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Snug Harbor resident arrested for growing pot

A Snug Harbor man faces five years in prison for growing marijuana on his back porch.

Gary Robert Evans, 53, of 59M Cork Street, Snug Harbor, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on Aug. 9 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and manufacturing marijuana. The manufacturing charge carries a five-year prison sentence.

Evans was arrested after confidential sources told Perquimans County Deputy Sheriff Ersal Overton that Evans was growing marijuana at his home, Sheriff David Lane said.

Overton secured a warrant and with five other officers went to the house. Evans put up no opposition to the search and the deputies located the plants - two three-foot plants growing in a large container and three smaller plants - on the porch.

Evans was arrested and later released under a \$3,000 secured bond. He was scheduled for his first appearance in court yesterday.

"One plant is manufacturing marijuana and that's against the law," Chief Deputy Dean Cartwright said.

The plants are being held as evidence by the sheriff's department until the case is resolved.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Perquimans County Sheriffs Deputy Ersal Overton (left) and Sheriff David Lane show the five marijuana plants found on the back porch of Snug Harbor resident Gary Robert Evans recently. Evans faces five years in prison on charges of manufacturing marijuana.

School board okays nine appointments

Three positions remain unfilled for 1995-96 school year

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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Personnel was the only item of business on the agenda when the school board met in special session Monday morning.

Nine appointments were okayed by the board. Personnel hired included Andrea Boone, English, Perquimans High; Janet Cartwright, home economics, Perquimans High; Keisha J. Dobie, language arts/social studies, Perquimans Middle; Maria Guerrero, Spanish, Perquimans Middle; Lisa S. Hollowell, media technology/distance learning program, Perquimans High; Julio Palma, Spanish, Perquimans Central; Lillian Palanco, Spanish, Perquimans High; Tracy Weathers, second grade, Hertford Grammar; and Geraldine Weeks, media technology/Information Highway, Perquimans High.

The three Spanish teachers were hired through the center for International Education, Personnel Director Paul Ward told the board. Ward said the Center does very extensive background checks before recommending applicants for employment. He added that the sys-

tem has had positive experiences working through the Center over the past two years.

Teachers hired through the Center come to the United States on three-year Visas, and must return home for at least one year after the Visa expires before becoming eligible to reapply for a second Visa.

Bertha Moore, who served as a vocational business teacher at Perquimans Middle School last year, will teach at both the middle and high schools during the coming year. Assistant superintendent Jake Boyce said the number of students enrolled in computer courses at the high school is up, creating a need for additional classes.

A medical leave through Oct. 9 was granted to third grade teacher Emilie Barcliff. Ward said the search is underway for a certified teacher to serve the class until Barcliff's return.

The resignation of Angela Byrum, English teacher at Perquimans High, was announced.

Two teaching positions and a teacher assistant slot remained open as of Monday. The teaching openings are for middle school health and physical education and an elementary teacher.

Courses offered through the Information Highway will be AP U.S. history, creative writing, AP statistics and oceanography. Distance learning courses are Latin I, Latin II and sociology/psychology.

Hertford tackles fishing problems

Bass tournament groups in North Carolina and Virginia will soon be getting a letter from the town of Hertford discussing problems at the municipal boat ramps and surrounding areas.

Council agreed Monday night in regular session to send letters to tournament associations in both states detailing problems some groups have caused during fishing tournaments. Listed as town concerns are lack of noti-

fication of tournament dates, using all close available parking, parking on side streets and blocking driveways, rude and abusive behavior toward town residents, and tying up the ramp for extended periods of time during tournament weigh-ins.

Town residents have complained about the problems for a long time. Many have attended council meetings in protest.

The town has discussed options to the problem; but so

far, no concrete steps have been taken. The town cannot stop tournament organizers from using the boat ramps because they were constructed with public access grants.

Discussed in the past have been charging non-residents to park in the parking lot, and erecting signs warning that boats and trailers will be towed at the owner's expense if parked in an unauthorized area.

AEA heads Big Sweep cleanup

Twenty additional counties, including Perquimans, have signed on to participate in this year's First Citizens Bank Big Sweep, making this the first year the cleanup will take place in every North Carolina county.

Big Sweep is the nation's largest statewide waterway cleanup. Last year, more than 13,000 volunteers picked up nearly 200 tons of debris from waterways across the state. This year's cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16.

Groups from across the state will choose an area to

clean, such as a river or stream, a boat landing, a public park, a neighborhood creek, a canal or a roadside ditch, or other sites that need sprucing up. Together, they will become part of the solution to pollution by sweeping clean the area.

Big Sweep began in 1987 as a quickly organized coastal cleanup called Beach Sweep. In 1989, it spread inland, becoming Big Sweep. Now volunteers from the coast to the mountains turn out the third Saturday each September to help rid waterways of trash.

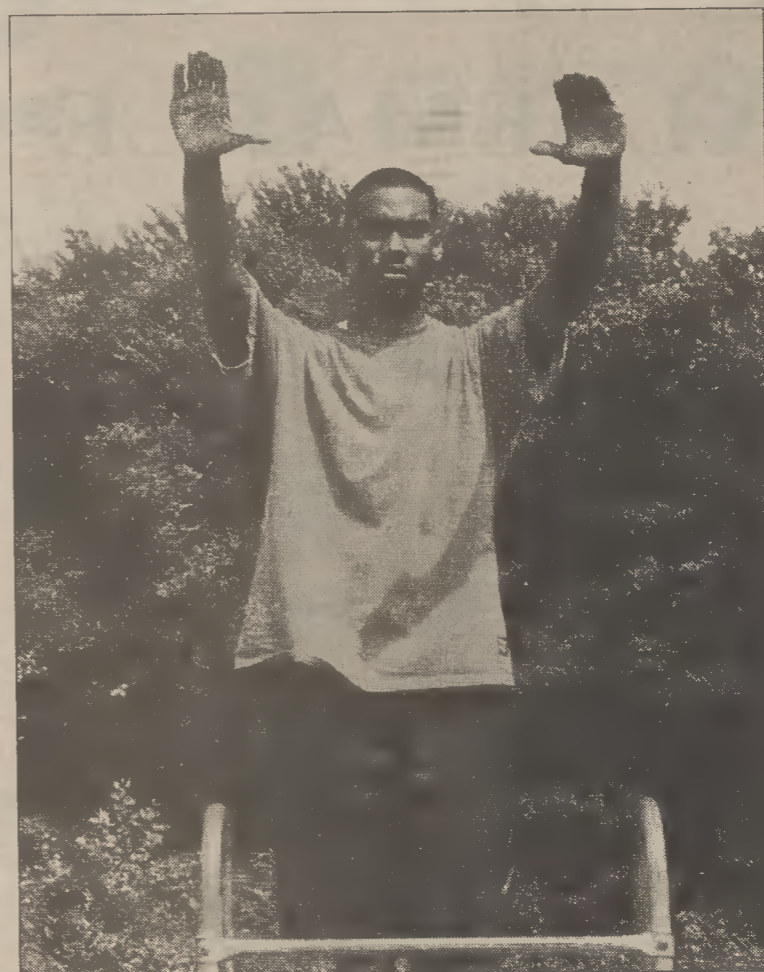
N.C. Big Sweep works year-round to teach people about the dangers of debris in waterways. In addition to the cleanup, the organization leads educator workshops and produces teaching materials about waterway debris.

Leading the Big Sweep effort in Perquimans are the Albemarle Environmental Association. For information on becoming involved in the local effort and to receive cleanup materials and guidelines, contact Carolyn Hess at 426-9563 or Anne Blindt at 297-3302 (daytime only).

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS



Two bands of Pirates will make their premiere performances of the 1995-96 school year Friday evening when Perquimans County High School hosts Northeastern High School for the football season opener at 7:30 p.m. First-year head football coach Andy Hunt and his young Pirate team (above during a Monday evening scrimmage in Manteo) expect to hold their own against the visiting 4-A Eagles. The Marching Pirates will perform during the evening. Band fans can also catch the band's show at 2 p.m. on Friday when band camp officially ends. Drum major for this year is James Hurdle (left, shown directing during band camp Monday). Admission to varsity football games is now \$4. Limited season tickets are available.

Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 90s Low: 70s CONTINUED HOT	High: 90s Low: 70s CONTINUED HOT	High: 90s Low: 70s CONTINUED HOT

School notes

First day
August 24
School hours:
Hertford Grammar - 8:30 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
Central - 8:25 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
Perquimans Middle - 8:20 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Perquimans High - 8 a.m.-2:55 p.m.
Students should be in class and ready to learn by the morning hour indicated.