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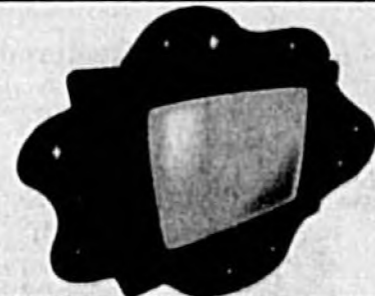
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Briefly

Tire Amnesty Day
The Seminole County Solid Waste Division has scheduled a tire amnesty day for the residents of Seminole County Saturday, July 22. Residents may take up to 10 tires to Seminole County's Central Transfer Station, 1634 SR-419 in Longwood. The facility 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 their tire disposal requirements.
For further information phone the Solid Waste Customer Service Line at 407-665-2260.

Today is ...

Thursday, July 13, 2000
Today is the 195th day of 2000 and the 24th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, the first talking motion picture to feature dialogue in Esperanto, the universal language, was made at the Paramount studio in New York City.
• On this day in 1930, the first World Cup soccer championship was held, in Montevideo, Uruguay.
• On this day in 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts won the Democratic presidential nomination at the Democratic Party convention in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:
Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877), Confederate cavalry general; Edward Flanagan (1886-1948), Catholic priest; Jack Kemp (1935-), football player-politician, is 65; Harrison Ford (1942-), actor, is 58; Roger McGuinn (1942-), musician, is 58; Cheech Marin (1946-), comedian-actor, is 54; Spud Webb (1963-), basketball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, twin golfers Kyle and Kim Richardson both made eagles at 2:00 p.m., one at a course in Colorado, and the other at a course in Maryland.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Among all the diseases of the mind there is not one more epidemical or more pernicious than the love of flattery."
Sir Richard Steele

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 8) and full moon (July 16).

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Cocaine found in Erving's system

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Volusia County Medical Examiner's Office found crack cocaine within Cory Erving, according to preliminary autopsy results released on Wednesday.

The findings were made public shortly before more than 1,500 mourners attended a 90-minute memorial service for Erving at the Heartland Community Church in Kissimmee.

The findings suggest that Cory Erving, who battled drug addiction for several years, may have used cocaine within 24

Findings indicate teen may have used cocaine within 36 hours of his death

to 36 hours of his death. The results of further toxicology tests are expected to be released next week, said Volusia County Medical Examiner Thomas Beaver.

The results are preliminary, and authorities do not yet know whether cocaine was involved in Erving's death in a retention pond near his family's

exclusive Alaqua home, Beaver said.

The preliminary results show there is no sign of trauma or broken bones within Erving's body. The cause of death has not been determined.

However, it does not appear that Erving struggled after his car submerged in a retention pond near his family's home in the exclusive Alaqua communi-

ty, Beaver said the decomposition in Erving's body was consistent with it having been in the retention pond since May 28, the day he disappeared.

The 1999 Volkswagen Passat was in neutral, the windows were rolled up, and the doors were locked. However, the transmission could have been knocked into neutral by the force of the crash.

Beaver said he made a mistake in See Erving, Page 8A



Cory Erving

Charter review committee: Much ado about nothing

After six months of sometimes heated debate, panel makes no changes in county's charter

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County Charter Review Commission concluded six months of debate on Wednesday evening with the decision to leave the county's charter the way it stands.

A proposal to slash the pay of county commissioners from \$66,594 a year was defeated, 6-5. Another proposal

to have charter review commissions every eighth year instead of six also was defeated.

Former county commissioner Fred Streetman, who pushed for the 25-percent reduction in pay for commissioners, said residents are paying too much to pay county commissioners for a part-time job.

If unhappy with the vote on this, he was pleased, "we didn't put things on the referendum that were bad."

Charter Review chairman Doug Elam congratulated the group for "dealing with the issues." He also criticized the media for its "lamentable" job explaining the issues to the public.

Jimmy Ross, the sage of Longwood, said "I don't take personally what's happened — and that nothing is going on the ballot." Ross made many of the proposals which were nixed.

Cooling off



Joseph James, 14, clowns around at the Sanford/Seminole County Aquatic Center, located at Seminole High School. Joseph was at the pool with his 13-year-old brother Brandon. The pool, which opened in the spring, is a popular place with local kids trying to escape the summer heat.

Recent rains help water shortage, but cities keep restrictions in place

By Nick Pfeiffert
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Certain parts of Central Florida have had rains in recent weeks, but they have been only sporadic. The entire area has not had sufficient rainfall in all seven months of this year.

With that in mind, cities and regulatory organizations are continuing restrictions on water use. Sanford Project Manager Bill Marcous said he doesn't expect watering restrictions in Sanford to be lifted until possibly August. "Hopefully, we'll start getting more rain by that

time," he said. "Then, I'll bring it before the City Commission and ask that the restrictions be lifted. But if this drought continues, no telling how long it may last."

Meanwhile, the St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board, now in session in Palatka, has agreed to maintain all current restrictions on outdoor watering, and encourage property owners to conserve water.

"Forecasts predict a return to normal rain patterns, and rainfall reduces demands on the aquifer," said Hal Wilkening, director of resource manage-

ment. "We are continuing to closely monitor surface and ground water levels."

In various areas of Central Florida, rainfall has increased, but is still four to 14 inches below normal for the year.

The Board emphasized the need for residents and businesses to comply with the District's year-round rule prohibiting outdoor watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to reduce water consumption and help avoid water resource problems.

Sanford's water use restrictions have been in place since April 10 of this year. They allow See Water, Page 8A

No time to sit



There's plenty of seats, but Racque Trombley doesn't have time to sit. Trombley cleans windows for many of the businesses in downtown Sanford.

Classic cars cruise into Sanford's downtown Saturday night

By Rebecca Grillot
Herald Intern

SANFORD — Classic cars from around Central Florida will be displayed at downtown Sanford's Cruise Night on July 15.

The event, sponsored by Sanford Main Street, is held the third Saturday of every month.

From 6 to 9 p.m. restored classic vehicles will be parked on 1st Street, which will be closed to main traffic from Sanford Avenue to Park Avenue. The owners will sit by their vehicles to answer questions and meet other classic car owners.

"It's a great way to network with other cruisers and talk about nostalgia," Sanford Main Street Treasurer Kim House said.

Restaurants and shops will remain open for the event and an evening farmer's market will be held in Magnolia Square. A disk jockey will be on hand to play doo-wop as people stroll the streets. Drawings for cash and door prizes will also be held.

House said Main Street is sponsoring the event because the organization believes it is important to have quality events downtown to draw peo-

ple to the area.

"The event is designed for people to come downtown to visit restaurants and shops," House said. "We have the perfect backdrop in historic downtown."

Past Cruise Nights have drawn cars from Leesburg, Palm Coast, Ocala, Jacksonville, Daytona and Tampa. More than 100 cars attended the last event.

"Cruisers love coming to Sanford with its old buildings and backstreets," House said. "Most of them love history. That's why they restore cars and support Main Street's non-profit event."

No one knows you when you're down and stout

As an embarrassed, overweight, aging American, I find few people are willing to help me. You know the expression, "No one loves you when you're down and stout."

I'm a thin man in a fat man's body, wildly signaling to be let out. Worse yet, I'm Orson Welles and David Wells squared.

Orson was the chap who thought up, "The War of the Worlds." He died 15 years ago. David Wells is — bless his food — currently the best baseball pitcher in the world. His record is 14-2. He pitched in the All-Star Game Tuesday night. His height is 6-foot 4-inches tall. His weight is reportedly 235.

Mr. Wells, the pitcher, is unhappy about the cover on the newest issue of Sports Illustrated. It focuses on the flab over his waist. You can win the

Cy Young award with a 2.35 earned run average; but die young if you don't check your waist average.



Russ White

Here's why I mention pitcher Wells. I'm 6-4, 235 — same dimensions as the winningest baseball pitcher in the world. I've never weighed this much in my life — as I told you, I'm a thin man in a fat man's body.

My dilemma is this: should I starve myself to be thin again or should I eat myself into the grave? I'm told more Americans die from eating too

much than of eating too little. Actress Camryn Manheim isn't unhappy to be a fat people's cover girl. Ms. Manheim's career is going great guns. She's an Emmy and Golden Globe winner. She's also written a best-selling book, "Wake Up, I'm Fat." The girl's my size.

David Wells' size.

When those of us in show business appear too thin or too fat, we never hear the end of it. Marlon Brando has taken a beating for his personal expansion. Celine Dion has been lampooned for just the opposite. One wag wrote, "Now that Ms. Dion is pregnant, she has begun eating for one."

When you're a piggy (even a piggy), it's best to have a sense of humor. Jackie Gleason was big. Huge talent. Huge man. Perfect role for him was Minnesota Fats. If I could be like Jackie Gleason, my columns would overflow with paunch lines.

Now and then you heard someone being called, "pleasantly plump." I don't think that's very nice. A person may be pleasant but not pleasantly plump. I'm pleasant and I'm plump. I am not, however, pleasantly plump. Neither is David Wells.

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

Police Log

Battery/Domestic Violence
Sanford — Amalio Sanchez, 37, 2404 Northlake Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 11:24 p.m. on July 11. He was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.

Sanford — Joseph Williams, 44, 702 Cypress Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 1 a.m. on July 12. He was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.

Sanford — Ann Marie

Perez, 29, 1600 W. 5th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 6 p.m. on July 9. She was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.

Aggravated Battery
Sanford — Omar Scott, 23, Miami, Fla., was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 8 p.m. on July 8. He was charged with Aggravated Battery.

DUI/Concealed Weapon
Sanford — Gina Bodiford, 39, 408 Beth Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford Police Officers at 11:03 p.m. on July 11. She was charged with DUI, Possession of Marijuana and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Drugs
Sanford — Gary Cooper, 28, 711 Larry Drive, Deland, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 12:22 a.m. on July

8. He was charged with Possession of More than 20 grams of Cannabis and Possession With the Intent to Sell.

Sanford — Elijah McCloud, 33, 1413 W. 15th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 12:40 a.m. on July 8. He was charged with Possession of Cannabis.

Grand Theft Vehicle
Sanford — Derrick May, 20, 3606 W. 3rd Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 4:02 p.m. on July 9. He was charged with Grand Theft Vehicle and Trailer.

Open Container
Sanford — Norma Campbell, 50, 116 Kelly Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 11:09 p.m. on July 10. She was charged with Open Container violation.

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5 (July 12)
7-6-14-17-28

Lotto (July 12)
13-20-29-31-33-52

Mega Money (July 11)
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THELMA TEW BENTLEY
Thelma Tew Bentley, 87, Newport Road, Holly Hill, died Saturday, June 17, 2000 at Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach. She was a native of and former resident of Sanford. She was a member of American Association of University Women, Palmetto Club, and Friends of the Volusia County Library Center. She was a founding member of a children's museum in Daytona Beach, now the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Survivors include husband, Horace; sons, Ernest, Christiansburg, Va., Bruce, Miami; daughters, Elizabeth Bentley de Garcia-Grandos, Miami, Anne Teuch, Clearwater; sister, Mary Sullivan, North Carolina; eight grandchildren.

National Cremation Society, Daytona Beach, in charge of arrangements.

MARY JEAN EVANS
Mary Jean Evans, 75, Elm Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, June 24, 2000 at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she moved to Central Florida in 1959. She was a retired inspector for Sprague Inc., Longwood. She was a member of All Souls Catholic Church, Sanford, and Sanford Moose Lodge.

Survivors include son, Robert A. Ritchie, Pensacola; daughters, Helena Ritchie, Sanford; brothers, Carl Capriotti, Fort Myers, Robert Capriotti, New Jersey, Tony Capriotti, Washington, D.C.; sister, Katie Cori, Boca Raton.

Fourtowns Cremation, Inc., Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

ELIZABETH E. MALONEY
Elizabeth E. Maloney, 98, N. Firwood Street, Deltona, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at Rainbow Assisted Living, Deltona. Born in Somersworth, N.H., she moved to Deltona from Winter Springs in 1994. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, DeBary.

Survivors include daughter, Joyce E. Haigh, DeBary; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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

WILLIE JAMES DENNARD, III
Willie James Dennard, III, 52, Savannah, Ga., died Saturday, July 8, 2000 at Hospice-Savannah. Born in Cordelle, Ga., he moved to Sanford, then to Savannah 30 years ago. He was a truck driver for Ashland Chemical Co., a member of Free & Accepted Mason Mt. Moriah Lodge 15, and a veteran of the Vietnam Era.

Survivors include wife, Helen Crawford, Savannah; mother, Stella Dennard, Sanford; sisters, Diane Dennard, Sanford, Lenora Allen, Orlando, Brenda Williams, Deland, Conchetta Dennard, Atlanta; sons, Willie James Dennard, IV, and Herschel Orr, both of Savannah; brothers, Ivory Joe Dennard, Sunbury, Gha., Isaih Timmy Dennard, Deland, Melvin Dennard, Houston, Tx. Bynes-Royall Funeral Home, Savannah, Ga., in charge of arrangements.

DEEDIE ROSS
Deedie Ross, 60, Harrell Road, Winter Springs, died Monday, July 10, 2000 at her residence. Born in Morristown, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida 28 years ago. She was a piano teacher at The Childrens Music School, Casselberry, and a member of Light House Community Church.

Survivors include husband, Robert W., Winter Springs; sons, Robert H., Huntsville, Ala., Kenyon G. and Scott J., both of Birmingham, Ala.; sisters, Robyn VanYpen, Ridgewood, N.J., Julie Lyons, Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren.

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

SILVIO TOMASETTI
Silvio Tomasetti, 90, Royalwood Lane, Oviedo, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. He was born Feb. 6, 1910 in Perugia, Italy. He was a retired foreman for Pennsylvania Gas & Water. He was Catholic.

Survivors include sons, Thomas A., and John, both of Oviedo; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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

LEO LUTHER RICH
Leo Luther Rich, 93, Burgoyne Road, Deland, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at his residence. Born in Byrdstown, Tenn., he moved to Central Florida from Akron, Ohio in 1986. He was a retired tire builder for Firestone Tire, Akron, and a school bus driver

Community Notes

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
The Seaside Music Theater is presenting the musical farce, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" now through July 16 at the DBCC Theater. Tickets from \$23 to \$35 are available through the SMT Box office at the DBCC Theater Center and

Just the Blues
Altamonte Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mike Arena, will play the blues (every shade of the blues), in a special performance Sunday, July 16 at 7

SMT Downtown, 176 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Call 904-252-6200 for more information.

The concert is funded in part by the Seminole Cultural Arts Council Inc.

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Life Style

Blood donors work miracles for those struggling to live

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the letter from "Little Abby's Mom" regarding the need for blood donors? I delivered my second child three months premature. He had many of the problems that premature babies go through. While he was in the neonatal ICU, his bone marrow stopped making red blood cells, and he needed two transfusions. None of my family members were able to donate blood for him, and without the use of community blood, my son would have died. I am grateful to those blood donors who, probably without knowing it, are heroes in their own right.



Dear Abby

I am a coward when it comes to needles. Because of this, I ask that someone hold my hand when I donate blood. I receive a few snickers from onlookers, but I couldn't allow another mommy who may be facing the same problem to experience the anguish of not having "nice, clean" blood for her child.

Please, Abby print my letter so "Little Abby's Mom" knows I said thank you for recognizing how important it is for even cowards like me to donate blood. It's easy and takes only a small amount of time to help save the lives of so many people.

FAITHFUL BLOOD DONOR IN PHOENIX

P.S. My son is now 6 years old and brings joy to everyone with whom he comes in con-

DEAR FAITHFUL: If your letter isn't a forceful reminder of how important our nation's blood supply is to all of us, perhaps the next letter will do the trick. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the new mother whose life was saved by six units of blood from anonymous donors prompts this letter. Thank you very much for printing it.

I, too, have experienced the wonder and miracle of donated blood. Our son had leukemia. During the course of his disease, there were several instances when he became white as a sheet, droopy, listless and exhausted. He would have to go to the hospital emergency room, where he was put in a reclining chair with a bag of blood hanging on a "tree" beside him.

It was miraculous to see his transition to a pink-faced, bright-eyed, lively, energetic boy who talked enthusiastically about life, what he wanted to do, where he wanted to go and things he had seen.

Our son literally was given the gift of life. I am grateful to those anonymous blood donors who gave a few hours of their time and a few pints of blood so that our son could live a few more months.

LOUISE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOUISE: After reading your graphic letter, no one

can doubt the importance of available blood as artillery in the battle for life. Now for some important information:

DEAR ABBY: There is a common misunderstanding that all blood comes from the Red Cross. In fact, while the Red Cross provides about 46 percent of the nation's blood, a network of independent, non-profit, community-focused blood banks supply 47 percent of America's blood. Hospital-owned blood banks provide about 7 percent.

For the 72 community blood banks who work 24 hours a day to assure enough blood is available for the critically ill and injured in their respective communities, this is an important distinction. Thank you for helping to make this known.

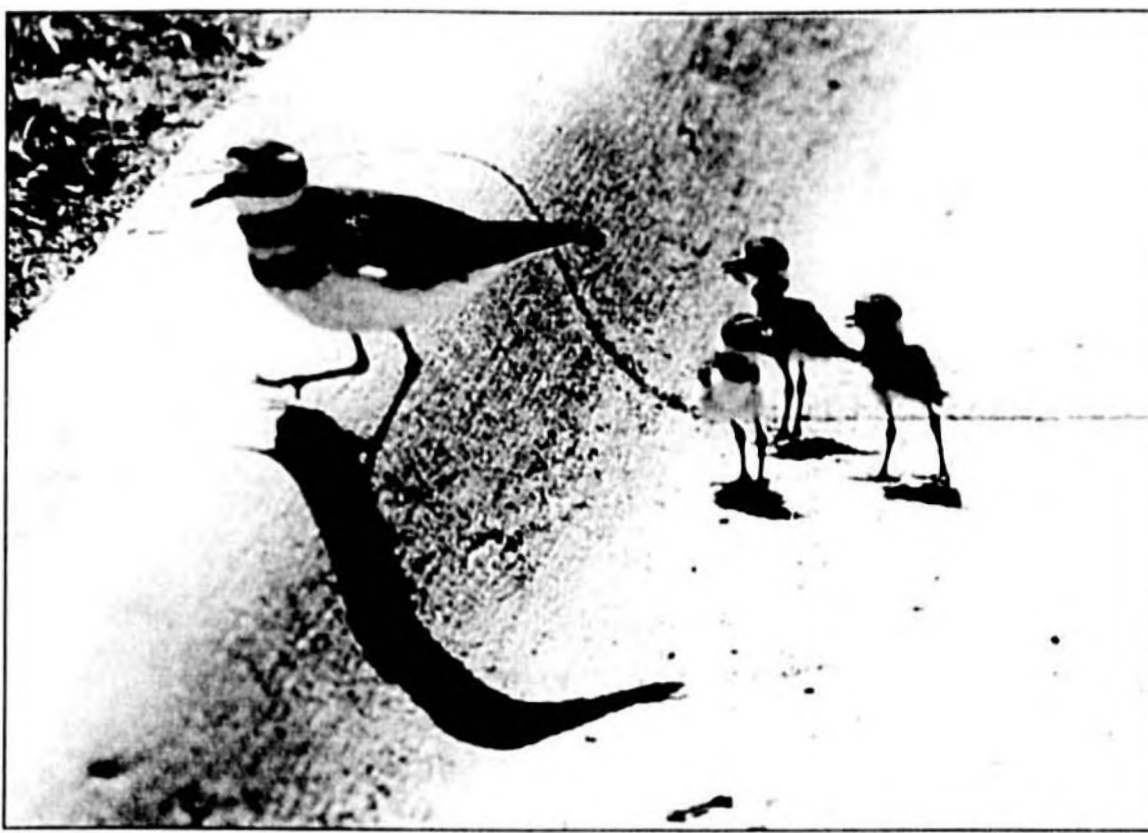
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New arrivals



Three baby killdeer follow their mother around a parking lot at the Orlando Sanford Airport. The mother was able to make it up the curb, but her little ones had a little trouble until they found a drain area that was lower to the ground. The group finally was reunited on a grassy area.

SCC schedules career workshop

From staff reports

SANFORD — Some of the nation's fastest growing professions might not be what most people consider "traditional" careers for women. The Seminole Community College Tech Prep office is determined to change that perception with a workshop designed to introduce young women to many of these career areas.

July 31 through Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., local high school girls (grades 10-12) will be able to participate in the One Hand on My Future workshop,

which will introduce them to high-skill/high-wage non-traditional careers for women. The young women will sample several of the SCC technical programs including computer programming, construction and engineering, fire fighting and criminal justice.

"In today's world, often both parents work to support the high cost of living for modern families," said Sharon Sittler, Tech Prep Facilitator. "If women opt to work and have a family then careers in high-skill/high-wage fields are an added bonus. These careers can provide

women with a way to maximize their time in the business world while allowing them to spend quality time with their family."

Tech Prep is a national program that ties directly into the Florida Gold Seal Scholarship, which pays 75 percent of college tuition. The Tech Prep program also allows students in grades nine through 12 to begin technical training classes and earn college credit while in high school. Tech Prep of Seminole County is a joint effort between Seminole Community College and the Seminole County School-to-Careers initiative.

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Purple Tea program planned for Saturday

Sisters Alive is hosting a "Purple Tea" and breast health education program 4 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, in the Life Center Church, located at 63 East Kennedy Boulevard in Eatonville. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute at Florida Hospital, the event will include food, prizes and music.

Kerrick A. Spence will make a special presentation on "Reconstruction Surgery After A Mastectomy." In addition, Cyrus Diagnostic Imaging will be available with their mobile mammography unit to provide mammograms on-site at a reduced rate or covered by insurance. Guests are encouraged to wear purple.

Admission is free, however seating is limited. Reservations should be made by July 11 by calling the American Cancer Society at 843-8680.

Pressure



Gregg Thompson, of HomeLab, demonstrates how air pressure works by using a boiled egg and a glass beaker. Thompson was a guest at North Branch Library, where he also gave demonstrations in the law of gravity and several other areas.

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Seminole High class celebrates 45th reunion

By Grace Mario Stinecpher
Seminole Correspondent

The Seminole High School Class of 1955 had a great time renewing old friendships at their 45-year reunion held the weekend of June 16-18.

First on their agenda was a get-reacquainted time at Wolfys located on Lake Monroe. According to participants, the full moon added to the atmosphere as they mingled on the screen porch.

Saturday morning found the group at the Colonial Room for a delightful brunch, which included eggs, bacon, sausage, grits and an array of fruit.

An afternoon of reminiscing was then spent at the Student Museum, the former Sanford Grammar School where most of the reunion group had spent their fifth- and sixth-grade years. They enjoyed finding their former classrooms, seeing the SHS exhibit upstairs and marveling over the pictures of old Sanford.

A few of the classmates found their way to the Sanford Museum on East First Street

where they found many items that brought back memories of their home town.

The banquet Saturday night was held in the Lakeside Landing Room of the Marina Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with hurricane lamps holding orange candles surrounded by spring flowers, asparagus fern, streamers and glittering stars. A large poster with each class member's senior picture was beautifully done by Roger Garner and was a great conversation piece.

The delicious buffet meal consisted of an array of foods such as tossed salad, fruit, London broil, chicken cordon bleu, salmon, spiced rice, green bean almondine and dessert.

Robert Gonzalez was the emcee for the evening and led the group in a remembrance of their 15 deceased classmates. Nellie Coleman and John Angel, two former favorite teachers, were recognized as special guests. They were accompanied by their spouses, Boyd Coleman and Patty Angel.

Beau Taylor then provided background music featuring

mostly selections from the 1950s during which time the classmates continued their reminiscing over old times and catching up on new events in each others lives.

On Sunday, a large group enjoyed an afternoon aboard the Rivership Romance as it sailed on Lake Monroe.

The committee that planned this fun packed weekend included Robert Gonzalez, Harold Pate, Rebecca Cain Pelham, Roger Garner, Rochelle Eubanks Whitley, Claudette Waits Behrens, John Higgins, Helen Alexander Kincaid and Patty Brown Angel.

Other classmates attending with their spouses were Jimmy Brown of Mooresville, N.C., Marvin McKinley of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Bobby Billmer of Midland, Texas, Barbara Brown Carlton of New Smyrna Beach, Larry Bates of Winter Haven, Gladys Hasty Schwab of Daytona Beach, and Grady Johnson of Geneva.

Coming from Orlando were Tom and Shirley (Wall) Norris, Shirley Tyre Maddox, Ora Ray Kelly and Minerva Smith

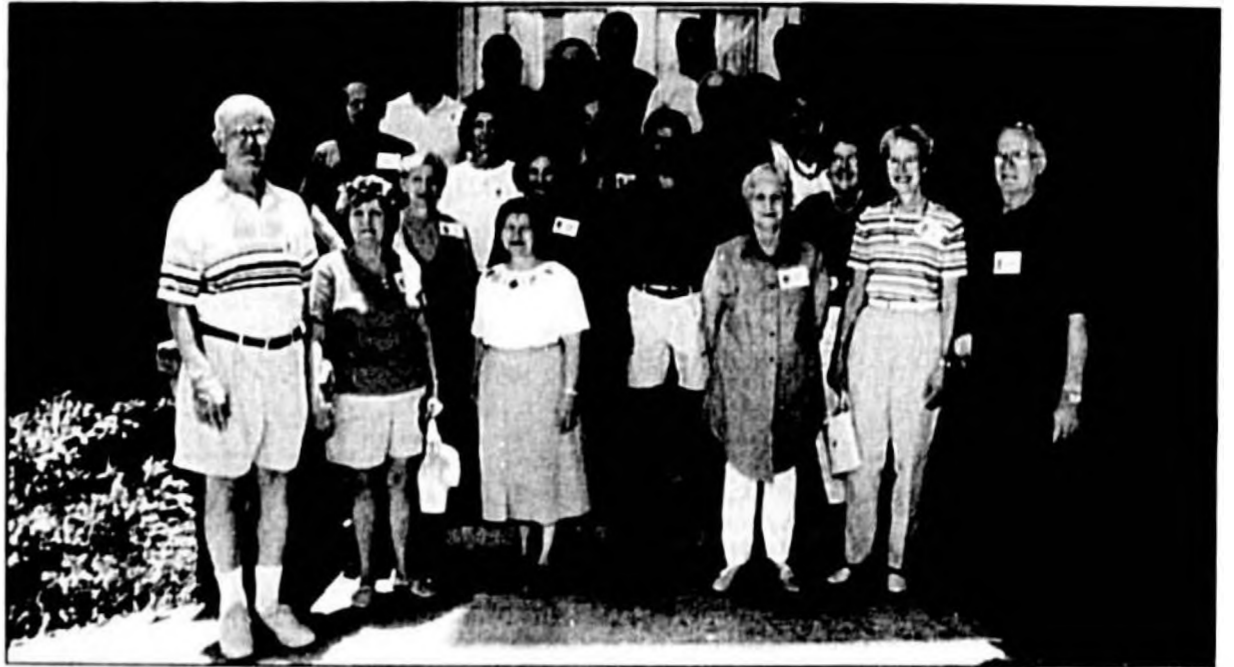
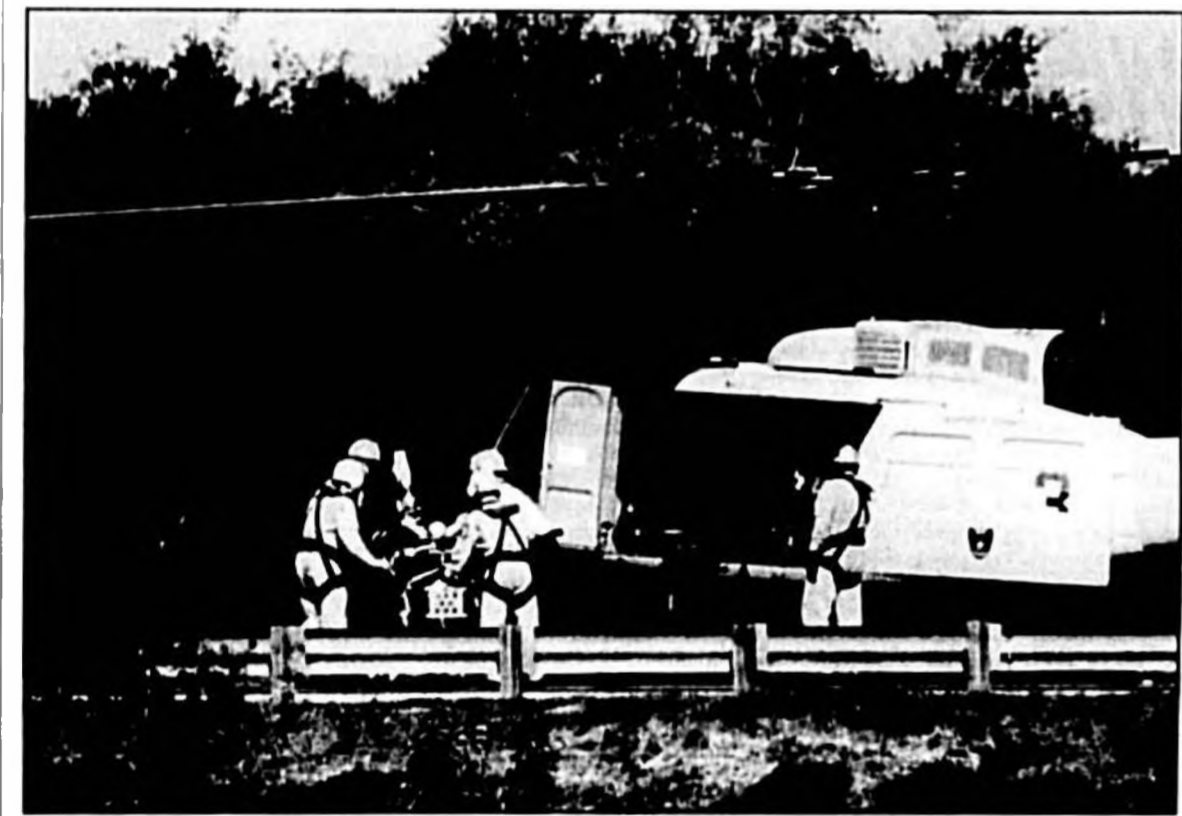


Photo submitted to the Herald
People attending the recent 45th reunion of the Seminole High Class of 1955 included Patty Angel, Marianne Barr, Larry Bates, Claudette Behrens, Sonja Beverly, Bobby Bihmer, Jimmy Brown, Eleanor Butler, Barbara Carlton, Joe Hunt, Roger Garner, Robert Gonzalez, Johnny Higgins, Curtis Hughes, Ora Kelly, Helen Kincaid, Shirley Maddox, Wallace McCalley, Marvin McKinley, T.S. Norris, Minerva Walters, Harold Pate, Rebecca Pelham, Terry Smith, Willie Petty, Donn Schuitman, Gladys Schwab, Alvin Thompson, Rochelle Whitley, Mrs. Coleman, Jean Wilke, Joan Wilke and Sandra Wilson.

Walters, Wilkie, Marianne Strickland Butler and Wallace McCalley
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Joe Hunt, Donna McTeer, Montforton Beverly, Sandra Smith, Billy Petty and Alvin
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I-4 accident



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
A motorist had to be taken to the hospital by helicopter earlier this week after an accident on Interstate 4. One vehicle rolled over, ejecting the driver. The Seminole County Fire Department and the Florida Highway Patrol reported to the scene.

Brethren Reaching Out schedules various programs for area children

From staff reports

Brethren Reaching Out has announced a number of activities scheduled for the remainder of July. Part II of Men Making a Difference will be held Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gathering will be at Seminole Garden Apartment No. 20, 1600 W. Fifth Street in Sanford.

According to Rose Davis, the goal of the program is to insure all children are guided down the right road.

"Nurturing and love lead to the highway of success," she said. "We are losing too many

young adults to the evils of today's social ills. We need to save our children. By working together, we can make it happen."

On Wednesday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Brethren Reaching Out is holding the Inner City Games, including a hot potato ball toss, 50-yard dash, relay races, sack races and other fun games with prizes and refreshments. The event will also be held at 1600 W. Fifth Street in Sanford.

On July 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third annual "America Goes Back to School" program is planned.

Davis said, "Education is the way to go."

Everyone is invited. The program that will include prevention education.

There will also be information and assistance available on bicycle safety, seat belt safety and the Continuing Education Program, with literature from Seminole Community College on Adult Basic Education and G.E.D.

Free give-aways and school supplies will be offered at this tobacco and drug-free event.

For additional information on any of these events, phone Rose Davis at 407-302-4143.

Hall of Fame nomination deadline Monday

The deadline for completed nominations for the 2000 Florida Women's Hall of Fame is Monday, July 17 at 5 p.m. A nomination form may be obtained by writing the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, Office of the Attorney General, PL-01 The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150, or calling 850-414-3300. A form is also available on the Commission web site at <http://legal.firm.edu/units/fesw>.

The Florida Women's Hall of Fame serves to recognize and honor those women who through their lives and works have made significant contributions to the improvement of life for all citizens of the state. The Hall is prominently located in the Capitol and provides a source of inspiration through its exhibit of outstanding Florida women.

Last year's inductees include Florida A&M University graduate and tennis legend Althea Gibson, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, the two-decade president of Barry University and Florida pioneer-woman Dessie Smith Prescott. Prior

inductees include U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, Bethune-Cookman founder Mary McLeod Bethune, Congresswomen Carrie Meek

and Ruth Bryan Owen, University of South Florida President Betty Castor and Everglades advocate and suffragist Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

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City plans east-west connector to improve traffic

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — A key road connecting eastern and western portions of Sanford will soon receive improvements. The city is using one-cent sales tax money collected by Seminole County to design Jewett Lane Road improvements. The road connects Rinehard Road near Seminole Towne Center with Airport Boulevard, near the growing Orlando Sanford Airport. The project is scheduled to be under construction later this year. It will take about two years to construct, said Chris Smith, an engineering assistant for the city. A bridge will also be constructed across Smith Canal as part of the project. The first phase, scheduled to start this fall, will run from Smith Canal to Meisch Road. The second phase will run from Meisch Road to Airport Boulevard. Finally, the third phase will stretch from Rinehard Road to Upsala

Road. "It's an east-west connector road that will help with circulation in the area," said Bob Walter, a city engineer. The total cost for the road improvements is estimated at \$4 million. The city is still negotiating with private landowners and developers to purchase rights-of-way for the project. The One Cent Local Option Sales Tax program passed voter approval in 1991 and has resulted in the construction of numerous county and city road projects. Throughout Seminole County, \$520 million in projects are planned through a second generation of sales tax revenue. The tax would need to be approved by voters in November. City and county officials are campaigning for the sales tax to be renewed. The county is planning to use sales tax revenue for \$120 million in arterials and collector roads. Deficient state roads would receive \$100 million in improvements. In addition, there are \$60 million in proposed stormwater projects.

In addition, the county is proposing to use \$50 million in sales tax revenue to continue work on its trail system. The county is planning to have 55-miles of trails that connect to Volusia, Lake, and Orange Counties. Cities throughout the county are also planning projects that would be funded through sales tax revenue. Casselberry is planning \$33 million in projects, including intersection and interchange area improvements and collector improvements. Oviedo is planning \$28.4 million in collector improvements. Winter Springs plans to perform \$20.7 million in projects, including collector and intersection improvements, sidewalks and facilities, underground utilities, parks, and trails. Altamonte Springs proposes to perform \$18.3 million in projects, including collector and intersection improvements. Lake Mary plans \$13.9 million in collector improvements. Longwood also is proposing to perform \$13 million in projects, including neighborhood revitaliza-

tion, parks and facilities, and renovations to fire and police facilities. Meanwhile, Sanford is seeking to perform \$12.7 million in projects through a second generation of sales tax revenue. The projects include a \$3 million extension of Airport Boulevard, north of State Road 46 to Upsala Road. The extension would include a two lane urban section with turn lanes. In addition, a \$2 million project for downtown circulation improvements is proposed. Rolling Hills Boulevard would also receive a \$2 million extension, with a Central Florida Expressway frontage road. Regardless of whether the sales tax is renewed by voters, a number of key transportation projects are in the works. Many of the projects focus on North Seminole County, in the Sanford area.

In fact, about \$600 million in transportation projects are planned that will impact Sanford. The Amtrak-Auto Train Intermodal Terminal is relocating from Persimmon Avenue to Rand Yard, located just north of SR 46 near Lake Monroe. Subject to Congressional funding, a \$30 million bus and rail facility is proposed. The Interstate-4 corridor will be a key source of growth. The expansion to six lanes of I-4 between Lake Mary Blvd. and U.S. Highway 17-92 will begin in 2001, at an estimated cost of \$63 million. In addition, the interchange of I-4 and State Road 46 has been placed on a priority list for National Highway System funds, with new construction scheduled for 2004-2005. The engineering costs of the project are \$3.1 million.

The city is using the 1-cent sales tax money collected by the county to design Jewett Lane Road improvements

Three students earn scholarships from Junior Achievement

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

Three Seminole County high school students won scholarships from Junior Achievement Academy. The winners from Seminole County included Brad Aboff and Kelly Gillin of Lake Mary High School and Jeffrey Streep of Lake Howell High School. Junior Achievement's Cargill Community Scholarship program recently awarded seven scholarships in the state, including six to Central Florida area students. Other winners included Danielle Adams of Dr. Phillips High School, Alice Ruiz of Winter Park High School, and Jecara Spry of University High School. The Cargill program, managed by the non-profit Junior Achievement Academy, Inc., recognizes the academic achievement of high school seniors graduating from schools in communities where Cargill has a presence. Nationwide, 250 high school seniors receive non-renewable scholarships of \$1,000, and each recipient's high school receives a check for \$200 toward library materials. The award is to be used for education expenses for any field of study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution. High school seniors planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited two- or four-year school are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Recipients must have a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, participate in extracurricular or volunteer activities or work full or part-time, and submit a personal statement and letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative.

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Flower power



Cheryl Markos, a supervisor in the grounds maintenance department for the city of Sanford, weeds a flower bed at Memorial Park on the Lake Monroe waterfront.

Jazé to perform at Altamonte Mall

The Orlando-based quartet Jazé will wrap up Altamonte Mall's summer teen concert series Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. All members of Jazé—Larry Ballard, John Gibson, Chauncy Jackson and Jose Perez—dance, write, sing, act and are self-taught musicians. Six years ago the young men brought their talent together to form Jazé. The group's self-titled album "Jazé," was released last year with Universal Records, features genre-breaking music from acoustic R&B to hip grooves and pop balladry. Jazé wraps up the mall's three-month Concert Series designed to highlight local talent to the important teen consumer group. With over 800,000 visits per year at Altamonte Mall, teens are valued mall customers, coming once a week, staying over 1.5 hours and spending \$48 per visit. Altamonte Mall is located at Interstate 4 and State Road 436 at exit 48 in Altamonte Springs.

Community Calendar

Trail Maintenance Hike
Wiley Dykes, Sr. of the Florida Trail Association will lead a Trail Maintenance Hike on Saturday, July 15. Possible trail work may include trail maintenance or forging new trails. Call Wiley Dykes, Sr. at 407-671-8866 for more information.

Purple Tea
Sisters Alive is hosting a "Purple Tea" and breast health education program 4 to 6:30

p.m. Saturday, July 15, in the Life Center Church, located at 63 East Kennedy Boulevard in Eatonville. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute at Florida Hospital, the event will include food, prizes and music. Kenrick A. Spence will make a special presentation on "Reconstruction Surgery After A Mastectomy." In addition, Cyrus Diagnostic Imaging will be available with their mobile

mammography unit to provide mammograms on-site at a reduced rate or covered by insurance. Guests are encouraged to wear purple. Admission is free, however seating is limited. Reservations should be made by July 11 by calling the American Cancer Society at 843-8680.

Music Man Auditions
Auditions for the Rivertown Players' production of "The Music Man" will be held 7 p.m.

Sunday July 16 and Monday July 17 at The Sands Theater Center at the Cultural Arts Center, DeLand. The Rivertown Players' season opener is directed by Darlene Lentz with musical direction by Leigh Ann Faires. Those auditioning are asked to come prepared with a song (something other than a piece from "The Music Man" is preferred), and dressed for movement. Children auditioning should be accompanied by a parent. Performance dates are

Sept. 8 through 24. The Sands Theater is at 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. For further information, call 904-738-7156.

AARP 55-Alive
The AARP 55-Alive Mature Driving Program, an eight-hour course for motorists age 50 and over, will be held at various points in Seminole County during July. Advance registration is required with tuition, \$10, to be paid at the first class.

On July 20 and 21, the program will be at Casselberry Senior Center from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. On July 24 and 25 it will be held at South Seminole Hospital and Florida Rehab, both from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For additional information, phone 407-351-0932. These courses will also be held during August. In Florida, drivers may be eligible for auto insurance discounts upon completion of the course.

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Erving

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releasing the preliminary autopsy results. A reporter called him Wednesday morning claiming he had been referred to the medical examiner's office from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

"I thought it was extremely extraordinary for them to have someone referred to us," Beaver said.

Steve Olson, spokesman for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, confirmed that the department was asking the medical examiner's office not to comment on the matter. He said the sheriff's department is "very distressed" the information was released.

"The medical examiner's

office is not going to release information on autopsy results or findings pending further discussions with sheriff's office investigators, and that is per our request," Olson said.

Meanwhile, investigators are continuing to look into the cause of the teen's death.

Erving was found inside his car Thursday July 6 at the bottom of an eight-foot deep retention pond located less than half a mile from the family home in the Alaqua community.

Investigators with the

Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Florida Highway Patrol declined to comment about why they conducted a joint test Tuesday at the retention pond. A car which appeared to be Erving's Volkswagen was submerged multiple times into the retention pond, with divers alongside.

"We cannot confirm it was Cory Erving's car," said Lt. Ed Allen, a spokesman for the sheriff's office. "All I can tell you is that our crime scene units and Florida Highway Patrol are still

working on the investigation." A search of the car is on-going, Allen said.

"Investigators are searching the contents of the vehicle," Allen said.

An on-going search is also underway in the retention pond where the car was found, Allen said.

An initial investigation of the scene indicated Cory Erving may have been on his way home from Panera Bread on May 28 when his car entered the retention pond. The teen was an

employee at Panera Bread, a bakery located three miles from the Alaqua subdivision. He told his father he would bring home bread for a family barbecue.

A loaf of bread was found in the car, and Erving was wearing the same clothing witnesses said he wore when he was at the bakery on May 28.

The retention pond is among 36 ponds and lakes that were dragged during the search for Erving. The car was found 20 yards from shore, and 30 yards from the edge of the road.

Cory Erving was born with mild forms of dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. He attended schools for children with learning disabilities until the eighth grade.

During recent years, he was enrolled in several drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinics. The teen appeared to be turning his life around. He had enrolled in classes at Seminole Community College for a high school equivalency diploma and he held a steady job busing tables at Panera Bread.

Water

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no irrigation on Sundays. Structures with even numbered street addresses may irrigate Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 p.m. until 10 a.m. Units with odd numbered addresses may irrigate Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 4 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Similar restrictions are being imposed by most other cities and Seminole County.

For information regarding irrigation restrictions in Sanford, phone Customer Service at 407-330-5630.

Police search for mall robbery suspect

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Authorities are searching for a suspect involved in a robbery Monday at Seminole Towne Center.

Security at Parisian's reported that three male suspects entered the department store and took merchandise off the racks, then attempted to leave the store.

One of the suspects got into an altercation with store security officer Bryan Ansley while attempting to leave. The suspects fled from the store and entered a white Nissan Sentra, according to the police report.

The driver, 18-year-old Jonathan Santiago of Sanford, put the car in reverse and struck Ansley, sending him through the rear window of the car.

Ansley suffered only minor injuries, said Cleo Cohen, spokeswoman for the Sanford Police Department.

The car sped away into the parking lot of Red Lobster, followed by authorities. The suspects bailed out of the car, leaving the key in the ignition, the engine running and clothing hanging out of the passenger's front door, the police report said.

The suspects ran away on foot. One of the suspects, Christopher Michael Hawkings, 20, of Sanford, fought with a security officer in the grass and sidewalk area in front of Red Lobster.

Two of the suspects then fled on foot to the area of Homplace, while Santiago went into Red Lobster and exited through the rear emergency door.

The area of Seminole Towne Center was secured by police, and a Seminole County K-9 deputy was called to do a search of Homplace, where Hawkings was arrested.

Santiago was then arrested after a witness spotted him leaving the United Artist movie theater and walking on Towne Center Boulevard.

The third suspect has not been apprehended, Cohen said. The suspects face charges of robbery and battery.

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Herald Sports



In Brief

McGRADY CHANGES MIND AGAIN

ORLANDO - A day after he was supposed to be heading to the Miami Heat, free agent forward Tracy McGrady is now saying he will sign a six-year, \$7-million dollar contract with the Orlando Magic.

McGrady, from Auburndale, apparently changed his mind, again, after meeting with Magic head coach Doc Rivers on Wednesday.

McGrady, who was also being courted heavily by the Chicago Bulls, is in North Carolina to "clear his head" according to his agent, who also told local media that the former Toronto Raptor will sign with the Magic and should make the announcement on Friday.

However, Magic General Manager John Gabriel said he would believe McGrady was coming when he signs a contract after August 1st, the first day free agents can sign with anyone.

Another factor in the decision is a rumor that a proposed multi-player trade that included Miami's P.J. Brown and Jamal Mashburn, among others, for the Raptors' McGrady and Antonio Davis, among others, had fallen through.

STATE TOURNAMENT OPENS AT ALTAMONTE

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The Altamonte Springs Recreation Department will be hosting Babe Ruth Baseball 11-Year-Old State Tournament at Eastmonte Park (200 Alameda Drive) on 44th St. (between blocks South of SR 436) this Thursday (July 13th) through Tuesday (July 18th).

Cost is \$2 per game for 18 years and over and \$1 per game for 13 years to 17 years and 12 years and under are free. Tournament passes are available.

Opening Ceremonies will take place on Thursday, July 13th at 7 p.m.

For more information please call Bob Bourgeois at 407-530-3883.

LAKE MARY FALL SOFTBALL

LAKE MARY - The City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the addition of new night and a change in the home run rule for the Fall Slow Pitch Softball League.

The new league will be a Men's "C" League to play on Monday nights.

Open registration has begun for the new league and will go on until full. The league is scheduled to begin play on September 11th.

The Wednesday Night Co-Ed League will begin registration for returning teams on Tuesday, August 1st, with new hopefuls able to start registering on Tuesday, August 8th. The league will begin play on August 30th.

The Friday night Men's "C" League will begin registration for returning teams on August 1st, with new teams able to register starting August 8th. The league will begin play on September 8th.

The new rule change will allow three home runs per game, instead of the one-per game rule now in effect.

Among the basic rules for all of the leagues are:

- All leagues are played at a recreational level.

- Games are played at the Lake Mary Sports Complex.

- Game times are 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m. with a one-hour time limit. NO GRACE PERIOD. A 10-run rule after five innings will also be in effect.

- Seven teams maximum per league.

- Cost is \$280 per team, plus a one-time per year \$35 ASA fee.

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Shining on center stage

Young Post 53 Legion team makes statement at Firecracker Tournament

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

DELAND - With only a handful of players with any American Legion experience returning manager Rod Ferguson and coaches Mike Powers and Alex Acosta did not know what to expect from this edition of the Sanford Campbell-Lossing Post 53 squad.

But after their performance in last week's prestigious Firecracker Tournament in Deland, the Post 53 nine has made a statement that they will be a force come district tournament time.

The team was not able to repeat as champions of the 20-team event, but Sanford went 3-1, with the lone loss being a 20-19, 10-inning thriller to Jacksonville Post 88 at Daytona Beach Community College, to win its division and held a lead late in its quarterfinal game with eventual tournament champion Gayman Post 48 from baseball fanatical Puerto Rico before falling 3-2.

The defending Firecracker champions got the opportunity to play the opening game of the 2000 Tournament on Melching Field at Conrad Park Wednesday morning, scoring three runs in the third inning to erase a 2-0 deficit to make a 3-2 winner of Brandon Pharis, who scattered seven hits and struck out six.

Sanford only had three hits, but Jason Louwsma had two of

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The Sanford American Legion Campbell-Lossing Post 53 team congratulates Anthony DiFonso (above, in helmet, center of photo) after the shortstop hit a home run against the Tampa Boys & Girls Club, while manager Rod Ferguson (at right in right photo) discusses strategy with Matt Fraysier during play in last week's Firecracker Tournament at DeLand that saw the Sanford squad go 3-2 and win its division.

Herald photos by Art Zielinski



Intra-City Olympics to be held at Lyman

Special to the Herald

LONGWOOD - The SCRC (Seminole Cities Recreation Council) annual Intra-city youth Olympics will be held on Friday, July 14, 2000 at the Carlton Henley Sports Complex at Lyman High School.

The opening ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the parade of athletes.

Herky Walls, former Orlando Predator,

will be the guest speaker and will address the young athletes immediately following the parade of athletes.

The 2nd Annual Intra-City Olympic Games is for athletes aged 10-to-12 and involves youth from the Summer Programs at the various City Recreation Departments in Seminole County.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies will

begin with a parade of athletes and guest speaker Herky Walls making an address to the athletes and fans in attendance.

- 10 a.m. - Field events (Softball Throw, Standing Broad Jump, Running Long Jump) start.

- 10:20 a.m. - 50-yard dash.

- 10:30 a.m. - 100-yard dash.

- 10:45 a.m. - Volleyball begins.

- 10:45 a.m. - Hot Shot (basketball

shooting) competition begins.

- 11 a.m. - 440-yard run.

- 11:25 a.m. - 4 X 100 Relay begins.

- 11:45 a.m. - TUG-O-WAR begins.

- 12 p.m. - LUNCH.

- 12:45 p.m. - Jeopardy.

- 1 p.m. - The Water Balloon Toss

- 1:20 p.m. - Obstacle Course begins.

- 1:45 p.m. - Swimming begins.

- 2:15 p.m. - Awards Ceremony.

Miracle streak ends in overtime

From Staff Reports

CLEVELAND - All-Star Merlakia Jones hit a jumper with six-tenths of a second remaining in overtime to give the Cleveland Rockers a 74-72 victory over the Orlando Miracle at Gund Arena Wednesday night.

After Orlando's Taj McWilliams made two free throws to tie it with 14.7 seconds left, Jones took a pass on the baseline and drilled a 10-foot jumper for the go-ahead basket.

The Miracle had a last chance to tie, but Adrienne Johnson's attempt at the buzzer hit the

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Herald photo by Arch Booth

Kenny Irwin (shown at Daytona during his days with Robert Yates Racing), who was killed in a practice accident at New Hampshire International Speedway last Friday, was remembered by over 500 mourners at his funeral in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

Kenny Irwin mourned in Indianapolis funeral

From Staff Reports

INDIANAPOLIS - Hundreds of mourners packed a church Wednesday to remember NASCAR Winston Cup Series driver Kenny Irwin, 30, who died last Friday while practicing for the thatlook.com 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H.

At least 500 people attended the service at Abundant Life Church, spilling out of the sanctuary into a gymnasium to watch on closed-circuit television.

Irwin's jet-black casket was draped in red roses, with hundreds of floral arrangements on either side stretching across the front of the church and down two hallways.

A video tribute recounted Irwin's life in pictures from childhood to his recent racing success. Irwin, who was living in Charlotte, N.C., was born and schooled in Indianapolis and

learned to race here as well.

He was just six when he entered his first car race in quarter-midgets and became the 1996 National Midget Series champion, and in 1997 was the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Rookie of the Year. He was the NASCAR Winston Cup Series rookie of the year in 1998.

ORLANDO SPEEDWORLD

By Dave Westerman
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

BITHLO - Luck of the draw paid off for Ricky Wood and B. J. McLeod Friday Night (July 7) at Orlando Speedworld as they topped the Modified and Super Late Model fields in the Joslin Memorial Twin 50's.

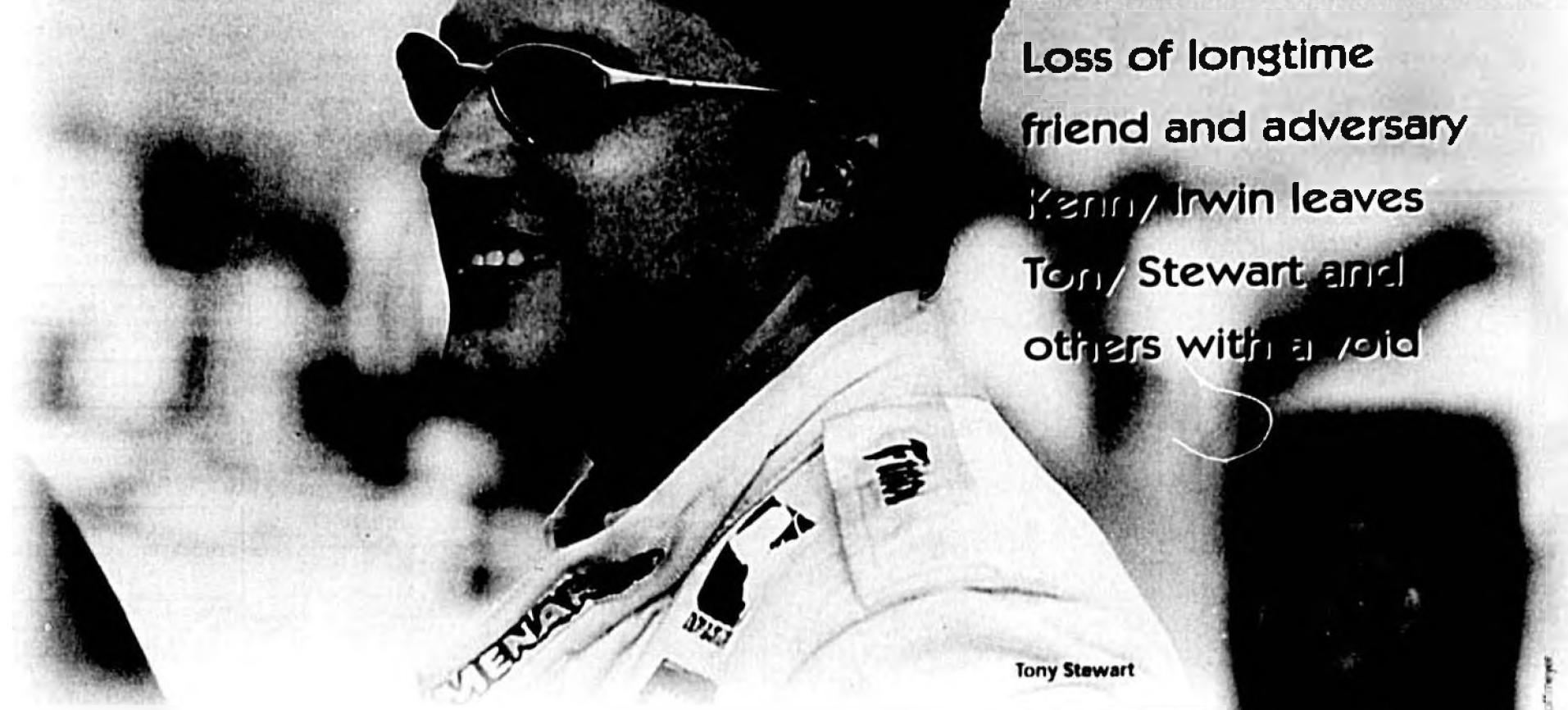
To set the line-up for the Dick Joslin Memorial Modified 50, ten

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Lapbylap

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Friendly Rivals



Tony Stewart

Lapbylap photo by Mike Mulhern

By Rea McLeroy
Lapbylap

For those trying to put a label on Tony Stewart, it's been quite a season. First he was called the newest sensation, the first driver since Dale Earnhardt who could follow a rookie title with a Winston Cup championship. Then he was the leader of a team that wasn't meeting those expectations. Most recently he'd been called a spoiled brat, the controversial kid who dared to speak openly and vividly about problems facing the sport. Now he's a driver mourning the loss of a friend who understood all that is Tony Stewart. Fellow Winston Cup driver Kenny Irwin, who died in a crash at New Hampshire last Friday, knew Stewart much of his life. For nine years, Irwin and Stewart raced against each other. "We weren't always on the best terms with each other, but we always respected each other in a race car," Stewart said. The two battled in sprint cars, Silver Crown cars and midgets, all open-wheel circuits that groom drivers for the major racing series. As years passed, their paths remained close. Irwin abandoned the open-wheel cars first. He moved to NASCAR, where he was a star in the Craftsman Truck Series. At the time, Stewart began to dabble in the Busch Grand National Series. In 1998, Irwin leaped to the country's premier auto-racing arena, Winston Cup. He was the sport's top rookie and appeared headed for success on the circuit. Stewart, meanwhile, continued his move to stock

cars. In 1998, when Irwin was working his way through his first full season of Cup competition, Stewart was driving in the Grand National Series for Joe Gibbs. The next season, Stewart joined Irwin in the premier series, and there they were again racing head to head. But their careers accelerated at different rates. Stewart found almost immediate success. Like Irwin, he was a rookie of the year. But he finished fourth in points and was called a future champion. Irwin's championship potential seemed a little farther down the road. Looking back, Stewart thinks that Irwin played a role in his success. "He is part of the reason I got to Winston Cup. ... He made me become a better race-car driver because I had to beat him every week." Stewart made it a point to know where Irwin was. He scanned practice sheets, looking for his time. He knew where he started and where he finished in races. He kept up with his longtime rival. Now he's lost that. By Sunday, Irwin's death had begun to sink in for Stewart. He watched the tribute shows to Irwin. Then, as he has on weekends for most of his adult life, Stewart prepared to race. This time, it was different. "Getting ready to start the race [Sunday], it was like, 'Well who is there to push me?'" said Stewart, who went on to win the Winston Cup race at New Hampshire. Losing friends in racing wrecks is nothing new for Stewart. His rookie season at Indy, he practiced in a car one day and watched Scott Brayton die in that

Loss of longtime friend and adversary Kenny Irwin leaves Tony Stewart and others with a void

same car the next. But experience doesn't make it easier to accept.

Last weekend, Stewart's thoughts went beyond Irwin. He thought of Irwin's crew, who went home wondering what could have been done to prevent the accident. It has yet to be determined what caused the accident, but witnesses suspect that the accelerator stuck. "I don't even care what happened," Stewart said. "But somebody on that team had to go home Friday night and think, 'Did I make a mistake?' And that's the people you feel bad for because you know these guys pour their hearts and souls into what we do every week, and we're all human. "We all make mistakes," he said. "The day that we don't make mistakes, this sport is going to be real boring because it's not going to be much fun to watch anymore." Sunday, he said, he made more of those mistakes. Once again, he turned to his friend for that competitive push. "I didn't panic, and it just felt like somebody was there with you, helping," Stewart said. "To me, it felt like Kenny was there, and you just felt like he was there, giving a hand."

Rea McLeroy covers NASCAR for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

PIT STOP

This car owner has had more wins at Pocono Raceway than any other owner. Can you name him?

See answer below

Just the Stats

| Winston Cup | | Busch Series | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Bobby Labonte 2,670 | 11 Jeff Green 9,819 | 1 Dale Earnhardt 2,625 | 2 Todd Bodine 9,424 |
| 2 Dale Earnhardt 2,625 | 12 Jason Keller 9,313 | 3 Dale Jarrett 2,609 | 3 Jason Keller 9,313 |
| 3 Dale Jarrett 2,609 | 13 Kevin Harvick 9,290 | 4 Ward Burton 2,476 | 4 Kevin Harvick 9,290 |
| 4 Ward Burton 2,476 | 14 Erik Soderberg 9,157 | 5 Tony Stewart 2,455 | 5 Erik Soderberg 9,157 |
| 5 Tony Stewart 2,455 | 15 Ryan Newman 9,157 | 6 Mark Martin 2,453 | 6 Ryan Newman 9,157 |
| 6 Mark Martin 2,453 | 16 Rusty Wallace 9,157 | 7 Jeff Burton 2,449 | 7 Rusty Wallace 9,157 |
| 7 Jeff Burton 2,449 | 17 Tony Stewart 9,157 | 8 Ricky Rudd 2,419 | 8 Tony Stewart 9,157 |
| 8 Ricky Rudd 2,419 | 18 David Green 9,100 | 9 Rusty Wallace 2,377 | 9 David Green 9,100 |
| 9 Rusty Wallace 2,377 | 19 Casey Atwood 1,979 | 10 Jeff Gordon 2,348 | 10 Casey Atwood 1,979 |
| 10 Jeff Gordon 2,348 | 11 Kevin Harvick 1,814 | 11 Mike Skinner 2,000 | 11 Kevin Harvick 1,814 |
| 11 Mike Skinner 2,000 | 12 Matt Kenseth 1,788 | 12 Matt Kenseth 2,073 | 12 Matt Kenseth 1,788 |
| 12 Matt Kenseth 2,073 | 13 Phil Parsons 1,750 | 13 Terry Labonte 1,959 | 13 Phil Parsons 1,750 |
| 13 Terry Labonte 1,959 | 14 Mark Parker 1,747 | 14 Dale Earnhardt 1,944 | 14 Mark Parker 1,747 |
| 14 Dale Earnhardt 1,944 | 15 Jeremy Johnson 1,738 | 15 Jeremy Johnson 1,891 | 15 Jeremy Johnson 1,738 |
| 15 Jeremy Johnson 1,891 | 16 Tim Fedorov 1,694 | 16 Sterling Marlin 1,884 | 16 Tim Fedorov 1,694 |
| 16 Sterling Marlin 1,884 | 17 Jay Sauter 1,678 | 17 Jeff Burton 1,806 | 17 Jay Sauter 1,678 |
| 17 Jeff Burton 1,806 | 18 Bobby Hamilton 1,647 | 18 Bill Elliott 1,860 | 18 Bobby Hamilton 1,647 |
| 18 Bill Elliott 1,860 | 19 Rusty Jones 1,581 | 19 Ken Schrader 1,845 | 19 Rusty Jones 1,581 |
| 19 Ken Schrader 1,845 | 20 Mark Dillon 1,566 | 20 Steve Park 1,818 | 20 Mark Dillon 1,566 |

RACING THIS WEEK

Pennsylvania 500
 ■ Where: Pocono International Raceway (Pocono, Pa.)
 ■ When: July 23, 1 p.m.
 ■ On the air: TBS
 ■ Qualifying: July 21, 3 p.m.
 ■ Distance: 200 laps, 500 miles
 ■ Track qualifying record: Sterling Marlin, 170.506 mph, June 18, 1999
 ■ Track race record: Rusty Wallace, 144.892 mph, July 21 1996
 ■ 1999 champion: Bobby Labonte

Pocono International Raceway



■ Track: 2.5-mile tri-oval
 ■ Banking: 14 deg. banking in turn 1; 8 deg. in turn 2, 6 deg. in turn 3

Busch Grand Nat'l

■ Race: Econo Lodge 200 (Nazareth Speedway)
 ■ When: July 16, 12:30 p.m.
 ■ On the air: ESPN

Who's Hot: Tony Stewart climbed three positions in the championship battle. He is within 215 points of leader Bobby Labonte.

Who's Not: Bill Elliott started strongly this season, but has faltered in recent weeks. His 24th-place run Sunday was his best effort in a month.

On the Record

"I couldn't figure out who did what all day. There were two different groups of guys pitting on different cycles, and I was lost all day trying to keep up with it."

— Ricky Rudd, on his 10th-place finish at the ThatLook.com

Pit Stop answer: Rick Hendrick

NASCAR NOTES

LEPAGE
 Geoff Smith, the manager of Roush Racing, says that **Kevin Lepage** will be back as a driver next season, but the team may be shaken up. Smith says that Kurt Busch's truck victory last Saturday gives him 50-50 odds of being picked to run a Roush Winston Cup car next season.

HAMILTON
Bobby Hamilton says that he expects to stay with car owner Larry McClure next season. He has been rumored to be in the running for a job as Sterling Marlin's teammate with Chip Ganassi.

MARTIN
Mark Martin said his back is hurting again. In November he had major back surgery, but he started the season in good shape. "It had deteriorated for a couple of weeks, and I didn't do anything about it," Martin said. "But now I've been icing it and doing a bit of massage therapy."

NASCAR investigation procedure is being questioned

The death of Kenny Irwin might haunt NASCAR for a long time. And it should. People die in racing, yes. It is not simply the brilliant passes, the daring charges, the harmonized pit work, the almost choreographed drafting packs that make the sport what it is, but rather all that in the face of an ever-present threat of death. That gives it an edge. When someone makes a mistake, no matter how small or innocent, someone can die. If only that edge could remain out there somewhere in the distance, as only a threat. Unfortunately, that's not the way it works. In NASCAR, people die. Not that many, to be sure. Of all the forms of racing, this may be the safest. But people do die. NASCAR officials seemed totally unprepared for that last Friday. They appeared remarkably inept in their handling of the Irwin crash. Perhaps some of that can be blamed on the fact that death comes so rarely. Perhaps some of that can be blamed on New Hampshire International Speedway's less-than-impressive PR operations. But then NASCAR execs and track officials had to deal with precisely this scenario just seven weeks ago, after Adam Petty died. Some drivers and crew chiefs were questioning why two such similar crashes had occurred.



MIKE MULHERN

In NASCAR, people die. Not that many, to be sure. Of all the forms of racing, this may be the safest. But people do die.

"It is not a coincidence," Jeff Burton said. The way NASCAR publicly handled Friday's crash was surprisingly haphazard. NASCAR officials, nearly three hours after the crash, finally read a one-sentence statement that said little more than that Irwin had died, and they took no questions. NASCAR seemed more concerned with covering the evidence of impact with white paint than with answering basic questions. NASCAR officials even threatened to pull credentials from reporters near the infield hospital who were waiting for some word about Irwin. It was not NASCAR's finest hour. The way NASCAR markets itself, death isn't good for business. Irwin's death comes at a critical point of this sponsorship-hunting season. When sponsors sign up at \$15 million a year or so, they need to recognize one of the downsides: Their driver could die. Not only are there questions about Irwin's crash, but there are also questions about what killed Petty in a strikingly similar accident in May. NASCAR officials have tried to close the book on Petty's death without answering questions, though at least one top engine-builder says that

crossed spring wires on Petty's throttle apparently were a factor in that crash. Now Winston Cup stars are again demanding answers from NASCAR. Of course, they were demanding answers in May after Petty's crash, some wanting to be part of an investigation team. But NASCAR execs ignored them. So drivers and crews have a right to be worried and upset if they're not getting answers. After all, their lives are on the line. No one is questioning NASCAR's safety procedures, car-safety rules and pre-race safety inspections. No one is accusing NASCAR of covering anything up. But NASCAR's crash investigations are suspect, to an extent, because NASCAR officials are, in effect, investigating themselves. That's like an airline investigating a crash of its own plane. Too many "crash reports" are brief statements weeks after the fact that NASCAR found nothing mechanically wrong with the car. "Driver error" is the easy way out. It would seem more prudent and smarter for NASCAR to have a separate crash investigation committee. NASCAR sometimes gives the appearance of being more concerned with closing an investigation as quickly as possible, to forestall some potential lawsuit, than with finding and publicly detailing what might have gone wrong. By keeping everything so in-house, so secretive, NASCAR leaves itself open for questions. Mike Mulhern has covered NASCAR for 26 years for the Winston-Salem Journal.