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Cops say travelers are scam artists

By MARIA OREM
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - A suspect, believed to be a member of a traveling criminal group that targets seniors through home improvement scams, was arrested Wednesday by Seminole County sheriff's deputies.

Thomas Stanley, 21, 154 White Oak Road, Fredericksburg, Va., was taken into custody at about 3:30 p.m. at a car dealership on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford, said sheriff's spokesman Ed McDonough.

Stanley, who was charged with one count of solicitation without a permit, had offered to pave two sections of the dealership parking lot for 70 cents a foot. After Stanley, his brother, a cousin, and a fourth man, began work on the parking lot, the sales manager at the dealership became suspicious because of the low price and inferior materials being used and called the sheriff's office, McDonough said.

"They [employees at the dealership] were suspicious because these guys came fully equipped and were soliciting the work door to door," said Lt. John Thorpe of the Crime Prevention and Analysis Section.

Thorpe, who was called on the scene when the report was made, said the group was working on paving patchwork when he arrived.

Thorpe said the group did not have an occupational license from either the county or the city. While he was investigating the complaint at the dealership, Thorpe said another member of the group was at the county services building trying to get an occupational license.

"The license was revoked, though, because of false information on the application," Thorpe said.

After Stanley was arrested on the misdemeanor charge, the remaining members, all believed to be part of a large criminal group known as The Travelers, were told to leave.

"We told them to hit the road and don't come back," Thorpe said.

The individuals and their equipment were photographed by deputies, he said.

Thorpe said his office has broadcast the latest information on the Stanleys to other police agencies in the country and will soon have it on the Internet.

According to Thorpe the Stanley name is known among law enforcement agencies. He said he recently heard a police broadcast from an officer in the North warning of the Stanleys.

"They travel all over pulling these scams," Thorpe said. "They come here in the winter because they need the weather to be warm."

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Randy Morris

Seminole County: What's ahead? Chamber music sets tone for chairman's talk

By RUSS WHITE
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HEATHROW - Few politicians could have felt more comfortable than Seminole County Commission Chairman Randy Morris did Wednesday at the breakfast meeting of the Lake Mary-Heathrow Chamber of Commerce.

Morris was the guest speaker for the first 1998 breakfast.

He was prepared to speak at 7:45 a.m., but that changed to 8:45 a.m. to allow sufficient time for the chamber's peppery director Diane Parker to stir the overflow

crowd of business leaders into an absolute frenzy with a "Great 98" spiel.

The owner and manager of the new Lake Mary Hilton Garden Inn were among those caught up in the high energy and enthusiasm of the lively chamber. "Diane's the best cheerleader in the territory," said County Commissioner Win Adams.

To be sure, the room was full of major players in the Lake Mary/Heathrow business community most of whom would hardly need a nudge to be contributors to his re-election plans once Morris makes an announcement later this month.

Morris has chosen to this point to concentrate on his county work and keep the

re-election matter on a back burner. "And, now" Parker said Wednesday, "a man who designed a city (he was mayor of Lake Mary) and is now designing this county.....Randy Morris."

"You are all knowledgeable about what's happening," Morris said, "but maybe you haven't heard all the numbers. There are plenty of good news stories about the growth in the Northwest I-4 corridor. We're getting a good deal of national attention."

"It wasn't that long ago that when someone mentioned Heathrow, they asso-

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Water, water everywhere!

By SHARI BRODIE
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SANFORD - Commuters and school kids awoke this morning to yet another sodden sky as Central Florida was showered with rain from a cold front spawned by the El Nino weather phenomenon.

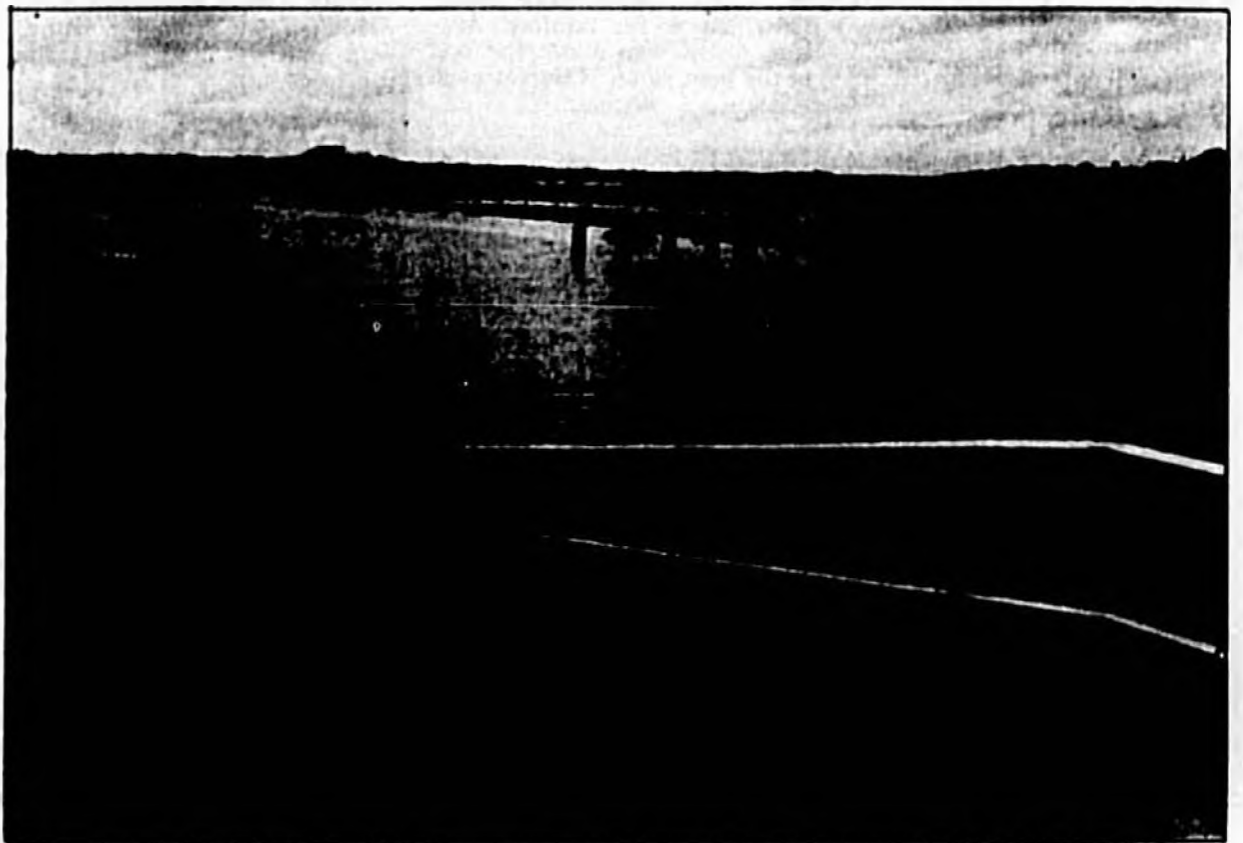
A tornado watch was in effect until 9 a.m. today. There were none reported, but the other advisory, an urban flood watch, was on target as motorists maneuvered through rain soaked streets.

St. Johns River Water Management District Public Outreach Coordinator Bill Graf said the Sanford area is very saturated and "the water just doesn't have anywhere to go."

Graf said he suspects that the predicted rain fall amount in January, of 2.3 inches, will be reached by the end of the day. At 10 a.m. this morning, the Central Florida Research and Educational Center on Celery Avenue had gauged between .04 and .08 inches for rain that began falling at daybreak and continued heavy into mid-morning. Graf said almost 13 inches fell on Central Florida in December, well over the predicted 2.1 inches.

The St. Johns River created Tuesday. Graf said it may again in the Sanford to Astar area, after today's rain. "It's going to drive levels up," He said the flow from the upper

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

The water level at Lake Jessup Park is two feet above the top of the boat ramp.

Sanford zoning officials to review growth trends

By MARIA OREM
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SANFORD - Zoning officials will review growth trends in the city during a workshop at City Hall today at 6 p.m.

During the workshop, members of the planning and zoning commission will discuss the first phase of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The EAR will be used to update the city's 1991 Comprehensive Plan, said Jay Marder, director of planning and zoning.

"It's a complete evaluation of data inventory upon which

the comprehensive plan is based," Marder said.

The EAR data, inventory and analysis matrix was developed by Solin & Associates, an independent consulting firm.

The consultants, Marder said, scrutinized the elements of the comprehensive plan and reported on information trends that will be used to develop the plan's goals. Those elements include future land use, transportation, housing, conservation, recreation and open space, and intergovernmental coordination.

The information will be used to develop policies and goals to

accommodate future growth and to provide the infrastructure the growing population requires, Marder said.

"We're going to look at trends to see how close we came when we estimated the numbers five or six years ago," Marder said. "Looking at page one of the matrix, it looks like we did a pretty good job of predicting the population figures."

Marder said the zoning commission will look at a similar, more inclusive matrix at its next meeting.

"We'll see what needs to be adjusted based on the information," he said. "We need to

keep these numbers fresh to make sure the information is correct and reasonable."

The EAR will later be submitted to the city commission for review and next year will be used to update the comprehensive plan, he said.

At the regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., the planning and zoning commission will consider a request from SpringCom to build a communications tower at 4175 S. Orlando Drive which fronts U.S. Highway 17-92. The proposed 130-foot tower will be adjacent to an automobile dealership and governmental offices. A

forested wetlands area separates the site from existing single family development located to the east. Three communications towers are located at the Seminole County Five Points complex, which is west of the proposed site.

Also at the meeting, Lamphier Painting Services will request a dimensional variance to construct a building in Sanford Central Park.

The zoning commission will also consider site plans for Hudson Furniture at 3290 W. 1st Street, and Florida Solar at 100m Coastline Road.

Calling all actors to Ritz Theatre auditions

By DAVID FRAZIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - The Ritz Theatre is set to kick off its 1998 leg of the 97-98 season. The new play is *Mother Hicks*, the story of a foster child whose name is Girl and her search for her true identity or parents; it takes place in the small town of Ware, Illinois during the Depression of 1935. The play

doesn't start till February 20, but auditions are being held Monday, Jan. 12.

The Ritz is looking for performers from ages 13 to 40. There are eight to 10 parts that need to be filled. Again, initial auditions are Monday, but call backs will be held on Wednesday. The times for each day will be between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. John's River Gallery, 207 Magnolia Ave.,

Sanford. (Formerly known as the First Street Gallery.) Each person is asked to bring a one minute monologue to the audition. Also, one part the Ritz needs filled is that of Tuc, a deaf mute who tells the story through his sign language. Anyone that has signing experience is encouraged to try out for the part. Directing the play will be Sanford native, Alton Lathrop, whom Ritz audiences

may remember as the lovable Hoke from *Driving Miss Daisy*.

As usual, the play will take place at the gallery, but the play could go on tour as well. Plans have not been finalized, but *Mother Hicks* may make stops at three area elementary schools: Idylwild, Midway and Hamilton. Programs for the adults will be at the gallery February 20 - 22, 27 - 28, and March 1. Showtimes are at 8

p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and \$6 for children 12 and under.

The play is a winner of the Children's Theatre Association of America's Distinguished Play Award. For information about auditions, the play or upcoming Ritz and gallery events, call 831-8111.

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The Olympia Homes Lake Mary office in Woodbridge Lakes is an example of the model houses it markets.

Homeowners' nightmare continues over unfinished houses and money

By SHARI BRODIE
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY - Homeowners were told Tuesday night that Olympia Homes owner Joe Kantor is working with a potential buyer for his construction company and negotiating refinancing to purchase money to finish homes already under construction.

Attorney Vnette Hudson told her clients she had spoken with Kantor's attorney, Scott Shucker, and Shucker had indicated that he intended to meet with each homeowner to hear their concerns, but a time or place for those meetings has

not been named.

One subcontractor, Del-Air Heating and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Inc., located in Lake Mary, took steps Tuesday to recover some of the materials on some of the homes under construction. The air conditioning contractor was working on approximately 50 houses, in Olympia communities, when the Altamonte Springs company closed its doors on Friday. The company is owed \$60,000.

Lake Mary City Manager John Litton said Wednesday that while this is a "private matter" the city does have some concerns about "making

sure the way (Olympia) left the site does not have an adverse impact on the residents or their neighbors." Litton said these concerns dealt mainly with the way some of the lots at the Woodbridge Lakes subdivision had been graded. He said the company did not owe any money for any of the permit work done, but no action had been taken on some of the permits issued and they would expire soon.

Two homeowners' meetings are planned for Saturday, one in Orlando and one in Lake Mary, to continue reviewing individual problems of the homeowners.



Mullet Lake Park, in Geneva, remains closed to campers and drivers. The parking lot, like the lake, is completely filled with water.

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basin, south of Sanford, was closed Wednesday, but that will reduce the water in Lake Monroe only by a small amount.

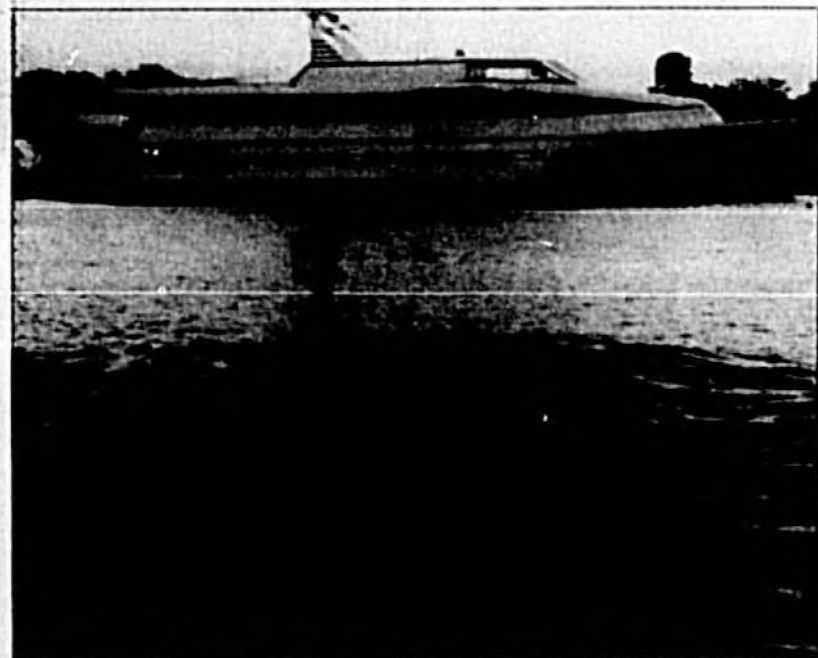
He added, "As yet we haven't seen any structural damage," in the Sanford area. "What we really need is a month of no

rain."

Seminole County has had to close Mullet Lake Park, in Geneva. Bob Chorvat, Parks and Recreation Director said the parking lot at the park is completely filled with water. The water level at Lake Jesup Park, on South Sanford Avenue, is two feet above the top of the boat ramp. Chorvat said

that all of the ramps are functional but the popular boat ramp at Lake Monroe Wayside Park, at U.S. Highway 17-92 and the St. Johns may have to close "if it becomes a situation deemed unsafe."

Early thunderstorms are predicted for Friday morning, with partly cloudy skies for the weekend.



Boats and birds seem to have the distinct advantage as the rains continue to fall on already-saturated Central Florida lands.

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper-70s. Lows in the low-60s.
Friday: Partly cloudy with a chance of early thunderstorms. Highs in the upper-60s. Lows in the mid-50s.
Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low-70s. Lows in the low-50s.
Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper-60s. Lows in the upper-40s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

THURSDAY Partly 79-62
FRIDAY Partly 67-55

SATURDAY Partly 71-52
SUNDAY Partly 68-48

TIDES

THURSDAY:
SOLAR TABLE: min. 1:20 a.m., maj. 7:20 a.m., min. 1:30 p.m., maj. 7:45 p.m.
TIDES: Daytona Beach: high: 4:03 a.m., 4:24 p.m., low: 10:18 a.m., 10:30 p.m. **New Smyrna Beach:** high: 4:08 a.m., 4:29 p.m., low: 10:23 a.m., 10:35 p.m. **Cocoa Beach:** high: 4:23 a.m., 4:44 p.m., low: 10:38 a.m., 10:50 p.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach: Seas are 7-9 feet with a rough chop. Water temperature at Daytona is 62 degrees and at New Smyrna, 62 degrees. Winds are from the south at 20-25 m.p.h.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 84 degrees and the overnight low was 67.
Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Thursday totaled approx. .08 inches.
•Sunrise.....7:19 a.m.
•Sunset.....5:45 p.m.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Monday in the Florida Lottery:
Fantasy 5
4-14-18-21
Lotto (Jan. 3)
9-22-34-31-38-42

Play 4
7-6-4
Cash 3
6-9-7

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'The Most Red Blood Drive' ends in success

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - "The Most Red Blood Drive" ended in success as 2,489 pints of much-needed blood were collected during this annual 12-day event sponsored by Central Florida Blood Bank, Sprint Yellow Pages and MIX 105.1. "Historically, blood supplies drop to dangerously low levels during the holiday months of December and January," said Anne Chinoda, Central Florida Blood Bank executive vice president and chief operating officer, "but because of the tremendous support from Central Florida residents, adequate blood supply levels were maintained."

"The Most Red Blood Drive" began Dec. 22 with Santa Claus riding the Lymmo bus through downtown, lighting "The Most Red Christmas Tree" at Signature Plaza and being one of the first to donate blood. Approximately 2,900 donors visited one of the 11 Central Florida Blood Banks or Bloodmobiles located throughout Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties during this drive. Community Christmas trees with bows placed on them bearing the name of each donor were located at each donation site. Donors received a free holiday T-shirt or a certificate for a free day-cruise in appreciation for their donation.

"All donated blood will be used to help people right here in Central Florida," said Chinoda. "We are very pleased with the support we received."

Targeted donor services programs and the generosity of Florida residents has helped en-

sure that Central Florida Blood Bank has an adequate supply of blood at all times. Nonetheless, only a percent of the population donates blood for the staggering 60 percent who will need it during their lifetime. "The need for blood is a year-round concern," said Chinoda. "At least 800 donors per day are needed to fill the needs of patients within our service area. We hope to have more residents donate on an on-going basis."

"We are extremely pleased to have played a role in the success of this year's drive," said Katherine Vaccaro, Sprint Yellow Pages spokesperson. "The Most Red Blood Drive gives all of us the opportunity to give something back to the community while we are distributing our new Central Florida Sprint Yellow Pages to area residents and businesses."

Central Florida Blood Bank (CFBB), established in 1942, has consistently provided the community with safe and adequate blood supply from more than 1.75 million donors. This not-for-profit organization provides more than 175,000 pints of blood each year — donated entirely by volunteers — and remains the largest independent blood bank in Florida. CFBB operates 45 health-care facilities in 16 Florida counties.

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with death row. For a long time there was nothing. No one wanted a part of it. Nothing was happening. But look at it now.

"This is the 10th anniversary of the initiation of the Lake Mary Boulevard Gateway Project, which has become a model for other county gateway enhancement projects."

Morris said that growth and development trends will continue on the Northwest 1-4 corridor. Long-awaited construction of a 45-A, 1-4 Interchange will begin in April. 45-A will be widened to four lanes and the new Grantline Road corridor west of 1-4 will be developed. This road will run parallel to 1-4.

Rinchart Road will also be expanded to four lanes, the GreenWay "Missing Link" and US 17-92 to 1-4 will begin construction in late 1998 and work will also begin to make 1-4 six lanes from Lake Mary Boulevard and the Lake Monroe Bridge at the St. John's River.

With six major road projects under way, Morris facetiously said the quickest way to travel might be on the Seminole Wekiva Trail.

"The major developments of Heathrow International Business Center, Primera and Seminole Towne Center mall will have the most visible impacts on the area as they continue to grow out," Morris said.

In the next five years, Morris said that the population of the Northwest 1-4 corridor will in-

crease by 31 percent - the county's increase will be 17 percent.

During the same time apartment growth is expected to climb to 4,517 units, a 48 percent increase.

Employment growth, he said, will be a dominant force of development in the corridor with a 33 percent increase. There will be an addition of 1.3 million square feet of office, commercial and industrial space in the next five years. The 1-4 corridor will have a substantially greater increase than the county with a 25 percent increase in non-residential development.

Morris said that the international passenger count at Orlando Sanford Airport rose from 636,360 in 1996 to 1,044,496 in 1997. There will be a terminal expansion (additional 28,000) and a cargo facility constructed this year.

"It's important for the county government to help the small business incubator program to grow. The incubator is a joint Seminole County, Seminole Community College and Seminole Port Authority partnership project.

The incubator provides tenant services such as planning, marketing, human resources and inventory control. A second incubator building will be completed this year and a third started to answer international demand.

A significant development toward the quality of life and eventual real estate prices in the county is the Seminole Wekiva Trail project that rep-

Scam

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Thorpe said the Stanleys typically switch between soliciting small businesses or senior citizens with private homes.

On Dec. 19 an 80-year-old man in Bear Lake was charged \$4,900 for an \$800 paying job. Although deputies were able to find the person who cashed the check, Thorpe said his office could not act because that person was not on the scene

when the paving work was conducted.

"That's how they operate because they know we can't charge them with conspiracy," he said.

However, Thorpe said his office will present a photo line up of the Stanley group to the elderly homeowner, just in case there is a connection between the two cases.

Thorpe said the key to identifying these types of scam artists is the door to door solicitation aspect. Another tip-off is out-of-state tags.

"If someone comes to your door soliciting work, never let them in your house," Thorpe said. "Call your local police department."

Fantasy Five winning ticket sold in Sanford

A ticket bought in Sanford is a winner in Wednesday night's Fantasy Five drawing, which produced nine tickets matching all five numbers, Lottery Secretary Marcia Mann announced Thursday morning.

Each ticketholder who matched all five numbers have won a cash prize of \$32,432.98. All together, these top prize winners will share cash prizes totaling \$291,898.64. Computer records show the top prize winning tickets were sold in these cities: Sanford, Delray Beach, Fort Pierce, Miami, Pensacola, Shalimar and Tampa, which had three winners. In addition to the first prize winners, more than 30,000 other players won cash prizes. The payouts were: 1,465 players matching four of five numbers won \$33; and, 28,559 players matching three of five numbers won \$5. The winning Fantasy Five numbers for Wednesday were: 4 - 14 - 18 - 19 - 21.

resents a popular national movement to convert abandoned railroad corridors to recreational trails and alternative transportation systems. The primary funding source for design and development of the trail is provided by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.

Looking at those who were standing in the back of the room at the Heathrow County Club, Morris said one of his vi-

sions for the future of the county is a Conference Center where meetings such as Wednesday's could be conducted.

"We're going to do something about it," Morris said. "We're going to get answers. I'm not talking about a convention center but a conference center that will accommodate groups such as this one, serve the high schools, and accommodate 1,000 or so people for meetings."

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ELLEN GOODMAN

On discrimination, and being sexy and pregnant

BOSTON--I am not entirely ready to elevate Hunter Tylo to the pantheon of civil rights heroines. But the actress who left the Los Angeles courtroom with a \$5 million victory in a sex discrimination case did look awfully good playing the part.

Tylo not only declared a win "for every woman," she said that the unanimous jury had sent a message to every Hollywood producer to stop treating actresses "like meat."

Was this a teeny bit hard to chew? Well, sure. This actress, mother and born-again Christian was hired for the steamy-and-sleazy "Melrose Place" as a "vixen, adulteress, seductress." When the designated vixen announced she was pregnant, the producer fired her. Having struggled for the meat role, how surprising is it to be treated like meat?

Nevertheless, as the case of Sex Discrimination and the Pregnant Seductress goes to appeal, it raises some meaty questions. Like whether being pregnant disqualifies you from a job as a sex object. Or more to the point, whether being a sex object is still a job.

Moving east from L.A. to Las Vegas, a similar suit is being waged by some 15 cocktail waitresses who were removed from the floor by the Imperial Palace because they were pregnant. The owners claim that Las Vegas like "Melrose Place" is selling a certain image. A sexy image. Women who do not fit the image, let alone the skimpy costume, are unfit for the job.

In other words the owners claim, being sexy is a bona fide occupational qualification, or BFOQ, in the language of civil rights law. And therefore, they aren't guilty of sex discrimination when they fire pregnant women. It's what's called appearance discrimination.

Indeed the waitresses had signed a contract saying they wouldn't gain more than six pounds. Tylo, for that matter, had signed a similar contract saying she's maintain her vixen appearance. But you can't sign away your civil rights.

This whole debate--What's appearance discrimination and what's sex discrimination? When is a sex object BFOQ and when is it slime-ball employment discrimination?--goes way back.

In the days before stewardesses became flight attendants, airlines advertised their main attraction with lines like "Fly me, I'm Susan," they maintained that sexy stewardesses--hot pants and all--were part of their appeal to business men.

More recently, the illustrious Hooters restaurants claimed that tight T-shirted, mini-skirted servers of the female persuasion were an essential part of their name and profit margin. No men need apply.

Of course the airlines lost their case and Hooters had to settle this fall by adding more



Having struggled for the meat role, how surprising is it to be treated like meat?

men to their roster. We have come to the notion that you cannot use a customer's perceived bias against, say, a black, old or pregnant employee, as an excuse for keeping those old stereotypes alive and typing.

Paul Miller, a commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission which filed the cocktail waitress suit says, "The work consists of serving drinks, not teasing customers." The old guard at Imperial Palace, he says, believes that "somehow tourists will run away if they are confronted by pregnant women serving them drinks."

But in Las Vegas, other casinos have kept pregnant women on the job without terrifying gamblers. At their essence, the laws against discrimination define jobs as tasks, not body types.

Which brings us back to the TV vixen. If there is any place where typecasting is essential, it's in Hollywood. If there is any place where sex is an object, it's the entertainment biz.

Ironically, Spelling Productions might have a decent case against the pregnant vixen if they hadn't accommodated other pregnant vixens by using body doubles, special effects and re-writing the story line. They actually proved Tylo's case that you don't have to choose between having an acting job and having a baby.

In fact, Melrose Place was a veritable fertility clinic. Tylo for her part, or parts, went on to have two babies and a sexy job in the soap, "The Bold and the Beautiful." And, OK, a role as mintherolene.

As someone who looked more like Bobbi McCaughey than Hunter Tylo in my seventh month, I am delighted with the jury's verdict that you can be sexy and pregnant. But I am struck by the fact that young women are hired by Hollywood to be sexy. When they become pregnant, the biological point, they are suddenly cast out of sexiness?

I leave that sociobiological puzzle to Hunter Tylo to unravel. After all, she may not be a psychologist, but she now plays one on TV.



DUI arrest

Heather Foreman, 31, of 407 Mattie St., Sanford, was arrested Tuesday by Sanford police. Foreman was charged with DUI and arrested in the 3500 block of South Sanford Avenue. Report said that Foreman weaved within her lane and also hit the concrete median.

Cannabis possession

Ivan Galarza, 21, of 1717 Park Ave., Sanford, was arrested Tuesday by Winter Springs police. Galarza was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Galarza was arrested at the corner of South Edgemon and Bitterwood. Galarza was pulled over for an inoperative right head light.

Cocaine arrest

Richard Frederick Jr., 18, of 787 Alto Place, Lake Mary, was arrested Tuesday by Sanford police. Frederick was charged with possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arrested at the corner of Fifth Street and Pecan Avenue. Police pulled Frederick over for not having his headlights on.

QUAD squad

Patrick Bass, 23, of unknown residence, was arrested Tuesday by Sanford police. Bass was charged with possession of cannabis over 20 grams and arrested in the 300 block of Polar Avenue. The Sanford QUAD (Quick Uniform Attack on Drugs) unit made the arrest.

No driver's license

Andre Collier, 21, of 1788 Bell Ave., Sanford, was arrested Tuesday by Altamonte Springs police. Collier was charged with driving while license is suspended or revoked and attaching tag not assigned. Collier was arrested at the corner of Interstate-4 and Central Parkway. Officer noticed a smashed out rear passenger vent window, and a registration check indicated Collier's tag did not belong to his car.

Traffic stop leads to arrest

Robert Gallagher, 28, of 5316

Carter Rd., Lake Mary, was arrested Tuesday by Lake Mary police. Gallagher was charged with DUI and arrested on Lake Mary Boulevard. Gallagher was traveling 58 in a 45 mile per hour zone, and he did not stop at a red light.

Incidents

An Emerson TV/VCR worth \$1,000 was stolen Wednesday in the 1700 block of Merthi Avenue.

A Nintendo 64 worth \$150 was stolen Tuesday in the 1000 block of West Sixth Street.

Baseball gear and equipment were stolen Tuesday in the 100 block of Cobblestone Way. Total amount of property was \$1,094.

Yard tools were stolen Tuesday in the 200 block of Yale Drive. Total amount of property was \$720.

Cash totaling \$170 cash and \$20 in rolled coins were stolen Tuesday in the 200 block of North Maple Avenue.

A white 73 Chevrolet TR, license plate number PUJ08X, was stolen Tuesday in the 300 block of North Poplar Avenue.

Fishing reels and rods were stolen Tuesday in the 2000 block of Lilly Court. Total amount of property was over \$309.99.

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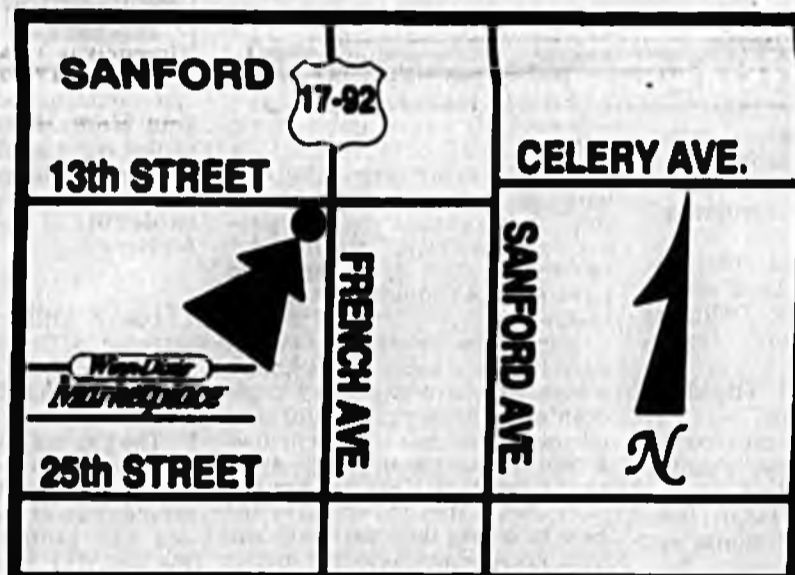
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Sports

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Extra Points...

Jeff Berlinicke

Herald Staff Writer



It was prep basketball at its best

OVIEDO - You could tell really early last night that this wasn't just another high school basketball game.

First of all, Lake Howell was playing at Oviedo, the best place in the county to watch high school basketball.

Secondly, the parking lot was packed. If you didn't get there early, you might as well have just put your car at the Silver Hawk campus back in Winter Park.

It was high school basketball at its best. It was *Hoosiers*. It was the sweaty smell of the gym. It was the number-10 team in the state (Oviedo) versus the number-five team (Lake Howell) and you just knew it was going to be a close game.

It was intense before the game even began. For anyone approaching the Oviedo gym, they heard loud rock music ("C'mon, feel the Nolze," remember that one?), and the cheerleaders from both schools fighting over floor space the way the late-arriving fans fought for seating space.

It was boiling hot and, just to prove he's spent a lot of time in similar atmospheres, Oviedo coach Ed Kerahner kept his sports-coat on throughout the game.

The Lake Howell cheerleaders made sure it never got too quiet, traveling to a rival school and pounding their megaphones on the bleachers every time the Silver Hawks needed a boost.

Most players on both teams became well-acquainted with the Oviedo floor as bodies flew throughout the game.

As Lake Howell ran up a huge first half lead, half the gym rocked. The other half sat, knowingly. Oviedo doesn't quit that easily.

By the half, the concession lines were packed as people in the stands had their first chance all night to actually stretch. It wouldn't be long before it was packed again.

Then, as "Welcome to the Jungle" (Guns n' Roses) cranked over the loudspeaker, Oviedo took the court again. It wasn't over yet.

With Lake Howell up by 12, both benches remained standing, both coaches remained pacing and the crowd never quit. Oviedo began its comeback. When Josh Cullen hit a three to give the Lions a lead, time-out and more music ("Mony, Mony," Billy Idol version).

Both teams exchanged leads until Brad Combes hit an improbable bank shot with the score tied and three seconds remaining (did he call it?) and Oviedo had the win.

It was high school basketball at its best, the only game between ranked opponents in the state of Florida.

Let's recap. It smelled like basketball, sounded like basketball and felt like basketball.

Besides all that, it was the game of the year in Seminole County.

At least until the two teams meet again at Lake Howell's place at the end of January.

After the game, every fan, cheerleader, coach and player was drained. Brad Combes saved the day for Oviedo at the buzzer with his bank shot but it didn't matter. For basketball fans who were there, it was perfect, win or lose.

Lake Howell will surely remember the bitter loss.

But, more importantly, as the years go by, they will remember that they were a part of a very special night on a dreary Wednesday night in Central Florida when they were all heroes, win or lose.

Last Second Shot: Is Vernon Maxwell the Magic's idea of throwing in the towel?

Round one to Lions

Oviedo boys rally to edge Lake Howell

By JEFF BERLINICKE
Herald Staff Writer

OVIEDO - Every night there's a different hero for the Oviedo basketball team.

Last night, when the Lions needed it the most, Brad Combes, one of the most unsung of all of Oviedo's unsung heroes, came through to lead the Lions, ranked 10th in the state, to a dramatic 51-49 win over fifth-ranked Lake Howell.

Combes hit a running jumper with 5.3 seconds remaining for the win after taking possession with 29.1 seconds remaining in regulation.

"We just wanted to get the clock down to 10 seconds and get the ball to whoever got open," Combes said. "I got open and laid it in."

The loss was especially brutal to Lake Howell, which had only one district loss and had achieved its highest state rating in school history.

Lake Howell coach Steve Kohn said it was only round one of what **See Lions, Page 2B**



Oviedo's Brad Combes (No. 22, left photo) hit the game-winning lay-up with 5.3 seconds remaining in the game, while Lake Howell's junior superstar Reggie Kohn (dark uniform, right photo) did his best to keep his club in the game as the homestanding Lions rallied from an 11-point halftime deficit to edge the Silver Hawks, 51-49, Wednesday night.



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Crooms evens record

From Staff Reports

SANFORD - Titus Waldo scored 20 points to lead the way as four players hit double figures as Crooms Academy evened its record at 8-8 with a 69-52 victory over Tavares Christian in a boys' basketball game at Allen Gymnasium Tuesday night.

In other late Tuesday games, the Lyman and Oviedo boys and Oviedo and Orangewood Christian girls all posted shutouts in soccer and Oviedo was victorious but Winter Springs came up short in wrestling action.

BOYS BASKETBALL

PANTHERS 60, TERRIERS 53

Tavares Christian (53)
Riche 17, Price 3, Cox 20, Brenner 10, Haman 2. Totals: 18 10-16 52.

Crooms Academy (69)
Anderson 17, Waldo 20, McCloud 13, Parker 9, Williams 10. Totals: 28 8-11 60.

Tavares 5 17 15 12 - 53
Crooms 12 19 30 18 - 69

Three-point field goals - Tavares Christian 6 (Riche 4, Cox 1, Brenner 1); Crooms Academy 5 (Waldo 2, Williams 2, Anderson 1). Total fouls - Tavares Christian 10; Crooms Academy 12. Fouled out none. Technicals - none. Records - Crooms Academy 6-4.

SOCCER

BOYS

GREYHOUNDS 3, RAMS 0

Lyman 2 1 - 3
Lake Mary 0 0 - 0

Goals - Lyman 3 (Lewis, Potts, Kinaley). Assists - Lyman 3 (Potts, Diebler, Baker). Shots on goal - Lyman 10; Lake Mary 11. Saves - Lyman (LaPaca) 18; Lake Mary 7. Records - Lyman 10-2; Lake Mary 10-2. Junior varsity - Lake Mary 4; Lyman 2.

LIONS 1, SILVER HAWKS 0

Lake Howell 0 0 - 0
Oviedo 1 0 - 1

Goals - Oviedo 1 (Cook). Assists - Oviedo 1 (Swander). Shots on goal - Lake Howell 12; Oviedo 17. Saves - Lake Howell 16; Oviedo 12. Records - Oviedo 8-3-2. Junior varsity - Lake Howell 1; Oviedo 0.

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FALL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS HONORED



SANFORD - The Sanford Recreation Department honored its winners from the Fall Volleyball League at the Polar Bear Organizational Meeting Wednesday night at the Downtown Youth Center. Accepting the trophies (from left) were Kelly Gregory of Westview Baptist Church II, the B Division Tournament champions; Greg Setried of Westview Baptist Church I, the A Division Tournament Champions; and Matt Hibbard, the coach of Kathy's Baby Shop (A Division champions) and Don Mealey's Seminole Ford (B Division champions). Registrations for the Polar Bear League are now being taken at the Downtown Youth Center on the corner of Park Ave. and Seminole Blvd.

Raiders run out of gas

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD - It was very nearly a historic night in Sanford Wednesday night.

For 28 minutes the Seminole Community College women's basketball team was leading its Mid-Florida Conference opener with the nation's No. 2 ranked, and the state's No. ranked and defending state champion, team.

And despite a 10-2 run the Raiders were still in halting distance with seven minutes left in the game.

But Central Florida Community College then went on a 14-2 run, and with only five minutes remaining, the upset bid was over as the Patriots held on for a

78-68 victory.

During the first half, SCC had an answer for anything CFCC threw at it, which was mostly 6-foot-4 Lilana Cabeza from Columbia, who had 17 points in the opening period, and maintained a lead of as many as six points for most of the first 20 minutes, taking a 37-36 advantage into the locker room.

Freshmen Daria Kudravytseva and Jaana Kotova paced the locals with 10 points each in the first half, while Gemma Riley added five points and Jennifer Sweeney came off the bench to net five more.

The Raiders continued to lead through the first **See Raiders, Page 2B**

Gooch named Assistant Coach of Year

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - University of Central Florida running backs coach Alan Gooch was named the NCAA Division I-A Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association Monday at its annual convention in Dallas.

This is the first year for the APCA Assistant Coach of the Year award.

Gooch, 37, has been on staff with the UCF football program since graduating from the school in 1982.

He received the award mainly for his work with freshman tailback Dwight Collins. Gooch learned American Sign Language so he could communicate with Collins, who is deaf. Collins was given the Disney's Spirit Award for being the nation's most courageous student athlete.

Among the other running backs Gooch has coached at UCF are Willie English, the first at UCF to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season, and Marquette Smith, the Lake Howell graduate who was a fifth round draft pick of the

NFL's Carolina Panthers in 1996.

For the past seven years, Gooch, a graduate of Clearwater High School and a football player at UCF, has also served as UCF's recruiting coordinator. To be eligible for the award, the coach must be an APCA member in good standing, the program can't be on probation, and the coach must have made outstanding contributions outside the football field, and have an impact on student-athletes on and off the field.

Resolution Dream Mile set

Special to the Herald

LAKE MARY - The Lake Mary Track Club has announced that the Fourth Annual Lake Mary Track Club Resolution Dream Mile will be held at Lake Mary High School's Don T. Reynolds Stadium on Saturday, January 31.

The event is for runners, or walkers if you wish, both male and female, of all ages and has become a big success since its inception. Over 70 runners took part last year and over 100 participants are expected this year.

Proceeds from the event will go to help the Lake Mary track teams and AAU runners for the Lake Mary Track Club in the summer.

The winner of each race, both male and female, will receive a medal, while the next four runners, both male and female, in each race will be awarded

- ribbons.
- The schedule is as follows:
- 8 a.m. - Registration.
 - 8:30 a.m. - Male and female mile walkers.
 - 9 a.m. - 8-and-Under, boys and girls, 880-yard run.
 - 9:15 a.m. - 9-10 boys and girls mile run.
 - 9:30 a.m. - 12-12 boys and girls mile run.
 - 9:45 a.m. - 13-14 boys and girls mile run.
 - 10 a.m. - 15-16 boys and girls mile run.
 - 10:15 a.m. - 17-18 boys and girls mile run.
 - 10:30 a.m. - 19-29 male and female mile run.
 - 10:45 a.m. - 30-39 male and female mile run.
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BLONDIE



by Chic Young

BEETLE BAILEY



by Mort Walker

THE BORN LOSER



by Art Sansom

PEANUTS



by Charles M. Schulz

EK & MEK



by Howie Schneider

TUMBLEWEEDS



by T.K. Ryan

ARLO AND JANIS



by Jimmy Johnson

FRANK AND ERNEST



by Bob Thaves

GARFIELD



by Jim Davis

ROBOTMAN



by Jim Meddick

Blood in urine is not normal

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a routine exam in another city, I was told that I had blood in my urine. The physicians there urged me to bring this to my own doctor's attention.

I did. He is in an HMO and told me (without seeing me) not to worry as long as I had no other symptoms. Isn't it strange that my doctor dismissed me?

DEAR READER: Yes and no.

It's not strange, because if your doctor's HMO is like many others, he is being paid a small monthly stipend to have you as a member of his panel. Therefore, if he doesn't see you, he still gets his money and can devote his time to more lucrative activities. The behavior you described is, unfortunately, becoming more prevalent as managed care becomes a reality for more and more consumers.

On the other hand, I believe that your doctor's attitude is more than strange: It's reprehensible. Blood in the urine is NEVER normal and should ALWAYS be investigated. Common causes include infection, kidney stones, and tumors of the bladder and kidneys. I think that your doctor is flirting with malpractice for not examining you and obtaining further tests, such as a urine culture, kidney X rays and — perhaps — cystoscopy, a method of checking your bladder with a lighted tube.

Because your HMO physician seems to have abdicated his duty with regard to your good health, I recommend that you change doctors. It was not appropriate for you to have been treated in that fashion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do some people exposed to HIV get AIDS, while others don't?

DEAR READER: This is a fascinating question that has plagued researchers for decades. Heretofore, scientists were unable to answer it. Today, however, the answer may be within reach.

In order to cause infection, the HIV must enter living cells, usually blood cells called T-lymphocytes. In the process of entering these cells, the virus interacts with a receptor on the cells, called "CD4." The ability of HIV to react with CD4 is suppressed by a class of natural substances known as chemokines. Some people have inherited high levels of chemokines and thus are not susceptible to HIV infection. Other people, unfortunately, are born with low levels of chemokines and become readily infected when exposed to HIV.

Since this relation was discovered, researchers have been scrambling to find ways of synthesizing these substances and providing them to patients who are deficient. If such a goal could be accomplished, the treatment of AIDS would be revolutionized.

DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

At the very least, HIV infection could be treated; at most, such infection could be prevented. At this stage, our understanding of chemokines is still in its infancy, but there is great optimism and hope that these natural proteins can somehow be used to stop the greatest scourge of the 20th century.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 53-year-old son was recently diagnosed with gallstones. His primary complaint is nausea, which his doctor says is unrelated to the gallbladder. Should my son have the stones removed?

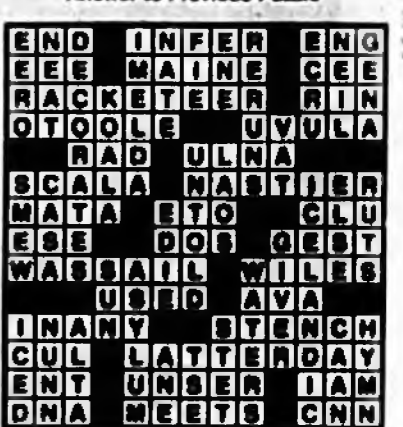
DEAR READER: In my experience, gallstones don't necessarily cause pain; rather, they may simply lead to nausea and vague abdominal discomfort. Therefore, I disagree with your son's doctor. If the physician weren't looking for gallstones as a cause of your son's symptom, why did he order an ultrasound?

It would be presumptuous of me to recommend gallbladder surgery without examining your son and reviewing his tests. However, the laparoscopic operation is so easy that I believe it should be a consideration. Your son has gallstones which can cause nausea. Why not go for surgery? Let me know what he decides.

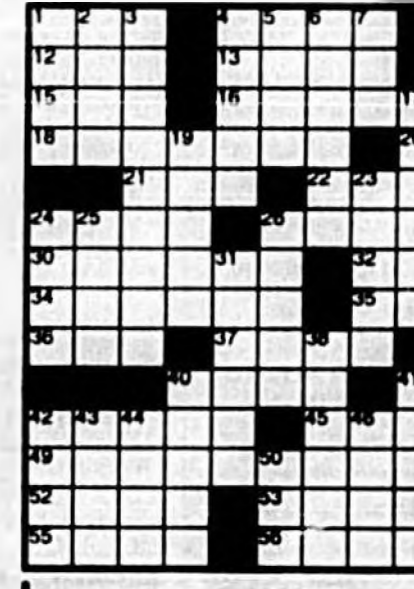
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 - 57 Actress Sandra —

Answer to Previous Puzzle



STUMPED? Call for Answers



- 5 ON exporter
- 6 Moscow's place
- 7 Printer's
- 8 measures
- 9 O'Neil
- 10 Smudge
- 11 Verdi opera
- 12 Irish dance
- 17 — Marcos
- 19 Sailing ship
- 23 Coronet
- 24 Floet
- 25 important times
- 26 Article of faith
- 27 Soviet city
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- 47 Ireland
- 48 Jack or Jill
- 50 Spy org.

WIN AT BRIDGE

Second hand high or low?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned a rule of Blackwood. Today, let's look at a rule of play: second hand low.

It is normal, if you are the second hand to play to a trick, to contribute a low card because your partner is playing last. Let him win the trick as cheaply as possible. Fine — most of the time. Yet when should you play second hand high?

North's two-heart cue-bid showed game values and asked partner if he had a heart stopper for no-trump purposes.

South ducked the first two heart tricks and won the third, West discarding a spade. Now came a diamond to dummy's king, followed by a club to the eight, 10 and jack. West switched to a spade, but declarer called for

dummy's ace, cashed the diamond ace, and ran his clubs for nine tricks: one spade, one heart, two diamonds and five clubs.

The common time not to play second hand low is when you can see it will (probably) cost a trick. If you have something like A-K-Q-3 or K-Q-J-2, it would usually be suicidal to play the two (but not always!).

However, this deal spotlights another example: When one hand has a long, nearly established suit but no entry on the side, playing an honor may disrupt communications. If East had put in the club queen on the first round of the suit, the contract would have failed. If South ducks the trick, East cashes his hearts. And if West plays three rounds of the suit, West switches to a spade.

Agreed, this play is much more difficult because the club suit is hidden in declarer's hand, but playing the queen is highly unlikely to kill the defense.

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♠ A J 3
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A K J 4 3
♣ 7 6

West 10 7 6 4
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ J 9 2

East ♠ K 8 8
♥ K Q J 10 2
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 8

South ♠ Q 5 2
♥ A 6 5
♦ 5
♣ A K 10 5 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 9

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Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 9, 1998

Substantial material opportunities could present themselves to you in the year ahead. This could be a better year both socially and commercially than you've experienced in a long time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In matters that are meaningful to you financially, you could be more fortunate than usual today, even though you'll still have to earn what you get. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing your \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Set high social standards for yourself today. Do not get wrapped up with people who do not have constructive things to add to

your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Associates will be willing to move in accordance with your wishes today, provided they understand fully that you are not motivated by selfish purposes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not be reluctant to test new methods today, because with a little experimentation you might find ways to truly simplify a tough assignment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Important financial matters should be given top priority today. Do not relegate to rear ranks additions or moderations that could spell increases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Everything should move along nicely today if you use your initiative instead of waiting on others. Be a self-starter and not someone who needs a push.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a special ability today for being able to unravel entanglements others have left knotted up. What you do will help them, as well as yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The hopes and expectations you entertain today will have the best chances of manifesting themselves if they are pursued through collective efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The chances for fulfilling ambitious objectives today are very strong. If you want something intensely enough, you'll figure out a way to get it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should someone you know on a purely social basis offer to do you a favor today, acknowledge it immediately. The offer may be short-lived.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something you've been wanting to revise but have been unable to swing on your own might be brought about today through the efforts of a thoughtful associate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The best asset you possess today could be your ability to use the ideas of others in ways that benefit all involved. Put it to work early.

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by Leonard Starr