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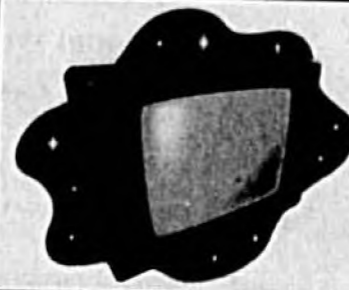
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Briefly

Tax collections up
Seminole County Tourism Development Director Jack Wert has announced tourism tax collections were up during the month of May, 2000. The amount collected in May, \$164,343, was up 16 percent over the projected amount of \$141,854. Thus far in the fiscal year, October to May, total collections are up three percent over projections, and up seven percent over the same time period last year.

Help wanted
The Salvation Army in Sanford needs volunteers to assist with the Children's Supervised Visitation and Monitored Exchange Program. "Family Focus" helps children who are unable to live with both parents visit with the non-custodial parent in a safe and structured environment. It also gives parents a safe place in which to exchange custody for weekend visits. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Family Focus at 407-322-2642, ext. 226.

Today is ...

Friday, July 7, 2000
Today is the 180th day of 2000 and the 18th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1806, in Baltimore, Md., the cornerstone was laid for the first cathedral in the United States.
• On this day in 1896, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.
• On this day in 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gustav Mahler (1860-1911), composer; Marc Chagall (1887-1985), artist; George Cukor (1899-1983), film director; Satchel Paige (1906-1982), baseball great; Doc Severinsen (1927-), musician, is 73; Dick Army (1940-), U.S. congressman, is 60; Ringo Starr (1940-), musician, is 60; Shelley Duvall (1949-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova won the women's doubles event at Wimbledon. It was King's 20th Wimbledon title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I work in whatever medium likes me at the moment."
Marc Chagall

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (July 8).

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Grieving Families

Mothers plead for children's safe return



Adrienne West, left, and Adrine Abassian discuss the disappearance of their children, who were last seen with their father, Robert Briggs, last week.



Ryan Briggs



E Briggs

Father hasn't returned children

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The mothers of four children, last seen with their father a week ago, made an emotional plea Thursday for their children to return home.

The children were seen Friday visiting their father, 39-year-old Robert Briggs, who lives on Dikewood Court in Winter Park, under visitation privileges. They were supposed to be returned to their mothers on Sunday.

Briggs called his first wife and mother of two of his children, Adrienne West, on Sunday but did not give any indication of when he would return or why he had failed to come back.

Authorities traced the call to a pay phone near Fairville, Va., just outside Arlington, using caller ID and phone records. Police believe Briggs may also visit a sister in Tennessee. A nationwide search for the missing children is underway.

Adrine Abassian, of Sanford, the mother of 5-year-old twins Ryan and Eric Briggs, said her sons have asthma, and need regular medication and doctor supervision. Robert Briggs, her ex-husband and the father of the twins, did not have their medication, she said.

"We want them back safely very much," Abassian said.

The twins are described as white males, 3

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Samantha Briggs



Patrick Briggs



Children's father Robert Briggs

Cory Erving found dead in retention pond



Julius Erving speaks during a press conference announcing his son Cory's disappearance as his family — son Cheo, wife Turquoise, daughter Jazmin, and son Julius III.

Teen's car submerged a few hundred yards from Alaqua home

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Cory Erving, the 19-year-old son of basketball legend Julius Erving, was found dead Thursday evening inside his car at the bottom of a retention pond just outside the Alaqua subdivision where he lived with his family.

Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger said the 1999 Volkswagen Passat appears to have been in the retention pond since Cory Erving last contacted his family, May 28. The retention pond is located less than half a mile from the Erving family's home in the exclusive Alaqua subdivision.

Eslinger said preliminary findings indicate "nothing consistent with foul play." An autopsy will be performed Saturday.

Authorities have been conducting a nationwide search since June 5, when Cory Erving was declared missing.

Eslinger held a news conference at 12:45 a.m. Friday at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, after talking with the Erving family in their home.

"They are devastated," Eslinger said.

Eslinger declined to give details of the discussion he had with the family after the teen's body was found, except to say Julius Erving discussed a conversation he had with a family whose son had been missing for 13 years.

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So close to home, so far away

In some aspects, Cory Erving was the striking image of his father.

He inherited his Julius Erving's handsome looks.

And, like his father, Cory was all arms and legs. His sister, Jasmine, lovingly called him,

"Beamer."

Julius Erving said he felt Cory "was on course to have some success in a life that has been very trying."

For the last six weeks, the Erving family prayed Cory would have one more chance at that success. That as a prodigal son, he would return to his father's loving arms and make a go of it.

"If you hear my voice,

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Russ White
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Residents help police nab auto thieves

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Business owners and residents in downtown Sanford helped police catch a pair of auto thieves on Thursday.

Two teenagers driving a stolen 1999 Dodge Dakota took off on foot following a collision with another pickup truck on the southwest corner of 3rd Street and Sanford Avenue at about 8 a.m. Thursday. No one was seriously injured in the accident.

Bystanders pointed police in the direction of the teenagers,



Sanford Police Officer Bill Crapps Jr. inspects a 1999 Dodge Dakota after thieves crashed it into another vehicle.

who were running westbound. Two officers were able to chase down and arrest the teens in the area of 2nd Street and Palmetto Avenue.

"The officers were being applauded, and people were pointing to where the suspects

ran," said Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley. "Anytime you get that kind of support, it's great."

Sanford residents Kenny Antoine Shaw, 17, of 30 Higgins Terrace, and Jonathan Ellison,

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Lake Mary skate park receives \$112,500 grant

By Michelle Jeria
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Skate boarders and in-line skaters are one step closer to getting a public park.

City Commission voted Thursday to accept a \$112,500 grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection to use toward the construction of a skate center. By accepting the grant, the city also agreed to match it by \$37,500.

According to Lake Mary Mayor David Meador, the city was approached in September by residents wanting a public skate center within the city. Commission voted to seek funding to construct a skate center at the Lake Mary Sports Complex.

"This is something the kids

really do want around here," Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Director Bill Carrico said.

Carrico said he visited the skate center in Satellite Beach to use as a guide. The park cost around \$200,000 to build, includes two small sheltered areas and is constructed out of concrete.

Carrico said the Lake Mary skate center would be built north of the current soccer field at the sports complex on Rantoul Lane. Although originally planned to include bicycles, he said the Lake Mary park will only allow in-line and roller skating.

"Bicycles are usually not allowed," he said.

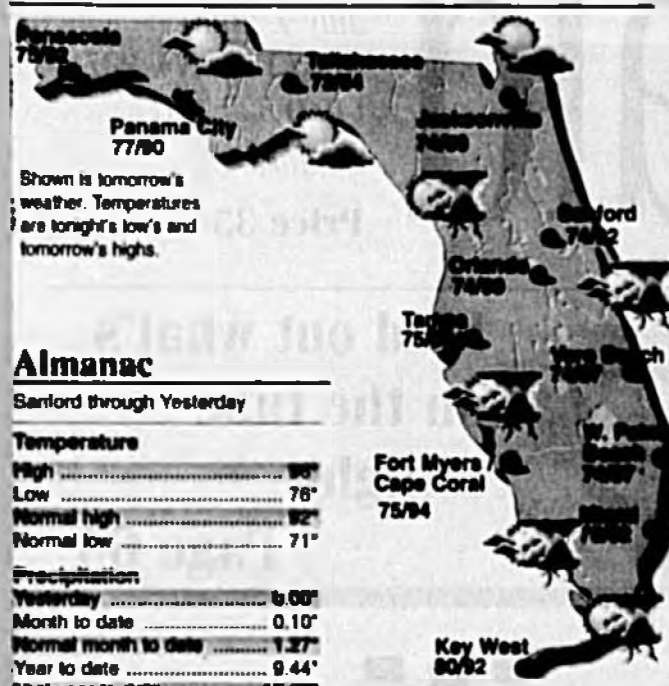
Last year, the state legislature

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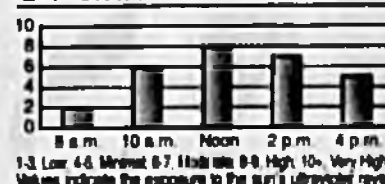
Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday
 Temperature
 High 98°
 Low 76°
 Normal high 92°
 Normal low 71°
 Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.10"
 Normal month to date 1.37"
 Year to date 9.44"
 Last year to date 18.99"
 Normal year to date 23.02"

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



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Regional Weather

Florida: Evening thunderstorms in the area, then partly cloudy tonight. Sun mixing with clouds tomorrow along with a couple of afternoon thunderstorms.
Georgia: A stray evening thunderstorm, then partly cloudy overnight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow, not as humid as recent days.
Mississippi: Clear to partly cloudy, warm and muggy tonight. Hot and humid tomorrow with sunshine and a few clouds.
Alabama: A spotty thunderstorm in the north this evening, then partly cloudy. Very hot and humid tomorrow with sunshine and patchy clouds.
South Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog late. Partly to mostly sunny and quite warm tomorrow, but not as humid.
Louisiana: Clear to partly cloudy, muggy and warm tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow with a stray afternoon or evening thunderstorm.

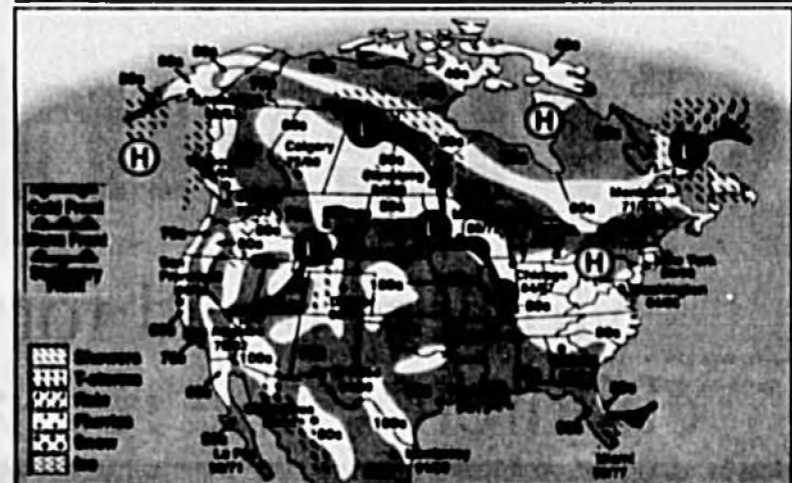
Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 6:37 p.m.
 Sunrise Saturday 6:33 a.m.
 Moonrise today 12:48 a.m.
 Moonset today 12:37 a.m.

Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Bungalow Pier
Tomorrow
 First Low 8:21 a.m. 0.4 R.
 First High 2:00 a.m. 4.8 R.
 Second Low 8:56 p.m. 0.9 R.
 Second High 2:42 p.m. 4.8 R.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 108° in Bullhead City, AZ Low 20° in Truckee, CA

Regional Cities

City	Tom.	Sun.
Atlanta, GA	84 78	88 73
Atlanta, GA	89 73	91 74
Bairbridge, GA	94 71	93 71
Boca Raton, FL	91 81	98 77
Cairo, GA	94 71	93 71
Coral Springs, FL	92 82	99 77
Crestview, FL	95 78	93 75
Daytona Beach, FL	94 78	92 74
Fort Myers, FL	94 75	92 73
Gainesville, FL	91 70	92 73
Key West, FL	92 78	96 80
Lakeland, FL	95 79	91 78
Lauderhill, FL	92 74	91 74
Melbourne, FL	89 77	92 73
Naples, FL	94 75	92 74
Orlando, FL	95 79	91 74
Panama City, FL	92 74	91 74
Sarasota, FL	92 74	90 74
St. Augustine, FL	89 74	92 75
St. Petersburg, FL	92 78	92 78
Tallahassee, FL	94 70	93 71
Tampa, FL	93 74	92 74
Thomasville, GA	94 69	93 74
Vero Beach, FL	87 76	92 74
W. Palm Bch., FL	87 76	92 74

World Cities

City	Tom.	Sun.
Ashore	89 76	91 76
Bahia	86 76	92 76
Berlin	86 84	90 84
Buenos Aires	87 50	87 37
Calcutta	95 78	98 78
Hong Kong	87 77	92 77
Jerusalem	95 84	93 84
London	86 82	93 83
Manila	92 78	92 78
Medan	78 88	74 88
Moscow	75 88	83 88
Paris	80 80	82 80
Rome	84 87	84 70
Seoul	84 86	81 70
Sydney	86 73	83 71
Tokyo	84 83	83 71
Warsaw	84 80	80 80
Zurich	87 84	90 83

National Cities

City	Tom.	W	Hi	Lo	W	City	Tom.	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albany	82	88	88	88	72	Albuquerque	88	71	91	78	1
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Albany, OR	82	88	88	88	72	Anchorage	82	66	87	74	sh
Anchorage	82	66	87	74	sh	Ann Arbor	94	73	94	74	s
Ann Arbor	94	73	94	74	s	Asheville	89	71	91	78	1
Asheville	89	71	91	78	1	Atlanta	93	74	96	75	s
Atlanta	93	74	96	75	s	Austin	99	73	103	75	s
Austin	99	73	103	75	s	Baltimore	97	79	98	71	1
Baltimore	97	79	98	71	1	Baton Rouge	97	68	98	78	s
Baton Rouge	97	68	98	78	s	Birmingham	95	74	96	76	s
Birmingham	95	74	96	76	s	Birmingham, AL	92	77	98	77	1
Birmingham, AL	92	77	98	77	1	Bismarck	77	65	85	68	1
Bismarck	77	65	85	68	1	Boston	88	72	91	70	1
Boston	88	72	91	70	1	Buffalo	86	71	92	74	1
Buffalo	86	71	92	74	1	Burlington	94	76	94	73	1
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Today, let's name some names

Have you noticed the names people are giving their newborns? Children used to be Joe, John or Bill provided they were boys. Ann, Joan or Jill if they were girls.

This kind of naming stopped in the late 1960s. Boys were then being named Elvis, Ringo and Reggie. Girls were named Chris, Kim and Dolly. Out of nowhere, boys became Yanni and Shaquille. Girls became Wynonna and Celine.

Today the game of names has changed even more. Rumor is that many parents want to create unique web sites for the children.

On June 4, Angela Marie Mitchell of Sanford named her son, Dequavionta Lantavis Mitchell. I could not reach Ms. Mitchell. I hope she sees this column to let us know how Dequavionta Lantavis is doing — and to explain how she chose his name.

Some of the other names I've noticed for girls are: Savannah Rain, Zion Anderika, Jada Nicole, Domyynque Quan Kellis, Tikeria Avian, Zamyra Latrice and Cla'Deziah Lagina Zy' Kerrion. The boys are: Antonio Donte, Tyrek Deshawn, and Jalan Makal.

Many of the new names are created as men and women from different parts of the world meet and have children. Never before have so many children literally been children of many colors and nationalities.

For centuries, parents have selected names in the Bible for their children — Adam, Eve, Abel but few if any Cains. You've probably met a Moses or

a Noah. Frequently, Latin parents call their boy child, Jesus. There are a number of biblical names no one would even consider naming their child. Judas comes to mind. I've never met a Barabbar nor a Bathsheba. No Herod either.

When Lew Alcindor changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, a basketball player named Henry Finkel said he was going to change his name to Lew Alcindor. A couple of years ago Abdul-Jabbar objected when a Miami running back called himself Abdul Jabbar.

I wouldn't want to be called Regis or Oprah. Garth wouldn't be too bad. Neither would Dirk or Wynton. I have a friend named Squidley. Cuba Gooding is an unusual name.

A number of celebrities were one-name only. We knew Groucho without Marx, Lucy without Ball, Garbo without her first name, Greta. Cher and Madonna are one namers. So is soccer great Pele. We know JFK, RFK, and MLK by their initials.

I'm not ready for hyphenated names. Ann-Margaret is as far as I want to go.

Some of my favorite names are: Whoppi Goldberg, Ethan Hawke, Calamity Jane, Cocoa Laboy, Jacques Plante, Howdy Dood, Mr. Bluster, Buffalo Bob, Princess Summer Fall Winter Spring, Anna Kournikova, Gwyneth Paltrow and Hugo Montenegro.

Names, you know, stick to one like a second skin. Choose them carefully.

Russ White's column appears daily in the Deltona Herald.

Russ White



MAXINE E. MERTHIE BROWN

Maxine E. Merthie Brown, 59, S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill., died Tuesday, July 4, 2000 at her residence. She was born Dec. 25, 1940 in Sanford. She was a registered Nurse and a Catholic.

Survivors include husband, Ocie Brown, Chicago; sons, Randolph Harvey, Jr., Sanford, Marcus, Chicago; daughter, Deidra Mitchell, Augusta, Ga.; brothers, Willie Lee Merthie, Rialto, Cal., Oscar Merthie III, Rev. Ronald W. Merthie and Bernard Merthie, all of Sanford; sisters, Lillian Hamilton, San Diego, Cal., Judith Israel,

Miami, Marilyn Martin, Sanford; six grandchildren. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.



RONALD L. PROVINCE

Ronald L. Province, 50, Irene Loop, New Port Richey, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000. He was born in Fort Dix, N.J., and moved to Florida in 1968. He was an auto mechanic and a Methodist.

Survivors include father, Chester W. Province, Sanford; wife, Marie, New Port Richey; brothers, Stephen A. and

Joseph T., both of Sanford, David, Orlando, Jonathan P., Germany, Paul T., Sanford; sisters, Joann Lykins, Rebecca Stokley, and Elisabeth Evans, all of Sanford, Ruth Clark, Deltona.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CATHERINE B. THOMAS

Catherine B. Thomas, 90, Elwood Street, Deltona, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at her residence. Born in Meadville, Pa., she moved to Central Florida from Hudson, Ohio in 1978. She was a retired cafeteria manager for the Hudson School System, Hudson, Ohio. She belonged to Deltona Christian Church.

Survivors include sons, Dean Heminger, Lauderhill, Richard Heminger, Orlando, David Heminger, Deltona, Robert W. Thomas, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; daughters, Betty Barton, Chippewa Lake, Ohio, Sally Gillette, Linesville, Pa., Mary Thomas, DeBary, Barbara Hunka, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 26 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

RAYMOND GORDON WILEY

Raymond Gordon Wiley, 48, Sanford, died Monday, June 5, 2000. He was born December 2, 1951 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. and moved to Sanford in October, 1968. He was a longtime Sanford resident. He was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include parents, Tina and Raymond Wiley, Muskogee, Okla.; son, Argus Adam Wiley, Liphonia, Ga.; sisters, Deborah Wiley Holland, Muskogee, Norita Wiley Kemp, Key Largo; grandmother, Nora Gordon; grandfather, William "Pop" Gordon, Muskogee.

FUNERALS

BROWN, MAXINE MERTHIE

Funeral services for Mrs. Maxine Merthie Brown, 59, of Chicago, Ill., who passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2000, will be held Tuesday, July 11, 2000, 3 p.m., at New Life Word Center, 1311 Oak Avenue, Sanford, with Rev. Ronald W. Merthie, Pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Sanford. Mrs. Brown, a native of Sanford, Florida, was a registered nurse for the City of Chicago at Central Plaza Health Care.

Arrangements entrusted to Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., 1110 Pine Avenue, Sanford, FL 407-322-5212.



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He pulled me up and saved me From the misery and the pain, My body was hurt so badly inside, I could never be the same.

I LOVE YOU ALL and miss you so And I'll always be nearby, My body is gone forever But my spirit will never die.

And so, you must all go on now, Live one day at a time Just Understand..... GOD did not take me from you. He only took my hand.

The family of Joey Sheehan would like to thank the many kind people who showed their love and support during this past year.

Joey, We miss you dearly and carry your love in our hearts daily.

Love, Mum, Dad, Fonda, Tara, Kimberly, Shawn, Todd and Jeff

Breakfast meeting set for Wednesday

The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its July Breakfast Meeting Wednesday, July 12, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at

Healthow Country Club. Cost is \$20 per person, \$10 for non-members. The meeting is sponsored by Lake Mary Leads Group.

Remembrance
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Religion

Are we losing a valuable resource?

Is our nation wasting one of its most valuable resources — its clergy? Have we relegated pastors to pulpit duty, visiting the sick and overseeing the church's housekeeping chores?

As I mentioned in a recent column, President Franklin D. Roosevelt believed ministers played a more vital role in the country's wellbeing. In the midst of the Depression in 1935, Roosevelt called on the clergy for their advice.

"Because of the grave responsibilities of my office," Roosevelt wrote to the ministers, "I am turning to clergymen for counsel and advice, feeling confident that no group can give more accurate or unbiased views."

Roosevelt later remarked on how helpful the ministers' replies had been — although it is hard to say how much of their advice he actually used.

Other leaders have sought out the clergy when faced with insurmountable problems. President Nixon once played host to 71 clergy members at a White House seminar on drug use.

"In the final analysis," Nixon told the assembled ministers, "if there is an answer to the drug problem, you have it. You can give the people something to believe in, something to turn to when life doesn't come out as they want."

Nixon said he had spoken to many groups about the drug problem and had concluded that the men and women of the cloth were best equipped to find the solution.

Are the clergy wise enough in the ways of the world to advise the president of the United States on the momentous matters of state?

The late Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal once served on the mayor's crime commission in Cleveland with four other clergymen. They were ridiculed as the "God squad." Critics said, "What do they know about crime — these preachers who

have led sheltered lives?" It amused Rosenthal to be characterized as a "naive clergyman in a naughty world."



George Plagenz

"I studied in New York under Rabbi Stephen Wise," Rosenthal recalled. "When Mayor Jimmy Walker was turning the city over to the political vultures, Wise denounced him, causing Walker to observe wryly, 'When Wise attacks the politicians, the steamship business to Europe picks up.'"

It was better not to be around to face the

wrath of Wise! Moral corruption is not the only sin plaguing our country: Low morale is an equally serious problem. Despite a robust economy, life, for many, has lost its zest. What we may need to get us out of the doldrums is a Clergy Commission on the Good Life.

Meeting four or five times a year, this informal cabinet would serve as the president's eyes and ears, focusing on the people's hopes, fears, dreams and insecurities.

Religious leaders and educators once defined the country's values, but today, the media shape our agenda.

As author Eric Alterman says, "These pundits are largely divorced from the travails that make everyday life in the U.S. such a struggle. They live in neighborhoods like Georgewood or Chevy Chase, with green lawns, safe playgrounds, good schools and an extra room for the maid. Their biggest problem in life is the traffic."

The clergy would make better monitors of life in the United States. Their observations and recommendations would remind us of what the good life is and how to achieve it.

Have we been neglecting this valuable national resource at a time when we most need it in our lives?

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Clergymen seek vision to protect the old

"Is not wisdom found among the aged?"
"Does not long life bring understanding?"
Job 12:12

The senior population of America is the largest in history — and growing. As many as 1 million 100-year-olds may be alive in 40 years. President Clinton has talked about the possibility of some living to 120.

Is this good? Not if you talk to the people who are aging, many of whom will not be able to afford to be alive and those who will require our assistance.

As government officials try to figure out how to protect Social Security and Medicare benefits, a number

of church leaders say that the aging of the American population is one of the church's crucial concerns.

The growing gap between the haves and have-nots intensifies with the elderly. Senior citizens often are victims of abuse and violence. Yes, long life brings understanding but how can anyone explain why so many take advantage of the aged?

The daily police reports contain numerous assault and battery charges by persons on those 65 years old or more. God help those who commit such crimes.

If we are a responsible

nation, this is the time to show it by helping protect and enhance the lives of our rapidly increasing rank of seniors.

Pastors are urging their members to visit the elderly, taking them on a trip to the mall or for a walk, reading to them, just visiting for a half hour or more with them once or twice a week. Eucharist ministers (lay people) take daily Communion to a number of shut-ins.

In Proverbs 17:6, it says to live to see one's grandchildren was considered a blessing. Today, many are so blessed. We see them and

sense their joy and celebration of generations of life on earth.

At the same time, others are alone.

Our son, Todd, is 32 and already wondering about what will happen to mom and dad. "What worries me," he said, "is what happens to the one left standing."

"We laughed about how he said it — 'The one left standing.'"

My dad outlived my mom by 12 years. My wife cared for him in his final years. She did not have to but she wanted to do this. It was an act of love.

Dad was not left standing alone.

Do you know someone who is?



Russ White

Salvation Army sets Vacation Bible School 2000 program beginning July 31

The Salvation Army has announced plans for VBS-2000, the vacation bible school. The get-togethers will be held starting Monday, July 31, and run through Friday, Aug. 4. The programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening at The Salvation Army, 700 W. 24th Street in Sanford.

Special guests will be Cadets Bill and Jan Criss from Atlanta. They will be leading programs that will include a Bible lesson, crafts, refreshments, games, music, prizes, and a lot of surprises.

All ages are invited. Limited transportation is available. Adult volunteers are also welcome.

With our special guests and all the surprises, this will be our most exciting VBS," said Major

Bruce Williams, Corps officer.

Help Wanted

The Salvation Army in Sanford needs volunteers to assist with the Children's Supervised Visitation and Monitored Exchange Program. "Family Focus" helps children who are unable to live with both parents visit with the non-custodial parent in a safe and structured environment. It also gives parents a safe place in which to exchange custody for weekend visits.

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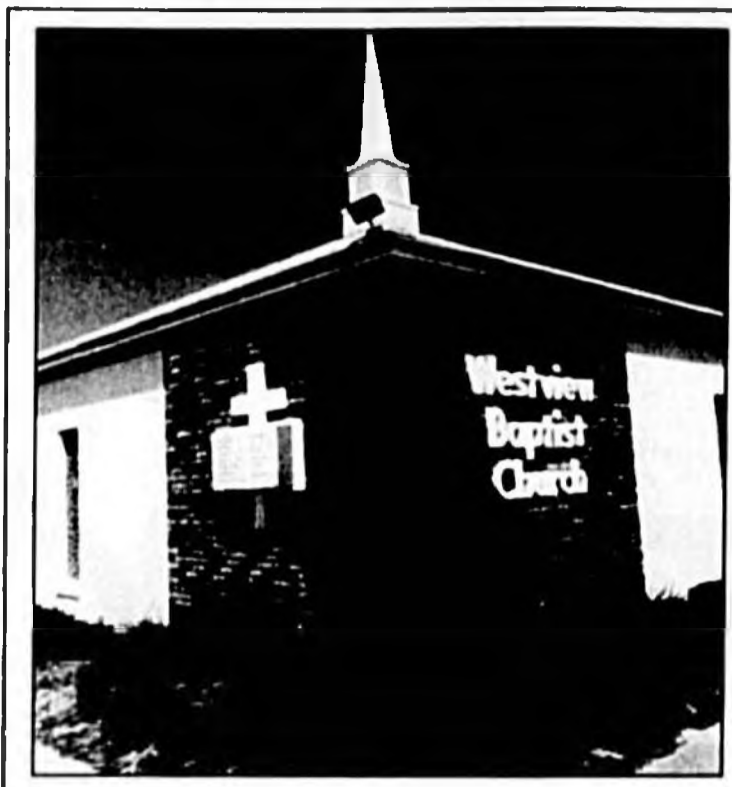
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Children

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feet, 5 inches tall and weighing about 50 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Also missing are Samantha Briggs, 10, and Patrick Briggs, 8, who live in Ocoee with West.

Samantha is a white female, 5 feet tall, 130 pounds, with brown hair and eyes. Patrick is a white male, 4 feet, 7 inches tall, 70 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Sergeant Mark Nicholas of the Sanford Police Department, the lead investigator, said he believes the children have been abducted by their father. This is the first time Robert Briggs has missed a deadline for returning the children to his two ex-wives.

"The asthma's a big concern," Nicholas said. "Anytime you have four children missing, that makes you worry. The families are very distraught."

Briggs, a real estate salesman, is divorced from the two mothers of his children. He is believed to be driving a 1994 white Pontiac Transport van, Florida license tag GR237C.

Attorney Diane Tennis, who represents the two mothers of the children, said Briggs has a history of spouse abuse.

There is ongoing litigation and

testimony from psychologists for his visits to be supervised because of concerns regarding his "stability and the detrimental effect on the children," Tennis said.

Briggs has a prior criminal history which includes arrests for aggravated battery and criminal mischief on Feb. 14, 1989; aggravated battery on April 17, 1995; battery on July 21, 1995; and failure to pay child support on May 8, 1997, according to records from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

On June 23, deputies determined Briggs had violated a court injunction not to contact Abassian. She told deputies Briggs attempted to exercise visitation privileges off schedule.

In addition, Briggs attempted to call her on June 16 and left a message on her answering machine, Abassian told deputies.

Deputies took reports relating to arguments between Briggs and Abassian four times in 1995 and 1996.

Abassian called deputies on March 22, 1995, complaining that Briggs intentionally stopped the car too fast while they were having a verbal argument. She was 12-weeks pregnant at the time. Deputies found no evidence that

a crime was committed.

Deputies responded to Briggs' Winter Park home on Nov. 2, 1995, in reference to a domestic battery. Abassian, who was married to Briggs at the time, reported that he struck her on the left arm with his hand the previous day, and refused to let her leave the house.

A minor bruise was observed on her arm. She was provided with information about the rights and options available to victims of domestic violence. No charges were filed.

Deputies were called on Dec. 14, 1995, following an argument between the former couple relating to custody of their children. Abassian accused Briggs of trying to run her over in his car, but deputies found no evidence of this.

On Oct. 4, 1996, Briggs called police during an argument relating to custody of their children, accusing ex-wife Abassian and her father of making verbal threats. They denied making threats. No charges were filed.

Anyone with information regarding the missing children is encouraged to call the Sanford police at 407-323-3030, or 407-322-4141.

Corey

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Cory Erving is survived by parents Julius and Turquoise Erving, sister Jazmin, and brothers Cheo and Julius III.

Investigators performed an aerial search of the retention pond Thursday and found tire marks running off a dirt road ending at the pond. Eslinger said according to the Erving family, Cory Erving often used the dirt road.

"It could be a short-cut from Panera Bread in the Lake Mary Boulevard and Markham Woods Road area to his house," Eslinger said.

The retention pond is located in a wooded buffer area between Alaqu Lakes and the Alaqu subdivision. It is one of three retention ponds used to water area golf courses.

The murky, L-shaped pond was searched using a long drag rope, sonar and an underwater camera. The Volkswagen was discovered at 4:15 p.m., and divers immediately entered the pond. The car was pulled out of the pond at 8 p.m. with Erving's body inside. The teen was not wearing a seat belt.

The investigation is on-going, but investigators believe Erving may have lost control of his car while attempting to return home from Panera Bread, a Lake Mary bakery located three miles from the family home.

The teen called his father at about 1:20 p.m. May 28 from the bakery, where he worked as a waiter, saying he would bring bread for a family barbecue.

In the days immediately following Cory Erving's disappearance, police focused their investigations on the teen's troubled past. Cory Erving was a recovering alcohol and crack-cocaine abuser, and he had been in and out of rehabilitation centers.

He was involved in some type of altercation with an individual in an east Altamonte Springs area known for its numerous drug arrests just prior to May 28. There were indications that Erving tried to obtain a pistol to retaliate.

The sheriff's office received more than 830 tips from across Central Florida and Philadelphia. However, investigators came to believe the car was in a body of water and the disappearance had not been planned, Eslinger said.

The Alaqu Lakes retention pond is among 36 ponds and lakes that were dragged using sonar and underwater cameras during the search.

"We searched Lake Mary and Lake Emma," Eslinger said. "We searched bodies of water in Osceola, Orange and Seminole counties."

The search at the retention pond was led by Sgt. Brent Davison of the Longwood Police Department and three citizen volunteers for the sheriff's office: Dave Hall, John Hannah and Thomas Spillane.

Julius Erving, 50, is a senior vice president of the Orlando Magic. The team released a brief statement at about 1 a.m. Friday expressing their support for the Erving family.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Julius Erving and his

family at this time," said Joel Glass, spokesman for the Magic. "He and his family are members of the Orlando Magic family."

Cory Erving was born with mild forms of dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. He attended schools for children with learning disabilities until the eighth grade. During recent

years, he was enrolled in several drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinics. The teen appeared to be turning his life around. He had enrolled in classes at Seminole Community College for a high school equivalency diploma and he held a steady job busing tables at Panera Bread.

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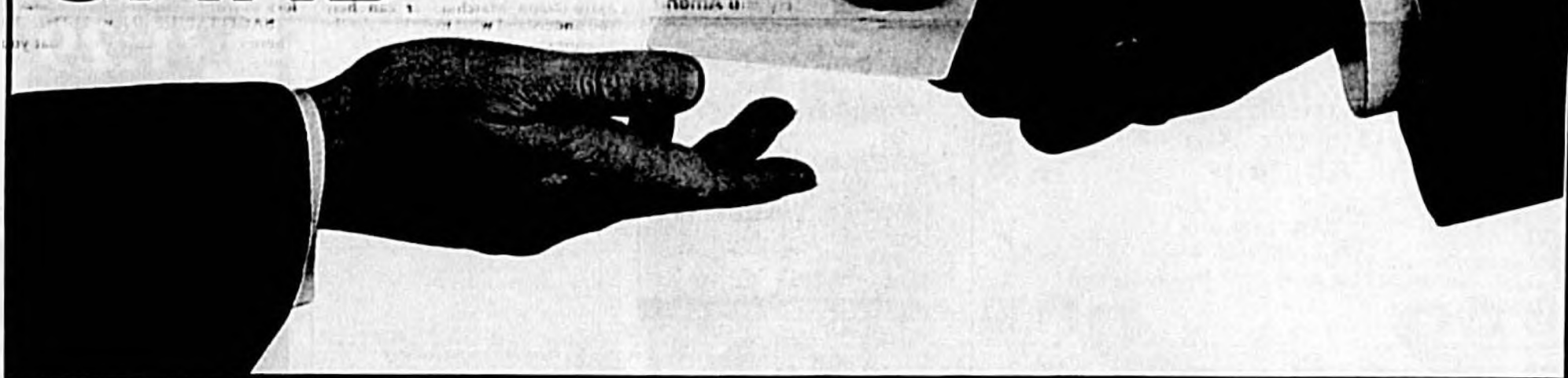
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Weight-loss shower scheme brings downpour of response

DEAR ABBY: A woman wrote to ask you what you thought of the idea of a weight-loss shower for someone who had just shed 30 pounds. The "catch" to this shower was that the guests bring monetary gifts so the hostess could buy a new wardrobe to fit her smaller figure.

At first glance the idea seemed tacky to me. Just as with any other type of shower, it is inappropriate to specify a monetary gift in the invitation. Should someone inquire about gift ideas, the host could indicate that the honoree is trying to save up for a new wardrobe. However, there are many other suitable gifts for someone who has just lost weight. For example, guests could be asked to bring a copy of their favorite low-calorie recipes to be compiled into a scrapbook.

Losing unwanted pounds is no easy feat. If it were so easy, we would not have the obesity problems that we have in our society. I see it as an accomplishment to be proud of. Throwing someone a shower for this reason is certainly justified.

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DEAR NEW PORT RICHEY: I love your idea about the diet-recipe shower. Yours was the most charitable response that letter generated. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have gained about 60 pounds in the past four years. Should I throw a party to give my friends the "opportunity" to "shower" me with money to buy new fat clothes? It would amount to exactly the same thing. There are already too many forced gift-giving occasions thrust upon us. My answer is: "No way. Boycott the shower!"

FAT AND SASSY IN OKLAHOMA CITY
DEAR ABBY: "Twiggy" doesn't need new clothes yet. Fifteen pounds isn't enough. Her letter takes the cake! I know she said she lost 30 pounds, but isn't it pretty clear that the other 15 pounds was her marbles?

I had an ex-in-law who gave her daughter a "shower drawing." She didn't want to make the effort to give a party, so she brought a box of envelopes to our houses so we could pick one. Inside was a photo and the price of the gift you were "asked" to buy! I drew a four-piece set of Samsonite luggage: \$169.99. (This was 1966.) My husband thought we should give the bride something in which to carry her honeymoon wardrobe, so he gave her two brown paper bags. Thank

God it was his side of the family. Needless to say, we weren't invited to the wedding.

ANONYMOUS IN FORT WORTH

DEAR ABBY: I'd tell the person who was throwing the weight-loss shower that for each 30 pounds she lost, I was donating \$30 (a dollar for each pound) to the local homeless shelter. When I began losing weight, I privately vowed to put \$10 in our church offering plate for each pound I lost. Twenty pounds and \$200 later, the church "feed the homeless" fund is fattened, and I gladly have a slightly slimmer wallet.

PUYALLUP, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: A 30-pound weight loss? I think that's great!

It sure is hard to lose that weight. With Weight Watchers, I've lost 23. But all my new clothes were paid for by me.

"Pat" in our group lost 75. And didn't ask for a "clothing drive." But have a shower? That depends — I'd forget the shower and keep my friends.
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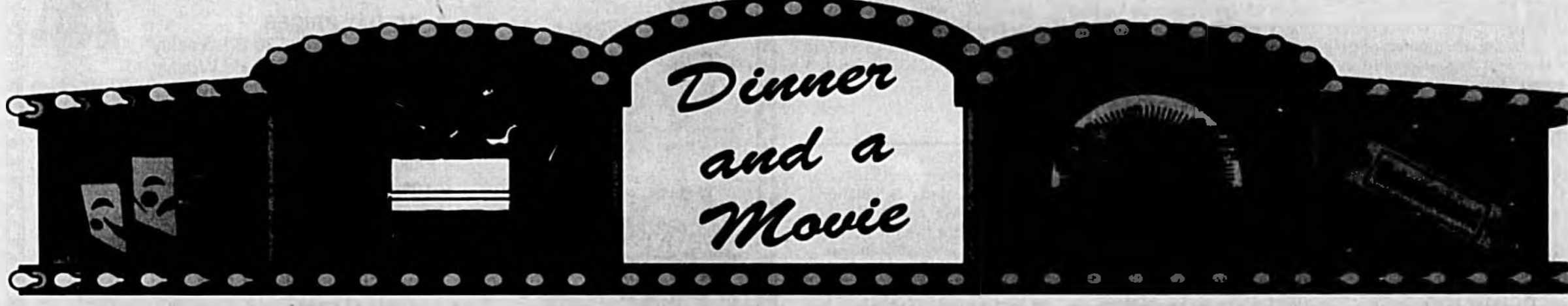
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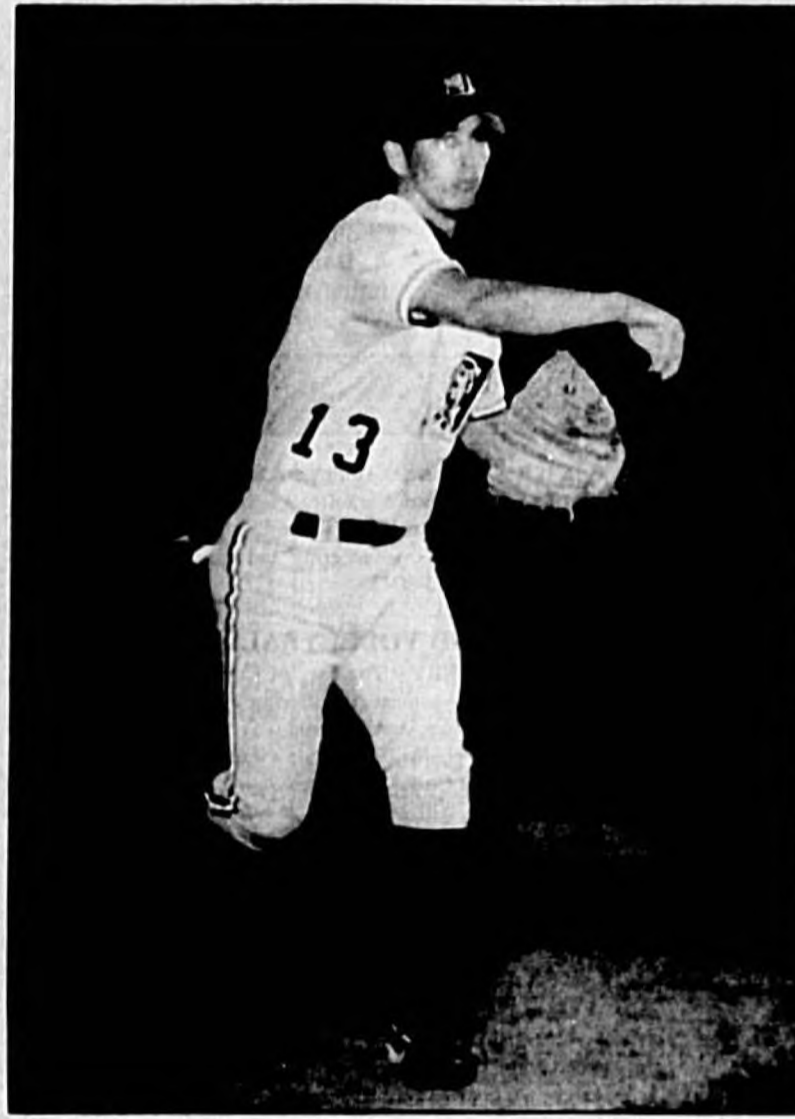
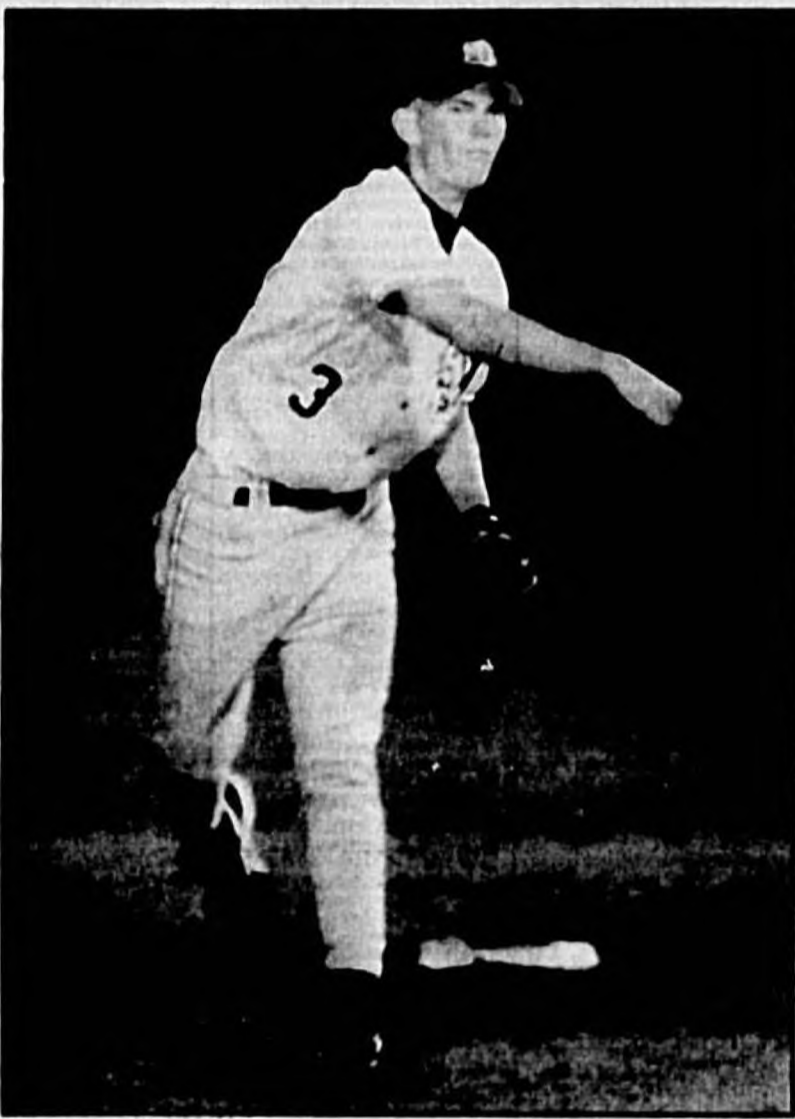
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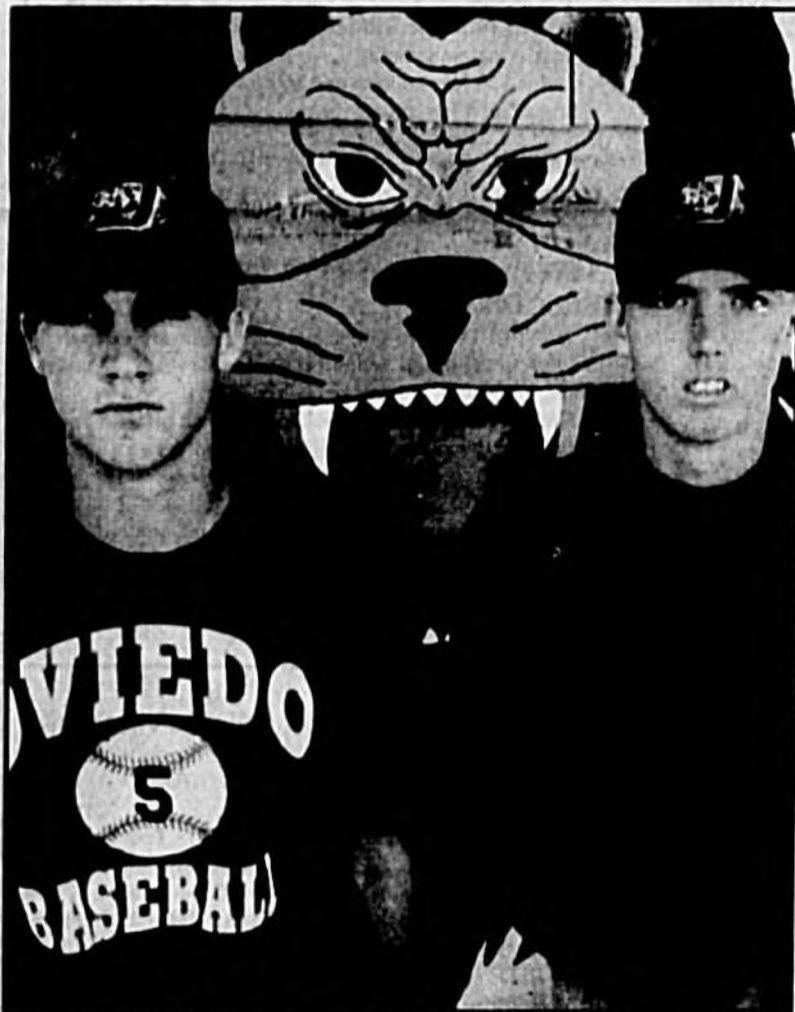
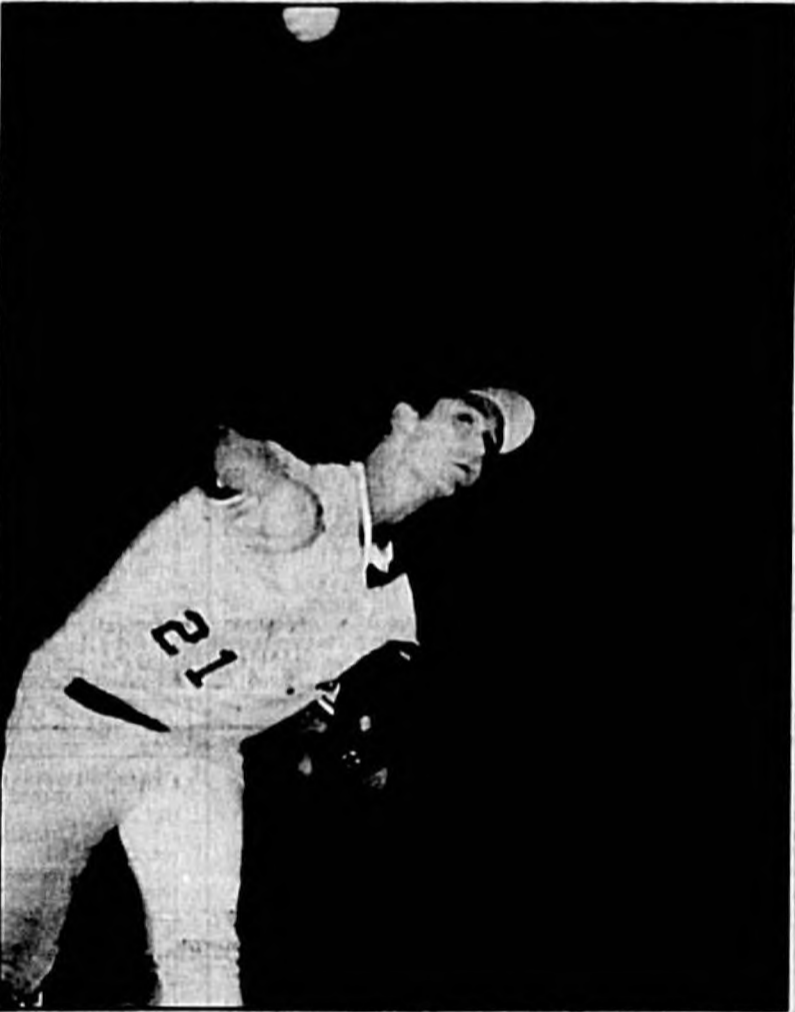
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DEAR ABBY: A woman wrote to ask you what you thought of the idea of a weight-loss shower for someone who had just shed 30 pounds. The "catch" to this shower was that the guests bring monetary gifts so the hostess could buy a new wardrobe to fit her smaller figure.

At first glance the idea seemed tacky to me. Just as with any other type of shower, it is inappropriate to specify a monetary gift in the invitation. Should someone inquire about gift ideas, the host could indicate that the honoree is trying to save up for a new wardrobe. However, there are many other suitable gifts for someone who has just lost weight. For example, guests could be asked to bring a copy of their favorite low-calorie recipes to be compiled into a scrapbook. Losing unwanted pounds is no easy feat. If were so easy, we would not have the obesity problems that we have in our society. I see as an accomplishment to be proud of knowing someone a shower for this reason certainly justified.

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA.

DEAR NEW PORT RICHEY: I love your idea about the diet-recipe shower. Yours was the most charitable response that letter generated. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have gained about 60 pounds in the past four years. Should I throw a party to give my friends the "opportunity" to "shower" me with money to buy new fat clothes? It would amount to exactly the same thing. There are already too many forced gift-giving occasions thrust upon us. My answer is: "No way. Boycott the shower!"

FAT AND SASSY IN OKLAHOMA CITY
DEAR ABBY: "Twiggy" doesn't need new clothes yet. Fifteen pounds isn't enough. Her letter takes the cake! I know she said she lost 30 pounds, but isn't it pretty clear that the other 15 pounds was her marbles?

I had an ex-in-law who gave her daughter a "shower drawing." She didn't want to make the effort to give a party, so she brought a box of envelopes to our houses so we could pick one. Inside was a photo and the price of the gift you were "asked" to buy! I drew a four-piece set of Samsonite luggage: \$169.99. (This was 1966.) My husband thought we should give the bride something in which to carry her honeymoon wardrobe, so he gave her two brown paper bags. Thank

God it was his side of the family. Needless to say, we weren't invited to the wedding.

ANONYMOUS IN FORT WORTH

DEAR ABBY: I'd tell the person who was throwing the weight-loss shower that for each 30 pounds she lost, I was donating \$30 (a dollar for each pound) to the local homeless shelter. When I began losing weight, I privately vowed to put \$10 in our church offering plate for each pound I lost. Twenty pounds and \$200 later, the church "feed the homeless" fund is fattened, and I gladly have a slightly slimmer wallet.

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DEAR ABBY:
A 30-pound weight loss? I think that's great!
It sure is hard to lose that weight.
With Weight Watchers, I've lost 23.
But all my new clothes were paid for by me.

"Pat" in our group lost 75.
And didn't ask for a "clothing drive."
But have a shower? That depends —
I'd forget the shower and keep my friends.
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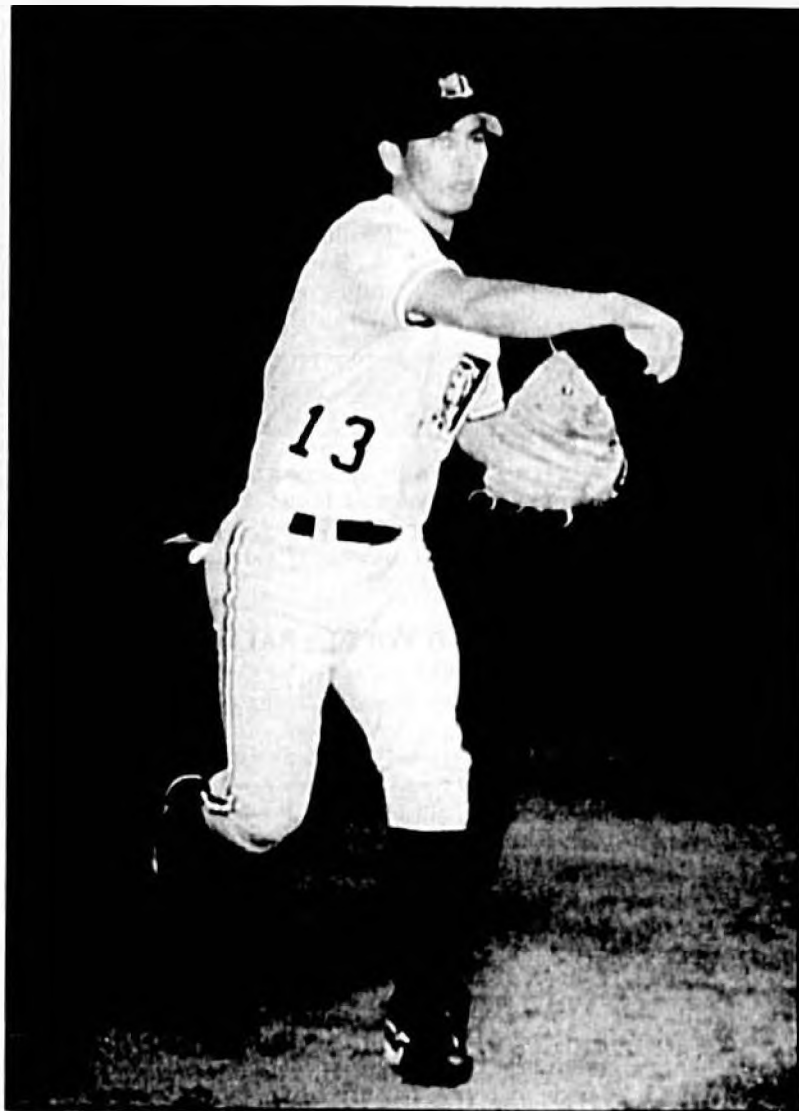
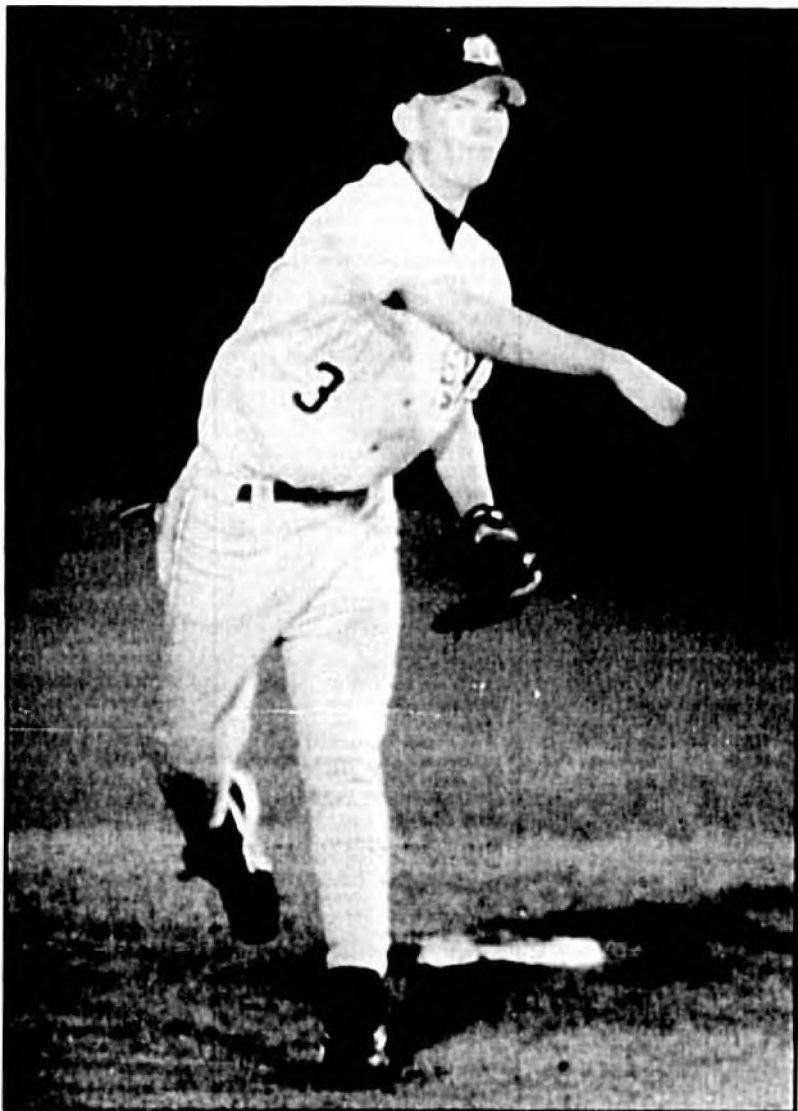
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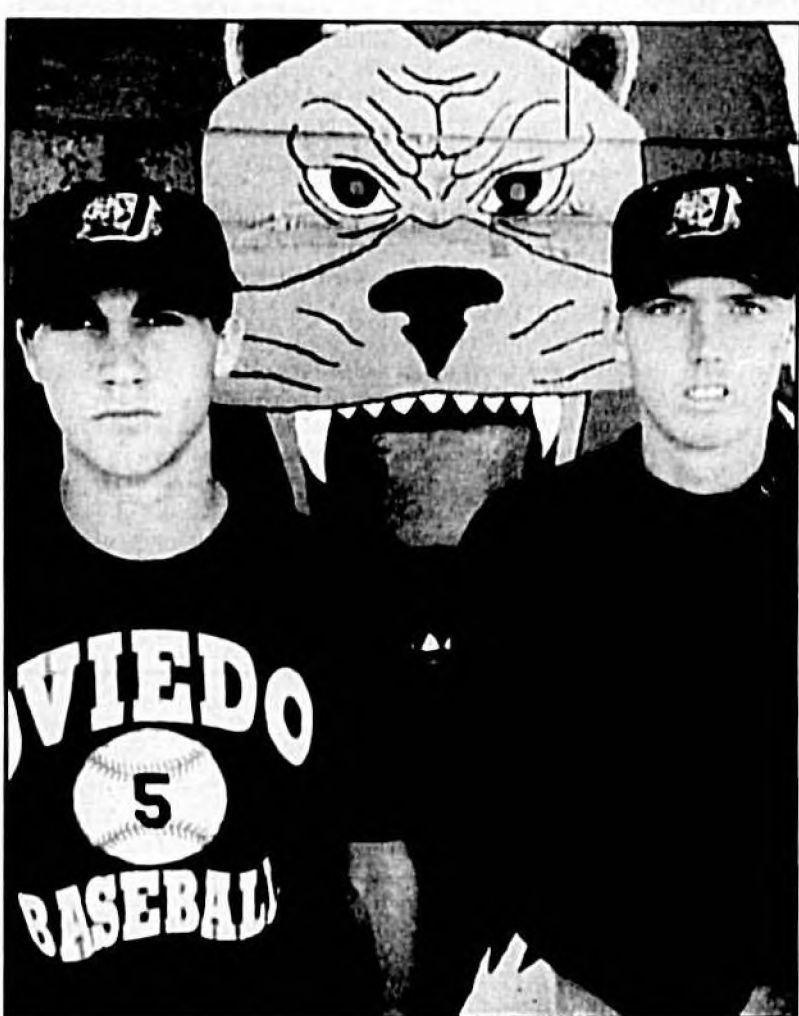
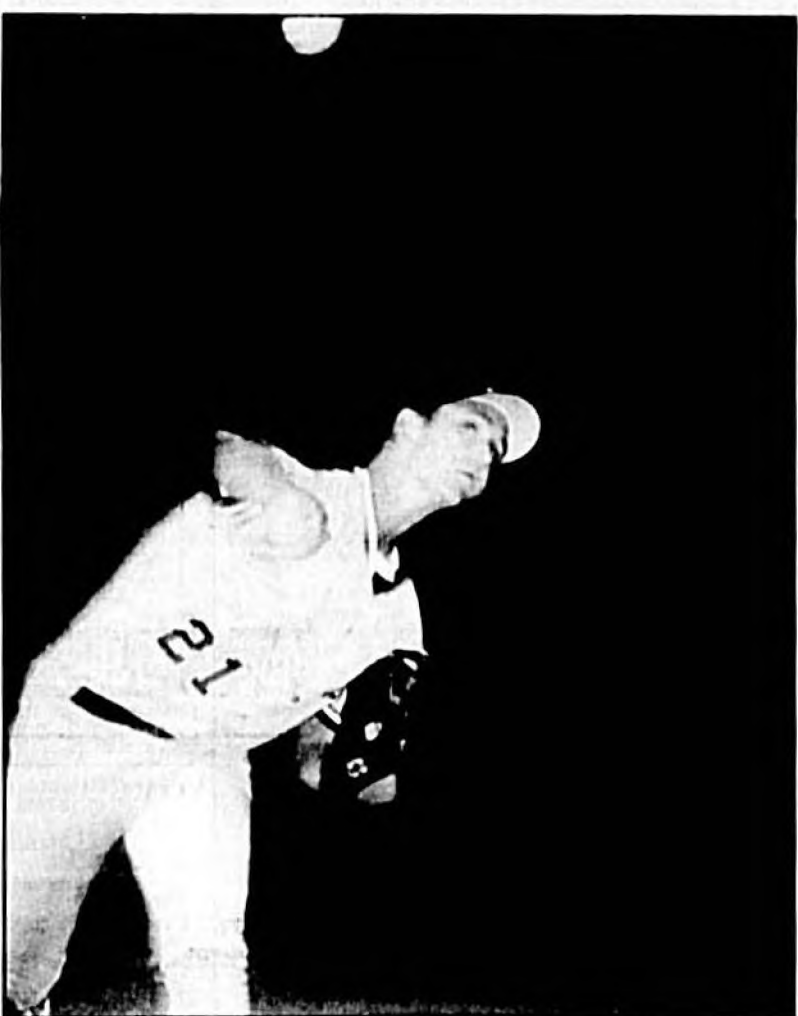
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ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Lake Brantley High School baseball and football star Bryan Smith has been named to the U. S. Navy Scholastic All-America Baseball Team for 2000.

Smith, who has signed an NCAA Division I Letter-of-Intent to attend Atlantic Coast Conference power Duke University, received confirmation of his selection to the team from T. J. Howington, Commander, U.S. Navy.

"Let me be among the first to congratulate you on being selected for the inaugural 2000 U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Baseball District Team," wrote Howington. "This honor recognizes you as a member of an elite group of high school student-athletes who have mastered the important balance between academics, athletics and community service. The U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams is the first award of its kind to recognize nationally, the finest student-athletes in a competitive format.

"Earning a position on the U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams requires

countless hours of hard work and dedication, along with strong personal motivation and discipline. To acknowledge your accomplishments, the U.S. Navy will present you with an honorary certificate. In addition, you are now eligible for the National Team, which will be announced in the next few weeks.

The U.S. Navy and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) are partnering to produce the U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams program. Your coach, based on your superior athletic, academic and community achievements, nominated you. A committee comprised of NHSACA representatives from your area then selected you for the 1999-2000 District Team.

"The U.S. Navy strongly believes in recognizing excellence and leadership, and supporting the U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Teams program is one way they express this commitment.

"You should be extremely proud of your athletic and academic accomplishments, as well as your community involvement. Again, I congratulate you and send best wishes for your future success."



Bryan Smith (seated), shown with Lake Brantley Principal Darvin Boothe (standing, left) and his father/coach Mike Smith was named to the first U.S. Navy Scholastic All-America Baseball Team in May.

