

MORE LETTERS

Barking Dogs Are Problem

To the editor:
This is a response to a letter in the March 12 issue. I read your paper every week and enjoy it, but I must say to Mr. Carl Cornelius that he is a true person of North Carolina. He did not stop to think. He just opened his mouth and made someone mad before he got all his facts right.
I moved here one year ago from Charlotte. I live close to Betty Benfield. We have a problem with barking dogs. They may bark for up to 30 minutes sometimes, but the dogs don't bother me. I like the dogs, but it is nice without the barking sometimes.
Mrs. Benfield did not say the words "excessive use of chain saws." The person who wrote the proposed noise ordinance did. Mrs. Benfield is a quiet person. She is

liked by a lot of people in Shallotte Point.
Please remember if you don't like your neighbors in North Carolina you can move. The only thing America is overrun with is people like you who do not see the other side of things. Things in this state are run by people who have two different sides, and are doing just fine.
So put your nose back in shape and enjoy the people around you. I have not tried to change anything since living here and Mrs. Benfield would not try to change anything.
Mr. Cornelius sounds like a person who doesn't want anyone to live near him but people born and raised in North Carolina.
Margaret Brewster
Rt. 6, Shallotte

A Friend In Need, Indeed

To the editor:
Let me tell you about my Friday-the-13th-guardian-angel.
While spending the weekend at Holden Beach, I drove my husband's pickup truck to Shallotte. My first stop was the Southern National Bank. When I was ready to leave, the battery in the truck refused to turn over. A young man in the car next to me offered to jump start the truck for me and for the next 40 minutes he worked with it. Then he removed the batter and carried it off to be tested.
When he returned he assured me the trouble was not in the battery but rather, he believed, it was in the starter. Again, he tried jumping it off. This time it caught and he thought it would continue to run long enough for me to pick up my groceries at Food Lion.
Thanking him profusely, I left after his wife assured me he would not accept any money. At the grocery store I left the motor running after I carefully put on the emergency brake.
When I attempted to back out of the parking space, the motor choked off and refused to start again. While I was frantically using the outside telephone trying to reach a local repair shop, my guardian angel appeared. He said he had thought he would run over to Food Lion and see if I was still having trouble.
During the next three hours, he removed my old starter, installed a

new one he bought, and corrected a wheel "frozen" by the emergency brake. All the while, his lovely wife and daughter sat uncomplaining in his car. He allowed me to pay only the cost of the new starter.
My guardian angel's name? James Steve Russ from Ash. I shall always be grateful to him and his family.
Kay B. Daughtry
Holden Beach and Garner

Some Faith In System Restored

To the editor:
This past year has been filled with tragedy for me and my family. But it is times like this through family unity and keeping the faith we can find and realize just how much strength we really have.
I sat in the courtroom this past Tuesday (March 10) and listened to my Dad plead guilty to the charges that had been brought against him through a plea bargain agreement.
But as I walked out of the courtroom I felt a sigh of relief, I felt some of my faith in the judicial system had been restored.
It was greed that started the whole mess, and it was the same greed that resulted in the outcome. Thank God it had become so evident.
Robbie Porter (daughter of Julian Hershel Allen)
Sunset Beach

Cable Cut Interrupts Phones

BY DOUG RUTTER

Telephone service in the Shallotte area was restricted for about six hours Monday after a fiber optic cable was accidentally cut near Supply.
A crew installing utility poles for Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. cut the main feeder cable along U.S. 17 early Monday morning, said Russell Price, general manager with Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp.
Telephone customers in the Shallotte, Holden Beach, Seaside-Calabash and Longwood exchanges lost long-distance service from 8:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m.
Price said residents and business owners in those four exchanges also couldn't make local calls to the Bolivia or Boiling Spring Lakes areas.
People in Bolivia and Boiling Spring Lakes were still able to make and receive toll calls, but couldn't

call local exchanges south of Supply.
"It's like a storm has blown over," Price said Tuesday after service had been restored. "Folks were very concerned yesterday, with good reason."
Atlantic Telephone received 957 calls by early Monday afternoon from people asking when service would be restored, he said.
Skeeter Durham, who owns a marketing business at Ocean Isle Beach, said the interruption in phone service affected his business.
But he was more concerned about the loss of contact with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department in Bolivia.
"I see it being a dangerous situation," Durham said. "I think we can live with the inconvenience. But I can't call the sheriff's department."
Price said Atlantic Telephone and the crew hired by Brunswick

Electric made every effort to avoid the cut before it happened.
A phone company employee was on site to help locate the cable before the crew started digging a hole for a new utility pole.
The crew used eight-foot post-hole diggers to start the hole and didn't come across the fiber, which was about five feet underground.
As it turned out, Price said the cable was just a few inches out of reach of the post-hole diggers. An auger cut the cable when the crew started digging deeper.
"It was just one of those unfortunate things that happened even after everyone concerned made the effort to avoid it," Price said.
Following a staff meeting Tuesday morning, Price said Atlantic Telephone will be taking even more precautions in the future.
He said fencing and ditching work related to the four-laning of U.S. 17 will put the cable in jeop-

ardy.
"They're going to have to be very careful and we're going to be watching very closely," Price said. "We're going to do everything we can to prevent it from happening again."
Rose Name Clear In Bank Scandal
Congressman Charlie Rose says he isn't among the 355 current and former members of the U.S. House of Representatives who have bounced checks at the House Bank.
Rose, whose district includes Brunswick County, has gone on record as saying he hasn't written any bad checks at the bank, said spokesman Robin Sterling.
The House voted last Friday to make public the names of the members who took advantage of free overdrafts at the bank without penalty.

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