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## HPD chief resigns

Hertford will be without a police chief as of Nov. 17 at midnight.

After holding an executive session Monday night, the Hertford Town Council accepted the resignation of present chief Aubrey Sample Jr. effective next Wednesday. Captain N. Brad Krause was appointed to serve as interim chief.

Sample is out of town this week, and could not be reached for comment regarding his resignation.

During its regular session, the council also

- approved a request from Preston Stevenson to build an executive nine-hole golf course at the Riverview subdivision at the town's western border;

- appointed Lillian Holman a permanent member of the town board of adjustments and Carlyn Brown as alternate;

- heard plans for downtown Christmas decorating and activities from a delegation from the newly-formed Hertford Downtown Merchants Association.

## Ward to sit on economic commission

A Perquimans County businessman was tapped by Gov. James B. Hunt to sit on a new regional economic development commission set to operate in Hertford.

Charles H. Ward, a business owner, was one of 15 community leaders selected from across northeastern North Carolina to spur economic growth and tourism across the region. He was sworn in last Tuesday by the Hon. Janice M. Cole, district court judge in District 1.

The commission is one of three created this year by the General Assembly to focus on regional economic development. It covers 15 counties. The other two groups are in southeastern North Carolina and in the western end of the state.

The legislature provided \$600,000 in startup funds for this fiscal year. Another \$1.2 million was appropriated for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

As soon as a paid commission chairman can be found, the group is expected to begin work. Gov. Hunt is charged with the responsibility of appointing a chairman. So far, at least two potential chairmen have turned down the offer.

Ward said the commission will hold its first meeting on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Perquimans Cooperative Extension office. Included on the agenda will be finding office space and recommending commission chairman candidates to Gov. Hunt.



Gideon Hollis (Tracie Harrell) attempts to move her mystery man (Rob Melhem) in *Take This Man*. The play runs weekends through Nov. 21 at Angler's Cove. (Photo by Susan Har-Bootstrap Acting Company's *I Take This*)

## Bootstrap has recipe for comedy

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

Start with two experienced thespians, spice it up with three talented newcomers, stir in a great script, and you've got the Bootstrap Acting Company's recipe for success with its fall production of *I Take This Man*.

Rob Melhem is hilarious as well, he's got amnesia for a good part of the play and doesn't really know who he is. The audience will love finding out his true identity as the tale of a man mugged and kidnapped at the Boston Marathon unfolds.

In addition to his acting talents, Melhem's unusual costume adds humor to the production.

Tracie Harrell comes close to perfection in her first Bootstrap role, Gideon Hollis, the stereotypical dumb blonde - who, by the way, is really about as dumb as a fox. Her nickname, "Giddy," describes her character's surface

personality well, but in the end, the audience discovers she's not quite as silly as she seems.

Celeste Gray, in her second Bootstrap role, and her husband, Dave, a newcomer, team up as an engaged couple hopelessly entrapped in Giddy's desire to find a storybook romance by picking up a man in a most unorthodox way. Gray portrays Giddy's roommate and finds herself in some pretty exasperating situations trying to explain to Dave the sudden appearance of Giddy's "husband" of one year in the girls' apartment.

Joe Mills, who rounds out the production's trio of newcomers, has exceptional comedic timing, and certainly has a future on the stage. He is delightful as Judd, one of Boston's finest, albeit gullible, police officers.

With the exception of a little drag in the beginning as background information is

introduced, the play moves smoothly through the tale of a man mugged and kidnapped at the end of the Boston Marathon. Giddy convincing the confused victim suffering from temporary amnesia he's her husband, his eventual memory recovery, the move to a happy ending, and even a little surprise thrown in as the stage lights dim.

*I Take This Man*, complete with a delicious buffet dinner, is a perfect way to spend an evening. This reviewer would recommend it for middle school children to senior citizens.

The production opened Friday night, and will be performed on Nov. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 in the banquet room at Angler's Cove Restaurant, christened "Carney Hall" by Bootstrappers Friday evening. Tickets are \$15 and include the play and dinner. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with showtime at 8. Call 426-9295 days and 426-7294 evenings for reservations.

## Pirates finish near-perfect season

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

Pirates coach Harrell Thach knew last-place Camden would give his conference championship football team a run for their money when they went head-to-head for the last game of the regular season. The Bruins did just that, but even playing at top form couldn't give them a victory over the visiting Pirates, who won 27-13 Saturday.

It was a hard game to prepare for mentally, as the Pirates had clinched the conference championship the week before with a 55-7 blowout in Hertford over second-place Williamston. A win over Camden assured the team an undefeated conference record, but a loss wouldn't have changed the rankings. Camden went into the game 1-8 (0-5),

Perquimans 8-1 (5-0).

Pirates coach Harrell Thach said his team didn't play with their usual intense, battering style.

Perquimans started out like gangbusters, easily scoring 21 points in less than six minutes. Kenyon Mallory bulled through from the eight at 10:01. Quarterback Nick Stevenson added the conversion on a keeper. Jermaine McClenney added touchdown No. 2 on a 21-yard run. McClenney added another six 22 seconds later on a 60-yard interception return. Clint Eley added the PAT.

Camden scored in the second quarter after moving downfield courtesy of Perquimans penalties. The Pirates had both an interception and fumble recovery negated by the officials on the drive, calls that obviously upset

the vocal entourage of Perquimans fans.

Senior back Shae Nixon posted the Pirates' final score of the evening with a 22-yard run with four minutes left in the half.

Camden added its second touchdown on a pass play in the fourth quarter.

Fans may have expected another very one-sided win from the Pirates in the David and Goliath match-up, but Thach, while not overlooking the Bruins' desire to upset his No. 1 team, said before the game that he planned to use very few plays during the game because he knew scouts from both Columbia, the team

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## Lions Club to distribute commodities

Perquimans County will receive USDA donated commodities for distribution on Nov. 16. The Hertford Lions Club will begin distribution at 9 a.m. at the ice plant on Grubb Street.

All households who will not be able to pick-up their commodities may use a representative for this purpose. The commodities card or application must be signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No household will be allowed to pick-up food for more than themselves and one other household as representative. There will be no exceptions.

There will be two lines at the distribution site. The second line

will be for the physically handicapped and/or disabled who are present at the distribution to pick-up their food. A doctor's note stating the disability, or proof of handicapped license plates for their vehicle must be provided. Those persons using the handicapped line may pick-up food for their own household only. Again, there will be no exceptions.

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Please remember to park only in authorized parking areas as the Hertford Police Department will be patrolling the area.

Applications may be obtained from the Department of Social

Services, Health Department, Economic Improvement Council, Catholic Social Ministries and the Senior Citizen Center.

The Commodities Distribution Program is available to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap or political beliefs. Information about regulations against discrimination and how to file a complaint may be secured from the N.C. Division of Social Services, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C. or from your county department of social services.

## Moore wins election

### Winfall tie broken by name draw

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

Voters across North Carolina elected public officials Tuesday. It's a pretty good bet that not many ended up making the final selection by drawing straws, but that's pretty much what happened in Winfall.

H. Wayne Hurdle and Willie B. Moore tied for a council seat in last Tuesday's municipal election. State election law provides for breaking a tie in municipal elections requiring a simple plurality by lot.

Moore's name was drawn out of a box by Perquimans Elections Board Chairman Paul Smith Jr., giving him the Winfall Town Council seat.

To make sure she was reading the law correctly, Board of Elections supervisor Ginger O'Neal called the state board in Raleigh Wednesday morning to verify her findings. Sure enough, the state board said Perquimans election officials could flip a coin, draw a name out of an envelope, draw straws or use another similar method to break the tie and determine a winner. Perquimans chose to draw a name out of a box.

Each candidate was called and informed of his right to attend the drawing or have a representative attend on his behalf. Present at the drawing were local election officials, Fred and Shirley Yates, Moore and two media representatives. O'Neal said Hurdle had informed the board he would be in school and unable to attend.

Hurdle and Moore were in a race with incumbent William Ray Miller for two open seats on the council. Miller earned 84 votes and claimed one seat. Hurdle and Moore ended the race with 74 votes each.

O'Neal said last Wednesday it appeared there was a discrepancy in the Hertford Town Council election. Sid Eley and Eric Haste were top vote-getters in that race. Jesse Harris was a close third. Initially, election officials feared that the ballots had been counted incorrectly. O'Neal and West Hertford precinct registrar Earline White checked the records again Wednesday afternoon, and found that the discrepancy was not a wrong count, but resulted from incorrect recording in the registration books. The West Hertford precinct includes voters who live inside the town limits of Hertford, as well as those who reside outside the limits. Voters inside the town limits were eligible to vote for two councilmen and on the state bond issues, those outside the town only on the bond issues. The election officials found that the numbers did not initially

## Hurdle files challenges

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

H. Wayne Hurdle has challenged the Winfall municipal elections.

Hurdle was one of three men running for two seats on the town's governing board. William Ray Miller, the incumbent, took one seat with 84 votes. Hurdle and Willie B. Moore tied for the second seat with 74 votes each. Moore was declared the winner on Thursday when his name was drawn out of a box, following state statute which calls for breaking a tie in a municipality requiring a simple plurality by lot.

Hurdle had until last Saturday evening to challenge the election. He told *The Perquimans Weekly* earlier that afternoon that he intended to challenge the election. Hurdle said he chose to challenge the election for two reasons: 1. Breaking a tie by lot, rather than a run-off election, takes away the peoples' right to elect public officials; and 2. Election by lot constitutes gambling, and gambling is illegal in North Carolina.

Hurdle said he knew that the tie had been broken legally and did not doubt that the board of elections had handled the situation properly. He said he also knew that it would be difficult to challenge the election, but thinks his challenge may bring the tie-breaker clause in election laws to the forefront. Winfall officials can choose to have legislation introduced in the General Assembly which would call for a run-off. Hurdle said whatever happens with his challenge, he will encourage the Winfall board to consider changing the charter.

Elections supervisor Ginger O'Neal confirmed Monday that Hurdle had challenged the election, and said that hearings were set for Wednesday at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the board of elections office to hear the challenge.

tally because some voters who live inside the town limits were not noted in both books as having voted.

O'Neal did find that one figure had been written down wrong on the poster affixed to the courthouse door after the elections. Eric Haste received 230 votes, not 222. Eley drew 285 votes, Harris, 215.

## Rain doesn't soak enthusiasm over Belvidere celebration

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

The spirit of determination in the Belvidere community was evident Saturday, as those who worked long hours preparing for the Historic Belvidere Celebration at Belvidere Mansion didn't let nasty weather spoil their special day.

Although the rain nixed plans to carry guests from the parking area to the lawn of the mansion by horse and carriage, entertainers moved to the sheltered mansion porch, and the Belvidere Historic District Committee, sheltered by tents, served up southern fare to those who braved the elements to celebrate the history of the rural village.

Robert Smith, better known as disc jockey Wolfman Jack, and his wife, Lucy Smith, a Belvidere native, hosted the celebration.

Historic committee chairman Becky Winslow said the committee is indebted to the Smiths for

hosting the successful event.

Over 500 tickets were presold and Winslow said many who had not purchased tickets showed up Saturday, also.

The celebration was a fundraiser to benefit the historic committee's attempts to have the community designated a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places. Research and documentation required for application to the National Register is expected to run around \$5,000. The committee's goal was to raise \$2,500 to match a state grant to fund the research. Rain or no rain, Winslow said the goal was surpassed.

Belvidere is a small town in Perquimans County, working toward obtaining historic district status. Old Neck residents organized a fundraiser this summer at Cove Grove.

The historic committees are organized through the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

