have received, there is no scientific evidence that this home remedy relieves the pain of arthritis.



severely aggravate an asthmatic attack. Therefore, the answer to your first question is a resounding "yes!"

Ventolin inhalers and similar products contain an ingredient to relax bronchial constriction, thereby relieving an attack of asthma — precisely the opposite of cigarette smoke. Using an inhaler while smoking may neutralize the effects of the cigarette, but such a practice seems idiotic to me.

Bear with me for a moment. I enjoy a glass of orange juice every morning with breakfast. I don't have arthritis. Is it fair to say that the juice prevents arthritis pain? I don't think so. But I can name a hundred people who will testify that they drink orange juice and don't have arthritis, so there must be something to this. Right?

Wrong. The two factors may be totally unrelated.

The only way to test this hypothesis is to take 200 people with arthritis, give half of them orange juice and the other half plain, flavored water, and then see if the juice group has less arthritis pain.

Here's the outcome I predict. Ten people in the water group will experience improvement (a placebo effect), while 20 people in the juice group will feel better.

OK. Subtracting the 10 percent placebo cures from each group leaves 10 juicers who may have been helped. Here is where the problems begin. Is 10 percent a significant number, or could it be the result of chance selection alone? In short, is the difference between the groups statistically valid? Maybe.

Or maybe not. Perhaps the juice group was younger, or used low-dose aspirin to prevent stroke, or were more (or less) active — or also ate gin-soaked raisins.

This kind of analysis is what drives scientists crazy and makes some medical studies so difficult to interpret. Suppose the 10 juicers who improved were later found, on re-analysis of the data, to be overweight. They loved their large breakfasts with orange juice and decided to sit at home and not exercise regularly during the study; hence, their pains diminished. Goodbye orange juice as a cure for arthritis.

This scenario is silly, isn't it? But it does document the tremendous pitfalls inherent in any study, and also shows that mere testimonials are not valid reasons to use or not to use a particular product.

Enjoy your gin-soaked raisins, but — so far as I'm concerned — the issue is closed, until someone does a controlled, scientific study of 200 arthritis patients who...

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it dangerous for an asthmatic to smoke cigarettes? Is using a Ventolin inhaler harmful with tobacco?

DEAR READER: Asthma is marked by recurring constriction of the bronchial tubes, leading to coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. In most asthmatics, air pollution, such as tobacco smoke, is a major cause of bronchial constriction. Of course, this habit also increases pulmonary mucus secretion and bronchial irritation — two consequences that can

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$3 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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 - 41 Small hole

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WIN AT BRIDGE

Write from knowledge

By Phillip Alder

It is standard advice to a novelist: Write about subjects you know. This applies to cartoonists as well. If you have read Peanuts for any length of time, you know the interests of Charles Schulz: golf, religion, baseball, football, hockey and — surprise, surprise! — bridge.

Many years ago, Woodstock and his friends were playing bridge in Snoopy's house. (One cannot really call Snoopy's house a kennel, as it contains many things, including a pool table.) And suddenly from May 6 to 9, instead of working as mechanics on Snoopy's Sopwith Camel, the birds were back playing bridge. The first two days, there were six card end positions. In the fourth, no diagram. Just Snoopy answering a bidding query. And Thursday, there was this deal.

Let's speculate how the bidding and play might have gone. It looks normal for North-South to reach four spades. In this auction, North's cue-bid shows a maximum pass with spade support. West would probably lead the club 10.

As West is marked with the heart ace, it looks as though South must find the diamond queen to get home. One possible line is to draw three rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, then to call for the club queen. When East plays low, declarer discards a low heart. West wins and returns a club.

Now South knows West must have led from club length. As West is also known to have started with three spades and at least five hearts, clearly he is short in diamonds. After ruffing, South plays a diamond to dummy's ace and finesse through East to make the contract.

North 07 23 07

- ♠ K 10 7
- ♥ 9 8 4
- ♦ A J 10 8
- ♣ Q 7 3

West East

- ♠ J 4 3
- ♥ A Q 10 7 4 3
- ♦ —
- ♣ K 10 9 8

- ♠ 8 2
- ♥ J
- ♦ Q 7 6 5 2
- ♣ J 8 5 4 2

South

- ♠ A Q 9 5
- ♥ K 3 2
- ♦ K 9 4 3
- ♣ A

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

North	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

HOROSCOPE

Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Major changes could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Some will be self-induced, others will be determined by outside factors. Both are capable of producing ultimate benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may find the assistance you've been seeking today that will finally help you rid yourself of some burdens you have been putting off for quite some time. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Craph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you're likely to be in a sociable mood

today, you'll still be very selective regarding the companions you'll choose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to spend some time cleaning out your home and office by getting rid of things you know you'll never use again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conversation partners will immediately sense you're not given to making idle remarks. When you voice an opinion, you'll truly have something to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are now in a favorable growth pattern, so be alert for two or more opportunities that have long-range possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Both today and tomorrow, conditions will be more receptive than usual for advancing certain self-interests about which you feel strongly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Heed to any hunches you get today relating to career or financial moves. Your intuition can supply you with insights your logic can't perceive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) One of your affections might ask you to take on new responsibilities today. Do so willingly, because it could offer unique benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Challenges will stimulate your abilities and feelings of self-worth today. You may volunteer to tackle something that intimidates others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is important today you have faith in the final outcome of events. If you do not waver and continue to think win, the results could be significant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have an opportunity to transform something that is presently outmoded. You will know how to make things functional once again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A present involvement may be destined to play a more significant role in your future affairs. This person possesses a strong, positive personality.

ANNIE

by Leonard Starr

ACTUALLY—I COULD HAVE THE PALACE FOR FREE—AS EASILY AS I KIDNAPPED YOU... A BLOODLESS COUP IS BETTER, SHAQ—AND THE BIG MONEY WILL BE RETURNED... ONCE YOU'VE INDICATED THE PRESIDENT FOR GRANT, ALSO—I'LL BE SENDING MY EXPERTS... M.H. LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT, WARDUCKS... YOU'RE LEAVING FUNJEE? YES, ANNIE.