

# Intro to Internet to be offered

If you feel a little intimidated when surfing the World Wide Web, think you're missing a few Internet tricks, or haven't mastered sending attachments, we have the perfect program for you. Introduction to the Internet will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Craig Swinson, a new volunteer and computer whiz, will guide you through search engines, e-commerce and security, web privacy, and more. Call 482-4112 to sign up.

On Oct. 10 and 11 the library will be open in the morning for programs, but not open for checkouts or Internet use. We will close in the afternoon. This is because our software will be upgraded during that time. On Thursday the 19th we will be completely closed while staff has training on the changes. Wish us luck and well see you again on the 20th.

The book sale is off to a super start. Many thanks to the volunteers who set the books up in an organized way and are staffing the sale. The selection is terrific. Please visit, peruse, and adopt a bagful!

From Sidney Sheldon, *The Sky Is Falling* a television anchorwoman decides to investigate the deaths of five members of America's most prominent family. As she hones in on the

## Check It Out

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suspect, her life and her sons are in peril.

*The Dark House* by John Sedgwick has a different approach to the suspense genre. A young businessman with an unusual hobby spends his evenings following people, taking notes, and recording their activities. It is a benign activity until he discovers a dark house that shelters an even darker secret.

Joy Fielding writes about a marriage rescued just as it is on the verge of collapse in *The First Time*.

A number one bestseller from Canada, *A Good House* by Bonnie Burnard follows fifty years of an Ontario family's life beginning in the post-World War II boom optimism and continuing through the inevitable family cycles. The reviews of it are very good, praising both the writing and the insight.

A college professor struggling

with the accidental deaths of his wife and child four years before has been unable to move ahead with his life. Deciding to act like somebody who cares what happens to him, he tentatively makes contact with some rather unusual characters in the college community - *The Name of the World* by Denis Johnson.

A young woman born into privilege in China in 1890 abruptly loses her position and fortune when her father dies under suspicious circumstances. The history of China during these years of upheaval and change form the historic background for *Dream of the Walled City*. Author Lisa Huang Fleischman based the novel on her own grandmothers' experiences.

*The Mineral Palace* by Heidi Julavits: It's the 1930s and the Great Depression seems to have a double meaning for a doctor's wife in a Colorado mining town. As an antidote for her low spirits she takes a job on the local newspaper, and becomes aware of some of the town's undercurrents and activities she had never suspected.

Stuart Kaminsky is back with *Fall of a Cosmonaut*, another in his series featuring Moscow police inspector Porfiry Rostnikov. Three cases are up in the air at once: A missing cosmonaut, the death of a prominent paranormal researcher, and the blackmail of a film producer.

A Highlands woman marries the laird of a rival clan in order to restore peace between the families. She hadn't anticipated falling in love with him in *A Gentle Feuding* by Johanna Lindsey.

*Daily Cornbread* by Stephanie Stokes Oliver, founding editor of *Heart & Soul* magazine offers 365 daily readings for inspiration and improvement.

Journalist Jonetta Rose Barras has written *Whatever Happened to Daddy's Little Girl?*, *The Impact of Fatherlessness on Black Women*. The author, called a spokeswoman for the African American community, explores the subject beginning with her own case, that of her father leaving the family when she was very young.

Keeping up with the news at the library: The library subscribes to three weekly news magazines, *Time*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Newsweek*. We get the *Sunday New York Times*, and the daily *Raleigh News and Observer*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, the *Virginian-Pilot*, and the *Daily Advance*. Look for the *Chowan Herald*, of course, the *Perquimans Weekly*, and the thrice-weekly *Coastland Times*.

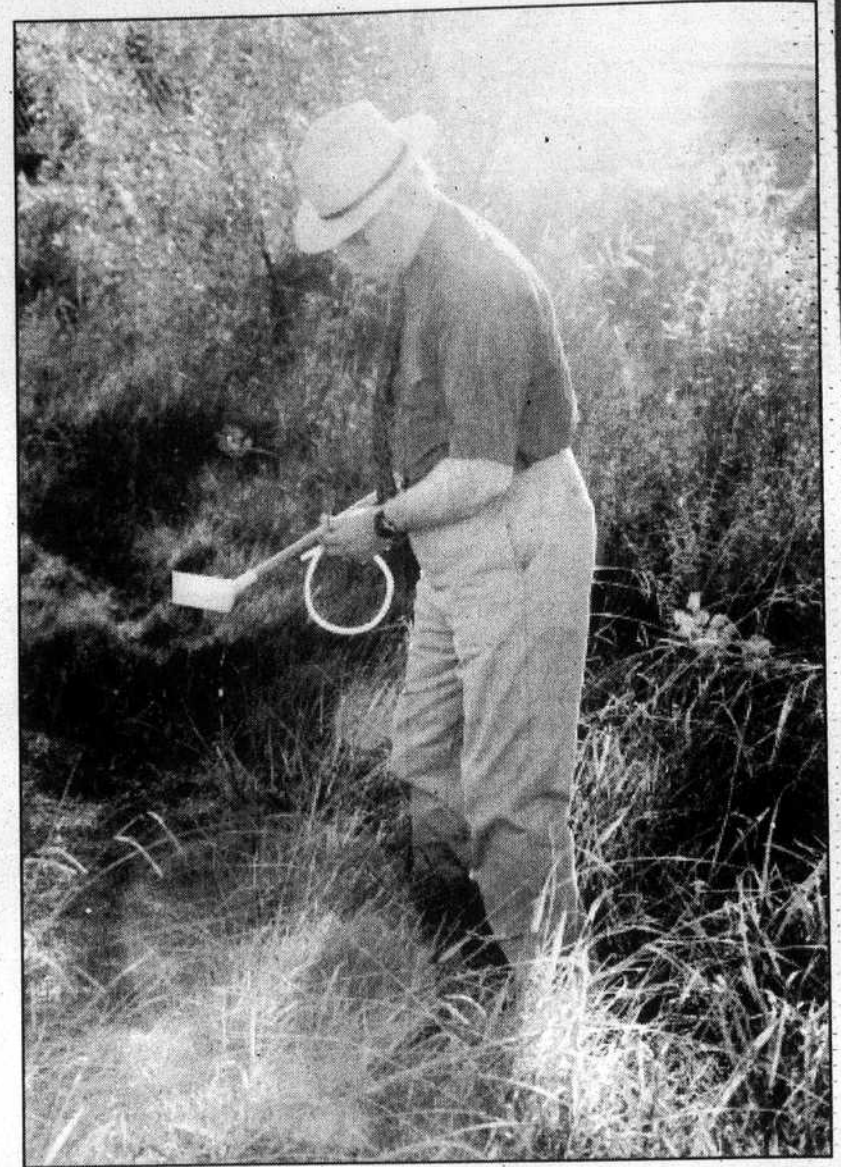
# State offers assistance with area mosquito management efforts

Albemarle Regional Health Services has received funding from the Public Health Pest Management Division of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources for Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties.

This funding, endorsed by Sen. Marc Basnight, strengthened the mosquito management efforts in northeastern North Carolina. Recognizing the prevalence of the mosquito population in the area due to increased rains and the environmental impact, Senator Basnight advocated for this funding to enhance the identification and surveillance process of mosquito-borne viruses. The equipment purchased allowed the counties to ground spray areas of highest population density assessed by mosquito landing counts, when weather permitted.

Six remote controlled sprayers, easily positioned in trucks for spraying were purchased as well as ten light traps featuring photo switch-activated, low-pressure shut-off valves and two-stage regulators. In addition, five batteries and five battery chargers were secured. A computer to support the Microsoft office component was received along with Nikon Microscope with binocular stereo, eyepieces, and plane stand. Additional equipment received including the cold light fiber optic illuminator with dual gooseneck and spot lens and six pair of forceps for sorting insects for identification and large petri dishes for surveillance purposes.

"The region is indebted to the state department for its efforts and to Senator Basnight for his insight and leadership," said Jerry Parks, Interim Health Director, Albe-



Walker Rayburn, Environmental Health Specialist, collects larvae from a mosquito-infested area in the region. Identification and surveillance of the mosquito population are accomplished by the Environmental Health Specialists with the state-funded mosquito management equipment. (Submitted photo)

marle Regional Health Services. For information related to the mosquito management program, Environmental Health Services

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# Parker a senior state legislator

Chowan County resident attends fall meeting, helps set group's priorities

Jack Parker of Chowan County attended the fall meeting of the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature in Raleigh on Oct. 3-4.

The Senior Legislature, established by the NC General Assembly in 1993, provides information and education to senior adults on matters being considered by the General Assembly and makes recommendations to the General Assembly on the legislative needs of older North Carolinians.

Parker is the delegate to the Senior Tar Heel Legislature from Chowan County.

At the meeting, the delegates to the Senior Legislature identified five priority issues for action by the General Assembly in the year 2001 legislative session. These issues are:

- Increase property tax relief for low-income elderly and disabled
- Appropriate \$5 million to expand in-home and community-

based services

- Take steps to continue the reform of the financing and delivery of health care in the state including: (a) support to establish a prescription drug assistance program for low-income elderly and disabled persons, (b) increase the asset limit for Medicaid eligibility, and (c) study the feasibility of mental health insurance parity
- Appropriate \$2 million in capital funds for planning, construction, renovation and/or repair, and equipping new senior centers
- Pass legislation to require the license of mortgage brokers.

As a part of the meeting, Parker also attended a forum for the candidates for lieutenant governor. At this forum, the candidates from the Democratic, Republican, and Reform parties shared their views about key aging issues such as prescription drug assistance and tax issues.

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