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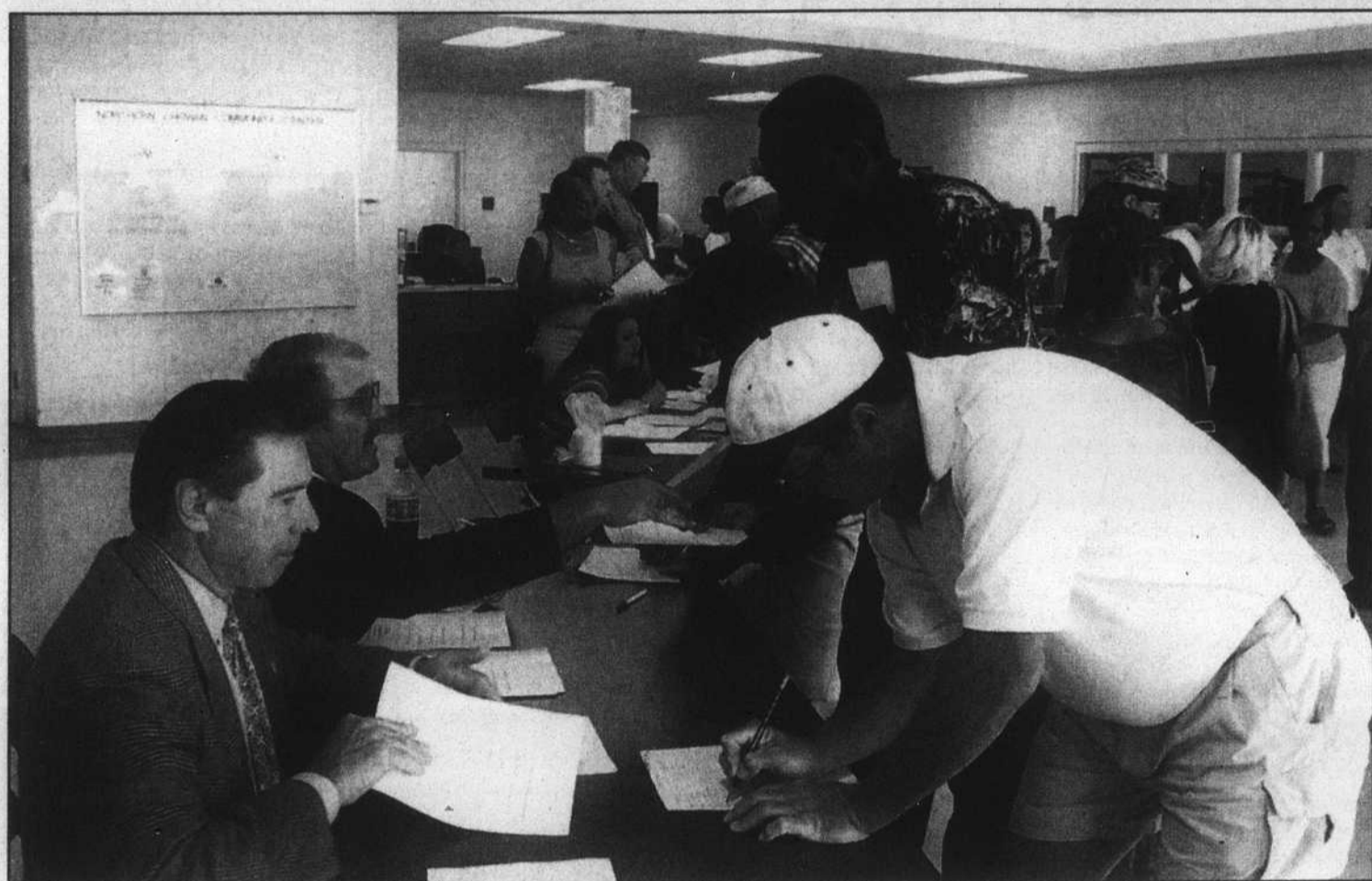
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Job Fair draws a crowd

Overnight the unemployment rate in Chowan County went from 3 percent to 11 percent as UPDW shut down. Almost immediately the business community rallied to help those who have lost their jobs. A job fair was initiated on Tuesday at the Northern Chowan Community Center to provide services and support ranging from job placement to stress management. Above Ken Sebo (left) and Ricky Coltrain of the NC Employment Security Commission office in Edenton help displaced employees fill out forms as they begin the job hunting process. (Photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Suspect facing drug charges; is out on bond

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

Acting on information received by Detective Wayne Goodwin of the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, on Wednesday, August 7, deputies and detectives from the Sheriff's Office conducted a search at the residence of Mary Jo Dernbach confiscating a number of marijuana plants and drug paraphernalia.

According to a report released by the Sheriff's office Detective Dwayne Goodwin, Deputies Harry Ward, W.C. Bunch, Kenny White, Tim Brabble, and Curtis Liverman searched the property of Dernbach, a single wide mobile home located at 921 Ryland Road

in Tyner, at approximately 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Deputies and detectives found a number of marijuana plants, measuring six feet in height, located under a mesh type cloth behind the mobile home. Officers also recovered pipes, bongs, and rolling papers located inside and around the house.

The report goes on to state that the suspect, Mary Jo Dernbach, was arrested for manufacture of controlled substances, felony possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Dernbach, a 44-year-old white female, was released on a \$3,000 bond, the report said.

Sheriff Fred Spruill stated a job was well done by all.

Toppin hopes to unseat Basnight

BY ROBERT SHILES
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Ron Toppin, the Beaufort County Republican who lost the 2000 state Senate race to long-time incumbent Sen. Marc Basnight, hopes to get another chance in November to unseat the powerful Democratic senator from Dare County.

First, however, Toppin must defeat fellow Republican, Ashley Stephenson, also from Beaufort County. Stephenson is the leading plaintiff in the court case that delayed this year's primary elections from May until Sept. 10, and found



Ron Toppin

redistricting maps drawn by state legislators to be in violation of the state constitution.

"I think Ron would make an outstanding state senator, as would Ashley," Jim Beales, the GOP vice chairman of the 3rd Congressional District and a Camden County resident, said Monday. "Whichever candidate wins the primary will have my support in the general election."

Toppin, 58, who is the brother of E.C. Toppin of Edenton, said he is running for the 1st District senate seat because of the "current state of affairs in North Carolina."

"We don't need full-time legislators making a career for themselves rather than doing what's best for the state,"

Toppin said. "...just look at the (current) budget and state of affairs of North Carolina (over the last 20 years). It's been going downhill. The only progress that's been made was in 1994-96 when the Republicans controlled the state House. There was a more conservative agenda at that time."

Toppin, in a telephone interview Monday, emphasized that economic development and growth is one of his major priorities. He said as a senator he will work closely with economic development commissions across the state to bring

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These are some of the six-foot tall marijuana plants confiscated by the Chowan County Sheriff's office during a Wednesday morning search of a Tyner residence. Officers, acting on information, recovered a number of plants and an assortment of drug paraphernalia. (Submitted photo)

'Shrimp on the Bay' fundraiser Saturday

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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On Saturday, August 17, from

5 p.m. - 9 p.m. the waterfront in downtown Edenton will come alive with the aroma of steamed shrimp and the

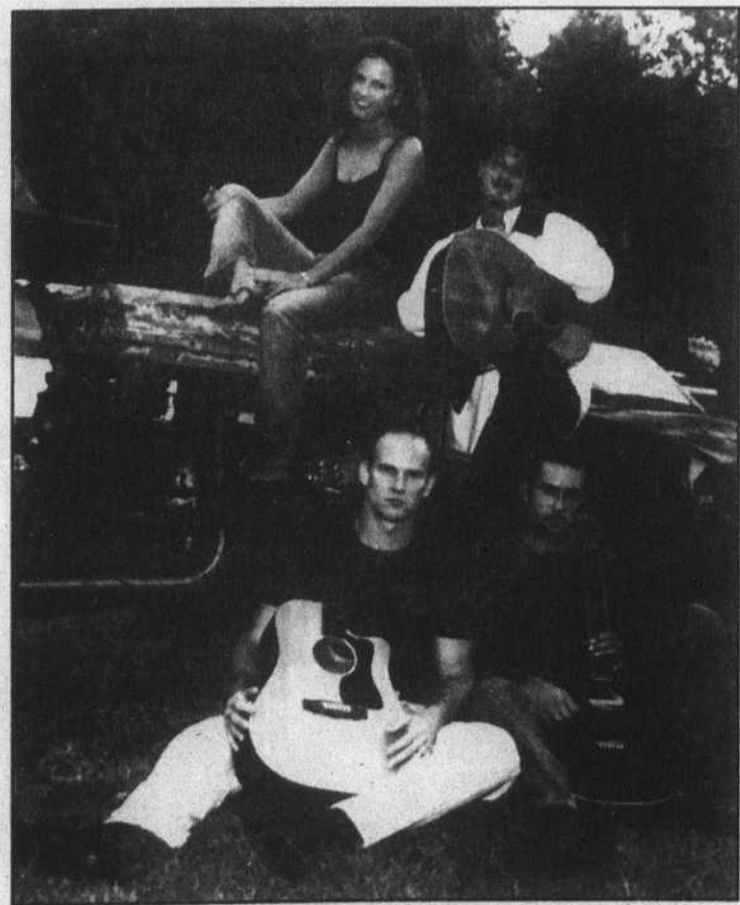
smooth sounds of Acoustic Breeze. Terry Waff of Magnolias and the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the First Annual Shrimp by the Bay.

"This has been a 'from

scratch' project," said Terry Waff, Chairperson of Special Events, with a smile. "We wanted to do something different. It is also a good fundraiser for the community through the Chamber of Commerce."

Shrimp by the Bay will take place on the green beside the Barker House. Tickets are already on sale for \$20 a piece. While guest savor the taste of

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Acoustic Breeze

Ballance campaigns here

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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State Senator Frank W. Ballance, Jr. was in Edenton Monday visiting local citizens and community leaders as part of his campaign tour and bid for U. S. Congress. Ballance, who represents the First Congressional District of North Carolina, was greeted by Marie Daves, President for the Chowan County NAACP, as he arrived at the Senior Citizen Center at E. A. Swain Building.

Ballance is concerned about some of the issues facing eastern North Carolina and took time to address several.

When asked where he stood on the issue of tax reimbursements to local governments

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Sen. Frank Ballance talks with Marie Daves, who heads the Chowan County branch of NAACP.

Special features in this edition

Our readers will find several special things about this week's edition.

First is our 2002 progress edition. The four special sections take a look at community spirit, cultural spirit, scholastic spirit and economic spirit in Chowan County.

"We are very pleased to be able to spotlight some of the people and organizations that make life here so special," said Publisher David Crawley.

There are also copies of the Chowan County Fair Exhibit Booklet inserted in this week's newspaper. The booklet is broken into general information, and categories for both adult and youth competitions.

The booklet also features a pre-registration sheet as well as important information on educational booths for the fair in October.

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