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Sports

"Youngsters" lead locals

LAKE MARY — Both the Lake Mary and Sanford summer baseball teams put their young players to good use in wins Monday. See Page 1B.

Florida

Tax views cross age barriers

In a University of Florida poll older Floridians were found to have similar views as young people when it comes to taxation earmarked for school spending. See Page 2A.

CV relocates popular channels

Effective June 30, customers of CableVision of Central Florida will find certain favored channels in better locations on the CV channel lineup, according to Jim Rozier, CV vice president of marketing.

The realignment of channels is in response to customer requests and input from customer surveys.

Among the changes, the Sunshine Network, which provides local sports coverage, as well as CV's free pay-per-view previews will move to channel 9 from channel 42; WGN (Independent, Chicago) will move to channel 17 from channel 31; and WTBS (Independent, Atlanta) will move to channel 20 from 23. Black Entertainment Television and the Home Shopping Club can be found on channels 31 and 42, respectively.

Man charged in car accident

LONGWOOD — An Altamonte Springs man was charged following a three-car accident on Markham Woods Road Monday night. A Florida Highway Patrol trooper reported two people involved in the accident may have suffered injuries, but no one was taken to a hospital, an FHP dispatcher said this morning.

Walker Newton Hobbs, 19, 372 Northwestern Ave., Altamonte Springs, was charged with reckless driving and failure to show a driver's license, the dispatcher reported. The accident occurred on Markham Woods Road near Vanderbilt Point shortly before 10 p.m.

Hobbs was driving south at a high rate of speed and passing cars in a "no passing" zone, according to reports. Hobbs car hit the right front section of a car driven by Erin Lucille Eiten, 19, of Maitland, the reports stated. The two cars were struck by another car driven by Steven Eichelberger, 17, of Longwood, according to the reports.

Hobbs car spun into the nearby woods and the other two cars remained on the road, blocking traffic in both directions for 40 minutes.

Alcohol-related auto deaths drop

WASHINGTON — Traffic fatalities related to drinking use dropped 9.9 percent to 19,900 last year, making it the lowest alcohol fatality death toll since 1982, the government says.

The decline from 22,083 in 1990 was the largest one-year drop ever recorded, Transportation Secretary Andrew H. Card Jr., said in a statement Monday.

The proportion of alcohol-related deaths also dipped to a 10-year low of 48 percent of the 41,462 fatalities in 1991, down from 50 percent in 1990 and 57 percent in 1982.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TELEVISION

Cooking with scents

What third cousin Julius LaRosa did for music with his rendition of "Oh My Papa," John LaRosa does for the culinary arts. John's 40-year romance with food preparation is still going strong.

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Rainy, warm by afternoon



Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High in the low 90s. Wind southwest at 5-10 mph.

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Local Amtrak stops

Threatened strike cuts passenger, auto trains

By KAREN BALL
Associated Press Writer

SANFORD — The Autotrain arrived in Sanford at 9 a.m. this morning. It will not run again until a settlement is reached in an expected-rail strike.

Sanford Autotrain manager John Lombardi said, "The shutdown of the autotrain for the next two days will halt the travel for well over 800 persons."

He explained, "Our reservation clerks have been trying to contact all of the persons who have tickets, to try to re-book them, but there are still 212 we haven't reached who are booked for Wednesday, and another 296 who are booked for Thursday."

An Amtrak passenger train spokesperson said both the Silver Meteor and Silver Star, are already shut down at their home station in New York City. No numbers were immediately available on the number of passengers that may be affected by the halting of the two trains.

"We don't know how long a strike may last," Lombardi commented, "but the Autotrain is presently scheduled to run this Friday. Right now we have 464 passengers and 240 automobiles already booked."

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Passengers arrived in Sanford on the Autotrain this morning before service was halted.

Expressway foes petition: stop at 17-92

By J. MARK SANFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Residents in opposition to the proposed extension of the Seminole County expressway to Interstate 4 will circulate petitions throughout the city seeking support for their efforts to stop the expressway at U.S. Highway 17-92.

"The expressway will divide neighborhoods, lower property values and disrupt the environment," said Crystal Lawrence, an organizer of an anti-expressway meeting at Sanford Civic Center last night.

More than 100 people attended the meeting. Lawrence, a resident of the Hidden Lake subdivision, said about 30 people agreed to circulate petitions this weekend throughout the city. In addition, businessmen will be approached to allow residents to obtain signatures in front of their stores.

"We want this to be a Sanford against the expressway thing," said Rusty Riegert, who first organized opposition to changes to the proposed U.S. 17-92 to I-4 of the expressway in April. "We want everyone against it."

Riegert said he would also attempt to organize a march along U.S. 17-92 July 1 to show support for the effort to stop the expressway. Riegert said many people attending the meeting last night supported diverting the expressway route around Central Florida Regional

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City OKs seaplane lakeport

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A seaplane may be operating off of Lake Monroe in four to six weeks. The City Commission approved an endorsement of the concept during last night's meeting.

Richard L. Hensch, of Altamonte Springs, requested the City to support an application with the State of Florida to obtain a license. It would allow him to conduct regular seaplane flights taking off and landing in Lake Monroe. The plane would be housed at the Monroe Harbour Marina complex.

Hensch, his wife Margaret, and Marina operator Chuck Volk all appeared before the workshop session of the Sanford City Commission, to discuss the proposal. "I have already received Federal Aviation Authority approval," Hensch reported. "The next step is to get a State license, and I am asking the City to support my request."

Mayor Bettye Smith, who reported

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Democratic leaders' no-new-taxes budget derailed in Senate

By BILL BERGSTROM
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — State senators bounced a budget bill back to the House to duck going on record for or against taxes for areas like schools and social services, Senate President Gwen Margolis said.

"They were upset because they

had to face the issues," Margolis said after adjourning a Senate session just one-half hour after it started. "I frankly am embarrassed for the Senate."

Senate Appropriations Chairman Winston "Bud" Gardner said his panel would try today to send a new budget bill to the Senate floor.

With just nine days left in the

fiscal year, Democratic leaders' plans derailed when the Senate voted to return to the House a \$30.65 billion no-new-taxes budget Gov. Lawton Chiles has promised to veto.

"What happened was the defeat of the ability of the members to express their feelings about specific

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Sanford resident Carol Glibert, with microphone, explains an anti-expressway plan to more than 100 citizens at Sanford Civic Center last night. Crystal Lawrence, rear, displays photographs of homes affected

Osprey nest halts expressway debris—burn

By J. MARK SANFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County halted expressway debris burning Saturday because smoke was blowing into a tree occupied by osprey.

County natural resources officer Tim Clabaugh said he ordered the work stopped at about noon Saturday after noticing the smoke from three smoldering piles of debris was blowing in the direction of a tree about 100 feet away. The tree contains an osprey nest containing two adults and two juveniles. Clabaugh said the piles had been left unattended.

While the disturbance of the osprey didn't violate any county codes, Clabaugh said he was concerned they may have violated a state wildlife protection law. Clabaugh said the fires should have been supervised and extinguished when the smoke blew in the direction of the tree.

Clabaugh said he notified expressway builders White Construction Co. of his concerns and contacted the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission of the burning.

State wildlife officer Jeff Ardelean said he visited the site at about 3:30 p.m. and found a bulldozer was extinguishing the fires. Ardelean said he could not

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

A tree with an osprey, right top branch, and its cleared path as a forest of bridge pilings for the Seminole County expressway grows in the back.

POLICE BRIEFS

Multiple charges filed

Sanford police arrested Eugene Anthony Villani, 35, of Orlando, following a traffic stop Saturday at 23 Cowan Moughton Terrace. During a search of his vehicle, police report finding a substance that later proved to be cocaine, as well as other drug related items. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, resisting arrest without violence, possession of cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gun found in vehicle

Lake Mary police arrested Leslie Michael Smith, 23, of Orlando, following a traffic stop on Rinehart Road, on Saturday. During a check of his vehicle, police report finding a stun gun in the front seat. Smith was charged with driving with a revoked license, and possession of a concealed weapon.

Geneva woman battered

Seminole Sheriff's deputies arrested John Derrick Smith, 23, of 2550 Park Drive, Saturday. Deputies report he had attacked a guest, Adriene Lyn Kemp, in a residence on Cedar Lane in Geneva. The report states that following the attack, Smith forced Kemp into his pickup truck and drove her to Sanford where deputies found him parked in front of his residence. Smith was charged with burglary and battery.

Domestic violence arrests made

Margret Ann Smith, 30, of 97 Seminole Gardens, was arrested by Sanford police early Monday morning. The Police report states she was in an altercation with a boy friend, and had shoved the officer who responded to the call. She was charged with domestic violence (battery) and battery on a law enforcement officer.

Steven A. Weber, 32, 218 W. 12th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday. Officers said he was involved in a dispute with a girl friend in the front yard of his residence. He was charged with domestic violence.

Bonnie Thaxton Hall, 30, and Henry Edgar Hall, IV., both of 407 Dorchester Square, Lake Mary, were arrested by Lake Mary police Sunday at their residence. Police report the two had been involved in an altercation. Both were charged with domestic violence (battery).

Tabitha Mario Whack, 23, of 70 Seminole Gardens, in Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. She was reportedly in a dispute with Dilworth Dixon, 27, of 76 Seminole Gardens. Both Whack and Dixon were charged with domestic violence (battery).

Warrants served:

John William Harbin, 30, of Geneva, was arrested by Sanford police at 401 French Avenue Saturday. He was wanted on two separate warrants charging him with violation of parole on a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol, and violation of parole on a petty theft conviction.

Perry Allen Casey, 21, 780 Sutter Loop, Longwood, was arrested at his residence by Longwood Police Sunday. He was wanted on a warrant issued in Orange County.

Richard Lee Angle, 34, of Elm Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sheriff's deputies on Country Club Road Saturday. He was wanted on a warrant issued in West Virginia for violating parole on a conviction of grand larceny. He was also charged by deputies with resisting an officer without violence and driving with a suspended license.

Incidents reports to Sanford police:

Garrett's store, 105 W. 2nd Street, Sanford, was burglarized twice in recent days. On Friday, owner Joe Garrett reported the front window of his store had been smashed, and two Hoover vacuum cleaners, valued at \$400 were taken. Early Monday, Garrett again reported a burglary at the store, with a Singer sewing machine, valued at \$100, said to be missing.

Bary Cromwell, of Lake Ashby, reported his vehicle was burglarized while parked at 700 W. 13th Street Saturday night. Both side windows of his car had been smashed, and \$140 in property taken from the vehicle.

Gallery seeks entries for new exhibit

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The First Street Gallery is now looking for entries for the next juried competition to begin July 10. The exhibit is entitled "People Photography".

Joan Stephens and Linda Lambert, co-chairwomen for the event, explained that this is an opportunity for photographers, both professional and amateur, to exhibit their work, and compete for cash awards.

A \$200 will be given for the best of show, with three awards of merit at \$50 each. The entries will be judged on the opening day of the display, July 10, which will run through Aug. 11.

According to Gallery spokesperson Kay Bartholomew, "All work must be matted, framed and ready for hanging." She added, "There will be a \$10 entry fee for each photo to be displayed."

Persons wishing to enter their photographic art work are asked to contact the gallery. Work can be submitted between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on July 7 and 8.

An exhibitors reception will open the new display on July 10.

The First Street Gallery is located at 203 E. First Street in downtown Sanford. It is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. For information, call 323-9178.

3 cars collide in Longwood, woman trapped

By NICK PFEIFER
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — A three vehicle collision was reported on S.R. 434 in Longwood at 8:30 Monday morning. Two persons were hospitalized for injuries.

According to Longwood police Capt. Terry Baker, "One car was heading west on S.R. 434, and another going east. The third car was entering the highway from Wayman Avenue when the vehicles collided."

Victims' identifications had not been released as of this morning.

He said, "A woman was trapped in her car, and was pulled out of the vehicle by police and firemen. She was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center for treatment."

"From what we were able to determine at the scene," Baker said, "she had no visible exterior injuries."

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FNA continues appeal for demoted nurses

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Florida Nurses Association will continue their appeal of the demotion of four nurses at the Seminole County Public Health Unit.

"We'll be taking it on to the next step," said Leslie Homated, director of economics and general welfare for the statewide nurses organization.

Homated said district Health and Rehabilitative Services administrator Paul Sneed responded Friday that an April reorganization of the Seminole County PHU did not violate the terms of the supervising nurses' contracts by changing their responsibilities to patient-contact duties.

Homated said the FNA would file an appeal this week with David Wilson, state HRS administrator for employee relations.

The salaries of the four nurses, Bernice Duncan, Emma Jackson, Deborah Kirby, and Judy Ryan, were not affected by the reorganization, said Dr. Jorge Deju, director of the Seminole County Health and Human Services Department. Their salaries range from \$33,800 to \$40,700. They have been replaced by a single supervisor, recently hired at \$38,800 yearly.




Deju said he reorganized health services at the health department to respond to state budget cuts. The cuts had lowered his annual \$5.3 million operating budget by about 10 percent, said Deju. One part-time physician and four part-time nurses were laid off and the four nurse supervisors were shifted to their duties. New programs have demanded more hands-on time and less supervision, Deju said.

The FNA, which represents state-employed nurses, said the demotions were "demoralizing" and appealed in May.

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EDITORIALS

Worthy try

Benno Schmidt has abandoned the Yale presidency to head the Edison Project, a Whittle Communications enterprise that will try to create a network of profit-making private schools. The word "profit" already has drawn a fair amount of chuck-chucking from academic purists who think knowledge should be above monetary concerns. But profit is nothing more than a return on investment — and what investment is more important (and therefore "profitable") than the education of our children?

Goodness knows we aren't getting much for our investment in public schools these days. In our major cities, nearly anybody who can is fleeing the public school system in favor of private and parochial schools that deliver a better education and often at lower cost. If parents think their kids can get an even better education at a profit-making school, they should be allowed that choice, too.

To attract students, after all, the Whittle schools will have to be priced competitively with other private schools. We suspect Chris Whittle and Schmidt are smart enough to know that if their profits come from shortchanging the students, they will soon be out of business. But if they can come up with a better formula for education, we suspect parents won't be at all disturbed by the idea of profit.

Some pretty formidable intellects seem to think it can be done. The Edison Project's school designers will include former Reagan education official Chester Finn Jr. as well as John Chubb and Terry Moe, whose book two years ago for the liberal Brookings Institution advocated parental choice among public and private schools.

Whittle and Schmidt may be betting on help from the burgeoning voucher movement, in which state support is allowed to follow the child wherever he or she enrolls.

College students already choose private or public universities with their government-backed loans. This competition has helped make our university system the world's best. Students and their families likewise should be able to use federal or state vouchers to choose among public and private K-12 schools, including the 200 Edison Project schools scheduled to open by 1996.

Opponents of vouchers don't put much faith in the marketplace. The market will simply encourage educational fads that don't promote academic excellence, American Federation of Teachers chief Albert Shanker argues.

Yet the public schools already indulge in fads such as self-esteem and "multiculturalism" movements that Shanker finds discouraging. The difference is that at least with vouchers, more parents could at least choose the fad they want. Now they are held hostage to a monopolistic public school system unless they have the money to move or the clout to get a transfer.

There have been well-publicized scandals in some trade and technical schools. Couldn't that happen in a voucher system or with profit-motivated schools? Of course. There will always be bad schools and con artists. But there are plenty of bad public schools, too.

Another fear is that high-priced outfits might drive up the cost of education to make a profit instead of driving it down. But non-profit private Catholic schools already operate at half the cost of local public schools. In fact, the profit motive gives schools an incentive to keep costs down and quality up.

By encouraging competition for students, our higher education system has thrived. It is extremely encouraging that a president of Yale University would think that the higher ed system is worth trying at lower levels. The Edison Project could prove to be the shot 'round the education world.

Berry's World



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WILLIAM A. RUSER

Will Bush carry a three-way race?

In political circles around the country, the sole topic of conversations these days is "the P-word." But there is little new to say about the Perot phenomenon until the great man completes his crash course on the issues and tells us where he really stands on such matters as taxes. Even more interesting will be Perot's choice for vice president. Perot may be able to waffle indefinitely on many issues, but the vice-presidential nomination on his ticket must go to some specific person, and who that is will tell us a lot.

Certainly his recent designation of two campaign advisers, one from each of the major parties, doesn't add much to our knowledge — or to his campaign's horsepower. Ham Jordan may bring to it some useful experience in winning (and then losing) presidential campaigns for Jimmy Carter. As for Ed ("I carried the states for Reagan in 1984") Rollins, let's just say his real accomplishments are modest.

For the moment, therefore, it's more useful to focus on how Perot's November opponents are reacting to the undeniable threat he poses.

Clinton has almost disappeared in recent weeks, just when he had finally nailed down the Democratic nomination and ought to be burnishing his image in preparation for the final battle in November. The large bloc of voters that wants change at almost any cost, and which Clinton had reason to hope might turn to him,

has been snatched away by Perot. Of its two largest components, anti-Bush conservatives and "Reagan Democrats" (Southerners, blue-collar workers and ethnics), it is the latter that Clinton needed most desperately. Without them, he must concentrate on shoring up his support in the traditional areas of Democratic strength — the "minorities": blacks, feminists, gays, etc.



Clinton has almost disappeared in recent weeks.

Where can Clinton turn for more support? It's hard to find any encouraging answers to that question. His backers are praying that ultimately Perot will self-destruct, leaving voters who want change no place to go but to Clinton. But what if Perot doesn't self-destruct?

President Bush has the mirror-image of Clinton's problem. Many conservatives are already off the reservation, and it's by no means clear that they can be lured back onto it. And he

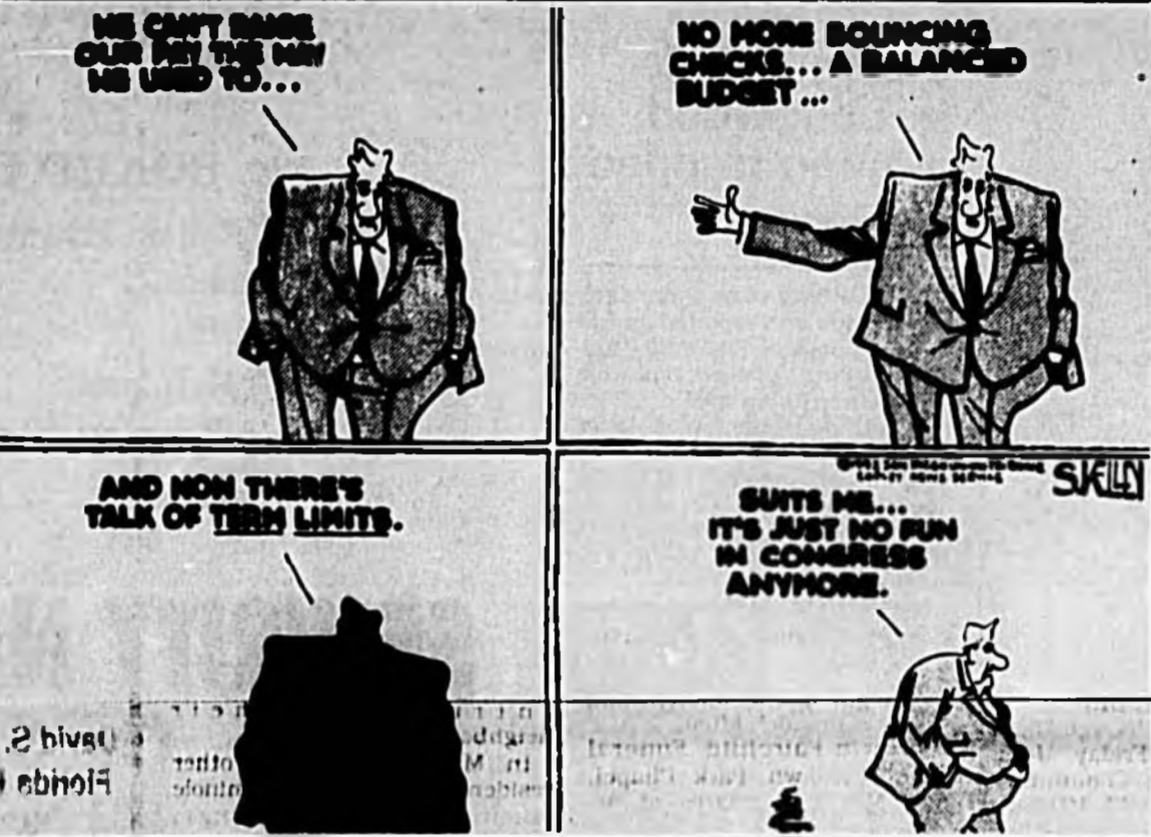
dare not take the rest for granted. In the chilling words of an editorial in National Review, the leading journal of conservative opinion, "We have somewhere else to go."

President Bush has not yet moved personally into the fray, but his backfield is already in action. Vice President Quayle has recently begun sounding some of the most aggressively conservative themes that have been heard in American politics since the early Ronald Reagan. "I wear their scorn," he recently said of the liberal media, "like a badge of honor." That's the stuff to give the conservative troops, and you can bet that Quayle would never have served up so much of it if he didn't have the prior authorization of Mr. Bush himself.

Once again, though, as with Clinton, the question arises: Can Bush go beyond his conservative base, and is it nailed down? Fortunately for him, the answers are probably yes.

For one thing, the business establishment, which is heavily Republican albeit not always very conservative, regards Bush as its man. Even if some of its members desert to Perot, many of the rest will in all likelihood stick with Bush.

For another, I have already had one Democratic friend tell me that he is prepared to vote for Bush if Perot is still a possible winner come November, and if Clinton still seems likely to come in third.



JAY D. HAIR

Controls on biotech food lax

Chalk up one more illustration of the Bush administration's ability to hold up a sow's ear and call it a silk purse.

This time the issue is genetically engineered food. In announcing how the Food and Drug Administration will oversee this super hi-tech form of farming, the administration declared that "all safety questions will be answered before these new products are marketed." That's the silk purse.

What the FDA is really going to do, having gotten its marching orders from Vice President Dan Quayle's Council on Competitiveness, is abdicate its responsibility to assure the safety of food products. A "trust us" policy allowing the agricultural biotech industry to police itself has been substituted for careful review of the genetically engineered foods that will soon appear in your local supermarket's produce section.

Biotech can do what nature can't, transfer a physical trait between unrelated species. A gene from bacteria, chickens or fireflies (to use some current experimental examples) can be introduced to create a new strain of corn, rice or potato. The gene might make the new crop herbicide tolerant, pest resistant, faster or slower to ripen — the possibilities are limitless.

The potential benefits to growers and consumers are enormous. Biotech's agriculture sector is small now, only about 10 percent of the current \$4.5 billion total investment, but it is expected to expand as the industry as a whole approaches \$50 billion in value by decade's end. Nearly 30 U.S. firms are conducting more than 300 field experiments to develop biotech foods. Calgene's Flavr Savr tomato that's supposed to be tastier because it ripens on the vine but doesn't bruise during shipment may be the first biotech-fruit to hit produce shelves next spring.

To reach consumers, however, the FDA is required to assure the safety of these new products. The recent announcement of biotech "guidelines" is FDA's response to that obligation.

The responsibility is serious. In some cases, the gene being transferred is a toxin or one that stimulates an allergic reaction (to ward off pests, for example).

The FDA has decided to advise the biotech industry to ask itself a series of questions about new products. Has the concentration of toxicants been increased? Has an allergen been introduced? Have the levels of important nutrients been changed? The questions are excellent. The problem is that as long as a company comes up with negative answers in its own internal review, the guidelines require no FDA product review, no notification that the product even exists, and no labeling when it's sold to consumers. It's a "trust us" policy to

assure public health.

Let's remember there will be tens of millions of dollars riding on the answers to these questions. And let's be frank. This policy means that so long as the employees hired by a company to answer these questions tell their bosses the answers are no, the company can proceed to market without FDA review or even notification. Employees wouldn't have to judge their research to give their bosses the answers they want to hear. They just might not look as hard. They might not test their assumption that a gene isn't an allergen, when a rigorous review might prove that it is.

In announcing the policy, the FDA created the impression that only genes that come from the existing food supply could qualify for the fast-track bypass of official review or notification. But if you read the policy, you'll see it's up to the company to determine if the gene "is substantially similar" to one already in the food supply. If a company determines on its own that a gene from a bacterium, or the firefly, is pretty much like one that can be found in some food product, they can skip an FDA review.

The entire process is based on the good faith and judgment of highly competitive firms risking substantial investments on the safety of products that are destined for your dining table and your kid's lunchbox. Maybe the companies won't make any mistakes. But if they do, the FDA simply won't be there to catch them before they hit the grocery store.

Because no biotech labeling is to be required, customers will be unable to tell which products are genetically engineered unless the supplier chooses to inform them. So much for consumer choice.

And what if a problem does arise? What if some people have allergic reactions? How are they going to trace that to a biotech eggplant they have no way of knowing has been genetically altered and for which the FDA has neither required nor kept any record? These questions should not be answered by experiments on the public.



Customers will be unable to tell which products are genetically engineered.

SARAH OVERSTREET

Perot: The latest Big Deal maker

Every so often when I'm feeling unfulfilled and unappreciated at work, I daydream about switching careers.

I have no trouble envisioning myself in some new role, right down to my hairdo, the spiffy suit I'm wearing and the clever things I say in front of mesmerized onlookers. Sometimes my imagination is so superb I even think for a moment I might actually be able to function in this career, for real ... until I envision the job interview:

U h . M .
Overstreet, am I overlooking something here on your resume? I can't seem to find anything on here about your management experience, or any business courses you took.

"Oh, I haven't had any actual management experience, but I have great people skills and all my friends come to me to straighten out their problems. And, well, I guess I didn't take any business courses. I always thought I'd sort of like to, but it was the '60s and '70s, you know, and we were all pretty much into the liberal arts."

"But, Ms. Overstreet, you're applying for an upper-level management position in a Fortune 500 company. What do you know about managing a business this size?"

"Well, I've been a reporter for 15 years, and I've really learned how to read people. I've developed a lot of contacts, some of the best minds in any field you can think of. If anything comes up that I don't know how to handle, I'll just consult with some of them, study the situation and come up with a solution. What's the matter, didn't you see 'Working Girl'?"

"Thank you for coming in, Ms. Overstreet, and good luck with your job search. Next!"

That's where the daydream always ends, unless I'm having the one about running for president of the United States. Because in that dream, I'm able to take advantage of the "Big Deal Myth," just like Ross Perot.

This wonderful fairy tale feeds off our need to believe that just when a person is feeling the most confused, dispirited or disillusioned about the way things are, along will come the Big Deal and things will be different.

I've heard it 1,000 times from the Big Deal makers I've known, and it goes something like this: The Big Deal maker has heard through (a) a friend, (b) a co-worker, (c) a lodge brother or (d) the clerk down at the package store, who even pulled him aside so the other customers wouldn't hear, about the most fantastic deal on (a) a car, (b) furniture, (c) firewood or (d) riding lawn mowers.

Now, the Big Deal maker has never seen the merchandise because it is (a) in another city, (b) being brought in by truck and set up in a cattle-auction parking lot at a yet-to-be-disclosed date or (c) sold through secret catalog the next time the government liquidates property confiscated through drug busts.

Even when the goods never materialize, the Big Deal maker will continue to believe, sometimes for years. And so it is with Ross Perot, the Big Deal personified. He has no platform, only a set of contradictory snippets of philosophy and the promise that a "team" of the best and brightest will weave them into specific policies.

The little we do know about him is the stuff of myth: He's supposed to be a no-nonsense, entrepreneurial genius, who, by virtue of his high moral character and sheer brilliance, will be able to solve the nation's problems like a crack new CEO would do to a disheveled business.



That's where the daydream always ends.

Airport gets free tanker truck

By BOB PEPIN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A new 5,000 gallon capacity watertruck is being added to the fire equipment at the Central Florida Regional Airport. The truck was obtained free of charge.

According to Airport Director Steve Cooke, "The 500 gallon truck we have been using is no longer adequate, so we have been looking for a larger vehicle." He added, "He found this big one at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa. It had been declared as Air Force surplus property, and were able to obtain it without charge."

"We have painted it a bright green, and are installing the light bar on it this week," Cooke said. "There are also some new valves that will have to be installed, but our total cost to get it into the shape we need is going to be less than \$3,000."

The unit is a 1978 Dodge V8 diesel, that was originally used as a fuel truck at the Air Force Base. "The Air Force completely cleaned it out for us, and there was very little work we had to do," Cooke said.

The unit will become the third vehicle on the airport fire department. It will be used to back up the present 1,500 gallon water tanker, used as a crash fire/rescue vehicle.

The other two units are the 500 gallon tanker that was originally used at the airport, and the 1,500 gallon truck obtained several months ago.

"We'll also be able to use it in an auxiliary role to help spread water in the various landscaping projects," Cooke said.

"We are very pleased to get such a good condition vehicle," Cooke commented, "and it will certainly be a welcome asset to the equipment we need now as well as in the future as the use of the facility increases."

Space station supporters are nervous

By MICHELLE MYTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Space Station Freedom backers are hoping that the proposed orbiting laboratory's trek through the House this year won't be as bumpy as that faced by a sister big-ticket science project.

The \$30 billion-plus space station, one of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's most controversial, will come up for House review within the next few weeks — on the heels of a House vote that imperiled the future of the superconducting super collider.

Supporters say they have paid heed to the budget-cutting fever that blocked, at least temporarily, the collider. Opponents are hoping they can capitalize on the momentum they say they gained with the House's stunning action to delete collider funds.

"I think the space station is really up for grabs at this point," said Rep. Howard Wolpe, D-Mich., a leading critic of the project.

Lawmakers and others are uncertain how the super collider vote will play in the debate over the space station.

President Bush is seeking \$2.2 billion for the space station in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, an increase of 10 percent over this year.

Few expect the House to approve Bush's full request. And the Senate isn't expected to be any more of a breeze for the space station.

"I am concerned about the prospects for the space station in the Senate," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas. "We had a good vote last year, but the budget pressures are even tighter this year."

Some say the super collider vote has whetted lawmakers' appetite for cuts, particularly at a time when so much attention is being paid to the deficit.

Others contend the House's collider vote acted as a pressure valve and that House members searching to prove fiscal responsibility won't continue cutting funds.

"At the risk of being wishy-washy, it's just not really clear how it shakes out," said Bob Palmer, a spokesman for the House Science, Space and Technology Committee.

"It may be there were some members that were looking for a big-ticket project to cut, and now they've got one they are less desperate to find another," Palmer said Monday.

On the other hand, he said, the collider vote may embolden opponents of both projects and help them refocus debate on the need for budget cuts.



Airport Fire Chief Daryl Holbrook installs tanker light bar as Director Steve Cooke observes.

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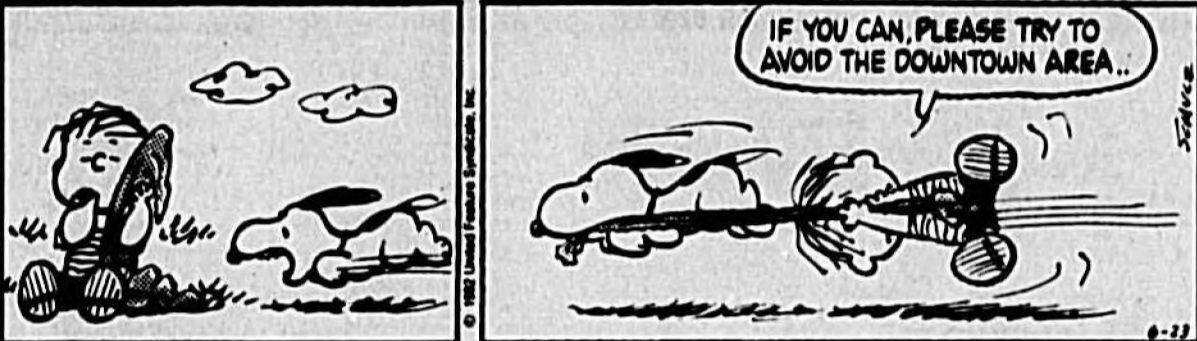
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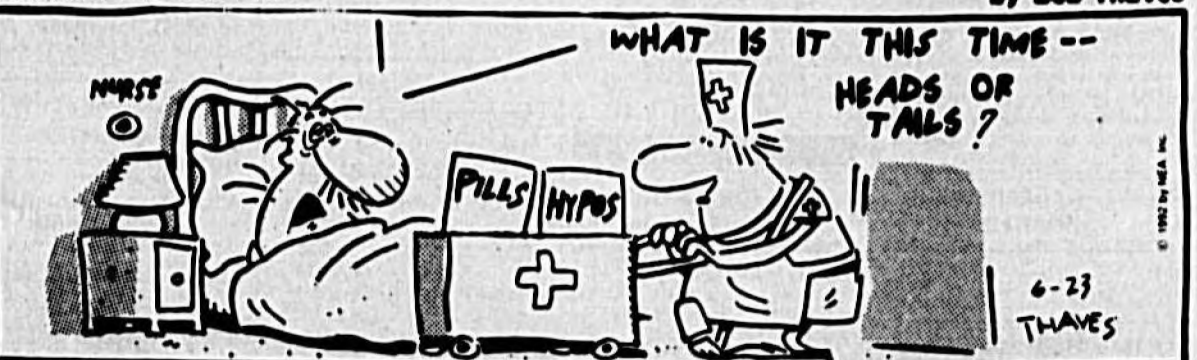
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by **Jim Meddick**

Studies endorse the use of antibiotics

DEAR DR. GOTT: Has there been any concerted long-term scientific study of the effects of antibiotics? It would seem that any medication that kills harmful bacteria would do equal harm to the immune system. With the dramatic rise in highly impaired immune systems (AIDS, leukemia, cancer, etc.), it would seem prudent to launch in-depth studies of this nature. I would hope this is not a sacred cow. There's an awful lot at stake.

DEAR READER: Antibiotics are a major reason for improved longevity and quality of life: As a result of these drugs, humans live longer and better lives. Strep infections, tuberculosis, pneumonia, typhoid, syphilis - all scourges of the pre-antibiotic world - are curable with modern medications, as are a host of bacterial diseases.

Thousands of studies have proved the effectiveness and safety of antibiotics. These drugs attack bacteria; they do not, as a rule, affect the human immune system.

Of course, some people are allergic to certain antibiotics and should not receive these compounds. This fact, however, does not detract from the enormous benefits of antibiotics as a whole.

The reasons for immune-system impairment are elusive and puzzling. In many diseases, such as AIDS and certain leukemias, the cause is a virus infection. (As you know, viruses are unaffected by antibiotics.) The cause of cancer remains unknown but is not related to antibiotics.

Therefore, the type of study you suggest would be an expensive waste of time. The subject is not a "sacred cow"; Scientific evidence supporting the use of antibiotics is overwhelming.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has systemic mastocytosis. His doctor indicates there is very little known about this disease. Can you shed

any light?
DEAR READER: Mast cells are the cells in the body that participate in allergic reactions by releasing chemicals, such as histamine. When mast cells accumulate in large quantities - usually in the skin, liver, lymph nodes, spleen, intestinal tract and bones - patients are



PETER GOTT, M.D.
MEDICINE

diagnosed with systemic mastocytosis. The cause is unknown.

ACROSS

- 1 Fabricates
- 6 Saw
- 12 Acropolis
- 13 Scow
- 14 Of scored images
- 15 Knotted
- 16 Actor - Greek
- 17 Not all
- 18 Acid Lang - 19 - German
- 20 Curved roof
- 24 Future ally, noun
- 26 Elementary particle short for proton
- 27
- 29 Coat
- 32 Future, e.g. (abbr.)
- 33 British Navy abbreviation
- 34 Sam State
- 36 Lincoln's nickname

38 Doll's House

- 38 Prepare (abbr.)
- 39
- 40 Linn., e.g.
- 41 Snory
- 42 Hi or bye
- 43 Sarcophagus
- 44 Tree snake
- 45 On land
- 46 Building material
- 48 Ruffin (abbr.)
- 49 Fossil of
- 50
- 56 Good chance (abbr.)
- 58
- 59 Whip

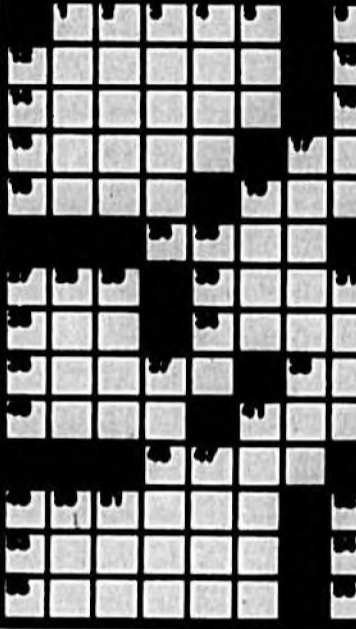
DOWN

- 1 The real -
- 2 Red
- 3 Back of neck
- 4 Singer - Adams

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 5 Dry, as wine
- 6 Medical priest
- 7 Shady
- 8 Hammer
- 9 Ship on water
- 10 Chemical suffix
- 11 Spanish here
- 12 Is not wet
- 17 Solitaire
- 19 Orange-red stone
- 21 Safety egg.
- 22 Medical hand
- 23 Grated, in jewelry
- 25 Turn
- 26 Sound of a cat
- 27 Fretful, e.g.
- 28 Center of shield
- 29 Abstract being
- 31 Gay
- 32 Decorate
- 37
- 38
- 39
- 41 Green fustly
- 43 Plant firmly (ver.)
- 44 White pepper
- 45 Rowing tool
- 47 Feltmaker
- 48
- 49 Architect - van der Rube
- 50 From - Z
- 51 Cover with hair
- 52 Paul Newman movie
- 53 Singing syllable



WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder
If you have ever run a marathon - or a slightly shorter distance - you will know that it pays to go steadily at the beginning. If you start at a fast pace, you will regret it later, finishing in a slower time. The story of the hare and the tortoise features the same idea. "More haste, less speed" sums it up.
The theme can also apply at the bridge table. Cover the East-West hands in the diagram. Against your contract of four hearts, West leads the spade king. Plan the play.
North's three-heart response was a limit raise, showing about 11 points and four or more trumps.
When you have a superfluity of trumps and no need for immediate ruffs, it is usually right to draw trumps as quickly as possible. You don't want to

risk an opponent's ruffing one of your side-suit winners with a low trump. But if you lead a trump immediately on this hand, you will lose four tricks: two spades, one heart and one club.
You must do something to eliminate one of those losers. You could lead a club at trick two, establishing a club winner on which to throw a spade loser. But that play is too slow. The defenders still get four tricks.
There is only one chance of success. At trick two, you should play a diamond to dummy's ace and then finesse your diamond jack. If the finesse wins, you can discard one of dummy's spade losers on your diamond king. Only then is it right to lead a trump, your loser count being down to three.
Always count your losers. Often this will point you toward the right line of play.

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♠ K Q J	♥ A	♦ A K Q J	♣ A	♠ A K Q J	♥ A K Q J	♦ A K Q J	♣ A K Q J
Vulnerable: East-West		Dealer: South		South		West	
Pass		Pass		Pass		Pass	
Pass		Pass		Pass		Pass	
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Opening lead: ♠ K							

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Ocol
YOUR BIRTHDAY
June 24, 1992
Increased income is a strong probability for you in the year ahead. However, you may also have some strong extravagant urges that must be kept in check.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be more supportive than assertive in joint endeavors today. This will encourage your counterpart to use his best abilities for mutual benefit. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Cancer's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A long-standing alliance might be put to the test once again today. Fortunately, it is made of enduring bonds that have proven capable of withstanding substantial stress.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Truly productive tasks will be

the ones that give you the greatest gratification today. To others, they might be just work, but to you, they'll be labors of love.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might be put in the unenviable position today where you have to either back up a loyal, old friend or a dynamic new one. Fortunately, you'll handle this delicate situation with the wisdom of Solomon.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though you do not look upon it as a pleasurable task, you may have the opportunity today to finalize a difficult matter. Wrap it up once and for all.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In a situation where you may be required to manage others today, do it with gentle words and tender directives. The results will be rewarding.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you feel it's time to do something nice for yourself, a prudent shopping spree might be the answer today. Just be sure you operate within your budget.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

You have something extra going for you today that generates respect in others. Just be yourself and forego putting on airs.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) What goes around comes around. Someone might do something nice for you today that is similar to something you recently did for another.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Individuals you'll be involved with today will be inspired by your realistic hopefulness. It will help them see things as they could be, not just as they are.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your intuition is very keen today, especially with regard to situations that affect your career or reputation. Your assessments can be used to advance your interests.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A valuable lesson you've learned from personal experience will give you an edge over your competitors today. This is a good example as to why knowledge is power.
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