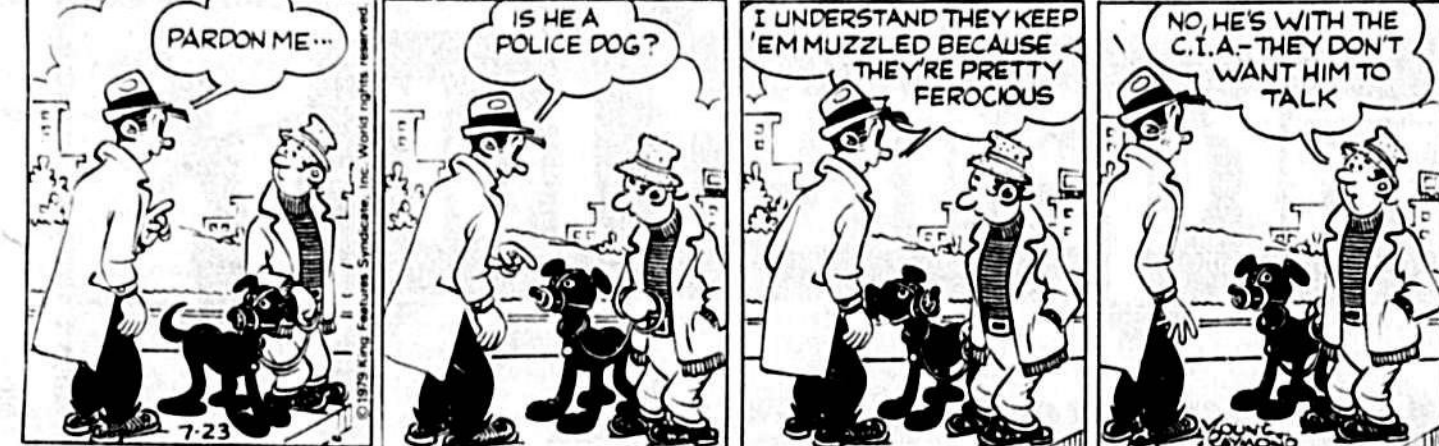


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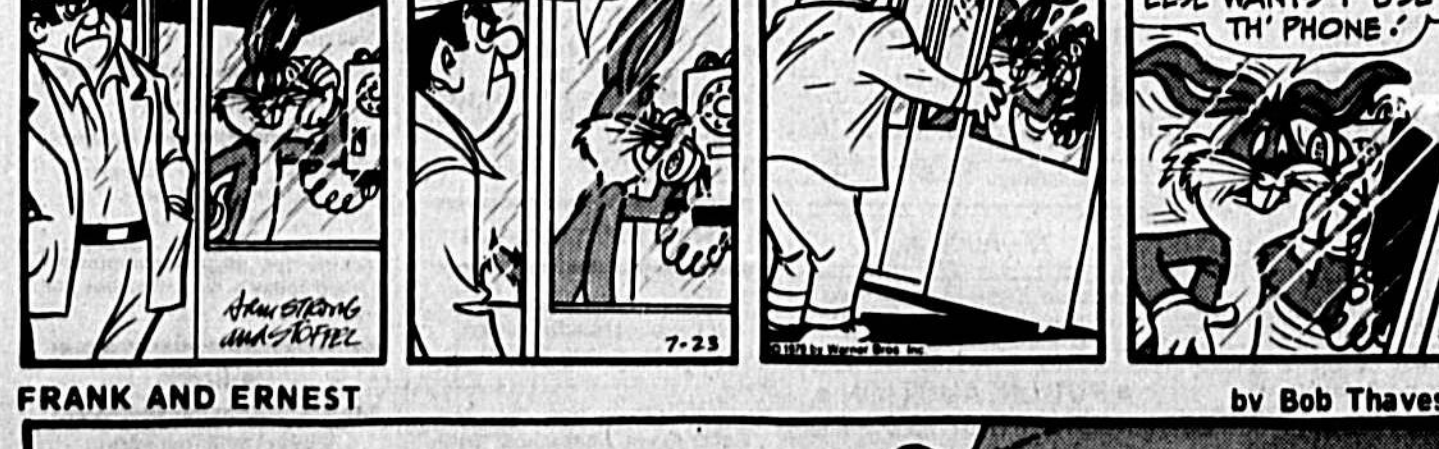
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Horoscope section for Tuesday, July 24, 1979. Includes sections for Your Birthday, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, and Spide-Man.

Win at Bridge section. Includes a bridge hand and analysis by Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag.

Ask the Experts section. Includes a question about a Vermont reader's issue and an answer by Bruce R. Granoff.

Spider-Man comic strip panels showing Spider-Man and a character.

Zoonies comic strip panels showing a dog and a character.

Eliminating Obesity, Controlling Calories article by Dr. Lamb. Discusses the health benefits of a low-calorie diet and provides tips for controlling calorie intake.

Tumbleweeds comic strip panels showing a man and a tumbleweed.

Sanford Hospital Officials Respond Today

6 Groups Express Interest In Running SMH

Seminole Memorial Hospital Administrator Charles Bentley and several hospital board members today took their case for continued operation of the facility to the board of county commissioners.

The commissioners Monday heard one formal proposal and five informal presentations by competing hospital groups interested in buying or leasing the hospital if the commissioners vote to relinquish control of the 25-year-old county-owned Sanford facility.

Bob Scott, vice-president of Adventist Health Systems Corporation and an officer of Florida Hospital, had been given time before the commissioners during a work session Monday to outline the advantages of a merger of SMH with Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs. Word of Scott's appearance brought representatives of Hospital Corporation of America, Humana, Hospital Affiliates, Brookwood, and the Orlando Regional Medical Centers to the session.

A merger of SMH with Florida Hospital would provide a unified delivery of health care and a coordinated system of referrals, Scott told the commissioners.

But Scott hedged somewhat when asked what commitment the Seventh Day Adventist group would make toward paying for indigent care. He said his group would like to negotiate that matter after a closer look at the situation had been taken.

Scott further indicated that if the commissioners accept the Florida Hospital merger, his group would likely replace the existing facility on First Street with a new hospital elsewhere in the north end of the county or on land adjacent to the present site.

"Would you keep the hospital in Sanford?" commissioner Bob French asked.

"We'd have no objections to that, providing we could find adequate land," Scott replied.

"It would depend on that," Scott said. Adventist Health Systems operates 25 hospitals in the nation's south, from Florida to Texas. The corporation can maintain cost-efficient operations because of its ability to purchase materials in quantity, he said.

Doug Lewis of Hospital Corporation of America defended private, for-profit hospitals. He said HCA is an \$800-million corporation with 136 hospitals nationwide.

"The main difference between the private corporations and the not-for-profits is that," he said. "We can put the money down and go forward."

According to Lewis, HCA can borrow money from its investors and repay, in dividends, at a two percent rate. Not-for-profit facilities must pay seven percent interest on their tax-exempt bonds, he said. The difference would mean HCA could renovate or rebuild SMH more effectively and quicker than a not-for-profit corporation in terms of financial backing and bulk purchasing.

Wayne Deschambeau, of Orlando Regional Medical Center, said his organization was represented at the meeting only for informative purposes. He did not indicate whether or not ORMC is interested in operating or purchasing SMH.

French termed the presentations "informative," but said the commissioners were a long way from making a choice on the hospital's future.

Today's meeting with Bentley and the other SMH representatives was expected to be a question-and-answer session. Earlier this summer the SMH board sent a detailed report to the county commissioners spelling out the reasons it feels the board should be permitted to convert to a private, not-for-profit corporation and lease the hospital from the county. The report stressed the SMH board's ability to retain local control of the facility.

—GEOFFREY POUNDS

Moore: Let Residents Vote On Funding Revitalization

If the city of Sanford pledges to do its share in the rehabilitation of the downtown area of the community, a tax increase may be the only way to pay for it, Mayor Lee P. Moore told the city commission Monday night.

And, even if a commitment were made, a referendum seeking the people's approval of the tax increase would be a necessity, he said.

"In reality, you gentlemen must look at how we would pay \$88,000 or \$210,000 for the project. We can raise taxes by five percent or go to a referendum. It looks like we will have to raise taxes (just) to balance the budget," Moore said.

Under a new state law passed during the 1979 session of the Legislature, a local government is allowed to raise property taxes by only five percent without a referendum of the people. Currently the city is levying a tax of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of real property. Under the five percent limitation the city commission Monday night the city first must balance the proposed budget and secondarily find money for downtown development. Thirdly it must be determined if a bank loan is available and then if the city has the first 25 percent of the cost in its budget, Stenstrom said.

Last week a spokesman for the Flagship Bank said his institution would be willing to lend the city as much as \$210,000. He said his bank would make the loan if the city were to agree to pay the interest on the loan if they were unable to do so.

If the decision is forthcoming to take the issue to a referendum, the referendum cannot be held in time for the proposed new budget to go into effect Oct. 1, Moore said.

Searching for funds for the project, Commissioner David Farr noted it is anticipated the city in the new fiscal year will be spending \$160,000 in energy costs for street lighting.

"How about turning out every other street light for a period of time to save money?" Farr said. "I don't know whether that would be a palatable solution or not."

Will Sanford Pay \$4,000 Fine For Pesticide Use?

Tropic Bank Of Seminole Plans Branch In Sanford

The Sanford City Commission has left unresolved the question of paying a reduced fine of \$4,000 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the improper use of a pesticide a year ago.

The idea of taking taxpayers' money to pay another government agency makes me sick to my stomach," said Mayor Lee P. Moore. "It makes me want to tell them to stick in it in their ear. To give money to another unit of government is robbing Peter to pay Paul."

But Bruce R. Granoff, attorney in EPA's legal branch, enforcement division, said today the issue revolves around the city's illegal use of a pesticide to kill weeds in a drainage ditch "where runoff was likely to occur" into a stream of water.

Granoff said it is believed as a result of the application of the weed killer 75 to 80 fish were killed. He admitted at the same time that when the federal inspection of the fish kill took place the remaining dead fish were in such a "decrepit condition, they could not be wrapped in foil and mailed to a laboratory."

"That, however, does not absolve the city of the misuse of the pesticide in a drainage ditch. The material was known to be toxic and clearly labeled as such," Granoff said. He added 10 soil, water and plant samples were taken in the area of the spraying and active ingredients of the pesticide were positively shown in seven of 10 samples.

The spraying was done by a city crew in a ditch along Scott Avenue in June, 1978.

"We at EPA are trying to protect the environment. The city was wrong in using the pesticide in the ditch and mistaken by not reading the label on the pesticide, which clearly states it should not be used where runoff is likely to occur," Granoff said.

The pesticide is manufactured by the DuCor Chemical Corp. of Orlando, which is also being cited by EPA and subjected to a fine because of the incident.

EPA first notified the city that a \$5,000 fine would be levied, but after negotiations with City Attorney Vernon Mize the fine was reduced to \$4,000.

"Where the spraying took place there was no stream," said Mayor Moore. City Manager W.E. Knowles said the ditch was two-thirds to three-quarters of a mile from a stream.

"If the good Lord dried up that ditch and pot-bellied minnows died, who then would they fine?" asked Moore.

Knowles said the question is "whether to go ahead and pay the administrative fine of \$4,000. If we fight and lose, we will pay attorney fees and costs and still have to pay the fine."

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The Tropic Bank of Seminole, with its home office in Casselberry, has filed for state and federal approval for a full-service branch in Sanford. Tropic Bank of Seminole has another branch in Winter Springs, and the new branch bank, to be located at 101 E. 25th St., at South Park Avenue, Sanford will be the home bank's third unit.

The Casselberry banking firm bought out an Atlantic Bank in Casselberry when they began operations in January of 1977.

The Sanford branch will be capitalized slightly in excess of \$1 million.

FDIC approval should be received in late December, then construction of the modular-type bank will begin, according to William Gossett, president. It is projected that the bank will open its doors to the public by late February or early March, 1980, he said.

In size, the Sanford branch of Tropic Bank of Seminole will hire six or seven full-time employees.

The branch bank will offer any trust services.

The home office bank in Casselberry has approximately \$15 to \$16 million in total assets, Gossett said.

Bank officers include: Robert Elliott, vice president; Joyce Franklin, cashier; Richard Kessler, assistant vice president and manager of the Winter Springs, and Michael Ison, installment loan officer. Gossett, Elliott and Ison are Seminole County residents; Ms. Franklin lives in Winter Park and Kessler lives in Winter Springs.

Gossett said that Tropic Bank of Seminole had showed a 40 percent growth rate during the past two years. —HUGH THOMSON

Prosecutor Says Bite Mark Enough To Convict Bundy

MIAMI (UPI) — The prosecutor said in closing arguments today that bite marks found on the body of one of the victims was evidence enough to convict Theodore Bundy of the 1978 slayings of two Florida State University coeds.

Assistant State Attorney Larry Simpson told the jury the state's case against Bundy was based on both circumstantial and direct scientific evidence. Simpson said FSU student Nita Jane Neary had positively identified Bundy as the man she saw running from the Chi Omega sorority house in Tallahassee moments before the slayings, he said. Bundy, 21, was found beaten and strangled in their beds.

Dental experts testified that bite marks on Miss Neary were definitely made by Bundy, Simpson told the jury. "The defense staged a desperate last minute attack (on the dental testimony)," Simpson said, "but just couldn't do it."

This evidence, Simpson said, was enough to convict Bundy of the killings.

The prosecutor described Bundy as a man with something to fear — a man who looked guilty, acted guilty and "thought he got away scot free."

The 32-year-old defendant, a Utah law school dropout, insisted over the objections of four other defense lawyers provided him by the state that

29-year-old Margaret Good delivered the closing defense arguments.

Taking over as chief defense counsel for his own case last week, Bundy said the right closing argument would bring his acquittal.

It's a gamble because Miss Good has specialized in appeals court cases. But as a staunch death penalty foe, the blonde lawyer has appeared to be the one member of the defense team closest to Bundy.

Circuit Judge Edward Cowan was expected to give his death penalty to the blonde lawyer as the man she saw murdering from the sorority house just before the slayings were discovered. She thrust her arm toward him and sighted down it with her eye, sending out the well-dressed defendant from the attorneys at the defense table.

The state built its case slowly up to her testimony.

Then Miss Neary, now an art student in Muncie, Ind., took the stand and pointed dramatically to Bundy across the courtroom as the man she saw murdering from the sorority house just before the slayings were discovered.

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