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School Bus Issue: Can Students Drive?



Terry Pope

Perhaps it is time to carefully examine our school transportation system, to push for any measures that would offer even the slightest help in improving the safety of our children.

since being elected to the board in November. He would instruct students on my own bus, while standing in the stairwell by the door...

face seven years ago, every afternoon as he directed buses from the school ground and waved them out to the routes.

years, I'm sure it would still be a difficult job. But would driving a bus now be any safer, now that I've aged seven years?

New Hours Help Solve Some Trash Problems

Brunswick County residents should can their complaints regarding trash disposal, now that the sanitary landfill 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 will be open seven days a week.

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.

While everyone will agree the new hours are a good idea, it also leaves one wondering why it took so long to see the changes when the problems were so obvious.

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.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

News From Brunswick Welcome In Malaysia

To the editor: I am currently posted to the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and am receiving the Beacon as a gift from my family.

It is also sad to read the area deaths and see so many people that I have known are no longer there.

which carries the mandatory death sentence. Under the Dangerous Drugs Act anyone found in possession of 15 grams or more of heroin, morphine or a mixture of the two drugs...

marathon last month and came up with the idea of having employees sponsor him (so much per mile run). He wanted to donate the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

Blackberries And Bushes

About this time of year we begin to find blackberries (and dewberries) in some of the vacant lots on the beaches and along the roadways.



Bill Faver

to form the "climax forest"—taking perhaps 50-75 years from bare ground.

This process can be altered along the way by fire, storms, cutting, and by other natural factors, such as wind and salt spray.

So, while you pick a blackberry or two, think about the stages of field succession that take a plot of land from bare field to mature woodland.

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.

Is This A Good Lesson To Teach Our Children?

To the editor: Everywhere we turn lately we hear angry cries of child pornography, sexual abuse of children, etc.

they feel that this is acceptable, what will come next? I am certainly not opposed to beauty pageants. However, this contest has no mention of talent, grace, poise or intelligence—only bodies.

What Happens When Politicians Adopt Paternalistic Attitude

To the editor: My Webster's New World Dictionary defines paternalism as: "the principle of governing or controlling a country, group of employees, etc. in a manner suggesting a father's relationship with his children".

If Webster is correct, two significant facts emerge whenever politicians adopt a paternalistic attitude toward their constituents.

Don't Torture Me Like This, Jane O'Reilly

Jane O'Reilly's done it again. She's made me feel guilty: This time for not doing my own laundry—not at home, but at the neighborhood laundromat.



Susan Usher

It's an end-of-the-week pampering I've come to understand. There's nothing I like better, nowadays, than dropping off my single laundry basket come Friday afternoon or Saturday morning and escaping the laundromat.

There was a time when doing laundry at places where you drop in coins and wipe around the edges of the machines was fun.

to do the laundry. By college, though, laundromats were a boring necessity, with one pleasant exception: those in certain shopping centers, at least, were great places to meet guys.

in 1976, going to the laundromat was an adventure in survival. Here was the laundromat we had studied in J-School and group dynamics classes: community gathering point for the urban poor—knives, dope, whores and half-empty bottles of Thunderbird included.

machine of my own. In Morganton, those first years on a regular payroll, I remained relatively poor, still using someone else's machine. But now Sweetpea came along to play with the laundromat owner's dachshund.

I have a problem accepting that as the proper role for government. I am reminded of a recent news item relating to the two officers, forced to scramble to safety from their patrol car, after the government (E.P.A.) mandated catalytic converter ignited their vehicle.