

Primary Elections Shaping Up As Filing Deadline Approaches

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 In 1983 he pleaded guilty to accepting a \$1,500 bribe in exchange for a promise to use his influence as a legislator to expedite a mixed-drink license for Bolton.
 Taylor also pleaded guilty to state charges of conspiracy to commit arson in connection with the burning by hire of three tobacco warehouses owned by a rival of his family's business, Taylor Manufacturing Co., which had lost a patent-infringement suit to the rival.
 Taylor served four years of his 20-year sentence and was released from parole in October 1986. In 1989 his full rights of citizenship were restored, including the rights to vote and to run for public office.
 In 1992, describing himself as a changed man, Taylor

challenged Soles in a close primary contest.
 Tabor City resident Claude Spivey, 61, will also be on the ballot. The retired painting contractor and former coffee shop owner has unsuccessfully challenged Soles in six previous elections.
 Already seeking their party's nomination are these candidates:
■ Board of Education: incumbent Thurman Gause and challenger Olaf "Bud" Thorsen, Democrats, District 1; George F. Wilson, Democrat, District 2; incumbent Bill Fairley, Republican, District 3; Pat Purvis Brown, Republican, and Liston Hawes, Democrat, District 4; incumbent Yvonne Lewis Bright, Republican, and Glenda C. Browning, Democrat, District 5;
■ Board of Commissioners: incumbent Don Warren, Democrat, and Frances Ludlum Babson, Republican, District 1; incumbent Jerry Jones, Republican, and W.A. "Alfonzo" Roach, Democrat, District 2; incumbent Wayland Vereen, Democrat, District 3; incumbent Tom Rabon, Democrat, District 4; incumbent Donald Shaw and S. L. Doty, Republicans, and Michael A. Ballard, Dan Davis, W.M. (Bill) Sue, Democrats, District 5;
■ Sheriff: N.C. Highway Patrolman Jerry Dove; Chief Deputy John Marlow; Deputy Lt. Ronald Hieweit, and Long Beach Police Sgt. Bill Sisk, Democrats; and Southport businessman James Brown, Republican;
■ Clerk of Superior Court: incumbent Diana

Morgan, Democrat;
■ District Judge, 13th Judicial District: G. Phillip David, Whiteville, and Wayne Long, Shallotte, Democrats;
■ Superior Court Judge, 13th Judicial District: incumbents Chief Judge William C. Gore Jr. and D. Jack Hooks Jr., Democrats.
■ N.C. House of Representatives: E. David Redwine, Ocean Isle, and Dewey Hill, Lake Waccamaw, Democrat, 14th District (2 seats); Thomas E. Wright Jr., Wilmington, Democrat, 98th District; and
■ State Senate: Ron Taylor, Bladen County, 18th District.

Minister Killed In Costa Rica

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 Fleeing the compound, they warned Cox not to contact police.
 Cox was not assaulted during the incident, he said, "but she is pretty torn up over it."

The crime is being investigated as a robbery or burglary, "not a crime of vengeance or anything like that," Frank Eaddy said Monday. "I know there has been a lot of confusion and rumors at home, but it had nothing to do with drugs or anything."
 "The police also say it might have been something a little off the wall, which they won't tell me." He said it may have been related to his father's relationships with the Nicaraguans who worked on the nearby coffee plantations. "He kept them run off from his place."

The Eaddy residence stands within a compound surrounded by a high brick wall, situated in a major coffee plantation area where mainly wealthy Costa Ricans and American investors or retirees live. Crime in the area is "totally unusual," said Frank Eaddy.
 The Eaddy compound had no electronic security system, but did have a security guard who lived in a house on the premises, said Frank Eaddy. While at least one neighbor reported hearing Lynell Cox's screams, the guard told family members and police he heard nothing.
 He said an autopsy had been conducted as required by Costa Rican law, but that not all the evidence had been analyzed as of Monday, includ-

ing the hollow-point bullet with which Eaddy was shot. "They're having to determine by weight and grain and the lead used whether it was a 9 mm or a .38," he said.
 Local and federal Costa Rican officials are "working night and day" to solve the case, he said.
 As of Monday afternoon two of the four suspects had been identified, but not arrested, pending return of evidence from the lab needed before charges are filed.

Under Costa Rican law, said Frank Eaddy, they can only hold a suspect 24 hours before filing charges or releasing them.
 Nedo Eaddy ended his local personal ministry nearly two years ago, closing Brunswick Christian Center at Thomasboro after approximately 15 years at its head. He began devoting more of his time to the interdenominational Global Missions Ministries he had begun earlier in Costa Rica, and divided his time between a home in Supply and a family compound in the wealthy plantation district of Alajuela, Costa Rica.
 At the time of his death, Eaddy, 58, was in the process of building his 13th interdenominational worship center in Costa Rica; when completed it will seat 10,000 people. A memorial service was held there for Eaddy last Sunday.

Eaddy and his wife Nell, a nurse, had planned to retire by early summer and relocate to Costa Rica, said Eaddy's son. "He was living in Costa Rica most of the time because of his ministry and because of his

health," said Frank Eaddy.
 Rev. Eaddy had undergone open heart surgery three times.
 A native of Johnsonville, S.C., Eaddy began his ministry approximately 30 years ago as a Freewill Baptist pastor and "home missionary," then entered the U.S. Army as a chaplain. He moved to Brunswick County in the mid-1970s, and after serving as pastor of a local church, incorporated his ministry and opened Brunswick Christian Center. The center had no formal membership, but had a regular congregation of worshippers before it was disbanded in 1992.

The center, located on U.S. 17 near Thomasboro was acquired by the state as right of way for the four-laning of U.S. 17. Work was begun on a new church site on McMilly Swamp closer to Shallotte, but was halted because the center did not have the state and federal permits required to fill in wetlands.
 According to his sister, Maybeline "Bee" Eaddy of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Eaddy continued to hold services until most followers were able to find local congregations with which to affiliate, then focused on his Costa Rican ministry.
 Eaddy is survived by his wife, three children and eight grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be made in care of Brunswick Funeral Service toward completion of the church building under construction about 10 miles outside San Jose, Costa Rica.

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The *State Port Pilot* of Southport accepted seven awards. Among papers of 3,500 circulation or more, it earned first places for general excellence, appearance and design and its editorial page, and second place in news coverage.
 County Editor Terry Pope, a former staff writer with *The Brunswick Beacon*, won first place in investigative reporting for his coverage of the limestone quarry proposed by Martin Marietta. James M. Harper III won a second place award for a photo page on a local clammer.

Also, the news staff earned first place in spot news reporting for coverage of the March 13 storm.

The 1993 NCPA Editorial Contest attracted 3,578 entries in four divisions. Entries were judged by journalists in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Florida and Wisconsin. Of the approximately 115 newspapers that entered the contest, the NCPA said 77 shared in the 321 awards presented.

NJ Prosecutor Faces Local DUI Charges

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 Green rested his case. Judge Jerry Jolly denied Payne's motion for dismissal. After a brief consultation between the opposing counsel, Payne entered a plea of no contest to the charge of driving while impaired.

Noting that Hermes has an otherwise good driving record, Jolly gave him the minimum sentence for a first-time DWI conviction.

Hermes was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended two years on the condition that he pay a \$100 fine and court costs and that he not operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for 30 days. He was ordered to undergo an assessment of his alcohol use and to not violate any laws for two years. He was put on two years unsupervised probation.

Payne told the judge he planned to appeal the case to Brunswick County Superior Court.

In an interview Tuesday, Gore said he might be called on to testify in a second trial and could not reveal what was said during his early-morning telephone conversation with Hermes at the Brunswick County Jail. He said Hermes position as a prosecutor would have no bearing on his willingness to pursue the case in superior court.

"The facts are pretty plain. There's no middle ground," Gore said. "It's obvious that the judge found that he was impaired."

Gore said he hopes to get the case on the calendar as soon as possible "to assure him a speedy trial." He said he would not consider allowing Hermes to plead guilty to a reduced charge as part of a plea bargain.

"We have been asked about a reduced plea and our answer has consistently been no and will continue to be no," Gore said.

Keep Overcoats Close At Hand

Keep the overcoat and driving gloves handy; more cold weather is in the forecast.

"We're going to be returning to a colder pattern, but it doesn't look as though it will be as cold as the recent episode we experienced," Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said Tuesday.

He anticipates temperatures to continue below average, ranging from the lower 30s at night into the lower 50s during the daytime, with about a half-inch of rainfall.

For the reporting period Jan. 25-31, Canady recorded 2.87 inches of rainfall.

The average daily high was 58 degrees and the average nightly low was 43 degrees, for a daily average temperature of 51 degrees, which is about 5 degrees above average.

On Jan. 25, Canady measured a low of 34 degrees and a high of 67 degrees, both temperature extremes for the period.

Movie Rescheduled

The Shallotte Senior Citizens Center's showing of the movie "Sleepless in Seattle" has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 12:30 p.m.

The film is sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Gunfire Or Backfire, Investigators Ask

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 from the vehicle, Perry said.

The passenger, identified as Alden Wilbur Griffith, 42, of Shallotte, was quickly apprehended and charged with resisting a public officer. The other man ran across Holden Beach Road, up a driveway and into the woods.

Numerous sheriff's deputies, SBI agents, N.C. Highway Patrolmen and other law enforcement officers converged on the area and stationed themselves along roadways near the Oxn site. The sheriff's department narcotics squad dog "Colonel" was put on the scent of the escaped driver, but was unable to locate the suspect.

About an hour later, detectives learned the name of the other suspect and went to his home, where Hewett and a Marine Fisheries officer identified him as the driver of the Chevrolet.

Arrested was Michael Wayne Reed, 30, of Supply, on charges of

resisting a public officer, failure to yield for a blue light and siren, careless and reckless driving and driving while his license was revoked.

There was an indication that both men had been drinking at the time of the incident, Perry said.

The SBI performed tests for gunpowder residue on both suspects and have impounded the vehicle for laboratory examination. Results of those tests have not been released. Tests on Reed may be inconclusive because he allegedly took a shower between the time of the incident and his arrest, a detective said.

Several witnesses along the route of the chase, including local residents, law enforcement officers and employees at the solid waste site told the SBI that they heard what sounded like gunfire coming from the car, he said.

However, detectives seized no firearms from the car or at Reed's home. Nor have they found any bullet holes in Hewett's home or vehicle.

Reed allegedly told investigators that his car has a tendency to backfire and that it had done so as it passed Hewett's home. The SBI tested the car and confirmed that it sometimes backfired during normal operation, Perry said.

"It could very well be that—from all indications—that is what happened," Perry said. "He (Hewett) just reacted like anyone else would have."
 Detectives also speculated that Reed might have tried to elude arrest because he had been drinking and was driving without a license.

"These men may very well be innocent (of the shooting) because we never found a weapon," Hewett said Tuesday. "Honestly, I never saw a gun. I just heard what sounded like one."
 Hewett said that "on six occasions since July" his family or his neighbors have heard gunshots from cars passing his house.

Bridge Alternatives Studied At Sunset

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Gore said he could support a mid-level bascule. "That could be a viable option because it might alleviate the concerns some people have about a high rise."

Islanders Julie and Melvin Boone were comparing benefits and disadvantages and leaning toward a fixed span bridge. "We're still not sure what we've got here," said Mrs. Boone.

Her husband interjected, "You know we favor a new bridge and we want one that won't break down."
 During the March 13 storm last year the unscheduled shutdown of the bridge caught the Boones on the mainland. After a half-day's wait, they sought shelter 50 miles inland.

All design alternatives have been improved since an earlier "scoping" meeting, said David A. Griffith, project manager for Greiner, Inc., the consulting engineering firm.

The new central route for a fixed span bridge (C1), for instance, relocates a portion of N.C. 179 but uses much of the existing corridor for its approach and span. It gives priority to traffic on N.C. 179, which is heavier than that on Sunset Boulevard. From West Shoreline Drive traffic would move unimpeded beneath an overpass. Vehicles leaving the island would stop at a T-type, grade-level intersection with N.C. 179.

On the waterway, impact of the bridges would vary as well. A study shows that boat traffic would be unimpeded by a fixed span, while the low-level bascule would only allow passage of 18.6 percent of fall boat-

ing traffic without raising the drawbridge, Hunkins said. The figure improves to 68.7 percent in summer.

With a mid-level bridge, boat clearance figures improve considerably, to 84.1 percent in summer and 62.5 percent in fall.

When amortized over 40 years, projected costs range from a low of \$14.34 million for the center corridor high-rise to \$23.65 million for a mid-level drawbridge in the east corridor.

The costs reflect construction, right of way acquisition at current valuations and operation and maintenance, including bridgetenders for the drawbridges. While initial construction of a bascule is cheaper, the long-term cost is higher because of operation and maintenance expenses, said Griffith.

Right-of-way costs for the originally planned west corridor high-rise are included at current value, not acquisition cost, for a fairer comparison. If another route is selected, he said, DOT could return the properties to their original owners or sell.

If built today, the lowest-cost center high-rise route would require relocation of three businesses and three homes—more than any other alternative.

The high-rise western corridor would require taking part of a championship tee on a Sea Trail Plantation golf course; condemnation proceedings were halted when work on the bridge project was stopped in 1990 after a federal judge ordered a complete environmental impact study.

Mark Easley of Greiner Inc. said differences in wetlands impact of the different height options should be minimal, since all bridges would be located on pilings by the time they reach wetlands.

During the next several months planners will choose four alternative routes for more detailed study. These will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project, and will go to public hearing.

Mainland resident Al Cambria said he prefers to see a new mid-level drawbridge built on the existing bridge corridor because it would take less space and would be cheaper to build. His idea would be to use a concrete center divider and create four lanes for the bridge.

"By the time this bridge is built that beach is going to be completely developed and the only people who will be using the bridge will be residents of the island," he said. "The rest of us aren't going to be able to go over there."

After the session Mayor Mason Barber said he was "pleasantly surprised" that the high rise alternatives were the cheapest. "I just hope I'm alive when it's built," he added.

Written comments on the replacement alternatives can be sent to either David A. Griffin, Project Manager, Greiner, Inc., 4630 Paragon Park Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27604, or to Julie Hunkins, Project Manager, Planning & Environmental Branch, N.C. Dept. of Transportation, P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Local Singer To Be Shown Again

An Ash woman's performance on satellite television's "Nashville Star Seek" will be rebroadcast on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. on Galaxy 3 Channel 23.

Country singer Paula Caven-

ough's performance was shown at a different time than scheduled last week.

Viewers may vote for Cavenough by calling 1-900-288-9919. Calls cost 95 cents each.

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