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Firefighters to vote on contract

SANFORD — Seminole County firefighters began voting today on the proposed contract. Balloting which ends at 12:30 p.m. today, continues Wednesday morning until 12:30 p.m.

The firefighters have not had a contract with the county since they unionized in 1990. A total of 202 firefighters and lieutenants are eligible to vote. Although there are still differences on some provisions, union leaders are urging firefighters to adopt the contract.

The contract vote is being conducted at the Professional Firefighters Union Hall, 4005 N. Orange Blossom Trail.

County commissioners agreed to raises for the firefighters, regardless of whether the contract is ratified or not.

Structure fire

LONGWOOD — Fire caused an undetermined amount of damage last night at a furniture manufacturing facility fire near Longwood. This morning, investigators were still searching through the damaged structure at 1079 Miller Drive.

According to Seminole County Fire Department spokesman Ken Roberts, the call was received shortly after 8:30 last night, resulting in approximately 30 firefighters responding. Personnel included units from the Longwood Fire Department.

Roberts said when the first units arrived, they saw smoke coming from vents on the top of the metal structure, and after gaining entry, they were able to contain the flames to a workshop area, preventing loss to the rest of the building.

"It was considered a two-alarm fire because it was a commercial structure," Roberts explained. "And we had the flames out within approximately a half hour after we arrived."

The building is reportedly owned and operated by MKB Industries, a furniture manufacturing company.

McClanahan back on board

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission last night selected A.A. McClanahan to serve on the city's Charter Advisory Committee. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Michael Skat.

Commissioner Lon Howell nominated the former city commissioner to the post. The vote on the appointment was four to one, with Commissioner Kerry Lyons, who defeated McClanahan in last year's commission election, voting against the recommendation.

Auto theft grant

SANFORD — Sheriff Don Eslinger has asked the Seminole County Commission to approve a grant to help fund an auto theft prevention program.

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Time was—Time shall be—drain the glass—But where is time now?

—John Quincy Adams



Today: Increasing clouds this afternoon with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower 80s. Wind west 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest late. Rain chance 30 percent.

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Officers with a mission



Herald Photo by April Keniston

Cadets from the Salvation Army college visited residents of Lakeview Nursing Center this past week. Seated, (l to r) Thomas James, Denise Williford, Blanche Blount, Sharon Ray and

Elizabeth Huff. Standing: Miriam Barroao, Tim Williford, Sharon Connolly, Peter Connolly, Ann Penhale, Terry Ray and David Gilliam.

Salvation Army cadets begin a life of service

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — When officers in the Salvation Army complete two year's work at the College for Officer Training, they don't know where they might be sent. For those who attend the college's Atlanta campus, it could be anywhere from Washington, D.C. to Texas.

It could even be Sanford.

With that in mind, a group of officers-in-

training came to Sanford for four days last week to see this mission and to spread God's word throughout the community.

With brass instruments in hand, the troupe, assembled in Magnolia Square at noon.

The musicians trumpeted their arrival with traditional hymns and read from the Bible.

They were largely ignored by the lunchtime crowd of lawyers, antique shoppers and tourists, but the music they produced brought

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Airport and port: No merger in sight

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The airport's ears must have been burning last night.

The Sanford City Commission had plenty to say about both the proposed merger with the Seminole County Port Authority, and a planned grand opening celebration for the new terminal and access road.

Regarding the merger concept, the city has now sent letters to the entire Seminole County Legislative delegation, requesting that, "... no action be taken with regard to any local bill which would change the present status of the Airport Authority."

During Monday afternoon's city commission work session, it was reported that the Airport Authority, (meeting Monday morning) had discussed the merger concept, and while they favored continuing to work together with the county and the Port Authority, they unanimously voted in opposition to the merger.

"As a result," said City Manager Bill Simmons, "I expect there will be no need for a joint work session we had originally proposed with the airport authority."

"I agree," said Mayor Bettye Smith. "There is no need to pursue a joint meeting, but we should still stress that we are ready to cooperate with the county and authorities whenever we can."

It was also reported that with the completion of the \$4 million departure terminal, requests are being made regarding changing the name of the airport to be more in keeping

with its proximity to Orlando.

Simmons said one of the suggestions was to call it the Sanford/Orlando Airport. He indicated a formal request for a name change is expected to be brought up in the near future.

Another matter brought up during the commission meeting Monday focused on a planned dedication grand opening of the terminal. The Airport Authority had requested the city undertake a \$2,500 sponsorship. "To underwrite the commemorative gift that each guest will receive at this special marketing event."

According to information sent to Mayor Smith, the gift is to be "a handsome leather passport/document holder with the airport logo imprinted in gold on the left inside flap, and the city logo in gold on the right inside flap."

An estimated 500 "of the most influential" leaders are expected to gather for the event, with Governor Lawton Chiles and U.S. Congressman John Mica leading the delegation.

"I think, now, more than at any other time, is an excellent opportunity to show cooperation between the city and the airport," suggested Simmons.

Commissioner Whitey Eckstein however, objected to the request for the \$2,500 sponsorship donation. "I have no problem in helping sponsor this," he said, "but when it comes to paying for these gifts, I think that's too much to be asking of us in spending city money."

"To suggest that we help pay for these gifts just boggles my mind."

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Sprucing up Historic District



Herald Photo by Roger Harnack

Members of the Sanford Historic Trust spent this past Saturday working on a home at 709 Magnolia Avenue, in Sanford's Historic District. The trust distributes financial support to applicants in the Historic District for exterior improvements. Most of the work Saturday involved screen wiring, yard work, and other beautification projects.

It's almost time to spring ahead

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

This Sunday, it will be darker in the morning and lighter in the evening. It won't be any change in the rotation of Earth, but here in the United States, it will be the start of Daylight Savings Time (DST).

The old axiom of "Spring forward and fall back" will again be brought

out of the closet and recalled by people who often forget which way to change the hands on the clock.

The Citizens Watch Company of America says the best time to do this is before going to bed Saturday evening. It recommends consideration of the following:

- Set all clocks, watches, TV screens, clock radios, and VCR timers ahead one hour.

- Remember to change timers on lights in homes and offices.

- Remember to change time clocks, fax machine clocks, and other equipment on the job.

The company also suggests using the occasion for several other chores which should be done on a regular basis.

Because it gets dark later (in time) and the weather is warmer, more

outdoor activities will be planned. Caution children about evening curfews or outdoor safety rules.

It is also an excellent time to double-check batteries on smoke alarms. It has nothing to do with Daylight Saving Time, but it's wise to check them regularly anyway.

The whole concept of changing clocks started in 1918 when Congress passed the Standard Time Act. See Time, Page 6A

Sanford: Don't move courts

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The proposed move of county judicial operations out of downtown Sanford continues to be of major concern to the Sanford City Commission and city staff. The move could also bring to a halt a planned bank expansion project.

SunBank, at 200 W. First Street, had submitted a request for a planned development rezoning of its property between First Street and Fulton

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Tonight: Oviedo mall's fate

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County commissioners will conduct a public hearing tonight on whether to approve or deny a land use change in the comprehensive plan which would clear the way for a mall at Oviedo.

The hearing begins at 7 p.m. in the commissioners' chambers of the County Services Building.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Two men shot

Sanford police are investigating the shooting of two men Saturday, in front of apartments in Lake Monroe Terrace. They said the incident occurred at approximately 9 p.m., and involved an exchange of gunfire between two men. The incident report indicated the shooting, "was believed to be drug related." One of the men was taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital, the other to Orlando Regional Medical Center. Their condition was not immediately revealed. No charges have been made pending a continuation of the investigation.

Traffic stops

- Janice Duval, 38, 1700 W. 16th Street, Sanford, was stopped by deputies at 16th Street and Southwest Road Thursday. She was charged with driving with a suspended license and resisting an officer without violence.
- Curtis David Beauchamp, 25, 331 Lake Mary Boulevard was stopped by deputies on Lockwood Blvd., near Oviedo on Thursday. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, possession of controlled substance over 20 grams, and possession of cannabis with intent to sell. Deputies found he was also wanted on a drug-related warrant for his arrest issued in Pasco County.
- Roy Jackson Jr., 53, of Winter Park, was stopped by Sanford police at First Street and French Avenue Thursday. He was found to be wanted on five warrants, three for obtaining property with worthless checks, and two for failing to appear on charges of obtaining property with worthless checks.
- Charlene Hayne, 41, of Daytona Beach Shores was stopped by deputies on U.S. Highway 17-92 near Airport Blvd. Thursday. She was charged with driving under the influence.
- Randy Lee Plocki, 31, of 313 Oak Street, Longwood, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday in the 400 block of W. Seminole Blvd. Plocki was charged with having a revoked license.
- Michael D. Calvitto, 32, 7203 Stonebrook Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Lake Mary police at Fifth and Seminole Avenue in Lake Mary Saturday. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

Domestic cases

- Joelle Conway, 28, 1086 Gwyn Circle, Oviedo, was arrested at her residence by Oviedo police Thursday, following a reported fight with her husband. She was charged with battery, domestic violence.
- Robert Campbell, 61, 2433A Chase Avenue, was arrested at his residence Thursday by Sanford police following a reported dispute with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.
- Sanford police were called to the residence of Juan Carlos Newkirk, 26, at 1012 W. 11th Street Saturday regarding a domestic violence situation. When police arrived, they found Newkirk was wanted on a Volusia County warrant for violation of probation on a previous conviction of battery. There was no arrest report available regarding the domestic violence report.
- Wallace Leo Lackey, 49, 225 Jungle Road, Geneva, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at his residence Saturday following a reported dispute with his wife. He was charged with aggravated assault domestic violence, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Warrant arrests

- Doyle Glenn Hughes, 31, 1051 Cochran Road, Geneva, was arrested by deputies at his residence Sunday. He was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on two points of battery.
- William Fred Caldwell, 30, 115 Anthony St., Sanford, driving while license suspended.
- Robert J. Taylor, 30, 115 Anthony St., Sanford, Volusia County warrants.
- Vernon Eric Hopkins, 27, no local address, assault and traffic (suspended license).
- Norman Platt Jr., 36, 2600 George Ave., Sanford, failure to appear/obtaining property with worthless check.
- Troy Anthony Calhoun, 23, 200 Laurel Ave., Sanford, violation community control/possession of cocaine.
- Gary Tony Williams Jr., 35, 708 W. 4th St., Sanford, writs of bodily attachment on behalf of three women issued in 1979, 1985 and 1992. The Department of Revenue requested the arrest.
- Donald Scott MacLeod, 25, 567 Land Ave., Longwood, driving while license suspended, arrested for failing to obey traffic control device.
- Demetrius Marcel Hill, 27, 623 Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, possession of firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Retail theft

Sanford police arrested Darryl Keith Thomas, 37, listed as homeless, in a retail store in the 1700 block of Airport Blvd. Sunday. Police said he reportedly obtained some diapers from a shelf, then took it to the front desk and sought to return them for cash. He was arrested on a charge of retail theft.

Sanford police incidents

- A TV set, video player, six packs of cigarettes and other items with a total value of \$337 were reportedly stolen Saturday from an apartment in the 1200 block of Myrtle Avenue.
- An estimated \$3,585 in items were reportedly stolen Friday from a vehicle parked in a county parking lot in the 100 block of Bush Loop.
- A fax machine and microwave oven valued at \$500 were reported stolen Saturday from the Boys & Girls Club, 919 Persimmon Avenue. Police indicated entry was made through the roof of the building.
- An estimated \$148 in property was reported stolen Saturday from a residence in the 100 block of Pinecrest Avenue.
- The front door of a residence in the 2400 block of S. Elm Avenue was reportedly kicked open Saturday causing \$500 in damage. Police said the door opening caused an alarm to sound and nothing was determined to have been taken.
- A TV, microwave oven and other items valued at \$1,185 were reported stolen Saturday from an apartment in the 100 block of Cedar Avenue.
- An estimated \$2,000 in cash and \$600 in cigarettes were reportedly stolen Saturday from a food store in the 300 block of French Avenue.
- An estimated \$135 in items were said to have been stolen Sunday from a residence in the 2000 block of Lake Avenue.
- A Sanford woman told police two men forced themselves into her home Saturday, and took a VCR and radio/cassette player valued at \$300. The woman said she and her son managed to run from the home and call for police.
- A Sanford police officer attempted to stop a car listed as stolen Friday, near Third Street and Pecan Avenue. He said the driver attempted to crash into the patrol car before driving off. While complete details were not immediately available, officers said they located the vehicle, a stolen 1988 Oldsmobile, in Lake Monroe Terrace. No driver was said to have been found.

Arrested for prowling

Elton Antonio Brown, 19, 1808 W. 16th St., Sanford, was arrested along with two 17-year olds in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 551 E. Semoran Blvd. at about 4:30 a.m. Friday. Deputies arresting Brown for loitering and prowling after the youths were found hiding between vehicles. Although the teens alleged they were going to visit a cousin who resided at the complex, that individual said he was not expecting a visit, when questioned.

Violent crime dips in Florida Feds tout anti-crime efforts

By ADAM YEMANS
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Violent crime in Florida took a downturn in 1994 and the overall crime rate edged down to its lowest level in nearly a decade, according to the latest state figures.

Law enforcement officials said the statistics released Monday show the state is starting to make headway in the fight against violent crime.

"Have we solved the problem? No. But we're going in the right direction," said Tim Moore, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

At a news conference to tout anti-violence efforts, Florida's top federal prosecutors said efforts between federal, state and local authorities have taken dozens of repeat violent offenders off the streets.

The anti-violence campaign was started a year ago by the federal Justice Department to battle violent crime nationwide.

"What we have done in Florida is set up a system for identifying those cases in which the resources of the federal government can intelligently, efficiently and effectively engage in the fight against violent crime," said P. Michael Patterson, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

FDLE crime statistics showed efforts to keep violent criminals locked up longer appear to be paying off, Moore said.

"Those convicted offenders are behind bars and not on the street victimizing law-abiding Floridians," Moore said. "I'm not so sure you can say the same for the so-called nonviolent offenses."

The number of violent crimes — defined as murder, forcible

sex offenses, robbery and aggravated assault — declined by 2.4 percent from 161,789 in 1993 to 157,835 last year.

Nonviolent crimes, led by increases in motor vehicle theft and larceny, rose 1.9 percent from 954,778 to 973,040.

Overall, the number of all crimes increased by 2.6 percent in 1994 from 1.42 million to 1.45 million last year.

The violent crime rate, or the number of crimes per 100,000 population, decreased 4.3 percent from 1,189 to 1,137. It was the fourth consecutive annual decline since 1990.

The overall crime rate edged down to its lowest rate since 1985. It declined less than 1 percent to 8,148 per 100,000 population.

At the news conference at the U.S. Attorney's Office, dozens of handguns, rifles, sawed-off shotguns and semiautomatic firearms were on display. The

names of the felons who used them in violent crimes were taped on many of the weapons.

As part of the anti-violence effort, the federal government is providing technical, investigative, trial preparation and other support, said Patterson. He was joined by U.S. Attorneys Kendall Coffey of the Southern District and Charles Wilson of the Middle District, as well as other law enforcement officials.

The feds also are using dual prosecutions to target violent offenders and moving certain cases swiftly to federal court, Patterson said.

Federal prosecutors filed 5,270 cases against 7,109 violent and repeat offenders between March and Dec. 31, 1994, said Wilson.

Coffey said the tougher federal sentences and prisons where inmates serve 85 percent of their terms give authorities "a powerful hammer" against criminals.

"The federal hammer is falling harder and harder all the time on repeat offenders who use guns," Coffey said.

More than 800 deadbeat parents nabbed

By JACKIE HALLFAX
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's first statewide sweep of deadbeat parents netted 842 arrests and more than \$305,000 in back child support, officials say.

The fiscal yield, however, is sure to rise.

That's because only about half of the parents arrested made the payments necessary to get out of jail. The other 400 were still in jail Monday because they hadn't come up with the money.

"Some of these people just have to be hit over the head with the proverbial 2-by-4 to get the message that we are serious," said Larry Fuchs, director of the state Department of Revenue.

Operation Non-Support ran from early Thursday through late Friday.

The sweep was "the largest and most successful operation" of its kind nationwide, according to Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice, chairman of the Florida Sheriffs' Association Task Force.

The state's sheriffs and the

Department of Revenue organized the operation. Last fall, the Department of Revenue took over collection of child support payments from the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Deputies chased one father through the woods, found another in a closet and more than one hiding in a shower.

"In one case, deputies went to execute a writ on an individual who fled out the back door of his home as deputies were knocking at the front," Rice said.

Those arrested could buy their

freedom by paying all or part of the back child support, depending on what a judge determined was a good-faith effort. The money should end up in the wallets of the custodial parents within a month, Fuchs said.


Forty-six of the parents arrested — most of whom were men — were found to have other charges pending, ranging from capital sexual battery to cocaine possession.

The arrests were made on "writs of attachment," which are issued by a judge who is

unable to compel a parent to make the payments as ordered. Courts in Florida have issued 10,000 such writs.

About 1,000 of the oldest and most flagrant cases of non-support were chosen for last week's sweep. More statewide roundups are planned.

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Chrysler will replace rear door latches

By BRIAN S. AHERN
AP Business Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Seeking to allay fears that the rear doors on 4 million Chrysler Corp. minivans can pop open in rear-end crashes, the automaker has agreed to replace the door latches.

Chrysler stressed that the move is not a recall and that it does not believe the latches are defective on 1984-94 Dodge Caravans, Plymouth Voyagers and Chrysler Town & Country minivans.

"We're doing this because the growing awareness surrounding this issue is causing concern among our owners," said Arthur C. Liebler, vice president of marketing and communication. "This is something we do not want and cannot have."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that at least 28 people have died in accidents in which the liftgates opened and passengers were ejected. NHTSA released a statement commending Chrysler's action, leading the No. 3 automaker to express hope that an 18-month federal investigation will end.


Chrysler said the rate of fatal accidents involving ejections is lower for its minivans than for all minivans and for all passenger cars built during the same decade.

The automaker will replace the old latches for free with the stronger design it installed in its 1995 models.

The company will notify owners of the affected minivans by mail and through television and newspaper advertisements. Chrysler also will order its dealers to replace the latches on 1984-94 minivans brought in for service.

The company doesn't know how much replacing the latches will cost or how it might affect Chrysler's financial performance, Liebler said. Automakers usually have reserves for such expenses.

Chrysler has 18 pending liability lawsuits against it stemming from the latch, and has settled eight or nine others in the past year, said assistant general counsel Lew Goldfarb. Five or six class-action suits also allege the resale value of Chrysler minivans has suffered because of the controversy, Goldfarb said.



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Cadets serenade strollers at Magnolia Square recently.

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Salvation

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a few people to hear words from the Bible between the musical selections. "So often, people have the wrong image of what we do," said Lt. Greg Franks, commanding officer of the Sanford corps. The Army's work is not limited to "taking care of the drunks," Franks said. There are religious services to conduct as well as taking care of those who are down on their luck. The Salvation Army requires that officers give their lives

entirely to God's will. They have no personal choices, especially regarding where they will live. "We go where they tell us," Franks explained.

The potential officers who visited Seminole County spent four days here sampling many of the things they might be called upon to do in their ministry.

Though all the visiting Army members played the traditional brass instruments of the Salvation Army bands, it is not a requirement for service.

"It is part of the ministry," he said. "We all have talents given to us by God and we use whatever talents we have in our own ministry."

The officers-in-training have moved on and will soon return to the college in Atlanta. Some will graduate in June. The rest still have a year of studies and training before they will be sent out to begin their leadership in the ministry.

"It was a great blessing to have them here," Franks said.

Courts

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Street. It would include a proposed parking garage designed to accommodate 400 automobiles. It would be constructed near the center of the property, between the present SunBank building and a proposed new building near Fulton Street.

The request was approved earlier this month by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and was approved by the City Commission during last night's regular commission meeting.

During yesterday's work session however, Mayor Bettye Smith reported on a conversation regarding the matter, with an official of SunBank. "He told me that the expansion and parking garage were being proposed strictly because of the Sanford Main Street program, Waterfront Development Committee, and the location of the courthouse," the mayor said.

"I was told that if any of these three changed, they wouldn't continue with this," she said. "They are very upset over this (courthouse move) proposal, just as upset as we are."

The Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee had included in its Master Plan, a

proposed parking area for courthouse and city hall vehicles, with possibly 560 spaces.

Regarding the proposed courthouse move to Five Points, in the extreme southern portion of the city, the county has consistently stressed that the only loss would be the judicial operations. It has indicated that other county functions and related personnel would continue to operate in the downtown Sanford area.

"The county's numbers don't portray a complete assessment of the loss to the downtown area," commented City Manager Bill Simmons. "They haven't taken into consideration the non-government workers who will migrate to the courthouse location."

Simmons reiterated that there would be a loss of businesses connected with court transactions, such as law firms, court recorders, mortgage title companies, and even banking institutions.

Commissioner Whitey Eckstein suggested the county's planning was not in keeping with what might be expected in 20 to 30 years. "Look at Volusia County," he said. "They have their courthouse in DeLand, but they built an annex in Daytona

Beach, and everything is working well. It seems to me with the planned mall in Oviedo and other growth in the southeastern part of the county, they should consider such a situation based on the future rather than what is happening now."

Commissioner Bob Thomas observed, "Well, if they should move the courthouse, we should start looking into what we can do to replace it with something else."

Mayor Smith questioned why, with county representation on the Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee, the committee was not told of a possible courthouse move, and allowed to continue working on plans for downtown parking and courthouse expansion.

Following a lengthy discussion, the commission gave a consensus vote to have the city manager contact the county and express the city's concerns over the loss of additional businesses in the downtown area should such a move take place.

Simmons observed that time is now very important, as the county has only about two months left in the consultant study it has undertaken regarding the move proposal.



Where there's smoke...

Division of Forestry and Seminole County fire fighters were on the scene Monday when a woods fire erupted behind the Sanford Cer-

tery, south of W. 25th Street. Fire officials said they did not consider it a major blaze, and firefighters quickly had it under control.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Mall

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The Viera Company is requesting a change in land use from higher intensity planned development (transitional) to higher intensity planned development (core) on about 94.4 acres known as the Marketplace at Oviedo Crossing.

Many residents of Tuskawilla oppose the mall citing increased traffic on already busy streets and roads along with cut-through traffic in the subdivision. The Rouse Company is the developer of the proposed 1.2 million square foot mall north of Red Bug Lake Road near the Central Florida GreeneWay. The Viera Company owns the land.

On March 1, the land planning agency recommended approval of the change in land use by a 7-0 vote. The project review committee of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) recommended approval of the project March 15, without the northern

access road by a 6-2 vote. A week later the ECFRPC reviewed the project. The county commissioners consider the land use change tonight.

In other business at today's commission meeting, the commissioners will:

- consider a \$367,500 loan from the Local Option Gas Tax to the Seminole County Expressway Authority for project 2 administrative costs after promissory note is signed.
- consider a \$72,805 grant application for funding from the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention State Trust Fund for the sheriff. The money would fund an investigator, operating supplies and development of three educational auto theft prevention videos. Although no matching funds are required to obtain the grant, \$20,000 will be needed to provide a vehicle, vehicle maintenance, insurance, fuel and telephone. If a surplus fleet vehicle is used, the amount would be reduced to \$4,800.

• discuss a \$25,000 sponsorship of the 1995 Airshow Orlando at the Sanford Central Florida Regional Airport April 1 and 2. The county and Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce help sponsor the event.

• approve a number of right-of-way purchase agreements for county road projects.

• award a nearly \$1.6 million contract to Hubbard Construction Company, Orlando for replacement of the Snow Hill Road bridge over the Econ River.

• award \$598,898 to City of Sanford, Central Florida HANDS and WIN Consultants, Inc. to provide proposals for affordable housing for low income residents under CDBG/HOME/SHIP housing program.

After morning work sessions, the commissioners will convene their regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. in room 1028. The afternoon session will recess until 7 p.m. when public hearings are conducted.

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Eckstein added. "But it's their party," responded Commissioner Lon Howell. "Either we participate or not, but we shouldn't try to dictate how they should spend the money. We should throw our complete support to them."

Howell said he would fully support giving the money, while Eckstein said he would not.

Later, during the regular commission meeting when the request was brought up for a formal vote, Eckstein again voiced his objections. "I have no problem in honoring A.K. Shoemaker and Red Cleveland at this grand opening," he said. "Both of them have served the airport for a very long time, and they both deserve a great deal of thanks. And I can see giving money if the airport people want it to help pay for food or other needs. But when the governor and everyone else who attends this are to be given a gift, I

believe it's a waste of money and borders on extravagance." When the matter came up for a vote, Mayor Smith joined with Howell in favoring the request.

Eckstein however, gained support from Commissioners Bob Thomas and Kerry Lyons.

The request for \$2,500 failed on a three to vote, but the

commission suggested it could be postponed for two weeks (to the next meeting) with more information regarding how the money would be spent.

DEATHS

ESSIE BECKSTROM
Essie Beckstrom, 85, Laurel Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, March 25, 1995 at Hillhaven Nursing Home, Sanford. Born Jan. 15, 1906 in Sanford she was a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include sons, John and Leonard, both of Sanford; sister, Ida Dinkins, Longwood, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET J. GATTIS
Margaret J. Gattis, 89, Royal Palm Drive, Casselberry, died Monday, March 27, 1995 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. Born March 24, 1928 in Chattanooga, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida from Houston, Texas in 1980. She was a registered nurse. She belonged to St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Survivors include nephew, Dewey Judson Dixon, Orlando.
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

RUSSELL B. GREENS
Russell B. Greens, 80, Dietz Court, Orlando, died Saturday, March 25, 1995 at Florida Hospital, Orlando. Born April 6,

1914 in Belle, W.Va., he moved to Central Florida in 1981. He was a retired civil engineer for DuPont Natural Gas Co., Belle, W.Va. He was a member of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. He was a retired golf pro, teacher, a member of Golden Glove Boxing Association, and a championship light weight boxer.

Survivors include wife, Margo; daughters, Karen Lawson, Pinch, W.Va., Nancy Nangle, Washington, W.Va.; son, Richard Allen, Orlando; stepdaughters, Paula Belbe, Orlando, Sandy Presley, Sanford; sisters, Margaret Smith, Charleston, W.Va., Mildred Lille, Belle, W.Va.; brothers, James Jr., Nitro, W.Va., Wyndham, Charleston, W.Va.; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.
Beacon Direct Cremation Service, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

AMY W. TENNY
Amy W. Tenny, 97, Carmel Circle, Casselberry, died Monday, March 27, 1995 at her residence. Born Jan. 21, 1898 in Littleton, Mass., she moved to Central Florida in 1987. She was a homemaker. She belonged to Orangewood Presbyterian Church.
Survivors include daughter,

Daphne Boydston, Casselberry; five grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren.

Gaines Carey Hand Garden Chapel Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

ALBERT E. WEIR
Albert E. Weir, 44, Big Bass Twelve, Lake Monroe, died Friday, March 24, 1995 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born Dec. 7, 1940 in Pittsburgh, Penn., he moved to Central Florida in 1972. He was a drywall salesman. He was a member of the Church of The Annunciation. He belonged to the Reboe Club. He is a Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include sons, Jeff, Lake Monroe, Greg, Altamonte Springs; sisters, Flo Joyce and Mary Lou Keeney, both of Pittsburgh, Shirley McAdams, Boca Raton.
Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

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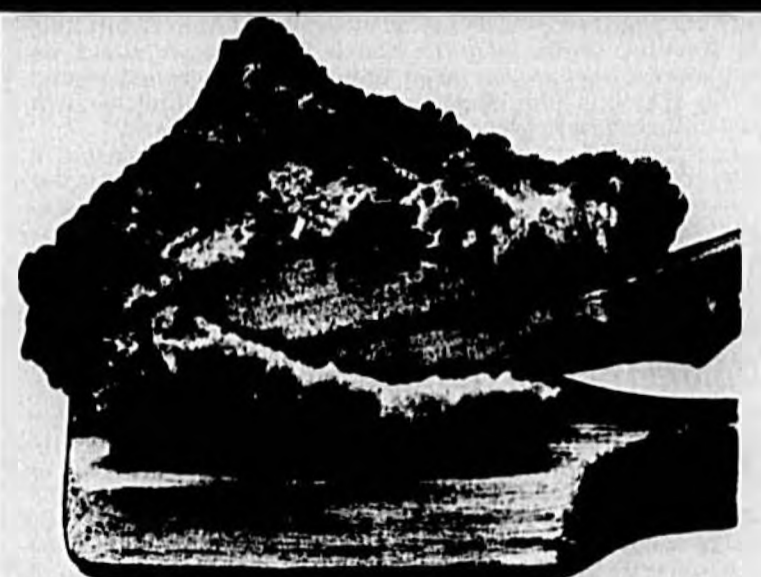
MEANS, RUSSELL B.
Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 881 Lake Underhill Rd., Orlando, with the Rev. Carl McCloud officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family would gratefully appreciate memorial donations to help defray medical expenses.
Arrangements by Beacon Direct Cremation Service, Orlando.

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Providing the offense were Koller (4-for-4, triple, two runs, RBI), Danny Bogdale (2-for-3, run, two RBIs), Robby Bruce (1-for-1, RBI), Joe Sustaita (1-for-1), Tommy Dixon (1-for-2, RBI), Jason Cronet (1-for-2), Ryan (1-for-3, run), Jason Shipley (run, RBI) and Paulus and Woe Hunter (one run scored each).

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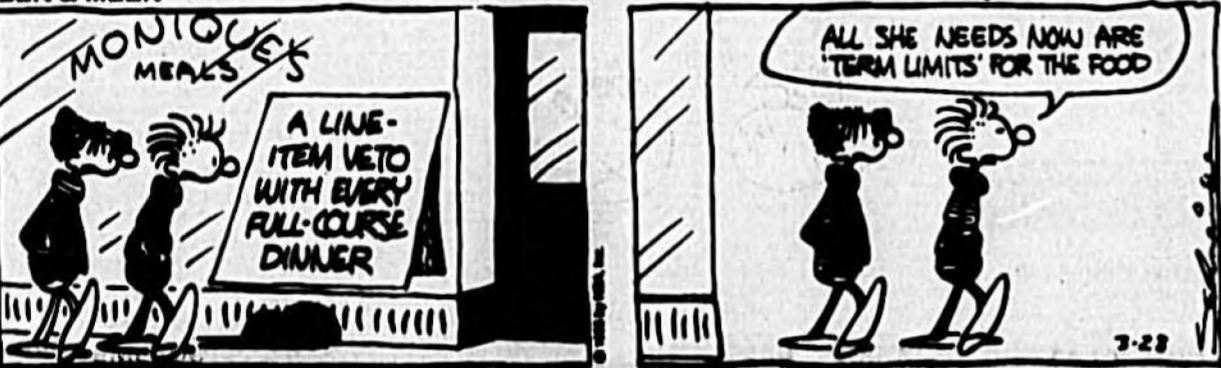
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Prostate test calls for follow-up check

DEAR DR. GOTT: A recent blood chemistry showed my PSA to be 18.7. Does this reading confirm the presence of prostatic cancer?

DEAR READER: The Prostate Specific Antigen blood test is one of several tests used to diagnose prostate cancer. The normal range is 0-4.

An elevated PSA reading does not necessarily indicate prostatic malignancy -- although the higher the reading, the greater the chance of cancer.

In my practice, I often examine middle-aged men who have enlarged prostate glands and PSA values in the 5 to 15 range. Further testing almost always proves that the higher reading merely reflects non-malignant enlargement of the prostate. However, levels above 20 are highly suspicious.

In your case, the PSA is in a "gray area" -- too high to ignore but too low to be definitely diagnostic. Were I your family physician, I'd refer you to a urologist for further examination, including ultrasound testing of the prostate and, probably, biopsy.

There are two reasons why I would refer you. One, the most important, is that your elevated PSA could reflect a serious condition needing the services of a specialist. Therefore, to give you good care, I'm obligated to refer you.

The second, less important reason, is that while I doubt you have prostate cancer, if you do (and I have failed to refer you to a urologist), I could be considered negligent and end up in court.

Therefore, you should ask your family doctor to refer you to a urologist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from

ulcerative colitis. I've been prescribed Lanoxin, yet my medical book says I shouldn't take it. How safe is this medication for my condition?

DEAR READER: Lanoxin (digoxin) is a heart stimulant used for cardiac conditions. It is not useful in treating ulcerative colitis -- or any other bowel disturbance.

Apparently your physician believes that you have heart disease, in addition to the



MEDICINE

PETER GOTT, M.D.

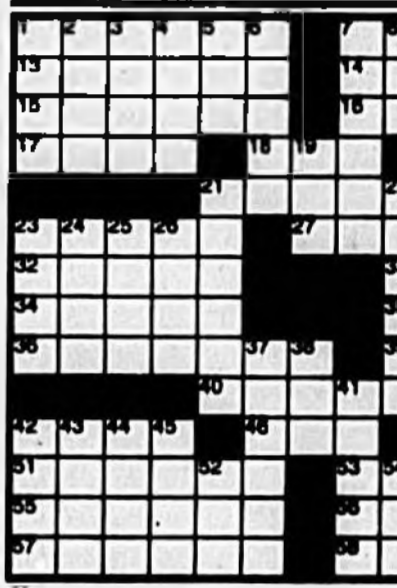
chronic inflammation of your colon, for which azulfidine or prednisone would be more customary therapy. Lanoxin is not contraindicated in the presence of colitis.

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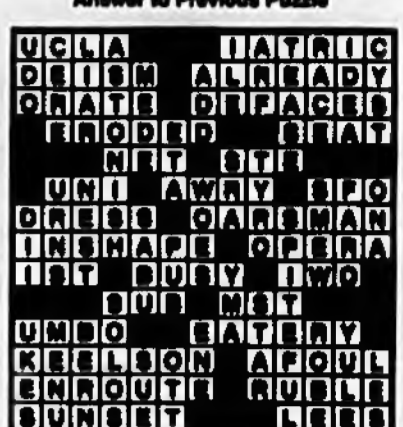
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder

If you would like to polish your slam bidding, a good place to start is the 34-page booklet "Modern Slam Bidding Simplified" by Bobby Wolff and Joe Musumeci. It is available for \$6.95 from Box 831881, Richardson, TX 75083.

The booklet covers the common forms of Blackwood (except Roman Key Card), Gerber, the Grand Slam Force, cue-bidding and splinters in such a way that the reader may try them with his regular partner. Once comfortable with the basics, the partnership can read more advanced works on these topics to hone their methods.

Here is a deal from many years ago that persuaded Ely Culbertson to adopt the Grand Slam Force. After North raised to four spades, South was interested only in the top trump honors. Jumping to five no-trump asked

partner to bid seven with two of the top three spade honors -- here, the ace and king.

South ruffed the opening heart lead and drew trumps. Then he took his two top diamonds. When the queen didn't drop, South cashed his three top clubs, discarding dummy's remaining diamonds. At this point, South claimed. He told the opponents he would ruff a diamond in the dummy, bring down East's queen, ruff a heart in hand, ruff dummy's last heart and cash the diamond jack.

Note that South also succeeds if the diamonds break 4-0. If East has all four, he can finesse out of his queen. If West has all four, after dummy's last three diamonds have been discarded on the clubs, South takes a ruffing finesse through West.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get

Smarter at Bridge." is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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Bridge hand analysis table with North, West, East, South hands and vulnerable/dealer information.

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bode Cool YOUR BIRTHDAY March 29, 1996

Do everything you can in the year ahead to improve your executive skills. Promising situations will arise, so you should prepare.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make time today to do a little soul searching about a disturbing issue you've been unable to resolve. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4485, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Positive thinking can make you a winner today. Concentrate on your hopes and expectations rather than on reasons why something might unravel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The odds favor you today in mental competitions, especially

if something important is at stake. Ask questions, but have faith in your ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The edge you have over others today is your ability to see situations as a whole rather than as fragments. Take advantage of this perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Act sensibly today about things you cannot personally alter or change. Adapt yourself to shifting conditions instead of playing the role of victim.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are capable of substantial achievements today, but not from your efforts alone. A helpful ally could tilt the scales in your favor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Single-minded assignments or tasks will be your cup of tea today. When you totally focus on something, the odds are you'll get it done and done right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When deciding on recreational

activities today, avoid anything sedentary. Instead, do things that keep you active physically and mentally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to find constructive outlets for your restlessness, or you will be difficult to get along with and irritable all day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your nimble mind and wit will enhance your abilities as a problem solver today. However, you mustn't be intolerant of those who don't think as fast as you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you might not have all the resources you'd like today, you'll still be very good at making your dollars do double duty.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Protect your personal interests today, but not to the extent that you think only of yourself. Be mindful of the needs of others as well.

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