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were from out of state and were using the local people as offloaders.

"I think that Brunswick County and the district came out of all this with a good name because in the entire time we indicted and tried these cases the local juries convicted every single drug trafficker," he said. "We never once lost a drug trafficking case to a Brunswick County jury and the people here demonstrated their support for cleaning up the problem."

Easley pointed out that he introduced many new programs as district attorney. He had grand juries investigate drug trafficking cases and he set up a program for rape and child abuse victims. He said that while the investigative grand jury has been largely adopted at the state level the victim's advocate program has not mainly because of lack of funds, a situation which he hopes to change if elected.

Easley said a child abuse victim trust fund could be established with the help of private donations because many people would be willing to contribute to such a fund. Another method of funding, he said, could be to have a tax refund checkoff, where a taxpayer could contribute part of his tax refund to support child abuse programs.

"Another way would be making the offender pay by adding a small amount to the probation fees, for those lucky enough to get probation," he said. "Make them pay something into the fund to help the victims they created."

Easley said the issue he has emphasized most on the campaign trail is crime.

Among the specific issues Easley said he is stressing are raising the caps on prison populations and the building of low-cost, low-tech prisons.

"We've spent too much on the wrong type of prisons," he said. "Prisons should be a place to penalize criminals, not the taxpayers."

Easley said he also favors truth-in-sentencing, the concept that a prisoner's term not differ greatly from his actual sentence.

"As a prosecutor, I'm getting tired of this trickery where the victims are lied to and the people are lied to," he said. "I've seen people get six-year sentences and serve ten days."

Easley said that he is also talking a lot about weapons in schools and that he has developed several programs to address the problem, like setting up an anonymous hotline so that school children could call in and report their classmates carrying weapons to school, and making schools a weapon-free zone by raising penalties for the crime.

Easley said he is also in favor of more sharing of confidential information with school officials about which of their students are on juvenile probation, and for making expulsion laws tougher.

Easley said he believes in a multi-disciplinary approach to solving the drug problem which includes jailing the traffickers and the dealers, treat-

'He's been a Raleigh bureaucrat for eight years. I've been in the front lines down here in the battle against crime and I know what tools we need and what they're not providing.'

ing the users, and educating the children.

"We can't solve the problem with press conferences and tough talk," he said. "We have too many politicians who talk like John Wayne and perform like Barney Fife."

Easley said he supports the death penalty firstly because he considers it to be a necessary form of punishment and, secondly, because the people of North Carolina overwhelmingly support it.

Easley said that he is strongly pro-choice when it comes to abortion.

"It's a decision that ought to be made between a woman and her doctor and her family and not between a woman and the attorney general," he said. "I just believe it is a difficult and personal decision that ought not to be made by the government."

Easley has campaigned strongly for the system of secret parole hearings to be abolished and for the proceedings to be held in the open.

"I want the secret parole system done away with," he said. "I've seen too many criminals whom I've sent to jail, their sentences being reduced in secret and the people are not told why."

Easley said that the rationale given for having a secret parole system is the safety of the parole officers. He said this doesn't make any sense to him because prosecutors have always had to make their case and jurors have always had to make their decisions in public.

Easley said the issue of malpractice reform would have to be tackled as a part of the health care issue instead of by itself.

"I think what we're going to see is the whole health care issue bring everybody to the table to negotiate ways to get health care costs down," he said.

"We've got to get it all in one package and make everybody come to a consensus," he said. "I think that's a key to it."

Easley said he is confident he will be able to get all his measures passed by the state legislature, especially with the help of Rep. David Redwine and Sen. R. C. Soles from this district.



Mr. and Mrs. Rifton Gail Evans of Ash have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rhonda Gail, to Joseph Wendell Benton of Ash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeRoy Benton of Ash. Friends, relatives and students of the couple are invited to the wedding planned for 6 p.m. November 28 at Myrtle Head Baptist Church in Ash. Miss Evans is a 1987 graduate of West Brunswick High School and a 1991 graduate of North Carolina State University. Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of West Brunswick High and a 1992 graduate of the University of South Carolina/Coastal Carolina College. Both are employed by Brunswick County schools as a seventh grade teachers at South Brunswick Middle School.

Microwave, other prizes offered in cookie contest

With the holiday season just weeks away, it's time to get out the family's favorite Christmas cookie recipes and start gathering the necessary ingredients.

If you have a recipe everyone just raves about, consider entering it in *The State Port Pilot's* second annual cookie contest. You may win a microwave oven from Lowe's of Southport or one of three other top prizes: a \$40 baker's gift basket from Sabra's Gifts, \$30 worth of Echo bakeware from Rose's or a cookbook from Little Professor Book Store.

Any variety of cookie can be entered, but only one entry per person will be accepted. All recipes should be typed or printed legibly. Recipe blanks are available at *The State Port Pilot*. When submitting your recipe, make sure all measurements are spelled out, not abbreviated.

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number on the entry. All entries must be received at *The State Port Pilot* office by 3 p.m. Friday, November 6.

A panel of independent judges will review the recipes and select ten semi-finalists. Those ten people will

be contacted on Tuesday, November 10. They will be invited to bake their cookies and bring one dozen for judging at 9 a.m. Friday, November 13, at the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service office near Bolivia.

The judges will consider each semifinalist's recipe based on appearance, taste, texture and quality. The decision of the judges is final.

A story and photograph of the winners, along with all recipe entries, will be featured in *The State Port Pilot's* Holiday Gift Guide to be published on November 24.

More information about the cookie contest can be obtained by calling 457-4568.

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Council will hold open house

The Brunswick County Literacy Council will host an open house November 8 to celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Between 2 and 4 p.m. the literacy council office at Supply will be open to members of the community. A brief program by students and tutors will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

Susan Usher Eggert, a founding member, will give a brief history of the organization which was founded in 1982 to provide free tutoring to non-readers in the county. The literacy council trains volunteer tutors and matches them with students. It is supported entirely by donations from the community. Refreshments will be served. For more information, persons should contact the literacy council office at 754-READ.



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ALL CHILDREN!
Stop for Treats on Halloween
Saturday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
under the carport.

Thursday, November 12
Pampered Chef will be on hand
from 7:30-9:30 p.m.
all parents invited to this
kitchen product & cooking show feat.
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