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## Norfolk woman injured in wreck

### Car flips three times in U.S. 17 accident

By GINGER LIVINGSTON  
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A Norfolk, Va. woman remains hospitalized at Albemarle Hospital following a one car accident approximately nine miles north of Hertford on U.S. Highway 17 Bypass Monday afternoon.

Leslie Griffin, 32, of 1342 East Tanners Creek Drive, suffered multiple injuries when her Geo Metro flipped at least three times across the highway, before landing on the passenger side, N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper K.L. Morgan said. Griffin, the vehicle's only occupant, was thrown into the back seat of the car. No other cars were damaged in the accident.

Griffin was traveling north on U.S. 17 on the inner



PHOTO BY GINGER LIVINGSTON, THE DAILY ADVANCE

Inter-County Volunteer firemen and rescue squad workers use a jaws of life tool to free Leslie Griffin from her wrecked Geo Metro. The Norfolk, Va. woman's car flipped at least

lane near the median when her compact car skidded into the median, Griffin said.

"As she tried to bring it on (the road) she got into a clockwise skid, and as she got onto the asphalt she started flipping," Morgan said.

The car crossed both northern lanes and came to a stop on the highway shoulder. Several drivers stopped to help Griffin, including

Peggy Bass of Edenton, who

calmed Griffin until firefighters and rescue squad personnel from Inter-County Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene. The Perquimans County Sheriff Department also assisted at the scene. Hertford Fire Department's Response Team was dispatched, but was not needed.

"I talked to her a few minutes and held her purse," Bass said. "She was in pain

and I kept telling her not to move. It would only make her hurt more.

"I heard her say she was changing the radio and the next thing she knew she saw sky and ground, sky and ground," Bass said.

It does not appear Griffin was speeding, Morgan said. The trooper is still investigating to decide what, if any, charges may be brought against her.

## M.B. Taylor Day planned

### Albemarle Conference sets celebration

From staff reports

The Albemarle Conference Christian Education Department will honor Dr. M.B. Taylor on Monday, March 4 with a parade and banquet in Hertford.

Dr. Taylor is a retired home economics extension agent who is known for her volunteer work in the community. She is especially active in voter registration and transportation, the Nutrition Site, her church and in the Hertford BPW.

Upon her retirement, the town of Hertford issued a proclamation declaring March 4 as Dr. M.B. Taylor Day. The town council recently issued a second proclamation also designating March 4, 1996 as Dr. M.B. Taylor Day.

A parade will line up at Perquimans High School at 4 p.m. Entries will leave the school at 5 p.m. The parade will travel on Edenton Road Street, turn right onto Dobbs Street, turn left onto Church Street, turn left onto Grubb Street, turn left onto Edenton



Dr. M.B. Taylor

Road Street and disband at the high school.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The guest speaker will be the Right Reverend Clarence Carr, presiding bishop of the second Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, of St. Louis, Missouri. His wife, Barbara, will accompany him. She is Missions director.

Tickets to the banquet are \$10 each.

For more information, call Doris J. Lewis, Albemarle Conference Christian Education Director.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Jimmy Riddick, a barber with 30 years' experience, has moved his shop from the Whiteston Community to Harris Shopping Center in Hertford.

## Barber shop opens

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

He saw a need and now he's opened a business to fulfill that need.

Jimmy Riddick opened Jimmy's Barber Shop at Harris Shopping Center on Feb. 19.

"Hertford's been without a barber shop for about 18 months now and Hertford needs a barber," Riddick said of his reason for moving his business from the Whiteston community to Hertford.

After graduating from Perquimans High School in 1965, Riddick went to barber school in Durham. He's been wielding his clippers ever since.

Riddick chose to build his

shop at Harris Shopping Center for several reasons. Center owner Jesse Harris was very cooperative, Riddick said, allowing him to construct his building at the edge of the center parking lot. The location provides plenty of convenient parking, and also the construction of a handicapped access ramp.

Those who need a haircut or shampoo can visit the two-chair shop Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; or Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon. No appointments are necessary. Just look for the red, white and blue barber pole rotating on the front porch. The phone number is 426-5037.

## Perquimans Schools to host regional OM tourney

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
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There will be no balls, bases or baskets Saturday at the tournament hosted by Perquimans County Schools. The participants will be competing with brain power.

Perquimans County Schools will host the annual Coastal Region Odyssey of the Mind Competition Saturday at Perquimans County High School beginning at 9 a.m.

The Odyssey of the Mind Program, known as OM, is designed to enhance the creative development of students. The OM philosophy is based on problem solving, team effort, perseverance and sportsmanship. Divergent and original thinking is promoted.

All teams are composed of seven members. Regional, state and national competitive activities are performed as a team, including the long-range, spontaneous and style categories. Competition creates excitement, motivation and reward. However, the true rewards of OM are the freedom to think and to turn those thoughts into reality, the building of relationships, cooperation among human beings and the satisfaction of a job well done.

Perquimans fields teams from Central, Perquimans Middle and Perquimans High schools. Teams compete against other teams in their age division who choose to solve the same OM problem.

OM tournament director Jeanie Umphlett said 50 teams have registered to compete Saturday.

Long-range problems include:

Amusin' Cruisin': The team will design, construct and drive a vehicle on a journey that will take a driver to see "attractions" that are part of a team-created theme. In addition to transporting the driver past, through or as part of the attractions, the vehicle will

perform required and team-created tasks.

OMvention: The team's problem is to design a new product or redesign an existing one that will assist a person with a physical disability to perform, or help perform, a task. The team will apply methods used by industrial designers. The team will present the product and demonstrate its use, incorporating humor into the performance.

Classics... Great Impressions: In this problem, the team will select a drawing or painting by a French impressionist and write a poem relating to it. The team will also select a poem written by a famous author, create an original drawing or painting that relates to the poem, and present the poem and work of art.

Crunch!: This non-linguistic problem requires teams to design and build a structure of balsa wood and glue. The structure will be tested by balancing and supporting as much weight as possible while undergoing a series of billiard ball impacts.

The Tall Tales of John Jivery: For this problem, the team will create and present a humorous performance about an original tall tale. The tale will include a team-made hero or heroine, a unique explanation of how something began or came to be, and a surprise for the audience.

The time limit for each performance is 8 minutes. National OM officials set cost limits on materials used to solve the problem. Teams must take documentation to show expenses.

All work must be done by the team members. They must do the actual building, writing, costume-making and all other work associated with solving the problem. Stiff penalties can be assessed by the judges if they have cause to believe that the work was not completed by the students.

Long range problems are scored on following all rules set by OM, creativity, performance and whether the team actually solved the problem as stated.

Teams also compete in a spontaneous category. Five members of each team are taken into a room with a panel of judges. Each team competing in a specific long-range problem receives the same spontaneous problem. Problems may be verbal, hands-on, or a combination of both.

An example of a verbal problem is: When I think blue, I think of... Team members are given one minute to think and two minutes to respond in a specified order. Common responses would be the sky, paint, or a blue car. Creative responses, which earn the team more points, would be Blue Angels or blue suede shoes.

A combination hands-on and verbal problem example is: Improvise uses or pretend that this necktie represents something. When you make your improvisation, you are to tell what it is and show your solution. Team members are given one minute to think and two minutes to respond. Common answers would include a necktie, a belt or a bow tie. Creative responses

might be to hold the tie up to your mouth and say it is a tongue or to say it is a little bikini.

For a hands-on problem, teams might be given a paper plate, a styrofoam cup, a plastic spoon, a piece of yarn, a napkin and four toothpicks. The team is instructed to think about the materials and what they could become, then create something from the items using glue and scissors within a five-minute period. The more creative the solution, the more points the team will receive.

Saturday, teams from as far away as New Hanover County will be competing. First and second place teams in each division will go on to state competition in Charlotte, April 13.

Perquimans will field six teams. All teams in the county are coached by parent and community volunteers.

In addition, many of the judges, problem captains and other personnel necessary to operate a competition will be volunteers from this county.

Long-range competition is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Those who'd like to see how creative youth can be when challenged can come on out to the high school Saturday. Some of what you see may be OMazing.

### Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 50s Low: 40s COLDER	High: 40s Low: 20s CLOUDY	High: 50s Low: 30s CLOUDY

### No school Monday

There will be no school on Monday, March 4. It is an optional work/annual leave day. Snow make-up dates are set for April 5, 10, 11, 12 and May 27, pending state approval.