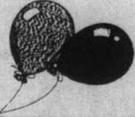


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## LBD To Be On May 3rd Ballot

Other Items: Jernigan Gets Permit;  
Restauranters Oppose UDO Change

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Town Council unanimously passed a resolution Monday night authorizing the Board of Elections to place a mixed beverage election on the May 3 primary ballot.

"Whereas, by calling for such a referendum," the resolution states, "the Edenton Town Council is not endorsing mixed beverage sales, but is simply allowing the citizens of Edenton to voice their preferences."

Councilman Jerry Parks, who made the motion to pass

the resolution, said the Progressive Edenton Committee, appointed by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, petitioned the Council "to give the public a chance to decide" whether or not they wanted liquor by the drink served in dining establishments within the city limits.

"I'm not in favor of it (liquor)," said Councilman Jimmy Allgood, who seconded the motion. "I don't drink and have never drank, but I'm willing to give people in my ward a chance to vote by

putting it on the ballot."

Councilman Jerald Perry was not present to vote on the matter.

Two other items on the agenda of the special meeting preceding the committees' meeting generated considerable discussion.

They were a public hearing on an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), and a hearing on whether to renew the permit for Charlie Jernigan to operate his taxi cab business in the Town limits.

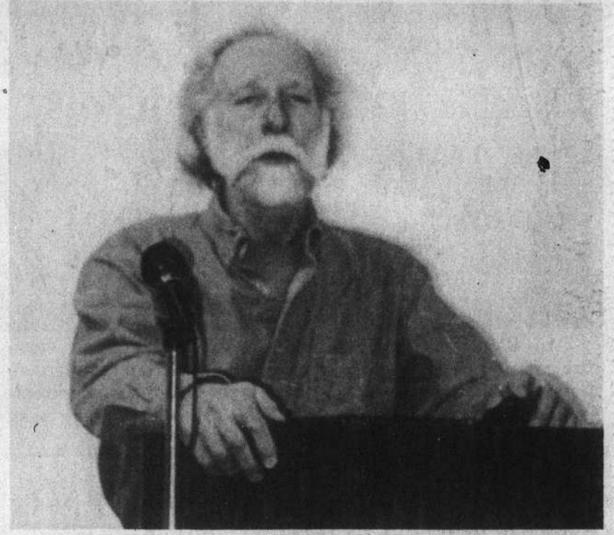
Regarding the latter, Jernigan's attorney, Charles Busby, admitted his client had been convicted of a felony, two

counts of possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, but insisted, "Charlie has been sort of an institution. A lot of folks depend on his taxi service."

Busby said Jernigan, 68, had paid a fine of \$4,500, also, that the cocaine was "two very small pieces." He said Jernigan was under the "watchful eye" of the Edenton police and the probation office.

Speaking as character witnesses for Jernigan, who has operated a taxi service for 40 years, were the Rev. Webster Simons, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Alton Elmore, and Councilman Wil-

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Joe Anderson, owner of a local restaurant, speaks on behalf of the Chowan County-Edenton Restaurant Association at the Edenton Town Council Special Meeting Monday night. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

## Center Is Recipient Of Grant

By REBECCA BUNCH

The Albemarle Recreation Center is the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation headquartered in Winston-Salem.

Robert Harrell, founder and interim director of the center, expressed delight Monday on learning of the award. "It's just fantastic...what else could you say," Harrell remarked. "With the funds we're getting from the public schools now, it assures us of our basic operating expenses for the year."

The ARC, which provides recreational opportunities for handicapped youngsters and adults, currently has 36 students enrolled in its weekly horseback riding program. "We've doubled our enrollment from last year," Harrell said. "We're really doing great...the response has been



Albemarle Recreation Center Interim President Robert Harrell, left, shares the news of the \$25,000 grant received by the center from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation with the Rev. Jasper Horne, chairman of the ARC board of directors, and Peggy Anne Vaughan, ARC secretary-treasurer. Harrell said the ARC was "elated" to be chosen for the award. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

wonderful, and we feel so blessed to be able to help in this way."

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, established over a half century ago, works to support charitable works all across North Carolina. Its particular areas of emphasis

are community economic development, criminal justice, the environment, precollegiate education, issues affecting minorities, and issues affecting women.

The foundation, established in 1936, accepts proposals for grants twice each year.

"This is a great grant," Harrell said, "because it can be used for general project purposes...it doesn't come

with any restrictions on the use of the funding, so we are able to utilize it where the need is greatest."

## Coffey Appointed By Governor

By REBECCA BUNCH

Edenton attorney Mary Ann Coffey has been appointed to the North Carolina Council for Women by Gov. Jim Hunt. Her term will expire June 30, 1995.

In announcing the appointment, Gov. Hunt thanked Ms. Coffey for her "willingness to serve the State of North Carolina."

He added, "I am deeply grateful to people like you who

are willing to give their time and talent to make North Carolina all that it can be and must be. I know that you will be effective and diligent in your service to our state."

Gov. Hunt noted that the council "identifies and assesses the needs of women in North Carolina and makes recommendations to the governor's office, the General Assembly and other policy-making groups on ways to

improve the status of women." The council also is responsible for collecting and distributing information on women's issues and identifies and encourages development of programs designed to serve the needs of women.

"Each of these women know that when women make progress, North Carolina makes progress," Gov. Hunt said. "They are deeply com-

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Mary Ann Coffey

## Rulings Upheld By Commission

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Three busloads of area fishermen returned from Raleigh Friday afternoon disappointed the state Marine Fisheries Commission upheld rigid regulations on commercial fishing effective February 21.

"We lost the battle," Ricky Nixon of Murray L. Nixon Fishery, Inc. said Monday, "but the war shall go on."

Prior to attending the emergency meeting called by the Marine Fisheries Commission, Nixon had said he was hopeful and even optimistic about the Commission ruling in favor of the fishermen.

"Unfortunately," he surmised, "it was all cut and dried before the meeting."

He said the fishermen greatly appreciated the commissioners (seven of seventeen members) who fought for them. He also said one commissioner slept through the entire meeting, waking just in time to cast his vote, which was against the fishermen.

"We were handled like a

bunch of hogs," Nixon said, explaining that the original meeting place was too small to accommodate the number of people in attendance.

After moving to the auditorium in the legislative building, officials conducting the meeting learned there was no telephone hook-up to handle a conference call between the thirteen commission members present and the other four who were out of town but who wanted to participate and vote.

Returning to the original site, Nixon said, many had to sit on the floor or stand the entire time (three hours).

"Then during the fishermen's presentation, the telephone went dead over there," he said. "It came back on just before the vote, and all four absent members voted against us."

Joey Daniels, a seafood processor from Wanchese and a Marine Fisheries commissioner, was one of the seven who voted to overturn the proclamation issued Feb-

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## Sale Of T-Shirts To Aid Special Olympics

By REBECCA BUNCH

Edenton Police Officer Tim Hickman is heading up local efforts to support the North Carolina Special Olympics Summer Games through the sale of T-shirts announcing the 1994 Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraiser. More than 15,000 of the shirts are being distributed statewide.

Hickman said Tuesday that he has some of the T-shirts on hand if local residents want to look at them before ordering. "They're really a good quality shirt," he said. "When people purchase them, they'll definitely be getting their money's worth, and supporting a good cause at the same time."

The shirts, available in various sizes, are selling for \$12 each. They carry artwork

showing a runner carrying a flame of hope across North Carolina.

Hickman also plans to participate in the Torch Run fundraiser on behalf of local law enforcement. He hopes to be joined by State Trooper Tom Griffin and fellow Edenton Police Officer Wayne Forehand. Both have expressed interest in taking part in a show of support for Special Olympics.

North Carolina Special Olympics "provides year-round sports training and competition for over 23,000 people with mental retardation," said Keith Fishburne, NCSO spokesman. "Through a statewide network of thousands of coaches, sports officials, local program committee members and event orga-

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## Curfew Ordinance Is Topic For Public Hearing

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

A public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in Town Council Chambers prior to the Council voting on the adoption of a curfew ordinance applicable to kids under age 16.

The ordinance, which will prohibit youngsters from being outside the home -- more particularly roaming the streets and hanging out at public places -- between the

hours of midnight and 5 a.m., contains a great deal of flexibility.

Some of the exceptions allowed are: coming or going from work, a school sponsored function or a church sponsored function; being accompanied by a guardian, parent, or person over 18 years authorized by a parent or guardian; traveling with written parental permission; seeking medical care for self or some

member of family.

Town Councilman Willis Privott, who recommended Monday night that the ordinance go before full Council, said he had studied the ordinance material thoroughly.

"I like it a lot," he said. "It gets the parents involved and that is good."

The document outlines the responsibilities delegated to parents or guardians for seeing that their children con-

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