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## Dumpsters to remain part of the neighborhood for awhile

Residents of a row of houses up the road from North Raeford Fire Department continue to complain about rats, flies and stench, all coming from a county garbage dump site across the way. Recent warm temperatures have made the problems worse, residents along Mockingbird Hill Road say, and they wonder why county officials have not closed or moved the site as they

asked two years ago. And as they asked again earlier this year. But Barry Reed, Hoke's county manager, says the county can do little until a new site is found for a garbage collection facility for the whole county. Reed said he would like to find such a site in the next two months. The collection facility — or

transfer station — probably won't be built until next spring or summer. The green box site across from the angry residents' homes is privately owned. "Only the owners can technically force us to close the site," Reed said. "It's been extremely difficult to find the land for these sites," Reed said. If that site were closed

now, he said, many northern Hoke residents would have no convenient place to take their trash. "They'd be just as bad off if we moved the site and didn't have anywhere to replace it," he said. Meanwhile, the search for a site has gone on quietly, he said. (See DUMPSTERS, page 4)



"Touch my ice cream and die" Seven-month-old Rebecca Burwell discovered ice cream at the Sunday performance of the Sandhills Community College Jazz Band. She was not about to part with her first cone, and didn't much appreciate a photographer eyeing it.

## Morston found guilty

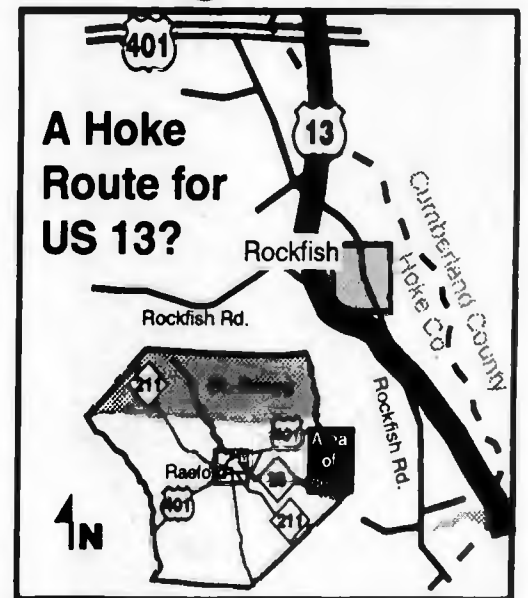
### Life or death decision expected soon

**K**erry Morston, found guilty last week in the shooting death of Southern Pines police detective Ed Harris, awaits his fate of life in prison or death. District Attorney Jean Powell asked the jury this morning for a death sentence: "Sentence him for what his crime deserves. Sentence him to death." Powell described Morston as "a little man with a big gun" who left the Harris family to "clean up the blood, the glass, and their broken lives." Mrs. Harris cried as Powell told jurors that Morston and Terry Evans "joked the next day by saying 'Ed's dead, Ed's dead.'" Powell said Morston "intended to kill Ed Harris stone cold dead and that's exactly what he did." According to Powell, Morston is a "friend of a drug dealer" with "no remorse, no regret, nothing. Just bragging and celebration."

The motive for murder, Powell said was a threat of jail. "Bernice McDougald said if Ed Harris wasn't killed they'd all be in jail before the summer," she said. Yesterday marked the final admittance of evidence in the case of the shooting death of the narcotics detective. As a sheriff's deputy led Morston from the courtroom Tuesday, the two had a heated exchange before another deputy, along with the defense counsel, ended the skirmish. Final arguments are expected to last most of today. After Superior Court Judge Craig Ellis instructs the jury on the points of law in question, jurors will decide whether Morston faces life in prison or the death penalty. "It's hard to say when a verdict will be handed down," Powell said. However, she said that the difficulty of the decision could possibly delay a verdict beyond Thursday.

## Cumberland complaints could send a four-lane through Hoke

A group of resistant Cumberland County residents could change the course of a proposed four-lane highway so it runs through Hoke County. The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is considering paving an extension of US 13 from I-95, through Fort Bragg, around the western side of Fayetteville and back to I-95. That proposed road — called the Fayetteville Outer Loop — would come within two miles of Hoke County's border. But a group of angry home owners in Cumberland County wants the road to go into Hoke County — and avoid their neighborhoods. Gene Taylor, a Cumberland resident spearheading the resistance, says the road would go right through his, his son's and his daughter's houses in Wendover, a subdivision. (See BYPASS, page 5)



## Five arrested in Hoke drug sting

Five people were arrested on drug charges and two cars were seized in a Hoke-Robeson Drug Task Force reverse sting operation on Jones Hill last week. Mark Locklear, supervisor of the Task Force, said the arrests were made after under-cover officers sold drugs "on the hill." Those arrested and the charges filed against them were: John Moore, 28, Rt. 1 Box 555, Raeford, pos-

session of drug paraphernalia; Lawrence Ivey, P.O. Box 667, Raeford, felonious possession of cocaine, maintaining a drug vehicle; Randy Williams, 26, 116 Debnam Rd., Aberdeen, felonious possession of cocaine; Curtis McKoy, 41, Rt. 2 Box 29-C, Red Springs, felonious possession of cocaine; and Leon Townsend, 29, Rt. 1, Box 199-C, Red Springs, felonious possession of cocaine, maintaining a drug vehicle.

## Man, shot by brother, dies

A Fayetteville man, shot Saturday in Hoke County, allegedly by his brother, died early Sunday at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Richard Wayne Blue, 24, of Fayetteville is charged with the murder of his brother Steven Blue, 19, also of Fayetteville. Blue allegedly shot his brother in the back Saturday in front of a mobile home behind the Raeford Inn on U.S. 401 North, said Bob Conerly Jr., a detective with the Hoke County Sheriff's Department. Steven Blue died 3:59 a.m. Sunday, according to a sheriff's report. Blue is also charged with firing into the home, which was then occupied by Reuben Sinclair and Tina Horner. The shooting apparently stemmed from a dispute between the brothers and involving Sinclair, Conerly said. Blue allegedly went by Sinclair's home Friday and fired at him with a .32 caliber pistol, according to a sheriff's report. Blue then returned, according to the report, and asked to talk with his brother Steven outside. When Steven left the home, Blue allegedly pointed his pistol at him, according to the report. Steven Blue ran back to the home, according to the report, when his brother shot him in the lower left back. Sinclair then ran out of the home with a 12 gauge shotgun and returned fire, according to the report. Blue fired four more rounds into the mobile home as he sped away in a white Monte Carlo belonging to Sandra Morris Sinclair. Sinclair was charged with firing into that car. Blue was later arrested by John Pandure, a sergeant with the sheriff's department, when he saw Blue jump (See CRIME, page 14)



Get 'em while they're hot! Jackie Lynch, director of the N.C. Turkey Festival, shows off the new Festival T-shirt. The shirts are available at the Depot downtown for \$7.

## Around Town

by Sam C. Morris  
The weather over the Memorial Day weekend was hot with the temperatures on Saturday and Sunday in the 90s. Monday was different and the mercury dropped to the low 70s. These low readings stayed around for Tuesday and there was a chance of rain. The forecast calls for the temperature to be in the low 70s Wednesday and Thursday with the lows in the 50s. Friday and Saturday we will see readings in the high 70s during the day and maybe in the low 60s at night. We need rain badly, but the chance for rain is almost nil. Maybe as the temperatures warm up we will have some afternoon thundershowers. Next Tuesday, June 2 is the day for the second primary. Four candidates are running for two seats on the Board of County Commissioners.

There is also a run-off for Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Republican ticket. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. If you are going to be out of the county, then go by the Board of Elections office and get an absentee ballot. The deadline for these ballots is Friday, May 29. The primary results will once again be kept at The News-Journal office. You are invited to come by and join with the candidates and other political leaders in keeping up with the results. It shouldn't take too long to count these ballots. The 45th annual meeting and banquet of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce was held last Tuesday night, May 19, at the new West Hoke Middle School cafeteria. There was a large crowd on hand for this affair and the meal served by the school (See AROUND, page 14)