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large amounts of information or files on independent company servers and hard drives. This means consumers do not necessarily need to purchase a hard drive of their own to store their files. Also consumers can access many free software and technical support sites.

Emerging hybrid computing systems may soon make PCs irrelevant. Thanks to the existence of so many free Internet services, consumers increasingly are obtaining new hybrid systems known as "Internet appliances" or "dumb terminals" that offer instantaneous Internet access without requiring the purchase of a hard drive. For as little as \$99, consumers can purchase a keyboard and a monitor with built-in Internet soft-

ware for direct access to the Web.

Companies are rushing to deploy state-of-the-art broadband networks to the home. For example, high-speed digital subscriber line (DSL) systems are being rolled out by telephone companies, and cable firms are deploying modems to offer fast Internet access through their cable systems. More important, "wireless Internet" technologies are emerging that offer access without a physical wire running into the home, which will make Internet access more available to many more Americans in the very near future.

Free markets are spreading new technologies more quickly than subsidies. As Helen Chaney of the Pacific Research Institute notes, "Internet access has spread to 50 million people in only four years. That's about nine times faster than radio, four times faster than the personal computer and three times

faster than television. At this rate, it won't be long until all of those who desire Internet access will have it." Moreover, low-income households are increasingly seen as the most popular segment of the market to target by computer firms. This expectation helps explain the recent rise of free and low-priced PCs.

Is there a digital divide in America? No, there is not. As the data presented above illustrate, policymakers at all levels need not fear that some Americans may be left behind in this profoundly dynamic Information Age.

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# Coffey

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Child became active in the General Assembly as a representative of Chowan County in 1760-1761, joining Thomas Barker and Robert Jones in advancing the political and economic interests of the proprietary counties. The Royal Governor, Arthur Dobbs, soon denounced Child as an opponent of the royal prerogative and tried to have Child's appointment as attorney general withdrawn.

Instead, Child simply resigned as attorney general, leaving that position, as well as active management of the proprietary land affairs, to Jones. Child moved to Suffolk, Virginia. When Lord Granville died in 1763, Child closed the land office and returned to London. He tried to purchase the proprietary lands in North Carolina from the new Earl of Granville, but settled for the purchase of quitrents from the 100,000 acres owned by the Moravians.

But a lawsuit by Joshua Bradley against Child continued in the Edenton District Superior Court, long after Child left the country.

Bodley testified in court that he and Child had entered into a plan soon after Child became land agent to embezzle profits from the Earl of Granville. He further alleged that, as part of the conspiracy, Child had sold the position of collector of quitrents to Bodley. These statements damaged Child's reputation with his contemporaries, and leaves historians questioning Child's honesty.

In 1767, Child sold the right to quitrents back to the Moravians, and "dropped out of North Carolina affairs altogether," Stevenson concludes. It is believed that Child died in London in the early 1790s.

# Martin

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date selection decision away from "real Republicans."

However, cynical observers say that the convention decision was simply a power play by conservatives who believe their candidate has a better chance of being nominated at a convention.

Should North Carolina consider following Virginia's example? Here are some of the advantages for us:

1. Save Money  
Taxpayers and candidates would save the costs associated with the primary and run-off campaigns. The savings to the state might be minimal since the primary selection process would continue for local races. But the costs to candidates would be greatly reduced. There would be less need for expensive television - and less time on the telephone raising money from the fat cats.

2. Give Both Major Political Parties New Life

A party nominating convention would energize and strengthen the political parties. Party leaders and party workers would have an important new reason to stay involved.

In the old days, there were many reasons to be active in party politics.

Party leaders influenced appointments to jobs and government commissions.

They could get a road built and they had a place at the table when government projects were being parceled out.

Nowadays, party leaders have much less influence. So, there is less incentive to be active in party politics. It is harder and harder to get people to attend party conventions and events and to persuade them to volunteer for party political work.

But if a convention selected the party's major candidates, party leaders and loyal workers would have the best chance of becoming delegates and having a say in who gets nominated. As a result, there would be a lot more "loyal workers" and a lot more enthusiasm for party activities.

3. More People To People Campaigning - All Over The State.

The search for delegate support would take candidates across the state, to every section. More people would get to know them personally, too. It has an appeal, doesn't it, after this year's candidates for governor seemed to spend most of their time closeted in fundraising activities and in television production studios?

There are, of course, some disadvantages to the convention nominating process.

It excludes the public from participation until the fall general election.

But experts tell us that most of

public waits until the fall to get interested anyway. That is why the primary election turnout is so low.

A convention selection process could bring very different results. Maybe that is not a disadvantage, depending on your point of view. This year, for instance, party conventions would probably have chosen Daughtry over

Vinroot and Wicker over Easley.

Finally, when participation in a selection process is restricted, as in a convention rather than a primary small determined radical groups will sometimes find ways to take control away from the mainstream majorities.

Even with these risks, the convention nominating process is worth talking about - and is a much better idea than merely doing away with the run-off primary.

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North Carolina Bookwatch, the UNC-TV program that I host, airs on Sundays at 5 p.m. My guest on June 11 will be Stella Suberman, author of "The

Jew Store: A Family Memoir" More information about upcoming programs is on UNC-TV's web site ([www.unctv.org](http://www.unctv.org)) under the "Local Programs".

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK . . .

# Chowan COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday - 6/8

### GUILD MEETING

The next meeting of the Edenton Marketplace Guild will be held Thursday, June 8, at 5:45 p.m. at the Barker House, 505 South Broad Street. Come and help support a beautiful and healthy downtown. Information: call 482-3147.

## Saturday - 6/10

### FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Chowan Arts Council is sponsoring its second annual Outdoor Music Festival June 10, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Edenton Waterfront Park (rain location - Rec. Dept. at the old Armory in Edenton). The festival is free and open to the public. Musical styles encompass bluegrass, country, jazz, pop, rock, gospel and contemporary Christian music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, your family and friends, and enjoy a hot dog or hamburger. Questions? Call 482-8005.

### LUMINARY CEREMONY

The Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life will hold a Luminary Ceremony at the conclusion of the Chowan Arts Council's Outdoor Music Festival. The Luminary Ceremony, rained out on Relay weekend, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening and over 500 Luminaries will be lit in honor or memory of those who have fought cancer. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Pam Virzi, 482-8421.

## Tuesday - 6/13

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Shepard-Pruden Library in Edenton will kick off its

## Spanish will be COA course

The Continuing Education Division of College of the Albemarle (COA) is offering an education course this summer semester to allow individuals to pick up important Spanish speaking skills.

Farmers, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, industry employers, and others who employ or come in daily contact with Spanish-speaking people may need these important conversational lessons.

The three-and-a-half week course is being conveniently

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Summer Reading and Writing Program on Tuesday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. with author Lew Wallace and his new book, "The Ghost of Cape Hatteras Light." (For more information, see page 2-A of this week's newspaper.)

## Wed. - 6/14

### LUNCHEON SCHEDULED

The Albemarle Republican Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at noon on Wednesday, June 14 at the Beechtree Inn in Hertford. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Byrd, Republican candidate for State Representative to the North Carolina House. Small fee charged. For more info or to make a reservation, call Barbara Kehayes at 482-8266. Reservations must be made by June 12. For directions to Beechtree Inn, call 426-7815 or 426-1810.

### STEAMERS NIGHT

The Edenton Steamers are hosting a Chowan Arts Council Night. The game will be held Wednesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. The evening promises to be fun-filled with lots of door prizes. All advance tickets purchased at the Arts Council will support the arts. Questions? Call the Arts Council at 482-8005.

## Upcoming Events

### BASKET WEAVING

Well-known basket weaver

Jean Bridges will be holding an "Introduction to Basket Weaving" class June 19-20. In the class students will make a large usable service basket. Students need to register one week in advance of the class. For information about fees, or to sign-up, call the Chowan Arts Council at 482-8005.

### PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

The Head Start Program, Chowan County Board of Education, Health Department and DEC will conduct countywide screenings in the areas of Speech, Language, Hearing, Developmental, Vision and Dental on Friday, June 30, at D.F. Walker Elementary School in Edenton, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children that will be three and/or four years old should be brought to these screenings. Walk-ins will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Questions? Call Ms. Gertha Bond-Thomas at 482-4495, ext. 109.

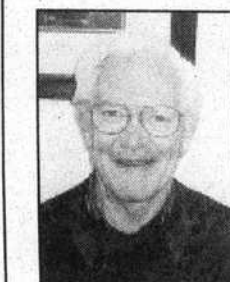
### NAACP TO MEET

The Chowan County Branch of the NAACP will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at the Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Edenton.

### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS

The Edenton-Chowan Civic League will meet at the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club in Edenton Monday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrating the success of rehabilitation patients who have worked so hard to recover and return to their homes, families and communities.



*Celebrate Success*  
(Note: this is the first of an on-going series of success stories to be presented by the Rehabilitation Department at Chowan Hospital in an effort to encourage others with similar problems to keep on going. The Rehabilitation Department includes Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.)

By Betty Onutrak, Licensed Speech Therapist

James Carnrite is an avid golfer. He enjoys swing dancing, reading historical novels, playing his trumpet, listening to music and traveling to places like Puerto Rico. He loves to entertain - until that one morning in August '99 when he was brushing his teeth, he realized that he could not answer his wife's question. He could not talk. He was having a stroke. "I don't recall anything more of that day; I was simply just there," said Jim.

At Chowan Hospital, Jim was referred to the Speech/Language Therapy Department for treatment. The initial test results showed that reading, writing, understanding, memory and problem solving skills were also involved besides his ability to speak. "I could read but I couldn't understand what I read." "I was pointing at pictures to tell people what I needed" About his writing, Jim said, "I couldn't write a single word; all my letters looked the same."

The Speech/Language Therapy Department customized his aphasia treatment program to include all of Jim's needs and interests. Golf terms were used to "swing into" the treatment. Jim summed up the beginning of therapy like this: "I was at a loss for words and I just listened to my therapist. I was impressed by her smile. She used precise words and explained the procedures so I could understand." A home program was included as part of his treatment to help increase the rate of progress.

Jim has completed his treatment program and now enjoys his golf, dancing and traveling, and his trumpet playing "only a little slower." "I'm OK. I don't feel there's any reason to not do what I want. I got as far as I did in therapy because of the encouragement from my wife (Patricia) and my therapist. I had checked out my therapist before I had my stroke and I learned that she knew what she was doing. So I decided to meet her half way," said Jim. "A good relationship between patient and therapist is very important to success in therapy. It's important that the therapist know what it's like for the (aphasic) patient and to communicate with them so they understand."

The Rehabilitation Services Department applauds the achievements exhibited by James Carnrite. Working daily with his wife, they combined efforts to retrieve those lost skills. Congratulations to both of you!

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## Wilbur Ray Bunch's Produce Stand

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Edenton, NC 27932  
252-221-4594

We will re-open on June 7th. Come to see us for fresh local produce. Hours will be 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m., Monday thru Saturday, and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Wilbur Ray & Dustin

# Notice

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will hold Public Hearings as follows:  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> 4p.m.** joint meeting with Board of Education  
**June 19<sup>th</sup> 6p.m.** 2000-01 Budget Hearing at the Commissioners Room, Courthouse.

## GIFT IDEAS FOR DAD

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