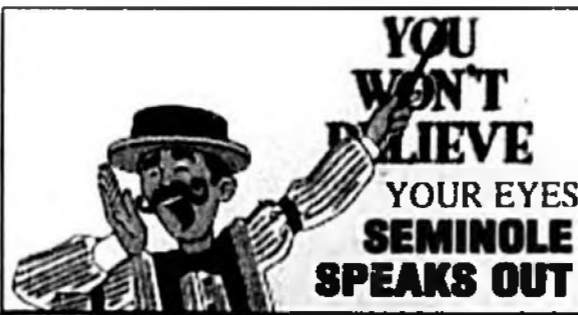




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Former deputy acquitted of attempted murder will not regain job

From Staff Reports

SEMINOLE - A former Seminole County deputy on trial for attempting to murder his wife, will not be offered his job back after a jury found him not guilty in court Wednesday.

Former Seminole County Deputy Tom Livingston, 30 was acquitted by the jury in the shooting that paralyzed his wife, Jennifer.

Livingston is still eligible to be a police officer for whatever law enforcement agency that will employ him. However, his former employers will not call upon his services. "Tom does not have a job with the Sheriff's Office," said Lt. Jack Cash, police information officer with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. "The Sheriff's Office does not accept this [Livingston's actions] as proper behavior." Cash said that the Sheriff's Office made its decision based on the facts that independently resulted in Livingston's arrest.

It was a 911 call that swayed the jury's decision to pardon Livingston of the crimes he was charged with. Up until that point, it was a hung jury. The jurors could not decide whether to find Livingston guilty of attempted murder. He allegedly shot his wife and then tried to clean up the scene to make it

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Bike Week '98: 'Honey, you can catch him'



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Lance and Cheryl Turcotte had some excitement in Sanford Wednesday morning before they headed over

to Samsula for Bike Week '98 activities. Lance captured a man running from the law.

Biker runs down a fugitive

By Russ White
 HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - It was the wrong week to mess with a Sanford biker named Lance Turcotte.

Hours before he would be enjoying a round of cold slaw wrestling and other Bike Week '98 activities in Samsula, Turcotte chased and pinned a man trying to escape the law.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is grateful for Turcotte's true grit and firm grip Wednesday morning for an arrest made near 23rd Street and Sanford Avenue.

William Henry O'Neal, 28, had escaped from Warrants Officer Jim Engebretsen and Sheriff's Deputy Mike Nunes and taken off on foot.

Cheryl Turcotte turned to her husband and said, "Honey, you can catch him."

This was all the urging 35-year-old Turcotte needed to become a 260-pound posse of one.

His long brown hair flowing in the wind, Turcotte chased O'Neal in and out of yards, through trees and bushes and past several howling dogs.

"I don't think this guy thought I had a prayer of catching him," Turcotte said. "He was young and pretty quick. I just thought of myself as a linebacker for the Green Bay Packers and I'd make the tackle."

Turcotte's performance drew the applause not only of the sheriff's office but that of the residents in the neighborhood.

"We saw them pass between our house and Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Harrett's house," Roger Doughy said. "This young fellow wasn't

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Pickup truck driver sought in attempted abduction of girls

By Nick Pfeiffauf
 HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - Police say the driver of a red pickup truck is being sought in connection with at least three incidents of attempted child abduction. Two of the incidents occurred yesterday morning as children were on their way to Sanford Middle School.

Sanford Police Commander Ray Bronson said the first incident was reported on Feb. 24, at Airport Boulevard and Jewett Lane. The two similar incidents Wednesday morning

occurred at 18th Street and Oak Avenue, and on Catalina Drive.

"In each case," he said, "the suspect drives by the girls three or four times, then pulls up and attempts to call them over to his pickup and asks them to get in." Bronson added that at least on two occasions, the man was seen fondling himself.

The three girls who were approached by the man ranged in age from 13 to 14. All reportedly gave the same general descriptions of the man and the

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Planning for commerce, apartments, adult biz

By Nick Pfeiffauf
 HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - At the most recent Sanford City Commission meeting, a proposal was considered regarding a joint planning agreement between the city and Seminole County, regarding adult entertainment.

The commissioners discussed the proposal but noted there were differences between the city's concept and the county. It was suggested that the matter be examined by the Planning and Zoning Commission for possible changes or recommendations. That report is scheduled to lead off this today's meeting of the Sanford P&Z Commission.

In addition to the controversial matter, a number of major projects are also scheduled to be considered by the P&Z. One is a site plan for a 96 unit apartment complex while another involves development of a 50 acre industrial center.

The apartment complex is on

property located to the east of the former Kmart shopping center, and south of the Huntington Bank at the intersection of E. Airport Blvd. and Americana Blvd.

To be called Sanford Green, the 9.7 acre area is proposed to have 10 one-bedroom one-bath units, 40 two-bedroom one and a half bath units, and 40 three-bedroom two-bath units. It is to be under the control of National Church Residences.

The 96 units will be divided among various earned income levels. Many amenities are also to be included. A market study reportedly determined that Sanford Green, "will be the least expensive non-subsidized apartment property in the market."

The project will be financed by equity from the sale of Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, bank financing and developer financing.

Another major project sched-

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Sheriff cautions businesses to beware of tornado victim scam

From Staff Reports

SEMINOLE - The Seminole County Sheriff's Department has issued words of caution to business owners regarding people seeking storm relief assistance. Some people are not really victims.

According to Lt. Jack Cash of the sheriff's department, it has been reported that individuals have approached local businesses fraudulently

representing themselves as victims of the recent tornado. Apparently, these subjects are trying to play on the business owners' sympathy to get discounts on purchases they do not deserve.

Cash suggests any business that questions the legitimacy of a customer under these or similar circumstances, can confirm the person as a tornado victim by contacting the sheriff's office. Victim advocates Debra Wagner and Sherry McGrew have lists containing the names

of all Seminole County victims. This list can be used to compare the identification presented by the person who represents him/herself as a tornado victim.

The state has waived fees for the reissuance of Florida Drivers Licenses and identification cards for victims of the tornadoes.

Sheriff's deputies who are dealing with the victims under the Adopt-A-Block program have been instructed to assist the victims in obtain-

ing the new cards. As a result, business owners should expect the customer to have valid photographic Florida identification, which should be used in identifying true victims.

Deputies Wagner and McGrew can be contacted by phoning the sheriff's department at 330-6600, extensions 322 or 374 respectively. After hours, Wagner can be reached on her pager at 623-2582. McGrew's pager number is 623-2903.

New home found for community program reaching out to youth

By JEANA HUGHES
 Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - Ask and ye shall receive.

Rose Davis is not timid when it comes to asking for the things she needs for her kids. Her kids are the at-risk youth involved in Brethren Reaching Out (BRO), a Christian-based youth outreach ministry directed by Davis.

Davis started BRO in July of 1995 with another minister, Elder Alvin Johnson. Johnson left the program a year ago to attend college. Currently five ministers work with Davis to provide activities for young people to build self esteem and empower them on the road to a positive future.

When Davis needed facilities

for BRO she asked and she was directed to Tony Taylor, property manager for Seminole Garden Apartments. Tony attended some of BRO's activities and was convinced she was legitimate.

In Michigan, Taylor had assisted resident organizations in establishing programs similar to this. His experience had proven to him that these programs are a win-win proposition for residents and property owners. Taylor has become an avid supporter of Davis and BRO.

"This particular community [Seminole Garden Apartments] has no social programs accessible to the residents," said Taylor. He went to property

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Ofc. Gerald Taylor, of the Sanford Police Department, inspects some of the art painted by BRO participants

and recently on display at police headquarters. BRO unveils its new home this weekend.

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'It isn't for the moment you are stuck that you need courage, but for the uphill climb back to sanity and faith and security.'

-Anne Morrow Lindbergh

IN BRIEF

Anniversary celebration

The 75th Anniversary Celebration of New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1720 Pear Ave. will be Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church and Rev. Imperato and congregation will render the service.

Music program

A musical appreciation program will honor Cynthia Casanova Brown, musician for the Morning Glory Choir No. 2 on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 at 2600 Highway 46 East in Sanford.

Featured guest artists will be Minister Vernon Jones, Vincent Smith, Gerald Casanova and various community musical groups and church choirs.

BWCCFC function

The sixth annual "Every Black Woman Should Wear A Red Dress" will be Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at State Road 436 and Interstate-4 in Altamonte Springs. "Giving Back-Reclaiming our Communities" will have registration at the door which includes lunch with the workshop for \$30. The sponsor is International Black Women's Congress, Central Florida Chapter.

Musicians meeting

The Sanford/Central Florida Interdenominational Musician's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, State Road 46 and Interstate-4 across from the Seminole Mall. Charles Jackson is president.

Come sail away

The Sailing Club, a community sailing program including club fleet, club races, charter cruises, basic sailing lessons and much more has its meetings every 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m. at Colonial Town Neighborhood Center, 1517 Lake Highland Drive, Orlando. For information call Dave Akins: Orlando (407) 628-8081. For lessons call Vic Kruppen-

bacher (407) 246-2231.

Sailing Lessons are being offered by certified Red Cross instructors with four Tuesday classroom sessions 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Colontalton Community Center and four Saturdays on Lake Baldwin from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Learn all the basics, the cost is \$80. Please call the City of Orlando Community and Youth Services for details and registration by calling Vic Kruppenbaker at (407) 246-2231.

Garden/trail hikes

The Florida Trail Association is have a Leu Gardens/Lake Eola bus hike on Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando.

The meeting point will be at the Gardens, 1730 N. Forest in Orlando (off of Corrine Drive) at the main entrance. Enjoy a stroll in beautiful Leu Gardens then take the Lynx bus to downtown Orlando and walk around Lake Eola. East lunch at a restaurant in the Church Street Station area and then return to Leu Gardens by bus. Bring water. The cost is \$6 for R/T bus ride and admission to Leu Gardens. Lunch is extra.

On Sunday, March 8 at 9 a.m. there will be a day hike at Split Oak Forest. The meeting point will be the forest trailhead, 2 miles down Clapp-Simms-Duda Road off of Rt. 15, 3 miles north of Narcoossee.

The hike will be a 5 mile loop trail to see unusual oak for which the park is named. Bring water and snacks. Lunch will be at a local eatery afterward.

Trail meeting

The Florida Trail Association will have its monthly program meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens, Camellia Room, 1730 N. Forest, Orlando (off Corrine Dr.).

Join them for their monthly program meeting. Refreshments will be served.



Vintage view

The city of Sanford which was incorporated in 1877 looked like this circa 1890. You are looking north on Park Avenue toward Lake Monroe. Holy Cross Episcopal Church is in the foreground at Fourth and Park. Notice that our forefathers had the insight to create a wide north/south main avenue for which we are grateful today. The block across the street

from the church would have been set aside for one of our city parks, another excellent provision by the city planners. In the very bottom of the picture could be the First Methodist Church steeple and perhaps the church on the right is the First Presbyterian. You church historians let me know!

224 scholarships offered for high-demand careers

Special to the Herald

The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC) is offering a record \$2.5 million in full-tuition scholarships through 55 member schools and colleges throughout the state. These scholarships are available statewide to public and private Florida high school seniors and QED recipients to encourage them to pursue postsecondary education.

This year 224 full tuition scholarships are being offered in both degree and diploma programs. These scholarships are available in programs that prepare students for the high demand careers of the next century in numerous industries including health care, computers, electronics, entertainment, tourism, business, cosmetology, culinary arts, fashion merchandising and design and others. All of these institutions are members of the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges and are licensed or exempt from licensure by one of the two state boards governing private postsecondary institutions.

The scholarship program is celebrating its 15th year and over that period that awards have exceeded \$6.8 million. Students interested in applying for the scholarship may receive information and applications from their high school guidance counselors or high school media centers, from participating FAPSC schools and colleges, via the Internet at www.fapsc.org or request them directly from FAPSC, 200 West College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850) 577-3139, e-mail: scholarship@fapsc.org. Deadline for applying is April 10, 1998.

The following schools and colleges are participating in the 1998 FAPSC Scholarship Program: ATI Career Training Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Oakland Park.

ATI Health Education Center, Miami.

The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Lauderdale.

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Florida Academy of Massage, Ft. Myers.

Florida College of Natural Health, Miami, Altamonte Springs, Pompano Beach.

Florida Metropolitan University, Clearwater, Ft. Lauderdale.

Full Sail Real World Education, Winter Park.

Herzing Institute, Melbourne, Orlando.

Institute of Career Education, West Palm Beach.

Int'l Academy of Merchandising & Design, Tampa.

International College, Naples.

ITT Technical Institute, Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Matland, Miami, Tampa.

Joe Blasco Make-Up Center East, Orlando.

Johnson and Wales University, North Miami.

Keiser Career Institute, Lake Worth.

Keiser College, Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Melbourne, Sarasota, Tallahassee.

Segal Institute, Clearwater.

Southwest Florida College of Business, Ft. Myers.

Tampa Technical Institute, Tampa.

Ultrasound Diagnostic School, Jacksonville, Pompano Beach, Tampa.

Webster College, Holiday, Ocala.

Webster Tech, Tampa.

Renewal seminars for teachers announced

Florida teachers in need of recharging have a program tailor-made for them. Ten provocative, week-long seminars are offered free to qualifying teachers. The Florida Center for Teachers program is open to all currently employed classroom teachers—pre-kindergarten through 12, media specialists and counselors—who have had a minimum of three years teaching experience in Florida.

Seminars will be held during summer and fall in the Tampa Bay Area. Titles of the seminars included: The Search for Meaning; Florida Folk Culture; Florida as Home; Sports and American Culture; Archeology and Community; What is This Thing Called Work?; Asian Religions in Florida; Friendship; and Searching for a Sense of Place. Each seminar is limited to 25 participants and is conducted by a leading scholar in the field. All seminar expenses are paid.

The Florida Center of Teachers is a program of the Florida Humanities Council. Applications can be obtained from the Florida Humanities Council web-site flhum.org or by writing to FHC at 1725 1/2 East Seventh Avenue, Tampa, 33605 (813) 272-3473.

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s. Lows in the mid-50s.
Friday: Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper-70s. Lows around 60.
Saturday: Thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70s. Lows in the low-60s.
Sunday: Thunderstorms. Highs in the low-70s. Lows in the mid-50s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

THURSDAY **FRIDAY**
 Tstems 76 58 Tstems 78 60

SATURDAY **SUNDAY**
 Tstems 78 62 Tstems 71 55

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Wednesday in the Florida Lottery:
 Fantasy 5
 3-5-20-23-25
 Loto (Feb. 28)
 5-6-20-22-43-47

Play 4
 6-2-4-8
Cash 3
 4-7-4

TIDES

THURSDAY:

SOLAR TABLE: min. 11:20 a.m., maj. 5:10 a.m., min. 11:55 p.m., maj. 5:40 p.m.

TIDES: Daytona Beach: high: 1:14 a.m., 1:39 p.m., low: 7:37 a.m., 7:52 p.m. **New Smyrna Beach:** high: 1:19 a.m., 1:44 p.m., low: 7:42 a.m., 7:57 p.m., **Cocoa Beach:** high: 1:34 a.m., 1:59 p.m., low: 7:57 a.m., 8:12 p.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach: Seas are 4-6 feet and choppy. Water temperature at Daytona is 61 degrees and at New Smyrna, 62 degrees. Winds are from the southwest at 15-20 m.p.h.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Wednesday was 71 degrees and the overnight low was 45.

Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Thursday totaled .00 inch.
 *Sunrise.....6:40 a.m.
 *Sunset.....6:28 p.m.

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Attention young men: Uncle Sam needs you!

Special to Herald

If you are a young man between the ages of 18 and 25, it's time to think about your Uncle Sam, and the best way to stay on his good side is to register with Selective Service. Although most men register when they are 18, as required by law, some fail to do so until they are older. In some cases, they wait too long.

If you are now 25, you have only the months remaining until your 26th birthday to register. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept late registrations after a man reaches his 26th birthday.

Selective Service State Director Douglas R. Maddox cautioned that, with few exceptions, a man who fails to register before turning 26 will permanently forfeit his eligibility for certain benefits, such as federal student aid, job training, and most federal employment, in addition to facing possible prosecution as a felon.

Some states also require registration for state student

aid, entrance to state-supported colleges and universities, state employment, and permission to practice law.

Maddox points out that men age 18 through 25 who have not yet registered can avoid the risk of prosecution and loss of benefits by registering promptly at any local post office, Army National Guard Recruiting Offices, or on the Internet (<http://www.sss.gov>). Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000, up to five years in prison, or both.

Over 13 million men age 18 through 25 are currently registered with Selective Service. Of those, 560,467 are from Florida.



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Biker

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about to let the other one get away." "Once I had him, I wasn't about to let him get away," Turcotte said. "I put my elbow into his back and told him to put his other arm behind him. He submitted quick."

Turcotte said it was more of a spur of the moment thing not be brave action on his part. He had no idea if the man was armed (he wasn't). "If anything, I hoped there were no big dogs."

"I guess I'm tired of people trying to get away with something, I can't, why should they?"

The episode over, Turcotte hoped to hop on his 1971 Shovelhead Harley-Davidson and head

to Bike Week.

"I've been going over there since 1980," he said. "I've met bikers from all over the world. They're good people and we have real good fun. We're all family. I'm not in till 3 a.m."

Turcotte said he looked forward to each of the events, especially on the final day when a Japanese bike is dropped from a crane. He said what's left of the bike is smashed by the bikers. "You beat the heck out of it for a \$1 a whack," he said.

"I think you have your aggression out already," Cheryl Turcotte told her husband.

"Maybe not," he said.

BRO

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owner Bill Gorman and convinced Gorman of the benefits such a program would provide to residents and to management.

Gorman generously has donated an apartment and the utilities free of charge. The apartment will be used as an office and as a place for activities and classes provided by BRO.

Davis is responsible for the restoration and cleanup of the apartment. She has worked diligently since Feb. 2. With her hard work and the help of several of the residents BRO's new home is almost ready.

In December Seminole County students participated in an art workshop coordinated by BRO and held at the Sanford Police Department. The workshop was sponsored by Partners In Art Visual Education under the direction of Kevin Haran of the University of Central Florida.

The student's art was on display in the SPD lobby for two weeks in January. Haran is having all the art framed and the art work will be on permanent display in the new BRO offices.

Housekeeping classes will begin soon for young adult females. Two classes for youths will also meet at the new headquarters. Activities will include

field trips, tutoring classes, Biblical education, videos, arts and crafts. Future plans include programs for young adult males.

One hundred-twenty kids from 12 Seminole County Schools are actively involved in BRO. Davis and Taylor estimate another 400 socially and economically disadvantaged children, most between the ages of three and eight, live within Seminole Garden Apartments.

Once again Davis is not shy about BRO's needs. The list includes three casals, three eight-foot hardwood topped folding tables, arts and crafts supplies, office supplies and a VCR. The new offices are desperately in need of a window air conditioning unit, four dark brown ceiling fans and local telephone service.

Davis is grateful for all the support and donations BRO has received over the last three years. She is also not shy with her thanks or her praise. The success of BRO is through the combined efforts of Davis, law enforcement, churches and assorted individuals and groups.

"Sheriff Ealing and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office have supported us 100 percent in every endeavor," said Davis. "And there hasn't been any request to Mayor Dale or any city employee that

hasn't been honored".

And we must not forget the support of the Sanford Police Department reminds Davis. SPD Community Service Officers will share the new offices with BRO.

BRO receives a large amount of support from Student Venture for Campus Crusades for Christ, a part of the Bill Bright Organization, and its North Orlando Director Vince Purpero. Davis also acknowledges the hand in hand collaboration of Pastor Randall Hall Walker of Assembly of God, located at Seminole Garden Apartments and Davis' own church family at Reddick Memorial First Born Church of the Living God.

The residents of Seminole Garden Apartments ask every day when the offices will open, when the programs will start. Taylor is very optimistic about laying the foundation for brighter futures and the benefits to the complex.

For Davis, it's all for the kids. She recalls a statement made by Deputy Chief Dennis Whitmore, "How do we know it won't work if we don't try it?"

The new BRO offices are located in apartment #20, Seminole Garden Apartments. The public is invited to an open house for BRO on Saturday, March 7 from 1 to 4:00 p.m. For more information call Rose Davis at 323-0263 or 321-1768.

Your guide to smoke-free dining in Central Florida

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO--The Tobacco Free Central Florida Coalition has produced its first Guide to Smoke-Free Dining in Central Florida, giving residents a list of restaurants in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Lake County which do not permit smoking.

The dining guide, produced in cooperation with the Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute at Florida Hospital and SmithKline Beecham, has been endorsed by Gov. Lawton Chiles.

"It is estimated nearly half a million Americans die each year from tobacco related illnesses," Chiles said, "and 53,000 Americans die from exposure to second-hand smoke."

"Because of these alarming numbers," he continued, "grassroots coalitions across the state have been working to educate the public about the dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke. As part of those efforts, I am happy to endorse the Tobacco Free Central Florida Coalition's 'A Guide to Smoke-Free Dining in Central Florida.'"

The Coalition has been funded by the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Lung Association. Its membership includes community members whose focus is to educate the public on the harmful effects of tobacco, and to act as an advocate for positive reform.

Stefanie Hoglund, local American Cancer Society representative, indicated the dining guide will help non-smoking restaurant patrons protect themselves from harmful cigarette toxins.

"Harmful toxins remain in the air long after smokers have left the building," she stated, "and those elements continue to harm whomever remains in the building."

In addition, Hoglund said non-smoking patrons seated in non-smoking sections are not protected from second-hand smoke because the smoke

moves freely throughout the restaurant.

Further, she said that scientific studies of smoke-free restaurants in Texas, California and Colorado showed sales did not decrease after smoke-free ordinances were passed.

Currently, Floridians do not have the authority to set their own laws regarding smoking in public places. A statewide survey by Mathematica Policy Research revealed 74 percent of Floridians, however, favor banning smoking in all indoor public places.

Some state officials in the

current legislative session in Tallahassee are attempting to get an amendment passed to the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act giving local communities the power to pass stronger laws regarding smoking in public places.

"We strongly encourage residents," Hoglund concluded, "to contact their local state senator and representative and request their support of this amendment."

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Planning

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used to come up for consideration involves a request for rezoning of approximately 50 acres on Mellonville Avenue, South, R.O. "Bud" Feather is proposing a state-of-the-art Industrial Commerce Center, which he says may employ as many as 3,000 people. It would be located near the Sanford-Orlando Airport and the GreeneWay, just south of Lake Mary Blvd.

Feather says he wants to subdivide the property into 30 one to one and a half acre sites for companies to buy, then build their own facilities.

Other items on the agenda involve large structures which are being proposed.

As of earlier this week, the following items were listed on the P&Z agenda:

*Ordinance regarding multi-jurisdictional land use permitting regarding adult entertain-

ment establishments and sexually oriented businesses.

*Request to rezone (50-acres) for industrial use, 3801 Mellonville Avenue.

*Rezoning property at 1025 W. 25th Street.

*Conditional use for multi family dwelling at southwest corner of Airport Blvd. and American Blvd.

*Site plan for Sanford Green, a 96-apartment complex at the southwest corner of Airport Blvd. and American Blvd.

*Site plan for 3,922 sq. ft. addition to AFCOM, at 109 Commerce Way.

*Site plan for 9,000 sq. ft. aircraft maintenance hangar for Conair, at the Orlando Sanford Airport.

*Site plan for 7,980 sq. ft. and 17, 490 sq. ft. building for Mack Warehouses at Sanford Central Park.

*Additional business from floor and commission members.

*Reports from staff

*Other items and adjournment.

The Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 5, in the commission chambers of Sanford City Hall.

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look like an accident. Livingston was looking at a sentence in excess of 12 years.

According to Livingston's account, he thought he heard gunfire. A figure burst into his bedroom, and he reached for his .45 caliber pistol and fired. However, his wife said that she had come into get the couple's two-year old daughter when Livingston punched her and then shot her. Circuit Judge Seymour Benson did not allow evidence which connected Livingston with a supposed history of spousal abuse.

Abduction

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pickup. None of the girls was injured or molested.

The man was described as white, in his late 20's. He was said to be tall and slender with short dark hair shaved on the sides. He had facial acne and at least one girl believed she saw a tattoo on the man's right arm.

The vehicle was identified as a red Ford Ranger pickup with

a black tool box, and a black or gray stripe down the side. The first three letters on the vehicle's license plate were given as TDI.

While police are presently concentrating on these three separate incidents, Bronson said there may have been more of a similar nature in recent times, and urged parents and children to report any at-

tempted abductions immediately.

"I urge anyone who has information on this, especially people who may know the driver or can identify the pickup truck, to call Sanford Police as soon as possible," Bronson said. "This is a serious situation involving children, and the sooner we make an arrest in this case, the safer our children will be."

H.E.L.P. Youth

Seminole County Public Schools. The Community Foundation of Central Florida, Barnett Bank, and Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) have joined together to direct H.E.L.P., Hands-on Education and Leadership Project.

The project is designed to provide an opportunity for juniors of Seminole County Public Schools to develop and participate in a volunteer project with a learning component within their community.

The students are selected as either Project Leaders or Youth Council Members. The project Leaders team with an adult and submit a proposal to the district-wide Youth Council for approval.

Florida Learn and Serve, a federally funded grant program in Tallahassee, and The Community Foundation of Central Florida, have provided funding for these projects.

During the last cycle, eight projects were approved by the Youth Council and the Project Leaders and adults are currently completing their projects. One team decided to refurbish the lounge of a local work opportunity facility and received \$500 for the project. Another team wanted to work with the issue of peer pressure facing many young students today and received \$250 for the project. Each student chooses an agency to work with while creating their project, and then partner's with the agency to complete it.

H.E.L.P. is a wonderful way for students to get involved in the community. Students that complete 75 hours of community service are eligible for a half credit towards elective high school credit through Seminole County Public Schools.

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Editorials/Opinions

Sanford lakefront beach idea is all wet

Many Sanford residents are waiting for the proposed development of the city's lakefront area and Fort Mellon Park to get underway. A few however, are objecting to the proposal.

Opponents generally believe it will eliminate the park as we know it now and possibly restrict the view from East First Street of the lake area.

Proponents say it will improve the local economy, and create a site where the city can finally begin using the land to glean tax money rather than it being a write-off.

Depending on which plan or artist conception one sees, proposed development could include a hotel, conference center, apartment towers, boardwalk or other amenities.

In response to the naysayers, officials say the present park land will continue to have a passive park area and according to some plans, may actually be reconfigured into an even more delightful area for strolling, sitting or enjoying

the natural scenery.

There is one proposal however, that we believe should be quashed right from the outset. We see absolutely no need for a beach along the lakefront of Lake Monroe.

Even without the myriad alligators who have been longtime residents of the lake, the water isn't clean and clear. This is not to say that one would become ill swimming in the waters of the lake, but just ask your-

sandy and usable.

If we expect visitors to sit on the beach in Sanford and wade in the water of the lake, we are only fooling ourselves.

In trying to find advantages for a beach as opposed to the present seawall, we can only find one point. People can fall off the seawall into the lake, and because it would be nearly impossible to climb back onto shore, people could drown.

With a beach, no one would fall in. Children however, may find it easier to run into the water, and they could also drown, merely because the lake attracts them. So perhaps even that point is moot.

Until something is done along the lakefront, there will continue to be people promoting it as well as opposing it. We suspect it could take years before we see any marked changes in the appearance.

But regarding the proposed beach area, we again ask, would you swim in Lake Monroe right now? That should serve to resolve that matter.

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self, would you swim in Lake Monroe?

Jet skiers and others who use the lake for recreation quite often fall into the water. But they are only in for a brief time. They are not in the water for hours at a time.

Officials probably know none of us would swim in the lake. They probably wouldn't swim there either. But in an effort to attract tourist and visitor dollars, they propose a beach. Yes, beaches are delightful to see, but only those which are well maintained, clean,

Guest Editorial



The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services food van near the FEMA headquarters at the Seminole County Agriculture Center is a welcome sight for

insurance Examiner Hazel Greenberg, who stops for a cup of coffee after a day of assessing tornado damage in Sanford.

Remembering the Salvation Army and the good work volunteers do

Noreen A. Bryant
Sanford

Hurricane Andrew struck the Miami area within a couple of years after we moved to the Sunshine State. It was awful to see all that destruction on TV. It was worse to see it when we drove to Miami for my husband's eye surgery at the VAMC. The area surrounding the VAMC was not part of what was truly devastated, yet trees with roots as high as a van were uprooted all over, traffic lights were blown away, everywhere I went people were talking about their own losses, their family's injuries. The police were asking constantly for people to stay out of the areas that were hit the hardest, for the same reasons our Sheriff imposed a curfew for Lake Jesup, to avoid theft and to give people a chance to absorb the reality and salvage what they could. Motels were "jammed" with insurance company representatives trying to help, and out of town contractors trying to cash in. The lure was so great many of them paid for their rooms on a monthly basis, so they'd have a place to stay. At the time all of that happened, I couldn't help but notice that every time the news cameras were showing the devastation, the American Red Cross was in the foreground asking for cash, while the Salvation Army was in the background helping people and distributing coffee, food, blankets.

Now the people on Lake Jesup have suffered a similar horror and so many lost everything. We who survived unscathed can't help but wonder why, and thank God for that blessing. Certainly we saw marvelous work done by our local law enforcement agencies, and the state troopers who helped to augment our own personnel. Once again, the news cameras focusing on the devastation couldn't help but show the Salvation Army in the background helping the survivors, while the Red Cross asks for cash. Of course the Red Cross is so hard up for cash, Elizabeth Dole again flew in to "lead" the "team", while the Salvation Army rented space so survivors could more easily obtain the basics they need after they've lost everything.

My Dad was a veteran who survived both the attack on Pearl Harbor and the European Theatre Operation. He told me that even then the Red Cross would notify someone of a family member's final illness or death, but do nothing to provide a way for them to get home. Dad said most of them sent their money home and had little cash, never knowing if they'd survive, and not wanting to deprive their families if they didn't. I don't know what the Salvation Army did during World War II, but I see what they do now, and I remember it when it is time for donations. I hope you will too.



School was at fault, not Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Last Friday, Teague Middle School made a mistake. Let them pay for it, not a group of devoted kids who are an example of much of what is right in the schools today.

The incident began when Teague invited golf professional Tiger Woods to appear at a Black History Month event and Woods accepted.

Just prior to the event, Woods canceled and Teague scrambled to find a replacement. In keeping with the athletic theme, the school brought in members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) to make a presentation.

The group is made up of thousands of kids and has chapters at every high school in Central Florida. They do good things and, for the most part, have a loose, unofficial relationship with the schools. It is not government or school funded.

They meet on campus and sponsor events such as Rally Around the Pole, a

prayer session held once a year prior to school that drew nearly 400 students at Seminole High School alone, and the recent weekend fast that drew students from every high school in the county. There is no coercion on their part and they are visible on every school campus. They are to be applauded for doing something positive.

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However, at Teague, many students and parents objected and, by yesterday, it was the subject of talk radio all over Orlando with parents and students referring to the group with terms such as "religious terrorists," and "Jesus freaks."

That's wrong. Sure, their presentation contained religious material. That's what the organization is all about. What did

Teague officials expect?

The FCA representatives only did what they were asked to do that day. It was the Teague school officials who made the mistake of bringing in a religious group to speak during school hours at a mandatory assembly.

Unfortunately, people all over Orlando are ready to lynch FCA members, terrified that their kids will turn into religious zealots because of a harmless assembly. Suddenly, the FCA has a stigma attached to it because they were doing, with permission, what comes naturally to them.

Don't be surprised if someone overreacts and limits FCA access to campuses, even making them remove fliers from the walls of the school and requiring them to meet off campus.

It's a loose relationship, but, until this week, one that worked.

Just remember that the FCA did nothing

wrong.

Teague officials deserve a reprimand, although not the tar and feathering that was being called for in the media Tuesday.

Today, the school board will meet at 3 p.m. to deal with the situation. Let's hope they don't overreact.

There is violence in schools, drugs are rampant and no one seems to be able to control it. One of the things they can control is restricting, in any way, the FCA and its relationship to the schools.

If they do that, they'll be doing a terrible injustice to a positive group of students which far outnumbers the drug users and hate mongers on campus.

Don't let that happen. Make sure your school board representative knows that it would be wrong to overreact and punish the wrong group.

Teague was at fault. Not the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Our Readers Write Letters To The Editor

Drug war strategy

If it were possible to devise a scheme more convoluted and ridiculous than the present U. S. drug war strategy, this Congress is well on its way to achieve that dubious distinction. Representing only four percent of the world's population, the United States consumes nearly half of the illicit drugs--a whopping \$250 billion annually. Yet, this nation demands that the rest of the world cooperate in our War on Drugs as the price of America's "goodwill."

Some members of Congress still believe that eradicating drug crops and trafficking in source countries is the most efficient way to enforce drug prohibition. First tried by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 to stop opium smuggling into the newly acquired Philippine Islands, this strategy failed miserably then and has continued to fail throughout the Twentieth Century for

every subsequent administration that has tried it.

Yet, members of Congress regularly call for a stepped-up War on Drugs to clear our streets and neighborhoods of illegal drugs, in order to protect our children. They give truth to the words of George Santayana who said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

If you wish to compare another failed initiative by our government, you don't have to look far. Consider the 1965 "War on Poverty", a bureaucratic boondoggle that actually increased poverty each year while demanding ever greater amounts of tax dollars to be shoveled into its maw. Congress recognized its mistake after 30 years of failure and reformed welfare in 1996 by returning responsibility to the states. Now Congress must recognize it has created an authoritarian bureaucracy to enforce drug prohibition which has progressively increased drug use and the addiction ra-

tio in the United States population.

Drug prohibition and the War on Drugs has also contributed to world-wide drug trafficking--the greatest criminal enterprise the world has ever known. The War on Drugs attempts to eradicate the available supply of drugs at its source, but it has not contributed one iota to reducing drug use. Please show me one drug addict that has been freed from his habit for a lack of illegal drugs to buy.

And how is the War on Drugs affecting our youth. According to a recent survey of 12-17 year olds sponsored by the Commission on Substance Abuse Among America's Adolescents, a fourth of the 12-year-olds surveyed said they know someone who uses hard drugs such as cocaine or heroin--a 122 percent increase in one year! These findings should not surprise us when nearly 830,000 members of juvenile gangs across America are selling drugs to our children wherever

they gather.

In researching my new book, "The Enemy is Us--How to Defeat Drug Abuse and End the War on Drugs," I came to understand how juveniles are drawn into illegal drug peddling that brings death, crime, corruption and violence to our communities. This is the most horrifying side of illegal drugs in America--our children are accepting it.

Like alcohol, the repeal of drug prohibition would virtually eliminate drug dealers, juvenile drug sellers, crack houses, and drug-related crime. Al Capone ruled Chicago during Prohibition in the "Roaring 20s" and his counterparts controlled every major U. S. city. After the repeal of alcohol prohibition in 1933, alcohol-related criminal activities such as bootlegging, hijackings, rum-running and speakeasies disappeared from America's landscape.

My book cites an abundance of empirical evidence to prove

our society can reduce drug use in a legal market. Yet, drug bureaucrats make the self-serving claim that legal drugs would quadruple drug addiction. This assertion is simply not true, and is the crux of the problem: The drug bureaucracy has a vested interest in perpetuating the myth that prohibition will work, rather than working to find a solution.

General McCaffrey, the United States' Drug Czar, says, "At the end of the day, there can be only one clear priority and that is focus on youth, drug prevention and education." Yet Congress is demanding a renewed campaign to eradicate the drug supply at its source.

We can save our children by repealing prohibition and restoring a regulated, nonviolent drug market as we did for alcohol--but absent the deaths, crime, violence and corruption caused by the drug war.

Robert H. Dowd
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF

Retired
Miami, FL

Diverting attention


A lot of people are speculating that the Iraq War is a Clinton ploy to distract attention away from the Monica Lewinsky story. Some are saying that it's like the movie, "Wag the Dog", I think that Clinton is a lot slicker than that. There are much bigger Clinton plots in the works to distract attention away from scandal.

For example, Clinton's approval rating went up to 79 percent after his State of the Union address which makes me wonder if Clinton balanced the federal budget to distract attention away from sex scandals. Two years ago, Clinton ended the war in Bosnia to distract attention from FileGate. Before that he avoided a war in Haiti just to distract attention from...I forget. See how slick he is! He made me forget.
Mark Perkol
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Head for the lake, jump in the boat, it's the revenuers

From Staff Reports

Here come the "revenuers." This time it's not moonshine stills they're after but expensive yachts.

The Florida Department of Revenue has announced a crackdown on the owners of expensive yachts who attempt to evade paying sales taxes on the boats. Revenue officials estimate the state could be losing millions of dollars in sales taxes from individuals who are buying and registering their vessels as a special type of rental boat, when the yacht is really for personal use.

Until April 1, the Revenue Department will waive all penalties due on the back taxes owed if the yacht owners voluntarily disclose their tax liability. Those who do not come forward within the month-long window will be subject to a full audit of their personal, business and federal income tax records, which could uncover federal tax liabilities in addition to the state taxes owed.

The citizens of Florida expect that all individuals, no matter how big their bank accounts, will pay their fair share of the state's tax burden," said Revenue Executive Director Larry Fuchs. "People who buy luxury yachts intended for personal use should be paying the entire sales tax due on that purchase, just like the average citizen must do when he or she buys a car, a boat or any other personal item."

Revenue officials were first made aware of the issue in late 1996 when a tax collector noticed that several yacht owners were forming corporations, registering their newly purchased vessels as a "bare boat" and then "renting" the yachts

back to themselves. When the tax collector asked one purchaser about the practice, the owner acknowledged that he was really buying the yacht for personal use.

Under current law, a vessel that is bought to be used exclusively for "bare boat" rental is exempt from sales tax on the purchase price. Instead, sales tax is applied to the amount of the rental charge each time the vessel is rented out. The rental is considered as "bare boat" meaning the owner does not supply a crew.

One of the first areas where revenue agents struck was West Palm Beach where a pilot program uncovered several multi-million dollar yachts, each with unpaid tax bills totaling several hundred thousand dollars. Although registered as "bare boats," only a few reported collecting sales taxes, although owner records indicated that the yacht was being used frequently.

Several of the yachts were also found to be outfitted in fine china, paintings and expensive furnishings, some of which were estimated as millions of dollars in value, but all purchased tax-free.

There was no immediate word of exactly where the revenue agents will go. In addition to coastal areas where many large ocean-going yachts are kept, there were indications that some checking may also be done on large inland bodies of water, possibly the St. Johns River.

Yacht owners wishing to have penalties waived by taking advantage of the amnesty period before it expires on April 1, should phone the Department of Revenue at 1-850-488-3821.

IN BRIEF

Host family needed

Face The World, a nonprofit educational exchange foundation, is looking for a replacement host family. A 15 year old boy from Russia needs a host family for the remainder of the school year due to a change in the current family's circumstances. He is fully covered with insurance, has his own spending money and currently attends Seminole High School.

Won't you open your heart and home? For further information, call 332-1288.

Breakfast postponed

The Appreciation Breakfast scheduled by the Salvation Army for Saturday, March 7 at First Presbyterian Church, Sanford has been postponed due to Disaster Relief Operations still in progress.

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Benefit concert

First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, under the direction of the Reverend Doctor H. D. Rucker, Pastor, located at 700 Elm Avenue in Sanford, will sponsor a concert, organized by Vincent Smith.

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is to raise money for the newly established trust fund for the children of the late Marcella Green McGill (Armisha Charles and Alvonte McGill).

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A tree grows at Tajiri

A crape myrtle tree, a donation by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ganas was planted recently on Tajiri Arts property, at Sixth Street and Palmetto Avenue. Shown at the ceremony, left to right, Connie Williams of the Scenic Improvement Board, DJon Brett, and Tajiri Arts Manager Pat Whatley.

OBITUARIES

DAKOTA HAUK BUTLER

Dakota Hauk Butler, 13 months, Club Road, Sanford, died Monday, March 2, 1998. Master Butler was born in Sanford.

Survivors include parents, Kent and Cynthia Butler; brothers, Vincent, Bowen, both of Sanford; maternal grandparents, Rudi and Sandra Strobel, Lake County; paternal grandparents, Dennis and Sharon Butler, Sanford; maternal great-grandmother, Walkira Auler, New York; paternal great-grandparents, Jess H. and Carol Brown, Sanford. Gaines Carey Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

KATHLEEN DAVIS CODY

Kathleen Davis Cody, 56, Kings Lake Drive, DeBary, died Monday, March 2, 1998. Born in Vermont, she moved to the DeBary area seven years ago from Longwood. Mrs. Cody was an assistant principal at Wilson Elementary School, Sanford.

Survivors include husband,

Donald; daughters, Laurie Ann Ryan, Deltona, Elaine Edensburn, Donna Stanton, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; son, Thomas, Las Vegas, Nev.; mother, Elizabeth Davis, Lakeland; brother, Wayne Davis, Rochester, N.Y.; five grandchildren. Lankford DeLand Chapel in charge of arrangements.

ALAN CARL MCDONALD

Alan Carl McDonald, 43, Symmonds Avenue, Winter Park, died Tuesday, March 3, 1998. Mr. McDonald was born in Orlando. He was a member of A.M.E. Church.

Survivors include father, Willie, Winter Park; mother, Audrey G. Harris, Winter Park; son, Darryl, Winter Park; sister, Courtney Harris, Winter Park; brothers, Willie III, Orlando, Robert, Winter Park, Joseph, Winter Park.

Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

PAMELA JEAN NICODEMUS

Pamela Jean Nicodemus, 40, West Eighteenth Street, San-

ford, died Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at her residence. Born in Woodbury, N.J., she moved to Central Florida in 1970 from Collingswood, N.J. Ms. Nicodemus was a member of Grace Fellowship Church, Sanford.

Survivors include parents, John and Barbara Watson, DeLand; son, Daniel McKane Haas, DeLand; daughter, Jessica Autumn Jickell, DeLand; brother, John L. Watson, Jr., Orange City.

Stephen R. Baldauff Funeral Home, Inc., Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

BUTLER, DAKOTA HAUK

Funeral services for Dakota Hauk Butler will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Sanford with the Reverend Beth Fogle-Miller officiating. The family will receive friends at the church at 10 a.m. Saturday. Gaines Carey Hand Funeral Home, 335 E. State Road 434, Longwood, (407) 834-8550, in charge of services.

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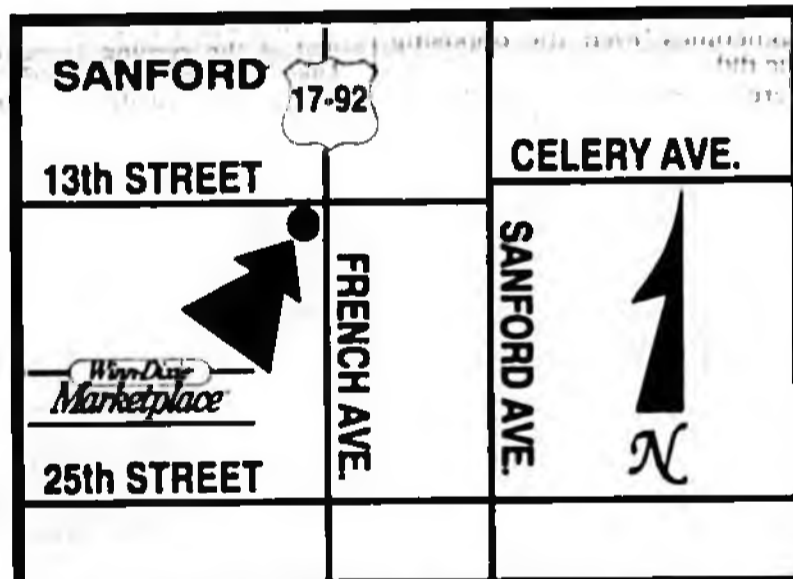
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Extra Points...

Jeff Berlinicke
Herald Staff Writer



Bieri was loved by his players

OVIEDO - Almost everyone who followed Seminole County basketball over the past four years had a strong opinion on Tom Bieri.

A lot of people loved him. He also had enemies scattered throughout the state.

But to get a true gauge of a coach, don't ask the fans, coaches and referees. Ask the players.

Not to compare Tom Bieri with Vince Lombardi, let's not get carried away, but Lombardi was known as a dictator who drove his players relentlessly. Sometimes it looked like he was cruel in his quest to win.

But he was loved by his players. The great Green Bay Packer teams of the 60s still inspire awe and speak of the lessons learned from Lombardi who treated his players as individuals who would have run through a wall for him.

On a much smaller level, that's how Bieri can be remembered. Just ask his players.

Sometimes, Bieri would be coaching horizontally on the sidelines after throwing himself onto the floor to protest a call. There are parents who thought Bieri intimidated the officials and, sometimes, even the opposing coach. Maybe he did.

And there were times over the past four years when Bieri tried to temper his temper. He tried this year but two of his players, Kelly Brock and four-year varsity member Katie McCown told Bieri they weren't comfortable unless Bieri was being himself.

That self is a coach who busted his butt for his players, on and off the court. And that's what ultimately led to his retirement last week.

Bieri has done as much for girls basketball as anyone who has ever worked the game in Central Florida. Before his tenure at Oviedo, he was a longtime coach at Bishop Moore and his former players still come back to update Bieri on their progress. He even traveled to Oklahoma in the spring to see a kid he coached when she was 11.

But it all came to an end last week. Bieri's duties with the Orlando Magic, where he works with their youth basketball programs, wouldn't allow him the time he needed to give to the Lady Lions.

Sure, he could have hung around on the sidelines next season and pulled off another 20-plus win season.

In fact, with Mary Lou Johnston, maybe Central Florida's best player, coming back for her junior year, it would have been an easy choice. Another trip to regionals and, possibly, Lakeland.

But Bieri always demanded one thing of his teams: 110 percent.

And instead of demanding that of his players when he couldn't offer it himself, he retired.

Whenever it comes to basketball, Bieri is incapable of anything less than his best effort.

So, in return, Bieri won't be there shouting at his players, intimidating officials, and, sometimes, making a spectacle of himself. And that's too bad, because, while he did all those things, it wasn't like him at all. Off the court, Bieri only cared about his kids.

Which brings us back to them, the players who put up with him for the past few seasons. When Bieri announced his retirement at the team banquet last weekend, there were few dry eyes in the house, and Bieri's were the wettest.

You may have loved Bieri, and you may have not liked him, but to get the bottom line on Tom Bieri, there's just one thing to do.

Just ask his players.

Last Second Shot: Add another pitcher to the talented arms lined up in Seminole County. That's Lake Howell's Danny Bureson who has the Silver Hawks off to one of their best starts in team history.

Playing like champions

Lake Brantley nine rallies for big win over Silver Hawks

By Kellie Werner
HERALD STAFF WRITER

WINTER PARK - They are like a fine wine...improving with age. The longer they're on the field, the better they get.

Despite trailing 2-0 at the beginning of the second inning, the defending state champion Lake Brantley Patriots more than overcame their deficit.

As the game went on, Lake Brantley kept getting better and better, shutting down their host, Lake Howell and winning 11-2 in a Seminole Athletic Conference and Class 6A-District 3 game at Lake Howell Wednesday night.

"We're a senior team this year. Please see Patriots, Page 2B



A Lake Brantley runner slides safely into home plate just ahead of the tag by the Lake Howell catcher during the Patriots' come-from-behind 11-2 victory over the Silver Hawks in an important 6A-3 and SAC baseball game Wednesday night.

Rams wrestlers rise to occasion

By Kellie Werner
HERALD STAFF WRITER

LAKE MARY - Little happens in Lake Mary High School sports without some amount of drama.

Wrestling is no exception. In the school's second straight Class 6A-District 3 championship, the wrestling team went from underdogs to top cats in one short night.

"This was very emotional for all of us and by the end of the evening I was completely drained," said Lake Mary wrestling coach Steve Katz. "There wasn't one match that didn't go into overtime or was very tight. All of the kids wrestled very well."

Obviously...they won by one half of a point. Every one of the athletes had to give it their all to pull their team to victory.

Going into the consolation round, Lake Mary was riding a 16-and-one-half point lead. By the time the final match came around, Lake Mary had to have a pin to win and Oviedo was sending in their biggest wrestler.

"Oviedo is a very tough team and I knew that the final was going to be close...just not that close," Katz said. "This win was definitely the highlight of my career because we have so many young wrestlers and

really didn't expect this. But when I called on the kids, they stood up and pulled it out."

Two of those wrestlers who were called upon were senior Brian Tyler and junior Jon Ames.

Tyler, a first year varsity wrestler, took his match into overtime. He was wrestling an opponent who he had beaten just the week before and that made him nervous because he knew the other guy knew his abilities.

"I have to admit that I was scared," Tyler said. "I knew that we needed the team points and that I had to take him down at least one time."

He did in overtime and that set up the final match.

That's where Ames was set to wrestle in the largest weight class. His class spans 210 to 280 pounds and the 217-pound Rams was matched against Oviedo's 277-pound heavyweight.

"I was keeping close track of the points and knew that Jon had to pin the guy in order for the team to win," Katz recalled. "I wasn't sure if I should tell him that or not because some kids can't handle the pressure. I decided to let him know and just told him to go in, do his best and make me proud. He rose to the occasion."

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Rams rout Lions

From Staff Reports

OVIEDO - The Lake Mary boys' lacrosse team got off to a fast start and never looked back as it won its first game of the season with an 18-5 rout of Oviedo in a Seminole Athletic Conference contest at John Courter Field Wednesday night.

The host Lions did get a Please see Lacrosse, Page 2B

Magic show again that they can play with NBA's best

By Jeff Berlinicke
HERALD STAFF WRITER

ORLANDO - Talk about playing to the level of the competition.

Put the Sacramento, Washington and Clippers in front of them and expect the worst. The Orlando Magic has lost at home to all three this season.

But send out the Lakers, Chicago, Indiana or Seattle and it's a whole new ball game.

Last night at the O-Rena was more of the same as the Magic mauled the Super Sonics, 96-83. Seattle came into the game with the best record in the NBA, but the Magic put together maybe its best overall game of the season, leading by as many as 21 points before coasting down the stretch.

Nick Anderson led the Magic with 31 points, including 13-of-19 from the field, and Derek Strong pitched in with 17.

Orlando jumped out to a 29-19 lead and was never threatened. The Magic came in off a two-game losing streak, but both losses came without Anderson who suffered from the flu last weekend.

Last night, Anderson regained form. The NBA Player of the Week two weeks ago is on the hottest roll of his career just two months after it looked like he was destined for a permanent spot on the Orlando bench.

"My mind was made up to make something happen tonight," Anderson said. "Right now, every night is important."

The Magic is in 10th place in the NBA Eastern Conference, two games out of the eighth and final playoff slot which probably means facing Chicago in the first round. Several weeks ago, the Magic was headed for lottery land, but, with Anderson's resurgence, playoff talk isn't too far-fetched.

"We can't win without Nick," Magic coach Chuck Daly said. "Who else is going to score? Everybody else we have is out."

The Magic have missed more than 200 player games due to injury already this season.

The Magic dominated Seattle underneath, outrebounding the Sonics 48-32. Strong came off the bench and combined with Horace Grant for 21 rebounds, including 10 of 18 offensive rebounds.

Orlando led by 12 at halftime and increased the margin to 21 midway through the fourth quarter, but Seattle came back and cut the lead to 10 before the Magic ran off eight straight to pull away.

Seattle was running on tired legs, having beaten Miami in overtime Monday night after a cross-country flight.

Orlando has Cleveland coming to town Friday. The Cavs are sitting in the final playoff slot.



Nick Anderson returned after a two-game absence (both losses) for the flu to score 31 points as the Orlando Magic dominated the team with the NBA's best record, the Seattle Super Sonics, 96-83 at the Orlando Arena Wednesday night.

Just Don't Make No Sense tops in Sanford Adult Flag Football

From Staff Reports

SANFORD - Just Don't Make No Sense recorded its third and fourth shutouts of the season to remain undefeated in

the Sanford Recreation Department Adult Polar Bear Flag Football League at Chase Park. February 20th; then came back last week to whitewash the On The Ball-Vikings, 29-0.

After a pair of rainouts, Just Don't Make No Sense blanked Signal Zero, 28-0, on Friday, Vikings took a 24-6 halftime

lead, then held off the Score-Please see Flag, Page 2B

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First Half
JDMNS - Calvin Davis run (Steve Dennis 2-point conversion).
JDMNS - Shawn Washington 40 pass from Kerry Higgins (Burnette Washington 2-point pass from Calvin Davis).

JDMNS - Calvin Davis 15 run (point failed).

Second Half
JDMNS - Calvin Davis 80 interception return (point failed).

by Chic Young

BLONDIE



BEETLE BAILEY



by Mort Walker

THE BORN LOSER



by Art Sanson

PEANUTS



by Charles M. Schulz

EEK & MEEK



by Howie Schneider

TUMBLEWEEDS



by T.K. Ryan

ARLO AND JANIS



by Jimmy Johnson

FRANK AND ERNEST



by Bob Thaves

GARFIELD



by Jim Davis

ROBOTMAN*



by Jim Meddick

New therapy for anal fissures

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a painful anal fissure. Are there new treatments for this?

DEAR READER: Anal fissures are common. Consisting of tiny tears in the anal skin, such fissures cause severe periodic pain after defecation and bright red rectal bleeding.

For many years, the customary treatment was topical anesthetics, warm baths, stool bulking agents, and mechanical anal stretching. Surgery was sometimes required but was associated, on occasion, with incontinence.

About three years ago, doctors began using nitroglycerine cream (topical 1 percent isosorbide dinitrate). The results were encouraging, but patients usually developed a tolerance to the drug, making it less acceptable for long-term use.

Recently, however, researchers from Italy reported a novel therapy: the injection of botulinum toxin into the anal sphincter. More famous as a lethal poison, this toxin has been used successfully in treating a wide variety of muscle disorders, including strabismus (crossed eyes), eyelid spasm, wry neck and difficulty swallowing. Botulinum toxin relaxes muscles, hence its effectiveness in relieving anal spasm and promoting healing.

The technique is not yet widely used for anal fissures but promises to be a welcome addition to the therapies for this painful condition.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had surgery for hemorrhoids in 1996. Since then, I've had painless rectal bleeding for about three days every six weeks. The surgeon said that I've healed completely and that the bleeding must have been something I ate. Can this really be caused by my diet?

DEAR READER: Not in my opinion. Food does not produce rectal bleeding, nor does it look like blood on the toilet paper. (The one exception is beets.) I suspect that you have developed a tiny, chronic ulcer at the operative site, or another hemorrhoid may occasionally bleed. Or you might be bleeding from an unrelated source high up in the rectum. This should be easy to diagnose.

The next time you notice rectal bleeding, get an emergency appointment with a gastroenterologist while you're bleeding. He will examine your anus and lower colon with a special instrument and should be able to see the bleeding point, at which time he can cauterize it or give you other advice or treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 59-year-old daughter has just been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis. Her doctors won't discuss this disease. What is it?

DEAR READER: Believed to be caused by an autoimmune reaction to one's own natural tissues, myasthenia

DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

limbs are usually affected, leading to diffuse weakness, in conjunction with droopy eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing and — in severe cases — respiratory problems.

MG is usually diagnosed using the edrophonium test, during which a substance is administered that overcomes the neuromuscular deficiency, resulting in sudden, almost miraculous improvement in symptoms. MG is sometimes associated with hyperthyroidism, drugs (especially antibiotics, lithium, beta-blockers and insecticides), and certain malignancies.

Treatment is fairly straightforward and includes medication (pyridostigmine and prednisone), as well as plasmapheresis (a technique to alter the proteins in the bloodstream).

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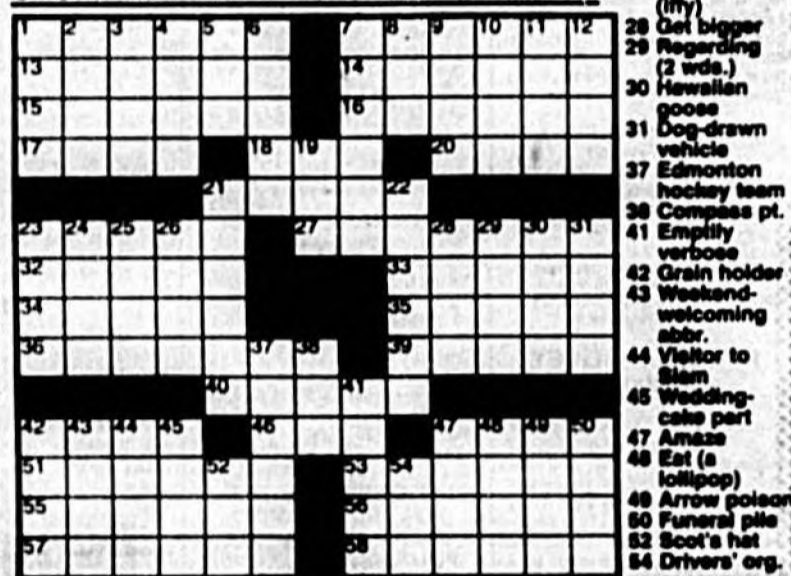
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STUMPED? Call for Answers



WIN AT BRIDGE

The knavish escapologist

By Phillip Alder

There was a third world championship in Tunisia last year: the inaugural Transnational Teams. It was won by a combined Italian-Polish quintet: Leandro Burgay, Dano DeFalco, Carlo Mariani, Marcin Lesniewski and Krzysztof Martens.

In the final, they beat the Polish team of Krzysztof Jassem, Piotr Tuszyński, Ireneusz Kowalzyk and Marek Witek. 132-40.

My favorite deal from the event, though, occurred during a battle between two teams captained by Britons, Andrew Macnair and Tony Forrester.

How do you think Macnair made four hearts after West had led the spade king? After three passes, opening four

hearts is sensible. It is unlikely you can make a slam, and it will keep the opponents quiet.

If the spades were splitting 5-2, it looked as though the contract would be defeated, the opponents would collect four tricks via one spade, two red suit aces and a spade ruff. And that is probably what would have happened if declarer had either won the first trick or played the spade seven from hand. However, Macnair found a wonderful ruse: He dropped the spade jack.

This had the desired effect. West, continuing with a low spade, Macnair won with dummy's 10, then discarded his spade ace on the club ace — exit the defense's spade ruff.

Sadly, that play didn't gain points. At the other table, East and West were in a position to defeat four hearts but went astray.

In England, a jack used to be called a knave (though I never saw a deck with Kn rather than J on the four appropriate cards). Well, that was one knavish trick.

Bridge score table with North, South, West, East, Pass, and Opening lead: A K.

HOROSCOPE



Friday, March 6, 1998

Carefully investigate any new endeavors or enterprises into which you wish to enter in the year ahead. The majority could be promising, but one or two could be real bummers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you like, even though he or she is extremely extravagant and unreliable, might put you on the spot today with requests that are costly as well as inconvenient. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you

might have more than your usual share of tasks. If you sweep anything under the rug, you may not be able to see beyond the dust cloud later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you expect something done right today, it's best to do it yourself. The person to whom you delegate the job won't give your directives proper priority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, you might meet opposition regarding an issue about which you feel strongly. Neither you nor your adversary is likely to yield.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not get involved today with career contemporaries whose objectives differ from yours. Exchanges could take on onerous overtones at the turn of a hat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against making premature, negative judgments today about people or developments. Your assessments could be erroneous and detrimental to your interests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be very careful today how you handle resources or property that belongs to others. If anything goes wrong, you'll be held account-

able, guilty or not. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your work habits might not be up to par today, especially if you're required to do something you think is beneath your rank or dignity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be firm today if a strong-willed individual tries to make decisions for you that do not serve your best interests. If you fail to protect your position, you'll regret it later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It may prove unwise today to attempt to do several assignments simultaneously. All areas might suffer and you could end up with a bigger muddle than when you started.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to expedite matters today, you might make some promises you won't mean. Others will take you up on them, however, and demand fulfillment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This might not be the right day for you to tackle tedious mental tasks. Your thoughts and focus may not be up to par and major mistakes are possible.

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by Leonard Starr