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You ought to be in pictures



Left: The Rev. Cliff Melvin, his wife, Sue, and their son, Matthew, are cast in a congregation scene in the May CBS movie, 'My Son, the Matchmaker,' filmed at the First United Methodist Church



in Sanford where Melvin is pastor. Right: Cosmetologist Suse Pfister applies makeup to Kristian Truelsen on the movie set at the church. Filming continues through April 3.

## Taxpayers may escape school tax cap hike

By VICKI DeBORNIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County school board will probably not have the opportunity to raise the local option millage rate, a move that if approved, could have cost homeowners an average \$50 a year more in property taxes.

According to the district legislative lobbyist Ken Boylo, it is "99 percent certain" that the initiative to raise the local option millage rate to finance capital outlay projects won't make it

past the Florida Legislature. The county school board has asked the legislature to raise the millage option from two and a half to three percent. If approved, the move would mean about \$50 a year extra in school taxes for the average home owner, lobbied at the discretion of school board members.

Board members who supported the initiative said they believed the district needed to have the higher option if they were to be able finance all the projects that would be necessary

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## Behind the scenes on movie set

Sanford people, places will appear in CBS family film

By DORIS DISTRICH  
Herald Senior Editor

SANFORD — Several dozen local residents slapped at their alarm clocks, yawned a time or two and wiped the stardust from their eyes on a recent Monday morn. It was time to rise and shine in order to reach the First United Methodist Church by 5 a.m. on March 18.

But these sleepy, early risers were not the only ones on the quiet, tree-lined Sanford street during the dark, pre-dawn hour. Park Avenue, between Fourth Street and Fifth Street, was literally lined with an assortment of handsome old cars — not ordinary, everyday autos and trucks, but spit-polished vintage vehicles from the 1960s.

The starry-eyed entourage, numbering over 100, was not headed to the church to pray and worship, but instead, had answered a cast call for "extras" to appear in the CBS movie, "My Son, the Matchmaker," currently on location in Sanford.

Hollywood has come to town!

It was an interesting day — a little bit of Hollywood right here.

-Dan Sellers, church director of music and movie extra

"Don't call us, we'll call you." wannabees were instructed when applying for a spot in the movie. And over 100 extras were called to be a part of this touching true story which will probably take top billing as one of the most cherished and exciting moments in their lives.

Upon arrival on the scene near the church, the extras received their costumes (attire of the 1960s) from a trailer parked outside Holy Cross Episcopal Church. They moved on to the parish house at Holy Cross, their headquarters for the day until show time. Here, the extras were made up, had their hair styled and then the long wait to "stardom for a day" began. Some dozed,

others read and still others were caught up in lively conversation about these magical moments.

The part of the movie filmed that day at the Methodist church centered around a flashback church service complete with 13 members of the church choir and several outside singers. Other local extras formed the congregation nattily attired in fashionable styles of the era. Several women complained about the fussy, flower-trimmed hats of the '60s, dangling, colored beads and uncomfortable high heels while some of the men poked fun and chuckled at the skinny, drab ties of the era. By the end of the day, most of the extras were dog tired, but would probably never admit a single second of it.

About 85 crew members kept things hopping and transformed the stately, historic church into a traditional Tinseltown ambience (behind the scenes). Hundreds of feet of cable crawled up and down the aisles, over pews, under pews and all over the sidewalks. Each individual crew member

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## Taking a bite out of crime



A Seminole County sheriff's deputy is incognito after donning a McGruff crime-fighting dog costume, as Goldsboro Elementary students watch. The costume, donated by Motorola, Inc. and coordinated through the county school board, was presented to the sheriff's department at the school recently. The McGruff costume will be used by the sheriff's office in crime prevention and safety presentations at county schools.

## The lure of the beach: Spring Break for every age



Leon Gillis

### Daytona Beach party is Einstein's 55th

By VICKI DeBORNIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

DAYTONA BEACH — Leon Gillis wears a faded grey bathing suit which is not quite as long or baggy as that of his fellow Spring Breakers. His hair is a little longer and less styled than the other guys.

But Leon has never been much of a slave to fashion. He's pretty much always done what he wanted.

And during this, his 55th consecutive year at the annual party on Daytona Beach, he's making no concessions to anyone. He likes the beach. He likes the kids and he likes talking to people.

"I've been here every year since 1941," the

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Northern coeds check out the college boys along the Boardwalk in Daytona Beach.

### College kids' party is tamer these days

By VICKI DeBORNIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

DAYTONA BEACH — At nearly two in the afternoon, a group of young ladies has staked out a spot on the beach in the shadow of one of the hotels a few hundred feet from the Atlantic Ocean.

They've slathered their skin with sunblock despite the cloudy conditions. They've had a couple of hot dogs and some fries for breakfast, started to ice down their first beers of the day and are starting to rate the physiques of the young men in the vicinity.

Since few of the young men meet their high

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## Barn becoming country music mecca

New owner has big plans for concept

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The world of country music is about to expand, and Sanford may be one of the leading centers for it in the state of Florida. Rodd Buckle, the new owner of the Barn, 1200 S. French Avenue in Sanford, has big plans.

Buckle, chief executive officer of Marven Entertainment Corporation in Nashville, will not only own the Barn but plans to establish several others, also to be known as the "Barn" elsewhere around the state.

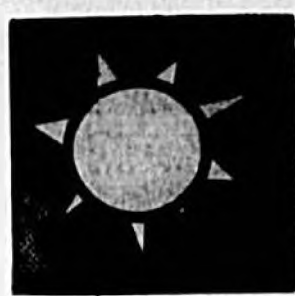
"But Sanford will be the center for the operation," he said, "so we are officially changing the name to 'The World Famous Barn.'"

And judging by his plans, Buckle may well bring the local attraction into such large scale prominence. In addition to owning the Barn, he continues to operate a major recording company in Nashville. "Part of the entertainment I'm plan-

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Rodd Buckle, new owner of The Barn in Sanford, plans to make it the historical country music center of Florida, while carrying on the tradition of the previous owners.



Today: Fair and warmer. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower to mid 70s.

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### Marking the spaces, counting the days

Lake Mary Historical Commission members Al Sjoblom (left) and Jim Thompson recently marked booth spaces along Lakeview Avenue, in Lake Mary, in preparation for the third annual Olde Lake Mary Days celebration to be held Saturday, March 30. The event will include more than 40 artisans and crafters as well as food and fun for the whole family.

Herald Photo by Mary Russell



### Cemetery vandalism probe

Damage done at Oaklawn Cemetery Memorial Park includes smashing 54 crypt fronts and breaking the hands from the six-foot tall marble statue of Jesus. In all, approximately \$50,000 in damage was reported. The persons involved reportedly caused the destruction with an aluminum baseball bat. Lake Mary police say they are working on several leads at the present time although the case is being kept under wraps until possible arrests are made. Officials of Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Homes, owners of the property, expect much of the damage to be repaired or items replaced by today.

Herald Photo by Tommy West

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Drug charges made

Jimmy D. Inman, 29, 28 Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, was arrested for possession with intent to distribute 5.7 grams of crack cocaine by Sanford Police on Thursday. Police said they observed Inman behaving in a suspicious manner so they began to follow him. The expiration date on his temporary auto tag was not legible so he was stopped. Police were given permission to search the car and, they said, they found a substance the tested positive as crack cocaine.

He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

### Possession of weapons

Shyanna Saints, 36, and John Charles Poci, 35, both of 1121 Selma Dr., Longwood, were arrested for carrying a concealed weapon on Thursday by Seminole County sheriff's deputies. According to deputies, Saints was driving when the car was involved in a near-collision with another vehicle. The two cars pulled into the parking lot and the other driver said Saints put a handgun into her pants when she exited the vehicle.

### Burglary, theft alleged

Thomas Randolph Windham, 26, 2903 S. Park Ave., Sanford, was arrested for burglary to a conveyance and theft on Thursday by Sanford Police. Police said Windham was found to be in possession of the tailgate of a truck that belonged to a business in the 2500 block of French Avenue. During his arrest, police also found less than 20 grams of marijuana in his possession.

**Reported to the Sanford Police**

- A .38 caliber handgun and some money was taken from an apartment in the 400 block of Seminole Boulevard. The burglar gained access to the apartment through a south window.
- A car stereo was taken from a car in the parking lot of a church in the 1100 block of Sanford Avenue.
- A 1988 Jeep Cherokee, valued at \$8,000, was taken from a home in the 100 block of Silver Maple Terrace.
- A purse, which contained only an out-of-state identification card, was taken from a residence in the 1500 block of Mangrove Avenue.
- A VCR and a Daisy air pistol and a CO2 BB repeater pistol, valued at a total of \$430, were taken from an apartment in the 1800 block of Landings Drive.
- A VCR and a "boom box," valued at a total of \$400, were taken from an apartment in the 1800 block of Landings Drive.
- Someone broke into an apartment in the 1800 block of Landings Drive and apparently went through the refrigerator, but took nothing.

## Sanford City Commission agenda

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission will meet in work session beginning at 4:30 Monday afternoon. The regular meeting is scheduled at the usual time of 7 p.m.

As of this past week, the following items were listed on the agenda for the work session to be held in the city manager's conference room.

- Presentation by Herbert Cherry regarding property.
- Presentation by Rick Walker regarding solid waste division operation, requested by Commissioner Kerry Lyons.
- Discussion — Airport lease agreement, requested by Commissioner Kerry Lyons.
- Discussion — Consultant contract amendment for public safety complex.
- Discussion — Amendment to educational assistance program.
- Discussion — Short-term economic business stimulation events.
- Discussion — Proposed ordinance regarding utility deposit procedures and interest payments.
- Discussion — Board appointments/reappointments.
- Discussion — Legislative issues.
- Discussion — Regular Agenda items and other items.
- City Manager's report.

The regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the commission chambers. As of this past week, the following items were listed on the agenda.

- Ordinance 3292 — 2nd reading — Closing, vacating and abandoning a 15 foot wide north-south drainage easement at 126 Pamala Court, Maronda Homes, owner.
- Ordinance 3293 — 2nd reading — Amending Ord. 3230 to revise the essential minimum qualifications of the police chief

position description to include the requirement that the police chief must reside within the city limits within six months of appointment.

- Consideration — Request from George W. Currie for waiver or reduction of the 2,000 foot distance requirement between alcoholic beverage sales establishments and churches.
- Consideration — Right-of-way use agreement for continued use of existing concrete parking area for residential purposes at 610 Laurel Avenue.
- Consideration — Letter of agreement with Conklin, Porter and Holmes for incremental increase in the amount of \$11,000 regarding Mill Creek/Cloud Branch year-2 project.
- Consideration — Request from Bosek, Gibson & Associates, Inc., for fee adjustment in the amount of \$21,490 regarding renovation of the city hall HVAC system.
- Resolution 1724 — Dreamworld special assessment district.
- Consideration — Athletic officiating contract.
- Information from Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Board appointments/reappointments — Cemetery Advisory Board, Central Examining Board, Nuisance Abatement Board.
- Consent agenda.
- Payment of invoices.
- Additional items from commissioners, mayor, city attorney, city manager, and others.
- Adjournment.

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## TOYS R US

## Oviedo City Council business

By NICK PFEIFAU  
Herald Staff Writer

OVIEDO — The Oviedo City Council will meet in a work session Monday, beginning at 7 p.m. in the council chambers. As of this past week, the following items were listed on the agenda.

1. User friendly land development code
- Overview of new review system
- Reorganization of land development code.

2. Proposed zoning changes
- Division Avenue corridor (Division Street market study)
- Westgate area
- Other issues
3. Development standards — Commercial development
- Open space requirements on commercial development
- Setbacks from right-of-way
- Parking standards
- Outdoor Lighting
- Other issues
4. Development standards — Residential

- Multiple family — setbacks and buffers
  - Single family — Dimension and setbacks
  - Tree planning requirements in right-of-way
  - Other issues
  - 5. Econlockhatchee River protection standards
  - 6. Transmission towers.
- The special work session, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 25, will be held in the council chambers of the Oviedo City Council, 400 Alexandria Blvd.

## Cover-up of rapist's jail release

By The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The cover-up of a rapist's release from the Osceola County Jail has prompted the agency's biggest shakeup since Sheriff Charlie Croft took office three years ago. Steven Baker was released March 6, hours after his conviction for rape. He fled to Mexico. The mistake only came to light six days later, when a reporter began asking about Baker's whereabouts. The rape victim and the public were not warned and an alert for Baker's arrest was not issued until after the sheriff's office was questioned.

The jail director lost his job on Friday. A records supervisor and a clerk were suspended and

reassigned. And two of Croft's high ranking administrators must pay the \$1,688 cost of returning the rapist to Osceola County. Capt. Ron Caswell, the jail's fired director, admitted during an internal investigation last week that he tried to keep the mistake quiet. However, Caswell maintained he wasn't then only one who failed to report the mistaken release. An internal investigation attributed Baker's release to a combination of errors. First, a release form for one of the inmate's old cases was faxed to the jail while he was in court. Then, a civilian clerk with less than five weeks' experience was left to process the paperwork. Scarlett Skaggs, the clerk, told investigators she did not read all

of Baker's papers, including an order remanding him to custody for his rape conviction. Asked if she knew what remanded to custody meant, she said, "No." The papers ordering Baker to be held without bail went unread for two days. By then, the missing inmate was riding a bus to southern Texas, according to interviews. He was arrested March 12 returning to Texas from Mexico. The agency's investigation discovered that 10 other inmates have been released by mistake since Croft took office in January 1983. Those included an accused rapist and a man convicted of beating a man to death in a bar fight. "One is one too many when you're dealing with criminals. You can't allow that," Croft said Friday.

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## EDITORIAL

# Decisions postponed

Recently, the Sanford City Commission held a special work session to discuss how to handle complaints about a number of structures in the city which have reportedly been in violation of licenses and various codes.

After 90 minutes of discussion, nothing was decided.

It wasn't the first time the matter has been brought before the commission. Yet, each time, decisions were postponed because of the need for what was called further study or additional information.

The same held true on a proposed ordinance regarding the parking of recreational vehicles in the front yards of residences in the city. The matter was brought up for discussion after discussion. Each time, action was withheld pending additional input or information.

City Commissioner Lon Howell has repeatedly voiced an objection that the city fails to make decisions when confronted by problems. While he has often suggested immediate action on various proposals, his efforts are usually thwarted. The reasons? The need for more information, further study, a legal opinion, or a check of other cities to see how they may have handled a problem.

Because of Florida's Government in the Sunshine law, the members of the commission are unable to gather together or be in contact with each other on a decision making situation, outside of a public meeting. As such, work sessions are necessary. There is no question of their importance.

Repeated work session discussions may often be necessary, especially if forward progress results and steps are taken toward resolving a situation. It's the only way each commissioner can legally find out what the others are thinking on a particular matter.

We believe, however, that there are too many instances where postponements and delays are the result of inadequate advance preparation by people charged with providing additional information to commissioners.

As a result, the city government finds itself bogged down, and the public certainly must feel that the city is spending too much time on one item when so many others also require attention.

City governmental bodies are to make decisions. When they have adequate backing, they do exactly that, and most often, do an excellent job.

They must rely on others however, to inform and advise them on sufficient facts and adequate background to allow them to make those decisions.

When there is always a need for additional input however, we must wonder why, and what is wrong here.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed. Include the address of the writer and a daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

## Berry's World

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THE NOMINEES ARE...



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# Campaign season: Where's the beef?

Style over substance — this old refrain rings true as we review our 1996 presidential campaign. The 1996 presidential campaign provides a mirror for our society at large. In watching the campaign, the tenor of the candidates and their manipulation of the broadcast media, it appears every day that we are becoming more and more superficial in our dealings with the world around us. If the campaign reflects society, we have replaced thought with appearance, substituted antidote for debate, elevated the shocking over the profound, and confused attractiveness with value.

Advertisers, politicians, attorneys, and other members of society who seek to influence others, are aware of this condition and employ it to manipulate public opinion. The present state of our presidential campaign should come as no surprise. However something is profoundly troubling with the selling of the presidency as if it was just another consumer good.

Judging from the published responses to the Republican primaries of those who participated in this selection of the Republican nominee, one obtains a sense that the public finds the present manner of packaging and selling the presidential candidates less than palatable. Listen to the comments of the voters after filtering out all the horse race garbage that we are fed by the pundits of the electronic media, and one is able to discern the voice of a people genuinely concerned with the future of the country and what



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direction we should take as a nation. Watch the voting patterns that have taken place this year and observe that the voters of our country appear to be troubled with attempts at force feeding them political pabulum in slick Madison Avenue packaging.

I was brought to this subject after being exposed to a particularly uninspiring television commercial on behalf of our sitting president Bill Clinton. The advertisement contained the standard photo-op, background, subliminal patriotic music, with President Clinton standing tall promising to end welfare as we know it. There was not one substantive second devoted to an issue that merits serious debate.

President Clinton has always been subject to the criticism that his opinions and values are shifting sands. His amorphousness makes him difficult to support and easy to attack; his

detractors can fire in any direction and hit him. His supporters find it difficult to buttress him because they often are forced to wonder where he stands. It is a waste of effort to attempt to define an enigma.

Bob Dole, Steve Forbes, Ross Perot, and most other potential occupants of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, fare no better. I have heard very little of substance this year from any of the candidates, with a few exceptions, and I find it very hard to agree with anything the exceptions are promoting, but at least Alan Keyes and Pat Buchanan are attempting to be specific. Pundits claim that if you attempt to get specific, you are bound to lose. They point to Keyes and Buchanan as proof of that one point. I could not disagree more, the problem with Keyes and Buchanan is that their ideas did not have broad public support. Yet even in the face of a hostile reception their supporters could at least enunciate the candidates' position, and demonstrate a level of enthusiasm that was lacking in other campaigns.

I believe that a candidate can be substantive and win. Americans are crying out for genuine debate as we enter the 22nd century on the challenges that face us. If any of the candidates address and capture this issue, they will be propelled into the White House. If not, once again, we will be presented with a campaign where at the end of the day we will contemplate that other age-old refrain, where's the beef?



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WHAT CHANNEL  
WERE YOU  
WATCHING?

## WRITER'S BLOCK



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# Spring Break is so cool

I have lived in Florida nearly my entire life, but until earlier this week I had never been to Daytona Beach.

They tell me I was conceived here (but that's another story all together), so I guess I was returning to my roots as it were.

My friend Diana and I were going to experience Spring Break and it was a perfect day. The sun was shining brightly and a cool breeze brushed across my cheek through the open window of my little car as I popped over the hill at Main Street just off Atlantic.

There it was: the Atlantic Ocean. I've seen that particular body of water in New York and Massachusetts, but I'd never seen it in my home state.

"Whoa! Coooooo!" I said, practicing my high school/college-age in preparation for the Spring Break experience. (OK, that's how I actually speak, but my impending encounter with the younger crowd is a good excuse for that sillyspeak I've never quite outgrown.)

To my right was the Main Street Pier, a turquoise and white monstrosity with a rusted "space needle" ride at the beach end and a strangely unused ski lift spanning three-quarters of the length of the dock. To my left, the famous bandshell that I had seen on television and in pictures.

And out there, right there on the beach cars were starting to parade parallel to the water. On most beaches, people go up and down to show off their sexy suits. Here, apparently, they'd rather show off their sexy cars.

Not me...first of all my car (filled with my six year old's stuffed animals, books and notebooks full of drawings of the Power Rangers) isn't sexy and, if I don't get out there and walk a couple of miles in the sand, I'll never be sexy either (well, it might take more than exercise to achieve that effect, but that's a good starting point).

Spring Breakers are slow to wake, one would presume, after all-night parties and there isn't anyone on the beach, beside Diana and me, who is under the age of 70. The septuagenarians eagerly signed up for Rolling Stones bank cards, accepted free condoms and information about sexually transmitted diseases and listened to spells from hawkers of phone cards and discount tickets to area theme parks.

"What are you going to do with those free condoms?" I later cautiously asked one woman who appeared to be at least a quarter century past child bearing age.

"Give 'em to my granddaughter," she explained. "I'm not ready to be a great-grandmother yet. I can't stop her from having sex, but I can stop her from having babies."

Except for the steady stream of cars and the older visitors the only ones on the beach are a flock of seagulls standing watch, waiting for the first french fry-laden students to make their way out of the hotels. A few sandpipers make their way to the water's edge and back at breakneck speed.

Still, this place is great. The beach, the water, the parade of cars, the party atmosphere even when the Spring Breakers are still asleep.

I'm going back next week. (Don't tell my editor. I'll just call in sick, she'll never know the difference.)

The strange thing is that I'm not a "beach person." I hate lounging on the sand "working" on a tan. I don't even like being out in public in less than a T-shirt and a pair of sweats. The last time I was at the beach before this, I was eight months pregnant with Genevieve who is already in the first grade.

I don't know, maybe it's because this is not a lie down and wait to be bronzed sort of place.

It's just soooooooooooo!

## WRITER'S BLOCK

# Dealing with domestic violence

We are continually reading and hearing about husbands, ex-husbands, ex-lovers and boyfriends who are murdering or shooting women who no longer want anything to do with them.

This form of domestic violence, which is more of a fatal attraction or better yet, an act of insanity, is happening more and more every day.

If a woman has been threatened and she calls the state attorney's office to try to get a restraining order, she will be told that she has to pay a certain fee for it. What if she doesn't have the money? She may be told to go to Legal Services. Well, by the time she can get an appointment, she may be dead and buried.

A threat to a person, to do bodily harm or to take his or her life is a very serious matter, especially when it is a domestic matter. Just in case there is anyone who doesn't know this, a restraining order only tells the person who is making the threats that if he or she is caught within so many feet of that person, he or she will go to jail.

Now, no one should want a license to murder another human being but self-preservation has always been the law of nature. Let's take a realistic look at these types of situations.

If a woman decides that she doesn't want to accept a man's offer to continue dating, if she decides that the marriage or relationship isn't working, or she finally comes to her senses and realizes to stay with this man and be abused (physically, mentally or both) is something that she no longer wants to do, that should be the end of it. There are some men who can't stand to be rejected, so this rejection is the beginning of her misery and torment starting with the threatening phone calls. Then there's the creeping into the woman's house, standing outside of her home, peeping in windows, kicking her door in, following her to her job, and the list goes on. This is called stalking for which we have the Stalking Law (meaning that the person will be sent to jail if he or she keeps following that person around breaking a restraining order).

A threat to a person to do bodily harm or to take his or her life is a serious matter. The threat is often, "If I see you with someone else I will kill you or if I can't have you, then no one will." Another thing said is, "Call the cops, I'm not afraid of them."

The law needs to look at these procedures realistically. Some of the men who make these threats are pretending to be crazy. The restraining order will help them get their minds back on the right track after they have cooled off a little or a restraining order is issued. But then, the ones who are really insane didn't care anything about the law when they first made the threats, so what will they care about a restraining order or the stalking



BETTY J.  
WYNN

Betty Wynn is a freelance writer who recently moved to Sanford from Miami. Her poetry is scheduled to be published soon.

law? It has gotten to the point where they aren't only murdering their ex-spouse but also the ex-spouse's present husband, boyfriend or sometimes their own children.

There should be some kind of law that when these people first make these threats, and a restraining order has been issued, these people should be taken into custody for psychological evaluation or court ordered to get some type of counseling. This will help to determine whether there is a chance they are already off of the deep end, and with counseling, to save a lot of lives.

Some women have had to purchase a gun in order to save their lives but this is with the threat of going to jail hanging over their heads. No one in their right mind should want to shoot another person. The law should give them another alternative because everyone wants to live and be able to protect themselves.

What good does it do to put a person in jail after he or she has taken a person's life, when it was known from the beginning that this is what he or she said that he or she would do? What good does it do the children who are left behind, the parents or siblings who are related to that person.

The sad part about it is that for far too long, women have had to be afraid when these kinds of threats were made. Things have gotten to be a little better now with domestic calls. The officers can now take the person to jail if it looks as if the woman has been assaulted in any way. Sure, we have some women who won't press charges or when the charges are brought against the man, will drop them; these are the hopeless ones. Then, if a woman happens to protect herself, oftentimes she is put in jail for defending herself.

The law must begin to take more drastic measures to avoid some of this domestic violence. Women must begin to recognize this insanity in men when they first start the physical and mental abuse. The apology or "I didn't mean to hit you or say those things to you" are the first signs of their insanity. You need to get out then because God did not give men a monopoly on living. We want to live too.

# Film

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had a specific job to perform and the entire production that day moved like precision clockwork. The movie is being filmed by The Colvin Group Inc.

Well-blended voices of the choir members singing in the choir loft kept repeating the same hymn over and over while the action ran rampant behind the cameras focused on them. Dazzling lights of all descriptions, huge lighting filters, generators, conduit, a variety of props and dozens of people — actors, producers, directors — were roaming around snapping orders and making notes. Although it was a dark, stormy afternoon, spotlights focused on the outside of the windows gave the illusion that the bright sun was filtering through the intricate stained glass sanctuary windows to shine on the attentive congregation.

In the well-orchestrated flashback, the beautiful Julie as the pregnant teen, played by Marisa Coughlan, mother of the story's adoptee, was a member of the choir who was late arriving (actress Ann Jillian is cast as the older Julie). This particular

scene of Julie arriving at her place in the choir late was probably "rolled" and "cut" more than two dozen times. It didn't take long to perceive that movie-making is a long, drawn-out process.

Other areas of the church were transformed on separate occasions as various offices including a doctor's office in the Castle Sunday school classroom. Trucks and other large vehicles containing equipment lined the square block surrounding the church. Sanford police officers were on hand in the line of duty and the wide-eyed children attending the day-care center at the church seemed to be enjoying their first fling with professional movie-making.

Producer Sue Jeter originally from Union, S.C. and now Los Angeles, said she is pleased with the movie's progress in Sanford. She was highly complimentary of the "beautiful city and the nice people."

Shooting will continue throughout the Sanford area until April 3, according to Elaine Kooser, production office coordinator, who comes from Gainesville. Her assistant, Norma Gross, is from Orlando.

According to Ken Berk of Los Angeles, co-executive producer, local workers are employed as the crew from among freelance agents. Props are rented locally and cosmetologists are local, as well as the caterers and other services, he said.

Many church families, along with other families and individuals, will appear in the movie when it airs around Mother's Day in May. The Rev. Cliff Melvin, church pastor, his wife, Sue, and their son, Matthew, will be members of the congregation. Also cast as a family will be the Rev. Vicki Reece, associate church pastor, her husband, Wendel, and their young daughters, Victoria and Samantha. The cherubic preschoolers were luckier than most since they had afternoon naps in the church nursery after the spaghetti luncheon served to all of the cast.

Dan Sellers, church director of music and organist, said he really enjoyed playing his same role in the movie as he accompanied the choir over and over singing the favorite old hymn, "Praise to the Lord." He said, "It was an interesting day — a little bit of Hollywood right here."

He and his wife, Libby, hobbled with some of the movie bigwigs when they came scouting Sanford for the movie site and served as a personal escort service by squirting them all around the area. Sellers said a casting representative attended a regular church choir rehearsal, took photographs of each choir member and selected the 13 choir members from the photographs to appear in the movie.

According to Sellers, those selected are: Frieda Tyre, Ashby Jones, Clayda Jones, Lucy Fitzgerald, Margaret Walker, Bill Norris, Jessie Howard, Melissa Kyle, Johnny Thompson, Natalie Tyson, Marlene Mraz, Ben Richards and Shaun Santos. Also, Sellers said, singing in the choir will be Mark Kitts, the adoptee and subject of the movie, and his wife, DeeDec, who were among those being filmed last Monday.

Dorothy and Herman Schroeder have had a blast in their movie roles as extras. Dorothy said upon arriving on the set Monday morning she felt like a movie star when she was whisked off to make-up. She said, "The crew was just wonderful — so polite, so accommodating — as nice as they could possibly be."

Herman said, "It's (movie-making) so fascinating how it's all put together. It's amazing." Although the day was long, both agreed they will sign up for more extra duty the next time around. Kit Bedell said she had a "very good time" on the set nearly 12

hours. "That was fun — it really was," she said.

Movie extra Jean Norris said "I enjoyed it. I eat that stuff up."

Edith Van Gilder said this was her first time in the movies. "It's been a long day," she said. "But fun, though."

At the end of the exhausting day, extras stood in a long line to turn in their wardrobe items

along with their pay vouchers. Going pay for the day was 50 bucks plus overtime less deducts. "Not bad," one extra said, "for a day of fun, but where's my money?"

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# New cases of TB drop in most states

By LAURAN NEERGAARD Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Fewer Americans were sickened by tuberculosis last year, despite a worrisome increase in the disease in a few states in the nation's heartland, government doctors say.

Last year, 22,812 Americans got active TB, down 6.4 percent from 24,361 cases in 1994, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Friday. It was the nation's third consecutive decline, following drops of 5 percent in 1993 and 4 percent in 1994.

But 20 states either saw no change or an increase in the infectious lung disease last year. Among the worst rises: Arizona, up 28 percent; Minnesota, 11 percent; Iowa, Louisiana and Pennsylvania, 9 percent; and Wisconsin, 7 percent.

Those puzzling increases mean "this is not a time for celebration," said CDC's Dr. Kenneth Castro, who warned states and Congress not to ease TB prevention efforts. "What we

do now is critically important." Some 15 million Americans are infected with the bacterium that causes TB, but the bug doesn't sicken everyone. About 1.5 million will develop active TB at some point.

TB among Americans had surged 20 percent between 1985 and 1992, when the government declared a public health emergency. Last year, the CDC spent \$145 million to test Americans and ensure that those with TB took the six months of medicine required to cure them.

Not taking medicine properly spurs TB germs to develop drug resistance and become more difficult, if not impossible, to cure. The World Health Organization estimated Thursday that 50 million people worldwide carry drug-resistant strains, but the CDC wasn't able to provide U.S. figures for those strains.

California and New York City were hardest hit by TB, but both saw improvement last year. New York City's cases dropped 18 percent, to 2,445 patients, while California's dropped 4 percent, to 4,622 patients.



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Movie production company trucks will periodically line the streets of Sanford through April 3

# DEATHS

**HARRY HILL**  
Harry Hill, 71, Bungalow Boulevard, Sanford, died Thursday, March 21, 1996 at University Healthcare and Rehab. Center in Deland. Born Oct. 24, 1924, in Madison, Fla., he moved to Central Florida in 1929. Mr. Hill was in construction. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the St. Matthew M.B. Church.  
Survivors include wife, Juanita; son, John Chester, Orlando; daughters, Harriett Smith, Mississippi, Elizabeth Chester, Sanford; mother Mabel Hill, Sanford; nine grandchil-

dren.  
Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., in charge of arrangements.  
**JEANETTE E. MADDOCKS**  
Jeanette E. Maddocks, 88, Mellonville Avenue, Sanford, died Friday, March 22, 1996, at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Born Nov. 7, 1907, in Eddington, Maine, she moved to Sanford from Tucson, Ariz., in 1995. Mrs. Maddocks was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.  
Survivors include sister, Marjorie LeBlanc, Boynton Beach.  
Brisson Funeral Home, San-

ford, in charge of arrangements.  
**WALTON ROBINSON**  
Walton Robinson, 85, East 29th Street, Sanford, died Thursday, March 21, 1996, at Longwood Healthcare Center. Born June 5, 1910, in Woodburn, Ky., he moved to Sanford from Indianapolis, Ind., in 1978. Mr. Robinson was the owner of a shoe store.  
Survivors include daughter, Shirley Wilson, Miami Lakes; son, Walt Jr., Mt. Vernon, Ky.; two nieces and three grandchildren.  
Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

# Taxes

Continued from Page 1A over the next few years.

"We want to have the option to be able to finance the projects we need over the next few years," school board chairman Sandy Robinson said.

Robinson said the district only wanted the option to raise the money if necessary. She said they were not likely to use that option this year.

According to Bovio, that initiative has not even come up in the legislature this session.

"I don't think it will," he said. "But you never know."

Board member Dr. Barbara Kuhn, who opposes raising the local option, said she believes the legislature needs to take a different approach to financing programs at the local level.

"They need to straighten the whole Lottery thing out," she said. "Then they need to pass that money back to the districts and allow us to do the things we need to do. There would be no more unfunded mandates and things like that."

Kuhn said that making sure the Lottery dollars were disbursed fairly to the districts would take the burden off the taxpayer and put it where it belonged, on the Lottery which promised to be the salvation of education in the state of Florida.

Still district administrators and board members have continued to support the increase in the millage option.

According to Bovio, the school board wants to have the option of being able to levy a higher tax when they need to so they can pay for both new school construction and the renovation of some of the older schools. He said he didn't see any time in the near future when the option would be exercised.

"But we would like to have that option," he said.

Regardless of the wishes of the board, however, Bovio said, it is not likely that the taxpayers would face the possibility of an increased millage rate this year for the capital outlay projects.

"It just doesn't look like it will happen," he said.

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# Look to the sky

## Month-end sky show has 'bright' potential

By JERRY REED  
Special to the Herald

March may have come in like a lion, but it is going out like a comet. Late March and most of April should afford Central Florida skywatchers an opportunity to witness our first close, relatively bright, comet in many years.

Comet Hyakutake, whose name does not roll trippingly off the tongue, is little improved by its official designation "1996 B2." Despite the difficulty in pronouncing this comet's name, if the experts are to be believed, there will be much less trouble actually seeing it.

Two months ago, Japanese astronomer Yuji Hyakutake discovered this, his second recent comet find, as a dim, eleventh magnitude glow in binoculars. Moving higher into our skies at the rate of 20 million miles per week (an astounding 119,000 miles per hour), most cometary scientists expect the comet to brighten to clear naked-eye visibility by the end of March.

How bright will the comet get? This is the question with which both professional and amateur astronomers are wrestling with. On the one hand, astronomers are excited and delighted to let the public know that they may be witnesses to a memorable comet apparition, the technical term for a comet's appearance. The ghostly term "apparition" aptly connotes some of the fear and wonderment with which the ancients viewed the arrival of a comet.

On the other hand, astronomers and members of the press alike can recall some spectacular cometary "fizzles" as well. Comet Kohoutek was a profound disappointment to observers in 1974 despite (or perhaps because of) very optimistic predictions. (I remember seeing Comet West through the

living room window of my parent's house when I was in college. I haven't seen an "indoor" comet since.)

Consider the arguments — pro and con — for whether or not Comet Hyakutake will brighten to easy visibility.

The factors in favor of this apparition being a good, or even a spectacular one, are these:

First, Comet Hyakutake is going to pass as close to earth as any bright comet since the year 1558. Hyakutake will come within 10 million miles of our planet — about 40 times as far away as our moon. While surely not a "near-miss," this qualifies as quite close considering the vast scale on which comets orbit.

Second, this is a periodic comet, and is not putting in a "one-time" appearance on a hyperbolic (open-ended) orbit as was the much regretted Comet Kohoutek. Our ancestors must have seen, but did not record, this comet on a previous pass some 20,000 years ago. Some astronomers believe that periodic comets — like Hyakutake — which do not come directly to us from their childhood in the dark recesses of space, are more likely to brighten markedly than are "first-timers."

Third, Comet Hyakutake is right on track following the scientifically predicted brightening so far. Astronomers have mathematical models for how bright a comet should get as it approaches the sun, and so far, Comet Hyakutake is following the predictions quite well. It is the extrapolation of these predictions through the next few weeks that suggests the sort of unaided eye visibilities that get stargazers, professional and amateur alike, worked up.

Fourth, Comet Hyakutake will be in an excellent viewing position in the skies of Central Florida as April arrives. The comet will appear to travel from

its current southeasterly location (in the constellation Bootes, the Herdsman) into the northern skies near the constellation Perseus (the Hero) where the comet will be very favorably located for viewing just after sunset.

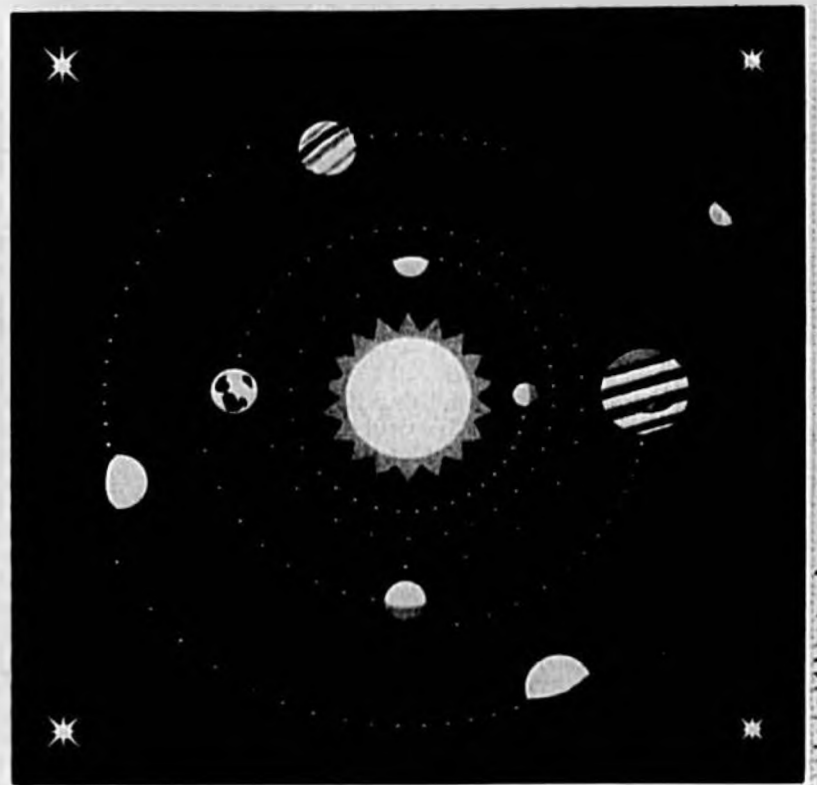
Factors arguing for holding to a very cautious sort of optimism include:

First, Comet Hyakutake does not seem a particularly dusty or watery comet. These apparently mundane constituents are vitally important in producing that most spectacular (and most visible) of cometary characteristics — tails. (There is often more than one visible tail.) Comet tails can be as long as the distance from the earth to the sun and may span 20 to 30 degrees of sky, when viewed under conditions free of light pollution. Water ice and dust boiled off the comet as it rounds the sun are the most important, though not the only, components of the tails. If a comet gives off lots of dust and water vapor, then it will have a more visible tail. So far, Comet Hyakutake does not seem a particularly prodigious producer of tail stuff.

Second, the comparatively close approach of Hyakutake to earth is something of a mixed blessing. It helps the brightness of the comet of course, and it helps astronomers to observe

more detail about the comet's center or nucleus, but it also ensures that the available glow from the head of the comet (the coma) will spread over an area of up to three or four moon diameters. This means that the head of the comet, even if quite bright, will appear as a large, "fuzzy" or diffused glow, rather than as a more concentrated or star-like source. To get an idea of how this effect works, pick a bright star like Arcturus (in Bootes, the Herdsman) or Sirius (in Canis Major, the large dog) or Betelgeuse (in Orion, the Hunter). Then set your telescope or binoculars out of focus, so that the normally pinpoint image of the star blurs out over a larger area. This is the same sort of effect that the comet's large size will have on its surface brightness, even if it achieves the more optimistic brightness predictions.

Third, comet brightness, shape, and tail length are just plain unpredictable. There is considerable uncertainty in even the most mathematical of brightness predictions by astronomers, and recent history (remember Comet "K word") suggests that a certain conservatism is beneficial in helping not to disappoint public expectations. To paraphrase astronomer Fred Whipple (who so aptly described comets as "dirty snowballs" in the first



place) — "Bet on dogs, not comets."


Remember, whatever happens with Hyakutake, fire or fizzle, there is always the hope that forthcoming comets (like the more memorably named Comet Hale-Bopp, due in 1997) will provide the sort of apparition which will remind us all of the awe these "long-haired stars" produced in our forebears.

For further information on spotting and understanding the comet, please contact the Seminole Community College Planetarium at (407) 328-2360. A great deal of material is available from the Internet about

this and other comet apparitions, and the planetarium staff can provide web addresses and limited hardcopies upon request. Or you can attend one of the regularly scheduled public planetarium presentations on Friday and Saturday nights. These shows are presented at 7:30 p.m. and feature telescopic observation of the stars and planets afterwards, weather permitting. By late March and into April you should be able to view the comet after each show as well. All shows and viewing are free to the public.

Jerry Reed is on the staff of the Seminole Community College planetarium.

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Sports

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Church softball offered

SANFORD — Church softball teams interested in competing in the Sanford Recreation Department Spring season on Saturday morning's should attend the meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 6 p.m.

Hampton honored

SANFORD — Seminole High School senior guard Mindee Hampton was named to the Class 5A All-State Basketball Team on Friday.

AROUND THE STATE

Bucs add two offensive players

TAMPA — Lineman Scott Adams and fullback Tracy Johnson, free agents with a combined 11 years of NFL experience, signed contracts Saturday with Tampa Bay.

Adams, 29, is preparing for his sixth season after spending three years with Minnesota and one each in New Orleans and Chicago.

Johnson, 29, played 15 games for Seattle in 1995, starting four at fullback and playing extensively on special teams. He started 10 games for the Seahawks two years ago, gaining 91 yards on 10 carries and catching 12 passes for 44 yards and two touchdowns.

Extra-inning win for Gators

GAINESVILLE — Brian Ogle hit a solo home run with no outs in the bottom of the 10th inning Friday to lead Florida past Louisiana State 7-6 in a Southeastern Conference game.

Ogle's game-winning hit completed a game that lasted 5 hours and 12 minutes.

Justin Bowles gave Louisiana State (20-3 overall, 5-2 SEC) a 6-5 lead in the 13th with a one-out sacrifice fly. But Florida's Sean Walsh hit a one-out solo homer in the bottom of the inning to force the third tie of the game at 6-6.

The two teams traded runs in the 11th, as Eddy Furniss hit an RBI single for Louisiana State and Brad Wilkerson countered with an RBI sacrifice fly for Florida.

Dynamic duo save Magic

LANDOVER, Md. — Leave it to Shaquille O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway to make a struggle suddenly look effortless.

O'Neal scored a season-high 49 points and Hardaway tallied seven of his 30 points in overtime as the Orlando Magic beat the Washington Bullets 111-106 Friday night for a franchise-record fourth straight road victory.

After Calbert Cheaney's free throw pulled the Bullets to 71-70 with 3:48 left in the third quarter, O'Neal and Hardaway teamed for 39 of Orlando's last 40 points.

O'Neal's basket gave Orlando a 103-101 lead 1:21 in overtime, and Hardaway scored the Magic's next seven points as Orlando won its fifth straight game overall.

Heat cool off Bucks

MILWAUKEE — Walt Williams and Chris Gatling each scored 23 points Friday night to lead Miami to a 122-106 victory over Milwaukee, moving the Heat one-half game ahead of Charlotte for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Miami, winners of seven of eight, improved to 34-33 while Charlotte dropped to 33-33.

Martin wins at Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Nothing new at Darlington Raceway Saturday. Mark Martin won another Busch Grand National race.

Martin, a regular on NASCAR's Winston Cup circuit who annually drives about half of the Grand National races, posted his fifth GGN victory in his last six starts on the 1.366-mile Darlington oval. In the other race, last March, he finished third, behind Larry Pearson and Johnny Benson, after leading the most laps (57).

This time, Martin led twice for 48 of the 147 laps, including the final 38.

Martin, driving a Ford Thunderbird, had a scare on the final lap when a crash by Doug Heveron in the fourth turn caused a traffic jam that nearly cost the leader his 23rd Busch Series victory and second of the season.

Michael Waltrip finished second, followed by Terry Labonte, followed by Ricky Craven and Bobby Labonte. Dale Jarrett — who led 31 laps before fading — and Steve Grissom, all Winston Cup regulars. The top-finishing Grand National regular was Todd Bodine in eighth.

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5 p.m. — WCFX 6, Southeast Regional: Mississippi State vs. Cincinnati. (L)

Tribe ropes Kowboys
Blanton, Rabun pitch Seminole past Osceola

BY ROBERT SANDERS
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Freshman Josh Blanton pitched five strong innings to help host Seminole High School defeat Class 5A-District 6 foe Osceola High School from Kissimmee 8-5 at Alumni Field Saturday afternoon.

Seminole, who fell behind 2-0 after one inning, took a 3-2 lead in the third inning after second baseman Tim Raines and shortstop Alex Acosta scored on center fielder Danny Davis' error.

Blanton, who improved his record to 3-1, kept the Kowboys hitless for three innings until third baseman Steve Dover hit a three-run homer that put Osceola ahead 5-4 in the top of the fifth.

"Josh hasn't pitched in over a week, so he was a little rusty," Seminole Head Coach Mike Powers said. "However, he had only thrown 88

Table with 2 columns: Team and Stats. Fighting Seminoles vs Kowboys. Includes pitchers Reckner, Gulce, Blanton, Rabun, and Yumans.

itches, so I felt like he had a little left in him." Trailing by one run in the bottom of the fifth inning, the Fighting Seminoles scored four runs to take a commanding three-run lead.

Raines, who had two big defensive plays at second base, led off the fifth inning with a single, then tied the game on a fielders choice.

Kowboy pitcher Adam Gulce, who came on in the fourth inning for starter Tim Reckner, walked in three runs each with the bases loaded to give the Fighting Seminoles a three-run advantage.

Jim Rabun, who came on in relief of Blanton in

the sixth inning, recorded the save. "Rabun has been good in relief for us," Powers added. Despite the effort of Rabun and the Seminole defense, the Kowboys would not go down without a scare.

After loading the bases in the top of the sixth inning off a walk and two singles, leadoff hitter Andy McIntee hit into a fielders choice in which Seminole third baseman Chris Louwama threw home for the first out. Shortstop Felipe Lopez then ended the threat when he hit into a double play.

"We worked hard on defense," Powers said. "Today we just had runners in scoring position and got hits when they counted."

Seminole will play at Lake Howell in a Seminole Athletic Conference contest on Monday starting at 7 p.m.

Locals carry SCC to softball sweep

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College softball team kept the fans on the edge of their seats for two games Friday afternoon at Raider Field, but it was worth the stress as the Raiders swept a doubleheader from the junior varsity squad from St. Xavier College 4-3 in eighth innings and 2-1.

SCC won both games in the bottom of the final inning to raise its record to 15-16 on the season.

"I was pleased with the way the team played today," said SCC head coach Courtney Miller. "In both games we came from behind to win."

"All three pitchers threw strong today and Nadine (White-Davis) and Wendt (Acy) had some big hits for us. These two wins were important to us, because now we'll head into Sunday's conference matchup with Valencia with some confidence."

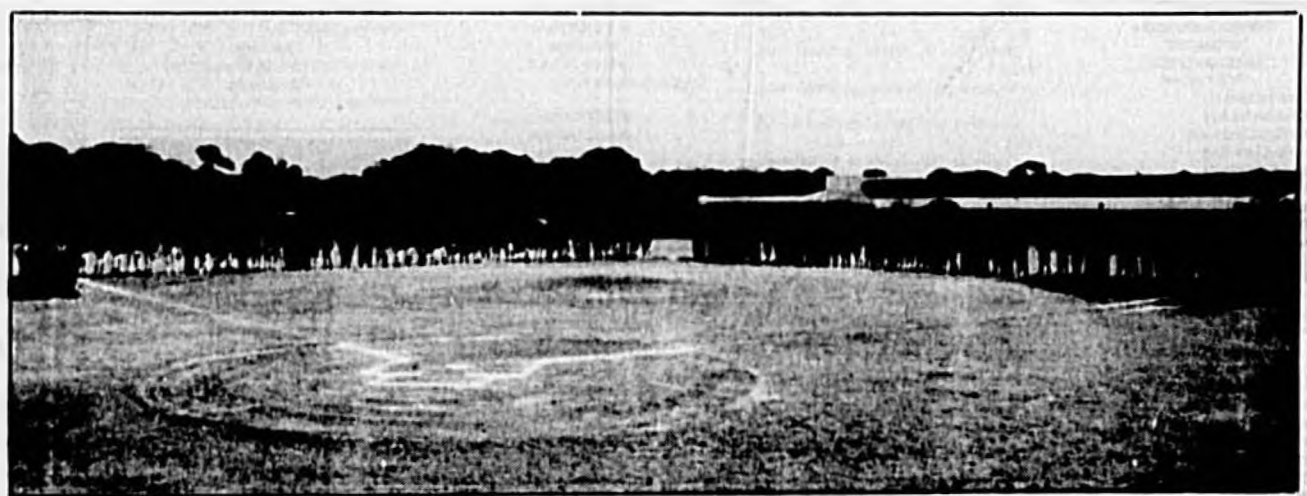
The aforementioned Mid-Florida Conference doubleheader with Orlando rival Valencia Community College will start at 1 p.m. today at Raider Field.

St. Xavier took a 3-0 lead after the top of the fifth inning, but the Raiders rallied to win by scoring single runs in each of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

In the eighth, Oviedo's Michelle Field singled to left and Crystal Pittard went in to pinch run.

See Raiders, Page 3B

Table with 2 columns: Game One and Game Two. St. Xavier J.V. vs Seminole C.C. with player stats for St. Xavier and Seminole.



The 1996 version of the Sanford Recreation Department Babe Ruth Baseball League was unveiled to the public in Opening Day ceremonies at Sanford Memorial Stadium. All of the players were announced

and lined up on the field (top photo) prior to having all of the coached throw out first balls. Showing off their arms were Braves coach Scott Downer (left) and Knights of Columbus coach Kenny Daniels.

Babe Ruth League opens play

By GARY GOATMAN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — The coaches of the 10 Sanford Babe Ruth League teams threw out the first pitches during the league's opening ceremonies Saturday at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

"Our coaches devote a lot of time to this league during the course of the season," said Sanford Babe Ruth League president Jim Schaefer. "They deserve to be recognized, so we decided to let them throw the first pitches."

The 1996 Sanford Babe Ruth League is made up of the Kiwanis Indians, Knights of Columbus Cardinals, Elks Lodge 1241 Devil Rays, Nobles Construction White Sox, Rotary Marlins and Moose Pirates. The Athletics, Expos, Braves and Marlins, also part of the league, all open the season without a sponsor.

"The community support and turnout has been great and we are doing really well," Schaefer said. "For a city the size of Sanford, we get a good turnout from kids who want to play baseball."

Last season, the league Sanford Babe Ruth League competed with the two team Oviedo Babe Ruth League. The Oviedo League added a third team to its numbers, so the two cities will play separately of each other this season. Schaefer said the seperation from the Oviedo league won't hurt the Sanford Babe Ruth League.

"We may be missing the Oviedo teams, but that worked out well because now we can play more games within our league," Schaefer. "We also have a great feeder system in place. There are a lot of teams in Pee Wee and T-ball, so our league is only going to get bigger in the future."

The Sanford Little League's 12 team Little Major League, four team Girls Softball League, the 12 team Pee Wee League and the seven-team T-ball League all held opening ceremonies last Saturday. The Senior League for 16-18 year olds is still open to players who would like to register. The Senior League, composed of four Sanford teams, will compete against two Longwood teams and one from Altamonte Springs.

Lake Brantley sicko Sitz on Oviedo

By TONY BOGGERMAN
Herald correspondent

OVIEDO — He may only be a sophomore, but in his two starts against the Oviedo Lions this season, Lake Brantley High School pitcher Robert Sitz has looked like the Atlanta Braves' Cy Young Award-winner Greg Maddux.

After throwing five no-hit innings against the Lions in his first start of the season on March 8, Sitz came back Friday night at Oviedo's Mikler Field and tossed a complete-game three-hitter as the Patriots won, 4-1.

"So far this season, Sitz has pitched 20 innings and he's allowed only two earned runs," said Lake Brantley coach Mike Smith after his team improved to 3-9 on the season and 2-3 in the Seminole Athletic Conference. "He's done a very good job for us."

Table with 2 columns: Patriots & Lions and Stats. Lake Brantley vs Oviedo. Includes pitchers Sitz, Grassing, Burger, and Krot.

While the Patriots only managed four hits themselves, they all came on the first trip through the batting order.

In the first inning, Bryan Grassing and Jeff Hall hit back-to-back two-out singles before Tom Anderson drew a walk to load the bases. Matt Krot then worked Oviedo starter Kenny Birch for a walk to plate Grassing.

Justin Varitek opened the top of the second inning with a single. Bryan Chancellor then slapped a double into the right field corner. When Danny Hunt walked to load

the bases, Birch was lifted in favor of Troy Boutwell.

After a fly ball to center field that was too shallow to advance the runners, Grassing walked to force home Varitek. Hall followed with a sacrifice fly that scored Chancellor.

Lake Brantley's fourth run came in the top of the fourth when Chancellor and Hunt led off with a pair of walks. Walt Wheatley sacrificed the runners up a base before Grassing delivered Chancellor with a sacrifice fly.

Meanwhile, Sitz was cruising through the Lion lineup, retiring the first 10 batters he faced and 13 of the first 14. Andy Neufeld ended Sitz's string of hitless innings when he beat out an infield single to third.

Oviedo had two players reach base in the fifth inning, the first on an error and the other when he was

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Sophomore Robert Sitz tossed a complete game three-hitter as Lake Brantley downed Oviedo 4-1.





# People

## Pilot Club joins 'Calling on America Campaign'

The Pilot Club of Sanford in cooperation with the National Organization on Disability participated in the "Calling on America Campaign," and presented a copy of the "Harris Survey of Americans With Disabilities" to the city of Sanford on March 13 at the Sanford Library.

Ruth Gaines, president, and Marian Rethwill, past president and Pilot International Foundation representative of the Sanford Pilot Club, presented the Harris Survey to Mayor Bettye Smith.

The purpose of the N.O.D./PIF project, according to Ruth, is to increase awareness of and expand the opportunities for people with disabilities in communities where pilot clubs are located. The instrument being used for this project is the N.O.D./"Harris Survey of Americans with Disabilities." This valuable resource book contains timely information about employment, income, lifestyle, social participation, and Americans with Disabilities Act awareness of people with disabilities in our nation.

By providing the survey to their communities, Pilot will increase the awareness of the gap in levels of participation between those with and without disabilities. The Harris Survey was received by Reference Librarian Carol Kerns and placed in the Seminole County Library-North Branch, Sanford, and made available to the public.

The N.O.D. promotes the acceptance and full participation of America's 49 million men, women, and children with disabilities in all aspects of life, and sponsors a nationwide network of 4,000 town, city, township and county community partnership programs.



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### Bridesmaids luncheon

Laura Bruce and her bridal attendants were honored at the traditional bridesmaids luncheon on March 15 at Sanford's quaint Rose Cottage Tearoom. Hostess was Patty Speer who presented the guest of honor with a gift of cut glass candlesticks.

Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bruce, became the bride of Scott Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick of Ocala, on March 16 at the First Presbyterian Church in Orlando.

Guests savored the tearoom's charming old world ambience and began the delightful luncheon with an appetizing blasque followed by the house specialty, a Victorian Tea.

During the memorable event, Laura presented each attendant with an individual gift.

Attending the luncheon with the honoree and hostess were: Mary Ann Bruce, the bride's mother; Jill Leone, bridesmaid; Gerry Bucurel, Sharon Frederick, Lisa Cannavino, sister of the bride and matron of honor; Christy Turner, bridesmaid; and Ann Frederick.

The bridegroom's mother was unable to attend.

### Bridge Social

The Bridge Social for March was held at the home of Rose Jacobson with Doris Stein serving as co-hostess. A St. Patrick's Day motif was carried out in the home decor and the hostesses served the guests an assortment of homemade goodies.

High Score of the day went to Doris Stein with a guest, Rusele Dean, who was subbing for her sister Toni Hobson, winning second high. Third high was captured by Frances Wilson, a novice player.

Selma Newman, Rose Jacobson's sister, was a guest player as well as Lillian King.

Other regular players were: Carolyn Cornelius, Frances Webster, Shirley Mills, Betty Halback, Ester Herbst, Terri Millikan, Mary Dale Jones, Alice Potter, Isabel Wilson, Helen Ernest, Emy Sokol Dib McElrath, Margaret Gross and Libby Prevatt.

### 45th anniversary

Congratulations are in order to Mona and Rick Walker who are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary today. They were married in 1951 in the First Baptist Church of Sanford and have since made their home here.

Their four children are: Gary Walker, Virginia Beach, Va.; Laura Kaam and Wayne Walker, Orlando; and Wendy Parson, Florahome.

They have four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.



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The "Harris Survey" was recently presented to the Sanford Library by the Pilot Club of Sanford. Sharing in the presentation are Ruth Gaines,

president (from left), Mayor Bettye Smith, Carol Kerns, reference librarian, and Marian Rethwill, past Pilot Club president.

### Happy birthday

Jean Williams was the very surprised guest of honor at a birthday luncheon on March 15 at the beautiful Geneva home of

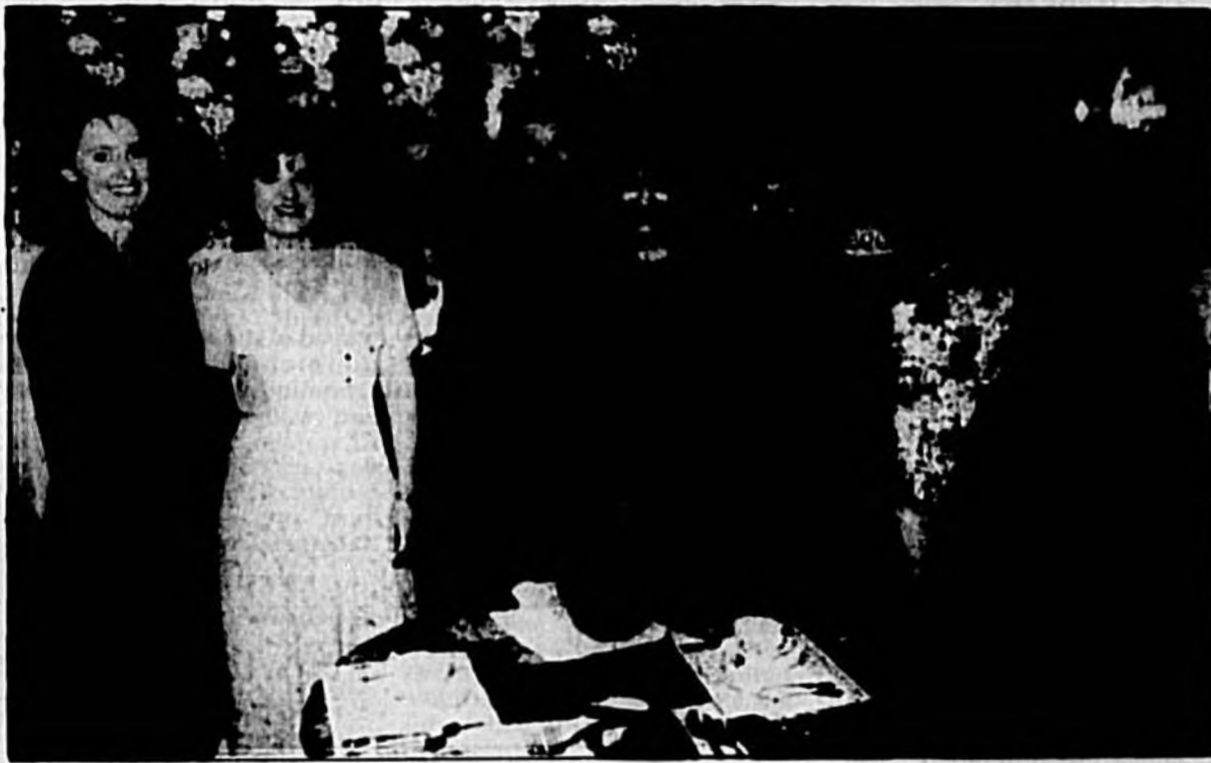
Libby Prevatt. Hostess Libby laughed and said, "But she wouldn't tell us how old she is."

The beautifully appointed table held a centerpiece of pink roses interspersed with baby's

breath. Colorful azaleas were featured throughout the spacious home.

After the champagne toast to Jean, Libby dazzled the guests

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Attending traditional bridesmaids luncheon are (from left) Christy Turner, Sharon Frederick, Lisa Cannavino, Patty Speer, hostess, Laura Bruce, bride, Mary Ann Bruce, Gerry Bucurel and Ann Frederick. Jill Leone is absent.



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Hostesses Rose Jacobson (standing, left) and Doris Stein are shown with players (from left) Emy Sokol, Terri Millikan and Lillian King at the monthly Bridge Social.

## Cyclists honored at dinner dance

Southern Riders Motorcycle Club of Sanford welcomed cyclists from Florida, Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey, Alabama, New York, Texas to their annual awards dinner dance.

President Johnnell Scott and the club presented trophies to the winners for the prettiest bike, the best well-dressed biker, the biker who came from the farthest away, and for the most expensive bike.

This gathering of club members, Scott said, is held often to keep in constant contact

with members who go from area to area to join other clubs and teams in celebrating their hobby.

### Tajiri Arts sets 'Urban Princes'

Tajiri Arts Inc. presents "Into the Lives of Urban Princes," Saturday, March 30 at 8 p.m. at the Seminole African American Academy of Arts, 1017 W. 13th St., Sanford.

This production is an all boys

musical drama addressing the social and moral issues of the black male — drugs, violence, school dropout, teen-age pregnancy and self-esteem.

This production was presented at the high school and at the National Bar Association of Black Lawyers Convention, Boca Raton.

This play has received honorable mention because of the message it relays to teenagers: it is brilliantly executed by these local young male performers.



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The play was written by Vicki Felder, drama teacher at Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando.

Artistic director for the production has brought another dimension to the show. The lyrics and music were written by Sally Saunders, one of Sanford's gospel singers.

Mrs. Levather Whitby and Mrs. Felder are instructors at the Tajiri Arts School of Performing Arts and Academics. Patricia Merritt Whatley is director.

### Soror honored

Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recently honored Soror Melissa Roberts for her dedication to the local chapter and for her service to the fund-raising committee on which she serves as chairwoman. Congratulations to Soror Roberts.

### Happy birthday

Happy March birthdays to Martha L. Hall-Doctor, the Rev. Ricky Scott and Sandra Mitchell-Gaines.



Soror Melissa Roberts accepts a plaque from Soror Eddy K. Walden, basileus of Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



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Southern Riders Motorcycle Club members (from left) Junior "Fee Wee" Wiggins, trick rider, James Harris, Johnnell Scott, Curtis Brown and John Orrin.

## ENGAGEMENT

### Brinson-Merthie



Diane Denise Brinson, Lyndon Bernard Merthie

SANFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Swilley of Orlando, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brinson of Deltona, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Diane Denise Brinson, of Sanford, to Lyndon Bernard Merthie, son of Oscar and Lillie Merthie of Sanford.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., the bride-elect is the maternal granddaughter of James and Lella Fields of Sanford. Her paternal grandparents are deceased.

Ms. Brinson is a 1983 graduate of Seminole High School, Sanford, where she participated in FBLA Club and was part of the Homecoming Court.

She is presently the owner of B&D Cleaning Services, Sanford.

Her fiancé, born in Sanford, is a 1981 graduate of Seminole High School. He was a member of the SHS Marching Band and A.K.U. Club. Merthie is a 1984 graduate of Seminole Community College where he

participated in basketball. He is a 1986 graduate of Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla. and was a member of the basketball team.

He is currently employed as head basketball coach at Seminole Community College.

The wedding will be an event of April 6, 1996, at 3 p.m., at New Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford.

## Hobbyist of the Week

# Collecting Barbies gets costly

By SUSAN WENNER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Although many women had an array of dolls when they were small tykes Tracie Leonard wasn't particularly fond of them at that time in her life. Yet, since the birth of her daughter, Leonard has collected numerous Barbie dolls as an investment and as keepsakes.

Two years ago a friend shared her interest in Barbie dolls with Leonard. Her collection grew and grew and now resides in her daughter's room with boxes lined on a tall shelf above her crib.

Leonard has been known to buy five or more dolls at a time. Some are stored in a closet to protect from her children but all are still daintily displayed in their original containers.

The first of her collection began with a Barbie from the Classique Collection entitled Benefit Ball. "It was the first in the series," said Leonard. "I have six already but there are two coming out this year. She has on a teal blue ball dress with gold trim. She is wearing a necklace, earrings and gloves."

Next, Leonard added dolls from the Great Era Collection. "I have seven of the eight in the set," she said. "I'm missing number seven but I have number eight. There's Southern Belle, Flapper, Victorian, Medieval, Elizabethan Queen, Gibson Girl and Egyptian Queen Barbie."

A Barbie made over 10 years ago named Francie was another mentioned in her collection. Although another doll will be manufactured this year, Leonard noted that the 1960's style was a unique catch.

Beginning last year the Children's Collector Series brought Rapunzel Barbie to the market. The Tin Man has been planned for distribution this year and Leonard already has her eye on the purchase of the new kid on the block.

In the Barbie Career Series Leonard added that she now owns three. "I have Police, Astronaut and Firefighter Barbies."

She named her 35th Anniversary doll a classic. This reprint of a 1959 Barbie wore a black and white swimsuit and was equipped with various accessories and fashions.

Most remember the mad rush around the holidays to purchase the Holiday Barbie. "I have the 1994 edition and many of the 1995 doll," she said. "The 1994 Barbie wears gold with fur and the 1995 wears a green dress with a red bow."

Hallmark has several new lines of these shapely beauties too. "They have two series of Barbies now," she said. "They



Herald Photo by Susan Wenner

Tracie Leonard is surrounded by Barbie dolls and children, Austin, David and Savannah.

started last year. I have the 1995 Holiday Memories Barbie called Victorian Elegance. I also got the 1996 Sweet Valentine doll. They will be making one every year."

She further shared that she paid \$45 for the Holiday edition. Yet, she has been told that the doll will now sell for a "couple of hundred."

The Hollywood Series was but another set of the charm of Barbie in Leonard's collection. She has five of the set of Scarlett O'Hara. One was dressed in black, another red, a ball room fashion, bar-be-que and at last green. "All five wear different outfits," she said. "Ken is the butler in this series."

The limited edition 1960 Barbie named Busy Girl was a popular treat. "I have four of that same one," she said. "She wears a red skirt."

A little Debbie pastry box also holds a collector Little Debbie Barbie. This was one of a 1995 production.

Ornaments all carefully packaged remain in storage. "I have the Holiday Barbie ornaments," she said. "Hallmark made two. I also have ornaments named Solo & Spotlight of Barbie ornaments. I have a box full of them."

The favorite of the group was named as the Native American Barbie series. "I have all three in the series," she said. "The fourth one is due out this year. I have my home decorated in Southwestern and I really like that style."

Separate from her Barbie col-

lection was a Marilyn Monroe doll series. Six of the bombshell remakes adorned in various fashions add to the long-legged females.

Keeping her collection updated was cited as a motivating factor in her passion. "It's exciting to try to get more and several of a set," she said. "Last year the 35th Anniversary Barbie was big. I got 25 of them. We were told that the brunettes were worth more because they only made one brunette per ten other Barbies."

She continued by saying, "It can be a very expensive hobby. I bought a lot last year and not as many this year. I buy them as an

investment. I also want to buy at least two of each because when my daughter is older she can keep a set for herself and sell the other set."

A neighbor of Leonard has fueled the flame according to her. "She knows a lot more about them than I do," she said. "I get a lot of advice and knowledge from her. I research some at the library and I get a doll reader magazine."

Leonard and her husband of four years, Richard, have three children David, Austin and Savannah. The family attends Nativity Church in Lake Mary. Leonard has lived in Sanford all her life.

## Modern spelling gibe sounds like rap song lyrics

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the poem I'm sending you so much that I hope you will share it with your readers.

SCHOOLTEACHER

DEAR SCHOOLTEACHER: I'm sure many of them will enjoy it. It reads like the lyrics to a rap song:

Hey, watcha doing? Whad-daya say?

Do ya wanna read a good poem today?

Hey, gotta see? C'mon! Let's see!

Our language is changing, you'll hafta agree.

Well, gimme a minute, and I'll show you!

There's a new coined spelling, docha know?

It's a heckuva note; it's kinda sad.

'Cuz our sloppy talking has gotten this bad.

If you're like me, and you hate there to be

Words like ain't in our vocabulary!

Don't be surprised if we're seen gonna see

Sorta or coulda in the dictionary.



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Yeah, merchants and stores are doing it, too; Making things EZ and quik for you.

They'll offer mor-valu; we can sav-rite tonite;

But the spelling's not kool; it's outstanite!

It's "lots of" (not lotsa), and "going to" (not gonna),

And "got to" and "want to," (not gotta or wanna);

It's "extra" (not x-tra), and "light" (not lite).

And who sez it's OK to use shur or nite?

Comic book lingo; doesn't it getcha?

Annoy? Perplex? Confuse? You betcha!

A whole lotta words like thru and tho;

So why do we all do it? I dunno!

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with her famous strawberry soup accompanied by Crab Louis served with two kinds of homemade dressing, croissants and her decadent peanut butter pie.

"We had a great time," Libby said.

Others enjoying the delightful birthday luncheon were: Frances Webster, Betty Flamm, Polly Pezold, Mary Childers, Roberta Zittrower and Jeanette Padgett.

## DAR sets sale

The Balle Harrison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the home of Elizabeth Boyd for the March meeting. Virginia Mikler, regent, presided over the meeting.

Conservation chairman, Betty Bridgewater, announced that Dr. Peter Pritchard has been approved for the NSDAR Conservation Medal to be presented for his work on saving the sea turtle.

Registrar Cathy Wiley introduced three new prospective members, Barbara Dunn, Gail Clover and Liz Ferguson. Guests Sandy Moody and Lynn Swartz were also recognized.

Vice Regent Heidi Haines proposed a garage sale be undertaken as a fund-raiser in late April. Members enthusiastically endorsed the project and Barbara Hoffman of Winter Springs offered her home as the site. Dorothy Erisman, Ways & Means chairman, will be co-chairman.

Allison Durham, senior president of Children of the Ameri-

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Nicholea Kritsky had fun as a carnival worker at Grace Methodist Yellow Balloon Fair.

19 Girl Scout troops attend International Day rituals

It started out as Thinking Day, Feb. 22 is the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Traditionally, it is a time when Girl Scouts think about their sister Girl Guides all over the world.



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They also serve the Lake Mary area. The center works to help low income Seminole County residents realize their dream of home ownership.

International Day was held Saturday, March 18 at Wilson Elementary. Nineteen troops attended the event. Sixteen countries were represented at the event.

The celebration started with a parade of flags from the different countries. After the parade, new Girl Scouts and new leaders took part in a pinning ceremony.

The Parent Education Project (PEP) is designed to assist low income parents whose children are experiencing problems at school. What does this have to do with seniors? Well, increasingly, seniors are finding themselves as the primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

Balloon fair

The Grace United Methodist preschool held its annual Yellow Balloon Fair, Saturday, March 18. This year, it was an indoor, outdoor event. The games and the book fair were held inside and the pony ride, garage sale, and silent auction were held outside.

Testing. Each troop had prepared food from their country. There was fried rice from Hong Kong, stir fry from China, rice balls from Japan, Native American bread and soup from Canada, nachos from Mexico, black bean soup from Cuba and much more.

Tried Safety Seminar

It was a beautiful day for the Tried Safety Seminar. Blue skies, moderate temperature, the first day of spring. If it just hadn't been for that pesky wind, gusting sometimes up to 15 knots, it would have been a perfect day.

Advertisement for BROKEN ARROW EYE FOR AN EYE. Text includes phone number 323-1210 and address 214 S. Oak Ave.

Advertisement for REGAL GINEMAS. Features a price list for haircuts: Executive Grooming \$18.00, Haircut \$12.00, etc.

Advertisement for TUXEDO SALE. Text includes 'Lowest Prices All Year Up To 50% Off' and 'Seminole Town Center 322-0005'.

Advertisement for Fantastic Sams. Features a price list for haircuts: Adult Cut \$7.95, Quick & Easy Perm \$21.95, Cut & Color \$24.95.

## Lake Mary High cheerleaders present awards at banquet

On March 15, the Lake Mary High School cafeteria was transformed from a mundane, institutional food center to a colorful and festive Italian cafe with balloons and flags, red checkered tablecloths, brightly colored centerpieces and Italian opera mood music just for flair.

The Olive Garden provided the linguine and penne pasta with a choice of three sauces, their famous salad, and their breadsticks; a "Turtle" cheesecake was served for dessert. It was time for the awards to begin and the senior varsity cheerleaders to express their deep appreciation and their goodbyes and best wishes to those who had accompanied and assisted them on their journey through their high school years.

The varsity cheerleading squad, under the sponsorship of Camille McDougald, presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, parents of Deborah Hartman, "for their spirited beginning to the football games as they spent several Saturdays cutting, measuring, taping and painting signs that were definitely eye catchers at the games." Flowers were presented to Mrs. Zink, and a plaque to Mr. Zink, parents of Olivia Zink, "for their hard work, their dedication, totally giving of their talents unselfishly, and their making the Silent Auction a successful one by working from last April until the current time."

Each of the following varsity cheerleaders was presented with a certificate of participation, a pin, and a varsity letter: Julie Dryden, Julie Enright, Melissa Harrelson, Deborah Hartman, Kelly Kosmac, Jessica Martin, Jen Siegel, Lisa Tango, and Olivia Zink.

The following varsity cheerleaders were presented with a second year plaque: Lauren Anderson and Lacey McMorrow. Julie Enright was the only varsity cheerleader to receive a "No Demerit" Award. The "Most Improved"



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cheerleader award was received by Jen Siegel, and her hard work was noticed and appreciated not only by her sponsor, but also by all the students on the squad. The coveted "Most Spirited" Award, always a difficult choice especially among spirited cheerleaders, was presented to Julie Dryden, "for her positive attitude no matter what the situation."

The "Coach's Award," the highest honor, was presented to both Lauren Anderson and Melissa Harrelson, "as they became the bonding agents of the varsity squad. ... no matter what came their way, they took control ... most times the road they traveled was filled with pits and bumps, but they always managed to get down the road and complete their task with a smile and inspiring words." The last words to the cheerleaders from their coach, Camille McDougald, were, "I love you; you are the best, all of you!"

Junior varsity coach, Jim Kelly, presented flowers to Nancy Vedner, parent of Christina Vedner, for her dedication to the team by always being there. She hosted the Mother-Daughter Banquet, opened her home to the squad to spend the night, and to be available to use her talents wherever they were needed, such as creating the Italian cafe scene for the banquet.

Another parent, Janice Blomeley, parent of Leslie Blomeley, was presented with flowers for her unselfish support and caring throughout the year.

Jerry Shelly, parent of Jenny Shelly, was presented with a

plaque, for always volunteering whenever the need was there. He organized the fund-raiser for the squad's participation in the national competition at Disney World, and he is the most responsive person cheering in the stands.

The "Most Spirited" award was presented to Kelly Bardaro.

The "Most Improved" award was received by Leslie Blomeley.

The "Coach's Award" was presented to two wonderful cheerleaders who were always positive and showed a tremendous amount of leadership and character throughout the year, Michelle Cardetti and Lauren Meyer. Mr. Kelly introduced each cheerleader and commented on each person's strength and what he most admired about each student. In closing, Mr. Kelly explained why he nicknamed his squad, "The God Squad," because if he had asked God for the perfect squad, God would have given him this year's junior varsity.

### City sponsors egg hunt at park

On Saturday, March 30, the city of Longwood's Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor an egg hunt at Candyland Park. The egg hunt will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and is free to the public. Only those children who are 11 years of age or younger will be permitted to participate; there will also be an under 2 years of age special egg hunt for the little ones. There will be prizes for those who collect the most eggs on several different fields. Rainout Day is scheduled for March 31. For further information, call Parks and Recreation supervisor, Sondra Lomax, at 260-3447.

### Women set egg hunt

The Women of Wekiva will



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Lake Mary High School varsity cheerleaders at the annual awards banquet.

sponsor a spring egg hunt on March 30 at 10 a.m. at the Wekiva Hills Park. There will be separate egg hunt areas for different age groups, but there will be only two start times, 10:10 a.m. for crawlers, ages 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6; and 10:20 a.m. for ages 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. For further information, call Prestige Man-

agement Company at 774-6453.

### 'Godspell' coming

The Wekiva River Players will present "Godspell" from April 11 to April 14 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection on East Brantley Drive. This is a musical based on the gospel according to St. Matthew.

Godspell is being produced as a benefit for the Coalition of the Homeless Nurturing Center, which looks after children of homeless people while they search for work. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under and seniors 55 and over. For further information, call the box office at 865-5971.

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Other groups at the seminar included SHINE, SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elders) is part of the Department of Elder Affairs and provides free health insurance counseling for seniors. The Lake Mary chapter of the AARP was signing up new members. Better Living for Seniors offered visitors information on their Senior Helpline, AvMed, Humana and Central Florida Home Care were also at the seminar.

the Frank Evans Center. They would love to have any potential new members stop by for a chat. The club will be working on their display for Olde Lake Mary Days. They will be raffling off a basket again this year and sell-

ing starter plants for extremely reasonable prices. If you can't make it to the meeting, plan to stop by their booth at Olde Lake Mary Days, Saturday, March 30 at Lake Mary City Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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can Revolution Ft. Mellon Society, reported the chapter has doubled its membership to 15 members at the end of the first year, Feb. 11, 1996. Five additional new members were added during February and March making the total membership now 20. In celebration of the 100th year of D.A.R., an Independence Hall

black locust tree was planted in Ft. Mellon Park.

The nominating committee was elected with Libby Boyd, chairman; Ann Howland and Grace Parks members. Hostesses May Fansher and Julia Sartin were thanked for the delicious refreshments and the meeting was closed by a benediction by Chaplain Esther Anderson.

## Business

### IN BRIEF

#### Beautification award presented

LONGWOOD — The Longwood Business Advisory Council has selected Longwood Texaco Food Mart 879 as the third company this year to receive its Beautification award. The award is based on businesses which promote pride in the community through the appearance of their facility and property.

An appropriate beautification sign is to be posted in front of the business for a minimum of 30 days.

#### New people, new jobs

LONGWOOD — Community State Mortgage Corp. has solidified its residential lending operations with the additions of Maria Ruiz Cole and Betty Jane Taylor to its staff.

Cole, with over 25 years experience in the real estate industry has joined the Longwood-based company as a loan officer and will help service the Osceola County area as well.

SANFORD — John A. Schaefer has been appointed Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Promotions, for Fun World/Play World, as well as their parent company, United Trophy, Mfg. Schaefer has many years experience in the Central Florida area with his marketing credits including Southern Ballet Theatre, Terror on Church Street and Capone's Dinner and Show in Kissimmee.

Schaefer holds an MFA in Theater Arts from the University of Florida as well as a BFA from Iowa College.

LONGWOOD — Mark Langston has been named building/construction supervisor for the Morrison Homes community of Howell Creek Reserve in South Seminole County. The announcement was made by sales and marketing manager Leslie Peters. Langston was formerly with Calton Homes.

SANFORD — Matthew Fransure, CLS, a veteran title insurance executive with nearly 20 years experience in the Florida real estate market, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President for Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation's Central Florida Division. Lawyers Title has a title search department in Sanford.

#### Business women to host seminar

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Seminole Sunrise Chapter will present a seminar entitled "How to Achieve Balance in your Life" including a video presentation, work books and moderators. Saturday, March 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The event, at the Holiday Inn, Interstate-4 at Colonial Drive, will include a continental breakfast.

Cost is \$15 per person, with advance reservations required. For information contact Emily Mae, 866-6001.

#### Warehouse has been leased

SANFORD — Circuitronics Corp. has leased a 10,000 square foot warehouse space at 223 Hickman Drive in Sanford. The lease was for five years. Jim Duke of Duke Properties handled the transaction.

#### Coldwell honors associates

OVIDO — Coldwell Banker real estate associates Maxine Platt and Susan Bruton were recently named as member of Coldwell's Chairman's Club, during the company's annual awards breakfast last month. The Chairman's Club award is given to the top five percent of 800 sales associates in the area.

Platt is located at the Ovido office of Coldwell, at 1419 West Broadway. Bruton operates from the Longwood office at 2160 W. SR-434. She was also named to the Million Dollar Plus club.

## HomePlace to furnish the new Orlando Ronald McDonald House

By SHARI BRODIE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Fundraising efforts have been successful and construction has begun on Ronald McDonald House of Orlando. And while bricks and mortar are still the order of the day, supporters of the house are looking ahead to how the house will be furnished when construction is completed this summer. They will get some help from a new business opening in Sanford on Friday.

HomePlace, a home fashion superstore, will open its thirty-first store, the first in Florida, on March 29 and will mark the event with a 9:30 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicated to Ronald McDonald House of Orlando. A \$500 "money ribbon" will be presented to house executives. But HomePlaces support of the house will not stop there.

"HomePlace has demonstrated a willingness and desire to become an active participant in the Orlando community," said Darrell Kelley, president of the Orlando house board of directors and president of Sprint/United Telephone. "They've expressed a specific wish to help out the house be-

cause they're set up to provide so many of the items necessary to get a 13-room facility up and running."

HomePlace, located at 221 Towne Center Blvd., in the Gateway Plaza, will present Ronald McDonald House with several gifts from a specially-selected registry. At that time, the Ronald McDonald will also complete a "wish list" registry at the store, citing items of greatest need. Anyone wishing to make an in-kind contribution to the house can access the registry at HomePlace and purchase the item for the benefit of the house.

"We are moved by the generosity of people who would like to present us with a gift but are unsure of our needs," said Kelley. "By registering at HomePlace, we can let our supporters know what items will best prepare us to open our doors this summer."

The mission of Ronald McDonald House is to serve as a "home-away-from-home" for families whose children are being treated for serious illnesses, injuries or birth defects at Central Florida area hospitals. The services of the house are provided at low or no cost to the families that stay there.



Ronald McDonald House of Orlando is being built in a traditional Florida Cracker style with two wrap-around porches.

While the goal to begin construction has been met, financial donations are still needed. For more information on how you can help, contact Edgar Allen, at the Orlando Magic, at (407)849-3200.



### They've been Buffaloed

The Greater Lake Mary Heathrow Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting recently, for Buffalo's Cafe, 3500 N. U.S. Highway 17-92 in Lake Mary. On hand for the event, left to right, chamber members Frank Baker and Kathy Ragan, Buffalo's staff Peggy Siegel, Trey Uhman, Denny Digidon, owner Moean Heaton, and chamber members Richard Starcher, Martha Miller, Laura Ramay, Fred Rubin, Cheryl Champagne, Diane Parker, and Beth Gatch. Buffalo's Cafe is located in Victoria Square.

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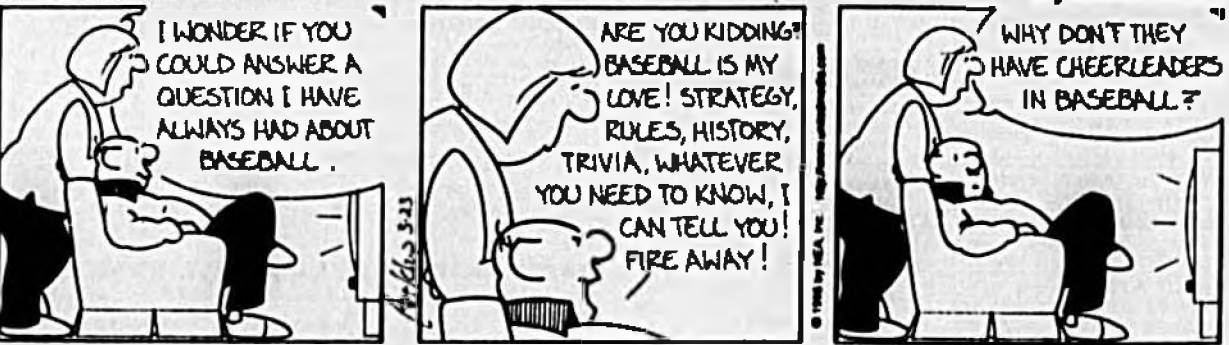
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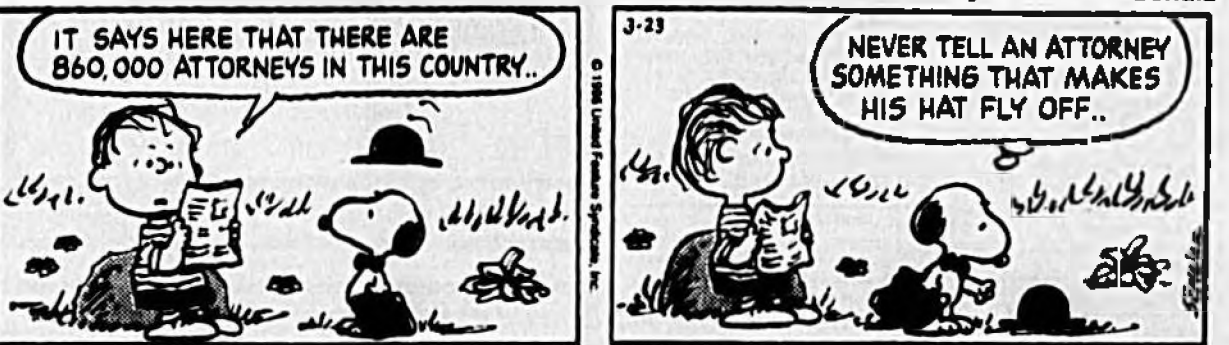
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**HOROSCOPE**



Sunday, March 24, 1996

In the year ahead, you will target several significant objectives simultaneously. Networking will weld them together and enable you to get more for your money. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** A friend you've been anxious to hear from might try to get in touch with you today by phone or in person. Keep the lines of communication open so you can catch up. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Try to allocate some time today to put your business papers and records in order. In addition, you should re-examine your budget to try to get more for your money. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** This will be a busy day in which you'll need a content and productive. Assign yourself a long list of things to do.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your subtle sense of humor will be an effective asset today. It can help you to get your points across to others without making them angry.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today you can smooth over a misunderstanding you recently had with a close pal. Your friend will wait for you to make the first move.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An important personal objective can be achieved today, provided your tactics and methods are flexible and can be altered to suit existing conditions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you feel you've been lagging behind in regard to acquiring new knowledge which can benefit your career, this will be a good day to catch up.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Joint endeavors will be more profitable than independent efforts today. If you are in a position to make a choice between the two, select the former.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today someone who is trying to manipulate you might pressure you to make a decision that will benefit him or her more than it will you.

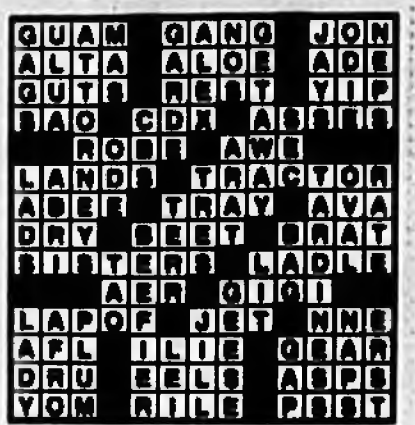
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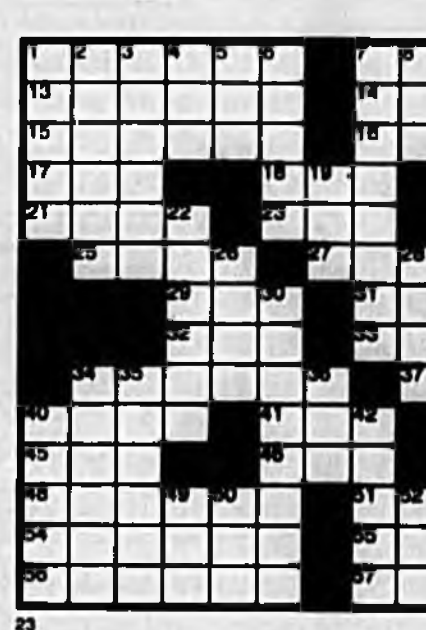
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- 39 Office worker
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- 40 Social rank
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you are in charge of a group of co-workers today, make them feel appreciated and significant. If you fail to do so, they may shut down your production line.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may discover a new social interest while roving around today. This may not be some-

thing that you will make a habit of, but it could interest you for now.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** The media will be a good source of interesting news. Today, however, the most fascinating bulletins might be revealed at the dinner table.

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**WIN AT BRIDGE**

**Short enough to read it all**

By Phillip Alder

Woody Allen said, "I took a course in speed reading, learning to read straight down the middle of the page, and was able to read 'War and Peace' in 20 minutes. It's about Russia."

In bridge, you have to read the cards, and it is better to do it slowly and accurately rather than quickly and inaccurately.

South went down quickly in today's deal. Which clue did he overlook? Against three no-trump, West led the heart two, his fourth-highest. South took East's 10 with his king and played a diamond to dummy's queen. East's club discard was a painful blow. South maneuvered from one suit to another, but the defenders found the

right answers, defeating the contract. "How was I to know that West would have four diamonds?" asked South. "I thought that if he had four diamonds, he might have led that suit rather than a heart. So I assumed East was more likely to have the diamond length."

"Apart from the fact that West is more likely to lead a major than a minor, there is a much better indication," replied North. "We just need to assume that West will lead from his longest suit. If so, when West leads the heart two, you know he cannot have a void. The heart two tells you that he has exactly four hearts. If West has a diamond void, he must have a five-card suit and would have led that suit. So, only East can have a diamond void. You should have cashed the diamond ace at trick two. Then, using the power of dummy's diamond eight, you can pick up West's holding. You win five diamond tricks and nine in all."

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Dealer: South	
South	West
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**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick

