

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2001

MAURY L. CARTER & ASSOC., INC. REPRESENTS THE SELLER.

Wetlands purchase OK'd

Orange County commissioners moved Wednesday to spend \$6 million to acquire a 5,200-acre parcel of untouched wetlands and open space in south Orange — an increase of \$1 million from last year's proposal. The county still needs \$9 million more to cover the \$15 price tag for the land known as TM Ranch, located south of the Bee Line Expressway and east of Lake Mary Jane. The St. Johns River Water Management District has offered to chip in \$5 million, but Commissioner Clarence Hoenstine hopes to convince the district to give \$1 million more — and then find a grant for the remaining money.