

## Arson Team Probes \$3 Million Fire

By GEOFFREY POUNDS  
AND JANE CASSELLBERRY  
Herald Staff Writers

Arson investigators from the state fire marshal's office and the Seminole County Department of Public Safety today began examining the charred debris of three rented buildings at Highway 17-92 and Seminole Boulevard.

The buildings, destroyed by an early Sunday morning fire, include the showroom and the factory outlet of the Factory Liquidation Store and the Tompkins Land and Housing office, a real estate firm. Factory Liquidation sold men's and women's clothing.

Investigators said the preliminary damage estimate was \$3 million. However, both the building's tenant and the building owner today declined to confirm that estimate.

Raymond Tompkins, whose county address is listed as 2349 Tamarine Road, leased the three buildings from Raymond Savarese, 1111 Howell Creek Drive, Winter Springs.

Tompkins was in Tampa today and said he would return Tuesday to assess the damage to the contents of the building. Savarese said he has not yet surveyed the entire scene.

"So far all we have been able to determine is that the fire started in the warehouse area

in the rear of the building," said Seminole County investigator Raymond Pippin.

The heat from the blaze was so intense that it melted the steel beams and a nearby cyclone fence out of shape, Pippin said. He said there will probably be at least two days before a preliminary indication as to the cause of the fire could be established.

With Pippin at the scene this morning were Deputy State Fire Marshal Ernie Wright, Bob O'Connor of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department

**Car driving over hose cuts water supply, slows firefighters' efforts**

linguish the blaze. Firemen said the fire was reported at shortly after 2 a.m.

The firefighters' efforts were slowed for about 20 minutes when a Sanford woman, Cynthia Irene Savarese, 21, drove her car over a fire hose, cutting off the main water supply. Sheriff's deputies said Ms. Savarese had pulled away from a nearby restaurant when she drove over the hose. She was issued a traffic citation.

The building housing Factory Liquidation previously had been leased by Nature World, a beauty and cosmetics business that listed well-known entrepreneur Glen Turner, creator of the "Dare-To-Be-Great" financial pyramid scheme.

However, Savarese today said there are no lingering ties with either Nature World or Turner.

"They were just tenants," Savarese said of Nature World. Pippin said the arson task force called into the investigation is a new concept in Seminole County. He said the team goes into operation automatically when there is a fire involving a sizeable loss. He said the activation of the team does not necessarily mean there is arson involved. He said there is no immediate reason to suspect that the fire was deliberately set.



Investigators waded through wreckage at Factory Liquidation Store on Highway 17-92 near Longwood after \$3 million blaze. Herald Photo by Tom Vincent

### On Proposed Tax Hike

## Lake Mary, Winter Springs Voters Set For Referenda

By DONNA ESTES

The voters in Winter Springs and Lake Mary will go to the polls Tuesday to consider whether to or not to approve property tax increases for the 1979-1980 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

In Winter Springs the city council is asking approval from its 2,000 qualified electors to raise property taxes from \$2.14 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$2.30. The Lake Mary City Council is asking its 1,128 qualified electors to approve an increase from \$2 to \$2.25.

Lake Mary's city officials are saying failure by the voters to approve the tax increase will require a cut in the police force from nine full-time sworn personnel to five and elimination of the emergency dispatching service.

The four police officers and four-person dispatching service have been paid for by the federally funded Comprehensive

Employment Training Act (CETA).

Federal funding for the Lake Mary CETA personnel, according to Brenda Donnan, senior planner at the Seminole County Major Power Division, is set to expire under federal regulations on Sept. 30.

But, Miss Donnan said, the county's prime sponsor advisory committee last week approved submission of a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to extend the funding into the new fiscal year.

Under the plan submitted, Miss Donnan said, federal money for the officers would be phased out over each quarter of the new fiscal year.

The funding would stop during the transition period for one officer at the end of each quarter of the year so that by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 1980 the city would pay the salaries for each officer, or would fire them.

City officials appealed to U.S. Sen. Lawton Chiles to use his influence with the DOL to get special consideration for the city.

Normally CETA funding expires after 78 weeks for a project, Miss Donnan said.

The polling place for Lake Mary's special election is the city hall council chamber, said City Clerk Conie Major today. Chairman of the election board is former-city councilman Virginia Mercer with Lillian Burke, Pat Christie, Millie Murray and Arlyn True as inspectors of the election.

Mrs. Major said the absentee ballots will be counted and the election canvassed by the election board and Councilmen Cliff Nelson and Pat Southward and the city clerk immediately after the polls close at 7 p.m.

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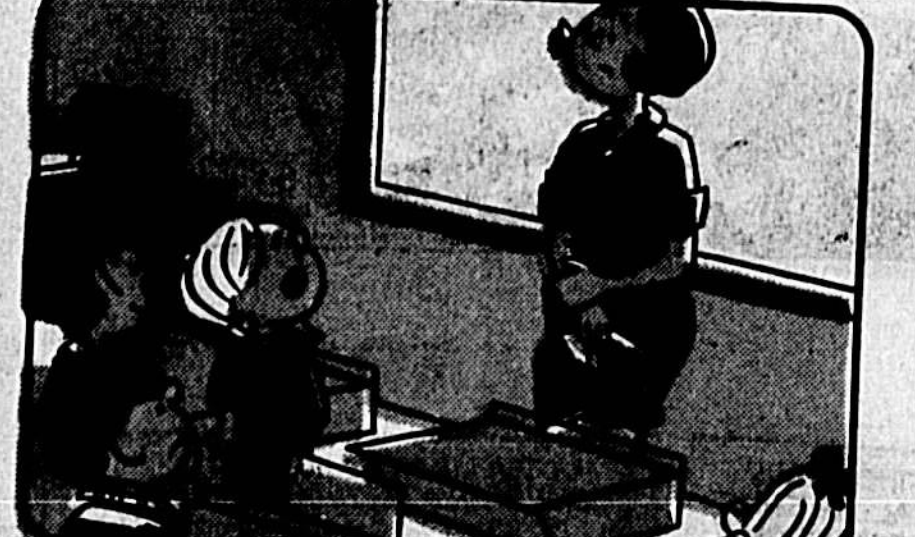
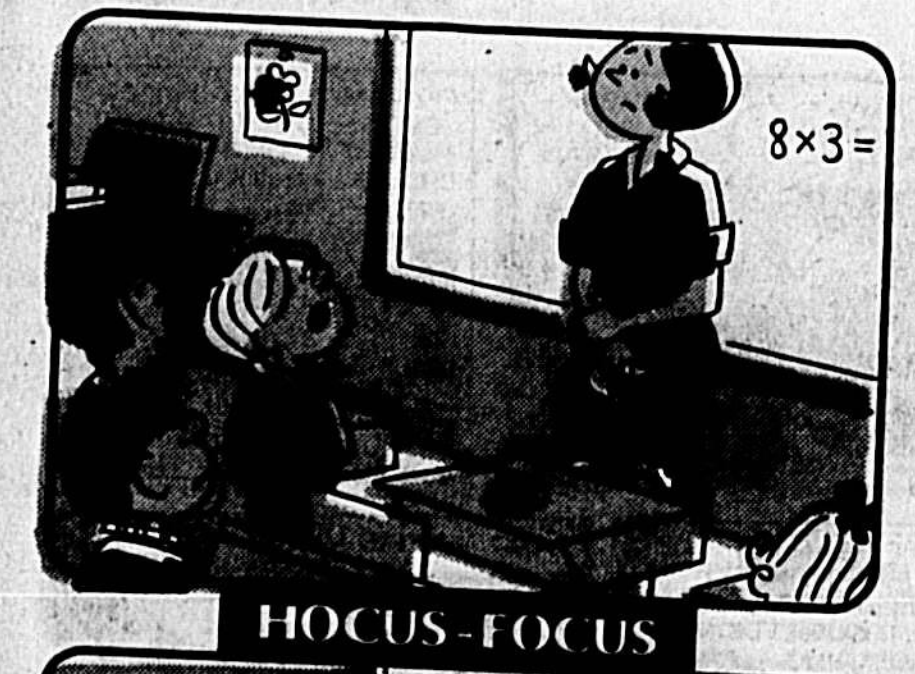
Voters in precinct 13 will vote at city Fire Hall #1 at 102 N. Moss Road. Election clerk will be Mrs. Ruth Layo with inspectors Norma and Charles Lang and Clara Colce. Those in precinct 24 will vote at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on South Moss.

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**CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES?** There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

● **OPEN LINES!** Mystery of words may also mean knowing when not to speak, or as Tupper put it: "WEL LTIM EDS ILEN CEHA THMO REE LOU NCE TMA NSPE ECH." Rearrange cap-letter spacing for sense.

● **One's a Cat!** In each grouping of three, one is a cat: 1. Deer bear lion. 2. Tapir tiger tarpon. 3. Lemur lynx lynx. Which are the cats?

● **Goose Grasse!** Two geese in front of a goose, two geese behind a goose, and one goose in the middle. How many geese altogether?

● **Riddle-Me-This!** Who is the stingiest football player? The fight end. How long have men played practical jokes? Since anti-quity.



**SEE IF YOU CAN FIND SUM'L'S**  
Add the four shaded numbers above and you will find they total 17. Similar L-shaped combinations in this diagram total 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. Some may be totaled in several ways, while others, such as 26, 27 and 17, appear but once. Of course, the four-letter L's may be positioned with long or short sides extending in any direction up or down.

**WHAT'S DOT?** What can you draw to complete this curious scene? Simply add missing lines, dot to dot, to find out.



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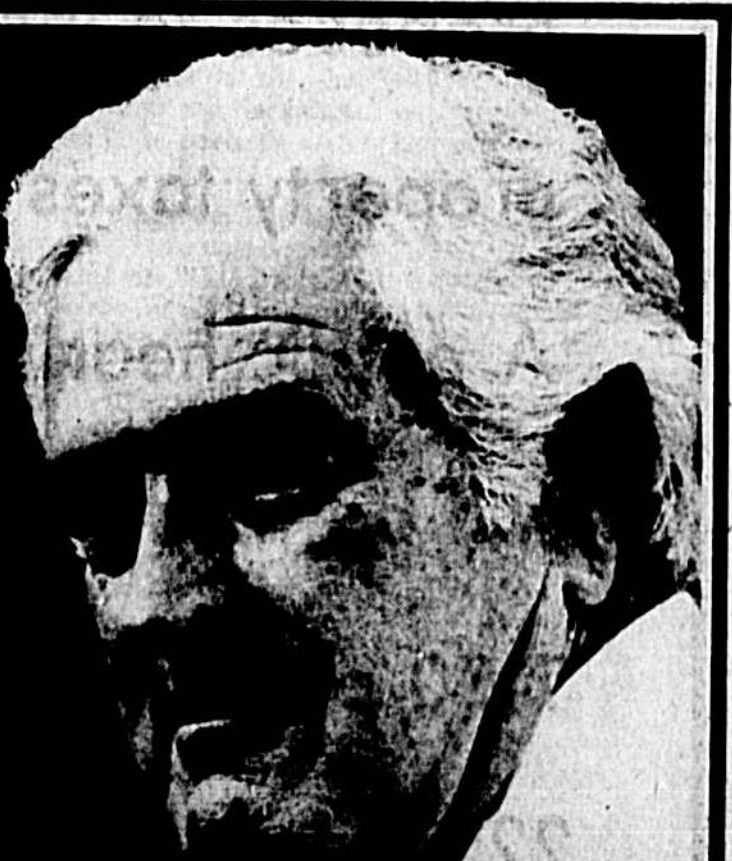
Fifteen of Seminole County's 35-member delegation to the GOP presidential nominating convention in Orlando in November were keeping a "view of silence" today on who their preference is.

Seminole's Republican State Committee member Mary Ann Moran, prior to the caucus Saturday when 18 of the delegates were chosen by lot, urged silence on choices, saying it would "make the convention more interesting."

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**JOHN CONNOLLY**  
...Picks Up Delegates

No straw ballots of presidential preference were taken at the delegates selected. Representatives of presidential candidates were permitted to sit in tables at the event. Connally was represented by Mrs. Mark (Ann) Connolly, the wife of a Connally son.

The state-convention is scheduled for Nov. 17 at the Hyatt House near Disney World.

Connally was scheduled to be the guest speaker at 8 a.m., Sept. 20 at the meeting of the Florida Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association's 96th annual convention at the Sheraton Twin Towers, Orlando.

## With Measles Vaccinations Medical Teams Hit County

Beginning this week two health teams will visit all private and public high schools in Seminole County to provide measles vaccine to all students who need it.

According to Jorge Deju, medical director of the Seminole County Health Department, the teams will use jet-guns to shoot either a vaccine for simple measles or an injection to counteract measles, mumps and rubella.

These visits will be at least the third attempt by the health department to halt a further outbreak of red measles, health department officials said.

Last school year individual cases of measles broke out in the state of Florida, which caused some concern among health officials. Students in grades 9 through 12 who were thought immune became susceptible because the vaccine administered to them in 1969 did not provide a lasting immunity, according to Tom Cook, area immunization coordinator for Health Rehabilitative Services.

## Noxious Fumes Kill Boy, 12

A 12-year-old Altamonte Springs boy died Saturday after being found Friday night unconscious with a plastic bag over his face, Altamonte Springs police said.

Jimmy Whalen, 721 Little Wekiva Road, died at 2:31 p.m. at Florida Hospital.

County medical examiner who performed an autopsy Sunday the boy died as a result of inhaling noxious fumes. The accident occurred while the boy was cleaning his skateboard in the family garage, police said.

The police said that the mother recalled Whalen was wearing the plastic bag to keep from inhaling fumes of a solvent he was using in the cleaning. The boy's father, William, a former fire-fighter, performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on his son until rescue personnel arrived.

## Final Budget Hearing Set Today

Only two persons have shown up at the two previous public hearings on the budget and tax rate to protest the ordinance. The tax rate of 97.00 represents an 18 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation property tax increase.

Armed the Clock	4-A	Herzog	4-B
Bellevue	4-B	Hospital	5-A
Comic	4-B	Obituary	5-A
Crossword	4-B	OURSELVES	1-B
Editorial	4-B	Sports	4-A
Dear Abby	1-B	Television	1-B
Dr. Lame	4-B	Weather	4-A



Compromising The Armed Forces

Racism has no place in the United States Navy for that matter, in any other branch of this country's armed forces. Inevitably, however, the Navy reflects the larger society from which its members are drawn. And that society has yet to eliminate racism as a corrosive influence in American life.

In civilian society, racism represents a cruel injustice and a denial of the equal opportunity that should be the nation's consensus goal. Racism in the military is abhorrent for those reasons, and for other — it compromises the armed forces' essential mission. Troubled race relations erode the teamwork that is the essence of every military unit's effectiveness.

A Good Choice

President Carter's selection of Donald F. McHenry to succeed Andrew Young as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations appears an excellent choice. In contrast to Young, McHenry is not in the habit of making any off-the-cuff remarks. He is a careful and precise person with ability to handle delicate questions and situations with aplomb.

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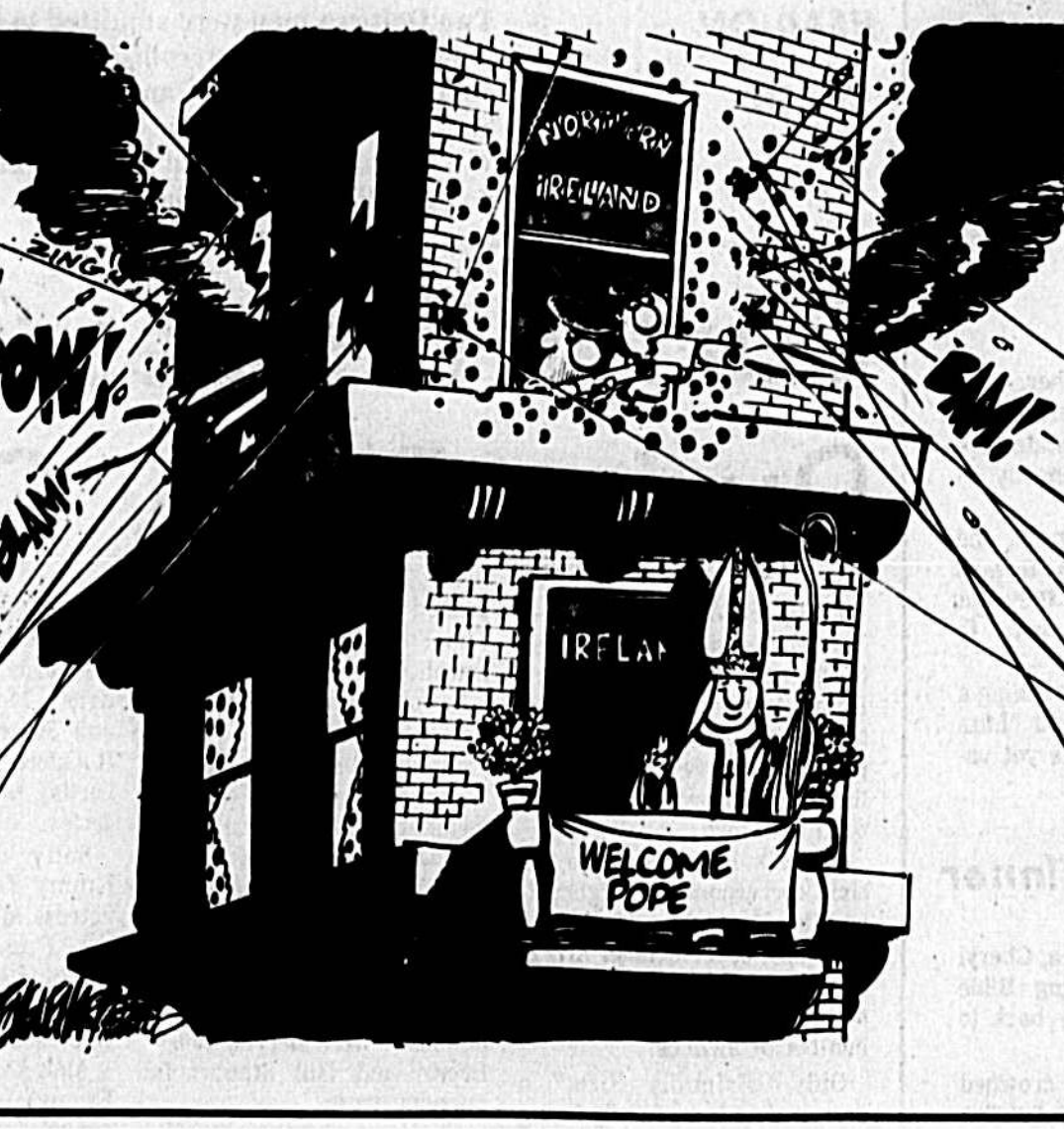
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Grogan Silences His Critics With Five TD Passes

By JOE CARNICELLI UPI Executive Sports Editor After a sickly performance last Monday night, when he was booted off the field in the Patriots' overtime loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers, Steve Grogan found the right medicine Sunday — the New York Jets' defense.

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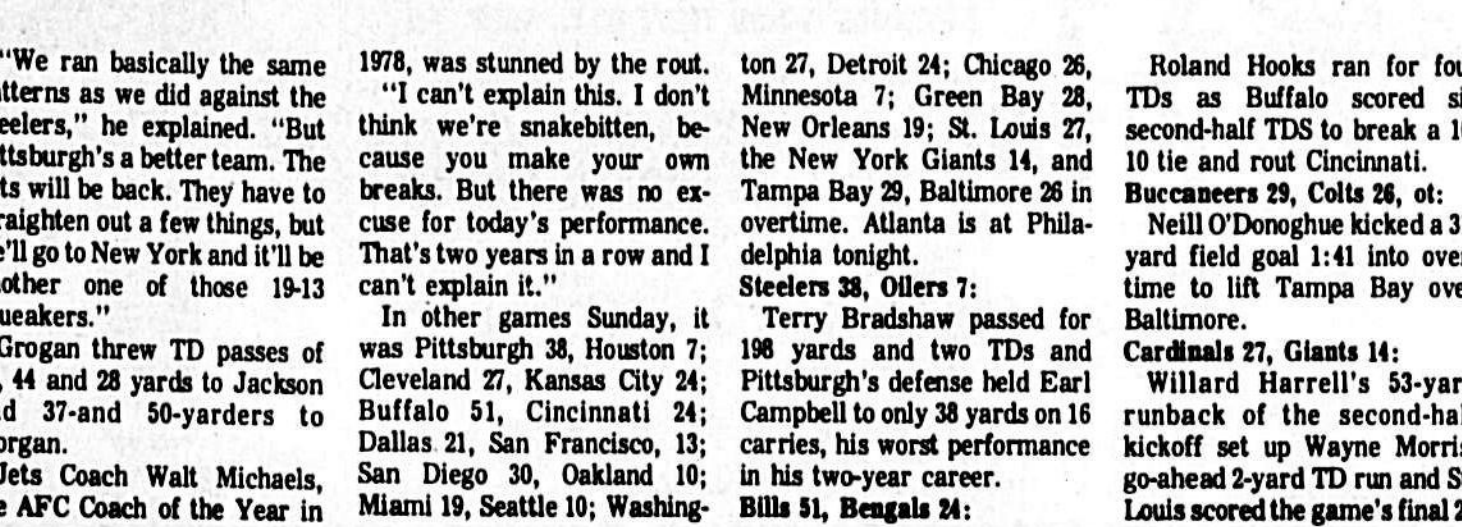
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Trinity Edged, 20-14. FORT PIERCE — Trinity Prep unleashed a thrilling running attack Saturday against John Carroll, but lacked a scoring punch when it needed it and dropped a 20-14 decision in overtime.

Shealy Leads 'Bama

By United Press International Shealy looked pretty good, especially in the second half, but he completed all six passes and threw and gained 65 yards on seven carries.

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Dobrynin, Vance Meeting
U.S. Faces Test On Cuba

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The "firm diplomacy" President Carter said he would employ to deal with the Soviet troops in Cuba was to have its first real test with the return to Washington of Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.
Dobrynin has been in Russia, where his father recently died, but he returned Sunday and was called to a meeting today with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, signaling heightened negotiations over the troop issue that is clouding prospects for SALT II ratification and U.S.-Soviet relations generally.

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Ford: Demand Troop Ouster

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Ford told the National House of Representatives Saturday night that he "strongly disapproved" of the president's assessment and "resented the political inroads — particularly when the White House has asked repeatedly for my help on the foreign policy matters when I was in the White House during the past 2 1/2 years."

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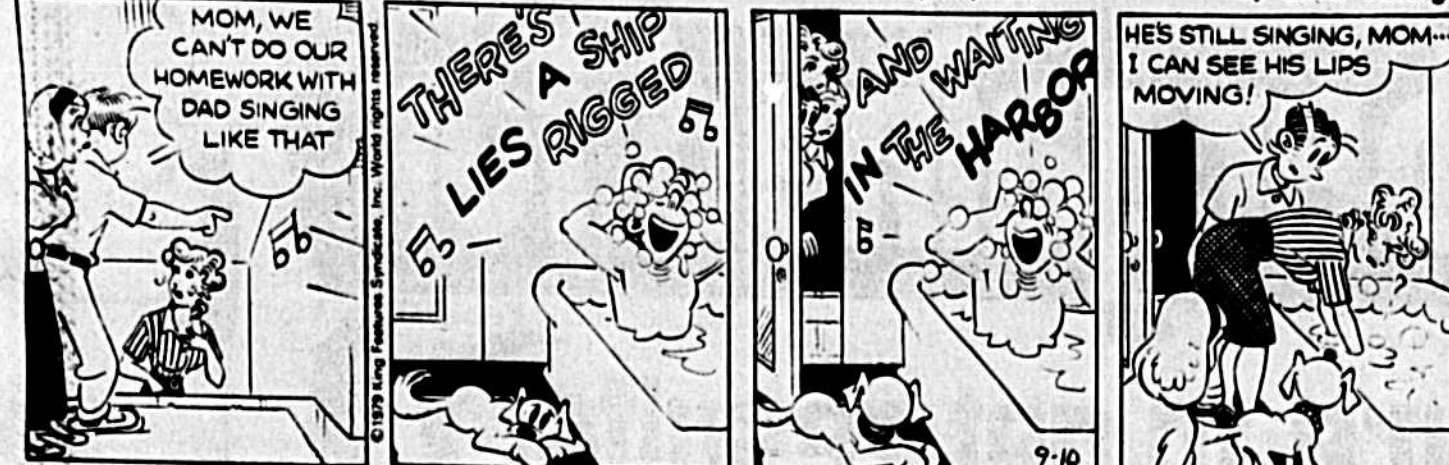
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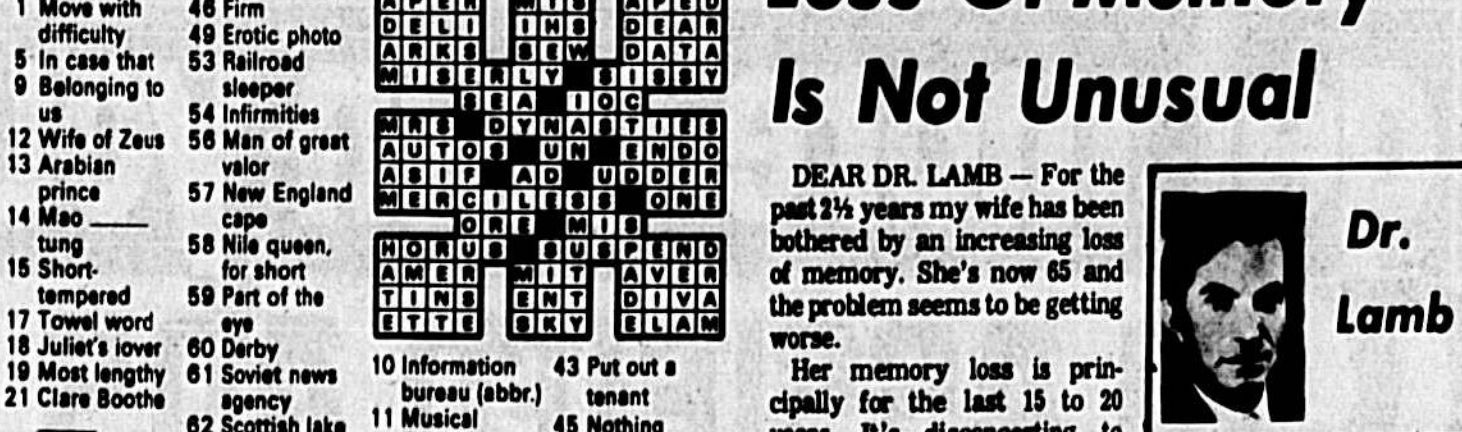
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### Loss Of Memory Is Not Unusual

DEAR DR. LAMB—For the past 2 1/2 years my wife has been bothered by an increasing loss of memory. She's now 65 and the problem seems to be getting worse.

Her memory loss is principally for the last 20 years. It's disconcerting to everyone when she opens as a totally new subject a topic that we have thoroughly discussed a half hour earlier. It's not because she didn't pay attention because she's often been interested and active participant in the discussion.

We've looked into hyperbaric oxygen treatments but found that it was expensive and it wasn't certain whether there would be any useful results. There are no headaches or other symptoms and it has been suggested that maybe a brain tumor could be at the basis of the problem.

My question is to what field of medicine do we look for a possible answer? With this exception, we've enjoyed good health all our lives.

DEAR READER: I wish your problem was unusual, but it's not. There are all kinds of labels attached to these conditions and some of them are particularly upsetting to the patient and family.

The simple truth is that almost all of these problems are related to some form of change in the brain. We often associate them with increasing years but it's important to remember that a lot of relatively old people still have very clear minds to the days they die, so it's not simply an age-related matter.

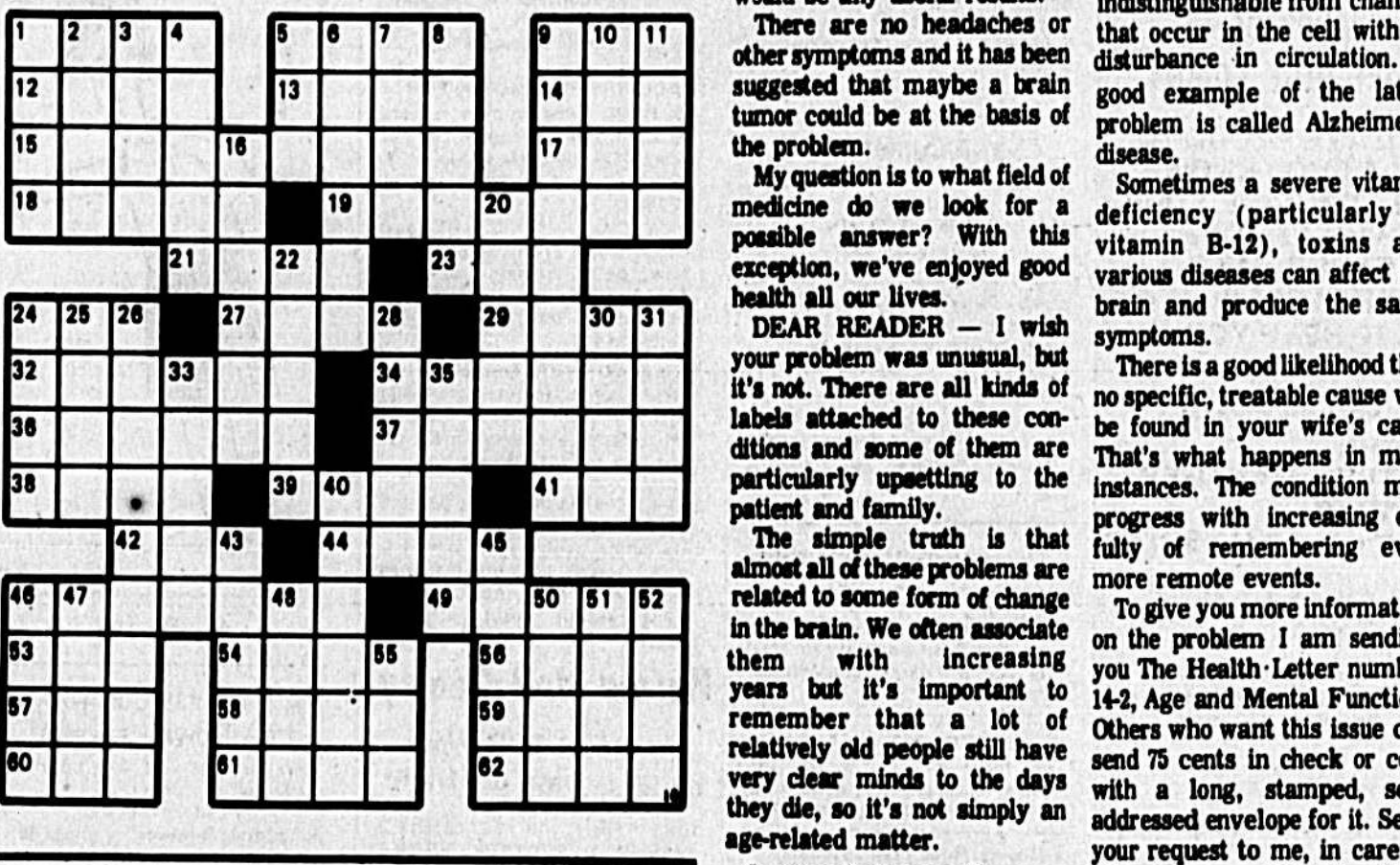
In some instances, there are distinct changes in the brain cells that can be seen under microscope. The cause of these changes is not clearly understood. They may occur even if the person has had excellent nutrition and even if the circulation to the brain is normal. Anything that injures the brain can produce such symptoms. A good example is multiple small strokes caused by disease in the arteries to the brain. Or if you have disease in enough of the main large arteries that supply the brain, there may be changes in brain function.

The symptoms of brain damage caused by poor circulation are almost clinically indistinguishable from changes that occur in the cell with no disturbance in circulation. A good example of the latter problem is called Alzheimer's disease.

Sometimes a severe vitamin deficiency (particularly of vitamin B-12), toxins and various diseases can affect the brain and produce the same symptoms.

There is a good likelihood that a specific, treatable cause will be found in your wife's case. That's what happens in most instances. The condition may progress with increasing difficulty of remembering even more remote events.

To give you more information on the problem I am sending you The Health-Letter number 142, Age and Mental Function. Others who want this issue can send 75 cents in check or coin with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Send your request to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1561, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10101.



### HOROSCOPE

By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

For Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1979

**YOUR BIRTHDAY**  
Sept. 11, 1979  
Your chances for success look very good this coming year, provided you don't set more goals than you can achieve. Focus on the most productive and pass up the others temporarily.

**VENUS** (Aug. 28-Sept. 22)  
A member of your family may not be as perceptive and innovative as you are, so you may have to just go ahead and prove yourself right. You can do it. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the year following your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter, Mail #1 for each of Astro-Graph, Box 488, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10101. Be sure to specify birth date.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)  
Keep your clever thoughts to yourself today. You could run the risk of someone misreading them away if you tell the wrong person.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)  
Your creativity could be fantastic today, but make certain you are aware of their price tags before bargaining till dawn. You might seem impractical.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)  
Others are likely to have more faith in your ingenious plans today than you do yourself. Step back as you can see what they see.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
It's to your advantage to tell it like it is today, rather than to hold anything back. Honesty is your best policy, even if the

**CANCER** (June 21-July 20)  
Plans formulated today will prove to be sound and clever, even though it might be difficult to put them into action today. Don't despair though.

**LEO** (July 21-Aug. 21)  
The respectful and shrewd manner in which you conduct your affairs today will reward you handsomely. Take care not to be overwhelmed by success.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Caring deeply for others and expressing it masterfully today will certainly work to your advantage. However, one with little scruples may try to use this to his benefit.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
It's best to work alone today if possible, because your creativity could be fantastic today, but make certain you are aware of their price tags before bargaining till dawn. You might seem impractical.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20)  
Devilishly you make today range benefits, rather than on their immediate returns. Consider tomorrow, too, not just today.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Your ideas are good and should be carried out today, but don't deceive yourself into thinking they are grander than they really are. Be realistic.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)  
You may become involved in a speculative situation today that has profitable potential. The return may not be as large, however, as you might imagine.

**TRUTH HURTS**  
A Maryland reader wants to know your rebid after partner requests one heart to your one-club opening.

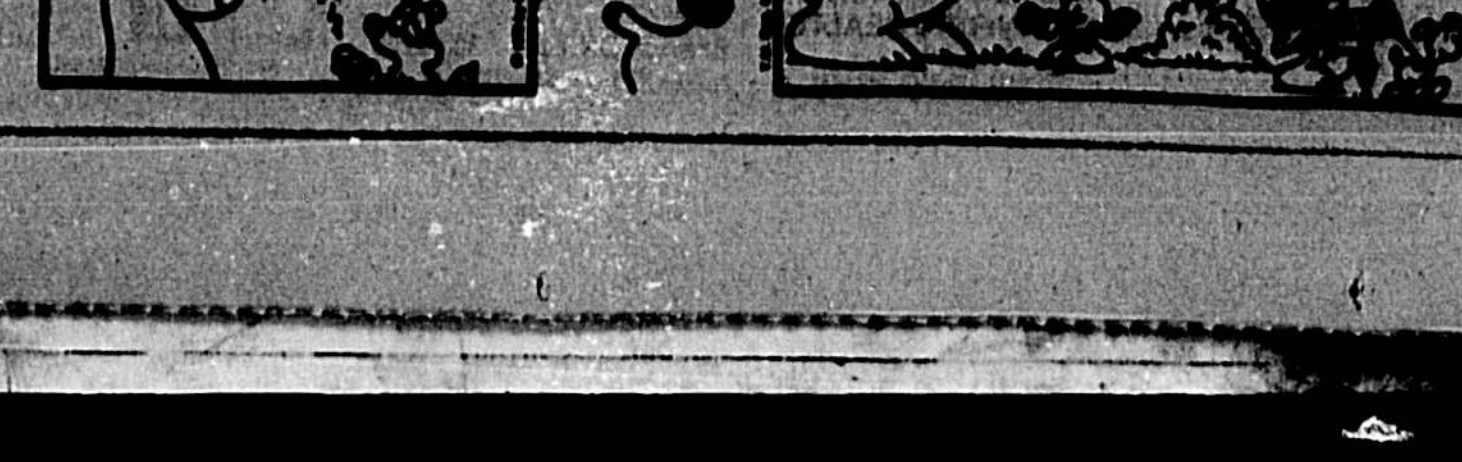
**OWALD**: My collection of old bridge books includes one written in 1859 by the late Rufus Sumnerville. He does a pretty good job on play and defense and is for the best.

**ALAN**: I note that his bid-ers seem to get to the right contract. Do you think that he

**SPIDER-MAN** by Stan Lee and John Romita



**ZOONIES** by Craig Logan



## Seminole Joins In At Audit Hearings

By GEOFFREY POOL  
Herald Staff Writer

Chairman of the Seminole Board of County Commissioners Bob French and County Budget Director Jeff Eichberger Monday called representatives from 19 other Florida counties in Tallahassee to present testimony before a special session of the House Community Affairs Committee called to review the effects of a 1979 law requiring counties to assume the costs of annual audits.

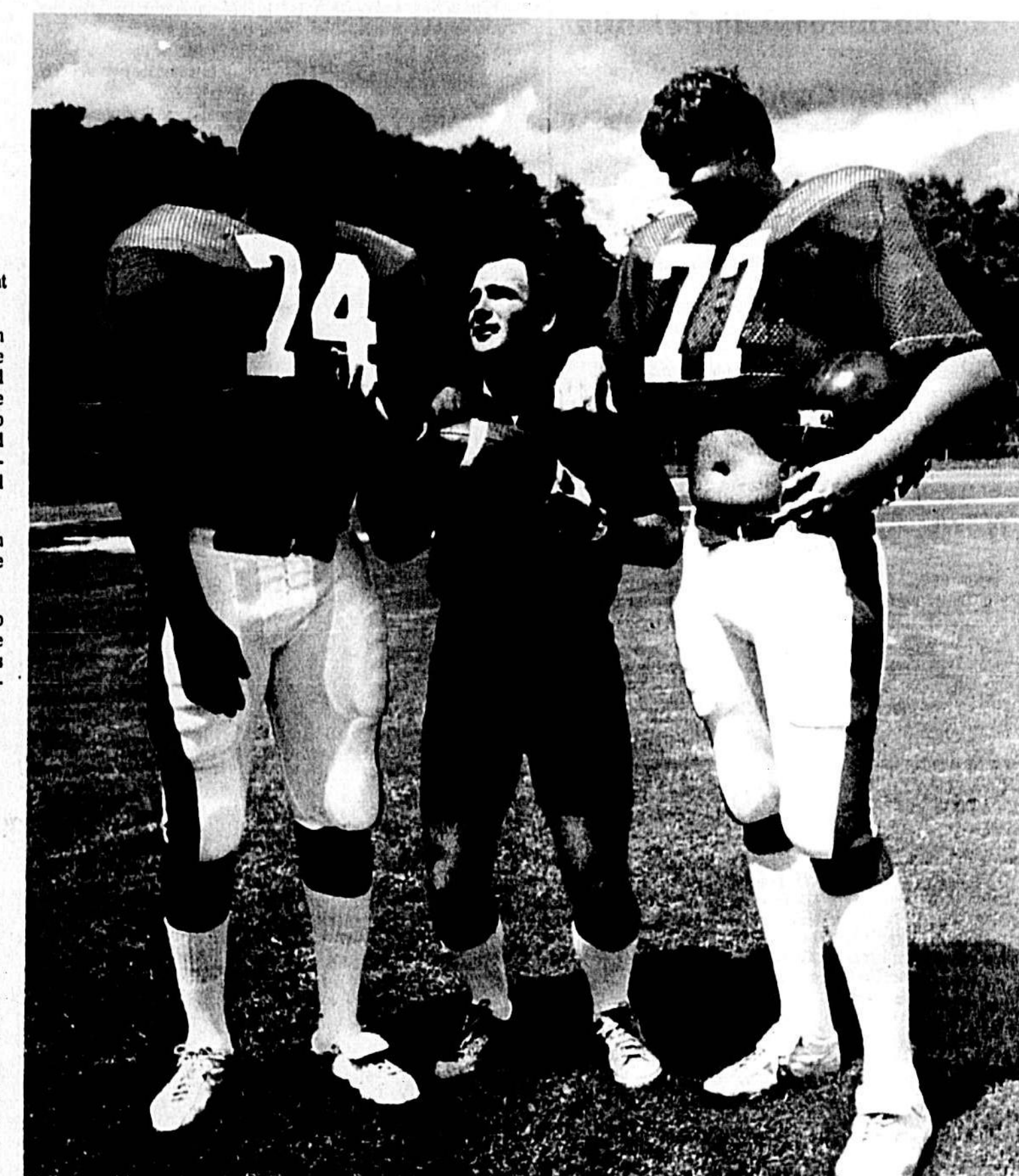
Eichberger said the outcome of the hearing was "generally positive", with the county representatives informally agreeing to a compromise plan which will be presented to Gov. Bob Graham and members of the House and Senate if a special legislative session is called next month. Graham has indicated he will call the session to seek tax reform measures.

The county representatives are seeking amendments to House Bill 1046, enacted at the close of the last legislative session. The bill requires each county to have its annual audit performed by independent certified public accountants. In prior years, county audits were paid for by the state Auditor General's Office.

The effect of the law will result in a first-year expense of about \$185,000 to Seminole County, Eichberger said. But it is not the immediate effects of the bill that the counties are objecting to. In many counties, there has not been an audit for several years. In Seminole County, for example, there has not been a state audit since 1976. If the county has to assume the cost for those past years audits, the fee could run to \$500,000, Eichberger said.

"We got a definite impression that Phil Lewis understands the problem."

The challenge now is to convince the House and the Governor in next month's special session, said Eichberger.



**A PAIN IN NECK**  
Ah, the problems of coaching! Lake Brantley High assistant coach David Tullis goes home with a stiff neck every night after practice with tackles Robyn Graham (74) and Scott Trimble (77), who weigh 241 and 263 pounds, respectively. Tullis is left in the hospital from a 5-6 team to Columbia last weekend with a game at Lyman this Friday evening.

## Delinquency Plan Sought

A group of concerned parents is scheduled to make a presentation to the Seminole County School Board Wednesday night regarding the benefits of a delinquency prevention program they would like to see implemented locally.

Tony Gagliano, spokesman for the group, said the program centers on the use of a specially trained counselor who can work directly with troubled youths, police, parents and social service agencies. The program is now in use in Winter Park, where a policeman serves as counselor, Gagliano said.

The counselor could be more effective than regular school guidance counselors, Gagliano said, because the individual would be independent of the school system.

"We have a real problem, not with most of the kids but with the five percent who get in trouble. If we can deal with them before they get into serious trouble instead of suspending them or expelling them after they cause trouble we'll be meeting the board's agenda," Gagliano said.

Gagliano said a second presentation of the program will be made to parents on Thursday at Lyman High School at 7:30 p.m. Gagliano is a South Seminole County resident who says he has children in the school system and has himself become concerned to know about North's delinquency problem in advance.

Oswald: "The slam would be hard to reach by modern experts. Actually, South's final bid of six clubs looks as if he were taking a little liberty with what actually happened at the table." South's final bid of six clubs looks as if he were taking a little liberty with what actually happened at the table.

## Is Teddy Trying To Force Carter From 1980 Race?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter's aides say Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is trying to force Carter out of the presidential race, but "that's not going to happen."

Kennedy forces have been chipping away, trying to get the president out of the race, aides said Monday, adding that Carter always expected to have a fight on his hands for reelection and will not pull out no matter how the early primaries go.

Carter has not yet formally announced his candidacy, but his mother, "Miss Lillian," said she believes he is running and will win, or otherwise: "I'd be fishing in Georgia" instead of campaigning for him in New England.

"The president is relaxed," said chief of staff Hamilton Jordan. "He's in a good mood. He's confident."

White House press secretary Jody Powell, meanwhile, said Carter wishes the press and politicians would hold off on the campaign season so he can focus his attention for the next couple of months on passage of his energy program and ratification of SALT II.

"We're all going to do everything we can to prevent the premature injection of presidential politics from detracting from those issues," Powell said.

"I'm very sincere about this," he told reporters. "It's not that I don't care who the next president is, I do. But we've got some things that need to be done. I woke up this morning and thought I'd come down here and wish you all, 'Happy New Year.' I had the impression I had missed something and it was 1980."

So far, the White House has remained mum on details of the luncheon the president had last Friday with Kennedy at Carter's invitation.

One top aide said all Carter told him was that it was "a good meeting." Both aides have denied a report that Kennedy came to the White House to ask Carter to bow out of the contest to prevent a deep split in the Democratic Party.

## Sanford Commission Removes Regulations For Cabs

By DONNA ESTES  
Herald Staff Writer

Sanford City Commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to discontinue city regulation of taxicab operations in the community.

The vote was taken after City Manager Warren Knowles told the board the ordinance regulating the cabs is not being enforced in the area of police inspection, the keeping of manifest documents, the setting of rates and hours of operations, the display of operator's permit and picture and requirement that the owner's name be painted on the door of the vehicle.

"It is senseless to have something that is not being enforced," said Knowles. He added that law currently on the books is confusing it requires cabs to charge one rate for taking persons to the Sanford Airport from downtown and another for taking a person from downtown to the airport, the same distance.

In addition he pointed out the city by having the regulations on the books is opening itself to lawsuits by not enforcing the regulations.

The city manager recommended and the commissioners agreed to have prepared a new ordinance setting minimum requirements, but not on rates.

Commissioner Eddie Keith expressed his concern over the city adopting the philosophy as far as taxicab operators are concerned of allowing charges according to what the traffic will bear on a purely free-enterprise basis.

"The city also has some responsibility to those citizens who use the service and to have some guidelines for the cab owners," Commissioner John Morris said.

No firm decision was reached on what the new ordinance to be prepared will include. But ratification is definitely out, the commissioners agreed.

## Against Longwood Developer Threatens Suit

By JANE CARROLL BERRY  
Herald Staff Writer

"I'm probably going to sue the city," said a frustrated developer Monday night after the Longwood City Commission failed to vote on his proposed Village Plaza mini shopping center.

"I've spent this much money, I might as well spend some more to take it to court," commented L. M. Duke, who has submitted a plan for his project in March. In an attempt to please the Land Planning Agency and the city commission, Duke said that he has had six or seven plans prepared. "Everytime I go back to the engineer for a change, it costs another \$500 to \$600," he explained.

"I've spent all I can on these plans."

Although Mayor June Larman made a motion that the plans be approved, she got no second.

The proposed Village Plaza would be located on County Road 47 just south of Longwood Square. The plan had been approved by the Land Planning Agency, the city engineer, and has met the city requirements according to City Administrator David Chacey. Commissioners J. R. Grant and Ray Lettenberger, however, said they would not approve the plan unless an additional parking area is included on an adjacent street paved by the developer.

"I'm not using any part of the adjacent street and I don't think they can make me pave it," said Duke, who had agreed to pay a share should the city pave the street in the future.

James Fowler, an attorney representing Duke, explained the number of parking spaces on the original plan had been reduced and indicated added at the request of the Land Planning Agency.

Fowler commiserated Larry Goldberg's comment that "I'm tired of holding up this gentleman to get Main Street paved over" was greeted with applause from the audience.



**HORSIN' AROUND**  
At first glance one might think Sanford patrolman Bob Bernsky is just having around. Truth of the matter is he and a fellow officer in a cruiser spent about an hour Monday afternoon trying to corral this dandy, one of two that ran off from their quarters and led police on a merry chase through the streets of Sanford.

Police Officer Bernsky said the Keystone Key-limo chase began about 1:30 p.m. near 9th St. and the downtown area. The dandy, a grey and white, according to Bernsky, managed to elude police and two animal control officers until they reached a wooded area off Wiley Avenue near the airport. Animal Control people managed to locate the animals' owner and he retrieved them later. "I'm not sure, but they were either horses or jackasses... they looked more like jackasses, though," said Officer Bernsky. Animal Control officers said this morning they believe the animals were dandies.