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Briefly

Memorial donation
Members of the Indian Mound Homeowners' Association are donating \$3,500 to the Deputy Hugh Thomas Jr. Memorial Fund. Deputy Thomas was killed in the line of duty March 28, 1989. A brief ceremony will take place at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Friday, April 28 at 9 a.m.

The Deputy Hugh Thomas Jr. Memorial Fund helps with law enforcement academies scholarships for those interested in law enforcement careers, and also promotes safety and crime prevention among children.

Dedication postponed
The park dedication in the Roseland Park Community, originally scheduled for this morning (Thursday, April 27) has been postponed. No new date has been determined.

Today is ...

Thursday, April 27, 2000
Today is the 118th day of 2000 and the 38th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan was killed in the Philippines.

- On this day in 1899, the first tuberculosis hospital operated by the federal government opened at Fort Stanton, N.M.
- On this day in 1964, the nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged, forming a single republic that would be named Tanzania within the year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:
Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), historian; Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797), writer-feminist; Samuel F.B. Morse (1791-1872), inventor; Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), U.S. president; Rogers Hornsby (1896-1963), baseball great; Jack Klugman (1922-), actor, is 78; Coretta Scott King (1927-), civil-rights leader, is 73; Anouk Aimee (1932-), actress, is 68; August Wilson (1945-), playwright, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros struck out a batter for the 3,509th time in his professional career, setting the all-time strikeout record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators."
Edward Gibbon

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (April 26).

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Kuhn resigns from Main Street

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

Beginning May 1, Walt Padgett will take reigns of organization

SANFORD — Sanford Main Street will have a new executive director next month.

Linda Kuhn is stepping down after two years as executive director, to be replaced by Walt Padgett, a Sanford businessman who has long been active in the community. He will begin the job May 1.

Main Street is also relocating to a new office on May 1. The Main Street office and Visitor Center will be located at 209-B West First Street. It will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kuhn, who submitted her resignation to the Board of Directors on April 4, said that she wants to spend more time with her family.

"I've worked all of my life since I was 18-years-old," Kuhn said. "I have a daughter who just got married and is building a house. I have another daughter who is also buying a house. I just want to take some time to be a mommy and a wife for a while."

In addition, Kuhn said she is considering seeking a political office, although she declined to elaborate on which office she may run for. She does not live in the District 3 of Sanford, which will hold a

special election for the City Commission on June 27.

"I just think it's time for me to move on and take my career in a different direction," Kuhn said.

Kuhn's husband Robert is one of seven historic district residents involved in a lawsuit against the city of Sanford in an attempt to gain an injunction against a November development order approved by the City Commission which allowed a downtown soup kitchen operated by Seminole Volunteer Enterprises to open despite a lack of parking spaces.

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Running for Special Olympics



Herold photos by Tommy Vreard
Top: A group of Sanford police officers, including Capt. Mike McCoy (second from left), participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Wednesday. More than 40 law enforcement officers from seven different agencies throughout Seminole County participated in the run to support the Special Olympics. Through the sale of T-shirts, \$5,000 were raised for the Special Olympics. The run started at the Matland-Seminole County border along U.S. Highway 17-92. The runners proceeded north along U.S. 17-92 to 4th Street in Sanford, where the traditional barbecue was held. On Friday, the Special Olympic Games begin in Kissimmee. Right: Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Berry (far right) carries the torch during the run.



First-year teacher travels to Spain with state contingent

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Her first year as a teacher is winding down, and Laura Ohl of Sanford Middle School is preparing for a trip to Spain for the Florida Department of Education.

Ohl is among 58 Florida teachers who have been awarded scholarships for summer in-service institutes in Spain and France. The scholarships cover the cost of lodging, meals, and institute-related excursions during a three-week period in July.

She will be part of a group of 20 Spanish teachers in Central Florida with scholarships to

Spain, and the only one from Seminole County.

To qualify, Ohl wrote an essay in Spanish about how the three-week trip would benefit herself and the students. In addition, Ohl will give a workshop this fall semester for Spanish teachers regarding new teaching skills she learns during the trip.

Ohl was able to list her top three choices where she would like to go during the tour. She chose either Santiago de Compostela, located in the Northeast portion of Spain, the University of Salamanca, or the University of Murcia.

"All I know is that I'm going

to Spain," Ohl said. "I'm excited."

There will be six hours of classes per day during the week on topics such as the methodology of teaching a foreign language. However, Ohl is also planning to have fun.

"I definitely plan to take advantage of the opportunity to see theater performances, travel around Spain and see the sites," Ohl said.

This is Ohl's first trip to Spain. However, she did spend seven weeks in Mexico during her sophomore year in college.

"Right now, I'm just using what I learned in school and in Mexico," Ohl said. "This will make me more well-rounded."

Ohl is in her first year of teaching, after graduating from

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There's no pomp in this circumstance

Thieves steal caps and gowns needed for area graduations

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Investigators are searching for whoever stole more than \$141,000 worth of caps and gowns intended for graduating seniors across Central Florida over the weekend.

Mike Myers, 47, told investigators that he and his wife, Jacque, discovered the theft on Saturday when they returned to their warehouse at 4316 W. State

Road 46 after attending a graduation ceremony at Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

A 15-foot white, metal cargo trailer containing the caps and gowns had been hitched to a truck parked behind a chain-link fence. Thieves cut through a lock, hitched the trailer to their own truck and drove off with the trailer, according to a police report.

The trailer, which had Mike Myers & Associates printed on the side, contained almost 2,000 gowns, 500 hoods and about 3,000 medallions, the report said.

The items were to be shipped to several Central Florida high schools in Orange and Volusia counties.

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Clean-up project

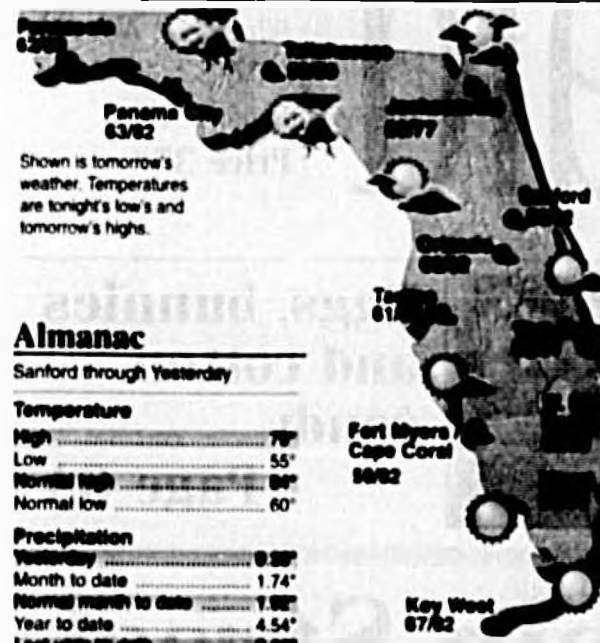


Herold photos by Tommy Vreard
Dan Hunter edges along the sidewalk in the 13th Street Business District as part of a community service project. The city of Sanford is beginning a clean-up project in the area in hopes that private businesses and residents will join the effort.

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Sanford through Yesterday

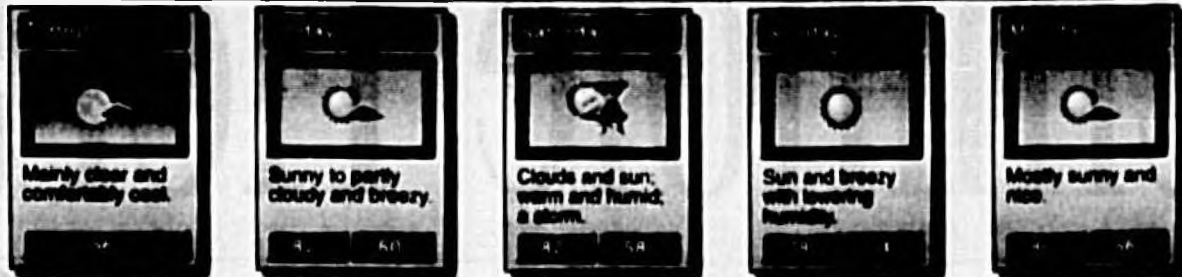
Temperature

High 78°
Low 55°
Normal high 84°
Normal low 60°

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 1.74"
Normal month to date 1.98"
Year to date 4.54"
Last year to date 11.48"
Normal year to date 11.48"

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



Regional Weather

Florida: Clear to partly cloudy tonight. A few showers and thunderstorms in the north tomorrow. Plenty of sunshine and warm elsewhere.

Georgia: Turning cloudy tonight. There will be a few showers and thunderstorms later tonight into tomorrow, some may be locally heavy and gusty.

Mississippi: A couple of showers and thunderstorms tonight, some locally gusty. There still may be a shower in the south tomorrow, some sun north.

Alabama: Mostly cloudy tonight into tomorrow with showers and thunderstorms, some may be heavy. Clouds could break for some sun tomorrow.

South Carolina: Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Tomorrow will bring plenty of clouds with a few showers and thunderstorms, locally strong in the south.

Louisiana: Partly cloudy tonight with a shower or thunderstorm in some areas. There still may be a shower in the south tomorrow, some sun north.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 7:08 p.m.
Sunrise Friday 6:46 a.m.
Moonset today 1:46 p.m.

Next Full Moon: May 10
Next New Moon: May 26

Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Dunedin Pier

Tomorrow

First Low 10:13 a.m. 0.9 R
First High 3:42 a.m. 3.8 R
Second Low 10:25 p.m. 0.8 R
Second High 4:18 p.m. 3.7 R

Saturday

First Low 11:03 a.m. 0.7 R
First High 4:42 a.m. 3.8 R
Second Low 11:23 p.m. 0.8 R
Second High 5:08 p.m. 4.0 R

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are non positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 107° in Lake Meville City, AZ; Low 21° in Harlan, Lake, NY.

UV Index Tomorrow



Regional Cities

City	Temp.	Wind	Humid.
Atlanta, GA	68	10	71
Baltimore, MD	64	10	64
Boston, MA	59	10	64
Charlotte, NC	66	10	64
Chicago, IL	66	10	64
Columbus, GA	74	10	64
Dallas, TX	70	10	64
Denver, CO	62	10	64
Fort Worth, TX	70	10	64
Houston, TX	70	10	64
Indianapolis, IN	66	10	64
Jacksonville, FL	77	10	64
Kansas City, MO	70	10	64
Las Vegas, NV	84	10	64
Los Angeles, CA	68	10	64
Memphis, TN	74	10	64
Miami, FL	84	10	64
Minneapolis, MN	66	10	64
Nashville, TN	66	10	64
New Orleans, LA	82	10	64
New York City, NY	66	10	64
Phoenix, AZ	88	10	64
Portland, ME	57	10	64
Portland, OR	57	10	64
San Diego, CA	70	10	64
Seattle, WA	57	10	64
Tampa, FL	70	10	64
Tucson, AZ	88	10	64
Washington, DC	66	10	64

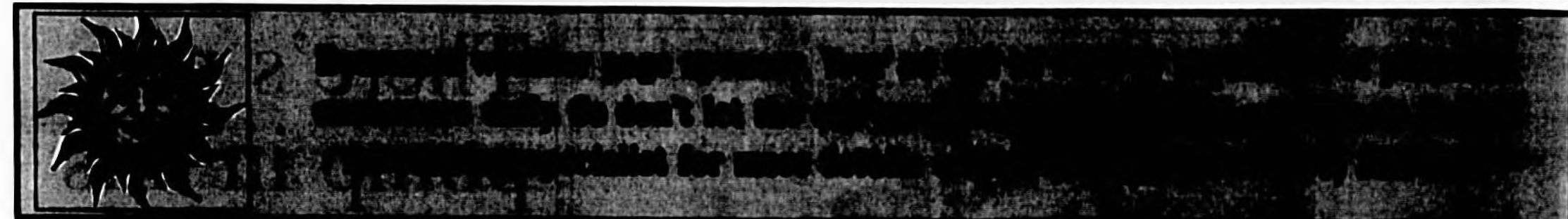
World Cities

City	Temp.	Wind	Humid.
Bahia, Brazil	77	10	64
Bombay, India	82	10	64
Buenos Aires, Argentina	70	10	64
Calcutta, India	82	10	64
Hankow, China	70	10	64
Jakarta, Indonesia	72	10	64
London, England	56	10	64
Manila, Philippines	82	10	64
San Francisco, CA	61	10	64
Singapore	82	10	64
Sydney, Australia	77	10	64
Tokyo, Japan	61	10	64
Yokohama, Japan	61	10	64

National Cities

City	Temp.	Wind	Humid.
Albany, NY	68	10	64
Albuquerque, NM	88	10	64
Anchorage, AK	59	10	64
Atlanta, GA	68	10	64
Baltimore, MD	64	10	64
Birmingham, AL	70	10	64
Boston, MA	59	10	64
Buffalo, NY	66	10	64
Charlotte, NC	66	10	64
Chattanooga, TN	66	10	64
Chicago, IL	66	10	64
Cincinnati, OH	66	10	64
Cleveland, OH	63	10	64
Daytona Beach, FL	83	10	64
Denver, CO	62	10	64
Des Moines, IA	66	10	64
Detroit, MI	64	10	64
El Paso, TX	82	10	64
Fort Worth, TX	70	10	64
Grand Rapids, MI	66	10	64
Houston, TX	70	10	64
Indianapolis, IN	66	10	64
Jacksonville, FL	77	10	64
Kansas City, MO	70	10	64
Las Vegas, NV	84	10	64
Little Rock, AR	66	10	64
Los Angeles, CA	68	10	64
Madison, WI	66	10	64
Memphis, TN	74	10	64
Miami, FL	84	10	64
Minneapolis, MN	66	10	64
Mobile, AL	82	10	64
Nashville, TN	66	10	64
New Orleans, LA	82	10	64
New York City, NY	66	10	64
Omaha, NE	66	10	64
Orlando, FL	77	10	64
Philadelphia, PA	66	10	64
Phoenix, AZ	88	10	64
Pittsburgh, PA	66	10	64
Portland, ME	57	10	64
Portland, OR	57	10	64
San Antonio, TX	82	10	64
San Diego, CA	70	10	64
San Jose, CA	68	10	64
San Luis Obispo, CA	68	10	64
San Francisco, CA	61	10	64
San Jose, CA	68	10	64
Seattle, WA	57	10	64
St. Louis, MO	66	10	64
Tampa, FL	70	10	64
Tucson, AZ	88	10	64
Washington, DC	66	10	64
Wichita, KS	66	10	64

Weather (W): S-sunny, PC-partly cloudy, C-cloudy, SH-showers, T-thunderstorms, F-fog, SN-snow, SLE-sleet, ICE-ice



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TV is making as little sense as possible

Ernie Kovacs, the late comic genius, said that the only reason television is called a medium is that it is neither rare nor well done.

Mr. Kovacs, how wise your words. As you know this is TV-Turnoff Week — an opportunity to rise above the medium.

Participating in the event is no big sacrifice on my part. I'm not one of those TV junkies who watch hour after hour of mediocrity. No, sir. An hour at most. TV, of course, is little more than chewing gum for the eyes. Watching TV doesn't ease my anxieties — it adds to them. I go to pieces whenever Maria Wreth does the news.

I don't want to be a millionaire nor wish to watch a show about people who do. I've never loved anyone named Raymond, been bewitched nor touched by an

angel. The best 60 minutes I ever had were not watching television.

Television is a device that allows people who haven't anything to do to observe people who don't do anything. This, of course, allows almost anyone to break into the TV business.

Surprising as it may seem, I was once a TV personality in Washington, D.C. That's what TV people are known as — personalities. Makes no difference what kind of personality. Just as long as you can breathe while appearing on the boob tube.

My TV breakthrough was at WTSP-TV (Channel 9) as the analyst on Washington Capitals hockey games. Most of the players were cashiers. One of them — Gordie Brooks — hit himself in the face with a puck one night. His shot went off the goalie's stick

and smacked into Gordie's own kisser. You should have heard me analyze that.

Realizing how bad the Capitals played in their first seasons, WTSP officials didn't want anyone who had ever played hockey having anything to do with the telecasts. That's where I came in. My job was to make as little sense as possible. And I was good at it. That's what much of TV is — making as little sense as possible. Some of the talk show personalities have perfected the art of nonsense. Mediocrity breeds mediocrity. I'm sure most viewers don't have any idea why or what they are chewing.

One of the area TV anchormen — John O'Connor — participated in a Tonic TV event at St. Mary Magdalen Church the other day. Apparently, it left his TV bosses speechless.

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



Russ White

Obituaries

DORIS E. BRADLEY
Doris E. Bradley, 84, La Cita Lane, Titusville, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000. Born May 23, 1915 in Oil City, Pa., she moved to Central Florida in 1979. She was a homemaker and a Protestant. She was an active member of the Silver Eagles Association.

Survivors include longtime companion, Major Theodore Sawyer, USAF, retired, Titusville; daughters, Cynthia Louise Benton, Apopka, Doris Patricia Wheeler, Visalia, Cal.; sisters, Roberta Wiggins, Titusville, Jean Sawyer, Elizabeth City, N.C.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Woodlawn Care Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

Pentecostal. She belonged to the National Association of Saddle Mules of America and Big Scrub Riders.

Survivors include husband, James; son, Marshall Diamantara, Altamonte Springs; sister, Martha Monroe, Lake Helen; mother, Abreda Krantz, Lake Helen. Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT C. HEDMAN

Robert C. Hedman, 80, Camellia Drive, DeBary, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at John Knox Village Medical Center, Orange City. Born in Queens, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida from New Milford, N.J. in 1981. He was employed by New York Central Railroad, Weehawken, N.J. for 38 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and Episcopalian by faith.

Survivors include wife, Dorothy M.; daughter, Janet Bamford, Orlando; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

of arrangements.

JOHN T. KENNEY

John T. Kenney, 64, Dunlap Drive, Deltona, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at his residence. Born in Gary, Ind., he moved to Central Florida in 1997. He was a retired mill worker for Midwest Steel, Portage, Ind. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy. Survivors include sons, Darrell, Deltona, Jack, Elkhart, Ind., Rick, Germany, Mike, South Bend, Ind.; brother, Richard Shephard, Homestead; sister, Helen Hodges, Gary, Ind.; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

ENGBREITSEN, NANCY L.

Memorial services for Mrs. Engbreitسن, who died April 24, 2000 will be held Friday, April 28, 2000 at the Central Baptist Church, 3101 SR-46, Sanford.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Homes, Oaklawn Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

Briefs

Quilters guild

The Central Florida Quilters Guild will meet Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Wing of the Sanford Civic Center.

The meeting will feature mini-classes and demonstrations in quilting and sewing techniques. Visitors are welcome.

For additional information, phone Maureen White at 407-339-4606.

Cleanup day

Friday, April 28, the Altamonte Springs Fire Department will host a waterway clean up of the Wekiva River. Over 150 Central Florida firefighters and other public servants are expected to take part in the event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be the 24th annual event for the firefighters. Volunteers hope to bring the river back to an environmentally clean area by participating in a debris and trash pickup, and the removal of exotic plants on the river and riverbed.

SCC Concert

The Seminole Community College Symphonic Band will present its 28th annual Spring Concert, Sunday, April 30, beginning at 4 p.m., in the SCC Fine Arts Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Conducted by Dr. William Hinkle, the concert will feature tenor Curtis Rayam, and trombonist Michael Buttrick with a series of music by some of the outstanding symphonic composers.

For information phone 407-328-2039.

Art Association

The Sanford Seminole Art Association will meet Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m., at Grace Congregational Church, corner of Park Avenue and 24th Street. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Humanitarian award

Monday, May 1, the Sanford Lakeside Lion's Club will present the Deputy Gene Gregory Humanitarian Award to a member of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. The

name of the recipient is being kept a secret until the ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at Logan's Roadhouse Grill, 4649 W. First Street in Sanford.

The award is given to the sheriff's employee who goes beyond the call of duty and takes a special interest in people, is caring, and involved.

Support Group

NarAnon is a self help recovery support group designed to help relatives and friends of addicts, whether or not the user seeks help or admits there is a problem. The group shares our strengths and hope, our

experiences and solutions. It suggests, but does not give advice. The group is protected by anonymity, which is part of its tradition.

NarAnon meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Orlando Regional South Seminole Hospital, Behavioral Health Department, 555 W. State Road 434 in Longwood. Call for information, 407-322-

344, 407-333-9204, or 407-294-6504.

GED Graduation

Seminole Community College invites the general public to a special celebration honoring recent GED (General Education Development) graduates. The ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the SCC Health

Building.

Adults who have successfully completed the GED exams at SCC will receive a State of Florida High School Diploma. Additionally, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding graduates, Misty Case, Sumer Mixon and James Nivens.

For additional information phone 407-328-2050.

Police Log

Retail Theft

Sanford — Trevor Wright, 18, 129 Plantation Road, DeBary, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 2:50 p.m. on April 25. He was charged with Retail Theft.

Grand Theft

Sanford — Tabitha Haynes, 19, 2185 Glenlock Drive, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 5:15 p.m. on April 24. She was charged with Grand Theft.

Aggravated Battery/Domestic Violence

Sanford — Linda M. Wright, 34, 1218 Randolph Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 11:48 p.m. on April 24. She was charged with Aggravated Battery/Domestic Violence and Use of a Deadly Weapon.

Sanford — Carolyn Ketchum, 50, 2550 Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 7:26 p.m. on April 24. She was charged with Aggravated Battery/Domestic Violence. Wayne Exum, same address,

was arrested on the same charges.

Sanford — Francisco Sotelo, 24, 101 Mayrose Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 11:24 p.m. on April 25. He was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.

Trespassing

Sanford — Omar Campbell, 36, homeless, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 1:27 p.m. on April 26. He was charged with Trespassing.

Hit-and-Run

Sanford — Abel Ramos-Diaz, 21, 2742 Ridgewood Ave., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 10:35 p.m. on April 25. He was charged with Hit and Run, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving Without a Valid License.

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Fantasy 5 (April 26)
4-7-15-18-24

Lotto (April 26)
4-21-24-27-32-52

Mega Money (April 25)
3-16-23-32 — Megaball 1

April 26
Play 4
7-3-5-0
Cash 3
6-0-9



L to R: Bill Welborn, Bobby Brisson, Mark Hooller, Shorty Smith.

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Life Style

Patient should see doctor about vein removal

DEAR DR. GOTT: After a vasectomy, I developed what my doctor diagnosed as a varicose vein in my penis. It's constantly uncomfortable and makes intercourse painful. Should I have my vasectomy reversed?

DEAR READER: A swollen penile vein would be an extremely rare consequence of vasectomy, because the operation is carried out in the scrotum and does not ordinarily affect the penile veins. Therefore, I doubt that reversal of your vasectomy — in itself, a technically challenging procedure — would solve your problem. I suggest that you be examined by a urologist, who could advise you whether the vein should be removed, thereby returning you to a more normal state.



Dr. Peter H. Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do my joints crack when I move, exercise, walk or bend down? My friends tease me about getting old, but I'm only 31. What could be causing this?

DEAR READER: Joints are held in place by supporting tissue, primarily tendons and ligaments. In some people, either because of injury or genetic inheritance, some joints may be too lax. This can cause cracking or popping during movement as the bones of the joints move excessively. As we age, supporting structures tend to stretch and weaken; hence, joint cracking is a normal part of growing older. Painless joint popping is a common occurrence in people of any age, does not necessarily reflect disease and usually does not require treatment. You can

reassure your friends that you are 1. in good health; 2. getting older; and 3. so are they.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of a heart irregularity, I take the anticoagulant Coumadin. I also have asthma for which my doctor recently prescribed Accolate. Now I notice blood in my urine and extensive bruising in my skin. Is this related to the medicines?

DEAR READER: Quite possibly. Accolate is a new medication, available in pill form, for the prevention of asthma. Ordinarily, it is quite safe. Reported side effects include headache and gastrointestinal upset. However, when given to patients taking Coumadin, Accolate can accentuate the anticoagulant effects of the drug, leading to dangerous hemorrhage. In my opinion, you should

have an immediate blood test, called a prothrombin time, to check your degree of anticoagulation. If, as I suspect, you are over-medicated, your physician should either discontinue your Accolate or re-adjust your daily dose of Coumadin. Don't delay in seeking medical attention. Your bloody urine and bruising could indicate that you are sitting on a time bomb. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Rollins College accepting applications for student Upward Bound program

WINTER PARK — The Rollins College Upward Bound program is now accepting applications for participation from students in the eighth and ninth grade. Applicants will be considered for enrollment immediately upon receipt of the completed application.

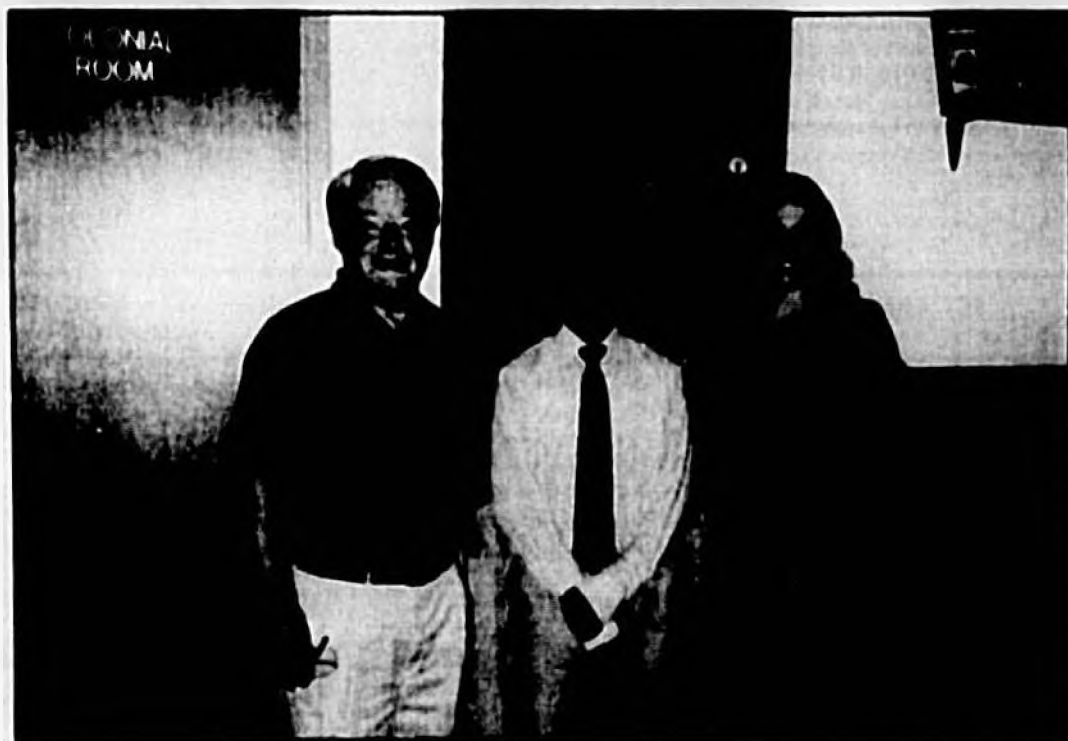
There is no cost for participation, and participants are involved with the program from the time of initial selection until they enroll in a post-secondary education program. Upward Bound is for students in Orange and Seminole counties whose family income is limited and whose parents do not hold a bachelor's degree.

It is a federally funded college prep program, providing assistance in career and college exploration, financial aid and scholarship information, academic monitoring and course advisement, information about college entrance exams, goal-setting and decision making, study skills development and college visits.

Participants attend 25 Saturday tutorial sessions between September and May and will take part in a six-week summer residential component on the Rollins Campus in June.

For a program application or additional information, phone 407-646-2282.

Oratorical winners



The Optimist Club of Sanford announced the winners of the 30th annual Optimist Oratorical Contest held last month in the Sanford Church of Christ. The boy's winner is Harry Madhanagopal and the girl's winner is Brooke Hall. The winners are pictured with Bob Howe, essay contest chair. Winners received certificates and medals. Both winners are students at Seminole High School.

Country Club Road closed for next 4 weeks

SANFORD — Country Club Road, between 46-A (West 25th Street) and Airport Boulevard is now closed.

The closure is scheduled to last about four weeks. Local traffic will have access to Country Club Road by following detour signs which will be in place.

This temporary road closure is necessary while construction of the Seminole Expressway Project 2 is underway. The temporary closure will provide a safe construction area along Country Club Road while workers are paving and stripping the special detour. Drivers hauling materials will also be in that area.

This temporary road closure will be in operation during daylight hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to drive with caution.

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E.C. Reems Women's International Ministries prepares to impact Orlando

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

One of America's most prestigious women's ministries is coming to Orlando Thursday, May 25 through Sunday, May 28.

Founded in 1989 by Dr. Ernestine Cleveland Reems, the first conference had 175 women in attendance. Today, the E.C. Reems Women's International Ministries ministers to the spiritual, social, emotional and financial needs of more than 10,000 Christian women across the U.S., the Caribbean and parts of Europe.

The 11th annual National

Women's Conference, with the theme "Faith 2000: Families achieving Millennium Excellence," will meet at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel. The conference will offer more than 25 intensive workshops; three highly spirited and inspirational general assembly sessions; two refreshing morning worship services; and a breakfast with E.C. Reems.

In addition to Reems, some of the dynamic speakers include Bishop Claudette Copeland, San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Millicent Thompson-Hunter, Philadelphia; Pastor Pamela Hines, Milwaukee, Minn.; Dr. Cynthia James, Oakland, Calif.; Dr. Iona Locke, Detroit; and Dr. Jacquelyn McCullough, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Judy McAllister of Los Angeles will lead a youth forum tailored especially for children ages 6 through 17. Entitled "GANG — God's Anointed New Generation," the forum will include praise dancers and local choirs.

This conference will bring women into a higher level of self-awareness and spiritual, personal and professional development, and help women better prepare to meet the demands of the 21st century. The goal is to instruct, motivate and challenge women to reach their maximum potential in Christ.

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Life Style

Patients' privacy disappears in receptionist's open door

DEAR ABBY: My aunt broke her foot and can't drive, so I have been providing her with taxi service for the last three weeks.

I took her to see a new doctor about shortness of breath. His office was in a lovely new building, and I marveled at the paintings and expensive furniture in his waiting room. I thought about how successful he was,

and that engendered confidence in his ability to treat my aunt.

However, when she hobbled into the receptionist's office, the door was left open, and everyone in the waiting room could hear the answers to all the personal questions. Nothing was secret from the captive audience. She tried talking softly, but the receptionist repeated her answers loudly enough that we could all hear them.

Abby, medical information is supposed to be confidential. Had one of the patients demanded that kind of information from the receptionist, she probably would have refused to answer. Because it was for medical records, my aunt felt compelled to answer the questions she was asked. It not only embarrassed her, it also put her in a vulnerable position for identity theft.

Shouldn't medical office personnel be more careful to guard the confidential information of the patients?

NETTLED NIECE IN NEWARK, N.J.

DEAR NETTLED NIECE: Yes. Care should be taken in keeping medical information confidential, and the receptionist was out of line. Your aunt should have smiled sweetly and said, "That information is confidential. I'll answer your questions when you close the door." Then, when she saw the doctor, she should have reported her complaint, which probably would have been a favor for all the patients.

Since your aunt did not report this lapse of confidentiality procedure by the receptionist, you should speak to the doctor and advise him or her of what you witnessed. It is the doctor's responsibility to ensure that employees observe protocol to protect patients' rights.

DEAR ABBY: The following little story appeared in our church bulletin last year, and I thought you might enjoy it. If you think it's worth sharing with your readers, please feel free to do so.

ANITA G., WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR ANITA: Your story illustrates what's really important in life. It's well worth space in this column. Read on: HOW RICH ARE WE?

One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family. When they returned from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"Very good, Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Yeah!"

"And what did you learn?"

The son replied: "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole horizon."

When the little boy finished speaking, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

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Kindergarten registration begins May 2

Kindergarten registration for the school year 2000-2001 will be held the first week of May. Dates and times for registration are listed below. Students who will attend Evans Elementary next school year may register at Sternstrom, Carillon, Lawton or Rainbow on their regular kindergarten registration day.

Parents need to bring the following to Kindergarten Registration:

- Proof of birth (must be 5 on or before Sept. 1)
 - Proof of residency
 - Florida Immunization Record (HRS 680 form)
 - Physical within past 12 months
 - Child's Social Security card
- Note: Parents can get the immunization record and physical forms from their pediatrician or the County Health Department.

Kindergarten Registration Dates and Times:

School	Date	Time
Altamonte	5/2	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
	5/3	7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bear Lake	5/3	8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Carillon	5/3	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cassiberry	5/2	7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Eastbrook	5/2	7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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Forest City	5/2	7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Hamilton	5/2	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Heathrow	5/2	7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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		5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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		5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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	5/5	7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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		4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wilson	5/3	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
W. Springs	5/2	7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Woodlands	5/4	7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
		4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Helping out



Gretchen Hobby, Barbara Walls and Gretchen Walker sort through all kinds of items for the Habitat For Humanity Thrift Store located in Sanford Plaza.

Herald photo by Nick Sifakis

SCC hosts spring concert

The Seminole Community College Symphonic Band will present its 26th annual Spring Concert, Sunday, April 30, beginning at 4 p.m., in the SCC Fine Arts Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Conducted by Dr.

William Hinkle, the concert will feature tenor Curtis Rayam, and trombonist Michael Butrico with a series of music by some of the outstanding symphonic composers.

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Too many UCF grads for one event

University will host two days of graduation ceremonies

By Nick Plotkauf
Staff writer

For the first time in its history, the University of Central Florida commencements will have to take two days. Officials say there are simply too many students to hold the event on just one day as in the past.

At last count, 3,377 students were scheduled to graduate next month. There will be two ceremonies on Friday, May 5 and three on Saturday, May 6, all to be held in the UCF arena.

Friday will have 978 graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences. The 9:30 a.m. graduation will feature the chief of naval research for the Office of Naval Research, Rear Admiral Paul Gaffney. The second event, at 1:30 p.m. will be for the college of Engineering and Computer Science. An estimated 319 graduates will hear from Lotfi Zadeh, the father of "fuzzy logic," who will receive an honorary doctorate of science from UCF.

Saturday at 8 a.m., it's commencement for the College of Health and Public Affairs. Approximately 834 graduates will hear from Lincoln College (Missouri) President David Henson.

At 11:30 a.m., commencement begins for the College of Business Administration with

community advocate and environmental consultant Joanie Schrim as featured speaker.

The final event will be at 3 p.m., when 593 students will graduate from the College of Education. Featured speaker will be Walt Disney World Resort President Al Weiss.

According to UCF News Bureau spokesman Jerry Klein, with that many graduates, the university expects possibly seven to eight thousand people, graduates and their families, to attend the functions.

He said of the 3,377 graduates this year, 517 are listed as residents of Seminole County. An additional 242 are from Volusia County and 355 from Brevard.

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Tara Morris creates a small mess while making cotton candy during the Lake Mary Easter celebration.



Easter fun

The City of Lake Mary recently held an Easter celebration and egg hunt.

ABOVE: Lisa Siker shows off her Easter bonnet made from newspapers.

RIGHT: Jonathan Maszy is overwhelmed in the Grab The Bucks game.

BELOW: Lake Mary children take off at the start of the city's Easter egg hunt.



Looking for eggs

The Sanford Recreation Department recently held an Easter egg hunt for the community.

ABOVE: Alexis Flaxberg and Dakota Allen "hunt" for some hidden Easter eggs.

LEFT: Justin Coppe gets a good luck bag from the Easter Bunny.

BELOW: Justin Coppe finds the special crystal Easter egg and shows it off to his friends.



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Kuhn

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Despite frequently speaking before the Sanford City Commission regarding the lawsuit, Kuhn said that she did not receive pressure from the Board of Directors to resign. They did ask that she make it clear when speaking of the lawsuit that she was acting as a private citizen and not as executive director for Sanford Main Street.

Kuhn said that she wanted to resign this month so that a smooth transition can be made without impacting preparations for the Fourth of July fireworks presentation at Fort Mellon Park, sponsored by Sanford Main Street. Last year, the fireworks attracted 40,000 visitors and Main Street officials expect more visitors this year.

The organization is also active in efforts to encourage downtown economic development and upgrades, and in building the image of the downtown area.

"I'm proud of what we've accomplished," Kuhn said. "I'm still going to assist Main Street in any way that I can."

Carey Ferrell, president of Sanford Main Street, said that Kuhn offered to resign before the lawsuit of DeSantis vs. the city of Sanford was filed. However, the Board of Directors at the time declined to accept her resignation.

"It was her decision to resign for personal reasons," Ferrell said. "There was no pressure."

Three candidates were interviewed for the position, and the

Board of Directors of Sanford Main Street voted 3-0 to install Padgett, Ferrell said.

Padgett currently serves on the city's Waterfront Steering Committee, the Sanford Historic Preservation Board, and the Seminole County Tourist Development Council.

He also has been active in the Sanford Historic Trust and previously served on the Board of Directors of the Sanford/Seminole County Chamber of Commerce.

Sanford Main Street receives funding from the city, Seminole County, and from private donations. The organization, established to benefit Sanford's downtown area, received grants from the county for the last four years.

Tizzio's show features 'Special People'

By Russ White
Staff Writer

CASSELLBERRY — Tony Tizzio, a longtime advocate for the rights of the disabled, will begin a new television show on Time Warner Cable Channel 98 at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 1.

Tizzio's first guest is Beth Latman, an Altamonte Springs resident who has had to use a wheelchair almost all her life. Latman was born with a bone disease which hindered her physical growth.

"The name of my show is 'Special People' and Beth Latman is very special," Tizzio said Wednesday. "Her insights about little people are very pre-

found. With guests like Beth, I trust many viewers will come to know more about the disadvantaged in the community."

Tizzio, 44, helped organize and was the first chairman of the Seminole County Disability Advisory Council. He's also on the county's Code Enforcement board and the Trails Committee. He serves on the state commission on Travel for the Disadvantaged.

"Special people aren't looking for a pity party," Tizzio said. "We want to work, we want to enjoy ourselves just like anyone else. Yes, we're disadvantaged. Some of us cannot drive a car. Some of us can't walk. We're capable of a great many things,

however — among them expressing ourselves and helping to build better communities."

Tizzio's concerns for the disadvantaged led the Board of Seminole County Commissioners to authorize the Disability Advisory Council. The council is currently chaired by Pam Clark. Tizzio presented a thorough study of the travel difficulties for the disadvantaged at the April council meeting.

Tizzio's Channel 98 program will be telecast at 5 p.m. each Monday. He also writes a weekly "Special People" column for the Orlando Voice newspaper.

Teacher

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Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She holds a B.S. degree in Education and is certified to teach English and Spanish.

The state Department of Education joined the Spanish Embassy, the Ministry of Education of Spain, Miami Dade County School District 17

universities in Spain, the Ministry of Education of France, and the French Embassy to offer training scholarships to Florida teachers.

"These outstanding teachers will have the opportunity to share ideas and gain insights with educators from other countries, and to foster the

understanding of other people, their heritage and culture," said Tom Gallagher, Education Commissioner.

Scholarships were awarded to teachers of foreign languages and English for Speakers of Other Languages, as well as bilingual teachers throughout Florida.

Military Briefs

Marine Corps Pvt. **Bennie L. Montgomery, Jr.**, completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

Montgomery successfully completed 12 weeks of both mental and physical training. He also received instruction on Marine Corp values. He and other recruits ended their training with the Crucible, a 54-hour team problem-solving effort.

Montgomery is the son of Army Maj. **Bennie L. Montgomery** of Sanford. He is a 1999 graduate of Smith High School in Fayetteville, N.C.

Air Force Airman **Forrest L. Wilson** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College

of the Air Force. **Wilson** is the son of Lynn Smedley of Orange City and Danny L. Wilson of Spruce Pine, N.C.

He is a 1998 graduate of Dr. Phillips High School.

Army National Guard Pfc. **Christopher A. Tellado** has arrived at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., to complete the Avenger air defense weapons system repairer advanced individual training course.

The soldier will learn to inspect, troubleshoot, repair, replace, test, and perform support maintenance on the Avenger short range air defense systems and associated equipment, assemblies and sub-assemblies.

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Tellado is the son of Angel and Daria Tellado of Casselberry. The private is a 1998 graduate of Lake Howell High School.

Army Pvt. **Mason C. Brannon** has arrived for duty at Fort Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Brannon is a petroleum specialist assigned to the 40th Infantry Regiment.

He is the son of Pam A. and Don Brannon of Heathrow

Theft

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Investigators believe that the thieves thought there was something other than caps and gloves inside the trailer, perhaps construction equipment.

said Steve Olson, spokesman for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

"It is also possible that the thief of thieves were after the trailer itself, which was custom-

made," Olson said.

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 407-328-2265 or CrimeLine at 1-800-424-1115.

Community Briefs

IOE Foresters

The Independent Order of Foresters Court 463 in Orlando will hold its member senior luncheon on the first Friday of the month (May 5) at 11:30 a.m. The event is covered dish and attendees are asked to bring two cans of nonperishable food. The event will be held at 5718 Old Cheney Highway, Orlando, just north of highway 40 and off SR 406.

For additional information contact Kathy Smith in Casselberry at 407-331-7567.

Garage & Bake Sale

The Seminole County Cooperative Extension Service Family and Community Education Volunteers will hold their annual Garage and Bake Sale, May 6 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Extension Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford. Proceeds go for educational scholarships and community service projects.

For information phone the Seminole County Extension Office at 407-665-5599.

Grief Support

The Seminole County State Attorney's Office is offering a Home Care Survivors Support

Group for persons who have lost a loved one to homicide. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Juvenile Assessment Center, 181 Bush Loop, Sanford. There is no charge for persons who wish to attend. For additional information, phone Maria Mitchell at 407-665-6112.

Bereavement Support

The public is invited to attend a new bereavement support group beginning May 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Hospice of the Coastline, 695 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs. This is a professionally led grief support group for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. Register by May 5. Call 407-662-0908.

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The Ministerial Alliance of Seminole County and "Rise Up Sanford" is hosting a city-wide Community Day of Hope at Sanford's Fort Mellon Park on Saturday, May 13. Free bags of groceries, a total of 50,000 pounds of food, will be given to needy families who attend as long as the food lasts.

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Hamilton hopes to solve speed problem

Bobby Hamilton, one of the few Winston Cup drivers willing to tell it like it is and let the chips fall where they may, hasn't had great success recently on the NASCAR tour.

So during his "week off" last week, instead of heading over to Myrtle Beach for some R&R, he and car owner Larry McQuire spent the week testing from coast to coast — first, at California Speedway just outside Los Angeles, then at Pocono, just outside New York City.

And if Hamilton's California testing in any indication, this should be another record-breaking week on the stock-car tour.

While NASCAR officials are studying the results of last Monday's speed-cutting tests at Talladega, tests that showed it might not be that difficult to cut as much as 15 mph worth of aerodynamic out of the bushes, Hamilton says that a race with better cars and more horsepower could be a burn-burner at Daytona and Talladega.

He, like so many other drivers, is frustrated by restrictor-plate racing.

"If that track race at Daytona had had all Winston Cup drivers, I guarantee you [that] you'd have seen the dirtiest race you'd ever seen since NASCAR was invented," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said that if NASCAR could simply take the cars from Martinsville and to Talladega — and give them engines with another 100 horsepower or so — the racing would be very good and drivers wouldn't be complaining about the game they must play at Daytona and Talladega in which no one dares "lift" for fear of losing the draft.

"If you'd brought Mark Martin's Martinsville car to Talladega, with one of those restrictor-plate engines, it would probably run about 172 mph, I know so," Hamilton said. "Then they could start testing bigger plates on it until they got the right speed."

But not everyone is so eager to change things at the tour's two biggest tracks. Even though car owner Jack Roush was one of the men involved in the special Talladega test, both Jeff Burton and Frankie Stoddard, his crew chief, aren't so sure that NASCAR really needs to change anything.

"Oh, if you brought a Martinsville car to Talladega, you'd run 218, 220 mph unrestricted," Stoddard said. "There wouldn't be enough drag penalty for what you'd have in the corners."

"I have no idea what they're trying to accomplish, and I actually get frustrated about it. I think it may be great to get the cars slowed down enough to where you can take the plate off them. But then I turn around and consider the Daytona 500 and now where we did a good job of getting the packs separated, and all I heard was it was the worst Daytona 500 ever. I thought it was a great Daytona 500."

Of course, Stoddard and Burton got the restrictor-plate problem worked out, nearly winning at Daytona and Talladega. And they shouldn't be expected to be thrilled about any major aerodynamic changes for next season's Daytona 500.

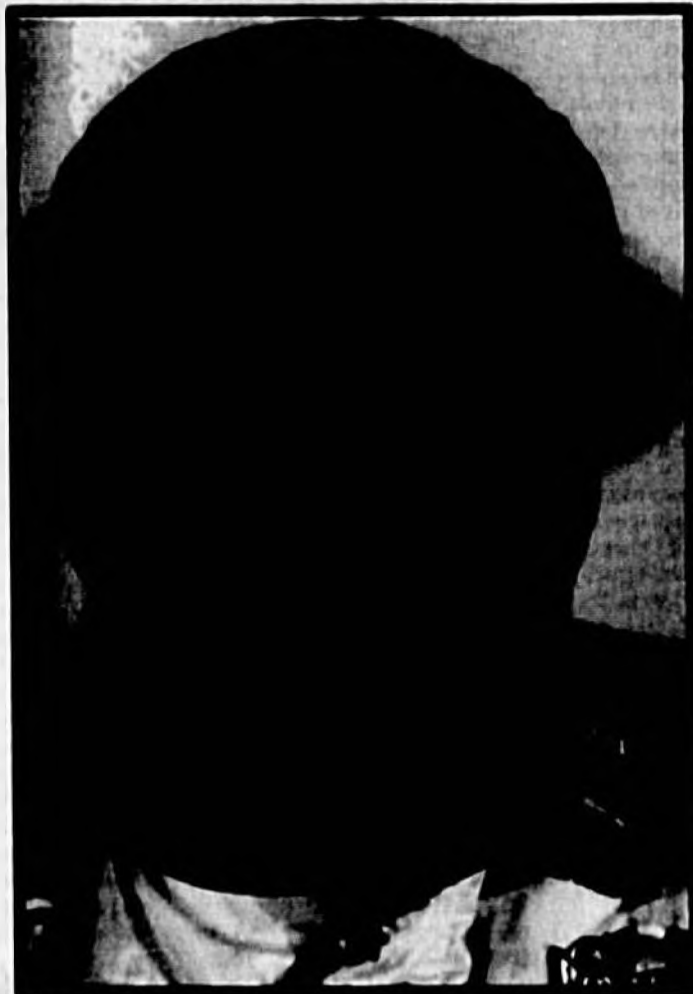
Hamilton, on the other hand, said that NASCAR is right to look at adding drag as the key issue at Talladega and Daytona.

"Just think about the kind of races those [ROC] cars put on. You see those get hit and knocked sideways, and yet they can hold on to 'em because they've got a handful of downforce," Hamilton said.

"NASCAR should make a big grill opening on those cars, put those rubber 'flicks' on the fenders like they did the trucks, put those 'flicks' on the A-posts, too [at the edge of the windshield], and widen the front fenders from 69 inches to 76 inches, all to increase drag."

"Now that would imbalance the car. But you could simply go to the back of the car and add spoiler to balance it. That would get it slow enough, maybe down to 170 or 172 mph, that you could start opening the plate holes back up. Now 185 mph may be the magic number; it's what they want [NASCAR], and it's what we want, too."

Mike Mulhern has covered NASCAR for 26 years for the Winston-Salem Journal.



Bobby Labonte is in good position to win the Winston Cup title.

By Rea McLeroy

LAPBYLAP

In the beginning, he talked about consistency and concentration on the opening race. When he took the lead in the standings, he pointed to the lengthy schedule and the fact that it was too early to count on anything. Now that he's slipped to second, Bobby Labonte is staying true to form.

He's not counting on a championship until a trophy is in his hands.

It's too early to tell whether 2000 is the year for Labonte to win the Winston Cup title, but he's certainly on track to be the man to beat. Only nine races into the season, he and crew chief Jimmy Makar have given fans a glimpse of their game plan. Run consistently, avoid problems and stay focused.

No problem. From his opening public appearance in January, Labonte refused to predict a championship run. It didn't matter. Everyone else was clamoring to proclaim him the favorite.

He finished sixth in the Daytona 500 and won the second race of the year. Second in points, Labonte cautiously discussed his potential. After seven full seasons of Winston Cup competition, was he ready for the pressure? Did he have the team to beat?

"You're playing the game to win, but even if you don't win you still learn something," he said at the time. "We learned a lot last year, learned a lot the year before and are learning something every week [we] go to the race track. [There's] not going to be any guarantees we're going to win anything, but it definitely gives us some insight."

Labonte finished fifth at Las Vegas and took the points lead. Again, the questions came.

BOBBY LABONTE'S START

Bobby Labonte's finishes in the first nine Winston Cup points races:

Race (Track)	Finish
Daytona 500 (Daytona, Fla.)	6th
Dura-Lube/Kmart 400 (Rockingham, N.C.)	1st
CarsDirect.com 400 (Las Vegas)	5th
Cracker Barrel 500 (Atlanta)	2nd
Mall.com 400 (Darlington, S.C.)	13th
Food City 500 (Bristol, Tenn.)	6th
DIRECTV 500 (Fort Worth, Texas)	3rd
Goody's 500 (Martinsville, Va.)	12th
DieHard 500 (Talladega, Ala.)	21st

In it for the Long Haul

Bobby Labonte refuses to get excited about his hot start

Was he ready? It sounds crazy — who isn't ready to be champion? — but the pressure is immense. As he climbed through the standings the past few seasons, Labonte learned about the stress it can put on one's schedule.

A driver leading the standings is a man in demand. Sponsors, media, promoters — everybody wants a piece of a champion. Even if he's still working to get there.

Was he ready?

"I think so," Labonte said after taking the lead. "Two years ago, it probably wouldn't have been as comfortable. Today, it's 'Hey, it's OK, I can dig this for the time being.' Next week might be a different story. If something happens and we don't lead after this race, it's like 'Hey, we learned something here.' Probably."

He has. There have been good races and ones where the team hoped to do better. After Bristol, Makar breathed a sigh of relief. It's a track where anything can happen. The sixth-place finish in a race where Labonte hit a tire on pit road was enough.

"To get through this race right here, it means the world," Makar said.

It's one of many positive signs this season for the team. Labonte, Makar and owner Joe Gibbs have been building for this day. Gibbs hired Makar in the summer of 1999, leased engines from Hendrick Motorsports and started building a team. In 1995, they hired Labonte from owner Bill Davis. Labonte had spent two seasons with Davis, but sponsor problems left him looking for a ride.

"Bobby and I were very good friends," Davis said. "He had a wonderful opportunity, and that made all the sense in the world for him to go drive [Gibbs' car]. — Bobby, I think, would have liked to have continued driving my car, we just didn't have the program."

In his first season with Gibbs, Labonte won three races and finished 10th in points. He dropped to 11th the following season but has remained in the Top 10 since. Last season, he had a career year with five wins, 21 top-five finishes and a second-place finish overall.

He hasn't missed a beat. Labonte has six Top-10 finishes in the opening nine races and is one of the nine different Winston Cup winners.

"Everything so far has been great," Labonte said. "We've had a great season. We feel like the things that happened to us at Martinsville [when he finished 12th] weren't really going to hurt us too bad. We had a good run. We just didn't put everything together at the end of the race like we needed to and probably needed more green-flag runs."

Labonte never expected to lead the points all season, so he's not surprised by his current position. He doesn't relish being behind — no one would — but his team remains focused.

After all, there are still a lot of races left.

Rea McLeroy covers NASCAR for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

the pole at the California Speedway's first race in 1997. Can you name him?

See answer below

Just the Stats

NASCAR POINTS LEADERS

1. Mark Martin	1,370	1. Jeff Green	1,073
2. Bobby Labonte	1,346	2. Todd Bodine	1,049
3. Ward Burton	1,093	3. Randy LaJoie	1,000
4. Dale Earnhardt	1,079	4. Matt Kenseth	1,190
5. Jeff Burton	1,036	5. Ryan Newman	1,125
6. Dale Jarrett	1,167	6. David Green	1,100
7. Jeff Gordon	1,149	7. Kevin Condit	1,050
8. Rusty Wallace	1,129	8. Erik Sawyer	974
9. Jimmy Hensley	1,100	9. Steven Mitchell	973
10. Terry Labonte	1,118	10. Jason Keller	965
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,088	11. Brad Keselowski	916
12. Mike Wallace	1,051	12. Herb Power	909
13. Tony Stewart	1,000	13. Matt Kenseth	905
14. Mike Garret	1,041	14. Jeff Pappas	897
15. Sterling Marlin	883	15. Rusty Wallace	879
16. Chad Little	875	16. Casey Atwood	841
17. Ken Schrader	846	17. Jay Sautter	837
18. Jeffery Burton	840	18. Dick Trickle	809
19. Matt Kenseth	801	19. Michael Jordan	800
20. Jimmy Spencer	779	20. Mark Green	791



Who's Hot: Mark Martin. The veteran has seven Top 10 and four Top 5 finishes in the first nine races and has taken over the points lead.

Who's Not: Brett Bodine. Currently 38th in points, Bodine has missed three races and is still looking for his first Top 10 finish.

On the Record

"We need a boost right now, and that boost would be getting back into Victory Lane."

— Dale Jarrett

Pit Stop answer: Joe Nemechek

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Ford revs up for Central Florida Race for the Cure

Special to the Herald

DAYTONA BEACH - Participating local Ford dealers will be hosting a pasta party at DAYTONA USA (located at Daytona International Speedway, International Speedway Boulevard) for the 500 runners, walkers and Race for the Cure supporters on Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The event will raise money for the Central Florida Race for the Cure of which 75% will stay in the Central Florida area to fund Breast Cancer education, screening and treatment.

Great pasta, NASCAR history, free game room and a Pit Crew Challenge are all part of this event. Participating local Ford Dealers will be sending teams from their Service Departments to compete in the Pit Crew Challenge. The competition last year was intense and this year should be even better!

In addition, Dealers are making a donation for each new Ford sold during the month of April.

Partysgers can also pose next to Dale Jarrett's #88 Ford Taurus, winner of this year's Daytona 500.

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CLASSIC CARS AT ORLANDO

BITULO - This Friday night the Classic Cars will be making their first appearance of the year at Orlando Speedworld.

Also on the schedule will be heats and features in Super Late Models, Late Models, Modified, Mini-Stock, Super Stock, and Strictly Stock.

Gates open a 6 p.m. and racing begins at 8 p.m. every Friday night at the track located 17 miles east of Orlando between Orlando and Titusville on Highway 50 at the 520 Cocoa Cutoff.

CORVETTE CLUB OF ORLANDO AT NEW SMYRNA SPEEDWAY

SAMSULA - This Saturday night the Corvette Club of Orlando will make an appearance at New Smyrna Speedway.

Also being offered is spectator races where fans run-what-they-drove, along with regular heat and feature races in the regular FASCAR classes of Super Late Models, Late Models, Mini-Stocks, Sportsman, Modifieds, Super Stock and Strictly Stock.

Pit gates open at 4 p.m. with grandstand gates opening at 6 p.m. and racing beginning at 7 p.m. every Saturday night.

The track located 10 miles south of Daytona Beach at the corner of Highway 44 and SR-415, between I-4 See Racing, Page 2B

Southpaw saviors

Lions, Lubrano eliminate Bulldogs

By Tony DeGarmier
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

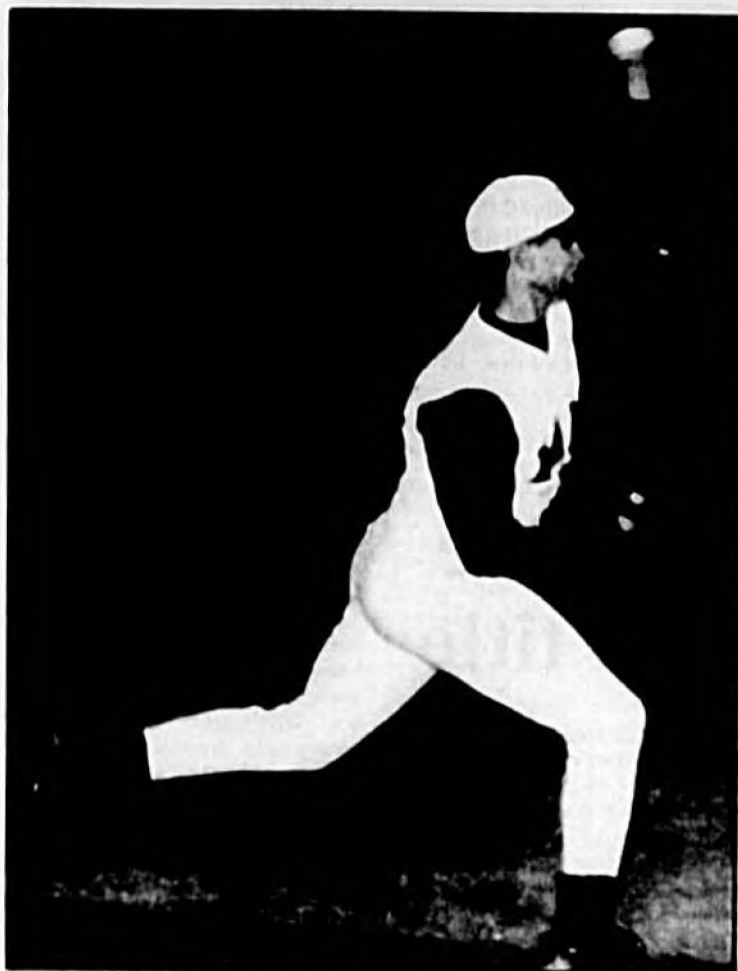
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - That was vintage Paul Lubrano. Behind Lubrano's three-hit, nine-strikeout effort, the Oviedo Lions eliminated the DeLand Bulldogs, 7-1, in the semifinals of the 6A-District 3 baseball tournament being played at Lake Brantley High School.

Oviedo (24-3), ranked No. 2 in this week's Florida Sports Writers' Association's Class 6A state poll, earned a spot in next week's regional playoffs with the victory and advances to Friday night's district final, where the Lions will attempt to defend their 1999 title against No. 2 seeded and No. 7 state-ranked Lake Mary at 8 p.m. at Lake Brantley High School.

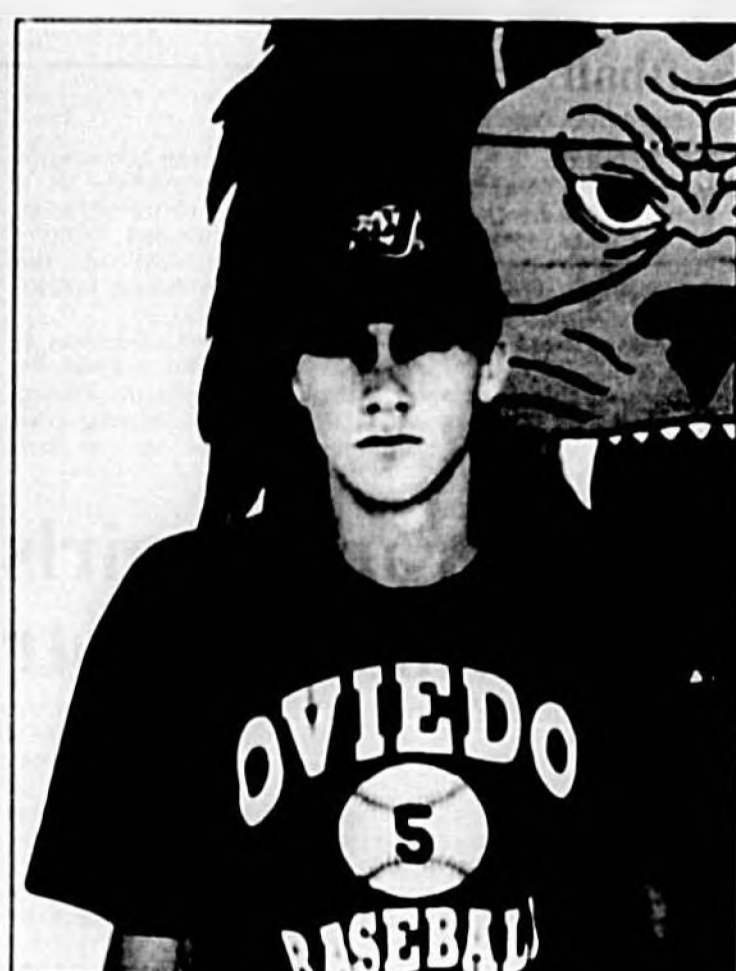
DeLand ends its season 18-11. As a junior last year, Lubrano was one of the most effective high school pitchers in Central Florida for the Oviedo Lions. He was 10-1 on the year, compiling five shutouts and 10 complete games with a 1.06 earned run average. In 72 1/3 innings pitched, he struck out 70 and walked just 33.

This year, even though he was 6-1 going into Wednesday's game against DeLand with one shutout, four complete games, a 1.70 earned run average, and 55 strikeouts and just 12 walks in 49 1/3 innings pitched, the consensus has been that Lubrano hasn't pitched quite as well this season.

The turning point may have been the fourth inning of Oviedo's game with state-ranked Venice last Tuesday when Lubrano, who struggled through the first 3 2/3 innings, suddenly got untracked and pitched a brilliant Lions, Page 2B



It was a big night for lefthanded pitchers in the semifinals of the Class 6A-District 3 Baseball Tournament at Lake Brantley High School Wednesday as Lake Mary's Adam Sanabria (left) combined



with Ryan Tretlien on a five-hitter as the Rams ousted the host Patriots, 5-2, and Oviedo's Paul Lubrano (right) hurled a three-hitter as the Lions eliminated DeLand, 7-1, to advance to Friday's finals.

Sanabria, Rams oust Lake Brantley

By David Galanos
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - And the rubber match goes too.

In the regular season, Lake Mary and Lake Brantley had traded home rallies in the bottom of the seventh inning to get walk off wins in which the visiting teams had dominated the game setting up what amounted to a "winner-take-all" match in the Class 6A-District 3 Baseball Tournament semifinals at Lake Brantley High School on Wednesday night.

Both teams had their seasons on the line with the winner of this big game advancing to the District finals and earning a guaranteed berth in next week's regionals, while the loser would hang up their jersey's for the season.

The game started like the regular season games with the visiting team, Lake Brantley, which was seeded No. 3 and therefore the

visitor against No. 2 Lake Mary despite playing on its home field, taking a quick lead.

But unlike the regular season, the home team, Lake Mary, did not keep the fans in suspense until the end, exploding for four runs in the bottom of the third inning and cruising to a 5-2 victory behind the pitching of junior lefthander Adam Sanabria and senior Ryan Tretlien.

Kevin Mellillo started things off for the Patriots in the top of the first inning when he singled to right center. Mellillo was moved to second on Bryan Smith's ground out to first and would steal third before scoring on a Ricky Weeks single to right field, giving Lake Brantley the early lead 1-0.

The Rams tried to answer quickly, but could not manage to score a run, despite leaving a combined five base runners on base in the first two innings alone.

Leaving all those base runners on scared me but we were finally able to come around

on their pitcher," said Rams coach Allen Tuttle.

In the bottom of the third inning Lake Mary batted around and gained a lead that they would never lose.

Eric Schmook walked to start things off and stole second base. Chad Legate, reached first when the Lake Brantley catcher over-threw first base on a routine play allowing Schmook to advance to third. Ryan Bone followed with a single into right center scoring Schmook to tie the game at 1-1.

Matt Mann would walk to load the bases and designated hitter Tim Brown put the Rams ahead in play when he smashed a line drive to right field scoring Legate and Bone to make the score 3-1.

Lake Mary tacked on another run when Matt scored on a Tucker Pearce bunt making the score 4-1.

That was all the runs Lake Mary would See Rams, Page 2B

Rivers receives Red Auerbach Trophy as 1999-2000 IBM Coach of the Year

Special to the Herald

NEW YORK - Orlando's Glenn "Doc" Rivers Wednesday was named winner of the Red Auerbach Trophy as the IBM Coach of the Year for the 1999-2000 season. During a season that many thought would be a time of rebuilding, Rivers directed the Magic to a 41-41 record and Orlando came within one game of making the playoffs. That was despite the Magic making 37 player transactions, including trades involving four of the five starters from the previous year's team.

Rivers, who is only the fifth coach to be given the award during his first season, received 60 votes from the 121-member panel. Phil Jackson of the Los Angeles Lakers was a close second with 53 votes.

With no acknowledged superstar, Rivers built a squad that relied on the classic concept of team play for success. Rivers so regularly played all 12 men that the bench eventually earned the

nickname, "The Magnificent Seven." In 33 games, the player who either led or tied for the team lead in scoring came off the bench. The Magic subs accounted for 48.2 percent of the team's scoring this season, the best in the NBA.

Orlando was one of only two teams in the NBA to rank in the top 10 in both steals and blocked shots. The Magic averaged 9.08 steals per game, which was fifth in the league, and blocked 5.70 shots a game to finish eighth in the NBA.

Rivers also sold his team on the merits of all-out defense. The persistent Magic limited opposition to a .444 shooting percentage (3,078 of 6,919), which ranked ninth in the NBA.

Rivers joins Harry Gallatin (1962-63), Johnny Kerr (1966-67), Mike Schuler (1980-87) and Larry Bird (1997-98) as a first-year winner of the Red Auerbach Trophy, which is named in honor of Auerbach, Vice Chairman of the Board for the Boston Celtics. See Rivers, Page 2B



Herald photo by Arch Booth

Glenn "Doc" Rivers showed that he did his homework as a player and TV analyst as he took that knowledge and turned his first coaching job ever into being honored as the NBA 1999-2000 IBM Coach of the Year for his work with the Orlando Magic this season.

SAC fills spots for district softball finales

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Lake Mary survived a huge scare, while Oviedo and Lake Howell pulled off upsets in district softball semifinal play on Wednesday.

The top-seeded Rams, ranked No. 8 in the Class 6A State Polls, scored a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a 4-4 tie and eliminated DeLand, 5-4, in the 6A-District 3 Tournament at Lake Brantley High School.

In the other 6A-3 semifinal, No. 3 seeded Oviedo scored three runs in the top of the first inning and No. 2 seeded Winter Springs could never recover as the Lions advanced to the finals with a 6-2 victory over the Bears.

At Seminole High School, No. 3 Lake Howell scored all of its runs in the first two innings and held See Softball, Page 2B

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