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Local news

Winston-Salem

A 77-year-old woman lost \$5,600 to a man posing as a police officer. The man told her that he needed the money to catch a criminal suspected of stealing money from spouses of the recently deceased. The phony police officer told her to meet him at a local K-mart store with the money in cash. When she arrived, he flashed her a badge and took the money, promising to return it to her account. Police are still searching for the perpetrator.

Arcadia

Arthur Long, 37, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for drug purposes, maintaining a vehicle for drug purposes, and possession of a firearm by a felon. Davidson County Sheriff Gerald Hege says that more charges are to come. Deputies found over 84 "high-grade" marijuana plants in Long's basement. The average price for "low-grade" marijuana is around \$100 per ounce; Long's plants would have sold for about \$600 per ounce, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Mooreville

Last Monday, fans from as far as Ohio lined up outside of late racing legend Dale Earnhardt's home to celebrate what would be his 51st birthday. They christened the day Dale Earnhardt Day; the festivities started at 8 a.m. and ended at 9 p.m.

Who's Who: Pope John Paul II

In the know



Name: Karol Joseph Wojtyla (pronounced Voy-tee-wah)

Title: Pope John Paul II

Background: Born in 1920 to a Polish army officer and former schoolteacher in Wadowice, Poland, Pope John Paul II became the first non-Italian pope since 1523. He chose the name John Paul II to honor his predecessor John Paul I.

He is the most traveled pope in church history, having visited more than 100 countries by the year 2000. He was also the youngest pope in 132 years, and the only pontiff to ever have had a comic book featuring his life (*Marvel Comics* 1983).

John Paul II speaks eight languages and was named "Man of the Year" in 1994 by *Time Magazine*. Mehmet Ali Agca attempted to assassinate the pope in 1981; he shot the pope twice in the abdomen.

In 2001 the church finally admitted that John Paul II was suffering from Parkinson's disease. He is best known for his love of human rights.

Spotlight: John Paul II called a meeting for American Cardinals, held at the Vatican, to discuss the church's role in the latest sexual abuse scandal.

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