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## Staying ahead of the fire



Seminole County firefighters try to control another brush fire Monday afternoon on East State Road 46. The above picture shows the firefighter truck in the foreground as the Seminole County Sheriff's Office helicopter in the air, searching for hot spots. Left, firefighter Lt. Bill DeBoles tries to cool off with a tasty beverage, while standing next to a Seminole County tanker. The firefighters used approximately 5,700 gallons of water to put out the most recent blaze. The fire is the third in less than 2 weeks. The first charged through 2,000 acres a week ago Saturday, and the one on Friday burned through 10. Property damage has been high. No serious injuries have been reported.

Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

## Cop's firing peppered with dirty talk, disturbing details

**By Russ White**  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - The Arthur Barnes saga continues, stirring confusion and chagrin at both City Hall and the Sanford Police Department. The latest disclosure is that too many of these buddies in blue talk dirty.

City Personnel Director Tim McCauley, the hearing officer who reviewed Officer Barnes' dismissal from the SPD, said Monday that his findings ranged from "inconclusive" to "cause did exist."

Barnes, a 12-year veteran of the force was fired last month, for misconduct and insubordi-

nation. McCauley informed Barnes that he "could not mitigate the discipline that was issued as such authority is not granted to me as a matter of policy."

"If mitigation was an option I would give it serious consideration as your actions and behavior do not appear to be unique when compared to other officers who were not subject to discipline," McCauley said.

Not only does McCauley's non-call dump the issue back in the lap of Police Chief Joe Dillard, it also has kicked up some ugly facts about life at the SPD. "I'm concerned, very

concerned about some of the findings," Dillard said Monday. "There's a lot I don't like."

Among McCauley's disclosures:

\* The use of profanity at the SPD is routine and some described the use of profanity as daily.

\* Some members of the SPD used nicknames such as "basketball head" and "bitch" to address Officer Barnes.

\* Some of the officers who gave written statements that were ultimately used as causes for Barnes' dismissal were told or ordered to give those statements by either Rick Poovey. Please See Barnes, Page 3A



## False bomb scare forces evacuation at courthouse



Better hot than hotter. Seminole County Courthouse employees spent some time outdoors Monday. When an indication was made regarding a false bomb threat, employees followed standard operational policy and evacuated the building. Employees, who have done this in the past, are fully aware that the heat of the sun, although higher than normal these days, is still better than what could have happened if the threat had proven to be true.

## IN BRIEF

### It's their week

SANFORD - This 3rd week in June has been declared National Code Enforcement Week. In honor of the event, the Sanford City Commission last week approved a resolution saluting the city's code enforcement officials including Community Development Director Charles Rowe, Mary Muse and Dan Florian. The designation was presented at last week's city commission meeting by Commissioner Kerry Lyons.

### Legs advice

LONGWOOD - Dr. Richard S. Bragg, M.D., a specialist in the treatment of Venous Disease and a member of the American College of Phlebology, will present a seminar "Look after your Legs" on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. Varicose and spider veins are very much a 20th century health problem. Many women dread the summer because baring their legs means revealing ugly veins.

Dr. Bragg will be addressing the causes of spider and varicose veins and the symptoms associated with them. He will discuss treatments that are currently available, including Sclerotherapy, and offer advice on how to prevent them. The session will conclude with an open question forum.

The seminar is free. For further information or to register to attend please call (407) 841-8800 or (407) 805-8989.

### Dog fanciers

The Seminole Dog Fanciers Association will be part of the Orlando Cluster 4-day All Breed and Obedience shows on June 18, 19, 20, and 21.

The shows will be held at the Central Florida Fair Grounds, Highway 50 West, Orlando.

The Seminole Dog Fanciers Club show is Thursday, June 18, with over 1,400 dogs entered.

For more information on your breed call Phyllis Madaus at (407) 321-6059.

### Parenthood class

SANFORD - Six Community Resource and Referral Center is sponsoring a free class for members of the community to provide helpful tips on being a parent. The sessions will teach how to set goals for the future, build skills in decision making and choose educated choices for family planning.

Planned Parenthood will conduct the meeting beginning at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, at the Salvation Army, 700 W. 24th Street in Sanford.

For additional information, phone 328-3990.

### Jesup meeting

OVIEDO - Friends of Lake Jesup Restoration and Basin Management Team will meet Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m..

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## Sanford will send fireworks up safely on the 4th

**By Russ White**  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - So what's a city to do in such dry, dangerous summer - forget the fireworks on the 4th of July at Fort Mellon Park?

"Absolutely not," Sanford Main Street President Bob Parsell said Monday. "We understand the need for caution but we're going to have fireworks.

Fortunately, we shoot over the water on Lake Monroe."

Parsell said that as many as 30,000 are expected to attend the event, which begins with entertainment and refreshments at 5 p.m. and concludes with the fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

"Hopefully, it's going to rain between now and the 4th," Sanford Mayor Larry Dale said. "Whatever the case, the city will provide emergency per-

sonnel - firefighters and police for the event. Everything will be done to insure safety. We'll take no chances."

"Because of the drought there will be an extra need for caution this year," said Seminole County Safety Director Ken Roberts. "There's adequate supervision at events such as the one in Sanford but it's the indiscriminate users of fireworks that concern us. It wouldn't be

too smart for someone to light a Roman candle and point it at the woods."

Roberts said parents should advise youngsters to be very careful, and that everyone use common sense with any fireworks they set off on July 4th.

On Monday, the Seminole County firefighters responded to yet another brush fire in the Geneva area. "Until there is

rain, we'll respond to each call with a task force," Roberts said. "Every fire is dangerous."

Many local governments are being advised to limit controlled burns and discourage the use of fireworks because of the tinderbox conditions. Temperatures continue to rise with little or no rain. Melbourne recorded 100 degrees on Monday and Daytona Beach reached 99. It was 97 in Sanford.

## 4 companies cut auto insurance rates

**By Nick Pfeiff**  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

If you own an automobile, and most people do, there is some good news from Tallahassee this week. State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson has told several of the state's major automobile insurers, "Cut your rates."

The 4 companies are Allstate Insurance Company, Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Colonial Insurance Company of Wisconsin, and Progressive Consumers Insurance Company.

The move comes on the heels of the announcement that the state's largest insurer, State Farm Mutual, will give refunds in 35 states. For the 2.1 million Florida policy holders, this is expected to amount to a refund of an average of \$30.

As for the 4 companies now joining in the rate cuts, Allstate has agreed to cut rates by 5 percent and give an extra 3.75 percent refund to its 1.1 million customers. Nationwide will decrease rates on 291,000 policies by 5.2 percent and by 8 percent for the 30,000 policy holders of its sub-

sidary, Colonial Insurance of Wisconsin. Progressive will cut rates by 7.7 percent for its 151,000 policy holders.

Nelson said his directives and last week's other event signal that automobile rates for the vast majority of Florida drivers are falling dramatically for the second consecutive year. Among the factors are the state's ongoing fight against insurance fraud and its crackdowns on both uninsured and drunk drivers. Insurers and regulators also say that overall claims are

## Dads and docents: The zoo wants you

**By Nick Pfeiff**  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - The Central Florida Zoological Park has plenty of animals. What zoo officials want now is people. Of immediate need: fathers. They are urging offspring to bring

dad to the zoo for Fathers Day this Sunday. Myriad special events are planned.

A more long term need is volunteers to become involved with the Docent Training Program. Docents at the zoo are volunteer teachers who present educational programs to the

thousands of youngsters and adults who visit the zoo and explore the wonders of wildlife.

The zoo is scheduling its 40th Docent Training Program beginning Wednesday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two classes will run concurrently: 1 on

Wednesdays and 1 on Saturdays for 11 weeks.

Tuition is \$35 for class materials and a zoo shirt. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Deadline for applications is July 17, with an orientation for docent volunteers

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**'A soft answer turneth away wrath but grievous words stir up anger.'**

-Proverbs





**LETTERS**

**A miracle as statue survives**

The Geneva fire has been declared under control since 8 p.m. Monday evening, June 8, Seminole County Fire Department is still responding to small flare ups and will remain on a heightened state of alert until the current dangerously dry conditions have ended.

As was the case in the afternoon of the tornadoes, the destruction seemed to indiscriminately jump from place to place. There are areas completely surrounded by burned out remains, yet some are completely untouched. Much of this is due to the tremendous effort of firefighters during the blaze. One site, however, is truly remarkable. I will not give the actual physical location due to the fact that it is on private property and the owners have enough work to do without dealing with sightseers.

Amidst the charred debris of 2 houses a number of cars, trucks, shed and equipment, stands a statue. There is not a tree or blade of grass unburned on all the acreage of this farm except a circle 2' around the base of the statue. She stands between 2 trees which are black and charred from the ground up. The glass flower vase on the ground in front of the statue has shattered and melted on the ground. The area directly behind the statue is covered with the bodies of rabbits, chickens, pigs, and other pets caught in the fire.

I am not an overly religious person and was not raised as a Catholic, yet the site of the statue of the Virgin Mary was miraculous. The statue is just a standard lawn statue of the Virgin Mary, approximately 2-1/2 feet tall. She is all white with a blue painted shell enveloping her from behind, and she is completely surrounded by acres of pure destruction. She stands untouched, not a

mark can be seen on the statue.

As I stated earlier, I am not a religious person, but the sight of this cannot help but give you pause to reflect. Maybe her presence on the scene helped ensure that no lives were lost.

**Len Berube  
Geneva**

**Symbolic call to arms**

This letter is a symbolic call to arms. We the people of Sanford and surrounding areas must defend the lands and waterfronts that so desperately need to be protected now and for future generations. Development of the lakfront and land adjacent to Ft. Mellon Park would establish a precedent that could lead to more reckless assault and pollution of the waterways by others.

How can any responsible citizen with foresight allow this to happen? Let us help the city to grow but not at the expense of the citizenry.

Ft. Mellon Park now provides recreation for families and children in a beautiful, natural setting, not to mention a home for wildlife. A hotel and conference center in the heart of this area would destroy the very uniqueness which the developers find attractive. If this conference center and hotel are placed here where would the young people go to play ball, to fish, or to just sit in a swing and dream? Where would families gather? Take a look at other areas that have become blighted by the impact of inappropriate development. Here in Sanford we have an opportunity to make a difference, to preserve the heart of Sanford. Would you see this taken away?

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# SEMINOLE Sports

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## Extra Points...

**Jeff Berlinicke**  
Herald Staff Writer



## Go and check out our new professional sports team

**SANFORD** - In a metropolitan area not known for supporting professional sports, Seminole County has a chance now to prove it can.

You won't find a harder working, but small organization, as the Orlando Surge, the new professional roller hockey team that will be playing its home games at the InLine Skate Center in Longwood. Not only do they need support, but it may be the first professional team to call Seminole County its home.

The best part about the Surge is that it is a local team, made up of local guys, trying to fit into the local community. Try getting close with anyone on the Orlando Magic. Typically, the players get to the Orlando Arena, park their cars in barricaded areas, walk with an escort inside a private entrance and leave the same way. How many of you can say you've shaken hands with Penny, Horace or anyone else on the Magic?

And that's no knock on the Magic. Penny and the rest know they'd be mobbed and never get to their cars alive. That's what comes with playing in a major sport with major amounts of money involved. It's all about celebrity.

That's not the case with the Surge. Team members know they'll probably never make it to the NHL or even the high minors in hockey, so they're pretty much tickled to be receiving a paycheck for playing their favorite sport.

If you were among the nearly 800 people at Saturday's home opener, a 14-6 romp over the South Carolina Fire Ants, you saw a bunch of hungry guys making \$500 per week that didn't mind sticking around after the game to sign autographs and shake hands. None of them were in a hurry to go meet their agents for drinks.

In fact, the players seemed almost eager to talk to the fans, many of them kids, who attended. It was as if the players felt as if they were part of the crowd, not just the night's entertainment.

The game itself is as exciting as the game they play on ice. Goals are much easier to come by with faster-paced play and, for better (or some would say, for worse), there was no fighting. Only five penalties were called all night - two on South Carolina - and there weren't the dozens of play stoppages associated with the NHL game.

Roller hockey has been here before and just two years ago, the Orlando Jackals folded after one year, playing before empty seats at the Orlando Arena. Even when the Jackals drew a few thousand fans, it still looked empty as the cheering bounced off the cavernous walls.

At Longwood Saturday, it was different. The crowd nearly filled the place and the excitement was there and it was returned by the players after the game.

One game does not a franchise make. The Surge is home again Wednesday against Tampa and they'll be lucky to draw so well on a weeknight, but after the game, if your kids want autographs and the chance to meet a real professional athlete, it makes sense to stop by and check out Seminole County's first professional sports team.

**Last Second Shot:** When MJ took that final shot Sunday night, with the game and the series on the line, was there ever any doubt?

## All-Star tournament time

### Sanford to host five tourney's; PONY starts at West Seminole

By Dean Smith  
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

**SANFORD** - Seminole County, and especially Sanford, will be a very busy place for youth baseball tournaments over the next couple of months.

West Seminole PONY (Protect Our Nation's Youth) kicks the All-Star Tournament Season tonight by hosting a 10-Team Double Elimination District Tournament at its complex located behind the K-Mart at the intersection of 434 and 436 in Altamonte Springs near Forest City.

The tournament will feature teams from Seminole, Orange, Volusia and Osceola counties.

The Seminole A's (from Seminole PONY) opens the tournament by taking on Bear Creek B at 6 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., West Volusia B (Deltona) takes on Orlando SAY B.

West Seminole B will play the Seminole A-Bear Creek B winner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and the West Seminole A challenges Bear Creek A at 7:45 p.m.

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## BABE RUTH TOURNAMENTS

### BAMBINO A's

Thursday, June 18

Game 1 - Altamonte Springs vs. Longwood, Roy Holler Junior Field, 5:30 p.m.

Game 2 - Flagler (Bunnell) vs. Oviedo, Lakeside Field, 7:30 p.m.

Game 3 - Tavares vs. Sanford, Roy Holler Junior Field, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 19

at Roy Holler Junior Field

Game 4 - Holly Hill vs. Game 2 winner, 4 p.m.

Game 5 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.

Game 6 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 20

Game 7 - Game 2 loser vs. Game 5 loser, Roy Holler Junior Field, 9 a.m.

Game 8 - Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 winner, Lakeside Field, 11 a.m.

Game 9 - Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, Roy Holler Junior Field, 1 p.m.

Game 10 - Game 8 winner vs. Game 7 winner, Roy Holler Junior Field, 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 21

at Roy Holler Junior Field

Game 11 - Game 9 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 2 p.m.

Game 12 - Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 4 p.m.

Monday, June 22

at Roy Holler Junior Field

Game 13 - Game 12 winner vs. Game 12 loser (if both teams have one loss), 6 p.m.

### BAMBINO B's

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Saturday, June 20

Game 4 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, Lakeside Field, 9 a.m.

Game 5 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, Roy Holler Junior Field, 11 a.m.

Game 6 - Loser Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Lakeside Field, 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 21

at Lakeside Field

Game 7 - Loser Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 2 p.m.

Game 8 - Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 4 p.m.

Monday, June 22

at Lakeside Field

Game 9 - Game 8 winner vs. Game 8 loser (if both teams have 1 loss), 6 p.m.

Please see Babe Ruth, Page 6A



File Photo

Tim Raines Jr. agreed to a contract with the Baltimore Orioles on Monday and will begin his professional career this weekend in the Gulf Coast Rookie League in Sarasota.

## Baltimore bound

By Dean Smith  
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

**BALTIMORE** - The Baltimore Orioles proved what a class act they are prior to the signing of Tim Raines Jr. to a baseball contract.

Last week the younger Raines reportedly turned down an \$45,000 bonus offer, but over the weekend agreed to an undisclosed amount.

The Orioles waited until Tim Raines Sr. and the New York Yankees came to town on Monday to start a series to sign "Little Rock" so dad could be on hand.

Raines Jr., who hit .380 with six home runs, 35 RBI and 18 stolen bases for Seminole High School this season and was one of the leaders on the Sanford Post 53 team that won the American Legion World Series title last summer, will begin his professional career this weekend in Sarasota where the Gulf Coast Rookie League plays its games.

If the younger Raines can make a rapid rise through the Minor Leagues he could join Tim Sr. in the majors, becoming just the second father-son duo to play in the majors at the same time in history, following the Griffey's, Ken Sr. and Ken Jr., who turned the trick with the Seattle Mariners in the early 90's.

Tim Sr. is 38-plus years old and playing in his 18th major league season as an outfielder/designated hitter with the Yankees.

## Leaders breeze to victory; Christian outlasts Maronda in Co-Ed

From Staff Reports

**SANFORD** - Do you remember the commercial where the woman says, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature," then brings up a storm?

Well on a take-off on that theme we present, "It's not nice to make Beer :30 mad."

The co-league leaders bounced back in a big way from their first loss of the season last week, 17 runs on 14 hits in the top of the

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## Devil Rays break new ground for Lake Mary Little League

By Jeff Case  
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

**LAKE MARY** - After their 1998 season, the future for Lake Mary's Little League teams will answer to a new standard.

Dennis Ekberg, first year coach of the Lake Mary Devil Rays, guided the nine- and 10-year-old-squad to the regular season Minor Division

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The 1998 Lake Mary Little League Minor Division Devil Rays

## IN BRIEF

### MLHRA honors Martens

**LONGWOOD** - Major League Roller Hockey has named Orlando Surge forward Mike Martens its first player of the week for the 1998 season.

In Orlando's season-opening game on June 13, Martens tallied five goals and one assist on only nine shots in the Surge's 14-6 victory over the South Carolina Fire Ants.

Martens played the 1997-98 ice hockey season for the Columbus Cottonmouths of the

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**BLONDIE**

by Chic Young



**BEETLE BAILEY**

by Mort Walker



**THE BORN LOSER**

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by Houto Schneider



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**ARLO AND JANE**

by Jimmy Johnson



**FRANK AND ERNEST**

by Bob Thaves



**GARFIELD**

by Jim Davis



**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



**Coping with late-stage cancer**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My mother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, for which she had surgery and chemotherapy. She did well for six months and then died a horrible death from what doctors termed "paraneoplastic syndrome." What is this?

**DEAR READER:** Patients with metastatic cancer commonly suffer from severe neurological disorders caused by tumor cells in the brain or in the nerves. The most common malignancies associated with paraneoplastic syndrome are those arising in the ovaries, the lungs, the breasts and the stomach. Also, Hodgkin's disease, a form of lymph node cancer, can cause it.

Symptoms vary widely. They include weakness, confusion, dementia, blindness, vertigo, paralysis, memory loss and diminished sensation in arms or legs. In the presence of this syndrome, the outlook is grim; nonetheless, patients occasionally improve for short periods when treated with cortisone drugs and a blood-cleansing technique called plasmapheresis.

In my experience, paraneoplastic syndrome is usually an unmistakable sign that death is imminent. Under these circumstances, high-dose morphine therapy is the most humane approach.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report, "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

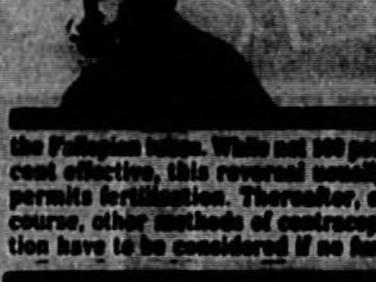
**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I've had a tubal ligation. Now I am considering having a family with a new partner. My doctor told me that the ligation could be reversed; but under such circumstances, I guess I would have to use contraception if I didn't want to become pregnant. Can I get pregnant without further surgery?

**DEAR READER:** During a tubal ligation, the surgeon severs each Fallopian tube and either cauterizes or sutures the free ends. After the operation, eggs from the ovaries are blocked from passing down the tubes and meeting sperm. Thus, conception is prevented.

Sometimes pregnancy can result anyway (a "surgical failure"), but for the vast majority of women, a tubal ligation is permanent.

For those women, like you, who later decide to conceive, doctors can perform microsurgery to reconnect

**GOTT**  
**PETER GOTT, M.D.**



I do not believe that you could conceive without first undergoing surgery to reverse the ligation. Therefore, before having the surgery, you should be very definite about your wish to become pregnant.

**If you would like to write to Dr. Gott send your letter to: P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Show someone
  - 2 Lively dance
  - 3 In
  - 4 Yellow fruit
  - 5 Be a police officer's job
  - 6 Not a
  - 7 Also
  - 8 Actor Brynner
  - 9 Colloquial
  - 10 Effective
  - 11 Trap
  - 12 Chemical
  - 13 Pea's leaves
  - 14 Bicycle parts
  - 15 Victor's assistant
  - 16 Singer
  - 17 Friends
  - 18 Before this time, old-style
  - 19 Edge
  - 20 Greek letter
- DOWN**
- 1 Tilt
  - 2 Flitting
  - 3 Profit for phone
  - 4 - Get a haircut
  - 5 - Microscopic
  - 6 Mayonnaise

**Answers to Previous Puzzles**

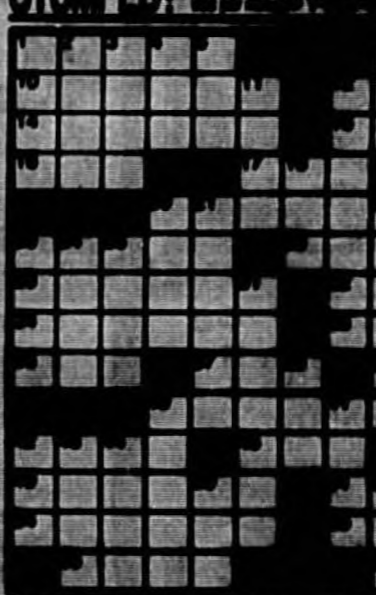
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**STUMPED?**



**Call for Answers to Stumped?**

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AD  
884

**East**

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42  
J108  
QJ1088

**South**

QJ10  
K76  
K762  
AT3

**Valuable: Neither Dealer: West**

**South West North East**

1 NT Pass Pass Pass

**Opening lead: ♣ Q**

**One no-trump after two passes**

By Phillip Alder

We are looking at bids that change meaning in the balancing position — that is, when the dealer opens and there are two passes around to you.

In the direct (second) position, a one-no-trump overall shows a hand that would have opened one-no-trump if only the dealer had had the courtesy to pass. Also, you should have at least one stopper in the opener's suit (and preferably more, especially when the opening is in a major).

In the balancing (fourth) position, though, a one-no-trump overall is weak, showing some 12-14 points. (It might be a little weaker if the opening is in a minor, and perhaps a little stronger when the opening is in a ma-

or.) Again, you should have something in the opener's suit. However, many experts feel that this isn't necessary. There is lots of room for partner — who is called the *admirer* — to investigate alternative contracts. Discuss it with your partner.

If South had opened one no-trump, that North hand would just be worth a jump to game. But opposite a balancing no-trump, it is an automatic pass.

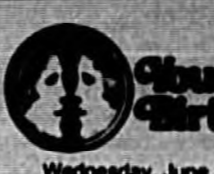
West led the heart queen.

Declarer could see only four top winners: two hearts and two clubs. The best chance for the extra tricks lay in diamonds. As West raved to hold the ace, declarer won the first heart trick in hand with the king and led a low diamond to dummy's queen. After it won, he returned a diamond, playing low from hand. When the ace came tumbling down, the contract was home.

Don't forget that a balancing one-no-trump overall is weak, not strong.

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**HOROS**



Wednesday, June 17, 1988

In the year ahead, keep on the best of terms with family members. You could be fortunate in the coming months with relatives or in-laws.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Spend your spare time balancing books instead of barbells today — you're likely to be better at mental pursuits than physical ones. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o the newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Leadership skills will be easily aroused today, and you could feel impelled to shore up lagging endeavors.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Comparisons will

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appreciate you more today if you don't try to upstage them. Stand back in the wings, and let your peers bask in the warmth of the footlights.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Be positive and persistent where hopes and aspirations are concerned today. Don't let mood swings make you believe you're not entitled to fulfillment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Be sure to conduct yourself in a manner that enhances your prestige and popularity, as your endeavors will be closely observed by others today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)** Unless you're productive, you might become

moody or depressed today. Give to the indigent, not indifferent.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your business instincts are likely heated today, but there's a possibility you'll put more faith in the evaluation of others than in your own good judgment.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Keep in mind that important relationships must be handled diplomatically today, and everything should run smoothly.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** When your steam goes off today, climbing out of bed may not seem like a good idea. Once you get going, however, you'll crave activities with lots of movement.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** If there's someone you're attracted to, this could be a good day to let them know what you think.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your instinct for gauging the wants and needs of others could turn out to be important today, especially when dealing with the public.

**TAUROS (April 20-May 20)** Although you're blessed with a remarkable sense of humor, you might overreact if you think someone's having fun at your expense today. Laugh it off.

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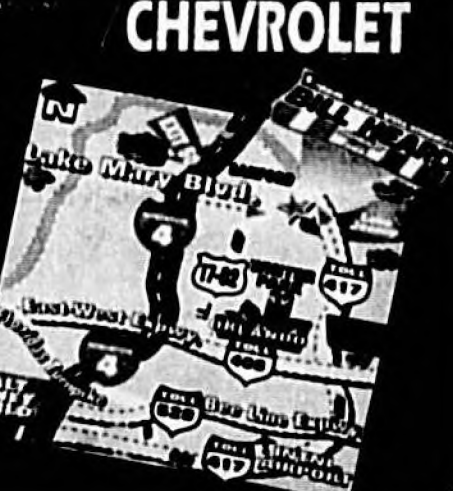
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