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Dority, Ballance discuss stands on Social Security, OLF, Iraq and more

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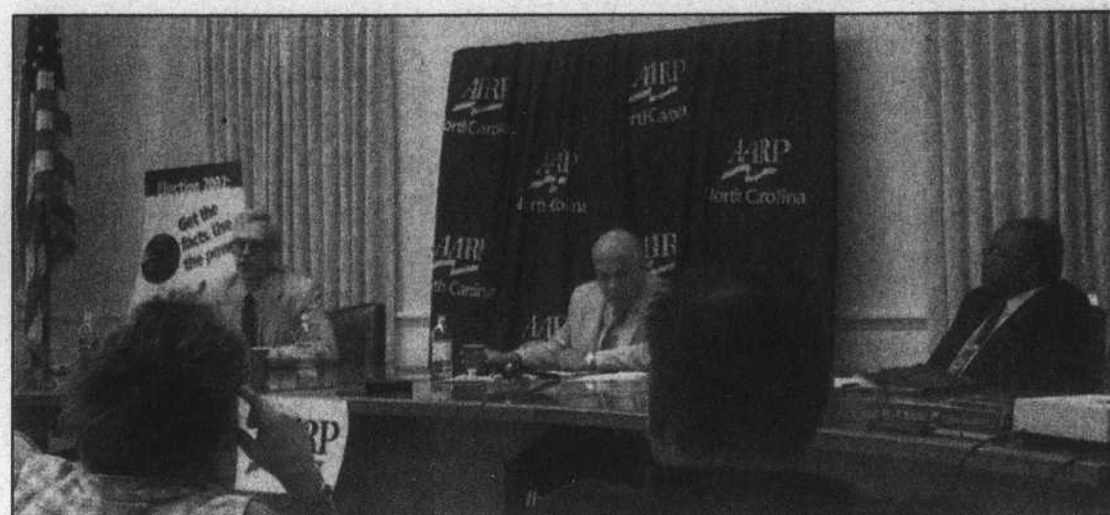
Both candidates for the First U.S. House District seat in Congress said Saturday they would oppose any current efforts to tinker with the Social Security system to allow individuals to invest benefits in private accounts.

State Sen. Frank Ballance, the Democrat in the race, said allowing workers to invest any portion of their Social Security benefits in the stock market seemed like "risky business," especially given the recent downturn in the market and the slumping economy.

"We (seniors) want the money to be in the bank," the 60-year-old lawyer said. "Social Security should be just what the name says, security."

Dority, the 43-year-old Republican candidate, seemed open to the idea of eventually changing the Social Security program to benefit younger workers. But like Ballance, he too doesn't think the time to do so is now.

"At this time, I do not think this (change) is wise," Dority said, adding that it's imperative not to do anything that might reduce guaranteed ben-



Candidates Greg Dority (left) and Frank Ballance (right) listen as moderator Frank Roberts asks a question during Saturday's forum sponsored by AARP. The forum was held at the Edenton town council chambers. (Photo by Sean Jackson, Bertie Ledger-Advance)

efits for senior citizens.

Ballance and Dority's positions on investment accounts for Social Security played well with Saturday's audience of about 25 at Edenton's town hall. The forum for the congressional candidates was sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), a group long opposed to the idea of allowing private investment of Social Security benefits.

The candidates, who are seeking to replace retiring

Congresswoman Eva Clayton in the First U.S. House District, were also asked about the steps the United States is taking toward war with Iraq.

Dority, a managing partner with a security firm, said he believes U.S. military action in Iraq is unavoidable and predicted that America will soon be at war to topple Saddam Hussein. He added that he strongly supports President Bush's efforts to isolate Hussein internationally.

"I support President Bush

one hundred percent," he said.

In a swipe at Ballance, Dority said he was disappointed that his Democratic opponent had so far refused to publicly support Bush's efforts.

Ballance countered that he was unaware that Bush had the authority to declare war. He said it was Congress' responsibility, not the president's, to decide whether the country would go to war with

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Homecoming couple

Holmes seniors TJ Palmer (left) and Leslie Burns (right) model their royal finery as the 2002-2003 John A. Holmes High School Homecoming King and Queen. They were honored, along with other member of the Homecoming Court, during halftime festivities at Friday night's football game. (Photo courtesy of Glenda Jakubowski, Edenton-Chowan Schools)

Octoberfest this weekend

Die Nierentische, the popular German show band from Dresden, was certainly missed last fall when history put an understandable damper on Chowan County's annual Oktoberfest. But, to the delight of local audiences, the band will return this year

Of course, no Chowan Arts Council-sponsored Oktoberfest would be complete without food and refreshments. A German buffet will be open from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., prepared by Leon Nixon's Catering of Edenton. Sausages, fried shrimp, chicken, cabbage (slaw), crusty breads and German potato salad will be on the buffet along with lots of pretzels, sweets and tea.

A cash bar with plenty of Oktoberfest beverages will be available.

Don't miss Oktoberfest, Oct.



Die Nierentische

12, at the National Guard Armory, located at 739 Soundside Drive, Edenton. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and wind down some time around 11

p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Chowan Arts Council, 200 East Church Street, Edenton, NC 27932 for \$20 each in advance and \$25 at the door.

Bridge to be replaced

RALEIGH - The N.C. Board of Transportation awarded a \$2.3 million contract to an Orangeburg, S.C. firm to replace the 52-year old wooden bridge over Rocky Hock Creek northwest of Edenton in Chowan County.

The contract was awarded to Carolina Bridge Co. Inc. by the board at its meeting Thursday, Oct. 3 in Raleigh. It calls for demolishing the narrow, 160-foot long bridge on Rocky Hock Creek Road (S.R. 1207) and replacing it with a wider two-lane, concrete-and-steel bridge 850 feet long.

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Taylor resigns

Chowan County Commission Chairman Pete Dail (right) thanks fellow commissioner James Taylor for his service to the board. Taylor submitted his resignation during Monday night's meeting after 12 years on the board. Prior to that, he served six years on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. He said he has enjoyed the chance to serve but is looking forward to more family time. (Outland photo)

Art Walk Friday, Saturday



Artist from all over the United States will be displaying their crafts during the Art Walk. As seen above the artwork, jewelry, and pottery will be comparable in beauty to that seen at 'The Perfect Gift'. (Outland Photo)

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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Come rain or shine the streets of Edenton from Albemarle Street to the Waterfront Park will be lined with some of the country's best artisans this Friday and Saturday for the annual Art Walk. "There will be nearly 60 artists on site from as far away as Utah, and Montana," says Art Walk promoter Bruce Freeman.

The Art Walk will run Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A wide variety of unique and beautiful arts and crafts will be displayed. There large cross section of fine art work will include jewelers, weavers, potters, photography, wood workers, and wrought iron workers. A number of local artist will be participating as well and include By Hand, Special Occasions Jewelry, and Primrose Interiors.



Isn't she lovely?

Susan Bass, four-year-old daughter of April and Patrick Bass, waves to the crowd at Saturday's Peanut Festival. Young Miss Bass was last year's winner of the Chowan County Fair's Little Miss Pageant. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bass and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Forehand of Edenton.

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