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### Fire Guts Seaside Home

Al Crawford, assistant chief of the Ocean Isle Beach Volunteer Fire Department, walks away from a Seaside mobile home that was destroyed by fire last Friday. Brunswick County Fire Marshal Cecil Logan said the owner was burning debris about 50 feet from the residence. The woman lost control of the fire, and wind pushed it toward the home. Firefighters from Ocean Isle and Sunset Beach responded to the blaze, which also threatened a neighboring home.

## Coastal Futures Committee To Mark 20th CAMA Anniversary

The N.C. Coastal Futures Committee will mark the 20th anniversary of the state's Coastal Area Management Act as it meets this week in Raleigh.

In 1974, the N.C. General Assembly passed the landmark legislation; lawmakers will revisit the law when they meet with the committee at McKimmon Center on the N.C. State University campus.

The meeting was to begin Wednesday (April 13) and continue through Friday.

Public comments will be heard on Friday at 9 a.m.; subcommittee discussions on Wednesday and Thursday were also to be open to the public.

Born in a whirlwind of controversy over how it would render land unbuildable and hurt economic development along North Carolina's shore, the Coastal Area Management Act, better known as CAMA, survived its turbulent beginnings and is recognized nationally as an effective coastal management program.

"Has CAMA solved all the problems on the coast? Far from it," said David Owens, director of the N.C. Division of Coastal Management in CAMA's early years and now a researcher at the University of North Carolina Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

The N.C. Futures Committee was established to identify those unsolved problems. Created by Gov. Jim Hunt, who has designated 1994

as the Year of the Coast, the committee's charge is to review CAMA and recommend improvements by Sept. 1. Some of the recommendations may require legislative approval.

After six months of study, the committee has set its sights on seven areas: environmental education, quality growth, water quality, protection of the coast's natural heritage, protection of the public's right to coastal areas, administration of coastal management programs, and compatible economic development. Recommendations will be developed in each area.

"We have to grow," CFC Chairman Richardson Preyer said, "but there has got to be some way to balance that growth with the need to protect the coastal environment."

At the committee's last meeting in Southport in March, it began work on specific recommendations relating to growth management and coastal water quality. This week, it starts work on recommendations about environmental education, developing and economic development strategy for the coastal region, and implementation and enforcement of coastal environmental regulations.

Coastal Resource Commission Chairman Eugene Tomlinson of Southport is a member of the Coastal Futures Committee and will be chairing subcommittee meetings during the Raleigh session.

Written, telephone and fax com-

ments are being accepted about the committee's topics of study. It can be reached at N.C. Coastal Futures Committee, P.O. Box 4429, Emerald Isle NC 28594, phone 1-800-232-6210, fax 919-393-7508.

### 'Growl Test' Set At Plant

Carolina Power and Light will test sirens in the 10-mile areas around the Brunswick nuclear plant during the week of April 18-22.

The low-volume test will sound like a "growl" and will last only a few seconds, according to a company news release. Residents should not hear the test unless they are close to a siren at the time. Low-volume tests are not intended to check siren volume but to make sure each siren works.

CP&L conducts silent siren tests every two weeks and conducts "growl" tests at least every three months. A full-volume test is conducted yearly.

The sirens are on tall poles at 34 locations within 10 miles of the Brunswick plant.

The sounding of the sirens does not mean the public should evacuate. If there were an emergency at the Brunswick plant, the sirens would alert the public to listen to radio and television stations for information and instructions from the Emergency Broadcast System.

## Drain Stenciling Joins Year Of The Coast

The Year of the Coast activities committee has endorsed storm drain stenciling as a way to keep coastal waters clean of pollutants that are commonly dumped or washed off streets.

Stenciling organizer Barbara Doll, N.C. Sea Grant's coastal water quality specialist, plans to rally volunteers this summer to paint storm drains and catch basins in more than 60 cities that drain to sounds and estuaries. The effort will reach from the coast to the Piedmont with a stenciled educational message that reads: "Keep Clean! Flows to Cape Fear River (or Albemarle or Pamlico Sound)."

"One goal of the Year of the Coast is to educate people about our coastal waters, and that includes how pollution generated inland affects these waters," Doll says. "This project will paint storm drains in the watersheds draining to the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds and the Cape Fear River. It will also inform people that what they do in cities such as Raleigh and Greensboro is affecting our coastal waters."

Urban runoff is a major source of nonpoint pollution, the leading cause of poor water quality and a threat to coastal waters that support fishing, shellfishing and recreation. Storm drains are a major conveyor of this pollution from streets, sidewalks and parking lots. But many people who dump trash into these drains are unaware that they flow into creeks, streams, coast-bound rivers and, in some coastal areas, directly into sounds and estuaries.

Gov. Jim Hunt declared 1994 the Year of the Coast to promote the protection and wise management of North Carolina's coastal resources. In response, the

storm drain stenciling project, was organized by N.C. Sea Grant, N.C. Big Sweep, Keep America Beautiful, the N.C. Coastal Federation, Stream Watch, 4-H and the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the divisions of Coastal Management, Environmental Management and Water Resources' within the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

As a Year of the Coast activity, organizers are recruiting volunteer groups to select the streets or neighborhoods where they will paint the messages. Meanwhile, city officials are being asked to dispense the stencils and approve painting sites chosen by volunteers. The stencils will be donated to cities on a rotating basis, and a training video and safety brochure will accompany them.

The project will continue through early fall. And once the Year of the Coast is over, Doll hopes that storm drain painting in North Carolina will continue and extend inland.

"Stenciling is a pollution prevention program that involves the community," she says. "That's what makes it so effective."

Currently, Raleigh and Charlotte are developing storm drain stenciling guidelines. Thirty-one other states have already safely and effectively stenciled storm drains. By following the safety precautions used in other projects, as much success can be ensured in North Carolina, Doll says.

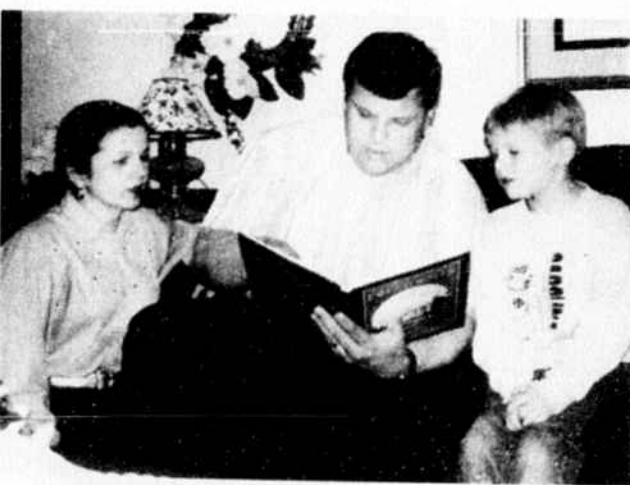
To participate in storm drain stenciling or to get more information, write Doll at N.C. Sea Grant, Box 8208, N.C. State University, Raleigh NC 27695-8208, or call 919-515-5287.

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## Democrat Ron Taylor calls education and work keys to future



Ron Taylor and wife, Vicky Dailey Taylor read with their son, Miller Dailey.

Holden Beach, NC... "Education is at the heart of our overburdened welfare rolls, many crime problems, our lack of new jobs in Southeastern North Carolina and many other current issues," says Ron Taylor, Democrat challenger for the State Senate 18th District.

Taylor, who last week received the endorsement of the North Carolina Association of Educators, blames some educational ills on politics.

"The old political machine has helped grind up our educational system," says Taylor. "You have members being appointed to school boards in some areas and politics taking over school board elections in others. The focus moves away from the real issue: coming up with better ways to give our children the education they must have in this chang-

ing world."

Taylor points out that his first hand experience gives him a better understanding of these district needs.

"I'm a husband. I know what it's like to go home after a day's work and deal with the challenges you face to keep a household and family going," says Taylor. "I'm a father with a seven year old son in public school and I know what children face in the school system... and what parents face... and what the classroom teacher faces, too."

Taylor is president of Taylor Manufacturing, Inc. with more than 180 employees. "I go in every day and work along with my employees," says Taylor. "I know what it takes to meet a payroll week after week. And to give my employees a safe place to work so they can produce and get the things they need for their families."

Interviewing prospective workers who have just graduated from high school has also made Taylor aware of the need for improvement in education. "Our youngsters should come out of school ready to compete for jobs with anybody in the world... but they don't," states Taylor. "We've let them down and that's just not fair."

Taylor has made a commitment to make education a primary focus of his tenure as State Senator.

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