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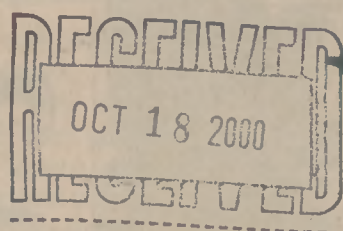
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THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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Parolee busted for drug trafficking Sunday

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 Editor

He'd been on the outside for only 19 days and now he's back behind bars.

Oscar Maurice Wells, 28, of 335 Wildcat Road, Elizabeth City, was arrested and charged with trafficking crack cocaine Sunday morning by Sheriff Eric Tilley.

Tilley said Monday that Deputy Nate Zachary found 67 grams of crack cocaine in Wells' car. Subjects must have 28 grams or more in order to be

charged with trafficking rather than possession. Tilley estimated the value of the drugs at about \$6,500-7,500, perhaps triple that amount when cut and sold on the street.

The arrest came as the result of a traffic stop. Tilley said he was on routine patrol when he met Wells. Thinking that he had seen warrants or other paperwork in his office about Wells, Tilley said he contacted Zachary to ask. Zachary said there were no warrants, but that Wells did not have a drivers license.

Tilley stopped Wells on

Woodland Church Road, then asked Wells to get out of his car and sit in Tilley's car. Zachary arrived on the scene and searched the car while Tilley wrote a citation for no operators license. In the car, Zachary found the package of a substance that appeared to be crack cocaine. Wells was then charged with trafficking. He was detained in Albemarle District Jail pending his first appearance in court, which was set for Oct. 18.

Zachary said trafficking is a class H felony and carries a sentence of 20-25 months.

Wells told Tilley that he had just been released from prison for a drug offense on Sept. 26. A check of the Department of Corrections website confirmed that Wells was released on Sept. 26 after serving time for selling a schedule II controlled substance.

Tilley said the 67 grams of crack is equal in weight to 67 one dollar bills and would be about as large as a baseball. Crack is one way cocaine is processed and is smoked in a pipe. Crack is sold on the street in units called rocks, which Tilley said are about the size of

the eraser on the end of a pencil. Rocks sell for \$20 each.

The DEA estimates that crack rocks are 75-90 percent pure cocaine according to information obtained from the website streetdrugs.com. The site attributed that information to a study by the United State Sentencing Commission.

The site also stated that crack use is most common among adults, 18-25, especially black males, metropolitan residents, those with less than a high school education and who are unemployed. As with all drug use, those on crack have

an increased risk of domestic violence involvement and contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Three websites agreed that crack use causes intense highs and dramatic crashes, and often leads to anxiety, depression, irritability, extreme fatigue, paranoia, an intense craving for the drug, health problems, hallucinations, and agitation. Some of the mental and emotional problems associated with long-term, regular use may be permanent. Changes are obvious after 3-6 months of consistent use.

Teen injured in wreck

Apparent heart attack claims life of driver in second accident

A 16-year-old boy remains hospitalized in fair condition a week after sustaining extensive injuries in a car wreck on New Hope Road.

Greg Dail of 150 Ainsley Road, Hertford is in Pitt County Memorial Hospital recovering from his injuries. A hospital spokesman said Tuesday morning that Dail's injuries include a pelvic fracture and abrasions.

Susan Chappell, a close family friend, said that Dail had his spleen removed and also suffered two skull fractures. He was moved from ICU into a room on Monday, she said, and doctors expected to begin therapy on Tuesday.

Dail was a passenger in a 1999 Ford driven by Wesley Taylor Haskett, 17, of 3A Ainsley Road, Hertford. According to the accident report filed by NCHP Trooper J.S. Archer, Haskett was driving east on New Hope Road when he ran off the right side of the road, swerved left, ran back off the right side of the road and overturned twice. The vehicle came to rest on its top in a ditch. The accident occurred around 3:12 p.m. last Tuesday.

Dail was taken by ambulance to Chowan County Hospital before being transferred to Pitt Memorial.

Haskett was cited for exceeding a safe speed and driving left of center.

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MEETING THE CANDIDATES

Local, state candidates attend BPW forum

JEREMY DESPOSITO
 The Daily Advance

Upset that Pasquotank County lost its bid for German airship company Cargolifter last week, District 1 State Senate candidate Ron Toppin (R) asked voters why that happened.

"Why did we lose Cargolifter to Craven County last week?" asked Toppin, who will challenge Senator Mark Basnight (D, S.D. 1). "The decision was made behind closed doors. Pasquotank County commissioners weren't even aware of it. We should've had proper representation to bring it here."

Six of 13 candidates running in state and local elections answered questions and met about 30 constituents at a "meet the candidates" forum in the Perquimans County Courthouse Monday night.

The seven panelists includ-



Daily Advance photo

Local and state candidates introduced themselves and their platforms to voters Monday night at the Hertford BPW Meet the Candidates forum.

ed Perquimans commissioner candidates Shirley Wiggins (D), Vernon Hammons (R) and Mack Nixon (D), state House of Representatives candidate Bill Culpepper (D), state Senate candidate Ron Toppin (R, District 1), and Perquimans Register of Deeds Deborah Reid (D), the only candidate present who is running unopposed.

Sponsored by the Hertford

Business and Professional Women, BPW member Minnie Taylor encouraged voters to speak with the candidates.

"Find out what you need to know about the candidates," she said. "Find out what they will do for you or the state."

Perquimans Board of Elections Chairman Paul Smith reminded voters to use the "no-excuse" one-stop vot-

ing method that went into effect Monday.

Wiggins, the incumbent in the county commissioner race, said her main concerns are economic growth, a better quality of life for seniors, and increasing recreational activities.

"We need better homes for seniors and single housing units for single people who

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Holiday parade date set

The county's heritage as well as the holidays will be celebrated when the 2000 Christmas parade comes to town. Themed "The Joys of Christmas Past," the Dec. 2 event will center around the county's rich heritage and traditions. The parade time is 2 p.m.

An incentive to entering this year's parade will be the award of a \$100 prize to the float deemed the best overall in the parade. The award is sponsored by The Perquimans Weekly.

In addition to the parade, the Chamber of Commerce has announced that a food court will be set up on the courthouse lawn on parade day. Churches, businesses and civic organizations may rent booths by calling the Chamber at 426-5657. There will be no booths allowed on the streets or sidewalks on parade day to allow space for the parade and audience. Food court booths are limited.

Entry applications for the parade can be picked up at the Chamber Office Tuesday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Or, you may telephone the office and have an entry form mailed to you.

Spivey named school district Teacher of the Year

Carolyn Spivey was named Perquimans County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Spivey was among four candidates, one chosen from each of the county's four schools. Chosen from their schools were Spivey, Perquimans Middle; Melanie Carter, Central; Amy Parker, Hertford Grammar; and Harrell Thach, Perquimans High. The group will be recognized during the Oct. 23 school board meeting.

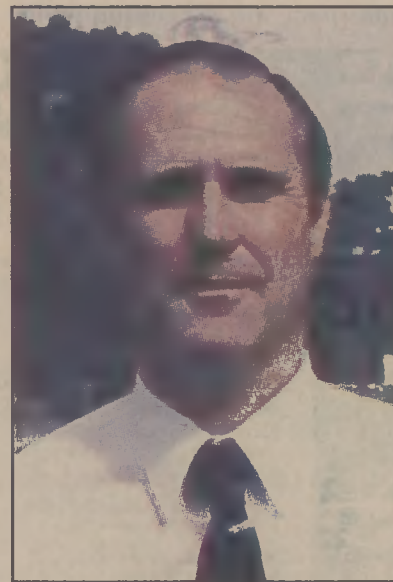
Teacher of the Year nominees completed extensive written data packages, and provided letters of recommendation and performance evaluations in those packages. The Teacher of the Year Committee, which includes students, educators, parents, board members, business leaders, and other members of the community, reviews the nominees' answers to questions regarding education and letters of recommendation, and interviews each candidate. A district-wide Teacher of the Year is chosen based on the information.



Carolyn Spivey

Exceptional children Perquimans Middle
 14 years experience, all at PCMS
 B.S. Special Education, Guilford College
 Master Special Education, UNC-CH

Following is some information on each teacher taken from their data packages.
 A. What were the factors



Harrell Thach

Social studies Perquimans High
 18 years experience, all at PCHS
 A.A. COA
 B.A. ECSU
 Ag. Certification, NCSU

that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.



Amy Parker

Fifth grade Hertford Grammar
 12 years experience, all in Perquimans
 B.S. Elementary Education, Trevecca Nazarene College
 Masters Elementary Education, ECU

Spivey: Until my senior year in high school I was undecided about my career only knowing that I did not want to become a



Melanie J. Carter

First grade Central
 4 years experience, all in Perquimans
 B.S. Psychology, UNC-Wilmington
 B.S. Elementary Education, Western Carolina

teacher. Both of my parents were teachers in the public school system I attended in NY.
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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
 High: 75
 Low: 54
 PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
 High: 73
 Low: 51
 MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY
 High: 76
 Low: 51
 PARTLY CLOUDY