

Lack Of Funds Stalls Osteen Bridge Plan

By BOB LLOYD
City Editor

The Greater Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce moved today to have the replacement of the Osteen Bridge put on a "top priority" list by the state Department of Transportation (DOT).

But the effort may have been killed before it got off the ground. District DOT officials said lack of state primary road funds have put all construction projects on "hold" and there is no assurance the \$4 million bridge between Seminole and Volusia counties will even go to bid before next October.

The chamber sent Gov. Reubin Askew a telegram today asking replacement of the 50-year-old bridge across the St. Johns River be given top state priority.

Chamber long-range planning committee members will meet Thursday morning to draft a resolution to the Governor "urging all-out haste in constructing the new bridge," according to chairman Julian Stenstrom.

The chamber for years has spearheaded efforts to get the antiquated narrow bridge replaced. Friday night five persons died when a van was runned behind by a truck and plunged into the river.

"We've feared for years that such a tragedy would occur," Stenstrom said. "I don't believe if the bridge railing had been there the van would have gone over and all those people would have been killed."

State officials earlier said the new bridge was scheduled to go to bid by April 1975. But that John River be given top state priority.

revenues that fund primary road projects dropped after last winter's fuel crisis.

Last month DOT officials said DOT was lagging behind projections and only money for routine maintenance of roads would be available this year.

The April bid date for the new Osteen Bridge has been scrapped, assistant DOT planning engineer George Smith said today. "All I can say is we still hope it will go to bid sometime before next October," he said.

"The planning and design for the project is done and we've been wrestling with the financing for six months. The projects will go to bid when the funds become available," Smith said.

primary road funds," Smith continued. He offered little hope that federal funds might be available to help on the project and noted "there's only \$3 million in federal funds for the state and we have a number of projects."

Smith said DOT has no assurance also that the estimated \$4 million cost for the new bridge, approaches and construction of a new connector road to SR 46 east of Sanford won't skyrocket with inflation.

After bids are taken on the project, Smith said, it will take 90 days to award the contract and authorize construction.

Actual construction time for the bridge is now estimated at 18 to 20 months.

If the project doesn't go to bid before next October it would mean the new facility would be in use before late June 1977.

City Overgrowth Plagues Residents

By DONNA ESTES
Herald Staff Writer

ALAMONTE SPRINGS — Polluted and smelly water from once beautiful lakes, Florida and Adelaide, are overflowing their banks and depositing dead fish on the beaches. Nearby property owners think the whole thing stinks.

Associated Builders and Contractors are digging along the shore line to install sewer lines and, in the process, dumping dirt into Lake Florida causing additional pollution, Florida Boulevard residents charge.

The lakefront homeowners are angry — angry at the current and immediate past city governments, at land

developers and at politicians — and are trying to organize for action.

"We feel like a voice in the wilderness," we don't know anything to help them that I could," he said, adding the time to complain was several years ago when their neighbor (former mayor Lawrence Swetford) was approving the developments and planning the sewer system.

"They would like to have things here the way they were 20 years ago, but this is too late, after the fact," Floyd said.

He said much of the drainage problem is from the north, from the county areas that are also draining lands and properties into Lake Florida. He said the contractor is dumping dirt into the lake's area to make temporary dams in order to install the sewer lines. He said the contractors have been stopped temporarily and will be placing burlap screens to keep down the lake's turbidity.

"The sewer lines are being installed to serve these people," he said. "It is too late now to stop the \$2 million sewer system in the north side of town. This project was approved by the federal government and many agencies and cannot be stopped now," he said.

The only solution Floyd could see for the flooding problems is implementation of a \$4.5 million city-wide drainage program.

"Our once beautiful paradise has been irrevocably spoiled and we are up in arms about it," he said.

"The city government may be beset with problems, but it is doing nothing to alleviate our trouble," Cornell said.

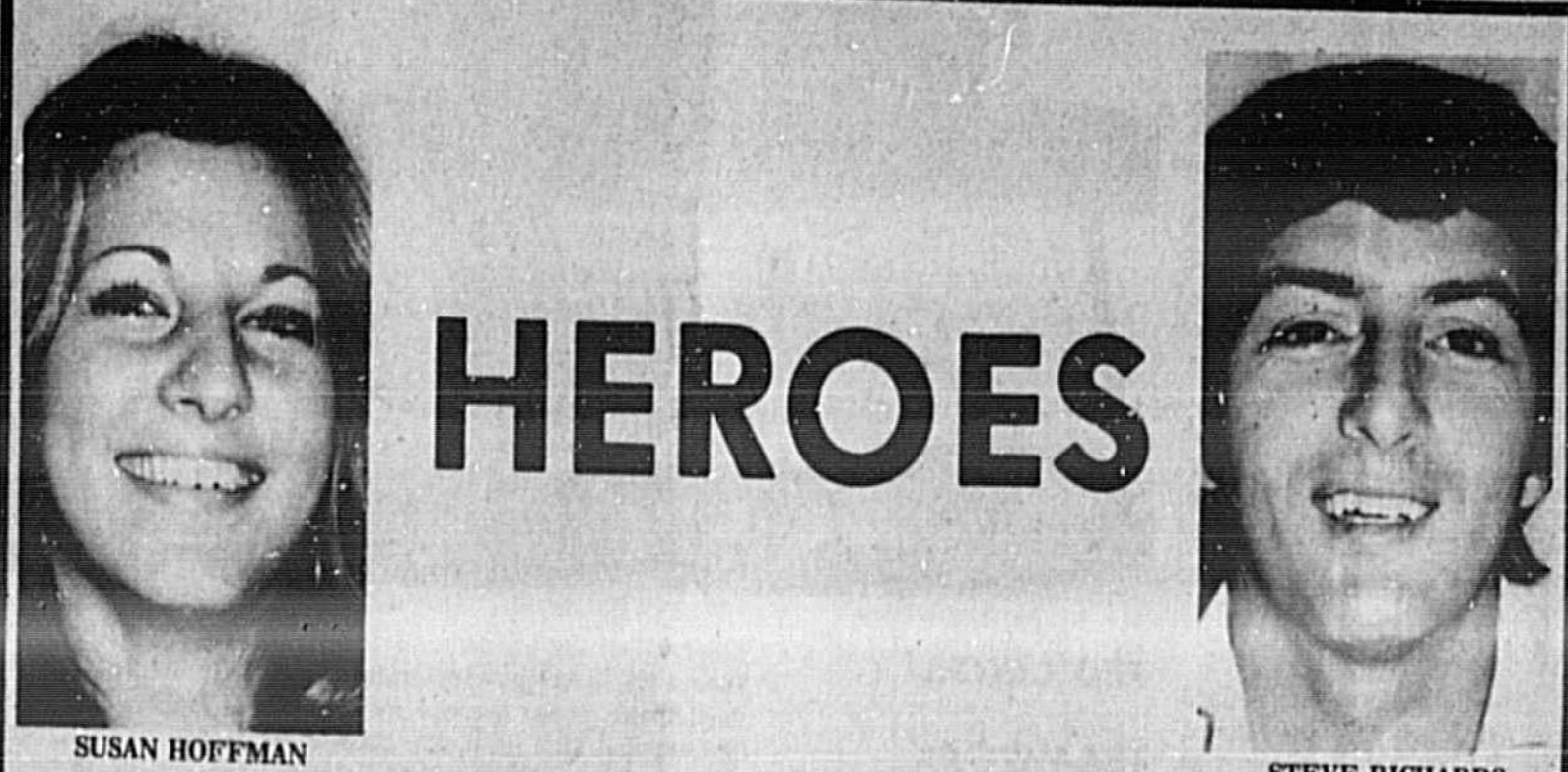
About the overdevelopment, Mayor Norman Floyd said the Florida Boulevard people have his sympathy. "I would do anything to help them that I could," he said, adding the time to complain was several years ago when their neighbor (former mayor Lawrence Swetford) was approving the developments and planning the sewer system.



Further lake pollution from dirt dikes claimed



Lake Florida homeowners claim flooding has been caused by SR 436 commercial over-development



HEROES

Young Sanford Couple Helped To Save 4 Lives

By JOHN A. SPOLSKI
Associate Editor

It was almost dusk as Steve Richards and Susan Hoffman, both of Sanford, sat quietly fishing for speck and bass alongside the antiquated Osteen Bridge last Saturday.

The weather was ideal. Their fishing luck had been good. The young couple, who have been dating and are "thinking of the future," had no idea that within a period of 60 seconds their own destiny would hang in balance; whether they would, in fact, have a future or have it snuffed out as were five other lives at that precise point of the St. Johns River which serves as a boundary between Seminole and Volusia County; east of Sanford.

According to Richards, the van flipped-over onto its roof as it landed in the water.

"I pulled four of 'em from within the truck and swam to the top where Susan pulled 'em to shore."

"I would have gone down more, but I was completely exhausted by then, and I couldn't feel anyone else when I was groping around inside the van. So, I thought that's all there was," said Richards.

By this time Richards and Hoffman guessed five minutes had elapsed, and although there were others watching from vantage points on the bridge and along the side of the road, no one made an attempt to get into the water and help.

A short time later another fisherman jumped into the water and triggered others to follow. By this time they were using crow bars to pry open the doors to the van. (It was later discovered the doors were locked and the keys were in the forward part of the van.)

Richards said that in his

water. It stayed afloat approximately 30 seconds before it sank beneath the surface into eight feet of water.

"I could see the kid's faces pressed alongside the windows as they tried to get out of the van." Only a window in the rear of the truck was partially open according to Richards.

"As soon as the van sank, I took off my shoes and dove in. The water was dark and I felt my way."

"One of the kids was part-way out the window. When I touched him, his arm gripped mine and we surfaced. I helped Susan get him out of the water and dove down to the truck again," said Richards.

Richards, an employe of the Jim Taylor Corp. of Maitland, was to repeat this procedure for three more times, returning to the surface with a body on each occasion. Only by now, the bodies were unconscious.

"There were 11 persons riding in the van. Six were rescued and five drowned. The dead included Milton Wilkins, 38, driver of the van; his wife Emma, 36, both of 160 North Street, New Smyrna Beach; Barbara Jean Clark, 26, and her daughter, Cindy, 9, and son, Kenneth, 2, of 559 Chervic, New Smyrna Beach.

Six children who escaped, and were later treated and released at Seminole Memorial Hospital in Sanford were Gary Wilkins, 16, James Wilkins, 11, Thomas Clark, 11; Deborah Clark, 14; Linda Clark, 15, and Constance Fullington, 15, all of New Smyrna Beach.

It was reported the Wilkins' van was enroute to KISSIMMEE for a high school football game in which one of the Wilkins children is a member of the team and the other a member of the school band when the accident occurred.



Arrow shows where couple was seated

Hospital Due Inspection

A 200-bed Packaged Disaster Hospital (PDH) that has been stored at the Sanford Airport for the past several years will be inspected this week by county civil defense personnel for signs of insect damage, county fire and civil defense administrator Gary Kaiser said today.

Kaiser, who made a preliminary investigation of the crates on Friday afternoon, said that civil defense officials will break the crate seals and make a further inspection to determine the condition of the contents.

The unit, which includes an emergency operating room, was furnished to the county by federal Civil Defense authority. Kaiser said that his office is taking steps to have the crates

fumigated for termites. Permission for the fumigation was granted at a Thursday county commission work session.

The PDH is designed only to be used in case of a disaster.



County Fire Administrator inspects damaged crate



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NUMBERS

10 - 7 = 3 + 3 = 11
 3 + 4 = 5
 6 + 3 = 17 - 10 = 2 + 8 = 6
 - 4 = 5
 6 + 3 = 17 - 10 = 2 + 8 = 6

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- OCTOBER
- 1—George Peppard
 - 2—Groucho Marx
 - Maury Willis
 - 4—Rutherford Hayes
 - Chanton Heaton
 - 5—Chester Arthur
 - 9—John Lennon
 - 13—Vyes Monhand
 - 14—Dwight Eisenhower
 - 16—David Ben-Gurion
 - 17—Bob Seagren
 - 18—Pierre Elliott Trudeau
 - 20—Juan Marchal
 - Mickey Mantle
 - 23—Johnny Carson
 - 25—Anthony Franciosa
 - Pablo Picasso
 - 27—Theodore Roosevelt
 - 28—Jonas Salk
 - 31—Chiang Kai-Shek

Christopher Columbus Quiz

Christopher Columbus discovered _____ in the year _____.

He sailed from _____ to _____ to prove the world was _____, not flat. The names of his three ships were _____, _____, and _____. The person who gave him the three ships was _____.

Queen _____.

When Columbus landed in America, the first people he saw were _____.

ABOUT ANIMALS

GOLDEN CAT
 Golden cats are small cats that are found in southeastern Asia, from Tibet to Sumatra. Most Golden Cats are reddish-brown in color but some are spotted, others are black. They look like large house cats, usually weighing around 30 pounds.

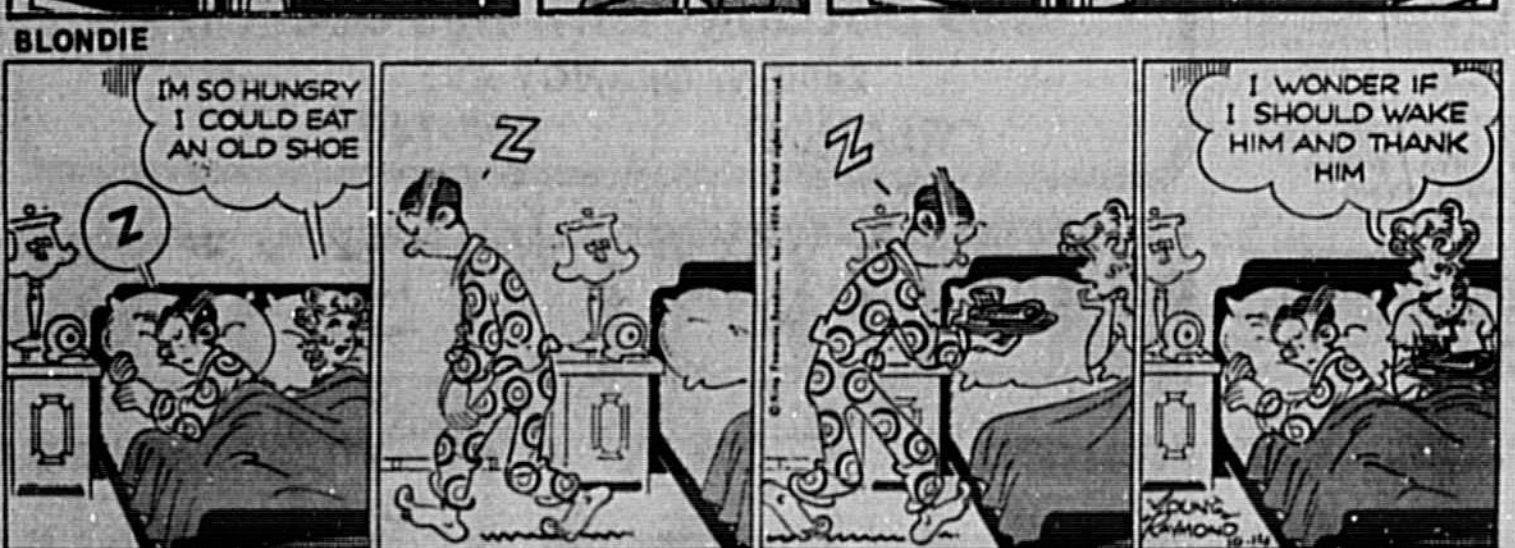
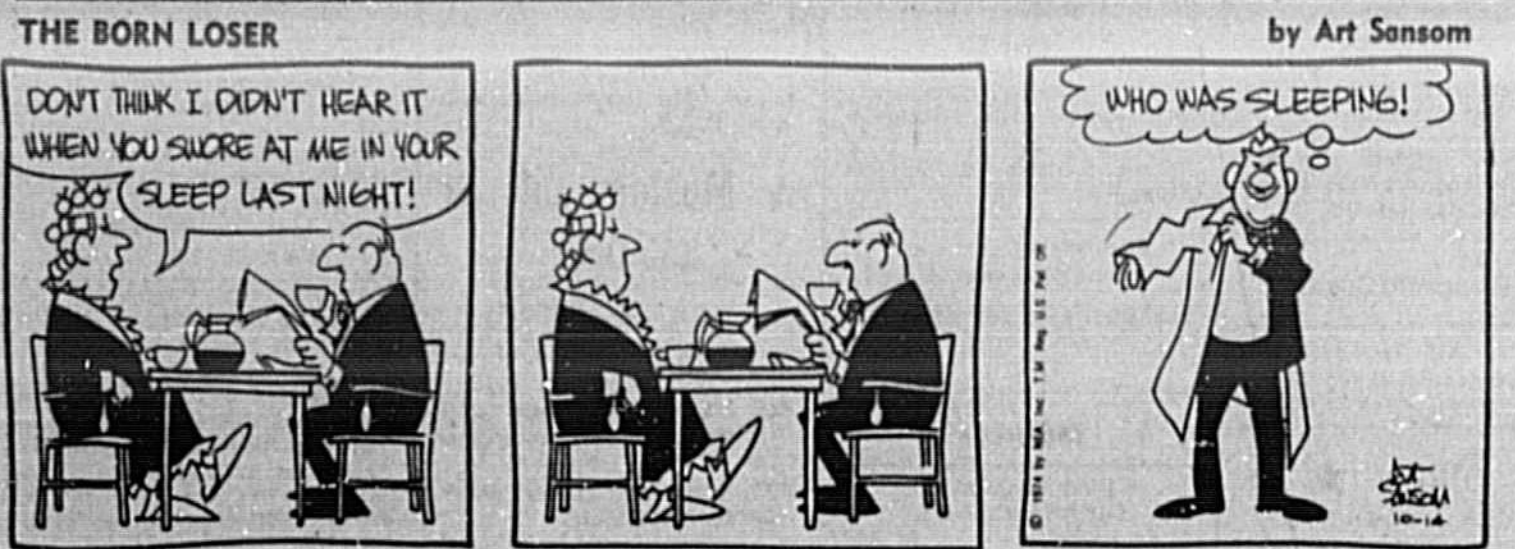
Answer: Santa Maria, Isabella, Indians
 America; Havana, Niño

COLORING FUN

MONEY BAGS
 How much money is in each bag?

R + STOP - S =

SOMETHING-TO-WEAR RIDDLE



IT MAKES A GREAT WATCHDOG, ALL RIGHT, BUT IT'S ALWAYS LEAVING THOSE LITTLE BATTERIES ALL OVER THE CARPET

WIN AT BRIDGE

By OSWALD and JAMES JACOBY

NORTH			
♠ J74			
♥ 832			
♦ KQ83			
♣ 854			
WEST			
♠ 1096			
♥ K6			
♦ 1074			
♣ 982			
EAST			
♠ K5			
♥ A1084			
♦ A65			
♣ 1073			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ AQ12			
♥ 107			
♦ J2			
♣ AKJ8			

South ruffs the third lead and probably leads a diamond. Dummy's queen falls to East's ace and a club comes back."

Jim: "South wins in dummy; leads a low spade and finesses his queen. At this point it is up to West to falsecard and drop the nine."

Oswald: "He could also drop the 10. The important point is that if he drops the six, South's only play to make his contract will be to lay down the ace and drop the king. If west plays the nine or 10 South may go back to dummy; lead the jack and hope to bump the king and the other intermediate card together."

Jim: "Last week we wrote about squeeze plays including the so-called automatic squeeze."

Oswald: "I suppose you want us to get around to other plays which should be automatic."

Jim: "The automatic falsecard is one of these. South's jump to four spades is a mild overbid. He has to get away without losing a trump trick to make his contract."

Oswald: "The defense starts with three rounds of hearts."

♥-CARD SERVICE

The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3
Pass	3	Pass	7

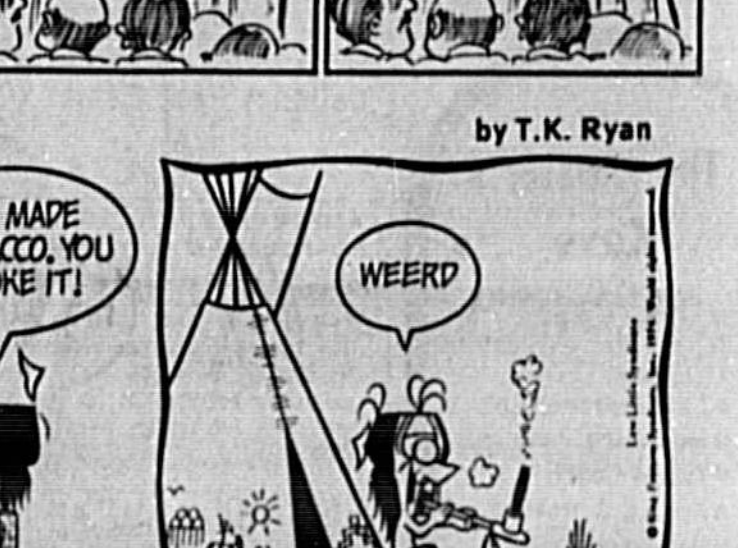
You, South, hold:
♠ A K 8 4 3 ♡ A 2 ♣ Q 4 ♣ K 8 7

What do you do now?
A—Bid four notrump. This is definitely Blackwood in this sequence.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner bids five hearts to show two aces. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

CARNIVAL

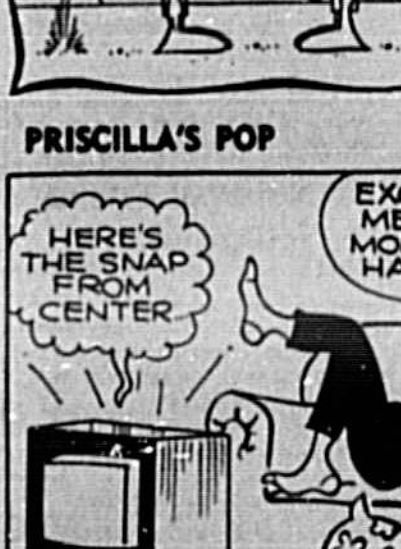
by Dick Turner



HE ONLY READS THE FUNNIES.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



THEY'RE TAKING THEM CHAMPAGNE TO THE MAN IN THE STREET THIS YEAR, BECAUSE...

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Roger Bollen



HE'S MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO GET THE PROJECT TO BID AND TO FIND FUNDING FOR IT.

BLONDIE

by T.K. Ryan



IT'S MADE OF TORACCO, YOU SMOKE IT!

BUGS BUNNY

by Heimdohl & Stoffel



EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, HAZEL!

WINTHROP

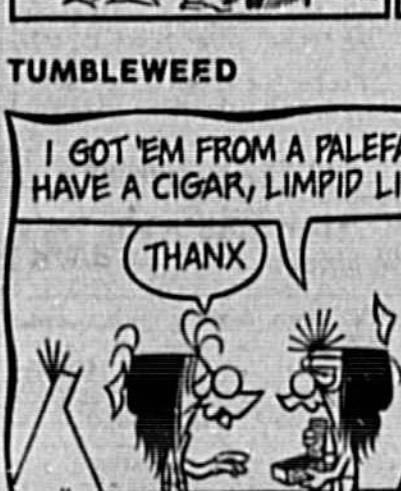
by Dick Cavalli



THAT'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF HE HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR.

ARCHIE

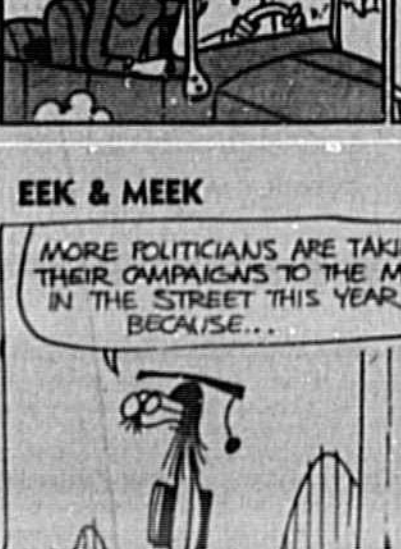
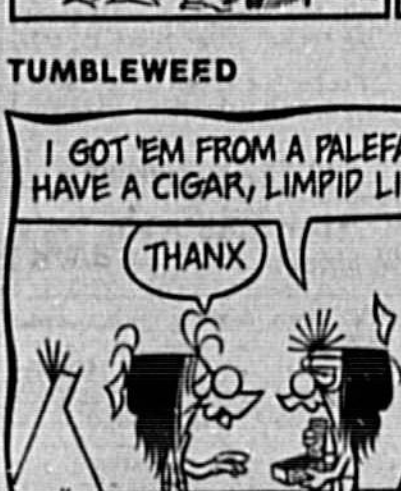
by Bob Montana



MYER IS MY PARTNER.

FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING!

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SANFORD POLICE OPEN HOUSE

Seminole dignitaries parked Sanford's new \$750,000 police complex this morning at its official opening for public inspection. The 24,000 square foot headquarters at French Avenue and Ninth Street includes a modern communications center, physical fitness room, 120-seat training room and administrative and holding facilities. The modern structure replaces the old station which was located immediately behind city hall before it was razed recently.

Opinion Delays Lake Mary Industrial Park

By SEAN CODE Herald Staff Writer

Annexation of a 265-acre tract proposed for an industrial park was delayed indefinitely by the Lake Mary City Council Monday evening.

On the recommendation of City Attorney Thomas Freeman the council took no action on the scheduled first reading of the ordinance approving the annexation and zoning of the parcel west of 14. Freeman recommended the council obtain an opinion from the state Attorney General as to whether the request is governed by the annexation law effective Oct. 1.

David Farr, a planning consultant and representative of the property owners requesting the change, said, "I don't believe the property owners would be interested in annexation only."

He was referring to the provision in the Oct. 1 law which allows annexation at any time, but delays rezoning two years from the annexation date.

Freeman explained the absence of a "grandfather provision" in the new law caused a "serious question" about the city's planned action. He further cited the possibility of financial liability should a lawsuit prove the city had not properly executed the legal procedures.

A grandfather provision would permit any annexation actively started before the new law became effective to continue under the old annexation regulations.

Responding to a question, Freeman said approval of the rezoning would cost the property owners additional taxes with no return on their investment until the rezoning is accomplished.

Farr explained after the meeting, the two year delay on rezoning would cost the property owners additional taxes with no return on their investment until the rezoning is accomplished.



DAVID FARR

THOMAS FREEMAN

In other business, the council approved a resolution revising the electrical, plumbing, mechanical and building fees.

—Ratified the contract with Florida Power Corp. for service to the city's street lights.

—Herald Mayor Margie Hess proclaimed Sept. 24 to Oct. 24, United Fund Month, and urged all citizens to fly their flags to show their esteem for the organization.

—Herald a financial report which indicated \$35,312 appropriated in the previous budget was not spent.

—Called for a meeting between representatives of the city and Southern Gulf Utilities to negotiate the city's purchase of the water system.

—Herald Neil McClelland as a full time city employee at a salary of \$160 per work week.

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Officials To Push New Bridge, Now!

By BOB LLOYD City Editor

City and county officials have started a drive to cut government red tape to get funding this year for the \$4 million Osteen Bridge replacement project.

Sanford city commissioners Monday authorized a resolution to Gov. Reubin Askew urging top state priority be given the project that has been continually pushed back through the years.

County Commissioner Sid Vihlen Jr. said he would seek a similar resolution today by the county commission.

State Representative Eugene Mooney (R-Casselberry) said state Department of Transportation (DOT) district engineer Bill Benedict was scheduled to report later today on possibility of the project going to bid by next June.

"He's making every effort to get the project to bid and to find funding for it," Mooney said.

Vihlen said he is drafting a letter to the Seminole legislative delegation asking members to intervene in Tallahassee and to make every effort to get top state priority for funding of the Osteen Bridge project.

"Hopefully they can get state funds reserved so the project can be started this year," Vihlen said.

Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce roads and bridges committee chairman Julian Stenstrom said DOT officials have been invited to a Thursday 8:15 a.m. meeting on the bridge project.

New Smyrna Beach chambers of commerce and city governments.

Stenstrom said Monday resolutions urging priority for the project from Sanford and Seminole governments the committee is seeking support also from Orange and Volusia county commissions.

Resolutions also are being sought from the Orlando and



Vihlen (left) and Mooney talking with DOT officials

DOT officials said Monday that right-of-way acquisition money for the bridge replacement project is available but funds for the new bridge aren't available because of a "hold" placed on all state road construction projects. The "hold" was ordered last month after officials reported gasoline tax revenues that fund road projects were lagging behind projections.

For years area governments, chambers of commerce and citizens have pushed for replacement of the narrow 22-year-old steel span and adjacent wooden railings.

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Longwood Council Will Review Lawndale Plan

By DONNA ESTES Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — City council, stung by an attorney's opinion that it cannot place restrictions on backed by ordinances on industrial development, has scheduled a review of a site plan ordinance for a 7:30 p.m. workshop Wednesday.

Acting City Atty. Ned Julian Jr. at the same time said the legality of the annexation and zoning of the old Action Auto Parts property adjacent to Longdale is questionable.

And attorney Jerome Bornstein representing the property's new owners, the Robert J. Bishop trust, abruptly left the meeting after council refused to waive subdivision ordinance requirements for the proposed development of the 28-acre parcel, dubbed Lawndale.

Even though it cannot require buffer areas, which adjacent residents were promised last week would be provided to protect residential property, council agreed to the annexation and rezoning of the Stolte property for another industrial park off SR 427 north.

Council instructed Julian to prepare the annexation and zoning ordinances changing the zoning for 200 feet deep the portion abutting SR 427 to commercial.

Sue to stir up a hornet's nest in the Longdale area is Julian's opinion that restrictions cannot be enforced on the Lawndale industrial area. The county last year rezoned the agricultural acreage east of Longdale and west of U.S. 17-92 after owners "voluntarily" committed to shield the residential area with a planned industrial farm and to protect the rezoning of Longdale Avenue.

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