

## You're also being abused if...

- You try and try to please your partner, only to be criticized again and again
- You sometimes feel you are living with two different people, a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde
- You are confused about the difference in the way your partner sees your relationship and the way you see it
- You are beginning to believe all the terrible things your partner accuses you of and says about you. Sometimes you feel you are not sure what is real any more.
- You are repeatedly accused of flirting, or having affairs, with your partner confronting you in public as well as in private about relationships with other men

## Are you a victim?

Abuse is serious. How serious? You could get dangerously hurt. Your children could get hurt. You could even die. Have you ever been...

- Slapped
- Punched
- Bitten
- Pinched
- The target of flying objects

- Called demeaning names
  - Shaken
  - Beaten
  - Pushed
  - Kicked
  - Denied proper medical treatment
  - Forced into sexual acts
- If so, then you are a victim. Admitting the problem and seeking

the help of trained professionals who can help you deal with the situation may save your life.

If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse, call Albemarle Hopeline in Elizabeth City for advice and/or assistance. They maintain a 24-hour, seven day a week crisis line. Help is available by calling 338-3011.

## Harm

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your children, left with a trusted friend or perhaps a co-worker; include birth certificates and social

security cards for everyone who will leave with you, and include your marriage license as well.

- If packing a suitcase is not possible, use a box; but be careful not to overpack. It may tip him off.
- Develop a plan in case you need help in an emergency. Teach your children about summoning police

through dialing 911. Tell them they can run to a neighbor's house if they can't get to a phone.

In a "worst case" scenario, Youngblood said, victims must be prepared to leave personal belongings behind and "disappear" to a safe location away from family and friends.

## Sheriff

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Under the "Call to Protect" program, businesses and individuals can donate their phones to the Wireless Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. The phones will be refurbished and reprogrammed to dial 911 and one non-emergency number, and will be distributed to domestic violence victims and shelters in October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Stopping domestic violence can be a matter of life and death, and if even one abuse victim uses a wireless phone to call for help, this effort is worthwhile," said Basnight.

Seventy-seven sheriffs will allow their offices to serve as collection points for phone donations. Donors who leave their names and addresses with their phones will be mailed tax receipts for their donation.

"If anyone is willing to donate phones, we'll be more than happy to accept them," Spruill said.

Several sheriffs and Mary Beth Loucks-Sorrell from The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence joined Basnight for the announcement. Sprint PCS

helped kick off the program by donating 25 cellular phone. AT&T has also pledged to donate 50 phones to the program.

"Domestic violence hurts its direct victims, it hurts families, and it hurts our communities," Basnight said. "Putting phones in the hands of those who need help and a sense of security is the right thing to do. I hope everyone who has an old wireless phone will put it to good use and donate it to this very good cause."

"Call to Protect" was created by the Wireless Foundation and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence with a goal of collecting one million wireless phones nationwide.

## DOT

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Also in attendance was Larnell Valentine, one of several Holly Grove Road residents on hand to discuss the proposed road improvements.

"We represent Holly Grove road," Valentine said. "Every house that we have on Holly Grove, we have our own private vehicles... plus three Chowan County school buses. It is a heavily traveled road, which is a paved road. We want to know if there is some good news that we take back. Or if there is any bad news, we can take that back too."

Responding to Valentine's comments, County Manager Cliff Copeland stated that he had discussed the Holly Grove concerns with state officials and that "your project is on go."

Copeland discussed the road improvement at further length.

"It is requested that \$115,000 be distributed to Blanchard and Tootsie... with Bear Swamp coming back into (focus) next year."

Commissioners agreed to revisit the secondary roads paving project at the board's July meet-

ing.

The battle against roadside litter was also discussed.

"Our department has picked up over 8,000 bags (of litter) in the last three and a half years, since the program started," said Fred Spruill, Sheriff of Chowan County. "We can't pick it up fast enough."

County Manager Cliff Copeland also addressed the situation affecting local roadside areas, stating

"... there is a \$5 million estimate by the DOT to combat (the) litter problem."

Also discussed was a proposed solid waste plan.

While referring to the plan, Tri-County Solid Waste Authority representative Anne Blindt, responded, "This is a plan that will be under the cover of the regional solid waste management plan."

## Look who's reading



Edenton businesswoman Marion DesJardins has a well-deserved reputation for being one of the smartest, and busiest, people in town. In addition to keeping a full schedule running her own business, Marion's Boutique, she also finds the time to serve as president of the Edenton Marketplace Guild. She's also well-informed, thanks to reading *The Chowan Herald*.

## Vacation Bible School to be held in town

Several area churches have announced plans to hold Vacation Bible School at their churches.

At First Christian Church, McMullan Avenue, Edenton, Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-16, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. for ages four through 19.

Theme will be: "In the Race with Jesus, Road Rally 2000". For more information, call Rev. E.C. Alexander at 482-2381.

The Mexico Road Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School on June 13-16 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Anyone needing more information, or transportation, may call 221-8971 for assistance.

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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 The Rev. Tom Rickenbaker,  
 Rector  
 Office 101 W. Gale St. Edenton  
 482-3522

## 'Ghost' book to be available

Lew Wallace, author of the children's book, *The Ghost of Cape Hatteras Light*, will sign copies of his book during his June 13 visit to the Shepard-Pruden Library in Edenton.

Copies of his book will also be

available for purchase.

Librarian Rosalie Boyd said, "We are very pleased to have Mr. Wallace with us as we begin our Summer Reading and Writing Program."

The program starts at 10:30 a.m.

## Tax

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over a three-year period. This is how we phased out our contribution to the 911 center."

Knighton said that in fiscal year 1999-2000, the town's contribution to the Recreation Department was about \$120,000. Her proposal would reduce the town's taxpayer-funded contribution in fiscal year 2000-2001 to \$90,000; in fiscal year 2001-2002, to \$60,000; in fiscal year 2002-2003, to \$30,000; in fiscal year 2003-2004, to zero dollars.

She noted that the proposed fourcent tax increase is expected to generate about \$93,600.

"Savings recognized in the Recreation Department equate to \$30,000," Knighton said. "So we will have \$123,600 in additional revenue. Our planned transfer reduction will cost \$46,800 and the reduction of the fund balance will cost \$74,100. To reduce the transfer and reduce our fund balance will cost \$121,000. So you can see where the revenue from the tax increase and the Recreation Department savings will go."

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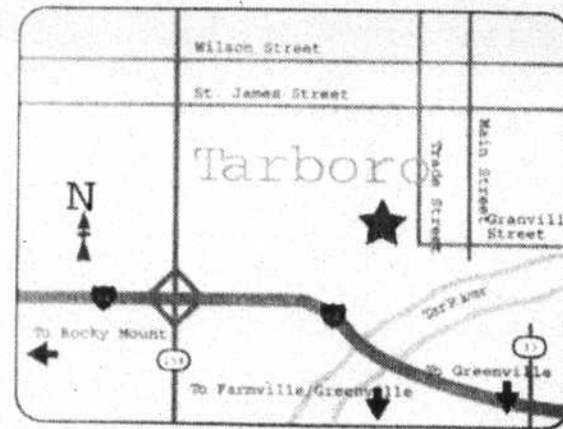
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