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# Little League **Pillars**

Peninsula Little League President Mary Dunn and Riverside Little League President Gordon Young bring their leadership skills to two local organizations dedicated to area boys and girls. The north and northeast Portland baseball and softball leagues celebrated opening day last Saturday.

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## **North Carolina Earns Title**

## May matches father's 1976 championship

Sean May no longer needs to carry around that old videotape of his father's national championship game. Now he has one of his own.

The burly North Carolina center made all but one of his 11 shots and scored 26 points in a dominating performance, controlling the paint and leading the Tar Heels past Illinois 75-70 Monday night.

In the process, May forced one of his defenders to foul out and left another with four fouls. And May left with the Most Outstanding Player award.

No surprise there. The son of Scott May carried North Carolina to the Final Four by averaging 21.5 points and 11.8 rebounds in the tournament, slightly better than his

regular-season numbers. When May and his teammates arrived in St. Louis, he showed them the footage from the 1976 final, where his father and Indiana completed an undefeated season with a victory over Michigan. May had the tape since high school and had seen it before, but he saved one

final viewing for the Tar Heels. Then they went out and claimed the NCAA title, sprinting away to a big lead before holding off a late comeback by the Illini. May added 10 rebounds, grabbing the carom after a last miss by Illinois' Luther Head in the final seconds.



North Carolina's Sean May rips off his jersey after the Tar Heels beat Illinois 75-70 in the NCAA championship game Monday in St. Louis. (AP photo)

May's 26 points matched the total his father scored in the final 29 years ago, leaving Sean with quite a night on his 21st birthday.

"This celebration is a lot better than that '76 celebration, 'cause it's my celebration and this team," he said. "My dad talked about it for so many years, and I never really understood what it was like, I never won anything on this level.'

The Illini had rarely faced someone so rugged as May, listed at 6foot-9 and 250 pounds. And they were ill-equipped to handle him, particularly when 6-foot-10 center James Augustine left with five fouls. Reserve Jack Ingram finished with

"It's tough to stop May," Illini coach Bruce Weber said. "They had probably more inside threat with May than we had, and it made the difference in the game."

In the final 20 games of the season, May had 15 double-doubles, and he added the final one when it mattered most. May didn't take a shot after making two free throws with 4:21 left to give the Tar Heels a 70-67 lead, but he found other ways to help.

"It's been unbelievable," May said. "My teammates, friends, family, they supported us. I'll never forget this till the day I die. This is the best moment I've ever had in my whole life."



## **New Chapter** for Sosa

Baltimore Orioles' Sammy Sosa acknowledges the crowd's applause as he leaves the field following their 4-0 opening-day win over the Oakland Athletics Monday in Baltimore, Sosawent 2-for-4 in his first game as an Oriole, (AP photo)

#### **New Team Owners**

(AP) - After a yearlong search, the Triple-A Portland Beavers and Portland Timbers soccer team have a new owner.

Members of the Portland Baseball Investment Group, led by real estate developer and restaurateur Abe Alizadeh, were introduced last week at PGE Park.

The ownership group includes Jack Cain, who has been the acting general manager of the Beavers since the Pacific Coast League took control of the team just hours before the start of last season.

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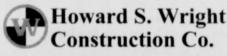
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## Coach Helps Rebuild Jamaican Program



Concordia softball coach Carrie Kosderka-Farrell shows a Jamaican softball team a few pointers.

### Visit to Jamaica proves successful

Concordia softball coach Carrie Kosderka-Farrell couldn't get home from the airport during the ice storm this winter, but it didn't matter.

The second-year coach had just returned from a week in Jamaica doing something she loves - coaching softball to young people.

"I met the new commissioner of softball in Jamaica while he was

year," Kosderka said. "He is doing everything he can to rebuild their softball program and he wanted me ticing with the about 50 girls for to go over there to help start that process."

Kosderka-Farrell spent her mornings working with coaches, teaching fundamentals and drills while trying to grasp the culture of Jamaican softball.

"Jamaican softball is on the low end of the totem pole when it come

doing business in Portland last "In Jamaica, the main sports are soccer, track and cricket."

She spent her afternoons practhree hours. Each day had a different focus on softball fundamentals such as hitting, fielding, and pitch-

While many of the girls she worked with were athletic, they lacked the training, according to Kosderka-Farrell.

to athletics," Kosderka-Farrell said. the Jamaica athletes want to study tips."

in the United States. As part of an educational clinic, she gave a presentation on Concordia and hopes to bring a couple athletes over this summer to see the campus.

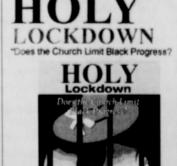
"It was an amazing experience and the people were so inviting," Kosderka-Farrell said. "My husband and I got to see so many things we would have never seen before. It was quite a culture change. In the states, we get so used to She also found out that a lot of having everything at our finger



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