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Meeting Called To Fight Delay On SR 46 Overpass

By DONNA ESTES
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The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is going to have a fight on its hands if it delays for a year the construction of the \$4 million State Road 46 railroad overpass in Sanford. Julian Stenstrom, chairman of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce's long-range road and bridge planning committee, has called an 8:15 a.m. Thursday special meeting of the committee at the chamber conference room to draw battle plans against the proposed delay.

The planning committee is the group that got federal approval for the project originally.

At the same time, James Tesar, administrator of Seminole Memorial Hospital, City Commissioner David Farr, and State Rep. Bobby Brantley, R-Longwood, are ready to join the fray. Jack Horner, executive manager of the Chamber, said today, "The SR 46 project was declared the Number One priority project in Florida. We got it approved through Congress.

"The federal government obligated the funding through a special fund. I want special project funds explained," Horner said, adding that C.A. "Bill" Benedict, district DOT engineer, has been invited to the committee meeting.

"We have no quarrel with Bill. He has been very helpful. We just want an explanation from him," he added.

Others to attend the meeting include Douglas Stenstrom and Sid Chase, longtime members of the committee, and State Rep. Robert Hattaway, D-Altamonte Springs.

Florida Secretary of Transportation Jake Varn said Friday he is recommending a year's delay in the construction of the SR 46 project and the widening and resurfacing of State Road 436 from Douglas Road to Boston Avenue in Altamonte Springs.

He added, however, that he might change his mind about one or the other of Seminole County's projects if he can be convinced that Orange County's Silver Star Road extension should be delayed instead. The estimated cost of the railroad overpass is \$4 million and the estimated cost of the SR 436 project is \$4.6 million, Varn said.

Benedict said earlier, however, that the SR 46 project might be delayed about two months.

Bill McKelvy, deputy district engineer from the Deland District 5 office said today, "Here in the district our job is to get the plans and project ready for contract, and we are proceeding toward a February contract letting for the SR 46 overpass construction."

McKelvy said the district has not been notified of any delay in the contract letting.

Benedict said earlier that the problem with funding revolves around a new federal policy that grants "obligating authority" quarterly for federally funded projects. If a delay is necessary, he said, it need only be for one-quarter of a year—from February possibly to the April-through-June quarter.

Horner said today, "We were told several times by Benedict the project was safe, and we have the utmost confidence in Benedict."

Benedict also indicated the federal money allocated to the SR 46 project could not be diverted to highway use. It had to be used for a railroad safety project, he said.

Varn said today from his Tallahassee office that Railroad Safety Act money funding can't be diverted to another project.

He said one of the problems at this point is that Congress hasn't taken any final action on the proposed project. Varn said he is recommending a year's delay in some projects after listening to President Reagan's and Congress' positions on federal funding for road projects and "crystal-balling" what may happen.

Varn said that even if the SR 46 overpass is delayed until the next fiscal year, the actual delay would be about six to seven months. "I wonder if adverse impact would be that much," he said.

Tesar said "The impact is already there." The project was approved originally because of two major elements: Sanford is still a major railroad center, and numerous trains crossing the highway hold up for long periods of time emergency vehicles going to the hospital.

Tesar said that not only are emergency vehicles held up, but doctors responding to patient calls are held up for long periods at the crossing.

Tesar said he is sure the Hospital Corporation of America, which acquired Seminole Memorial Hospital and is currently building a new \$24 million hospital at Mangoustine Avenue and U.S. Highway 17-92, will do everything possible to get the overpass project under way. "It does have an impact on the

access to the hospital," he said. The hospital construction is scheduled for completion next June.

He noted that the overpass construction approval was a consideration in choosing the new hospital site.

P. E. Carpenter, division administrator for the Federal Highway Administration, said today that in the final analysis the state decides what projects are going to be built.

He said the state can put its federal funding into whatever project it wishes. "It works out of a pot of federal money on whatever projects it wishes," Carpenter said. "It's up to the state DOT."

Carpenter said, however, he knows that the overpass is one of Benedict's high priorities.

Farr said today the state is trying to do the people of Sanford a second injustice in one week. Last week state Department of Environmental Regulation officials indicated it will not approve expansion of the city's sewer plant if it means dumping additional effluent into Lake Monroe.

"If I were the hospital I would be fighting mad. Sanford ought to be fighting mad. I will cooperate with appropriate agencies to get SR 46 back on schedule this year," Farr said.

Brantley said he will be talking to the DOT today to see if a final decision has been made. He noted that with Varn's announced resignation, some "arbitrary decisions are being made at the top echelon."

Hattaway said he has written to U.S. Sen. Lawton Chiles D-Florida, seeking assistance for the two Seminole County projects.

It's Sheppard By Default

By TENI YARBOROUGH
Herald Staff Writer

Casselberry Mayor Owen Sheppard was reelected by default at 5 p.m. Friday when time ran out for candidate qualifying in the mayor's race. At the close of business Friday, Sheppard was the only candidate in the mayoral race, according to City Clerk Mary Hawthorne.

"Although it is somewhat inflating to think that no one had the confidence to challenge me, I think it's unfortunate that the voters won't have the opportunity to express their feelings," Sheppard said.

While the mayor's position was uncontested at the close of candidate qualifying, the two council positions up for grabs are both contested.

Council Chairman Tom Embree, who is seeking reelection, is opposed by Carl Robertson Jr., 1405 Lady Amy Drive. Robertson is a former city councilman who served from 1977 to 1980.

Councilman John Leighty, who is also seeking reelection to his post, is running against George Smith, 555 Diane Circle, who is retired from the Army.

The Casselberry election will be held Dec. 1. Included on the ballot is a referendum concerning a proposed \$150,000 paramedic program which, if approved, will be incorporated into the city Fire Department. The proposed program will be funded through an increase in property taxes from \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation to \$3.20 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation.

Altamonte Springs voters will go to the polls tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to cast their vote for one of two mayoral candidates, two unopposed City Commission candidates and two amendments

to the city's charter. (There will be a regular City Commission meeting Tuesday night due to the election.)

According to City Clerk Bobbi Floyd, city residents will know who their mayor will be for the next two years by 8 or 8:30 p.m.

Incumbent Mayor Hugh Harling and Ray Ambrose, a former city police sergeant, are both vying for the mayoral position.

Although Dudley Bates and Cheney Colorado both ran unopposed for their District 1 and 3 commission seats respectively, their names will appear on Tuesday's ballot. Both candidates said earlier that they solicit the voters' support and a show of confidence when residents go to the polls.

Two charter amendments also will appear on Tuesday's ballot.

The first proposed amendment, if passed, will give the city manager full authority to hire and fire department heads with confirmation by the City Commission.

According to City Manager Jeff Etchberger, the charter amendment is necessary because "it is a basic principle of management that if a manager has the responsibility of administration, he needs the enforcement authority to go along with it."

Currently, the department heads are hired and fired by the City Commission, with the city manager assisting in an advisory role.

The second proposed charter amendment relates to the terms of service by members of the Personnel Administration Board. The proposed amendment, if approved, will allow the seven-member board, composed of five city residents and two city employees, to serve staggered two-year terms.



Sanford Farmer's Market is where the break-ins have occurred.

Herald Photo by Tom Vincent

Frustration Truckers Are Out Gunning For Robber

By DIANE PETRYK
Herald Staff Writer

During the night of Oct. 18 two Sanford-based truck drivers crouched on the roof of the Sanford State Farmer's Market clutching loaded shotguns and watching for a familiar figure to appear below.

Angry with the rash of truck break-ins in recent months, and frustrated with what they believed to be police and judicial impotence in dealing with the matter, they were ready to take the law into their own hands.

They would wait for the man they were convinced was guilty of numerous truck window smashings and thefts, and then . . .

"They'd have been picking him up with a spoon, I guess," said Sanford trucker Richard Hathaway.

Hathaway, who wasn't one of the self-appointed vigilantes that night but had had his truck broken into twice in the previous six weeks, knew how they felt.

It was the night after one of their trucks had a window broken, necessitating repairs that cost a trip and over \$1,000 in profits.

The odds are slim he would have shown up the next night, Hathaway said, but if he had he might have been killed.

Who is he?

They call him Cowboy.

The tall, lanky young black man who sometimes hangs around the

truck stop off French Avenue in Sanford. They know him by his long, laddered stride and that ever-present cowboy hat.

Many of the truckers who utilize the Sanford Farmer's Market and truck stop area, 1300 to 1500 French Ave., and owners of businesses located there say they are certain Cowboy is responsible for most of the truck break-ins recently. About eight drivers have been victims in the last two months.

Witnesses say they saw Cowboy carrying one of the truckers' stolen television sets. An identifiable hat stolen from Hathaway's truck was reported seen in Cowboy's house. And, in fact, Cowboy was arrested by Sanford police at the truck stop Sept. 16 and charged with burglary to a conveyance and dealing in stolen property.

"I have all the proof I need in my own mind," Hathaway said.

Sanford Police Det. Donnie Anderson reported Saturday that Cowboy, after being read his rights, admitted to the burglaries of trucks owned by Hathaway and four others. He also was found with a pawn ticket for a TV set that belonged to one of the drivers, Anderson said.

Cowboy was arrested Saturday on six separate charges and is being held at the Seminole County Jail in lieu of \$15,300 total bond.

But although he's been arrested

many times, jail seems to be a revolving door for Cowboy. So much so that his case has proved to be a triangle of frustration not only for his victims but for police and law-enforcement officials and the state judicial and probation system as well.

"It's not that we're not arresting him," said Sanford Police Department spokesman Sgt. William R. Bernosky. "We've done our job numerous times."

The truckers admit this is true. It's the judges' fault for letting him go free, they say.

"Don't blame the circuit court judges in Seminole County," replies Ed Bedell, Florida Department of Corrections probation supervisor. "You can look at the courts critically, but is it the courts or the laws as interpreted by the Supreme Court?"

This is how the law has treated Cowboy:

Born and raised in Sanford, the 32-year-old son of migrant farmers has scratched a bare living from the soil himself and occasionally performed other menial jobs. But for the last 12 years he's mostly been in and out of jail. He's been sentenced for misdemeanors more than 20 times, serving sentences ranging from three to 90 days. Those sentences were for acts such as trespass, prowling, vagrancy, disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon, open profanity, giving false information to

a police officer, driving without a valid driver's license, destroying private property, loitering, unlawful display of a deadly weapon, and petty larceny.

In 1971 Cowboy was accused of his first felony — larceny of a motor vehicle. The charge was dropped. But by late 1972 he had been convicted of breaking and entering. He received two years' probation, violated the probation and was sentenced to eight months in the county jail. While in jail he escaped.

"He was a trusty," Bedell said. "He had a key, and when they sent him out for coffee he just kept on going."

That trip netted Cowboy four years in state prison. He served about three and was paroled. He completed the requirements of the parole satisfactorily, Bedell said, but was charged with three new felonies — burglaries — in January, July and December 1979. In each case the charges were dropped for one reason or another.

Until in August 1980 he was again charged with burglary and sentenced to five years' probation, Bedell said. Last July he was charged with absconding because he did not inform the Probation Department he had moved. The charge was dismissed in September.

But in September he was arrested

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Herald Photo by Tom Vincent

BOMBS AWAY!

Little Brian Grayson looks like a future Doug Williams as he gets set to unload a bomb in the Sanford Recreation Football Skills competition sponsored by Rich Plan on Saturday at Chase Park. Grayson threw like Williams, too, as he won in the eight-year-old competition. David Roberts won in the nine-year-old division. See Page 7A.

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Tracks To Get A Facelift

Railroad tracks, stretching 18.9 miles between Sanford and Oviedo, will get a facelift soon as a result of a recently received \$350,000 federal grant, according to the office of U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Altamonte Springs.

According to Jan Arch of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the grant was awarded to the state DOT

to repair the tracks making them "safe for 25-mile-an-hour traffic in Seminole County."

According to state DOT rail administrator James Rankin, the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad will pay the state's share of the grant, totaling \$150,000.

"We don't absorb the cost for private companies in these grants," he said.

Repairs to the tracks are scheduled to begin this month and should be completed by the end of January or the beginning of February, railroad officials said.

According to SCL officials, the tracks to be repaired are used for light freight operations at slow speeds.

— TENI YARBOROUGH

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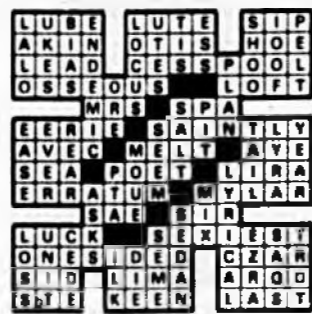
ACROSS

- 1 Arabian ship
- 5 Likely
- 8 Pairs
- 12 City slicker
- 13 Curtsy
- 14 Invitation response (abbr.)
- 15 On the shattered side
- 16 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
- 17 Inking
- 18 End of a spar
- 20 Egg producer
- 21 Superlative suffix
- 22 Envision
- 23 Sorts
- 26 Jumped
- 30 Football conference
- 31 Ego
- 32 Cutting implement
- 33 Genetic material
- 34 One
- 35 Fish appendage
- 38 Intimacy
- 39 Pussy cat
- 40 Strich
- 41 Buddhism type
- 42 Murders
- 45 Took trip
- 49 Continent
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- 51 Focal points
- 52 Inert gas
- 53 Auto club
- 54 Being in a fairy tale
- 55 Nurse
- 56 Each and every
- 57 Joint disease

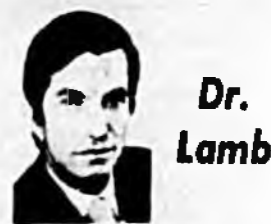
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- 1 Normandy invasion day
- 2 Hawaiian dance
- 3 River in Germany
- 4 Tared
- 5 Terminate
- 6 Carl Sandburg creation
- 7 Duet
- 8 Silly talk
- 9 Farm agency (abbr.)
- 10 Done with
- 11 Neuter
- 19 Equine
- 20 Egg (Fr.)
- 22 Seasoning
- 23 Philosopher
- 24 Former Mars
- 25 College Spanish colony
- 26 Ore deposit
- 27 27th
- 28 Way out
- 29 Repudiate
- 31 Fall in flakes
- 34 Puts to work
- 37 Dot of land
- 38 Coral reef
- 39 Beluddled (3 wds)
- 41 Of certain areas
- 42 German philosopher
- 43 Phrase of understanding (2 wds)
- 44 King of beasts
- 45 Calf meat
- 46 Dancer type
- 47 Off-white
- 48 Food regimen
- 50 Aviation agency (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Alter Lifestyle To End Spasms



DEAR DR. LAMB — I am 33 years old. For a year-and-a-half I have experienced attacks which were diagnosed as spasms of the colon. They don't come often and there are months in between attacks. They happen when I am worried or under pressure. I have pain along the lower right side and gas, sometimes diarrhea. I don't have any appetite and feel awful for one day, then the gas goes away and I am left with soreness in my lower right side.

I'm now recovering from an attack which was the worst I've ever experienced, but I am going through a divorce.

My doctor first put me on Butbel and now Librax which has helped some. He says it's a problem I will have to live with but I can't believe there is nothing that can be done. Can you suggest something that will help?

DEAR READER — Your story sounds like attacks of spastic or irritable colon. It is usual to give something to help a nervous person calm down and something to relax the spasms. Librax helps do both.

Your doctor is right that you will probably have this tendency for life. But you can alter your lifestyle to help prevent severe attacks. That, of course, includes trying to adjust your life so you have less stress — easier said than done. It includes avoiding foods that tend to aggravate your colon as well as coffee, tea, colas and cold drinks.

Avoiding caffeine in coffee and other drinks also helps prevent nervous tension. I have covered these points in The Health Letter number 16-4, Spastic Colon, Irregularity and Constipation, which I am sending you.

Others who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

I like people to use bulk, particularly bran, in their diet but I recognize that it causes gas, particularly at first. So

for starters use a bulk-forming agent such as Konyl, Metamucil or Movicol. After things straighten out for you, try to change your diet gradually to include a lot more bulk. Avoid spices. If you smoke do try to stop, and plan your life so you can get some relaxation.

DEAR DR. LAMB — The pressure in my eyes was higher than normal on a recent examination. The specialist looked further and found the optic nerve was normal and the drainage was OK. He will check again in four months and decide if I need medicine or not. Can one have high pressure with no glaucoma? Or is glaucoma a term for pressure or what? I am 64 and had a brother who was blind and a sister on treatment for glaucoma. They were both diabetic. So am I.

DEAR READER — Many things in medicine are neither black nor white but shades of gray. Most people have pressure inside the eyeball that is definitely within the normal range. Others have a pressure that is high but not definitely abnormal.

High pressure is not necessarily glaucoma. Doctors like to see other evidences as well, particularly some disturbance in drainage from the eye that causes the build-up in pressure. But I do want to advise you that it is important to find glaucoma as early as possible to get the best results from treatment.

Other readers should know that you can develop glaucoma well before you notice any symptoms. That is one of the reasons for a regular eye examination, particularly after age 50.

HOROSCOPE

By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

For Tuesday, November 3, 1981

YOUR BIRTHDAY

November 3, 1981

There will be ample opportunities around you this coming year, but you will have to be discerning in order to recognize them. Once you spot where the benefits lie, you'll know exactly what to do about them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Sometimes we can tell harmless little fibs and get away with them. Today, however, if you don't tell it like it is, it could cause problems. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the year following your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph, Mail #1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be realistic regarding situations where you are hopeful of some type of material reward. Expecting more than you're entitled to will result in disappointment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unless someone specifically asks for your advice, it may be wise to keep your suggestions to yourself. Even when counsel is requested, think before speaking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The temptation to talk about something told to you in confidence may be difficult to suppress. If you blab, you'll be sorry.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If possible, try not to lend or borrow from friends. There's

a chance that something could accidentally occur to cause hard feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't take anything for granted careerwise. Situations that usually benefit you could do a complete reversal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Plan each of your moves carefully before proceeding on complicated jobs. If you make mistakes, there's a chance you may have to scrap the whole project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Steer clear of individuals who are too dictatorial or demanding. You'll have your own way of doing things, and you won't appreciate their interference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Promises you make will be taken seriously, so don't make commitments unless you are certain you can fulfill them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're a capable producer today, but you must be careful not to exaggerate your accomplishments while putting down the efforts of others. Share the glory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Think carefully before becoming involved in expenditures with a long-term payback. Buying is fun, erasing the debt may not be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Normally you're tactful but today you could be more demanding than diplomatic. Take others' feelings into consideration.

WIN AT BRIDGE

NORTH 10-40			
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♥ 2		♥ 6	
♦ J 10 9 7		♦ 6 4 3	
♣ K J 9 5		♣ Q 10 8 7	
SOUTH		NORTH-SOUTH	
♠ 4		♠ A K Q 10 8 7 4	
♥ A K Q		♥ A K Q	
♦ A 2		♦ A 2	
Vulnerable: North-South		Dealer: South	
West	North	East	South
Pass 20	Pass 20	Pass 20	Pass 20
Pass 30	Pass 30	Pass 30	Pass 30
Pass 50	Pass 50	Pass 50	Pass 50
Pass 70	Pass 70	Pass 70	Pass 70
Opening lead: ♠ J			

By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

Oswald: "Correct play at match points should be based on what is going to be best for you at your contract. Take this hand as an example. We have shown

a final contract of seven hearts arrived at after an artificial two club opening, a catch-all two diamond response and Blackwood."

Alan: "South notes that the final contract at other tables will be six or seven hearts or six or seven trump. He doubts if anyone will stop short of a slam. He also notes that there are 12 easy tricks and at a no trump contract the play for 13 will be to take a spade finesse against West."

Oswald: "In a heart contract declarer can take that same finesse against West, but he also can take a ruffing finesse against East if he so desires. We also can see that East has that spade king so the ruffing finesse will be the winner. At rubber bridge it is an exact even money chance which way to finesse. In duplicate it is automatically correct to take the ruffing finesse."

Alan: "The reason is that if West holds that king all seven no trump bidders will make their contract and even if you make seven hearts you will only tie for next to top with other seven heart bidders. Take the ruffing finesse and if you are right you will be lying for top, not next to top."

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FLETCHER'S LANDING



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