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Officials oppose Holiday Island proposal

Local leaders say community cannot create, sustain town

By JEREMY DESPOSITO

Neither the Perquimans County commission nor the town councils of Hertford and Winfall feel Holiday Island can survive as a municipality.

A lack of businesses and revenue would impede a successful operation, officials claim.

Another problem - one seen as the most pivotal in whether Holiday Island could actually become a town - is that the majority of residents on the island apparently are against the idea currently.

Advocates for incorporation claim to have a plan they feel would work but agree the idea is "dead" if the majority of residents vote it down in November.

The three boards convened at the Albemarle Commission Building here Monday night to exchange views on the feasibility of incorporating Holiday Island.

Officials from all three questioned where funding would come from.

"I can't see what they (Holiday Island residents) expect to gain from this," said Billy Winslow, Mayor Pro-Tem of Hertford Town Council. "Everything you read in the paper pertains to roads. There's not so much

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CHAMPIONS TIMES THREE



Daily Advance photo

The Lady Pirates celebrate a win over Manteo in the Northeastern Albemarle Conference Tournament in Williamston Friday night. The victory was bittersweet as the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder, Dysheba Jennings, was ejected and must sit out the first two state playoff games. The championship was the third earned by the team this season. The Lady Pirates are regular season conference champs, tournament champs and The Daily Advance Four-County Holiday Classic champs.

Hertford woman bitten by E.C. teen

Juvenile told victim he passed AIDS virus on

By GINGER LIVINGSTON
 The Daily Advance

Six months. That's how long a Hertford woman will have to wait before she finds out if the 14-year-old boy who bit her during an assault last week was telling the truth when he supposedly yelled: "I just gave you AIDS and hope you die."

Melody Thomas-English, a 37-year-old mother of two sons, said Saturday that police told her she must wait that long - the period of time it takes the AIDS causing HIV virus to incubate - because her alleged attacker is a juvenile and cannot be forced to take an AIDS test.

Thomas-English got into her bizarre predicament Wednesday afternoon, while taking a young family friend to The Doctors Inn at Elizabeth City's Jordan Plaza.

As she was getting into her car, Thomas-English said she remembers seeing the 14-year-old wandering around in the parking lot. But she didn't pay him any mind because she was focused on helping her friend deal with a sore throat.

Thomas-English says she was backing out of her parking space when she heard a loud thud. She said she turned around and saw the young man slumped against the left side of her car, his face pressed against the door's glass.

Thomas-English said her first thought was to check to see if the boy had been hurt. "It wasn't like he was dirty or violent looking, he just looked like a boy walking from school," she said.

Concerned about his welfare, she says she got out of her car.

When she did, the boy grabbed her left arm and bit her wrist, breaking the skin but not drawing blood, she says.

"He would not let go," she said. "I had a Sonic drink in

my right hand and I threw it at him and he let go."

"My first thought was to get back in my car," she said. "But he jumped on my back and bit me on the shoulder and drew blood. Then he goes: 'I just gave you AIDS and hope you die.'"

Thomas-English said she later learned that the boy had just minutes earlier been jumping around on the top of a minivan and on the hood of a nearby car.

"I just gave you AIDS and hope you die."

Alleged statement of juvenile who bit Hertford woman

The car's owner, Carol Godfrey, confirmed Saturday that the incident had indeed happened. She said the boy had caused approximately \$720 damage to her vehicle.

After allegedly biting Thomas-English, the boy ran behind Jordan Plaza. Thomas-English said she first screamed for help, then decided to run after him.

"At first all I thought was, 'I want to get in my car,' but I didn't remember what he looked like and all I could think was, 'God if you lose this child you may never know what you have and it could screw up your whole life,'" Thomas-English said.

She said she chased the boy behind the shopping center across Cardwell Street and behind the Pizza Hut on Ehringhaus Street. They eventually ended up at an unidentified transmission repair shop where the boy began accusing her of hitting him.

Not long afterward, Elizabeth City police officers arrived. Thomas-English said the boy told officers he was taking Ritalin, an amphetamine used to control attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and had experienced a bad reaction to his medicine.

Police took the boy into custody and turned him over to family members, Thomas-English said.

Captain Mervin Raby confirmed Friday afternoon that an incident involving a boy biting a woman and vandalizing several vehicle around Jordan Plaza had indeed

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Jones would support impeachment again

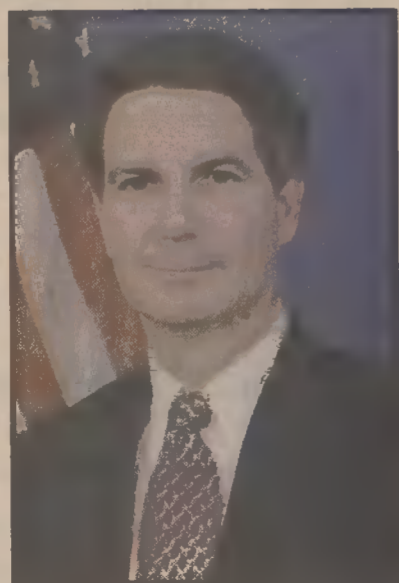
Congressman believes Clinton obstructed justice, perjured himself

By JEREMY DESPOSITO

President Clinton may have been acquitted by the U.S. Senate last week, but not by Third District Congressman Walter B. Jones Jr.

Given the opportunity to do it again, Jones, R-NC., said he would act as he did last December when he voted with the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives to impeach the president.

"Oh yes (I would vote to impeach)," Jones said Thursday. "I spent a lot of time (on the case). It was a very unhappy time and a very distasteful responsibility, but I based my decisions upon the facts of the case. I read depositions. I also spent a great deal of my time with the information from those who represented the president before the



Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr.

(House) Judiciary Committee and to those who represented the committee's position."

"I believe to this day that the president perjured himself, and I believe that he obstructed justice."

However, Jones added that because the Senate voted to acquit Clinton, the issue is over and it's time to get on with other business.

"...The Senate has made its decision, and the impeachment issue is over," Jones said during a town hall meeting at

the Perquimans County Courthouse Thursday night.

"The Congress will work with the president to do what I hope will be good for the American people," Jones said. "And we're going to disagree, as we would no matter had there been an impeachment or not."

"We had a constitutional duty, both the House and the Senate. We followed the Constitution and we've done our duty, so the issue is over now," he said.

Jones apparently hasn't conceded on all the political ramifications of the failed impeachment, however.

"(Clinton) is a president that has been impeached," he said. "That will be part of history. That will never change, no matter what the Senate did. ...By the action of the House, this president was impeached. He was just not found guilty of the articles of impeachment."

Jones said he is still "very, very disappointed" with what he believes is Clinton's lack of character.

"I don't know how a man can be elected to the highest office in the land, be one of the most powerful men in the

world and lie to the American people, and then perjure himself before the grand jury," Jones said. "To me, that is just a sad, sad happening for him."

Jones said parents and lawyers will continue to wrestle with the impeachment issue.

"My concern about the president, by the actions of the Senate ... I think it does two things," Jones said. "First of all, I think it sends a message to children that is the wrong message. Parents have a most difficult time trying to raise their children. And now this man who has .. perjured himself and obstructed justice ... is still the president of the United States. And so parents have got to explain to their children how the president lied and (why) he's still in office."

"Secondly, I'm concerned about what type of legal precedent this might set as it relates to sexual harassment cases, obstruction of justice cases and also perjury."

"You won't know how lawyers might use this case, involving the president when

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Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 40s	High 50s	High 50s
Low 30s	Low 30s	Low 30s
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy