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OLF funds cut

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Fifth in a series

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Funds earmarked for the proposed Navy outlying landing field in Washington and Beaufort counties have been removed by the House.



The 95.7 million the Navy requested from the project was removed at the appropriations committee level, according to a press release from Rep. Frank Ballance's office.

Ballance, an opponent of the proposed OLF site, lobbied for the funding to be used for other military needs.

The House approved the National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 2005 without the OLF funding.

The Senate version of the bill, however, has yet to be approved.

The two counties as well as the Southern Environmental Law Center filed lawsuits against the Navy, accusing it of not fully studying the impact of locating a landing field at the proposed site. Much of

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The class of 2004 enters Memorial Field Friday night to begin commencement ceremonies.

Vandals strike

Hertford properties damaged by unidentified vandals

CHRIS WHIPPLE
The Daily Advance

Residents awoke to the aftermath of a vandalism spree last Sunday morning, some after being rocked out of bed in the middle of the night by what they said sounded like explosions.

Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said there were 10 incidents of vandalism altogether — ranging from a broken soda machine to broken windows and slashed tires — between the hours of 10 p.m. Saturday and 4:51 a.m. Sunday.

Two of the incidents were at businesses: a soda machine at Miller & Meads Mobile Home Park was broken into and robbed and a dryer at a laundromat on U.S. Highway 17 was pried open for its change.

The rest of the incidents took place in a residential area near Hertford Grammar School. Vanscoy said these incidents took place on Pennsylvania Avenue, Perry Street and Dobbs Street, all within a four- or five-block radius.

"It was pretty hectic night," said Thelma Mancil, 53, who lives on Perry Street. Mancil said her house was hit at about 2:40 a.m.

"I thought there was an explosion," Mancil said. "A window in the front bedroom blew out and I was covered in glass. I ran out to look through the iving room window and didn't see anything, so I opened the front door and saw a huge boulder outside. It was thrown at the house and it broke through the screen, the storm window and the big window then bounced outside."

Mancil said that later in the day she learned her neighbor's house had been attacked as well.

"(Vandals) threw one of those great big river rocks

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100 graduate from PCHS

BOB MONTGOMERY
The Daily Advance

Friday's ominous skies sprinkled a few raindrops as graduation ceremonies neared, but when 100 members of the Class of 2004 from Perquimans High School took their place in front of the athletic field stage, the clouds disappeared and a rainbow arched across the sky.

"Take a look around you. This might be the last chance we all get together," said valedictorian Kimberley Dail Whitley. "Remember all the good times, your family, your

true friends and your mentors. Believe in yourself. Believe in your morals and values."

Family and friends packed the stands at the Memorial Field as William E. Byrum, chairman of the board of education, presented diplomas to graduates.

Enduring life's struggles that lie ahead was a common theme among featured speakers, and poetically delivered in a song, "Carry Your Candle," sung by class member Brittany Dawn Perry.

Salutatorian Taylor Jo Higgins said high school

has taught her there will be many stressful situations that require perseverance.

"Embrace whatever life throws at you, whether it is good, stress or grades," she said. "Don't let any of life's lemons stop you. Just enjoy the lemonade along the way."

High school principal Hans D. Lassiter presented awards and scholarships totaling more than a quarter-million dollars.

Honor student John Carey provided the invocation, and Joseph France welcomed all. Kathryn Winslow also sang a song, "I Wish for You." Carrie

Harrell presented the benediction and turning of the tassel.

Whitley recited lessons from the Bible to help deliver her point that whatever happens today, there is always a tomorrow.

"Believe in yourself. Believe in your morals and values," she said. "Select your goals and work as hard as you can to reach them."

"Whatever you do, do it with all your heart because believe it or not, hard work does pay off."

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Summer Breeze series to begin

The lawn of Hertford's historic 1730 Newbold-White House is the setting for the outdoor 2004 Summer Breeze Concert series. The series will launch on Sunday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. with a performance by Vince Corozine Jazz Quartet.

The Vince Corozine Jazz Quartet features alto saxophone, drums, bass and piano. Corozine is an accomplished saxophonist, clarinetist, arranger, conductor, composer and producer. He is currently director of music industry studies at Elizabeth City State University.

The second performance in the Summer Breeze Concert series is on Sunday, July 18 and will highlight the

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Periauger to be christened in June

A long-lost type of colonial boat will once again take to the seas when the Periauger is christened on June 19 at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Museum's Waterfront Boatshop and is open to the public.

The periauger is being constructed at the North Carolina Maritime Museum by The Periauger Project, a unique partnership of the Perquimans County Restoration Association, the parent organization of the historic 1730 Newbold-White House; the North Carolina Maritime Museum; Perquimans County; and East Carolina University's Program in Maritime Studies. The project was made possible by a successful private fundraising campaign and through a grant from the NC Department of Transportation's Enhancement Program.

In colonial America, settlers traveled the waterways in common boats called periaugers—the waterway pick-up trucks of those days. Surprisingly, no physical evidence of these typical colonial vessels exists today. Through this



Workmen at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort build the periauger to be christened June 19.

history-making project, the periauger is being reintroduced to the waterways. The replica periauger will be the only boat of its kind in the world. The periauger is approximately 30 feet long with two masts reaching the height of nearly 25 feet. It has rowing stations for at least six oars.

Periauger is a generic term for a two-masted boat made of a dugout and split cypress log and propelled by both oars and sails.

Historical references indicate that for many colonial settlers, the periauger was the vessel of choice, especially on the sounds and rivers of North Carolina. After years of research and study, documentary evi-

dence has enabled plans to be drawn up for the unique 21st century reconstruction of a "typical" periauger. Supervising the design is Michael Alford, former curator of maritime research at the North Carolina Maritime Museum and author of Traditional Workboats of North Carolina. Overseeing the construction is boatbuilder Craig Wright who has operated Mountain Marine since 1994 and has been responsible for building 23 wooden boats and canoes.

After sea trials in July, the periauger will set sail on Aug. 15 from Beaufort to its homeport of Hertford. The three-week voyage of

this unique and historical vessel will include stops at six historic port towns: Oriental, New Bern, Washington, Bath, Belhaven, New Bern and Manteo. The periauger's grand arrival in Hertford will be Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. during the annual Indian Summer Festival.

The historic 1730 Newbold-White House will be the final home for the periauger. Among the documentary evidence discovered about the boat was a reference to a periauger in the 1751 inventory of Abraham Sanders, the builder of the 1730 Newbold-White House. The Town of Hertford will be the periauger's interim homeport until it is relocated to the historic 1730 Newbold-White House.

Construction on the periauger began in November 2003 at the maritime museum as part of its continuing educational and interpretive program.

For more information about the Periauger Project, contact the Perquimans County Restoration Association at 426-7567 or nbwh@inteliport.com or www.newboldwhitehouse.com http://www.newboldwhitehouse.com.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 85
Low: 65
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
High: 80
Low: 63
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 86
Low: 70
ISOLATED T'STORMS