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"Mac"

Everybody who knew him was fond of A.A. "Mac" McClanahan, and practically everybody in Sanford knew "Mac" because he had done so many things for the community.

He was a deeply moral man, pure of thought, and speech and habit — a devoted husband and father.

A child of the Depression, a Navy enlistee as a teenager, "Mac" was truly one of what Tom Brokaw labeled "The Greatest Generation."

He was born in Minnesota but for most of his life, "Mac" made Sanford his home.

As saddened as his city is today at the horrible news of his death, we must not forget how many lives he gladdened during his life. "Mac" personified the best of Sanford. He was a man of principles — eyes and heart wide open, embracing the poor and downtrodden.

So soft spoken yet so determined to do what was right, "Mac" changed the lives of thousands for the better. Oddly, he did not always win elections in his chosen city. He ran and lost in Sanford City Commission races five times. He also won five times. "By law of percentages," he once said, "you can't lose them all."

We're going to miss this kind and generous servant and statesman. We're going to miss him at commission meetings. We're going to miss him at Memorial and Veterans Day observances. We're going to miss him at Kiwanis Club meetings. We're going to miss him at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Mac" McClanahan's life enriched everyone. No one will forget that. Reluctantly, we have say "Goodbye, good friend."

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Commissioner found dead



A.A. "Mac" McClanahan, a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, salutes during the 1998 Veteran's Day ceremony in Sanford. A long-time city commissioner, McClanahan was found dead in his home Wednesday.

A.A. "Mac" McClanahan, Sanford's senior statesman, dies at 74

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Plagued by mounting health problems and anxiety, Sanford City Commissioner A.A. "Mac" McClanahan killed himself inside a bedroom of his home. A retired Naval veteran of three foreign wars who held public office off and on since 1971, he

was 74-years-old.

"He was in a great deal of pain, his health was declining, and he did choose to end his own life," said his son, attorney A.A. "Mick" McClanahan of Sanford.

Police responding to a 911 call at about 11 a.m. found McClanahan on a bedroom floor of his Editha Circle home. A shotgun was resting between his legs, a police report said. An autopsy will be performed today, and police have not determined an official cause of death.

In recent months, Mac McClanahan consulted with doctors about his failing health.

A weak heart — he suffered a heart attack five years ago —

was troubling him. He was also receiving medication for undigested stomach pains, and was scheduled to visit the Mayo clinic next week. In addition,

City mourns loss of Mac

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"He's been suffering from a lot of anxiety," said Jean McClanahan, a daughter-in-law married to John McClanahan. "His nerves were pretty frayed. People get old, they worry about their family, loved ones, and others they care about."

See Commissioner, Page 5A

Charter group sticking with Morse's duties

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — It took Clerk of the Court Maryanne Morse but 20 minutes Wednesday afternoon to articulate why Seminole County shouldn't be messing around with her services pertaining to the Board of County Commissioners finance operations.

The county's Charter Review Commission voted, 9-5, against shifting Morse's BCC finance duties to the County Manager's office and 9-5 against establishing an office for a county comptroller as in Orange County.

The commission's conclusion was that it would cost as much as a million dollars to establish yet another political office, and that giving the job to the county manager would be a mistake since the county manager must report to the BCC.

"No one can say that Maryanne Morse doesn't do an efficient job," Commission member Fred Streetman said.

"The fact is that she does it too efficiently. She ruffles feathers. That's good government."

Martha Haynie, the Orange County Comptroller spoke Wednesday as did County Chairman Carlton Henley.

Henley said he preferred changing the way BCC finance operations were conducted. He avoided criticizing Morse personally but said that there were flaws in the system. Henley said County Commissioner Randy Morris concurred.

Haynie, questioned after the meeting, said that some of the objections that others have made about Morse's "watch-dog" operations are unfounded. She referred to the case of a county commissioner not turning in receipts from a trip and Morse docking his pay. "I'd have done the same thing," Haynie said. "It's called accountability."

Morse told the commission that her job was "to protect the

"The fact is that she does it too efficiently. She ruffles feathers. That's good government."

Fred Streetman
Charter Commission Member

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Apartments ablaze again

Ridgewood Villas burns for the third time

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — For the third time since August, fire broke out Wednesday at the vacant Ridgewood Villas apartment complex located near Seminole High School.

Flames were contained to a single building on the south side of the complex, Sanford Fire Department officials said. The cause of the fire is suspicious.

"It's suspicious simply because there is no power or active utilities to the building," said Tim Robles, a spokesman for the Sanford Fire Department.

The complex was vacant when the fire began at 11:15 a.m., authorities said. There were no reports of suspicious activity.

Fire officials from four different agencies took up a defensive posture to protect surrounding structures. The building burned to the ground, but remaining structures at the complex were saved. No one was injured.

"We arrived within less than four minutes and flames were already breaking through windows and the roof," Robles said. "This was a pretty large fire."

Two other fires that have occurred since August at the complex are also under investigation. See Fire, Page 7A



Sanford Fire Department Lt. Tom Martin, left, talks with a firefighter after units responded to a suspicious fire at Ridgewood Villas Wednesday morning. It was the third time since August the condemned apartment complex has burned.

Police warn motorist about train safety

From staff reports

The Seminole County Community Traffic Safety Team will be conducting a Train Safety Awareness Campaign throughout the week of April 23 through 29. The main event will take place on Wednesday, April 26, designated as the Main Focus Enforcement Day.

The campaign is to educate the public of the proper procedures to follow while stopping at and/or traveling through a railroad grade crossing.

Law enforcement officers cite recent train vs. automobile crashes and the fact that several crashes and fatalities occur yearly as a result of vehicles and pedestrians ignoring the safety barriers and traffic laws that are in place regarding all railroad grade crossings, as an important priority for this campaign.



Officers will be at railroad crossings throughout the county next week to warn motorists of safety issues.

The Seminole County Community Traffic Safety Team's primary objective is to educate the public and help-

ly prevent all railroad grade crossing crashes and fatalities. See Safety, Page 7A

Residents may make anonymous complaints in Longwood

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — A policy passed Monday by the Longwood City Commission allows residents to make anonymous complaints about code violations.

The city has not accepted anonymous code enforcement complaints for the last six months, insisting that the person making the complaint leave a name, address and phone number. This has raised concerns about the possibility of a vendetta being carried out against those making complaints against their neighbors.

"Because of the vendetta factor, a lot of times neighbors won't call because they are concerned that their lives will get harder," said City Commissioner Dan Anderson. However, City Commissioner Steve Miller said he is concerned that accepting anonymous complaints will tie up the time of the city's code enforcement officers chasing down frivolous complaints.

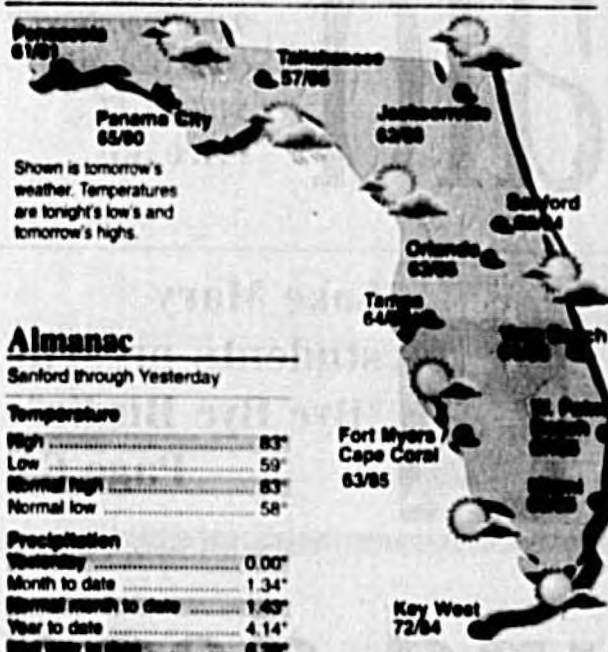
"There are certainly people in this city who do file false complaints against people all the time because they have

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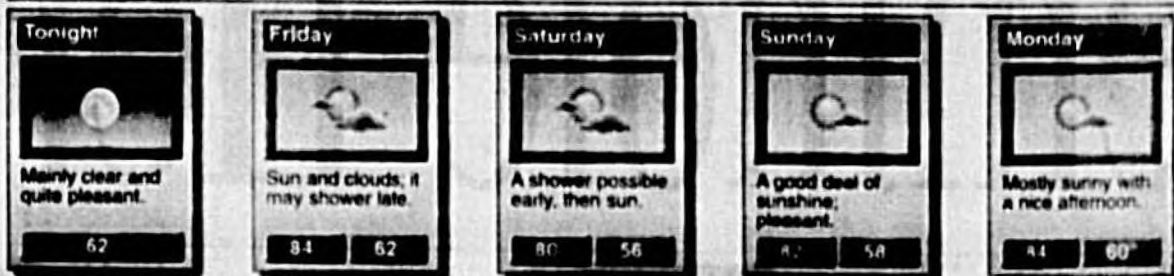
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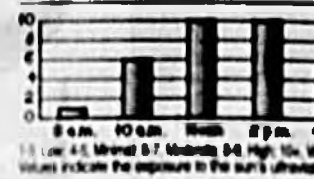
Florida Weather



Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



UV Index Tomorrow



Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday
 Temperature
 High 83°
 Low 59°
 Record High 83°
 Normal low 58°
 Precipitation
 Monthly 0.00"
 Month to date 1.34"
 Record month to date 1.63"
 Year to date 4.14"
 Start year to date 6.39"
 Normal year to date 10.99"

Regional Weather

Florida: Mainly clear and quite pleasant tonight. Tomorrow will have a good deal of sunshine with another warm afternoon.
Georgia: Clear to partly cloudy tonight with a passing shower. Sunshine mixed with clouds tomorrow; there could be a shower or thunderstorm.
Mississippi: Partly cloudy tonight with a shower or thunderstorm passing through. Tomorrow will have sunshine with a breezy afternoon.
Alabama: Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a shower or thunderstorm. Breezy and not as warm with sunshine tomorrow.
South Carolina: Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Warm tomorrow with a mix of sun and clouds; it may thunder-storm.
Louisiana: Clear to partly cloudy and mild tonight. Pleasant tomorrow with sunshine and lower humidity.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 7:54 p.m.
Sunrise Friday 6:53 a.m.
Moonset today 8:20 a.m.
Moonsat today 8:20 a.m.
 Last New First Full
 Apr 26 May 4 May 10 May 18

Tides

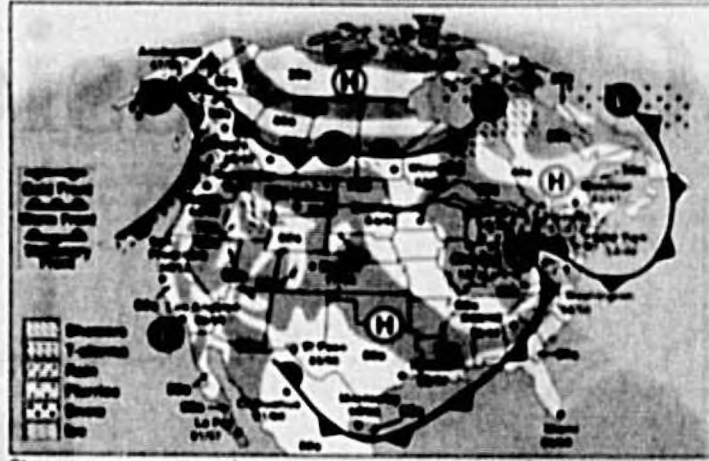
Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Sunplex Pier
Tomorrow
 First Low 4:36 a.m. 0.1 ft
 First High 10:36 a.m. 4.0 ft
 Second Low 4:33 p.m. 0.3 ft
 Second High 11:01 p.m. 4.4 ft
Saturday
 First Low 5:16 a.m. 0.3 ft
 First High 11:14 a.m. 3.8 ft
 Second Low 5:10 p.m. 0.5 ft
 Second High 11:38 p.m. 4.2 ft

National Cities

City	Tom.	Set.	City	Tom.	Set.	City	Tom.	Set.
Albany	72 44	pc 73 51	Grand Rapids	52 38	pc 61 40	Oklahoma City	71 54	s 76 56
Albuquerque	58 48	r 58 41	Helena	74 44	sh 75 44	Omaha	69 44	s 77 49
Anchorage	78 48	pc 76 48	Honolulu	79 66	pc 81 71	Philadelphia	62 50	r 58 42
Baltimore	68 49	s 75 49	Indianapolis	62 57	s 62 62	Phoenix	91 64	pc 86 64
Birmingham	81 81	pc 77 46	Jacksonville	80 57	sh 82 46	Portland, OR	70 49	pc 69 49
Boston	43 40	r 52 44	Kansas City	65 45	s 77 50	Providence	44 42	r 57 43
Charlotte, NC	80 55	r 73 50	Las Vegas	63 56	pc 86 60	Raleigh-Durham	80 50	r 68 45
Chattanooga, TN	67 42	r 81 43	Little Rock	71 48	s 79 49	Rapid City	68 42	s 78 46
Chicago	52 38	pc 63 43	Louisville	53 40	sh 67 48	Reno	72 42	pc 79 42
Cleveland	57 39	r 55 40	Memphis	65 49	pc 74 54	St. Louis	58 45	pc 71 50
Daytona Beach	87 59	s 75 53	Miami	85 68	s 85 66	Salt Lake City	73 51	pc 76 47
Denver	77 48	pc 78 47	Minneapolis	64 42	s 68 47	Santa Fe	75 40	c 75 40
Dallas	68 44	s 74 48	Missoula	60 38	s 60 43	St. St. Marie	54 30	s 58 38
Dayton	82 58	r 81 41	Mobile	59 41	c 73 49	Seattle	64 46	c 64 46
El Paso	63 56	pc 86 56	New Orleans	80 56	s 79 60	Topeka	70 44	s 79 50
Portland	49 31	c 52 28	New York City	54 48	r 54 42	Tucson	90 56	pc 84 50
						Washington, DC	68 50	r 58 44

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, Ice

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 102° in Dryden, TX Low 16° in Bryce Canyon, UT

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City	Tom.	Set.
Albany, GA	69 69	r 69 69
Atlanta, GA	72 44	pc 73 51
Atlanta, GA	84 50	r 82 50
Daytona Beach, FL	87 59	s 75 53
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World Cities

City	Tom.	Set.
Albany	69 69	r 69 69
Atlanta	72 44	pc 73 51
Boston	43 40	r 52 44
Chicago	52 38	pc 63 43
Dallas	68 44	s 74 48
Daytona	82 58	r 81 41
Denver	77 48	pc 78 47
El Paso	63 56	pc 86 56
Portland	49 31	c 52 28

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Please, leave the driving to Russ

The wife was driving, returning from church on Sunday morning. She stopped for a red light on 13th Street in Sanford. The guy in the van behind us laid on his horn.



Russ White

When the light changed, we made the turn on to French Avenue. Road Rage Ralph wasn't impressed. He tried to intimidate us, getting out from his vehicle at a red light at 23rd and French. As I turned, my wife said to let it go — "Don't say anything."

Atlanta, Chicago and Dallas — to name a few. The cowboys who drive in Big D are no bargain.

The DC Beltway is a nightmare. LA's freeways — yeah. San Francisco is all uphill or downhill. Little is straight there.

Nothing, however, matches the madness on the byways of Seminole County.

Enough already. Can't anyone here, drive?

Fellow travelers, what is it going to take to curb our Road Rage Ralphs — the rude dudes who have become such a menace to our great society? My statistics show that the Road Rage Ralphs now outnumber the careful drivers by a 10 to 1 count.

At Thanksgiving time, the Sheriff's Office sent some deputies out to reward drivers who were careful, courteous and nice. After 10 days, they gave up the search. That's an exaggera-

tion. They did see a woman use a left-turn signal — before turning right.

The good weather here probably has something to do with the bad driving. If it wasn't so gorgeous all the time, no one would be in much of a hurry. Beware of fair weather drivers — they'll get you every time.

It's scary how many people drive and talk on their cell phones. Some states have outlawed this type of thing. I'd rather see someone talking on a cell phone in a restaurant than in their moving automobile. Drive and chat — just don't drive and chat.

You probably think that I'm just a huddy-duddy who just can't keep up with the changing world. Someone who never goes more than five miles over the speed limit, who signals for turns, yields and never runs red lights. Don't you wish there were more drivers just like me?

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

Obituaries

FUNERALS

KELSEY, MARTIN L.

Martin L. Kelsey, 56, Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, April 16, 2000. Born Sept. 4, 1941 in Chicago, Ill., he moved to Central Florida as a child. He was a carpenter for Shoemaker Construction Co. and a member of Oviedo Methodist Church.

Survivors include wife, Linda; son, John, Orlando; daughters, Janet Wolfe, Carmel, Ind., Virginia Kelsey, Cummings, Ga.; sisters, Patricia Coker, Kissimmee, Brenda, Orlando; four grandchildren.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET ANN LAIBSON

Margaret Ann Laibson, 79, Old Mail Lane, Sanford, died Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. Born Jan. 17, 1921 in Midway, Ky., she moved to Central Florida 17 years ago. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include husband, Harold D., Sanford; sons, Thomas D., Winter Park, Michael A., Greenville, S.C.; brother, Clifford Thomas, Jr., Vero Beach; four grandchildren.

Benfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS DODD JR.

Thomas Dodd Jr., 57, Kings Lake Drive, Delberry, died Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at his residence. Born in Townsend, Del., he moved to Central Florida from Kirkwood, Pa. in 1974. He was a produce truck broker for M.R. Sulpizio, Sanford, and a truck broker for Hastings Trucking, Quarryville, Pa. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Jean C.; son, Tom, Deltona; daughters, Yami Craig, Royal Oak, Mich., Terri Stone, Lake Helen, Traci Kubetz, Grapevine, Tx., Tanya Huffman, Deltona; parents, Thomas and Blanche Dodd Sr., Smyrna, Del.; brothers, Bernard, Laurel Md., Greg, Smyrna Del.; sister, Lorraine Newell, Taylor, Pa.; 11 grandchildren. Baldeuff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

LINDA SANGRAW ILES

Linda Sangraw Iles, 39, Findley Street, Deltona, died Tuesday, April 18, 2000 in Fort St. John. Born in Fort Hood, Tx., she moved to Central Florida from Honolulu, Hawaii in 1968. She was a para-legal and Baptist by faith.

Survivors include son, Anthony H. McMillan, Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Sandra M. Smiley, Deltona; mother, Marianne Sangraw, Deltona; brothers, Ernest F. Sangraw, Deltona, Frank G. Sangraw, Pittsburg, Cal.; sisters, Trudy C. Sangraw, Delberry, Gloria Ann Nelson, Vancouver, Wash.

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

Funeral services for Mr. Kelsey will be Saturday, April 22, 2000 at 9 p.m., in the Pinecrest Baptist Church with Rev. Bill W. Coffman officiating. Cremation will follow services and the cremated body will be placed by the family in a commemorative place at a later date. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. For friends who wish, the family suggests memorial donations to Hospice of the Central Florida, 991 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, in lieu of flowers.

Brisson Funeral Home 407-322-2131, in charge of services.

MORGAN, GWENDOLYN

Funeral services for Gwendolyn Morgan, 95, of McKay Blvd., Sanford, who died April 13, 2000 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at New Mount Calvary M.B. Church with Rev. Ricky Scott officiating. Visitation will be Friday, 5 - 9 p.m. at Sunrise Chapel. Sunrise Funeral Home, 900 Locust Ave., Sanford, 407-322-7383 in charge of arrangements.

WALDEN, VIVIAN JACKSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Vivian Jackson Walden, 92, of 2139 H.E. Thomas Jr. Parkway, Sanford, who died April 16, 2000 will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at St. Paul M.B. Church with Rev. Albert Covington officiating. Visitation will be Friday, 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Paul M.B. Church, Sanford. Sunrise Funeral Home, 900 Locust Ave., Sanford, 407-322-7383, in charge of arrangements.

Briefs

Midway Elementary arts
Thursday, April 20, students of the Fine Arts Team at Midway Elementary School of Performing Arts will present the second annual Dinner Theater presentation "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Wiz."

Local dignitaries from the Seminole County School system will be on hand to enjoy the talents and lunch served by the students. The presentation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fourth and Fifth Grade students will be performing in addition to the Step Team, Midway's Amazing Tumblers and jugglers and others.

For additional information, contact Sharon Tanner at 407-320-5950.

School art exhibit
The Citizens Bank of Oviedo is sponsoring the 14th annual Oviedo High School Student Art Exhibit through

27. The exhibition showcases the outstanding drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures created by students enrolled in the OHS Visual Arts Program. The art works will be on display in the main bank lobby during regular business hours, and the public is invited to stop and see the exhibit at 156 Geneva Drive in Oviedo.

SCC Jazz
Evelyn McGee Stone, one of

Central Florida's favorite blues and jazz vocalists is returning to Seminole Community College for a performance Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the concert by Mrs. Stone and her jazz quartet. It is free and open to the general public as part of the Thursday Night Blues and Jazz Concert Series, hosted by Dr. Kimberley M. Jones.

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Entrees

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A.A. "Mac" McClanahan - Sept. 13, 1925 to April 19, 2000



Mac McClanahan was an early contributor to the Ritz Theatre renovation project. Here, he gives a check to Helen Stairs, who headed that effort.

Community mourns loss of Mac

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Members of A.A. "Mac" McClanahan's family say he will be remembered as someone who was always there when they needed him.

The tragedy of McClanahan's death on Wednesday is that so many people throughout Sanford felt the same way. Sanford has not only lost a City Commissioner, but also a member of the family.

"He never told me do as I say," said his son, attorney A.A. "Mick" McClanahan Jr. "He always led by example. He gave a great example."

However, in recent months 74-year-old McClanahan's health declined. He suffered from sharp stomach pains caused by acid reflux and heart trouble stemming from a heart attack five years ago. He made repeated visits to doctors, but could not find a resolution to his ailments. He also was dealing with mounting anxiety.

"When people get old, they worry about their family and a lot of things," said Jean McClanahan, a daughter-in-law.

McClanahan apparently took his own life Wednesday morning. His body was found in the bedroom of his Sanford home at about 11 a.m. Family members and friends were shocked.

He leaves behind his wife, Candy, three children, nine grandchildren, and four great-



McClanahan's last race for public office was in March 1999. He won, making it the fifth time he was elected to serve as a Sanford City Commissioner.

grandchildren. In addition, he leaves a legacy of hard work and service to others.

Born Sept. 13, 1925 in Minncola, McClanahan's values were forged under the hardships of the Great Depression which swept through America in the 1930s. He often credited knowing what hunger is like himself as the reason he supported programs to aid the needy. He was known for advocating programs to give bicycles, clothes, toys, food and support to the needy.

In 1943, at the age of 17, McClanahan enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve in WWII. He became a bomber pilot, served during the Korea War and Vietnam War, and retired a Lt. Commander in 1970.

He moved to Sanford permanently in 1970 after more than

26 years in the Navy, and soon became active in city politics.

He served as a city commissioner from 1972 through 1979, 1987 through 1995, and was in the second year of his current term.

McClanahan became a real estate broker after retirement from the Navy, and was the first executive director of Seminole Self-Reliant Housing in Sanford, which is now the Center for Affordable Housing. He also earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. But at the heart of his world, there was always his family.

"When Mac and I got together we always talked about our children and grandchildren," City Commissioner Whitey Eckstein said. "He loved his family."

Over the last two months, McClanahan's declining health

prevented him from attending City Commission meetings. He missed four consecutive regular meetings.

"He was concerned about being able to attend those meetings," Mick McClanahan said.

Commissioners expressed concerns for McClanahan the last two months, including him in a prayer before the meetings. However, they were shocked by his death.

"He told me he felt anxious," Mayor Larry Dale said. "He acted a little depressed because he was homebound. He's been awfully sick lately. But, this is pretty shocking."

"We're going to miss Mac," Dale continued. "He knew Sanford like the back of his hand. He had a big heart. He was a community minded family man, and a gentleman."

City Commissioner Velma Williams said she felt silent after receiving news of McClanahan's death, and realized that the bond they had formed while serving on various boards together over the last 20 years was stronger than she thought.

"He was very understanding and very responsive," Williams said. "He had a sense of urgency about the need to be kind. If you called on him, he was there. We've lost a humanitarian."

Former Sanford Mayor Bette Smith served with McClanahan for eight years. She said he frequently gave his own money to save the city from expenses.

"He cared a great deal about his community," Smith said. "He gave more than people ever knew he gave. Both his money and his time."

Altemese Bentley, an educator and historian who knew McClanahan for 34 years, said she has fond memories of how hard he worked to help the Kiwanis Club donate clothes, toys and checks to help needy children. He also played a pivotal role in rejuvenating programs at the Harbor Learning Center within the Sanford Housing Authority.

"He was very tuned into the needs of children," Bentley said.

Charles Rowe, director of the city's Community Development Department, said McClanahan was instrumental in enabling him to become Sanford's first black department head. McClanahan pushed for Sanford to improve in race relations and minority inclusion on the city staff.

"He was a really good friend of mine," Rowe said. "I'm really shocked about the death, and hurt."

Jean Metts, director of Seminole Volunteer Enterprises, said she has been friends with McClanahan for 20 years.

"He will be sorely missed by everyone in the community," Metts said. "He did so much to help others. He made a wonderful difference in the lives of so many people."

Martha Yancey, who twice ran against McClanahan for the City Commission, said they became friends despite the competition.

"I was crazy about Mac," Yancey said. "We had a lot of laughs through the years, and we had a few times we didn't like what the other one did."

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A.A. "Mac" McClanahan Sept. 13, 1925 to April 19, 2000

Commissioner

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McClanahan had missed the past four City Commission meetings. However, elected officials and friends were shocked by the news of his death.

"What happened, I really don't think that was him," said City Commissioner Whitey Eckstein. "We saw a different Mac in the last year. He was a deeply troubled man who had health problems and worried about his family. I just wish somebody could have reached him before this happened. It's sad."

The apparent suicide represents a tragic ending to a life characterized by acts of kindness. McClanahan worked with the Sanford Kiwanis Club and Sanford Fire Department for at least 20 years to refurbish bicycles donated to needy children

at Christmas. He also led food and clothing drives for the needy.

"He was so generous and kind," Jean McClanahan said. "He was a good dad, a great grandfather, and a wonderful man. He would do anything for others."

McClanahan served a total of 16 years on the City Commission. He was in the second year of his current term, previously serving from 1972-1979 and 1987-1995. He won five elections, and also lost five times.

"The thing I admired most about Mac is that he always kept coming back," Eckstein said. "He never held any hard feelings."

Mick McClanahan said his father had a roller coaster career because he never backed down from controversial topics.

"He never worried about how his vote would impact the next election," the son said. "He always did what he thought was right."

To replace McClanahan on the commission, a special election will be scheduled between 60 and 90 days from now. The City Commission must set the date of the election by a resolution. Born in Minnesota,

McClanahan enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 at the age of 17. He became a bomber pilot, and retired from the Navy in 1970 with the rank of Lt. Commander. He served in WWII, Korea and the Vietnam War.

He first bought a home in Sanford in 1951 while stationed at the city's Naval Training Center. In 1970, he moved his family to Sanford to stay.

He became a real estate broker after retiring from the Navy, and served as the first executive director of Seminole Self Reliant Housing, which is now the Center for Affordable Housing. The non-profit organization built 160 houses for poor families over 10 years in the Oklo area, starting in 1983.

McClanahan leaves behind his wife Candy, sons John and A.A., and daughter Patricia "Penny" Hartwig, all of Sanford, as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He had three brothers and two sisters.

Condolences can be sent to the law office of A.A. McClanahan, Jr. located at 212 N. Park Avenue in Sanford.

The funeral service will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, although a date has not been set.



McClanahan and Martha Vancey congratulate each other after both submitted qualifying petitions.



McClanahan during an early election.

Mac

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Steve Harriett, chief deputy of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, said he admired McClanahan's service to the community. McClanahan was a City Commission police liaison when Harriett was Sanford's police chief.

"He was a direct person, there's no doubt about it."

Harriett said, "He was a strong person and he spoke his mind. But he also had a huge heart. For years he worked with underprivileged children through the Kiwanis Club."

Lake Mary City Commissioner Thom Greene

once worked with Mick, A.A. McClanahan Jr. at a public defenders office. During the friendship with Mick, who was given the nickname as a joke because people called his father Mac, he also got to know the elder McClanahan.

"I got to see the father side of him that many people didn't see," Greene said. "We both graduated law school at the same time and started working together at the public defender's office. Mac would come to the courtroom and watch. He was

always there to counsel Mick or give him any guidance he asked for."

He was always a father and a strong family man."

Herold Editor Dan Ping contributed to this article.

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Hand-washing is the No. 1 prevention against spread of infection, inside and outside the hospital setting. It is important in the home, in schools and in every workplace. It is the cornerstone of infection-control practice and education for everyone who works in health care.



Dear Abby

Proper hand-washing is taught during orientation for new employees and daily by most practitioners whenever the need arises. Soap, running water, friction and 10 to 15 seconds covering all surfaces of the hands are necessary to loosen dirt and wash the germs down the drain. It is the responsibility of all health-care employees to practice proper techniques to protect patients — as well as ourselves.

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We agree with your statement.

"Proper hygiene practices are an essential part of high-quality medical care." And we want Dear Abby to continue to be part of our team, promoting good infection-control practices, hand-washing and good health. Thank you, Abby.

JAN WROBEL, RN, AND BARBARA WIXSON, RN, SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER, OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR JAN AND BARBARA: I'm sure many readers will be as surprised as I was to learn that most hospitals have a full-time infection-control team or nurse whose job it is to do surveillance, prevention and control of hospital-acquired infections.

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administrator of the facility and the infection-control coordinator. Speaking up will not jeopardize the comfort of the patient; however, failing to speak up could endanger the health, or even the life, of the patient.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I adopted a newborn girl three years ago. We knew the birth mother three months before delivery. She is a wonderful young woman. We keep in touch four or five times a year.

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Transient global amnesia is common

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has diagnosed me with transient global amnesia. I have no warning and experience no long-lasting effects; I just suddenly stop talking or whatever I'm



Dr. Gott

doing. The doctor offered no treatment and said that my symptoms can be ignored. Why do I get these attacks?

DEAR READER: Transient global amnesia is a relatively common neurological affliction marked by the sudden appearance of forgetful confusion. This typically resolves as the attack subsides; total recovery is the rule. The cause is thought to be a temporary loss of circulation to a part of the brain, either from arterial spasm or a tiny blood clot. Although authorities previously believed that transient global amnesia was entirely benign, many experts are now convinced that the attacks may lead to stroke. Therefore, the recommended treatment is one aspirin a day, which prevents small clots from forming in the vascular system.

Sometimes, transient global amnesia mimics minor epileptic seizures. Thus, you should have a brainwave test (EEG) to rule out epilepsy. If the test is normal, aspirin therapy should do the trick.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." 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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Show stoppers



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Briefs

Tire Amnesty Day
As part of Seminole County's contribution to Earth Day, on April 22, the Seminole County Solid Waste Division has scheduled a tire amnesty day for residents of Seminole County. Residents may take up to ten tires to the Seminole County Central Transfer Station, 1634 SR-419, Longwood, or the Osceola Landfill, 1930 Osceola Road, Geneva. The facilities will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tire disposal is for Seminole County residents only. Commercial businesses must make private arrangements. For additional information, phone 407-665-2254.

Oviedo City Council
The Oviedo City Council will hold a special work session Monday, April 24. Items on the agenda include transportation issues beginning at 5 p.m., an item continued from the

April 17 work session, and a goal setting/visioning session beginning at 6 p.m. Oviedo City Hall is located at 400 Alexandria Blvd.

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Safety

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He cited crossings on Lake Mary Boulevard near downtown Lake Mary, as well as on SR-434, SR-436 and SR-427.

Members of the Seminole County Traffic Safety Team

include police departments from Longwood, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Altamonte Springs, Sanford, Oviedo, and Winter Springs, as well as the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida DOT Motor Carrier Compliance, CSX Transportation, LYNX Transportation, Seminole County Traffic Engineering and others.

For additional information on the event, contact Sgt. Hickson at the Longwood Police Department, 407-260-3400.

Fire

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tion and considered suspicious because of the lack of power and utilities.

A building at the apartment complex burned to the ground in December. A fire started on the second floor of Building 2 in the Northwest section of Ridgeway Villas shortly before 1 p.m. on Dec. 16, and quickly spread into two-thirds of the complex, according to the Sanford Fire Department.

The fire was contained, and

only Building two was lost. No one was injured in the blaze.

An earlier fire broke out in two units in the apartment complex in August. Emergency officials were able to contain the fire, and no one was injured.

The fire in August erupted at about 9:30 p.m. in the second story of building four, which had been vacated by the City of Sanford because of unpaid water bills.

The August fire started in unit 219 and spread into unit

220 of building four. It took 20 to 30 minutes to put out the flames.

The complex was condemned by the Sanford City Commission on Sept. 13, 1999.

Demolition is expected to begin in about 30 days, and to be complete within 60 to 90 days, said Charles Rowe, director of the Community Development Department for the city.

An asbestos survey was recently completed. The survey

showed small amounts of asbestos on the interior ceilings. The asbestos did not contribute to the fire.

The asbestos is non-friable. Friable asbestos is easily released into the air when disturbed, while non-friable asbestos is more easily contained.

The complex has been fenced off since November, preventing children or vagrants from entering the condemned buildings.

Charter

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lands and assets for the citizens and tax payers." Her function as Clerk of the Courts and Clerk of the ICC has served the community well.

"The county commission job is to set policy," she said. "My job is to see that everyone is accountable. I once refused to pay \$100 for a pen. When something isn't right, I'm not going to pay for it."

Morse is one of the county's constitutional officers up for reelection in 2000. Had the Charter Review Commission voted to split her duties with another office, the referendum to do so would have also been in the November ballot. That will not happen, now.

Longwood

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nothing to do with their silly little lives," Miller said.

The City Commission requested staff to develop a code compliance policy which establishes consistency when code violations are reported by the public. Complaints can be filed on-line using the city's web-site, over the phone or in person at City Hall.

The Code Compliance Division will develop an annual community code compliance work program for residential and commercial properties.

City workers and police officers will meet with neighborhood community leaders to establish a strategy on how to accomplish compliance with city codes.

If a violation of a city code can be seen from a public place, including a street, sidewalk or easement, the Code Compliance Division will take all legal steps necessary to abate the violation. These steps can include taking photographs from a Seminole County Sheriff's Office helicopter, in extreme cases.

If a city code violation cannot be seen from a public place code compliance officers must receive permission from the person who the complaint was filed against to inspect the property.

Orange County carjacker has Lake Mary ties

A carjacking suspect shot Monday by an Orange County deputy sheriff has been identified as a Lake Mary landscaper with a history of arrests.

Kenny Williams, 41, of Lake Mary was in stable condition Tuesday at Orlando Regional Medical Center, where he underwent surgery for a chest wound. He has been arrested at least 10 times since 1985 on burglary and grand theft charges. He was sentenced in 1987 to five years in prison for burglary.

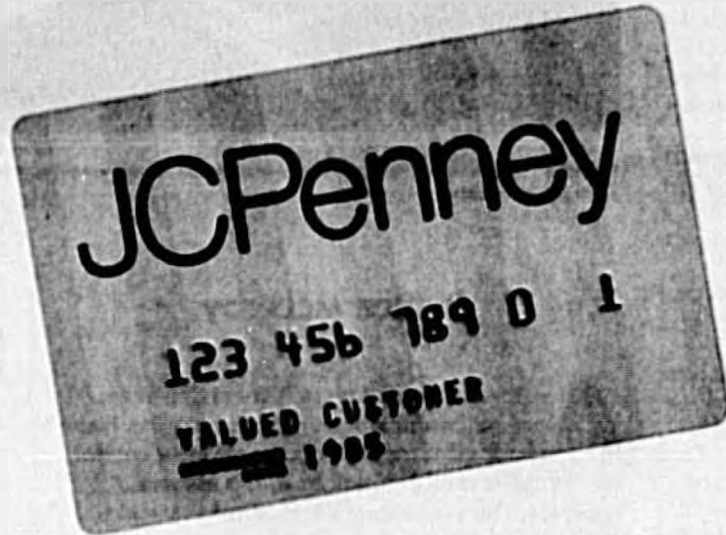
Williams was shot at an apartment complex on Orange Center Boulevard after he refused orders to stop and drove a stolen car toward a deputy, an Orange County sheriff's spokesman said.

Sgt. Carlos Espinoza and partner Deputy Matt Butler recognized the car as one taken April 11 in an armed carjacking at Florida Mall and used Sunday in two attempted robberies, according to sheriff's records.

Espinoza, who shot Williams, is on administrative duty while the shooting is investigated.

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Lap by Lap

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Final laps at Talladega were a wild ride

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The "Big One" struck at Talladega Superspeedway again Sunday, perhaps later in the afternoon than usual, but just as devastating as always.

This time it was caused by a second misjudgment by Scott Pruett and Robby Gordon on the trioval, and it sent 16 drivers skidding crazily across the track during lap 138 of the DieHard 500.

When the smoke had cleared, NASCAR, which heads to Los Angeles next week, had a new Winston Cup points leader in Mark Martin.

Yes, this is exciting stuff, three-wide racing, 15 rows deep. But it should be remembered that men can die playing this game.

Drivers and crews hate it, but the fans love it, and easily the biggest crowd in Talladega history watched Sunday.

Going 13 races between wins wouldn't be a problem for most Winston Cup drivers, but for Jeff Gordon, it had been almost a nightmare. But after winning Sunday's race, he has victory No. 50 and a nice spot in the record books with Junior Johnson, Ned Jarrett and Rusty Wallace.

"It's been an interesting year for us," Gordon said. "We weren't that fast when we qualified, but in the draft the car was just spectacular. Sometimes a car will just come to life like that in the draft. Everything has got to fall in place like it did for us, and in Texas it did for Dale Jr., and last week for Mark Martin."

Insiders say that Gordon has not been as effective as he needs to be in running the new team, that too many crewmen have complained. "Well, Ray [Everham] did it this way." So is Gordon back on track or just on the way back up? Was this an example of Gordon's brilliant driving, or just another strange Talladega race? Gordon and crew chief Robbie Loomis should be able to answer that question at Winston Cup four's next stop.

Ford's top teams still appear to have an edge over Chevy and Pontiac teams at the restrictor-plate track, despite Gordon's win. Dale Jarrett may have had the best car in the field Sunday, but he ran out of gas. Mark Martin and Jeremy Mayfield were battling for the lead in the final moments, and by not working better together they opened the door to a flock of Chevy men, who swept by them.

Perhaps the Ford men were overconfident. But Gordon won from 36th, no one had ever won from that far back.

What a difference a few months and a few rules changes can make. Last October here, drivers crawled from their cars shell-shocked but unharmed after one of the best races in NASCAR history.

After complaints from some drivers about the mental anguish of running in such tight packs, NASCAR changed the rules. Sunday's result was that some drivers were so at ease at the wheel that they spent time waving at their competitors while waiting for the final 40-lap sprint to begin.

But it wasn't like that for everyone. Indeed, Gordon said that drivers learned some new drafting tricks. "Anytime you see the middle row as the place to go to advance to the front, there's something wrong with the picture," Gordon said.

"I made some moves [early] and got up through there pretty good. Then that middle row started forming, and guys started going to the front, and I found myself back maybe farther than where I started. Finally I said, 'All these other guys are going to the front using the middle.' Jeff Burton was beside me one lap, and five laps later he was running fifth. I knew I had to go to the middle. But I can't tell you what it's like to be running as fast as we're running and have to stick your nose between two other cars that close together."

The final laps were unpredictable. Gordon made several good moves down the stretch, and he got some unexpected help from Mike Skinner, who got some help, or at least some bump-drafting, from Kenny Irwin.

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



Common templates could save teams money on development and maintain each car's identity. Photo by Mike Mulhern

By Rea McLeroy

LAP BY LAP

An off-week means little in Winston Cup racing. No one will be sitting home relating every day. Some teams will spend the extra time working on their cars for the next race — April 30 at the California Speedway. Others can jump a week ahead in planning.

Some even will focus on next year. For example, Ray Everham is preparing his Dodge Intrepid for a test on May 2 in Homestead, Fla. NASCAR officials are pouring over results from a variety of wind tunnel, chassis and on-track tests with teams. Meanwhile, Roush Racing's Jack Roush continues to argue for changes. He supports one of NASCAR's controversial topics — the common template.

"I was a proponent of common templates — the Thunderbird had a windshield that was three inches wider and an angle that wasn't on track, we thought, on what the Lumina had at the time and I wanted common templates then," Roush said. "Right now everybody says, 'Vince, look what the Ford's got. It's got a better roof, it was never on a four-door car. It's a NASCAR roof anyway.' If that's true, if everybody believes it's a great roof and it was never on a Ford anyway, put it on everybody else. Let's stop arguing about it."

That may sound extreme — Roush is willing to give his roof design to the competition? But there's much more to the issue.

Roush sees the common template as a way for teams to save money on research and development and a way for NASCAR officials to end some of the grumbling. Instead of midseason changes to the front-air dam and the spoiler to equalize the models, the common aspects of the car would create parity.

The common template may happen eventually, but it appears to be a dead issue this season. Winston Cup Director Gary Nelson has put the project on the back burner, at least for now.

"The Dodge people are in the process of building a car for next year, so they've discussed it somewhat and I think across the board that all of us have decided in all of our conversations, that it's important that the identity of the individual cars be maintained and to do that we'll take some different thinking than just make them all the same," Nelson said. "We've kind of went away from that and said they can't all be the same but how about if we make them all aerodynamically the same? That's the direction we're working."

Roush's argument allows for individual identity. The templates are essentially the measuring sticks for the cars. The shaped devices control the height, length and angle of various parts of the car to maintain parity in the sport.

Owner Bill Davis said he thinks "the fans would be very surprised if they understood just how simple the templates are." He pointed out that even though different templates control the Chevrolets, Fords and Pontiacs, all three fit within the same general range. A NASCAR template wouldn't be that much different.

On Even Ground

Owner Jack Roush makes a case for the common template

Roush sees it as a simple step from where the teams are now. The new Dodge provides a perfect example of Roush's point.

The approval process is long and complicated. NASCAR officials will spend countless hours on the new Intrepid, accepting and rejecting pieces of the car until templates are established, a car is built and finally approved, and the 2001 season begins. Even then, the negotiating continues.

If the Intrepid comes out at Daytona and dominates the competition, an adjustment can be expected. If the Dodge debuts at Daytona and can't make the race or maintain pace with the Ford, Chevrolet and Pontiac, an adjustment can be expected. Then there's more testing, more research, data and money poured into the car.

"I think this common template thing provides an opportunity, I think, to do many things for us," Roush said. "NASCAR has looked at a Ford, they've looked at a Chevrolet, they've looked at a Pontiac and said, 'Yeah, we understand what this car is and we want to approve it, but we really don't want it to change.' In order to do that, they look at the areas of the car, increasingly numerous areas of the car, and they bring on more templates and more templates and more templates because they're really trying to keep the car the same in relation to other cars."

Roush proposes a common template for the hood and front windows, the side door and a similar spoiler. By contrast, the manufacturer's signature difference would show up in the hood, decklid, nose panel and back panel.

"When a manufacturer came along and wanted to bring out a new car — they say, 'What's different about the car?' Well, we've changed the hood and the front end. OK, bring us an example of the hood and the front end and then put those things on the car that they had and find out what the effect was," Roush said.

Instead of having to approve an entirely new car, NASCAR officials could concentrate on these key areas. Team engineers would work to find the small alterations in those sections that would give their group an advantage on the track. There would be little change from what teams and NASCAR officials do today.

Roush may have to wait another year to make his point. The Dodge is heavily into development, and Everham has already been given some templates. He hasn't, however, set final templates for the car. NASCAR Director of Operations Kevin Triplett said that he has yet to see a finalized Dodge and that the Intrepid specifications remain to be issued.

While the officials delay the idea until the Dodge is finalized, Roush argued that there is always a car in development. He thinks NASCAR just needs to take a chance.

"If NASCAR gets it wrong, and they've had more cases where they've got more wrong than right, well then we've all gotta argue over it and suffer over it for a year," Roush said. "And then in another year another manufacturer comes out with something and we're back into it again."

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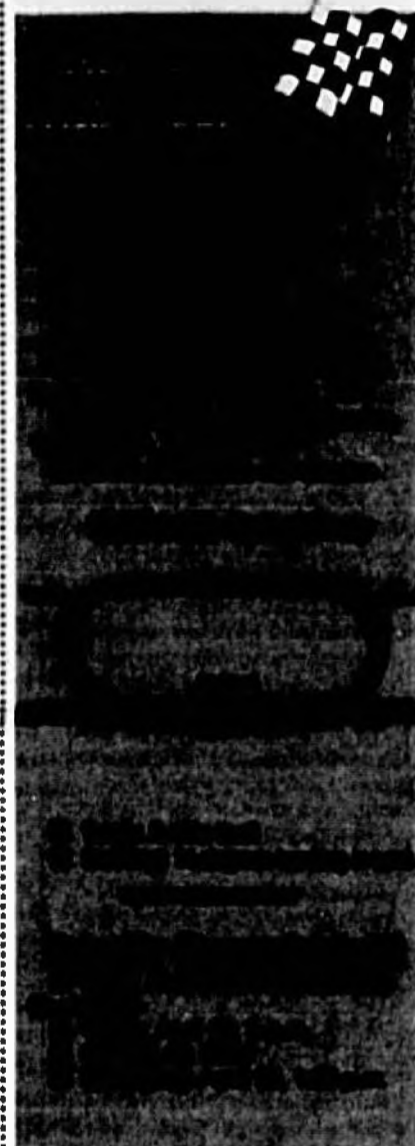
In the Top 5 in a race since he placed fifth in the California 500 in 1998. Can you name him?

See answer below

Just the Stats

NASCAR POINTS LEADERS

1	Jeff Gordon	1,971	1	Jeff Gordon	1,971
2	Robby Gordon	1,346	2	Robby Gordon	1,346
3	Ward Burton	1,009	3	Robby Gordon	1,009
4	Dale Earnhardt	1,272	4	Matt Kenseth	1,191
5	Jeff Burton	1,000	5	Steve McMichael	1,170
6	Dale Jarrett	1,167	6	Davey Green	1,105
7	Jeff Gordon	1,100	7	Steve McMichael	1,080
8	Rusty Wallace	1,129	8	Elton Sawyer	974
9	Wendell Scott	1,000	9	Steve McMichael	971
10	Tony Stewart	1,118	10	Jason Keller	965
11	Wendell Scott	1,000	11	Wendell Scott	916
12	Bill Elliott	1,051	12	Herb Parker Jr.	909
13	Tony Stewart	1,000	13	Wendell Scott	895
14	Mike Skinner	1,043	14	Jeff Purvis	905
15	Wendell Scott	880	15	Tony Stewart	879
16	Chad Little	975	16	Casey Atwood	843
17	Wendell Scott	880	17	Ray Schuber	837
18	Jeffrey Brown	940	18	Dick Trickle	807
19	Wendell Scott	871	19	Wendell Scott	800
20	James Gardner	78	20	Mark Green	793



Who's Hot: Dale Earnhardt. His third-place run last weekend kept him up in the points. He has had seven top-10 finishes in nine races.

Who's Not: Tony Stewart. He has taken three straight provisionals in qualifying. A crash Sunday forced him to finish 34th and dropped him to 13th in the points.

On the Record

"I don't think, coming from 36th, we could do what we did today. But I never lost faith in this team."

— Jeff Gordon

Pit Stop answer: Darrell Waltrip

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JEFF BLAKE FOOTBALL CAMP

SANFORD - The Sanford Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (SYFA) will hold registrations for the Second Annual Jeff Blake Football Camp and the 2000 Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Season.

Registrations will be held at The Sports Authority, 100 North Broadway at the Seminole Towne Center Mall on Saturday April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registrations will also be held at Just For Feet at the Seminole Towne Center Mall on Saturday April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The football camp will be held on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th at Seminole High School.

Professional football players (both past and present), Seminole High School coaches, and the SYFA coaching staff will provide instruction.

The five football and cheerleading teams will fill up early this season. You can pre-register with a \$40, non-refundable deposit. The balance will be due by June 1, 2000.

Payment options are:
Jeff Blake Football Camp only - \$90 for both days or \$50 for one day.

2000 Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Season - \$90 by May 31st, \$95 after June 1st.
Camp and Pop Warner Season - \$160.

Please use the SYFA Director for information about a Family Plan.

Please make all checks or money orders payable to: Sanford Youth Football Association.

The SYFA Mailing Address is: P.O. Box 2995, Sanford, Florida 32771.

CITY OF LAKE MARY ADULT SOFTBALL

LAKE MARY - The City of Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Spring Adult Sign Pitch Softball League.

The Wednesday Night C-B-D Class "C" Softball League will begin play on April 19th.

The Friday Night Men's Class "C" Softball League will begin play on April 21st.

All games will be played at the Lake Mary Sports Complex located on Rantoul Lane and each league will consist of 10 games.

Cost is \$280 per team plus a \$35 ASA fee (unless 2000 dues have already been paid) and the first six teams to pay are in.

Registration is currently open to all teams for the Wednesday Night League, while remaining teams have until April 7th to reserve a spot in the Friday Night League before open registration begins.

Call Gunner Smith at 407-324-3097 for more information.

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The City of Altamonte Springs (Eatonman Park) will be hosting a singles racquetball tournament for both men and women on Saturday, April 29th, 2000.

The entry fee is \$10.00 and one can of racquetballs.

All participants will receive a park shirt and two hours of free racquetball play. The winners and runner-ups will receive trophies.

Refreshments will be furnished.

For more information, please call Bob Garnett at (407) 830-3881 or (407) 509-9286.

SEMINOLE SOCCER SCHOOL

LAKE MARY - The 21st annual Seminole Soccer School offers two weeks of summer soccer instruction at Lake Mary High School.

The first session is Tuesday, May 30th-through-Saturday, June 3rd and the second session is Monday, July 14th-through-Friday, July 21st.

The 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. day camp for boys and girls ages 5-1/2 to 15 will also include indoor training in an air-conditioned gym.

For registration brochures and information, contact Larry McCorkle at 407-320-9557 or 407-320-9708 during the day or 407-685-2131 in the evenings.

Application forms, directions and other information may also be downloaded from our web site at: <http://www.CFL.tv.com/soccer-school>.

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Local boys jump the net

Seminole, Lake Mary tennis teams win district championships

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

LEESBURG - It's an old tradition and the players very seldom leap the net when they win anymore, now they just meet politely at center court and congratulate one another.

But you can forgive the Seminole and Lake Mary boys tennis teams if youthful exuberance took over on Tuesday as they both claimed their respective district championships.

Especially at Seminole High School where it is believed this may have been the first ever championship for a Fighting Seminoles squad.

"No one seems to know for sure," said head coach Scott Casko on Wednesday. "I talked to Jerry (Posey, long time Athletic Director who retired a couple of years ago) and he didn't remember us ever winning one and he's been here a lot longer than me."

"We even called the Florida High School Activities Association and they didn't know because they don't keep track of district tournaments. It's quite a feat."

Casko's boys took the Class 3A District 6 crown 8-6 over Leesburg at Silver Lake Country Club in Leesburg, with Groveland South Lake and Oak Ridge trailing.

Seminole's hopes of earning a spot in

the State Tournament came to an end on Wednesday as the Title fell 7-0 to defending state champion Spruce Creek, which was in Seminole's district a year ago.

Lake Mary's Class 4A-District 3 victory was much more expected as coach Scott Regan's Rams were undefeated during regular season play.

And they rolled to victory, scoring 18 points to 14 for runner up Lake Brantley, Lake Howell (7), Deland (4), Winter Springs (2), Oviedo (1) and Lyman (0) rounded out the field.

Lake Mary visits 4A-4 champion Winter Park today at 3:30 p.m. in the Regional Championships with a trip to state on the line.

Unlike a few years ago when the top four teams and individual champions from each region went to state, it is now more of a team sport with each school's team squaring off and not just the individual winners.

The new set up hurt the Lake Mary girls as they fell a point short of claiming its district crown as undefeated Deland edged the Rams, 16-15. Winter Springs (7), Lake Brantley (9), Lake Howell (2), Oviedo (2) and Lyman (1) completed the standings.

With the win Deland advances to Friday's regional against 4A-4 champion Dr. Phillips, while Lake Mary is finished. See Results, Page 2B

Silver Hawks edge Rams

By David Guineas
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

CASSELBERRY - The Lake Howell Silver Hawks hosted the Lake Mary Rams on Wednesday night in a Seminole Athletic Conference baseball match-up.

This game was scheduled to be played last Friday but was postponed to Wednesday night due to rain.

The Silver Hawks were looking to complete a season sweep of the Rams as they entered the halgame and sweep they did, scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to erase a 2-1 deficit and held off the Rams, 3-2.

The Rams will face the Seminole High School Fighting Seminoles on Thursday night at Lake Mary High School, this is also senior night for the Rams with ceremonies starting at 6:45 p.m. and the game set to begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday's game matched two of the top pitcher's in the county, Silver Hawks ace pitcher Chris Parsons, who was 4-1 entering the game, and Lake Mary's Adam Sanabria, who entered the game with a 7-2 record.

Lake Mary got on the scoreboard first when they scored two runs in the top of the second inning.

Ryan Bono reached first when

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RAM TO BECOME A RAIDER



Herald photo by Rich Bishko

Everyone was all smiles last week as Lake Mary High School softball star Rachel Bradley (seated, center) signed an Athletic Scholarship to attend and play softball at Seminole Community College starting this fall.

On hand for the signing were Rachel's mother Rosemary (seated, left), Lake Mary head softball coach Jeannie Fisher (seated, right), assistant softball coach Kym Gaudreau (standing, left) and Lake Mary Principal Boyd Kams (standing, right).



Herald photo by Ann Booth

First-year Orlando Magic Head Coach Glenn "Doc" Rivers, who will be named NBA Coach of the Year by Sports Illustrated today, completed a masterful coaching job on Wednesday, getting

his players up for the final game after Monday's heart-breaking loss to Milwaukee and leading the Magic to a 106-100 victory over the Toronto Raptors and wrapping up a 41-41 season.

Magic close out season with win over Toronto

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

ORLANDO - The 'thing' that drove the Orlando Magic came out again Wednesday night at the TD Waterhouse Centre.

Pride, hustle and wanting to finish the season with a .500 record was on display last evening as the Magic wrapped up a 41-41 season with a 106-100 over the playoff-bound Toronto Raptors.

Getting his charges up for a game that meant very little after suffering a heart-breaking loss to the Milwaukee Bucks that knocked the Magic out of the playoffs, Glenn "Doc" Rivers showed that he should be the NBA's coach of the year.

Orlando outscored the Raptors in every quarter except the fourth as it finished a game behind both Detroit and

Milwaukee in the playoff race.

Ron Mercer had one of his best games since joining the Magic, scoring a game high 27 points.

Fellow backcourt mate Darrell Armstrong closed out a strong season with 22 points.

Orlando fans also got to see what they had missed with the absence of Derek Strong for most of the season as the forward came off the bench to score 13 points and pull down a team-high eight rebounds.

John Amaechi and Bo Outlaw also finished in double figures with 12 points each.

Toronto, which will take on the New York Knicks in the first round of the playoffs, were led by Auburndule's Tracy McGrady and Antonio Davis with 14 points apiece.

McGrady's cousin, Daytona Beach's Vince Carter, played the

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