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Two Injured In Wreck

Shallotte Police and the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to a two-car wreck last Thursday at 4 p.m. at the intersection of Mulberry and White streets. Officer Joey Hoagland said the collision occurred when a 1983 Mercury, driven by Lois H. Teague of Route 6, Shallotte, ran a stop sign and was struck by a 1980

Ford, driven by Harvey Lee Rash Jr. of Southport. Rash and Ms. Teague's passenger, Harold Dean Norris of Shallotte, were treated and released from The Brunswick Hospital in Supply. Ms. Teague, who was not injured, was charged with a stop sign violation.

Commission Delays Consideration Of 'Outstanding Waters' Requests

While hearings will be held on three coastal sound areas already proposed as outstanding waters, the Environmental Management Commission last week indefinitely delayed action on other requests including a petition submitted by Brunswick County residents.

Instead of proceeding with identifying more areas for special protection from development, the divided commission last Thursday voted 6 to 5 to take up to a year to first define "outstanding resources waters" more precisely.

The measure halts, at least for now, petition efforts by five coastal organizations to nominate 10 areas in Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Onslow and Carteret counties, as well as the 1,100-signature petition received last Monday asking that all open shellfishing water in Brunswick County be considered for protection. The EMC has also agreed earlier to consider special protection for the Waccamaw River; a hearing is expected to be held in late summer.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries has nominated the lower Lockwood Folly River, a primary nursery area, and part of the area for which special protection is sought in the local petition.

Annie Smigiel of Varnamtown, who helped circulate that petition, told The Brunswick Beacon the purpose of the petition is to protect local waters from intense development that might further endanger local fishing and shellfishing—and the jobs that natural resource provides.

"I don't know exactly what way we go from here," she added. "It looks like the river is going to be shut down. Right now it seems like we're beating our heads against a brick wall."

Mrs. Smigiel said she hadn't expected the commissions' vote last week. Instead, she said, "I thought maybe they would take it into consideration considering that so many people were out of work with the red tide."

"They've seen how many were out of work then—and it (the red tide's) gone—but development won't go away. It's here to stay and it's eventually going to knock a lot of people out."

Jerry Lewis of Shallotte, a retired engineer who serves on the EMC, did not attend last week's meeting and was unavailable for comment last week. He was on vacation out of the country.

Hearings will be held on the first three areas proposed: Core Sound in Carteret County, Stump Sound from West Onslow Beach to Alligator Bay in Onslow County; and the area around Figure Eight Island from Howe Creek to Rich Inlet in New Hanover County.

Todd Miller, director of the N.C. Coastal Federation, one of the groups pushing for protection of coastal waters, called the vote a "delaying tactic" aimed at killing the outstanding resource waters concept on which Gov. Jim Martin's "coastal initiative" is based.

However, Commissioner Bob Griffith, a Morehead City developer, pointed out that the process of conducting hearings on proposed—not approved—waters stops the building of marinas and other projects until a final decision is made.

Members could not agree last Thursday on wording in the criteria such as "exceptional" and "unique."

Current rules require that the chosen waters not only have excellent water quality, but also have unique value for recreational or ecological purposes, and must not be protected by any other special standards.

The "outstanding resource waters" classification, which has yet

to be applied by the EMC, is intended to increase anti-pollution standards as they relate to the selected areas.

The EMC was to decide whether to grant the designation to each body of water after it hears recommendations from its staff, the Division of Environmental Management. The comments will come after state officials conduct public hearings and gather water quality data on the proposed areas.

Calabash Lacked A Quorum

Calabash Town Council did not have enough board members present Monday to conduct business.

The public hearings which had been scheduled Monday will instead be held Tuesday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m., prior to the next town meeting. Public input concerning an amendment to the extraterritorial jurisdiction area (ETA) of the town and the preliminary assessment resolution for water line installation at Riverview Drive is welcome.

Board members not present Monday were Ronnie Pittman, Keith Hardee and Landis High.

Probe Into Death Closed

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department has ended its investigation into a January shooting that claimed the life of a Leland area teen-ager.

Detective Donnell Marlowe last week said the investigation indicated that Paul Allen Thomas, 14, of Lanvale Road, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"As far as I'm concerned with it, the case is closed," Marlowe said Friday. "We could find no sign of a struggle or foul play."

The investigation, however, did not determine whether the shooting was accidental or intentional.

"That's something I'm not in a

position to answer," the detective said. "Nobody was there when it happened. I don't know if he intended to do it or not."

Thomas was found dead by his parents Jan. 22 at the family's residence in Brunswick Mobile Home Park.

An autopsy done in Jacksonville determined that the teen died from a "close contact" .22-caliber gunshot wound to the head, according to Brunswick County Coroner Greg White.

Marlowe said a ballistics test done by the SBI in Raleigh confirmed that a rifle found next to the boy's body fired the fatal shot.

Democrats To Hear Rose

State and local Democratic candidates will be prominent at the Brunswick County Democratic Party's spring rally Saturday, March 26, at the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia.

U.S. Congressman Charlie Rose will be the keynote speaker at the rally, which will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the public assembly building.

A \$5 admission fee will cover the cost of a barbecue dinner to be served, said Vernon Ward, party treasurer.

Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan, a candidate for governor, and Brad Miller,

candidate for secretary of state, will attend the rally, while representatives of lieutenant governor hopefuls Tony Rand, Parks Helms and Harold Hardison, and a representative of secretary of state candidate Rufus Edmisten are expected.

Special guests will include Sheriff John Carr Davis and Robert Morgan, former state attorney general and former U.S. senator.

"This is an ideal time for citizens to come out and meet the Democratic candidates," said Ward.

Letters To The Editor

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too) and so the entire democratic process breaks down... the reality being that our public officials are just spinning their wheels making newspaper headlines.

There have been some hints that North Carolina will be facing more severe problems of the sort too, and so I think it is time for good citizens to get our big-spending politicians back into the world of reality. We should tell them:

1. Replace bigger jail sentences in drug crimes by capital punishment... public hanging to send the message clearly;

2. Automatic death sentences should be carried out promptly against any alien convicted of drug crimes within our national territory;

3. The citizenship of any American found to be guilty of dealing in drugs outside our territories should have his or her citizenship revoked. The price for international involvement is not stiff enough;

4. All prisoners incarcerated for drug-related crimes or drug dealing should wear shirts or coats announcing the crime especially when on outside work details. This would give our young people a ready reference to what might happen to them if they take drugs and increase the psychological penalty for the guilty;

5. The construction costs of new jail facilities anywhere should be limited to a capital cost per prisoner at overload capacity equal or below the average capital cost of housing per citizen in the jurisdiction financing the jail. If applied in Prince George's County, this rule would have limited new correctional facilities construction to about \$20 million for a 1,000 (overload) capacity jail.

Of course, that means the money needed to secure residency will reduce the amount spent for comfort. Tough.

But it is a gross injustice for tax-paying citizens to erect housing for wrongdoers which costs more per person than what good citizens can afford for themselves.

especially for drug dealers.
Karl E. Brandt
Shallotte

then I will give you a public apology.
Paul Sigmon
Charlotte

Ball Is Back In Your Corner

To the editor:
My oh my, how the truth hurts. In Jesse A. Bryant's rebuttal to my answer to his letter, it appears that if you do not believe as he and the NAACP do, then you are racially prejudiced and are living in the dark ages. Surely Mr. Bryant realizes that he cannot suppress the opinions of citizens just because they do not agree with him.

Mr. Bryant states that he and the NAACP work for the rights of all races. If this is true then the NAACP should change their name to the NAAAP, or the National Association for Advancement of All People, not just colored.

Mr. Bryant states that my opinion as to how the NAACP would have become involved if the victim were white was contrary and untrue. I challenge Mr. Bryant to provide just one letter to your newspaper, written by Mr. Bryant, condemning a similar crime committed by a black against a white. The ball is in your court, Mr. Bryant. If you produce the letter,

Children Learn To Cope Without Adult Supervision

An upcoming workshop is aimed at "latch-key" children—children who are left at home at times without adult supervision.

The Department of Emergency Medicine at Grand Strand General Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C., is offering its "Children-In-Charge" program again on Saturday, March 19, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital

classroom. It is open to children between the ages of eight and 12.

Children who attend will learn about dealing with their fears, coping with emergencies, nutrition, time management and safety from a variety of community professionals.

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required by calling Gay Cooke, (803)497-2184 or (803)449-4411, ext. 2184.

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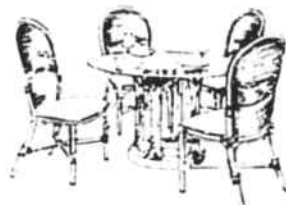


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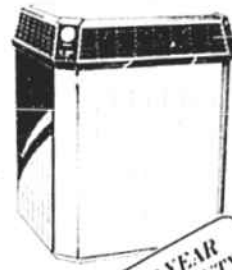
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