

Longwood Panel To Select Mayor; Grant 1 Vote Short

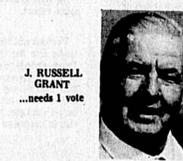
By JANE CASSELLBERRY
Herald Staff Writer

The five-member Longwood City Commission will choose a mayor from among its ranks at tonight's 7:30 meeting.

The two new commissioners, who will begin their two-year terms tonight, were non-committal on their choice. Steven Uskert, 66, of 117 Temple Drive, elected in December from District 1 and John Hepp, 39, of 1402 Robin Court, from District 4, will be sworn in.

Commissioner J. Russell Grant appears to have at least two votes but doesn't think he can muster the necessary third vote.

Commissioner William Mitchell, elected to fill the District 5 vacancy in the Sept. 4 special election said he is not interested in the position and thinks



J. RUSSELL GRANT
...needs 1 vote

experience on the commission should be a prime consideration, so he will support Grant.

The only other veteran on the commission, outgoing Mayor June Lormann, is barred from succeeding herself by the city charter, but seems to have support for the deputy mayor nomination. "I wish I could be mayor again. I feel like you only get your feet the first year," she said. She declined to reveal her choice for the post.

Several commissioners indicated they had received calls from residents of the city asking them to support Grant for mayor, but all said they had not been contacted personally by other commissioners.

Grant was pessimistic when contacted about his chances. "It's cut and dried and has been decided for months," he said,

and he said he would support the outgoing mayor, Larry Goldberg as the power behind the scenes.

Goldberg, forced by a court order to resign in August from his District 1 seat, was unsuccessful in his bid for the District 5 seat in the special election. "Definitely not true," said Goldberg when asked to comment. "I have no influence that I know of over any of the commissioners. I've sort of been out of it." As for Hepp, Goldberg said, "He's got a mind of his own and no one's going to tell him what to do and Uskert is also strong minded."

Hepp said he thought his choice for mayor would come as a surprise to a lot of people, but would not elaborate. He indicated he was not interested in the appointment personally.

Uskert said, if nominated, he would be willing to accept.

Man Drowns After Leaving Home

By DAVID M. RAZLER
Herald Staff Writer

A man who wandered away from a Forest City adult care home Friday night was found dead in a canal about 200 yards away Saturday afternoon, sheriff's deputies report.

Fred A. Schade, 62, a resident of the Pine Acres Golden Age Center, 8000 Cub Lake Dr., was found dead by several teenagers rowing on the canal near 3303 Pineview Way, an apparent drowning victim, deputies say.

He had been reported missing at 10 p.m. Friday by homeowner Theresa Morris, who said this was the third time

he had managed to leave the home.

"We lock the doors (but) we don't use padlocks," she said adding "these people can walk."

Schade was helped into bed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, but his bed was empty at 10 p.m., she said.

On two previous occasions, Schade had managed to leave the home and hitchhike, saying he was trying to get back to his native Hamburg, Germany, Mrs. Morris said.

Florida Living nursing home return him when a motorist picked him up and brought him there, believing he had left that facility, said Mrs. Morris.

"See, people even escape from here," she said, explaining all hospitals, nursing homes and adult homes have problems with persons desiring to leave. "We are not entitled to restrain people," she said.

Autopsy results indicate Schade died between about 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Mrs. Morris said she knew little about Schade's background. He had told her he entered maritime service at age 15 and worked most of his life aboard ships.

He had no relatives in the United States, and had his maritime pension check and social security handled by a court-appointed guardian, said Mrs. Morris.

His guardian, Carlisle Johnson of the Orlando Christian Services Center, was not available for comment this morning.

Schade's checks did not cover his expenses at the home, expenses Mrs. Morris said she paid out of her own pocket. "I thought of him as another human being, one who needed help," she said. She added she becomes very close to her guests, since she operates a small facility with 14 residents.

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'HUMAN BILLBOARDS' PROTEST

A dozen People's Transit Authority members, including Ed Kratz of Orlando (foreground), did some "human billboard" Saturday afternoon, to protest the lack of mass transit in Orange and Seminole Counties. At the corner of State Road 436 and U.S. Highway 17-92, members of the organization displayed signs saying mass transit is the answer to high gas prices. Members of the organization say they are engaged in various activities to attempt to get better bus service in the two counties.

Seminole Hospital Future In Public Spotlight Tuesday

By DIANE PETRYK
Herald Staff Writer

Public hearings on the future of Seminole Memorial Hospital will be held by the county commission at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Anyone wishing to speak or ask questions will be given an opportunity. The hearings will be held in the commission board room at the Seminole County Courthouse in Sanford.

The county commission is in the process of deciding if aging Seminole Memorial Hospital should be renovated or replaced, and is so, by whom.

Presently SMH is a county-owned facility. The county commission is considering three proposals which offer new forms of hospital governance.

Commissioner Bob Sturm said he does not expect to hear anything new at the

hearings. He said the commission has received letters of support for each of the three proposals.

"We will listen to the people," Sturm said. "No one has made their mind up yet."

But, Sturm added, the significance of the public's comments will depend on how much new pertinent information they bring forth.

The current hospital board of trustees proposes to create a private, not-for-profit corporation and sell tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance renovation and expansion of the existing facility. They point to local control as the strongest point in favor of their proposal.

Florida Hospital, Orlando, a Seventh-day Adventist, not-for-profit organization, proposes to spend \$6 million to renovate the current facility and at some future date, if allotted beds,

build a satellite hospital somewhere between Seminole Memorial and Florida Hospital/Altamonte in the 14 corridor.

Florida Hospital also proposes to run a countywide ambulance service.

Insisting the existing facility cannot be successfully renovated, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), a Nashville, Tenn., for-profit organization, proposes to spend \$18 million building a new hospital at a suitable nearby location.

While the new hospital is under construction, HCA proposes to lease Seminole Memorial Hospital. If the commissioners wish, however, HCA would purchase the old facility. The corporation also offered to put up a \$1 million performance bond to insure they will do what they promise.

Today, at least two commissioners and county officials will tour an HCA-run hospital in Ft. Pierce.

U.N. Set To Demand Soviet Withdrawal

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The U.N. General Assembly was expected to pass by an overwhelming majority today a resolution for "the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal" of foreign troops from Afghanistan.

The session would climax an emergency debate in which dozens of delegates accused the Soviet Union of invading the non-aligned Moslem country in disregard of all international rules, among them the United Nations Charter.

In another development, the U.N. Security Council convened late Sunday to vote on an American-drafted resolution, declaring an embargo on exports to Iran as long as it holds the 50 U.S. hostages. The votes were there, but so was the Russian "veto."

Meanwhile, the White House charged the Soviet veto in the United Nations of economic sanctions against the Tehran government "is aimed at advancing Soviet designs in Iran."

In a statement condemning the Soviet veto of the sanctions, President Carter said that over the next several days, the United States will work with other nations to seek to implement sanctions against Iran for its refusal to free 50 U.S. hostages held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4.



HOCUS-FOCUS



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

TIME-TESTED! After the wrecking crew departed, the old building's cornerstones were found upside down in the rubble. Yet, the stone's 19th century date read the same as before. What year was on the stone?

Find a bird's name in each sentence: 1. The new rendition is great. 2. Beth rushed home. 3. We lingered over tea. 4. Rains pelted the lowlands.

Straight Talk! Challenge: Quickly jot down four Arabic numbers that can be formed with just three straight lines. P.S.: One is over 100.

Riddle-He This! Which is the nuttiest dog? The pean-ise. Which is the nuttiest bird? The cashew-wary. Which is the nuttiest city? Filbert-delphia.

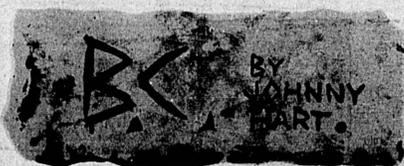
HOW TO MAKE EXTRA MONEY

Ask someone to drop a random number of coins into a small dish which you are holding. Have someone count the coins. Let's say there are six, as above. Now, tip the dish slightly, hand the coins back to the person who deposited them, and alackazam, there are seven!

Secret: One coin is held under the dish with a fingertip. When the dish is tipped, the extra coin slides into your hand, along with the other six.



JUMPIN' GYMNASTY! Which of four paths does the young lady take in completing the gym feat above? You decide.



TERRIFIC TURNIP

Janet Jacobson of Jan's Produce, located in the rear of the Village Super Flea Market in Sanford, holds a 10 1/2-pound turnip that came in a shipment of vegetables from Plant City. While it may not be a world's record — there is none listed in the Guinness Book of World Records — it should make a good-sized serving on anybody's table. Ms. Jacobson said she plans to give the turnip to a 96-year-old lady who is one of her favorite customers.

Iranians Ready To Hold Hostages 'Forever'

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said today Iran could hold out "more or less forever" in holding the U.S. hostages, who already have been in captivity for 73 days.

At the same time the militants occupying the U.S. Embassy said they are "willing to hold out for the rest of their lives" if necessary to win extradition of the deposed shah, the hostages' ransom.

Also, Press of Los Angeles station KABC, said the militants ordered him again that the fate of the hostages will rest with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"They said that when the Imam (Khomeini) decides trials should begin, they will proceed," he quoted them as saying.

Pace was instrumental in getting tons

of Christmas cards delivered to the hostages. Now, he said, the students told him some of the captives who have appeared on television have stopped receiving mail because of their statements.

Ghotbzadeh, embarking on his campaign to become Iran's first elected president, condemned U.S. attempts to seek economic sanctions against Iran as "stakeouts and hostages" and warned other nations not to get involved.

The foreign minister said in a brief statement that support of the American proposals "may blur our relations with the respective governments." But he did not name any of the countries that voted for the U.S.-initiated resolution calling for the sanctions.

Ghotbzadeh, currently visiting southern Iran to gather support for his

campaign for election as Iran's first president Jan. 25, did not refer to the Soviet veto that killed the U.S. resolution after it had passed 10-3 late Sunday. East Germany joined the Soviet Union in negative votes.

Britain, France, Norway, Portugal, the Philippines, Jamaica, Tunisia, Niger and Zambia voted with the United States in favor of the resolution.

Britain and France have pro-conviction ties with the Iranian public and private sectors. Iran recently cut off oil supplies to the Philippines in retaliation for what it called government atrocities directed at Moslems in that East Asian country.

Iran's relations with Norway, Portugal, Jamaica, Tunisia, Niger and Zambia have been limited to low-volume trade. The minister's statement, carried by

the official Pars news agency, said: "As we have informed the United Nations authorities at 3 a.m. local time this morning, the verdict of the Security Council and any organs of the United Nations which are not in line with the justified demands of the Iranian people is not accepted by us and is considered null and void."

"Now that the United States' stubborn and baseless attempts have failed, we are calling on other governments not to get involved in the U.S. political games and avoid any measure which may blur our relations with the respective governments."

In remarks made at a news conference early today, Ghotbzadeh ruled out the release of American hostages before the shah's extradition and declared Iran

would wait "more or less forever" until the United States accepted its demand.

Speaking about the mood in Qom — Iran's center of power — Ghotbzadeh told reporters there has been "no opposition" from Islamic leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to his diplomatic efforts at the United Nations and elsewhere.

Kostelanetz Dead At 78

NEW YORK (UPI) — Andre Kostelanetz, world famous orchestral conductor and guest conductor of the New York Philharmonic since 1952, died in Haiti Sunday night. He was 78.

A spokesman in New York said Kostelanetz was vacationing in Haiti and died of a heart attack following complications of pneumonia.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Brown Urges Japanese To Support Pakistan

TOKYO (UPI) — Defense Secretary Harold Brown today urged Japan to increase its defense spending and aid to Pakistan because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, government officials said.

Indira Gandhi Assumes Post

New Delhi, India (UPI) — Indira Gandhi was sworn today as prime minister of India, returning from political exile to face economic and social chaos at home and heightened tension in the subcontinent caused by the Afghanistan invasion.

The Surgery Unsuccessful

BEIGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — Officials said today surgery performed Sunday on President Josip Broz Tito, 77, was unsuccessful, but the Yugoslav leader is recovering normally.

Libya Suggests U.S. March

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Libyan leader Muammar Khadafi called on Americans residing in Libya to march on their embassy and turn it into a "people's" office, the state-run Libyan News Agency said.

WEATHER

NATIONAL REPORT: Gusting wind and torrential rain swept into northern California today, melting snow and streams to bankfull in the California Nevada foothills and melting snow at all resorts. A false spring settled the Upper Midwest, breaking 100-year-old records in parts of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

HOSPITAL NOTES

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Man Loses Truck, Money To Trio

A 64-year-old Sanford man, who thought he was aiding a friend in need of a ride home from a bar, ended up losing his money and truck to her and two accomplices Friday night, deputies report.

Russell Crompton, 64, of 2659 Magnolia Ave., in Sanford, was in the Elbow Room, at Sanford Avenue and County Road 427, at about 2 a.m. when a woman 20 to 23 years old, five feet tall, with red hair, asked him for a ride home, deputies say.

As Crompton and the woman left the bar, two males in their early 20s joined the group, saying they too needed rides home.

At Myrtle Avenue, one of the males pulled a knife and held it at Crompton's throat, demanding the "\$200 you have," deputies said.

After handing over an undisclosed amount of cash, the trio forced Crompton from his truck and drove off.

The truck, a 1976 white pickup, was found a short time later by Sanford police at the intersection of Holly Avenue and Fulton Street. It was held by the Seminole sheriff's department for processing.

WOMAN ROBBED AT BANK A 64-year-old woman was robbed over \$2,000 in the parking lot of a Casselberry bank Friday afternoon, Casselberry police report.

Nellie Mason, of 1411 Seminola Blvd., in Casselberry, was robbed inside her motor home parked in the ComBank lot on U.S. Highway 17-92, as she returned after a trip to the bank.

Police say a lone assailant pushed her to the floor of her motor home when she returned, shoving her into the shower, and threatening to shoot her. Ms. Mason saw no gun during the crime, they added.

The thief made off with about \$2,000 in traveler's checks and an unknown amount of cash, they said.

Action Reports

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ROOF SUITS DISMISSED Suits against an architect and three companies by the Seminole school board, charging them with constructing leaky roofs on three schools, were thrown out Wednesday, because the suits were filed after the deadline imposed by the statute of limitations.

Circuit Court Judge Robert McGregor granted summary judgments for defendants architect Eoghan Kelley, Dick Froland Inc., E. C. Goldman Inc. and R and R Industries, accused by the board of causing roof problems at Teague Middle School, Idylwild Elementary School and Forest City Elementary School, said school attorney Ned Julian Jr.

Julian added McGregor's ruling did not affect suits by the board against the defendants accusing them of faulty work on nine other school roofs, or the GAF Corporation for failing to honor warranties on any of the roofs involved.

The ruling that the four-year period in which suits may be filed starts with the discovery of a leak will be appealed, Julian said, explaining it was based on only one previous case.

ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH GUN A Fern Park man is being held in lieu of \$1,000 bond on charges he held a gun to a woman's head and made her walk with him for a short distance Wednesday.

Henry Lee Mullins, of the Oak Ridge Motel on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Fern Park, was arraigned Tuesday on charges he assaulted and falsely imprisoned Ollie Williams, of Dupugh Street, Wednesday night, in the parking lot of Club 436, at Lake Howell Road, Sanford, deputies say.

They report Mullins placed a gun to Williams' head and forced her to walk to Jones Barbecue, on 17-92, where he left her.

He was arrested a short time later at 318 Dupugh St., deputies say.

PURSE SNATCHING IN SANFORD A woman lost her purse to two robbers who jumped her as she made a phone call Friday night, police report.

Barbara Mathis, of 127 Country Club Dr., in Sanford, was attacked at 10:05 p.m. as she used the pay phone outside the LJI Champ grocery, on the corner of French Avenue and 20th Street, police say.

The thieves made off with \$150 in cash along with her purse, police report.

HAND GUNS STOLEN Persons who "seemed to know what they were looking for" broke into the Onnie A. Staller residence, 2637 Lk. Hayes Drive, Oviedo, Friday and removed three hand guns from a closet. Stolen were one chrome, 38 special Smith and Wesson 4-inch-barrel hand gun, one 22 caliber, 9-shot chrome handgun, and one Smith and Wesson Russian Model 41 blue steel 8-inch-barrel hand gun. No value was estimated for the guns. Nothing else in the house was disturbed.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Throng Of Union Members Pays Respects To Meany

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vice President Walter Mondale and a throng of union members paid last respects Sunday to George Meany, the Bronx plumber who ruled the AFL-CIO for a quarter century.

More than 1,000 people filed past Meany's casket Sunday and more than that amount were expected Tuesday. Funeral services will be held Tuesday. Meany's body is on public view in the lobby of AFL-CIO headquarters.

Mondale, called Meany a "remarkable man and a giant," headed a list of dignitaries attending the wake Sunday.

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FLORIDA IN BRIEF

Another Former Flnn Aide Charges Sex Harassment

MIAMI (UPI) — Another former aide to state Rep. Gene Flnn, D-Miami, has come forward complaining of sexual harassment.

Mary Jane Swanko has notified the Legislature she is willing to testify in an ongoing sexual advances made by Flnn during his operation during the three months she worked for him last summer.

Karen Shields, 26, and Virginia Cathard, 41, said earlier this month in complaints to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Flnn fondled them repeatedly and tried to make sexual intercourse a condition of their jobs. The women also said Flnn made them do extensive work for his private law practice on state time, a violation of House rules.

Water Short In Key West KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI) — This island city's off-again, on-again desalination plant has put back in operation over the weekend, but there was still a severe shortage of water.

Bringing the plant back on line meant the city was receiving 6.5 million gallons of fresh water a day, but receiving 6.5 million gallons of the brackish water it is near its peak. Key West uses about 9 million gallons daily.

Dennis Wardlaw, director of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, said because of the shortage a reduction in water pressure will remain in effect.

2 Men Arrested In Murders MIAMI (UPI) — Police arrested two men on murder charges Sunday and looked for a third suspect in the stabbing and beating deaths last week of four men whose bodies were found in an abandoned automobile on an expressway exit ramp.

Arrested and charged with four counts of first-degree murder and robbery were Joseph Macker, 41, of Miami and Bernard Bolender, 27, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Still being sought was Paul Thompson, 35, of Miramar, Fla.

They were accused of the slayings of Scott T. Bennett, 21, of Miami; Rodolfo Ayan, 36, of Hialeah, Fla.; John Merino, 29, of Fort Lauderdale; and Nicomedes Hernandez Jr., 33, of Miami.

Does Acupuncture Produce Pain-Killer In Body?

President Nears

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — Acupuncture causes the human body to produce a natural pain-killing substance, a Greensboro pathologist and acupuncturist says.

After almost 10 years of research, Dr. Phillip M. Toyama said his studies are the first direct evidence indicating acupuncture needles stimulate the production of endorphin, a natural substance produced by the body and discovered in the early 1970s by Dr. Avram Goldstein of Stanford University.

Toyama said his research is "probably just the tip of the iceberg" and future studies may show acupuncture produces many complex chemical and physiological responses within the body.

He said the studies, which were conducted in cooperation with Goldstein and researchers in Florida, Montreal and Tokyo, also show acupuncture stimulates the production of cortisone, a steroid that prevents inflammation, and other body hormones.

Since the discovery of endorphin — similar in chemical composition to morphine — and with the increased popularity of acupuncture, a number of American neurologists have theorized endorphin is the key to acupuncture's success in relieving pain.

But Toyama said no one has developed scientific evidence to prove it until now. Toyama, who is Japanese, said he took blood samples from patients before and after they received acupuncture treatment. The samples were sent to Goldstein for analysis in his laboratories at Stanford.

Goldstein found the amounts of endorphin and cortisone were many times higher in the blood samples taken after treatment, Toyama said.

About 90 percent of his patients come to him for treatment of arthritis. Toyama said, and acupuncture is particularly effective because the increased cortisone and endorphin relieve pain and inflammation in the joints.

In a message to Congress and in a speech at the start of the White House Conference on Small Business Sunday night, Carter spelled out the same theme — that he will continue to cut the budget deficit.

"In the 1981 budget, shortly to be released, the proposed deficit will be no more than one-half of 1 per cent of gross national product," Carter said.

"We can attack inflation directly — and we've done so," Carter told hundreds of cheering conference participants. "I have cut the federal deficit by more than half. In the new budget we will cut it half again, and we will keep working toward a balanced budget."

Carter spent an infrequent weekend at the White House. His wife, Rosalynn, campaigned in Iowa twice last week, returning to Washington Sunday night.

Carter planned to hold a working lunch today with Spanish President Adolfo Suarez as part of his consultation with foreign leaders on the crisis in Iran and Afghanistan.

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No criminal charges have been filed, but the Shelby County Attorney General's office began investigating Presley's death at his Graceland mansion after the medical complaint was made public.

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Bert Lance Faces Bank Fraud Trial

ATLANTA (UPI) — It has been more than two years since former federal budget director Bert Lance resigned as the nation's top money manager. Except for a brief stint as an Atlanta television commentator, he has almost been back into the limelight.

But Lance and three former associates were to go on trial today on bank fraud charges that will thrust the one-time 490-weak country banker back into the limelight.

There are at least two pending perjury actions, one of them a motion to dismiss. But U.S. District Judge Charles Moye has made it clear that he will frown upon delays in beginning the trial.

The dismissal motion, which Moye has promised to decide last week by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The New Orleans court held that Lance was denied the right to a hearing on complaints that Justice Department leads to the press influenced the grand jury to indict.

It was U.S. District Judge Richard Freeman who denied that hearing, even before any indictments were returned. After Lance was indicted, Moye refused to hear another dismissal motion.

The defense now holds open the possibility of calling a 5th Circuit judge to intervene in the case and force a trial delay.

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Backup crew members, Air Force Col. Joe Engel, and Navy Cmdr. Richard Truay, were at the controls of the space ship Columbia when the simulated test which is scheduled to last over 50 hours was begun.

The first actual space shuttle mission is scheduled for 54 hours. The simulated test includes a dress rehearsal of the launch and ascent to orbit, 48 hours of orbital maneuvers and return to earth for landing.

During the simulated orbital portion, backup crew members will alternate with prime crew members John Young, former Navy captain, and Navy Cmdr. Robert Crippen.

For the descent from orbit and landing, Young and Crippen will be at the controls with escape seats. The escape seats are ejection versions of the pressure seats with bubble helmets which are used when pilots are ejected from aircraft during emergencies.

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ATLANTA (UPI) — It has been more than two years since former federal budget director Bert Lance resigned as the nation's top money manager. Except for a brief stint as an Atlanta television commentator, he has almost been back into the limelight.

But Lance and three former associates were to go on trial today on bank fraud charges that will thrust the one-time 490-weak country banker back into the limelight.

There are at least two pending perjury actions, one of them a motion to dismiss. But U.S. District Judge Charles Moye has made it clear that he will frown upon delays in beginning the trial.

The dismissal motion, which Moye has promised to decide last week by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The New Orleans court held that Lance was denied the right to a hearing on complaints that Justice Department leads to the press influenced the grand jury to indict.

It was U.S. District Judge Richard Freeman who denied that hearing, even before any indictments were returned. After Lance was indicted, Moye refused to hear another dismissal motion.

The defense now holds open the possibility of calling a 5th Circuit judge to intervene in the case and force a trial delay.

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Train Syndrome A Greater Threat

The Three Mile Island accident has led to a proposal that utilities operating nuclear power plants be required to develop plans to evacuate everybody within a radius of 30 miles.

Whether such plans are necessary, or practical, is hard to say. The risks that go with nuclear power are real enough, as Three Mile Island reminded us.

As defenders of nuclear technology can recite by rote, there has never been a public casualty from an accident in more than 25 years of operation of nuclear power plants.

The partial evacuation of residents around the TMI plant last year turns out to have been unwarranted on the basis of what is now known about the discharge of radiation.

Nuclear power plants are designed and built to control and contain the effects of any operating failure, and in a quarter of a century they have exposed no one living nearby to bodily harm.

On April 8, 1979, the derailment of a train near Crestview, Fla., forced the evacuation of 4,500 persons from their homes to escape the fumes of chlorine, ammonia and other hazardous chemicals.

On Oct. 4, another 1,500 evacuated to escape fumes of anhydrous ammonia leaking from an overturned rail car at Russellville, Ala.

On Nov. 9, chemicals from a train wreck drove 35 families from their homes at Inwood, Ind. On Nov. 11, Canadian authorities ordered the evacuation of 23,000 people from a Toronto suburb after a derailment of tank cars released chlorine gas.

On Nov. 12, separate railroad accidents releasing toxic gas forced evacuation of 1,000 people at Holland, Mich., and 1,000 people near Pensacola, Fla.

If accident and safety statistics are any guide, the first priority would seem to be to work up evacuation plans for everyone living downwind from a railroad track, a freeway or a barge terminal.

According to the Congressional Research Service, there were 18,000 accidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials in the United States in 1978 alone. They caused 45 deaths, 1,407 injuries and the evacuation of more than 20,000 people.

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Where disaster planning is concerned, it would seem that we can afford to worry less about the "Chinich" syndrome, which remains a hypothetical possibility occurring only in science fiction, and more about the Overturned Tank Car Syndrome, which is occurring in the real world almost every day, posing an imminent and tangible threat to the public safety.

BERRY'S WORLD



"How's the ol' harmony between Yin an' Yang these days, son?"

Around



The Clock By DAVID M. RAZLER

VIEWPOINT

Problem Is Not In Stars

By ROBERT WALTERS

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Buried in the massive pile of paperwork generated by the debate over financial assistance to Chrysler Corp. is striking evidence of the plight of the country's entire auto industry.

It is a chart entitled "World Production of Motor Vehicles," containing the Treasury Department's detailed presentation to the House and Senate committees that recently considered legislation to rescue Chrysler from near-bankruptcy.

As recently as 1960, the United States accounted for more than 75 percent of all production, the chart shows, but by 1960 that figure had plummeted to less than 50 percent and by 1979 it had plunged below 30 percent, where it remains today.

In 1960, Asian automakers produced a minuscule 0.3 percent of the world's output, but the comparable 1979 figure was more than 22 percent, with Honda, Datsun, Toyota, Subaru and other Japanese manufacturers of small, economical cars accounting for the dramatic increase.

In 1960, European automakers produced slightly more than 20 percent of the world's cars, but in more recent decades that figure has climbed to well above 40 percent. That increase can be ascribed to Germany's Volkswagen, Italy's Fiat, France's Renault, and other manufacturers to self-efficient autos.

Although the Treasury Department's figures are complete only through the end of 1978, a headline in a mid-December issue of Automotive News, an authoritative trade journal, is both more current and more discouraging: "U.S. Car Sales Plummet But Imports Set Record." The story says, in part: "New car sales in November continued their downward slide, with the domestic industry reporting a 22.14 percent decline."

While the U.S. automakers struggled in the marketplace, imports seemed to have been granted immunity from the sales recession as they set a record for the month.

Imported cars worth approximately \$7 billion were sold in the United States in the year just ended. They already constitute almost 25 percent of all domestic sales, and some authoritative studies predict the figure soon will rise to 30 percent.

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WASHINGTON — Whenever something appears in print that is less than reverent about Big Oil, its mouthpieces, the American Petroleum Institute, can be counted on to squeal like a stuck pig.

These pitiful squeals have never bothered me. A columnist is known by the enemies he makes, and I'm proud to be on the "enemies list" of the greatest goons of the Twentieth Century. But it would be nice if the API occasionally lashed its porcine polemics with a few facts.

Last October, I revealed the contents of a CIA report which showed that the Carter administration had deliberately lied to the American public about the cause of last year's gasoline shortage.

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I've wanted to reply to the API attack because I know the House subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs was preparing a report on the oil issue. It was released last week and completely supports my October column.

Part of the committee's report was the conclusion that DOE deliberately withheld significant information about a substantial February increase in oil imports from the Congress and the public because, in the words of the official, "it would have been embarrassing."

The report added that DOE knew its predictions about a drop in world oil production were false, and was allowed when figures began appearing to prove it. "When the discrepancy could not be resolved," the report said, "no attempt was made to reveal the new data, or suggest DOE's figures were inflated."

Which is just what I wrote in October. Squeal on, API.

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OUR READERS WRITE

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People have realized that there is a conflict between a property owner's "right" and the "right" of the rest of the citizens in the community.

I personally own some property in a flood-prone area. If another person improperly develops land in this drainage system, it could increase the likelihood of my land flooding. It could also cause increased pollution in our valuable waterways or even cause the necessity of engineered drainage systems which would cost a great deal of money. We have already seen this on a small scale in Crane's Root in Altamonte Springs.

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Now there's something you can always believe.

Please Write

Letters to the editor are welcomed for publication. All letters must be signed, with a mailing address and, if possible, a telephone number so the identity of the writer may be verified. The State cannot publish the names of writers who do not want their names in print. The Evening Herald also reserves the right to edit letters to eliminate libel or to conform to space requirements.

All Campbell had to do, Lance told him, was to wait until Jimmy Carter reached the White House. Campbell waited, but the Carter administration never contacted his sentence. Campbell tried to call Lance, but couldn't get through to him.

Now Campbell will get a chance to tell his story on the witness stand. He will be a principal witness against Lance who is facing trial in Atlanta for alleged banking irregularities. Campbell will testify about Lance's role in the embezzlement, the use of bank funds for Lance's gubernatorial campaign and other malpractices — allegations Lance has denied.

Lance's attorneys, of course, will attack Campbell's credibility. They will stress the fact that he never mentioned his allegations against Lance to the FBI or federal prosecutors until months later.

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Chris River Lloyd had just led the \$20,000 first prize in the Tennis Championships of Cincinnati to a 17-year-old boy named Andy Roddick.

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VIEWPOINT

Land Plan Rights For All

Alexander K. Dickson Sanford

I am confused by some of the articles I have read in the Herald about the Home Owners Association which is supposed to be County wide and representing all. My only knowledge of this is what I read in the Evening Herald and heard while at the Leisure Time Bar in Geneva, about a discussion between a friend and the alleged top officers of that group in that bar.

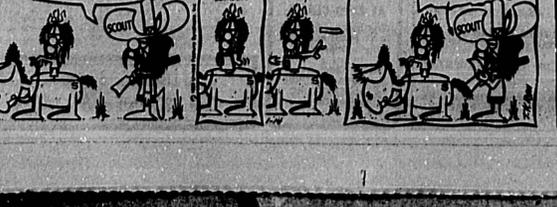
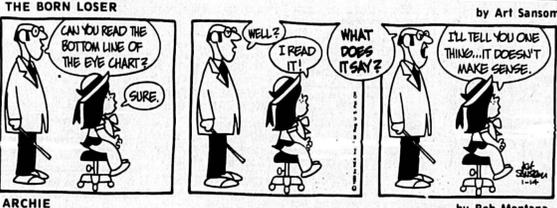
I have talked to many residents and they are not for personalized special interest. This organization was formed at a motel lounge without prior notice. I would like some answers to the following questions:

1. Was there an election?

2. Was it because a permit for a trailer park was denied?

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Elevate Your Legs For Varicose Veins
Dr. Lamb
DEAR DR. LAMB - I'd like some information on varicose leg ulcers. I've had one on the inside of my right leg just above the ankle for nearly two years. I've seen three different doctors for treatment but have been unsuccessful in healing it. Once I was able to get the scab off and could see the red ugly looking ulcer underneath. I was told to put Betadine all over it and cover with a Telfa pad to keep it clean and give it a chance to heal.
The ulcer never does heal. All that seems to happen is that the scab forms over it again and I still have pain with the ulcer. It's about the size of a half dollar. Is there anything you can do to help me?

HOROSCOPE
By BERNICE BEDE OSOL
For Tuesday, January 15, 1980
YOUR BIRTHDAY January 15, 1980
This coming year you are likely to be luckier with progressive projects than you will be with old-fashioned types. Keep your eyes peeled for ventures that have futuristic twists.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do nothing today practiced upon hearsay information or gossip. Act on the facts only and be sure to lay all of your cards on the table.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Subdue temptations to take financial or material risks today. If you are going to gamble, take chances only on things derived from the sweat of your brow.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take yourself or others too seriously today. Play everything light and loose. Getting uptight will prove counterproductive.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are always able to recognize alternatives, but today you may see more negatives than positives in your involvements.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today that you don't permit high-pressure salespersons to talk you into buying something you don't really want or need. You know how to say "no".
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What you hope to achieve today may not come with your initial effort. However, if you're willing to try again, your chances for success are excellent.

WIN AT BRIDGE
Playing and held on to score a narrow victory over Italy in the final. But I feel that a major part of the credit should go to Ed Theus, the non-playing captain for keeping the team happy, alert and in best form throughout the grueling matches. I know what a tough job the captaincy is and I hope that the ACBL will keep Ed in NPC as long as he will accept the job.
Alan: "I know you have won before as a player and NPC so you must be cognizant of their respective problems."
Oswald: "The victory also was a triumph for American bidding styles. Here is how Kantar and Eisenberg bid to six diamonds which was a cinch. At the other table Garrows opened four spades and played it there. With both sides vulnerable the swing was 12 IMPs to America."
Alan: "Americans never preempt when they have a bidding with distinct slim possibilities. Note that even though North had passed, the diamond slam would have made even if North did not have the king of hearts."
Oswald: "For a copy of JACOBY MODERN, send \$1 to: 'Win at Bridge', care of the newspaper, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019."

Answer to Previous Puzzle
ACROSS
1 Dunks
2 Founder of Carthage
3 Cervical vertebrae
4 Copperfield's wife
5 Building entrance
6 Western hemisphere
7 Japanese organization
8 Military
9 Rhythmic
10 Month (abbr.)
11 City of joy
12 Swoop
13 Duet
14 Victim
15 Under the weather
16 Owl's forte
17 Deer
40 Cement containers
41 Balance
42 Sturdy tree
43 Amend
44 God (Sp)
45 Repent
46 54 City in Montana
47 Japanese currency
48 Milky way
49 CIA
50 Forerunner
51 Capital of Italy
52 Precipice
53 Tim
54 Unexpected difficulty
55 Being ill
56 Mother
57 Towel
58 Group
59 Duet
60 Victim
61 Under the weather
62 Owl's forte
63 Deer
64 Social club
65 Cocks
66 Lupino
67 Invite
68 Four pas (pl)
69 Curved bone
70 Dart
71 Over (post)
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Seminole Track Owners: No Harness Racing In 1980

By JOE DESANTIS
Herald Sports Editor
There will be no harness racing at Seminole Raceway in Casselberry this year, the new owners of the track confirmed today.
"Today was the deadline for the new owners to apply for racing dates for the 1980 season, according to Gary Rutledge of the Miami office of the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel racing.
And, in a joint statement issued at noon by the new track owners, they declared they would not seek a harness racing application, but would close the track this season except for winter training of harness horses.
The new owners explained they are asking the Florida Legislature to grant them a permit to convert the facility to a dog track and that matter is expected to come before lawmakers during the 1980 legislative session.
Paul N. Dervaux and Bill and Jack Demetree, purchased the harness facility in December, 1979, for \$2.5 million and announced the name of the facility would be changed to Seminole Greyhound Park, Inc.
That announcement touched off a furor from Jerry Collins, owner of the Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club. Collins termed the name change by the new owners as presumptuous. "How can they call the facility a Greyhound Park when any change like that has to be approved by the legislature," Collins asked.
According to Rutledge, an change in type of racing permit must go through an application process beginning with the Senate Commerce Committee.
"There are Florida statutes that forbid pari-mutuel plants of the same type to operate within a 100-mile radius of one another," explained Rutledge.
Currently the Seminole Harness Raceway is licensed for the types of horse racing: harness, quarter-horse and thoroughbred.
For the Seminole Harness Raceway, which has not enjoyed the same financial success as the Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club, located less than two miles away in Longwood reported the lowest state revenues of any of the 36 Florida pari-mutuel plants during its 1978-79 season.
"If Seminole Harness Raceway does not operate this season, the state would lose about \$118,000 in revenue," Rutledge said. "That's the figure from that facility's 1978-79 report."
"That represents the lowest amount of revenue from any of the pari-mutuels in the state. The next lowest is almost double that figure."

Midway Pair Found Dead Next To Auto

By DAVID M. RAZLER
Herald Staff Writer
Deputies and highway patrolmen are investigating the deaths of an elderly Midway couple found lying next to their car in Midway this morning.
Police discovered the body of Odessa M. Peterson of Beardall Avenue, Midway, almost completely submerged in the canal alongside Beardall Avenue near Kentucky Street shortly before 8 a.m.
Up farther along the banks of the canal, deputies found the body of her 69-year-old husband Paul J. Peterson. The Petersons' 1976 Plymouth Valiant was found hanging over the ditch.
County Medical Examiner G.V. Garay said Mr. Peterson probably died of a heart attack. While he had not yet completed the autopsy on Mrs. Peterson, late this morning, he said there are no signs of foul play in either case.
The car was discovered this morning by a farmer, who notified the sheriff's office at 7:44 a.m., Sheriff's Department spokesman John Spolski said.
The car had been there for some time, said Florida Highway Patrolman (FHP) G.E. Davis.
The investigation is being conducted by both FHP and Seminole Sheriff's investigators because it is unknown whether an auto accident was the cause of death.
By 8:15 a.m. both bodies had been recovered and were transported by Herndon Ambulance to Seminole Memorial Hospital for autopsy by Garay.



Investigators examine the car found hanging in a ditch in Midway while officers remove the body of an elderly man. Both Florida Highway Patrol and Seminole Sheriff's department officers were at work this morning gathering evidence at the site where two bodies were found.

Carter To Make Major Statement

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter is consulting with top aides and foreign leaders on a major statement he will make announcing what the United States is prepared to do to protect its vital interests in the Persian Gulf and Middle East.
Already dubbed the "Carter Doctrine," press secretary Jody Powell said the date and the forum for outlining the policy to the American people has not yet been set.
There was a possibility he would reveal the foreign policy changes in his State of the Union address Jan. 23.
Meanwhile, the president's aides will work up to the growing Russian military presence on its border.
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Uskert Wins Longwood Mayor's Post

By JANE CASSELLBERRY
Herald Staff Writer
"New blood" won out over a "vast storehouse of knowledge and experience" Monday night as newly installed Commissioner Steven Uskert garnered the necessary three votes to be named mayor of Longwood.
He won out over Commissioner J. Russell Grant, who is beginning his sixth year on the commission and served as chairman for two years.
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Longwood Mayor Steven Uskert settles into his new seat in the Longwood Commission chamber after his election by a 3-2 vote over Commissioner J. Russell Grant. Uskert was recently elected to his first term on the commission.

chance. I think we each deserve a turn. Mr. Grant had served four years as chairman."
Hepp then nominated Mrs. Lormann, who is not allowed by the charter to succeed herself as appointed mayor, as deputy mayor. She was elected 3-2.
Hepp, Uskert and Lormann voted for her as deputy mayor, while Mitchell and Grant gave their two votes to Grant.
"For harmony of the city and commission," Mrs. Lormann asked the commissioners to declare a unanimous ballot for Uskert as mayor and the vote was again 3-2. "I was elected 3-2 and felt very uncomfortable," she explained. "I have enjoyed being mayor and tried to do a good job. It wasn't easy, but it was interesting. The city administrator-mayor form of government certainly does work." Mr. Chacey, City Administrator David Chacey has been very cooperative and I appreciate his efforts."
Mrs. Lormann was the first woman to serve as mayor of Longwood and the first appointed mayor under the new charter. Her son, Jim, and late husband, Al, are also former Longwood mayors. This is the fourth term on the commission for the city's Land Planning Agency.

Tullis New Patriot Coach
Lake Brantley High School announced a new head football coach to replace Jim Raley today. In an official announcement at noon today, principal Darwin Boothe said assistant coach Dave Tullis has been named to the job from a staff of several outstanding and qualified coaches presently at the campus.

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Hospital Control: All 3 Bidders Have Their Supporters

By DIANE PETRYK
Herald Staff Writer
Evidence suggests there will be support for all three proposals under consideration for Seminole Memorial Hospital when the county commission holds public hearings on the matter tonight at 7 p.m.
At a Seminole Memorial Hospital physicians staff meeting last night, doctors present expressed support for each of the proposals.
Dr. Kenneth Wing, chief of staff, said although the doctors once were fairly convinced they preferred a not-for-profit group take over the facility, some have now expressed interest in the proposal of for-profit Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).
This interest follows a tour of an HCA facility in Ft. Pierce taken by two county commissioners, two county administrators and Wing and Dr. Frank Thomas, chief of surgery at Seminole Memorial.
"What the doctors want is a good hospital with modern facilities, Wing said. He said he did not think doctors will present a unified opinion at tonight's hearings.
Nurses from Seminole Memorial Hospital will be present at the hearings, but have no group position on the matter, according to Edna Robinson, acting director of nursing.
A poll of some of the 40 members of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce indicated this morning individual members favor each of the proposals, said Jack Horner, executive manager of the chamber.
"There was mixed reaction among the members," Horner said. "Each one of the proposals has its strong points. I don't envy the commissioner's task. It's going to be a very difficult choice." Horner said the survey should be completed by tonight and a report issued to commissioners tonight on the matter.
Whether public opinion will sway the commissioners will listen to public comments tonight on proposals to buy or lease aging Seminole Memorial Hospital from Florida Hospital, Orlando; Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Nashville, Tenn.; and the hospital's own board of trustees.
Florida Hospital is a not-for-profit organization. The hospital board of trustees proposes to convert the county-owned hospital to a private, not-for-profit group from Tennessee or Florida Hospital.
Sanford businessman Bob Ball, owner of Western Auto, said today he will attend the public hearings but was unsure whether public opinion will sway the commissioners.
He said he favors the board of trustees proposal because it eliminates "county control which has held the hospital back."
"All the county commission had done is muddy up the water," Ball said. "They should get out and let the trustees run the hospital. It's just a matter of time."
Ball added that he is "bitterly opposed" to the hospital being run by a for-profit group from Tennessee or Florida Hospital.
"Churches should stay in religion and stay out of other things," he said.

Commissioners Impressed In Tour Of HCA's Facility At Ft. Pierce

By DONNA ESTES
Herald Staff Writer
One of the three major contenders being considered by the Seminole County Commission to take over operation of Seminole Memorial Hospital (SMH) at Sanford, conducted a tour of its two-year old facility at Ft. Pierce Monday.
The county commissioners at a 7 p.m. public hearing today will select input from interested citizens and groups on the future of the county-owned and tax-supported facility, located in the downtown area of Sanford.
Participating in the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) tour Monday were County Commissioners Bill Kirchhoff and Sandra Glenn; County Administrator Roger Nelwander and his assistant, Jeff Eichberger; Dr. Kenneth Wing, SMH chief of staff and Dr. Frank Thomas, surgery chief.
Nashville, Tenn. based HCA, Florida Hospital and the SMH Board of Trustees are competing to either lease or purchase the hospital facility.
The group flew to Ft. Pierce by HCA jet from Central Florida Airport at Sanford.
Impressed with the Ft. Pierce hospital, Thomas said, "From patient care, it is the nicest 225-bed hospital I've seen. It is a beautiful hospital," he said.
Dr. Thomas also said that while local control seems to be a

major concern of Seminole County residents, "I think there is enough local control under HCA. There is no question if you hire a company from Nashville to run the hospital and build a building, they are going to do it their way."
"The present hospital needs an image change," Wing said.
Thomas said during the tour he ran into a member of the medical staff who was not in favor of HCA control. "What he said essentially was that with the HCA takeover there was a loss of local control. Basically in a plant of this size (225 beds) I can't think of anything else it needs to be a better hospital," he said.
Baill King, administrator of the HCA facility, Lawndale Medical Center Inc. and administrator of the now defunct Ft. Pierce Memorial Hospital, conducted the tour.
King said the old facility there, built originally by the U.S. Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1937, was expanded several times with the last expansion in the 1960s. HCA negotiated a contract to manage the old hospital after two bond issues for expansion money were turned down by the people of St. Lucie County.
King said money saved by HCA in the management more than paid annual management costs.
HCA agreed to a management contract in 1975 and the new hospital was constructed some three miles away and occupied