

Story Listed Wrong Location For Holden Beach Cab Stop

The "Crime Report" in the March 12 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon* gave the wrong location for an incident near Holden Beach.

According to the Brunswick County Sheriff Department's report, an incident involving a woman who ran from a cab driver without paying a \$51 fare occurred at a mobile home park off the Holden Beach causeway behind Britt's Grill, not outside the grill as stated in the article.

Deputy Cathy Hamilton filed a report March 7 that indicated the suspect walked into the woods and didn't return to pay the fare.

Port City Taxi driver Ray Callihan told Ms. Hamilton that he picked the rider up at the Hardee's restaurant on Market Street and Kerr Avenue in Wilmington.

He then drove the woman to the Holden Beach area to the mobile home park behind Britt's Grill on the causeway, the report states. The article incorrectly stated that he drove her to Britt's Grill.

Arriving at the mobile home around 5:50 a.m., the woman, described as around 32 years old with sandy blonde hair, left the car without paying.

The confusion resulted from a reporter's misinterpretation of information and abbreviations on Ms. Hamilton's report.

"I think I abbreviated it res.," said Ms. Hamilton on Monday, "and I think that's what threw you off."

The "res." was in reference to "residence" instead of "restaurant," as stated in the March 12 article.

Ms. Hamilton's report states, "Female advised that she had to go into res. to get the money. Instead of going into the res. female walked around to back of res."

Callihan then got out of the cab and followed the woman, the deputy's report states.

"He asked her to go ahead and pay him. She advised she had to go use the restroom. She then walked on in the woods," it states.

Britt's Grill was not involved in the incident, said Ms. Hamilton.

"It's a residence," said Ms. Hamilton. "She was going into a residence to get money. For restaurant, we usually spell that out."

The deputy's report does not connect the alleged crime to the business, its proprietors or any of its employees.

The *Beacon* regrets the error.

Republicans Plan County Convention

Brunswick County Republicans will hear from candidates for county offices when they meet Saturday, March 21, for their annual convention.

County GOP Chairman James Payne said the convention starts at 2 p.m. at the party headquarters building on U.S. 17 in Supply.

Payne said a keynote speaker had not been definitely chosen as of last week. Republicans will elect delegates to the state convention.

The party chairman said he isn't aware of any resolutions proposed to come before the convention Saturday.

Democrats To Host Candidates Forum

The Brunswick County Democratic Women will sponsor a candidates forum, March 24, at 7 p.m., at the Democratic headquarters on U.S. 17 north of Supply.

All Democratic candidates and the public are invited.

Each candidate will be asked to make a brief statement.

For more information, call Janis Simmons, 845-2382.

Father Sought In School Abduction Case

BY TERRY POPE

A warrant has been issued against a man who detectives believe illegally took a child from the Lincoln Primary School campus in Leland last week.

The suspect is the child's father, but he did not have custody of the six-year-old boy, reported Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Gary Shay.

School officials tried unsuccessfully to contact the mother around 9:45 a.m. last Wednesday, March 11, to clarify whether the father had permission to take the child from school.

He had "what appeared to be true court documents from the state of Tennessee" giving him custody of the boy, Shay stated. The school turned the child over to the father.

Following an investigation, District Attorney Rex Gore's office declared the juvenile missing and issued a warrant against the man for abduction of a child. The mother had sole custody of the boy, the report stated.

In other reports on file at the sheriff's department:

■Hoke County authorities have a 21-year-old man in custody who is believed to have beaten and raped a 20-year-old woman while at Sunset

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Harbor on Feb. 21, reported Detective Nancy Simpson. The woman was driven to Brunswick County, where she was allegedly raped and forced to have oral sex, Ms. Simpson said.

The suspect then drove the victim to Spring Lake and left her in the car. She drove to Greensboro and called the police, Ms. Simpson said. The suspect is being held under \$250,000 bond.

■Damage was estimated at \$400 to a door in Carolina Shores between Jan. 4 and March 12, reported Deputy Keithan Horne. The door was left open, but nothing was taken from the home.

■An estimated \$2,867 in guns, appliances, fishing gear and jewelry was taken from a Colonial Court home at Route 1, Leland, Saturday, reported Deputy Pete Moore. The suspect broke a window to gain entry.

■Someone took a bicycle valued at \$300 from a home in the H&S Mobile Home Park on Long Beach Road Sunday, reported Deputy Charles Crocker.

■Neighbors who saw a truck parked at a home at Ocean Aire Estates

called the homeowner in West Virginia to find out if he was expecting a delivery, reported Horne. Instead, the men in the truck were burglars who stole a video recorder, couch, love seat and end tables.

The front door had been pried open. Neighbors called the police, but the suspects had left.

■Vandals took a hubcap worth \$25 from a car parked on Midway Road in Bolivia Friday, Deputy Patti Hewett reported. Also, vandals spray painted a loader and tractor at a job site on Midway Road Saturday, causing \$250 in damage.

■Vandals damaged a soap dispenser at the Southeastern Welcome Center on the U.S. 17 bypass at Shallotte Saturday, reported Horne. An employee found a half-empty beer can on the restroom floor and the dispenser bent and broken.

■Two guns and a shotgun case, worth \$379, were taken from a parked car at a Bluff Road home in Leland March 11, reported Moore. Also taken from another car on the same street was a radar detector, stereo equipment, jewelry and cash, totaling \$2,615.

■A .38-caliber pistol was reported stolen from an unlocked car parked at South Brunswick Middle School

on March 11, Deputy Jeanette Roach reported. The gun, worth \$160, was taken during a ballgame at the school.

■A Supply woman told Deputy Sankey Fields that someone took her purse containing \$1,000 in valuables while at the Gator Lounge on Seashore Road near Holden Beach on March 11. The incident happened around 9:45 p.m.

■Items stolen from a Route 2, Supply, home were valued at \$390, reported Hewett. Damage was listed at \$150 to a rear door.

■Burglars broke into the Brunswick Community College training center at the Leland Industrial Park March 11, Hewett reported. Nothing was taken, but damage was estimated at \$200 to a window.

■An insurance salesman told Deputy R.W. Long II that someone took \$960 from a bank bag in his car March 9. The incident is believed to have occurred while in the Pinecrest Subdivision south of Shallotte.

The money was for insurance premiums the salesman had collected on his route.

■Vandals caused \$1,000 in damage to a drink machine at Sea Coast Seafood in Leland March 10, Hewett reported. About \$40 to \$50 in change was taken.

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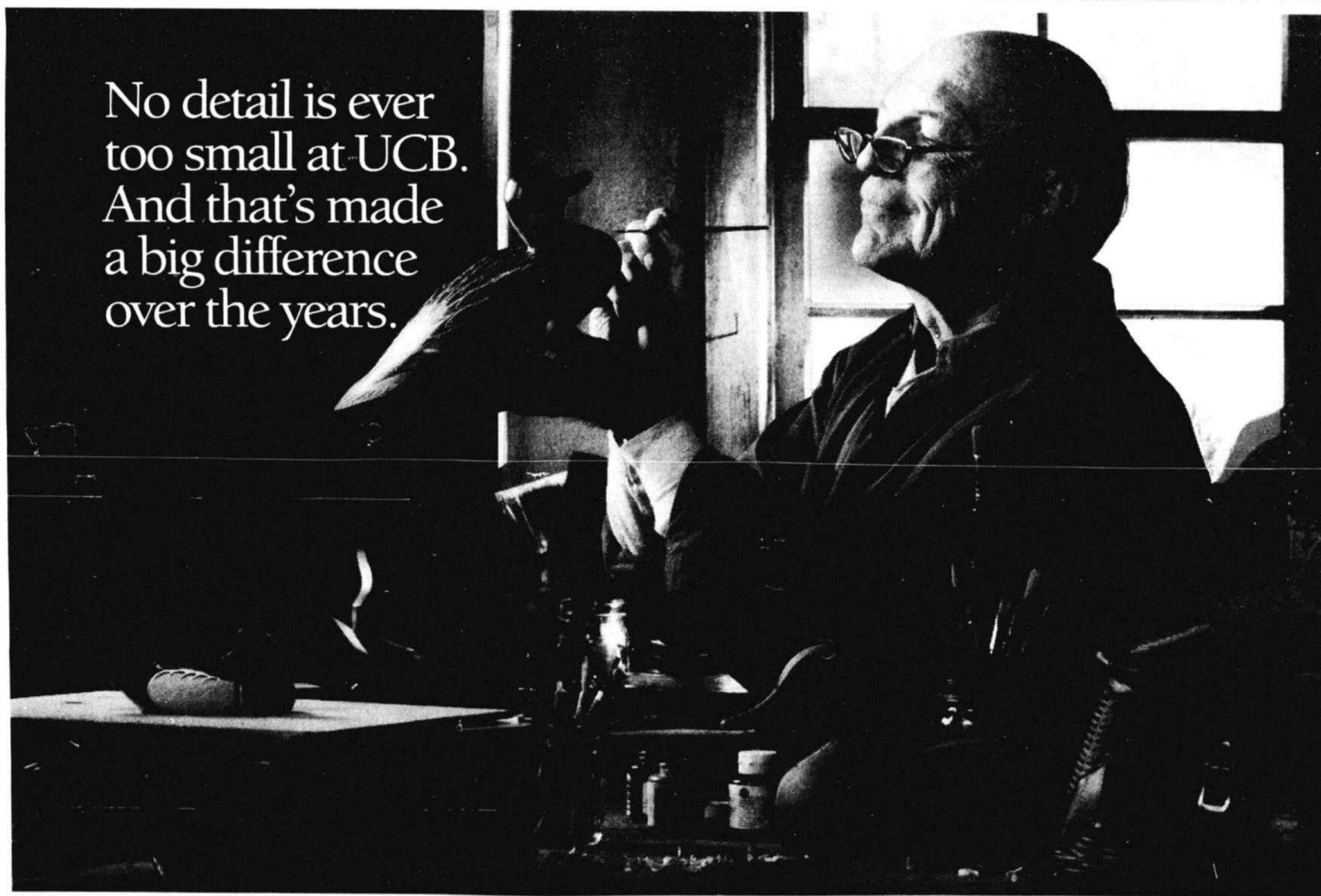
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