

## New Hours Help Solve

 Some Trash ProblemsBrunswick County residents should can their complaints regarding trash disposal, now that the sanitary landfil department is stretching its hours for the weekend busybody.
Starting Saturday, all three Brunswick County solid waste transfer stations and the central landfill in Supply wil be open seven days a week. Hours will ie irom $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5: 30$ p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on
Sunday at the landfill and at transfer stations in Leland. Sunday at the landfill and at t
Ocean Isle Beach and Southport.

In the past, the sanitary landfill department has locked its public facilities during weekends, prompting complaints from county residents who could never find time to dump during weekdays. Those worries appear to be over, as well as
those messes often left next to roadside greenboxes during the those messes often left next to roadside greenboxes during the
weekends.
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convenience to everyone, now that next year's budget is being prepared.

Even non-resident property owners, such as those living along the beaches, should find the new hours a convenience during this extended Memorial Day weekend. Those garages and yards probably do need a little cleaning up, and now the excuses are getting fewer and fewer.

The argument, "I don't have anywhere to dump on weekends," is a thing of the past, once the wives find out.

Blackberries And Bushes
About this time of year we begin to
find blackberries (and dewberries find blackberries (and dewberries
in some of the vacant lots on the In some of the vacant lots on the
beaches and along the roadides, So-
meone asked me why the backbery bushes seemed to be so abundant and
I tried to recall some of the stages of field succession
able to flourish.
Perhaps one of the reasons these
plants do so well on the beaches is the delaying action of wind and salt spray on the process of succession.
Normally a plowed field or a piece of bare ground will begin to get a few
trooad-leaf plant species such dandelion, plaatain, and others. Then sone of the grasses appear and not
long afterward, blackberry vines take hold. Berry seed may be dropped by birds or brought
animals such as rabbits.
coss would mean the berry vires would be crowded out by
broomsedge, sumac, pines and similar sun-loving plants and shrubs.
The pines would grow tall enowith to offer shetter for hardwoods such as maple, oaks, hickory, beech, etc.
These would grow over the years to where the pines would be deprived of the sunlight needed for growing.
Pines would give way to hardwoods

to form the "climax forest"-takin perhaps $50-75$ years from bar
ground. This process can be altered alon the way by fire, storms, cutting, and
by other natural !actors, such as wind and salt spray. The same sculpturing done by the wind and sary
spray may be kepping the berry bushes alive by pruning out the wind and salt spray are delaying the natural processes we would expect in
an area where conditions were different. So, whine you pick a blackberry or
two, think about the stages of field from bare field to mature woodland. And think about the natural elements along the edge of the sea keeping the
berry bushes from being crowded out by larger plants.

## School Bus Issue: Can Students Drive?


years, I'm sure it would still be a dif ficult job. But would driving a bus
now be any safer, now that Ive aged seven years?
A bill before the House Highway Safety Committee introduced b State Rep. Alex Hall of New Hanove County would prohibit schools from
hiring people younger than 18 as school bus drivers.
There are very few high school students who are 18 or older prior to their senior year. In effect, the bil While it sounds like a safe gesture and a means of putting more mature drivers behind the wheel of a bus loaded with 40 to 60 students, it may also require the funds for putting such a program into practice.
Brunswick County School Transportation Supervisor Bill Turner believes the bill will initially create a hardship in finding adult
drivers who are willing to work for drivers who are willing to work for
just several hours a day on a schooi just several hours a day on a school
bus. The salary is a big question
Turner and members of the Union Primary School PTO organization gathered last Thursday morning at the school to honor the school bus drivers at a breakfast. Union
Pr'mary has 13 bus drivers, nine of Primary has
whom are aduls.
The PTO officers had decided to honor the bus drivers for doing their jobs, for driving school buses all
year. There were no super heros in the cafeteria, no special competition for Bus Driver of the Year, etc.
There was no mention of the recent
school bus accident in which 17 Union Primary students \#Pre treated for injuries, an accident in which a student driver was charged. But that serious look was there. It's
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Malaysia

To the editor
I am currently posted to the American Embassy in Kuala LumBeacon as a gift from receiving the thily, When I receive the paper it is almost six weeks old, but is welcome news
from Brunswick County (where my from Brunswick County (where my
heart will always remain). I read it from front to
I read it from front to back, every
word, advertisements and all. it is nice to see what so many of my friends are doing these days since have sort of lost touch with most of
them. I see where some of them have them. I see where some of them have
gone into local businesses and are dogone inty ocal.

## Is This A Good Lesson To Teach Our Children?

To the editor:
Every where we turn lately we hear angry cries of child pornography,
sexual abuse of children, etc. As mother of three small children and primary school teacher, these topic cause me great concern. Pageant Association Inc. could sponsor a "Miss Bikini contest" with age categories of $25,6-9,10-13,14$ and older. Isn't this teaching our childen that it is perfectly alright to show off
their bodies in front of anyone? If
they feel that this is acceptable, what $I$ am certainly not opposed to beauy pageants. However, this contest
has no mention of talent, grace, pois or intelligence-only todies. Is this what we want our children to be
taught?

Please stop and think about what
we are doing to these precious and
mpressionable minds.
Gwen S. Davis

R. 4, Leland deaths and see so many people that 1 have known are no longer there. The most disturbing items are the ones

where "former ". friends and neighbors have been implicated in drug dealings. These people should be in Malaysia. The Malaysian authorities deal harshly with drug-
related offenses. Since 1975, 30 people have been onged. Presently there are 37 other their appeals. Just this week eight persons, one female and sevei
males, were sentenced to death under the Dangerous Drugs Act
marathon last month and came up

## entence.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Act gyone found in poosession of 15 or a mixture of the two drugs, 200 grams or more of ganja (marijuana) and mixed ganja or $1,000 \mathrm{gm}$ of raw or processed opium or a mixture of both are cinaryed with trafficking.
Since 1975 over 506 persons have been arrested and are awaiting tria or the outcome of appeals. During the last ten years, 237 people (one merican) have been sentenced to give sompre sentences like these and give some sentences like these and
not so many fines and suspendej) sentences.
On a lighter side of things: one of
he marine security guards at the mbassy was a participant in tocal

What Happens When Politicians Adopt Paternalistic Attitude

To the editor:
My Webster's New World Dic-
tionary defines paternialism principle of governing or controlling a country, group of employees, etc. in a manner suggesting a father's relationship with his children". And all the while we thought it was a big

If Webster is correct, two significant facts emerge whenever polici-
tians adopt a paternalistic ans adopt a paternalistic atitude alone know what's best for them. Two, like children they must be concolled, all for their own benefit of
course.

I have a problem accepting that as the proper role for government. I am relating to the two officers, forced to scramble to safety from their patro car, after the government (E.P.A. mandated cat.
their vehicie.

And then there is my own exAnd then there is my own ex
perience. My attempt to stretch that government (O.S.H.A.) mandated, two foot electric percolator cord an additional six inches after having rewired my house to accommodat the O.S.H.A. mandated electric plug, proved top on my vitamin bottle twenty four inch pipe wrench works fine), sweating out those 18 wheelers careening around me when govern-
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(emissions you know) and writing a check for mickey mouse repairs th check for mickey mouse repairs
the gloating (it ain't me, it's guvinment, auto safety inspector, Ad In-
finitium.

Herbert Spencer once wisely
observed: The ultimate result of
protecting a fool from his own folly. protecting a fool from his own folly,
is to fill the world with fools": So true, and unfortunately, most parently beccome pol
Seat belts anyone?

