



MORRISVILLE SUSPECT—This is the composite drawing of a suspect being sought by Morrisville Police for the sexual assault of an eight-year-old girl. The incident took place July 5 at 11 a.m. in the Triangle Factory Shops in Morrisville. The suspect is described as a white male, in his late 30s to 40s, standing between 6-0 and 6-2, average weight, medium complexion, black hair that is short on the sides and curly on top, possible brown eyes, and very hairy legs. At the time of the assault, the subject was wearing a multi-colored tee shirt with "Ron Jon Surf Shop" imprinted on the front and the number eight possibly imprinted on the back. He was wearing khaki shorts with two pockets and brown leather shoes. Anyone having information as to the identity of the suspect should contact Sgt. Allen Rushing at the Morrisville Police Department. The telephone number is 469-9709. The department's Crimestoppers program is offering a reward leading to an arrest and conviction.

Local girl wins national contest

Shannan Broadwell, daughter of Jerry and Margaret Broadwell of Morrisville, is both a national and state winner in the National PTA's annual Reflections contest.

In addition to receiving the state award in the primary division of musical composition, the eight-year-old rising third grader at Northwoods Elementary School also received a national honorable mention.

Shannan composed the words and music to a song she entitled "Dare to Discover." She has performed the song before the Northwood PTA as well as the student body.

Her prizes included a medallion, certificate, a book and computer software. The Reader's Digest Association is donating a book to the Northwoods school library in her honor.

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Southport renting faster than they can build

By DAVID LEONE
The Morrisville Town Board has approved a site plan for the 10th of 11 buildings at the site of the Southport Business Park on Aviation Parkway.

Building 10 will be flex space, which means any mix of office and warehousing can be made available to renters. The site plan shows 63,774 square feet of leasable area, divided into 14 suites. Whereas it is possible for Southport to rent to 14 separate businesses, the suites aren't permanent and are only walled up after the renter has determined how much square footage of space is needed.

Dee Hallyburton, who is leasing/marketing director for South-

port, described the building as sort of the new model for leasable office/warehousing. Hallyburton cited a recent trend toward the need for more office space. Therefore, building 10 was designed with 16 dock doors — three of which are shared for smaller offices.

According to Hallyburton, Southport purchased the 48 acres that its nine buildings now stand on eight years ago. Southport rapidly filled with businesses needing the flex space which was a new concept in the 1980s, she said.

This concept attracted big name businesses such as IBM, AT&T, Honeywell and DHL Worldwide Express, all of which are located in the business park.

"The leasing activity is very healthy in this market right now," Hallyburton said.

Southport is renting as fast as structures are going up, she said. The business park's proximity to Research Triangle Park, Raleigh-Durham International Airport and I-40 are a big bonus for companies with shipping needs.

"If you're an Otis Spunkmeyer, you have to get your cookies out," Hallyburton said of another of the park's businesses.

Hallyburton listed computer-oriented businesses as making up about 25 percent of Southport's renters. Medical-oriented facilities also take up much of the space. Transportation, light assembly and

distribution-oriented companies fill up most of the rest.

Though the business park has only one lot remaining for development, Southport has purchased and is under contract for approximately 17 acres of land across Aviation Parkway.

Site plans for a subdivision and one building are currently being reviewed by town planners and are expected to be discussed at the planning board meeting Aug. 24.

Surratt to be featured speaker at breakfast

The Morrisville Chamber of Commerce has renewed its office lease for another year.

Under terms of the contract between the chamber and the Town of Morrisville, the chamber will lease the building at 222 North Church St. through June 1996. After that, the lease will be on a month-to-month basis unless it is canceled or renewed.

Originally a church and later the Town Hall, the building is being leased to the chamber for \$1 a year.

Ray Lech, president of the chamber, says the chamber continues to explore the possibility of building its own office or leasing another facility. The Church Street facility has props under the trusses that support the roof, but is considered safe for occupancy on a short-term basis.

Chamber members have agreed to a board of directors' proposal to increase the number of board members from 12 to 18.

The 50 percent expansion will enable the chamber to have more segments of the business community represented on the board.

Board members will serve three-year terms on a staggered basis, with six new members elected each year.

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Chamber Briefs

and Eggs" breakfast on Aug. 11 at Sorrento's.

Speaker for the 8 to 9:30 a.m. forum will be Jim Surratt, superintendent of Wake County Schools. Members are asked to make reservations by calling 380-9026 by Aug. 7.

A two-hour seminar on "How to Use the Small Claims Court" is scheduled Aug. 18 at 8 a.m. The event is open to the public and the

\$5 fee will include a continental breakfast. Small Claims Court representative John Kennedy will be the speaker.

The next "Business After Hours" is scheduled for Aug. 23 at the Deli Box. The two-hour social will start at 5:30 p.m.

The chamber office will be closed Aug. 3-4, Aug. 14-16 and Aug. 28-Sept. 4. Those wishing chamber information during those times may leave a message on the answering machine or call board chairman Hearson Dickson at 467-8141.

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